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Served 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.

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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.

The Conant family of ten brothers and sisters has been broken by the death of Charles Henry Conant, a death of Charles Henry Conant, a Littleton Common, moving later to prominent lawyer of Lowell, whose Pingreyville. To them seven children 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

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 of Stevens & Anderson in Lowell and to aid. She will be greatly missed in was admitted to the bar in 1873. He the village where she had lived for but especially then became a partner of Judge more than sixty years, but especially Stevens, who had been a teacher in her son Henry's home where she Littleton and married Miss Elizabeth Kimball of this town. Mr. Conant practiced all departments of his propracticed all departments or his profession, but specialized in civit business. In 1880 he formed a new partnership with James H. Carmichael,
which partnership was dissolved in
1887. He stood high in his profession,
tery. was many years a notary public, a master in chancery, and a civil service examiner.

Mr. Conant was a prominent repubinstitutions.

ents—Charles H., Jr., of the Central ball's. His parents, who have been savings bank; Mrs. George H. Spald-there for the past few months plan to ing with whom Mr. Conant had lived leave this week for the son's home in 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 were born, of whom two sons survive—Delette of Cliftondale, and Henry of Pingreyville. She leaves also, six grandchildren and one great occurred six years later.

had received the kindest attention and best of care from him and his good

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Christmas Trees.

The children of the Orthodox Sunday school had their tree at the vestry last Saturday evening. School chilgave the very pleasing cantata pre-viously 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 im personated Santa, assisted by the Sur day 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 Humphriss, the lullaby li Charlotte Pickard, the song by Doug lass Atkins, and the speaking by older members of the primary department deserve special mention. Superintendent F. A. Hill, rendered a very beauti ful 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 at-

The Christmas concert at the Bap-tist church was given on Sunday even-ing and was of high order.

Christmas Visitors.

George Wright and family of Lowell B. Conant of Concord were at his father's on Christmas. Mrs. Mary Hough ton Holt and daughter, Miss Clara lican, and was for many years a mem-ber of the city committee. In the commercial interests of the city he family, including Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 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. ter, Mrs. Sullivan at the Common Mrs. Lucy Pickard went to Chelms-Mr. Conant's wife, who was Miss ford to celebrate Christmas with her Alice Wheeler, died nearly two years son George and family. Clement Kimago. Three children survive the par-ball spent last Sunday at A. T. Kim-

News Items.

The Littleton high school hockey team was victorious in its first game of the season played on Monday after-noon, December 26, with the Littleton high school alumni. The game was close from start to finish. The high school team succeeded in scoring lowing was the lineup: High school-M. Parker, Albert F., Nelson B. date, also, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins ended the funeral of their brother St. Anne's church on Thursday ernoon.

Henry of Pingreyville. She leaves also, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins Priest, W. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni K. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni K. Steele, Score—high school 2: Alumni 0. Goals made by Griffiths E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni C. Steele, Score—high school 2: Alumni 0. Goals made by Griffiths E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, L. Griffiths, E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, L. Griffiths, E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, L. Griffiths, E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Steele, L. Griffiths, E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Steele, L. Griffiths, E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Steele, L. Griffiths, E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Steele, L. Griffiths, E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Steele, L. Griffiths, E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Steele, L. Griffiths, E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Steele, L. Griffiths, E. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Steele, W. Steele, W. Steele, W. Hartwell; Alumni L. Steele, W. Stee and E. Steele. Time—four fifteen-min-ute periods. Umpire and timekeeper— P. McNiff. The high school boys have on their schedule teams in Ayer, West ford and other towns.

The King's Daughters will hold the annual business meeting at Mrs. Wil-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 located with a friend in an apartment Littleton. performer on the Swiss hand bells on Pennsylvania avenue and express-The entertainment will be interesting as much pleased with his to many, and very particularly to the present quarters, children. There will be but one more entertainment in the course, and that Monday, January is Home Talent night, January 24.



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two goals and keeping the alumni scoreless; although the former's goal was many times threatened. The fol- a purchase at our store a beautiful Osborne Art Calendar for 1911. These Calendars are reproductions in colors of original paintings of great merit by well-known American Artists. We are sure you wilk find one of these Calendars well worth the having and keeping.

is Home Talent night, January 24.

The American club of the Orthodox session plan will be tried as an exchurch will meet with Mrs. N. B. Coperiment in all the schools, and they clever and has been received with

on Pennsylvania avenue and expresses himself as much pleased with his present quarters.

The Christmas number of the "Viotestry at 230. The engagement of the engageme

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. Flags.

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 will open at 8.30 a. m., and close at much pleasure by every member of the Unitarian society and other fortimate friends.

The children will be in school the same number of hours as now meeting. The Alliance meeting on Friday afternoon, January 6, will be at 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 member of the Cordial y invited. The anticular and the Alliance and the anticular and the Alliance and the Alliance and t

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

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WESTFORD.

Centre.

Mrs. Helen Leighton and daughter Frances have been holiday visitors at Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher's.

Miss Gertrude Hamlin from Miss Kimball's school for girls at Worcester, Miss May Day from Mt. Holyoke college and Allister McDougal are among our students at home for the holidays.

Miss Grace Lumbert was at home for Christmas, but returned directly to Oxford, where her sister-in-law has been very ill.

Thomas Bridgeford of North Chelmsford and daughter, Mrs. Sarah Swan-nick, spent Christmas day at Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bridgefords.

The R. F. D. carriers who put in an arduous day Monday while others were enjoying their holiday, will have the day to themselves next Monday. The heaviest amount of mail ever handled at the Christmas season is reported at our local post office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hartford and Hazel spent Christmas with relatives in Melrose.

James Kimball spent Christmas at the Luce homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mrs. Alvan Fish-Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Abbot and Mrs. Julian Cameron were among those who entertained family groups of relatives for Christmas.

A number of our residents manifested their appreciation of the services of our motorman Sherlock and conductor Cutter with tokens of good will for themselves and families Christmas day.

There are a particularly interesting set of views of old Hollandish interiors on exhibition at the library, quite worthy of everyones perusal.

Miss Blanche Waller is at home for the Christmas vacation. Frank Chandler of North Westford

is at the Lowell general hospital where he underwent a surgical operation the first of the week.

Next Thursday evening will be the first meeting of the new year for the grange. The installation of officers will take place and it is expected that Mrs. Alice B. Colburn, past master of Dracut grange and always a favorite with our members, will be the installing officer. A supper in charge of the executive committee will

Christmas Tree.

good number were present to partici- ciprocity. the young ladies of the Loyalty club. touched of presents from the well-filled tree Mary Drew. with Santa Claus as master of ceremonies, impersonated by Otis Day. Not the least in importance among the gifts was a generous purse of money to Rev. and Mrs. Wallace. Also special remembrances were sent to the sick in the parish.

Tadmuck Club.

tendance of the members present. The program for the afternoon was the third in the series for special study of Spanish North America and was Central America, Charles O. Prescott chairman. For several seasons the membership of the club have been indebted to Mr. Prescott for valuable assistance in the programs and his paper Tuesday afternoon was fully up to his usual standard of studious re search. From the available material at hand he gave an interesting portraval of these five small republics from a climatic, political and indus-These consist of trial view point. Honduras, San Salvador Costa Rica, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Their lack of real progress he made plain was due to the constant state of political intrigue in which they were almost constantly involved.

At the next meeting on January 10. there will be a change in the program. Mrs. David Wallace was to temptations of a dinner appropriate have given "Florida, past and presto "The day we celebrate." At the but will exchange dates with afternoon "The spiritual message of Robert Browning." This program gives much promise and a full attendance is hoped for.

It was pleasant Tuesday afternoon have as guests Miss Julia Hall and Miss Mabel Drew at home from peda-gogical duties for the Christmas vaca-

was accompanied by a pair of roast he was sent to the reformatory at chickens and there were vegetables, Concord. hot biscuits and all the fixin's and a variety of pies for dessert. Perhaps what made the roasted coon and chickthe old-fashioned brick oven, which is fragrant hemlock boughs were uesd in the long dining room, a very ap- lots," Those who enjoyed the event were Prescott, Herbert Fletchen, Will Woods, Ed. Clement, George Jackson, Arthur and Clarence Hildreth and Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Hildreth.

About Town.

The village school at West Chelms. ford had planned an elaborate program for Christmas last week Thursday with all the toy tree gifts known to child life, including the speech and song. But alas as everything was ready to start, a fire took the start without rehearsing and burned tree, toys, evergreens, trumpets, whistles, skates, picture books and sleds. Everything was burned to the ground, or as near as the schoolhouse floor would allow. Only the summoning of help saved the schoolhouse from extinction and ashes. Lighted candles on the tree is what warmed up Santa Claus so that he couldn't deliver ihs goods.

Rev. George H. Young, a former minister of the Unitarian church has shoulder while skating on Sandy pond Lectere of North Chelmsford and litrecently been awarded a verdict for a week ago, is now about again. \$5,000 for injuries received walking on the sidewalk in Boston the result of the careless and incompetent driving of a taxicab.

Frederick A. Snow of West Chelms- again. ford has recently been appointed a notary public by Gov. Draper.

The Lowell electric light company which furnishes power and light for Oak hill and thaws the frost from the stone, thence onward via wire to Forge village, will soon furnish power for the Lowell & Fitchburg street railway in place of leased and left over power from the Boston and Northern street railway. This new arrange ment bears the trade mark of good management.

The Brookside mills are running some on patterns, hoping and with fair prospects for orders if these patterns are satisfactory. There are vibrations in the air which will connect the Bigelow Carpet company with the management and possible ownership of this mill. While the help and A. Sweatt on Christmas day, public generally would be sorry to Mrs. Elizabeth Splaine enter good a landlord as Mr. Moore, yet the Bigelow Carpet company also days, her daughter and son-in-law, has a name.

All the ill folks reported last week are so far safely away from the doctor's care that they are past the danger point of a procession. Alexander F. Courtney is one of the exceptions and is still in a critical condition at his home on the Keyes road

vestry of the Unitarian church on Saturday evening of last week. Harold Hildreth impersonated Santa Claus While the weather kept many from and got right down to the generosity the Christmas tree and other exerside of the act in an outstretched cises at the Congregational church liberal full handed manner and handed vestry last Saturday evening, still a the goods right out with smiling re-An interesting program pate in the pleasant occasion. A sup-was participated in. The following per was served for the children at committee furnished the electrical half-past five, largely in the care of current that charged everything they Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Afterward in the vestry below there Homer M. Seavey, Mrs. J. Herbert was a good program of recitations and Fletcher, Mrs. William L. Woods. songs and then came the distribution Misses Clara Fisher, Mary Moran and

> Rev. Seth Walker was a Christmas guest at the old familiar Walker respective homes. homestead where Christmas cheer Mr. and Mrs. Ge lasts the year.

The Fortnightly club which has been breathing between preparing to do and doing, with stormy weather for Miss Delphine By friction, got the spirit of move and do formerly of this village, and Mr. in a large degree last week Saturday Charbothe, also of Haverhill, were Holiday Visitors. muck club took place Tuesday afternoon at library hall with a good attendance of the mambase are stated evening, keeping step to the spirit of Christmas. It was like one of the old Catherine's church, West Graniteville, time gatherings of youthful aspira- by the pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schotions, with just enough elderly as-field. A wedding breakfast and re-pirations for salt to season the oc-ception were held immediately folcasion. Charles Blodgett was Christmas tree warden, and pruned the tree for attraction, and picked and distributed the fruit according to individual bills of laden. This came last, ohneymoon trip.

Prior feats of skill brought forth an The choir of interesting program.

Wallace Johnson commenced harvesting ten-inch ice on Wednesday at Burgess' pond.

As prophecised of old and not so very old either, only last week, Mr. and Mrs. Charles, W. Decatur and baby, John Henry Decatur left Roselands, Cal., last week Monday and arrived at the homeland of hospitality at his father's residence on the Lowell road, Westford. Though he was no prodigal son returning home, yet Sunday witnessed a home gathering of rejoicing and music it answered the time of writing Mr. and Mrs. Decatur Mr. Wallace and he will give his and acquisition are visiting the tempting hospitalities of Henry M. Adams of Groton.

Miss Elizabeth Cushing, a one time teacher in the Frost school, leaves on Sunday, January 1, for Pasadena, Cal.

Mrs. Francis Whitman Banister has

Institute.

At the Farmers' Institute at Dracut ens even more palatable was that last week Wednesday, Westford was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler and others. The address still good for service in the home, W. Wheeler and others. The address was heated and used. A quantity of in the forenoon by Mrs. Adams on "Poultry for small farms and city was a witty and logical prepropriate decoration for a hunt sup-per and also for Christmas week, plies to questions floored many a questioner to the delight of the audience Alec Fisher, Albert Heywood, Robert In the afternoon Miss Maddocks gave an illustrated lecture on "What to eat and how to eat it." She gave some spicy replies to the oncoming horde of questions, and gave vegetarians a set-back by affirming that no one who lived exclusively on fruit and vegetables had ever accomplished much with their brains. To some of her hearers it was sad news, and sadder yet too late in life to begin to eat meat. The next Institute will be held in Grange hall, Dracut, either Wednesday or Thursday, January 11 or 12, the posters will announce it. Sub-held at the home of Mr. and Mrs ject, "Rotation in dairy feeds," by H. Daniel Hanley on Christmas day, the O. Daniels. Following this Institute guests from out-of-town being Mr. and about two weeks, Westford will be the Mrs. Dennis Downey and family, Mr. about two weeks, Westford will be the Mrs. Dennis Downey and family, Mr. next place of meeting with date and Mrs. Martin Daly and family, Mr. speaker to be agreed upon

Forge Village.

The mill of the Abbot worsted com-

Dola Dumont, who injured his Hermidas Chamberlain, who sus-

at work in the mill of the Abbot wors- Ayer. ted company, is now able to work

Christmas day in this village was observed in a quiet but appropriate manner. Carols were sung at midnight on Christmas eve, which heralded in the gladsome day. In St. Andrew's mission a special musical program was given and in nearly every home Christmas trees and family reunions were held.

Mr. and Mrs. Fennimore Martin enertained at their home, Mr. and Mrs. John Morton of Lowell and Miss Elsie Northrup of Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and their niece, Miss Marion Blodgett were guests over the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coley of Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood of Somerville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred

Mrs. Elizabeth Splaine entertained at her home over the Christmas holi-Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Rose and family of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whigham entertained at Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Jones of Worcester and Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett and family of Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mason of Lowon Francis hill.

one of the best entertainments of of her father, Mr. and Mrs. Henry a Christmas nature was given in the Catchpole over the Christmas holidays.

> were visitors in Pepperell on Monday on, who have been spending the past Miss Edith Precious spent Monday month with Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. were visitors in Pepperell on Monday. the guest of her sister. Mrs. Michael Keefe of Townsend Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver and their three grandsons, William, Emerson and Elmer DeRohen, spent the holidays with their daughter and aunt, Mrs. Henry Tyler of Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins enter-

tained Frank Collins of Lawrence at their home on Christmas day. aged brothers of both Mr. and Mrs. boarded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins lie critically ill at their Albert H. Wilson of Bayberry hill, Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver had as

guests at their Christmas dinner, Mrs. Weaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James

Miss Delphine Byron of Haverhill, lowing the ceremony at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Amidie Canton on Bradford street, after which the happy couple departed on their

The choir of St. Andrew's mission met at the church for rehearsal on Wednesday evening. Immediately after the rehearsal a meeting of the Girls' Friendly society was held in Recreation hall.

Communion services will be held at the mission on next Sunday morning at 8.45, at which Rev. A. L. Bumpus will preach.

The Ladies' Sewing circle met Recreation hall on Wednesday after noon. A dainty luncheon was served at the close, which was much enjoyed by all the members.

Many people took advantage of the good weather of the holidays and enloyed the skating on the pond, which was excellent. Several other parties enjoyed fishing through the ice and on Monday, it is reported, a "fine catch," was the result.

Miss Sarah Northrup, formerly of this village, and William French of Greenfield, N. H., were quietly married in Greenfield on December 21.

.The singing of the old English authems, too. were excellent.

Family Reunions.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Caisse of Leom inster were guests of Mrs. Caisse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Carkin.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett was the scene on Christmas day of a very pleasant family reunion. In the evening a very interesting musical program was given, the prin cipal feature of which was the impersonation sketch by Albert B. Jones of Worcester. Mr. o-nes is a grandson of Mr. Burnett and certainly mad a "hit" in his comedian act. He received much applause for his entertainment. Among the guests enter-tained were: Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jones and daughter Ethel of Worcester; Mr. and Mrs. R. Ernest Longbottom and son William of Arlington Heights: Mr and Mrs. John E Burnett of this village and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett of Groton.

A very pleasant family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. William Hanley of Marlboro and Miss Mary Hanley, also of Marl

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Felix pany closed down on Monday, December 26, for the Christmas holiday. Leclere a reunion was held, including the following from out-of-town: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Byron and family Marlboro; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph tle daughter; Mr. and Mrs. John Paquette and family of Nashua, N. H. tained severe injuries to his foot while and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hyde of

TOWNSEND.

West.

James Dodds and Miss Bessle Con way from Josselvnville spent the holidays at the home of the latter's par ents in Salem. Mrs. Orren Lawrence is on the sick

but is reported as improving, while her son Benjamin, who has been for a number of days is able to resume his duties at Lawrence's store Mrs. S. D. Ringrose and little son Roger have returned from a lengthy

visit to Mrs. Ringrose's relatives in Troy, N. H., and Mr. Ringrose is enjoving a week's vacation from his school duties. Benjamin Lawrence spent Christmas day with friends in Somerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen P. Sherwin

spent the holidays at the home of Mrs. Sherwin in Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coburn of Lowell made a brief visit to Mrs. Coburn's

sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Craig have closed their cottage here and are for the present with relatives in Troy, N. Y.

Miss Ruth Hayden had charge of the library delivery station at the reading-room last Saturday. Perry Sawtelle visited Boston and

Somerville, where his wife is ill, last week, and reports Mrs. Sawtelle as rapidly improving. Mrs. West and little daughter Mari-

Hodgman, returned Tuesday morning to their home in Lewiston, Me., and were accompanied by Miss Agnes Thompson, who has secured a position as telephone operator in Lewiston. The regular monthly church coven ant meeting of the Baptist church

will be held in the vestry on Saturday afternoon, December 31, at 2.30. John and George Langdon, who are

spent the holidays with their mother

in Boston. There was a large attendance at the Christmas services at the Baptist church on Sunday morning and evening. The Y. P. S. C. E. was conducting. ing. The Y. P. S. C. E. and ted by Mrs. S. D. Ringrose.

Among the guests in town during the holidays were the following: Edward Patch of Boston, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch of Josselynville; Andrew Watts of Boston at A. J. Manchester's; Ralph H. Willard of Boston, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Willard; Winifield Reed and friend from Boston at Alexander Reed's; George McElligott of Botson with his mother Mrs. Louise Botson with his mother, Mrs. Louise McElligott: Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bray ton and son Randell, and Albert Adams of Providence with Mr. and Mrs. George Adams; Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Sanders entertained relatives from Cambridge; Miss Mildred L Seaver of Worcester was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver; Dwight Rawson of Leominster, with his mother, Mrs. Herman Stickney; Guy Thatcher of Rindge, N. H., with his sister, Mrs. Fred Whittaker; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shapleigh of Cambridge with Mrs. Mary Foster; Miss Emma Lees of Boston spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. E. J. Lees; Burton Bruce and little son Nelson were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Bruce; Walter Bruce of Boston with his father, Everett Bruce; Walter Bruce of Miss Florence Powers of New Ipswich at John Powers'; Harvey Hodgman of Lewiston, Me., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman.

Christmas Celebrations.

anael Drew at home from pedagogical duties for the Christmas vacation.

A Coon Supper.

One day last week when Arthur Hildreth was out looking for rabbit
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dreth business and the front of the Hildreth busi

sisted by a song, "Bells are ringing," by the Sunday school; a recitation, "The organ builder," by Rev. S. D. Ringrose; a beautifully rendered se that this species of military jim-jams lection by Miss Alice Welch; closing is apt to break out while congress song by nine girls, was given, after is in session and when fat appropria-which Mr. Ringrose as Santa Claus tions for army and navy are looked made a hit with his audience and soon for.

with the assistance of the committee The situation does not seem to be

Centre.

Quite a large delegation of Odd Fellows from North Star lodge attended that might be used if occasion should the funeral of their brother Odd Fellow, Joseph Richards, at Lunenburg on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Letitia Van Etton is at Troy, N. Y., visiting relatives.

Benjamin B. Lovett will open a dancing school in Greenville, N. H., town hall, Wednesday evening, January 11.

Mrs. Leon Watkins sustained a severe paralytic shock on Christmas evening and is still in a precarious condition. Her family have the sympathy of all in their trouble, doubly sad upon Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawton of

Leominster and Frank Weston, jr.,

Christmas Home-Comers.

of Somerville at Frank Weston's: Will Lang, Fred Davis, Harry Spalding and Bessie McGuire of Boston; Miss Marguerite Struthers and Parke Struthers of the Mount Hermon schools; Miss Annie Copeland of Grafton; Miss Harriett Miller of Attleboro; Miss Edna Wilder of Lunenburg; David Howard and Rodney Lancey of Worcester Tech.; Miss Ellen Harvey of Englewood, N. J.; Miss Lottie Bohannon of B. U.; Frank Spring of Dorchester; Arthur G. Eastman of M. I. T.; Waldo Adams of Concord, N. H.; Waldo Burgess of Hartford; Clifford Bliss of Boston; George Parker of Haverhill, at their respective homes; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shirley of Lynn and Lillian Hildreth of Waltham at Postmaster Hildreth's; Mr. and Mrs. Louie Streeter and son at T. E. Flarity's: Ellery Kilbourne of University of Vermont, and Ralph Kil-bourne of New York at Mrs. Sarah Ball's; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller of Somerville at H. J. Miller's: Mr. and Mrs. Perley Eastman of Albany, N. Y., and J. F. Eastman of Morrisville, Y., at George Eastman's; Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Miller and family of Quincy at Mrs. A. D. Fessenden's; B. W. Potter and wife, and Miss Ruth Potter of Worcester at R. G. Fessenden's; Mr

and Mrs. A. E. Crankshaw of Dor-chester at Mrs. W. D. Osgood's; Jo-

Worcester's; Louis Shaul of Al-

seph Worcester of Boston at Judge

A Delightful Time. The Monday club met this week

bany at F. M. Warren's.

with Mrs. Florence Fessenden on Wednesday afternoon as Monday was Christmas, and enjoyed a delightful time. Nearly all the members were present and responded to the roll-call by giving quotations or Christmas verses. Mrs. Sylvia Wachs sang a pleasing Christmas song after which Mrs. Gertrude Piper, who had charge of the topic of the afternoon, read a very interesting paper upon "Christmas customs and beliefs." She told of the different ways each country observes the Christmas holidays and some of the old legends were very amusing. At this time sleigh bells were heard and a miniature. Santa Claus appeared with a well-filled pack upon his back and every one present received a cute little box of candy and nuts. Santa then disappeared, leaving the more arduous task of distributing the presents upon the tree to the hostess and Mrs. Piper The tree contained Christmas cards for nearly all and joke presents for the members which caused much mer riment as the bundles were opened and original verses read.

Santa Claus proved to be Stanley the little son of the hostess and he came in minus furs and whiskers at this time and sang a Christmas song to the delight of all, Mrs. Wachs play ing the accompaniment. The company then retired to the dining room where a dainty lunch was served. On the centre of the table was a minature house all illuminated and covered wit! sparkling cotton which was set on a white field of the same with little trees placed at intervals. The effect was very pretty. A social time was enjoyed after lunch.

Death.

Mrs. Maria C. Bruce, widow of Elbridge Bruce, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. D. Osgood on Thursday afternoon, December 22. She had never recovered fully from the effects of a shock which she sustained about two years ago. The funeral was held from Mrs. Osgood's home on Monday afternoon, Rev. A. L. Struthers of-ficiating. Mrs. Florence Gwinn sang "Lead kindly light," and "One sweet-ly solemn thought." She leaves two sisters—Mrs. William Nell of West Derry. N. H., and Mrs. W. D. Osgood of this town, and one brother, Fred Coburn of Lowell. She also leaves step-daughter. Mrs. Annie Bruce Adams of Fitchburg, and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Bruce lived in West Townsend until her ill health made it seem best to be with her sis She is the owner of the

we have not sufficient forces to re the invaders. pel the invaders. but let us be calm. It is noticeable

succeeded in stripping the tree of its entirely without hope. We haven't fruit: nihilation at this time. Then it is admitted that our coast defences are in fair order and we have a few guns

> Then it would seem there are not many nations that would embark a hundred thousand men of a foggy night to take us unawares just for the fun of licking the U.S.

> If such an undertaking were under way somebody might get their sus-picions aroused and telephone us in time to give us a chance to prepare some kind of a reception for such an expedition

It would also be a trifle difficult to land a hundred thousand with supplies and munitions of war at any old place along the coast and t is ad-Edwin Crombie of Everett is with mitted by the worst scared warriors his brother William at "The Halden." that landing at a fortified seaport that landing at a fortified seaport might not be such an easy matter.

Then if all else fails we can con-sole ourselves with the thought that our valient Col. Theodore is at home and with no other scrap at present on his hands would undoubtedly be "dee-lighted" to attend to such a little matter as holding a reception for the first hundred thousand troubleseekers to arrive. After all, per-haps, the great mass of people who pay the bills would rather take their chances as things are than pay for a largely increased standing army that we don't seem to need in time of peace.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

.Paul Viets has been spending the reek in New Haven with Rudolph Willard.

J. B. Losaw has moved into the tenement in O. A. Knowlton's house at West Acton for the winter ... the spring he intends to buy a farm in New York.

Edgar Willard is working for the express company in Leominster during the holiday rush. E. C. Mead and family spent Christ-

mas in Townsend. Harry Wetherbee has been quite sick; pneumonia being feared at first, but he is now improving.

Mrs. Hattie Thurston and children spent Christmas at C. J. Knights. Frank Davidson is at his former home in South Lincoln where his

brother is sick with pneumonia. Mrs. Ring is visiting at W. H. Gorch's. Charles and Herbert Cobleight

spent the holiday with their mother,. Mrs. Hattie Cobleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Priest spent

Monday in Weston with Mrs. Priest's mother. Miss Waterman is enjoying the holiday season with friends in Providence. The grange had an open meeting on

Friday evening, December 23, and an

interesting program appropriate to the Christmas season was given by the children, after which cake and ice cream was served. Misses Florence Price, Helen Hawes Eliza and Margaret, Thomas and Richard Downs had a family reunion

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers on Christmas day. Miss Mary Hager is at Robert Wayne's, Acton Centre. Mr. Wayne,

who has been quite sick, is now able to sit up about two hours each day. Wednesday, December 28, a baby was welcomed at the home of

Benjamin O. Hager, Clinton, Mass. New Advertisements

Mortgagee's Adjourned Sale of REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Morgagee's sale of Real Estate, under the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mary Stenstream to Frank H. Ward and duly assigned to the subscriber, and located at the corner of Main and Cross Streets, in Pepperell, is adjourned until

Tuesday, the 17th day of January, A. D. 1911, at 2.30 o'clock in the Afternoon.

> MOSES P. PALMER, Assignee of Mortgage.

Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 27th, 1910. CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank those who by their kind acts and sympathy helped us so much through the sickness and loss of our dear father. FRANCIS H. BROWN, CORA S. BROWN.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The C. A. Edgarton Co., gave this year, as is their custom, a turkey, to the heads of all families in their employ. There was some doubt among the large number of employes whether they would this year be the recipients of this gift owing to the general depression of business, local market men.

Miss Annie Hunter, school teacher in Charlestown, Miss May Warren, school teacher in Cambridge, and Miss Ruth Burrage, school teacher in Medford, spent the Christmas holidays here with relatives.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge held its regular meeting last week H. Weare, sr., Lloyd C. Weare, Ar-Friday evening. The following of thur P. Weare, Mrs. M. E. Hanscom Friday evening. The following orficers were elected for the ensuing
year: Inez R. Lynch, n. g.; Ella F.
Lawrence, v. g.; Altie F. Howe, sec.;
ton. This made a total of thirteen to
Martha A. Holden, treas.; Mary M.
Nickless, trustee for three years. Miss
Essie P. Rugg, d. d. g. m., and Mrs.

Varnia LeBedell m. were present and
the greete at that time was Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Brockelman entertained over the Christmas holidays, J. H. Lenox and family of Jefferson, N. H.; Albert Lenox of Windsor, Conn., and Mrs. G orge Weldon, jr., of Dorchester.

The Alliance will meet on Thursday, January 5, with Mrs. Howard town. Bridgman, Centre road. Subject, "Social economics as applied to our town." Discussion to be led by Mary W. Hazen. Members are especially urged to be prompt during the short

John G. Conant received word on Tuesday of the death of his brother, Charles Conant of Lowell, who was born in 1845.

Willis Conant of New York spent

January first

E. Gionet of the U. S. A., stationed an enedavor to locate the me almost overcome by the smoke.

The wood pile had just commenced what might have proved. Gervais Gionet on Christmas.

Henry O. Dow on Christmas.

Mrs. C. A. Edgarton entertained her fire department. Concord on Christmas.

Mrs. Bertha Sargent with son Ralph spent the holidays at Ware.

Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook Christmas with relatives in Framingham.

J. P. Tolman, president of the Samson cordage works, is on a business trip to Anniston, Ala.

Thomas Love of Kentucky arrived following day started for the home from her parents. of his childhood, Lake George, N. B., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Harold Haggart, civil engineer, who has been stopping with his cousin, Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, while engaged in the construction of a bridge at Still River for the Boston and Maine railroad, started for his home in South New Castle last week Thursday to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen entertained at their home over Christmas Mrs. Florence McMichael of East Boston, Dr. Earle H. McMichael of Mal-den hospital, Mr. and Mrs. David Lindberg, Mr. and Mrs. Dana B. Somes with daughter Nancy of Rox-

Miss Mabel Miner from Keene, N H., spent over the Christmas holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miner.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gately of Boston spent Christmas holidays in town with relatives.

All the churches of the town cele-brated Christmas in their vestries last Saturday evening with an entertainment and Christmas tree and a visit from Santa Claus.

John Halpin spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Littleton. Miss Mildred Tilden of Smith col-

lege is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton I. Damon of Fitchburg with young son and daughter spent Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Pevear of non, N. Y., with two sons, spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Pevear and Mrs. Manning.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Torrey of Burling-Rev. Dr. Joseph Torrey of Burling chased in the name of and for the ton, Vt., who was the pastor of the benefit of said society as per offer Shriey Congregational church for made by aforesaid heirs to said parish

from his former parishioners in Shir-

Miss Gertrude McNally spent the Christmas holidays with her parents in Granville, N. Y.

Arthur E. Felch with son Clifford from Gardner were at home last Sat-urday for the Christmas holidays. but when the fact was announced it created great pleasure among them, who voiced their appreciative sentiments that left no doubt of their feel-with daughters Bertha and Emily; ments that left no doubt of their feel-with daughters Bertha and Emily; ing of gratefulness to their employers. Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Felch of Cardner with daughter Grace, and local market men. Miss Barbara B. Hazen and little Doris Knowles of Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weare, jr. entertained over the Christmas holi-days at their home on Chapel street, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cummings of South Boston; Mrs. Clarence Ainsworth of Claremont, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Essie P. Rugg, d. d. g. m., and MTS. Jennie LeBedell, m., were present and gave brief addresses. Three candidates were initiated. Refreshments and a social hour followed.

Lamber 1. Rained thirteen to dinner and among the guests at that time was Mr. Weare's grandmother, who passed away last July at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Snell entertained at dinner Christmas day at their home on the Centre road: Miss A. G. Snell of Northampton, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Allen and Miss Hazel Allen of Brookline; Mrs. Julia Kil-burn and Miss Grace Kilburn of this

putting them through the cellar window and the effect of the water was soon apparent. The fire was caused by hot ashes, which were put in the cellar the day previous near a wood The yearly report of the secretary and treasurer will be given at the session of the Sunday school of the Congregational church on Sunday the house with smoke, which attracted the attention of the householders

Joseph Jacobs of Hudson, with his to blaze and what might have proved as a butcher in a market at Lowell, two sons, visited his father-in-law, a very disastrous fire was happily He was formerly the proprietor of the

Surprise Party.

Miss Clara Peneseau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peneseau, was tendered a surprise party at her home last week Thursday evening in observance of her twenty-third birth-day by about a score of her friends. Games, music and refreshments were the features of entertainment and the popular hostess was the recipient of many substantial reminders of the at the home of his mother, Mrs. Will anniversary of her birth, the special Love, last week Thursday and the one being a gold locket and chain one being a gold locket and chain

Though taken by surprise. Miss. Peneseau proved herself equal to the given an orange.

occasion, receiving her guests most At the high school a large number occasion, receiving her guests most cordially and responded in words of sincere thanks and appreciation as her guests showered their birthday

tokens and gifts upon her.

A pleasant social hour followed the entertainment. to a close shortly before the midnight hour, leaving in their wake memories of the twenty-third birth day of their hostess.

Miss Peneseau is a member of the Baptist church and a leading singer in the choir and is also actively idenwith all departments of church work and is highly respected in the

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs Charles Bruso, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hocquard, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burrage, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hocquard, Mrs. Emma Cummings, F. J. Bliss, Mrs. Bertha Sargent, Master Ralph Sargent, Miss Angeline Burno, Miss Delia Burno, Miss Myra Hewes, Miss Bessie Dadmun, Israel Shonys Miss Carrie

Parish Meeting.

A special meeting of the parish of the Congregational church was held vestry on Tuesday evening. Elmer H. Allen was chosen moderator and J. H. McClellan, clerk pro tem. The following business was transac-

Voted. That the parish committee be and hereby are authorized and empowered to purchase of Dan A. Kel-Lynn, with daughter Ruth, Mr. and logg and Caroline E. Kellogg, heirs Mrs. Walter W. Manning of Mt. Verlof the late Abby M. Plimpton. deof the late Abby M. Plimpton, de-ceased, the real estate of said heirs adjoining the parsonage property of John G. Conant, parents of Mrs. the Orthodox Congregational society in Shirley, said real estate to be pur-

Caroline E. Kellogg.
Voted, That said parish committee

be and hereby are authorized and empowered to draw from the deposits in the savings banks standing to the credit of the society, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and re quirements of the vote passed under article two.

A very pretty service was solemnized at St. Anthony's church on last Sunday morning at eight o'clock, when twenty-two boys and thirty girls of the parish received their first communion. The girls were all gowned in white with crowns and white veils, and the boys were all dressed in black with white ribbons attached to their left arm, and made a very effective and imposing sight. Rev. J. H. Cote officiated. Following are those who were confirmed:

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Albert Michaud. Eddle Fournier, Alphy Heroux. Wilfred Gionet. Frank Landry, Alfred Bourgeois, Henry Canty, Walter Slocomb. Albert Bulger, Arthur Bulger, Issuel Lalonde, David Thomas. Uclide Joyal, Charles Gordon, Wilfred Gionet, Joseph Matski, Frank Sideleau. Frank Bastlen, Celeston Gionet, Frank, Bourgeois, Michael Sideleau. Berlie Morin, Gertrude Pilote, Loda Sideleau. Mina Devarney, Mabel Gionet, Melina Lepage, Katherine Lepage, Rita Slocomb. Emma Canty, Alamanda. Joyal, Roseami Couture. Lina Stebbins, Mary Ann Stebbins, Evanore Heroux, Minnie Bulger, Annie Bulger, Minnie Thomas, Ethel Bulger, Julia Matski, Mary Stebbins, Agnes Gjonet, Josephine Bodah, Larretta Perry, Mary Hache, Yvorine Gionet, Mary Jane Fournier, Elsie Smith, Loda Smith, Mary Landry, Louise Gionet, Delina Lepage.

Married.

James McMillan of Lowell and Miss The fire department responded to an alarm last week Friday morning for a fire in the residence of Representative Savillion W. Longley. The fire was a small one, being located in the cellar and was soon extinguished. The firemen ran out five lengths of hose, generally known throughout the town as the relatives and friends of the young couple were not given the slightest inkling of the intended mar-

The bride, Miss O'Neill, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah O'Neill and has always been active in the social events of the town. The groom, James McMillan, is employed pverted by the prompt arrival of the cash market here, his parents residing in Ayer.

School Exercises.

Christmas exercises were very appropriately observed at the schools in the village last week Friday afternoon. The schools in charge of Miss Nellie F. Cronin, Miss Julia Rynn and Miss Lura A. White, held joint exercises in Miss White's school-All the children participated Adams. and succeeded in rendering a fine program which was very much enjoyed by the large number of visitors pres decorations added to the spirit of pose of having an operation on he Yuletide cheer and each pupil was

of visitors assembled to listen to the address by Rev. E. B. Crooks of Ayer, on the subject of "Christmas below the equator," which was pleasing and in structive to all present.

The funeral of Charles Lepage tool place last Sunday afternoon, with services in St. Anthony's church, Rev J. H. Cote officiating. The pall bearers were Alfred Quinty, Edward Foster, Eugene Meegan, Joseph Credit, Ernest Michaud and Philip Ledger.

Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery.
Mr. Lepage, who was thirty-two
years of age on November 9, died last
week Friday morning of Bright's disease of which he had been a sufferer for the past few years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lepage of this town. He was born in Canada and came to Shirley with his parents

when a boy.

His sudden death came as a great shock to his family and friends, as up to within a few hours of his fatai illness he was around as usual. He kept a notion and periodical store

The survivors are a wife, son and four daughters, a brother, Orvilla Lepage and a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lepage.

Bowling.

Ten of the local bowlers met at the ocal alleys last week Friday evening contest for the turkey to be given by the proprietor, Abel Morin, for the nighest three string total. Oscar Sibley was the winner, rolling 283, McGinnis being a good second with 275 The summary:

At the regular meeting of J. C. Ayer lodge, held on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the

Jacob C. Beach, m. w.; Thomas C. Burrill, fore.; John E. Adams, o.; William A. J. Daley, g.; John M. Leopold, fin. Charles W. Wolff, treas.; Walter Knowles, rec.; Arthur H. Bassett, i. w.; Sylvester Chesbrough, o. w.; Albe L. Annis, trus. 3 yrs.; D. Chester Parsons, rep. to grand lodge; John H. Logue, alt.

It was voted to install the officers on Monday evening, January 9, when Identification night will be observed. The grand lodge officers will be present at this meeting and a collation served with other features of enter-

A Very Sick Woman.

Mrs. Ida A. (Hartwell) Wolff, wife Raymon of Charles W. Wolff, was taken on Tuesday in C. F. Edgarton's taxicab ed are: to the New England sanitarium at Melrose. She was accompanied by her husband and a trained nurse. Mrs. Wolff has been confined to her bed thirteen years, observed his birthday, committe giving in exchange for the Christmas day and was the happy recipient of a number of postal cards on the lives of Dan A. Kellogg and from his former parishioners in Shir-Caroline E. Kellogg tarium affords will be watched with keen interest. Mr. Wolff has the sym-pathy of the community in his afflic-

Sunday school at Trinity chapel will e omitted until the return of Rev. Malbourne Birckhead.

Miss May Frary is visiting friends in Leominster this week.

Miss Harriet Winslow of Boston is spending a few days at Sidney Car-

Miss Etta Holden of Leominster spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holden.

The cottage, which has been erected on the Joseph Thompson farm, is now completed. It is expected that Mrs. Clough of West Groton will move in this week

Miss Marguerite Sargent of Townsend Centre is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews at North Shirley. Mrs. Fred Wyman of Ayer spent

Wednesday at her summer home here. Miss Elizabeth Bryant of South Hanson spent the first part of this week with her sister, Mrs. H. A. Bridgman.

Miss Elsie Holden is visiting her aunt in Nashua for a few days.

Welcome Longley spent Christmas with his brother, S. LeRoy Longley. Miss Hazel Cummings of Fitchburg high school is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings.

The Centre primary and grammar schools commence again on Janu-

Rev. Malbourne Birckhead of Gro-Rev. Malbourne Birckhead of Groton school, the regular pastor of Trinity chapel, is absent on a three weeks vacation. Rev. Howard Bridgman took his place on Christmas Sunday. Tomorrow the pulpit will be occupied by some one from Groton at W. B. Rockwood's; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockwood's; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockwood's Mr. and Mrs.

Bridgman and over Christmas

Christmas vacation with her parents

Everett Adams of Worcester is Christmas Trees. spending a few days at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ardie

All the children participated succeeded in rendering a fine prowhich was very much enjoyed to large number of visitors pres-A Christmas tree laden with

Miss Ray Carpenter started Sunday for Jamaica Plain to spend the weel with relatives there.

Mrs. Edward E. Mellish and daugh ters Marian and Ruth, and Miss Ange line Farnsworth of West-Groton spen Christmas with Melzer Farnsworth a North Shirley.

William Wilkins has been sick for the last few days with an attack of bronchitis.

J. C. C. Parker is recovering from his recent illness.

Miss Marian Moulton made a busi ness trip to Boston on Friday. L. J. Farnsworth is having one of

his woodlots in Woodsville cut off.

Misses Merle and Ruby Crockett spent the first part of the week with relatives in Leominster. Mrs. Reuben Colburn is confined to

her home with illness. At the next meeting of Shirley

served in the dining hall. T. R. Thompson's family have al

and it was in honor of this that the 231 and it was in honor of this that the 250 party was held. When all had assembled, Miss Elsie, Holden, with a few well-chosen words, presented Mr. Holden with a purse and good sum of money. The evening was spent in games and dancing. Music for the dancing was furnished by Robert Holden's Victor phonograph and by Miss Miner and Miss Wilbur at the plano. Refreshments of coffee and So many hundreds of catarrh vicplano. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served during the evencake were served during the even-ing. A crowd of about fifteen, who were invited from the village with the HYOMEI

ing. A crowd of about fifteen, who were invited from the village, walked up, in order to be present. Those who attended from the Centre are:

Merle Crockett, Ruby Crockett, Thomas Evans, Ralph Evans, Elsie Holden, Ora Holden, Emma Hubbard, Lucile Lawton, Barnard Holden, Ethel Holden, Ruth Graves, John Farrar, Myrna Carter, Miss Winslow, Etta Holden, George Hewes, Myra Hewes, Dean, Hewes, Frank Farnsworth, Lester Holden, Albert Robinson, Robert Holden, Linton Ward, Lawrence Ward, Mr. Barnard Raymond Sleeper and Mrs. Hubbard.

Those from the village who attend.

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Those from the village who attend-

ed are:

Mildred Day, Russell Miner, Willard
Knowles, Josephine Love, Bertha Love,
Winnie Weeks, Blanche Wells, Arline
Wilbur, Gertrude Provost, Eleanor
Miner, Elsie Knowles, Leonard Hooper,
Arthur Annis, Raymond Harris, Esther
Harris, Walter Wheeler, Leslie Wells,
Stanley Wells and Lena Allen.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker and James H. S. Tucker spent the holidays it. at Quincy, Mass., as guests of Mr. and whi Mrs. George L. Badger.

Miss Madie Nye enjoyed the holidays at the home of her grandmother, Mrs.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha A. Hall Christmas.

James Lawrence of Pepperell has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Corey.

Mrs. Sadie Wilson and son Albert of New Boston, and Miss Gertrude Willey of Pepperell have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Llwellyn S. Powers. Mrs. Clara Russell, Mrs. Lucretia Martin, Edward R. Plerce, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Goss attended the

State grange meeting at Concard.

Mrs. Warren L. Noyes read in a very pleasing manner the inspiring story by Henry Van Dyke of "The other wise man," at the Sunday morning service of the Congregational church.
Mrs. Bertha Brown presided at the
organ and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall
ably assisted the choir.

Miss Clara Campbell is enjoying the Christmas holidays at Boston. Miss Helen Pratt is at Weymouth,

Mass., for the holidays. The Porter children are convalescent and enjoyed a Christmas tree at home and were also remembered by many gifts at the Methodist Christ-

The roll-call of the Congregational church will be held at the vestry on Thursday, December 29. Business meeting at 10.30. Dinner at twelve o'clock, followed by roll-call.

Christmas Guests.

Among the Christmas guests in own we noted: Eldorus C. Fessenden cupied by some one from Groton school.

Mrs. Henry M. Holden and Robert Holden spent Christmas with Harrie P. Barnard at the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Holden and daughters Ora and Elsie spent Christmas with relatives in Nashua. The whole trip was made in Mr. Holden's hutomobile.

Rev. Howard Bridgman entertained Miss Corene Bryant, Miss Annie Bridgman and Lawrence Summers over Christmas.

Mrs. Frank Chandler, who has been ill with the grippe, is getting better.

Miss Alma Bowles, the teacher of the Centre grammar school, spent the at W. B. Rockwood's; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockwood of Nashua at Frank

Methodist church were enjoyed by a large number at Tarbell's hall on Friday evening of last week. A handsome decorated tree from the land of Kris Kringle delighted the children and Rev. J.'N. Seaver as Santa Claus, distributed gifts with a lavish hand. Ernest R. Misnor, a graduate of the Leland Powers school of oratory of Boston, gave a very pleasing rendering of "Dickens' Christmas carol," in three acts, interspersed with music by a quartet composed of Mrs. Cora Boultenhouse, Mrs. Jennie Boutelle, George Nye, Lewis Popple; song, Miss Velma Taylor; recitations, Eva Corey, George Standley; Harry Corey, Edith Hughes, Ida Hughes, Willis Hughes, Lena Jenness; impersonation of grandma, Matilla Betterley; tableaux, "Bringing home the Christmas tree." A social hour was enjoyed, ice cream and cake were served and promenading participated in. Mrs. Boultenhouse as planist and Frank Jenness as violinist furnished the music.

The Congregational Sunday school enjoyed a Christmas tree and a visit from Santa on Friday evening, December 23, at the vestry. Chester B. Valedge impersonated Santa Claus, and a very interesting program was given. Mrs. Noyes' class of boys pre
SETTS. Middlesex, s. Probate Court. To the helf-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM H. FULLER late of large number at Tarbell's hall on Fri-

and a very interesting program was grange on Tuesday evening, January given. Mrs. Noyes' class of boys pre-3, installation of officers for 1911 will sented the primary department with a take place. Refreshments will be round table, Miss Marion A. Stiles accenting the same with fitting words.

cepting the same with fitting words.

T. R. Thompson's family have all been subject to an attack of the grippe which seems to be making the rounds of the town.

Howard Fuller of Hartford, Conn., was in town last week to look after the house which he is having built on the Fiske place.

Surprise Party.

A large crowd of young folks tendered Arthur R. Holden a surprise party on Tuesday evening, December 27. The town hall was prepared for the party and all met there. A team was then sent for Mr. Holden and he was brought to the hall, the whole affair being a complete surprise to him. Mr. Holden had just come home from Middlebury college last week,

Good News

So many hundreds of catarrh vic-

time before going to bed. Pour a teaspoonful of HYOMEI into a bowl of boiling water, cover head and bowl with towel and breathe for several minutes the vapor that arises.

You will be surprised at the result of this treatment; it makes the head feel fine and clear; you will sleep better, and that stuffed up feeling in the head will gradually disappear.

This same method will break up the worst cold in the head or chest in one

A bottle of HYOMEI costs 50 cents at William Brown's who guarantees it. If you want the complete outit, which includes the little hard rubber pocket inhaler, the price is \$1.00.

No stomach dosing; just breathe
HYOMEI and cure catarrh and all dis-

NOTICE.

eases of the breathing organs.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of
Ayer will be held at the Banking.
Rooms in Ayer, Mass., on Monday, January 9, 1911, at one o'clock p. m., for
the purpose of acting upon the following business:
To choose a Board of Directors to
serve for the ensuing year, and to
transact any other business that may
come before the meeting.

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Mrs. Schuman and daughter, also Dr. Jones of Wollaston at Miss Olive Schuman's.

Christmas Trees.

The Christmas festivities of the Methodist church were enjoyed by a large number at Tarbell's hall on Fri
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Stif W.E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH, OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of king, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of HARRIETT A.

CONANT late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to SUSAN J. RICHARDSON of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

of Pepperell in the County of Middlosex without giving a surety on her
bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge;
in said Gounty of Middlesex on the
third day of January A. D. 1911. at
nine o'clook in the forencon, to show a
cause if any you have, why the same
should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by
publishing this citation once in each
week. for three successive weeks in
Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper
published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least, before
said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Sainter
First Judge of said Court, the last before
the day of December in the said
one thousand nine imported and text.

Tomorrow morning communion will be observed at the Union Congregational church and in the evening there will be a new year's service with special music in connection.

The young people home for Christmas, not previously mentioned, are Miss Geneieve Hodgman from teachat Normal school in Framingham, Manchester, N. H.; Carl A. P. Law-rence from Dartmouth; Winthrop L. Sheedy from Williams; William Boynton from Dartmouth: Daniel Needham from Harvard; Perlie P. Fallon, Columbia Law school: C. Howard Pattterson, Boston.

Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Howe entertained Miss Laura Harraden of Wor-cester; G. Allen Howe of Brunswick, Me., and W. K. Howe of Woonsocket R. I., as Christmas guests.

Miss Mary Dunphy having only the

week Thursday.

Gardner H. Rockwood has been so ill that he has been laid aside from work and under the doctor's care. It was a bronchial attack from which he is recovering.

All public schools reopen on Monday, January 2.

Born, Tuesday morning, December 27, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Wood. Mother and child are doing well. The arrival of this little stranger is of special interest to the Rebekah lodge, the W. R. C., the Groton grange and very many other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Maynes of Woodstock, Vt., coming last Saturday, were Christmas guests at Thomas Aitkens, and will remain for a longer visit. Mrs. Maynes is a sister of Mrs. Miss Lucy B. Raddin, teacher

Everett, arrived home this week Wednesday, having spent Christmas with friends in Everett. Mrs. Nesbit L. Woods and children

went over to Nashua for a Christmas visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan.

J. M. McMurray, superintendent, and other employes at the papermill, are working in the same positions under the new ownership of the mill as be-

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rockwood from Lunenburg were Christmas visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rockwood.

Miss Nellie Kiely of Pepperell, recently returned from the Clinton hos-pital, has been spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Hemenway.

There will be no sewing school this Saturday afternoon, owing to the town hall being wired for electric lighting. Edward H. Torrey from Concord was in town Monday for a Chritsmas call on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Miss Lena L. Tuttle teacher at Boscawen, N. H., is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cora Sargent, for the Christmas vacation. Miss Tuttle returns to her school next Monday.

The Improvement society will hold its annual business meeting at the home of Mrs. F. W. Manser, Tuesday,

January 2, at 3.30 p. m. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman on Sunday; December

Mrs. Charles Lawrence from Brook line was in town this week for a two days' visit with Mrs. Robert Forbes and family.

Miss Phyllis Gay and Miss Elizabeth Whitehill, teachers, are at home from their respective schools in Brockton and Winthrop.

Rosa Adams), of Roseville, Cal., com- placed in receiving tomb of Groton ing last Saturday are visiting among relatives at the east. At present they are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Adams. Their son, Master Charles Henry Decatur, named for his two grandfathers, is an important member of the party, who of course comes in for a good short of significant and the state of admiration. Cemetery.

Mrs. Emma B. Marshall, eldest daughter of the late Jacob Parkhurst of Groton, died suddenly and unexpectedly at her home in Roxbury on Monday morning, December 26, at the age of 82 yrs, 10 mos. She had written recently to her Groton relatives in share of admiration.

The thirteenth annual concert and a cheerful way not apprehensive of ball of Engine and Hose company No. illness. The doctor was called by 1, of the Groton fire department will be held in town hall on Friday even- same house, for the first time, as they ing, January 13. Music will be furhished by Fogg's orchestra of Brock-Turkey supper in lower town hall.

Arthur C. Tuttle, who is spending the winter at the south, writes that he has bought eleven acres of what is called some of the best orange land in Florida. It is in San Mateo, on the banks of the St. John's river. That part of the land not wooded, Mr. Tuttle is going to set out to orange. He has written his cousin, Fred Tut-tle of this town, to draw and send him plans for a bungalow which he intends to build on this San Mateo

All who attended the Happy Dozen dance of Tuesday evening report a large attendance and a fine party. Seventy-five couples took part in the dancing.

Miss Anna Whidden and James Lynds, both of Lowell, were Christmas guests of their cousin, Mrs. F. F. Woods.

Mrs. Evans' sister and housekeeps of her brother, Dea. D. Pressey, fell last week Friday and was quite badly inrt. She was taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Bailey, and as far as we libar is getting over the effects of esting addresses, are expected. the accident.

Rev. George M. Howe, pastor of the Union Congregational church here, has been invited to read a paper before the meeting of Baptist ministers at Fitchburg on next Monday. Subject, "Conditions of receiving the holy spirit."

Rev. Mr. Lockrow, who is to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings at the Baptist church, arrived in town with his wife on Thursday morning.
They will be entertained during their
stay by Mrs. J. R. Hawkes at the Bap-Miss Margaret Cleary teacher at stay by Mrs. J. R. Hawkes at the Bap-Wheelwright; Everett T. Warren from tist parsonage. The meetings began on Thursday evening.

A Christmas time announcement heard with much interest by the Groton public, is the engagement of Dr. Herbert B. Priest to Miss Edith Houghton of Littleton.

The Brown Loaf club spent an afternoon of social enjoyment with Mrs. William H. Whitehill on Wednesday afternoon. The members of this club always have pleasant meetings around at the different homes and this one of Wednesday was one of the most pleas-Miss Mary Dunphy having only the day, Monday, December 26, for a value of the most pleased ant possible. There was a good numcation, did not come home from her ber present. Some coming as invited school at Chichester, N. H., for Christiguests were Mrs. Derby, Mrs. Collier, a lady with her son from Dorchester, a lady with her son form Dorchest Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bigelow and Miss and others, who do not ordinarily Robbins go to Eustis, Fla., on next meet with them, but made the afternoon all the more pleasant. The hostess served a dainty as well as a substantial lunch and the daughter of the family treated with home-made candy The next meeting will be with Mrs. Nesbit L. Woods.

Dr. W. A. Gobie, a well-known practising dentist of this town and Boston, passed successfully through an operation for appendicitis at Groton hospital on Wednesday forenoon. He is doing as well as can be expected

Mrs. Eda E. J. Jones of Lancaster was hindered this week from meeting Groton children and others who wish to join her class in dancing as the town hall was not available on ac count of the wiring for electric lights.

The three town fathers—J. R. Hawkes, F. A. Torrey and J. H. Sheedy all went to Boston on Tuesday. As nothing has been heard to the contrary, they must have got along all right. Two of them, Mr. Sheedy and Mr. Torrey came home on Tuesday. Mr. Torrey, came home on Tuesday night, but the chairman of the board did a little visiting on his own account the next day, and returned on Wednesday night.

There will be a joint installation of the officers of the E. S. Clark post 115, and W. R. C. 83, at grange hall on Monday afternoon, January 2, from two to five o'clock. Henry P. Shattwo to five o'clock. Henry P. Shat-tuck will be installing officer for the post and Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst for the W. R. C. The meeting will not be open to the public. The members of both organizations are requested to note the hour of installation next Monday afternoon.

George S. Curtis, a veteran of the Civil war, died after a long illness, at his home on Common street, Friday evening. December 23, aged seventy four years. An Englishman by birth he was a good American soldier. He enlisted at the age of twenty-five years and was a private in Co. D, 2d Mass. regt. of infantry. He was with his regiment at the battle of Gettysburg and other engagements and his comrades tell of his having been in the perilous position of color-bearer. He was discharged a corporal July 20, 1865, leaving a record of good service. Mr. Curtis was a member of E. S. Clark post and when marching with them bore the flag of the post.

The funeral on Monday afternoon from his late home was attended by neighbors, members of the W. R. C. and of E. S. Clark post, four of the latter, John Condon, Warner Souther, S. R. Mason and Thomas Gilson act-

and Mrs. Charles Decatur (Miss both marriages. The remains were cemetery

> ten recently to her Groton relatives in friends occupying apartments in the become alarmed that Monday morning. She expired a few moments after the doctor arrived. The trouble was pneu-

monia. Marshall was a sister of Jacob Parkhurst, who died at his home in Dunstable on December 1, three weeks before her death. His ton. obituary was printed in this column

a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Marshall was the widow of A. R. Marshall, formerly a prominent citizen and business man of Worces-

ter, and deacon of the Old South church of that city for many years. The funeral of Mrs., Marshall was in Worcester on Thursday afternoon The interment was in cemetery there. by the side of her husband who died in January, 1884. Her brothers—William A., and Albert F. Parkhurst and their wives went from Groton to the funeral in Worcester on Thursday.

Baptist Church Notes.

The annual business meeting of the Baptist church will be held next Wed nesday, January 4, at ten oclock. The annual church dinner will be served at noon. The twenty-fourth annua esting addresses are expected.

the accident.

On Wednesday, Dr. H. B. Priest took his patient, Miss Conant, who had recently been operated on for appendicitis at Groton hospital, back to Sundays. Rev. D. M. Lockrow has a series of evangelistic services was begun at the Baptist church on Thursday evening of this week, and will continue over the two succeeding Sundays. Rev. D. M. Lockrow has a series of evangelistic services. Dr. Samuel Underhill left on Wed-chusetts Baptist Missionary society for nesday for New York city where he several years, and is a well-known and will visit friends.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Berry in Saturday at 7.80 o'clock. All are in-Groton. He returns to Washington vited to attend and will be made cordially welcome.

The Christmas tree festival of the Baptist Sunday school last Saturday evening was well attended in spite of the rain. A dainty luncheon of sandwiches and cake was served by the ladies of the Whatsoever class, Mrs. Marcia Parkhurst, teacher. Then the young people of the school gave a spirited rendering of the cantata, "Seeing Kriss Kringle." With Mrs. Cora Sargent leading at the piano parts were sung by Misses Lillian Tuttle, Dora Bailey, Lauretta Fletcher, Lottle and Marion Patterson, Marion Young and Paul Wilson: Spoken parts were taken by William, George and Clifford Folkins, Herbert Norwill, Ethel Patterson, Stella Sargent, and others. ter this came a generous distribution of gifts and candy from the Christmas tree. The room had been prettily decorated by the boys of Miss Parmenter's and the girls of Mrs. Peabody's classes

The roll-call supper in the hall next Wednesday evening is in charge of the

L. A. society. The Sunshine club will meet in the church vestry this Saturday afternoon for its annual election of officers.

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge was pleasantly remembered by his parishioners with personal gifts and a general gift of flowers and money, as the Christmas tree yielded its offerings of good will and yuletide cheer. The church organist, Miss Bertha Bixby, was also the recipient of an appreciated offer-

Not to be outdone by the ladies, the farmers of this vicinity last week sent barrel No. 2 to the Salvation Army, filled to the brim with 170 pounds of vegetables and fruits.

Though the cry of "hard times" has often been heard during the past year, it does not seem that the Christmas spirit has suffered thereby. Never have so many Christmas packages and postals been handled by the R. F. D. carrier during his eight years of service as were delivered or sent out by him during the holiday rush.

The Misses Amy and Winnie Bryant of Harvard were guests on Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Bowles and fam-

Death of Only Son.

We regret exceedingly that on this Christmas week we have to record that death has again visited our com-munity, removing from our midst the munity, removing from our midst the very youngest and latest comer. Edward Richard, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wright and youngest member of the cradle-roll, passed away on Wednesday morning. The suddenness of the death added to the severity of the shock sustained by the parents. When, on Wednesday morning a doctor was summoned, it was with no thought that serious illness threat.

no thought that serious illness threat-ened the child, but though the physician arrived soon after, the little life had passed beyond human aid. Much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing parents, who, but four months ago, so gladly welcomed this little son. Dr. Kilbourn pronounced the disease as acute pneumonia. A service of prayer was held at the house on Friday after-

Christmas Visitors.

Many out-of-town people not pre-lously mentioned were visitors here on Christmas day, some for a longer period. Among them were noted: Miss Charlotte Seavey of Charlestown and Ernest Williams of Melrose, who erjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. leg. Charles Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. Ha:- killed. ry Howe of Ayer, entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunkins; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brown of Leominster, guests of Mrs. Keziah Small, Mrs. Brown's mother; Mr. and Mrs. Elliott of Danvers, visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. R. Dudley; Harold Strand and William Kane of Fitching as bearers, Rev. G. M. Howe was the minister officiating. E. S. Clark post and W. R. C. each sent a hand-burg at their respective mess. John Still River. ome wreath.

Draper of Claremont, N. H., enterMr. Curtis had been twice married tained by Mr. and Mrs. James Fallon: eighty-seventh birthday anniversary daughter, Mrs. Talmage Kierstead; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill and children of Shirley, entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hill; Winthrop Lamb of Worcester at the home of his brother, A. W. Lamb, and friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams.

Family gatherings around the festive board were the order of the day Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jarvis welcomed goodly number of their ten children and numerous grandchildren to the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin O'Mealey were made happy by the presence of their entire family—Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Mealey and Miss Kate O'Mealey of Leominster, Martin O'Mealey of Lynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Healey of West Gro-

Whether the family reunion at Mrs Albert Harrington's was complete has not been ascertained; those known to be present were: Mrs. Edward Glynn and daughters of Ayer, Mr. and Mrs. William Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Trefethen and son of Walpole.

Mrs. Fred Blood and little daughters spent the Christmas holidays with her parents in Fitchburg. She was joined by Mr. Blood on Christmas day.

Mrs. Edward Mellish and daughter Marian were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melzar Farnsworth of Shirley, Mrs. Mellish's parents. nounced last week, other members of the family had preceded them.

G. S. Webber and family were entertained on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. ernald of Groton.

H. E. Lindall, employed as a photographer in Cambridge, spent the friends were present. The rooms were Christmas holiday with his family tastefully decorated with flowers and

Christmas Tree. marriage bell. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Mrs. Helen Roberts of Lynn as the couple encarried out as planned, despite unfavorable weather conditions. The audience listened with interest and a beautiful dress of white muslin over white slik. She corrected with the couple of the couple over white slik. audience instened with interest and a present across of white musin appreciation to the various numbers over white silk. She carried white of the program given entirely by the carnations which were also the fachildren, who, notwithstanding the vorite flower in the decorations. After Charles B. Campbell, on from Washington, D. C., spent a part of his couple left on the night train for Christmas vacation with his parents in Nashua and a part with his grandin Nashua and a part with his parents a part of his line. He is gaily decorated tree before them and the ceremony a gaily decorated tree before them and the ceremony a least was served and anxiously awaited Santa Claus in the couple is to the couple and the couple are was served and anxiously awaited Santa Claus in the couple are was served and anxiously awaited Santa Claus in the couple are was served and anxiously awaited Santa Claus in the couple are was served and anxiously awaited Santa Clau

given by Rose Fallon, Master Duyuette, James Fallon and Gertrude Parker. When at last Saint Nick ap-Parker. When at last Saint Nick appeared inviting all under sixteen to inspect his bag of "grabs," the joyous rush of the little ones was a sight worth beholding. From Santa's opening remarks, we judged he held a grievance against us. Reminding that the Landmark reaches even his home, he emphatically assured us that he never goes back on West Groton.

HARVARD.

About sixty couples enjoyed the sociability of the dance given by the 500 club last Monday night.

Mss Lou Sawyer of Worcester was a guest with her sister's family, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bigelow.

Master Merrill Preston underwent an operation for adenoids on Thursday of this week. Drs. Cowles and Hopkins performed the operation. He is doing well.

George F. Buxton, d. d. g. m. and suite of Shirley will install the officers of Harvard lodge, I. O. O. F. on Monday evening, January 2. Refreshments day evening, January z. Refresuments are to be served. The officers elect are George E. Hardy, n. g.; Gordon McCleary, v. g.; Perley Beard, sec.; Frank Houghton, treas.; C. L. Russell, trustee for three years; A. T. West delegate to grand lodge:

The ladies of the Unitarian church will hold the second of their regular the town hall on Friday evening, Jan-uary 6. Supper at the usual time. Entertainment at eight o'clock.

Schools open for the winter term on Monday, January 2.

Among the recent guests in town and throughout the holidays are A. J. Atwood of Plymouth at W. F. Dick-Atwood of Plymouth at W. F. Dickson's; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood of Fitchburg at H. H. Gale's; Miss Alice Forsaith of Watertown at Philip O. Dickson's; Ralph Wetherbee of New York city at W. T. Bagster's; Miss Emma Bagster of Tarrytown, N. J. at her mother's, Mrs. Thomas Bagster; Miss Kate Waters and Miss Viola Parker from the normal school at Fitchburg, at home with their parents

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Rand of Bolton, newly-married young couple, spent the beginning of their honeymoon season at W. F. Dickson's cottage on Sheep Island, arriving on Saturday last and staying through the holidays. Mr. Rand is well-known here as is his bride, who was Miss Elice Burgess of Hudson.

Fred T. Whitney and Cedric Webster left on Tuesday last for Boston enroute to Kentville, N. S., where they intend to spend a few days.

L. Kingston Savage spent Christmas holidays at the home of his friend, Miss Susie Marsh at Ware. Miss Georgia Bryant is spending her two weeks' recess from the Kimball

school, Worcester, at the Kerley house Miss Ethel R. Nourse, for several years the teacher in the second primary school, now of Bolton, visited over Christmas at the home of Mrs. F. E. Hartshorn.

George Nogler met with a serious loss on Thursday of this week. While driving down the hill near William Hanna's his horse fell and broke his The animal was immediately

The Evening Whist club met or Tuesday evening for the first game of the season. Prizes awarded to: Helen Dickson, first; Mrs. H. D. Stone, booby; P. O. Dickson, first; James Barry. booby. Refreshments

Mr. Curtis had been twice married Mr. and Mrs. A. Stricker of Boston, on Wednesday, December 28. Her son both marriages. The remains were friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Mc- Albert, of Pepperell came to spend the Gowan; Mr. and Mrs. Kierstead and day with her, Friends called upon family, guests at the home of their her and she had eighty-nine picture postal cards sent in by her many friends. Mrs. Harrod is a very smart old lady, but she is almost totally deaf, otherwise she has all of her faculties remarbly well preserved.

Owing to the storm, the Christmas exercises scheduled for Saturday evenng at the vestry were annulled.

Sunday evening there was a Christmas concert in the church, and the program, "His birthday," a service of eading and song was given.

Mrs. Florence Bailcy of Providence was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes from Saturday until Thursday.

Monday forenoon an automobile party from Leominster were turning the corner of Howard Stone's when the wheels skidded on the ice and turned the auto end for end, and broke off one of the wheels. Fortunately no one was injured. They telephoned to Leominster and another wheel was brought to replace the broken one

Fred Bateman and sister, Miss Eliza ook their Christmas dinner with their brother Luther in Arlington.

Rogers Morse returned to his school in New London, N. H., on Tuesday.

TOWNSEND.

Wedding.

A pretty home wedding took place shortly after noon on Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cowdrey when their eldest daughter, Florence When their eigest auginer, professed W, was united in marriage to Edwin D. Whiting, the ceremony being performed by Rev. V. H. Wachs. Only the immediate family and a few close evergreens from which hung a white marriage bell. Mendelssohn's wedding

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here. Miss Cowdrey attended the M. both times. Santa Claus appeared in E. church and the last few years has the afternoon with a real reinder, or held a desirable position at Athol where they will reside. The groom was a resident of the west village der. until he also found employment at

The Saturday afternoon and even-

ing Fireside Gatherings held by the

Clarence Mead and wife entertain-

Athol. They had many beautiful presents. The bride's traveling costume was dark blue and the hat a large white beaver. Best wishes are extended for a happy life.

Cantago Athol. They had many beautiful present his father and mother from Boxborough, besides his grandmother, Mrs. B. S. Mead of Ayer, and brothers and sisters and their husbands and wives

The annual Christmas tree exercises of the M. E. church were held for the Congregational Sunday school at the young people Saturday afternoon and vestries were a great social success early evening and a general good Both young people are well-known and nearly 250 were present counting time was enjoyed by all.

AYEŔ.

News Items.

A supper will be served at the St. Andrew's cafateria in the lower townhall on Saturday evening, December 31, from six till eight o'clock. Music will be furnished by the high school

The Jewish people of this town observed the great Jewish feast, the festival of Hanukkah, continuing eight days, starting on the twenty-fifth of days, starting on the twenty-nith of entertained, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Lougee, Kissey, this year on Christmas day, parents of Mrs. Turner, her brother, Its observance is universal among the Ruel P. Lougee, and his friend from Jews and the celebrations of Hanuk-kah is a festival of light chiefly, which niece, Miss Amy Lougee. was instituted among the congrega-tions of Israel in the year 165 before the christian era. The festival of Hanuk-kah is connected with an important chapter in the history of the Jewish religion, and memorizes the dedication of the altar of the temple after its profanation by the Syrians.

Married in Ayer, December 24, at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Edward Morrill of Fitchburg and Miss Nellie Stuart of New Bruns-

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Edith Catherine, to Charles Frederick Wilson, jr., of Fitchburg.

The Ayer branch of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance will meet on Thursday, January 5, with Mrs. S. M. Bark-

At the meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S. on Wednesday evening these officers for the coming year were elected: Miss Fannie E. Woods, w. m.; Frank S. Pierce,, w. p.; Ada L. Irwin, a. m.; Mrs. Annie E. Fillebrown, sec.; Mrs. Gertrude C. Turner, school in Revere. treas.; Mrs. Mae A. Carley, con.; Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, asst. con.; E. D. Stone, trust.

C. H. Hardy has four of the houses up at Prospect hill, Harvard, and has, including electricians, plumbers, masons, painters and carpenters, seventyfive men employed, forty-five of them carpenters. He has commenced work on the Dr. Ellis house. It is a busy place in that part of Harvard and all hands will be kept busy for some time yet. Every morning there are a dozen who go from here to work there for him.

Earl G. Manning, brother of W. W. Manning, was awarded the prize of \$1,000 for the phrase, "The weave that will wash well and wear," which was selected out of 16,000 competitors who tried for the prize given by the Barnaby Mfg. Co. of Fail River, manufacturers of Barnaby zephyrs.

Moy Yun of Milford, N. H., spent Christmas in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Savage. Moy was the first Chinaman to open a laundry in town, in the basement now occupied by the Ayer Variety store, twenty-eight years ago and carried it on successfully for three years, when he sold out. He has now a laundry in that town where he is very much liked and is doing a fine business. Moy, while in business here, was very pop-

Eleanor May Weber, who school in Goshen, came last graph company which takes effect on Sunday with her young man, Dar- Monday, January 1, will be five cents win Beals of Northampton, to spend instead of ten cents between Groton the holidays with her parents, Mr. and and Pepperell; Littleton, West Acton Mrs. Paul A. Weber of this town. Mr. Beals returned to Northampton on Tuesday and Miss Weber goes this Saturday, to be ready for her school on Monday of next week.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Stroud of Newton Highlands came on Tuesday on a visit with Mrs. Stroud's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Andrew, and they returned on Thursday to their home in On Tuesday Newton Highlands.

at 10.45 tomorrow morning. There will be a union meeting of the Unitarian Sunday school and the Y. P. R. U. at four p. m., a new year servtwelve and seven p. m. will be omitted. Miss Hortense Butterfield has been ill at her home since Christmas.

There will be a joint installation of Mrs. K. C. Carrigan, alt. the officers of Post 48, G. A. R., W. R. Dr. and Mrs. W. N. the officers of Post 48, G. A. R., W. R. C. and S. of V., at G. A. R. hall on Thursday evening, January 5, at eight holidays with Mrs. Cowles' sister, Mrs. Supper at town hall at six

The Unitarian Sunday school had a very pleasant Christmas tree and supper in their vestry on Saturday after-noon of last week. Those in charge noon of last week. Those in charge and recitations by the children and were Mrs. Nellie Kittredge, Mrs. Avis the presents for all, made a very B. Fisher, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Huntington, Mrs. Porter, Miss Nettle Roe and Mrs. Louise Kennison.

The Congregational Sunday school held a very interesting Christmas con-cert Sunday night. The program was in charge of Superintendent F. C. est daught.

Johnson and consisted of recitations Wood. by the children, thorus singing and remarks by the pastor, Rev. E. B.

The sewing school of the Woman's club will open in the town hall on Saturday afternoon, January 7, at 2.30. Past members should bring their books of work.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will give a musical and reception to the legioners' mothers on Thursday afternoon, January 5, at 3.45. The W. C. T. U. are invited to attend.

All of our stores here during Christmas report an excellent run of business and people in the adjoining towns and elsewhere are beginning to learn that Ayer is the place to do not only on the old Groton road. their Christmas trading, but trading Mrs. William M. Sargent under-here all the year round. We have a went an operation for hernia at her large number of stores and they carry home last week Thursday. The operaa large stock of goods.

Mrs. W. W. Manning of Mt. Vernon, Y., a former resident of this town who, with her two sons, has been visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant in Shirley for two or three weeks, returns to her home next Tuesday. Mr. Manning was on for the holidays.

Miss Amy Lougee, daughter of Walter S. Lougee, a graduate of Becker's has accepted a position in a coal office in that city and after this week will reside there.

Daniel G. Mason expects to start next Monday with a gang to commence in the university.
the destruction of the brown tail moth

The Ayer library will reopen for the circulation of books on Saturday, December 31.

There was a family gathering at the maica Plain, who is making a visit with Mrs. John H. Turner for a couple of weeks.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Turner on Christmas day were entertained, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Lougee

The floor to the new factory of the Sigsbee Co., on Central avenue is laid and a large force of men is now employed under the supervision of Fred W. Hosmer. It will not be long before the new building will assume shape. All the lumber is here for it. Mr. Os-good feels confident that he will get into his new building before the first of February.

Mr. Robinson, postmaster, had this Christmas a larger amount of mail matter to handle than ever before on such an occasion, and by dint of ex-ertion was prompt in its distribution and all seem to be well satisfied in the way that he accomplished it with the assistance of his diligent clerks.

The power furnished to run the electric cars of the Lowell and Fitchburg railway company is soon to expire with the Boston and Northern, and that in the new deal the Lowell electric light company is to furnish their power.

Miss Clara M. Burns, a former teacher, is home for the holidays from her

The officers of Division 7, A. O. H. will be installed on Tuesday evening, January 3, in A. O. H. hall by the county president, James J. Harold of Waltham

The feature pictures on Saturday are "The exiled chief,' and "Cowboy chivalry." Songs by Mrs. Clarence Moore, "When the ivy turns to brown and gold," and "Planning."

At the Sunday school festival at St. Andrew's church, Ayer, last Saturday afternoon, the following service was rendered by the children:

rendered by the children:
"Angels from the realms of glory."
Smart: "O come let us adore him." Warren:
"The heavens were glowing."
Smith: "Ring out, ye belis," Stone: "The
Christmas tree." Schilling. Pieces were
spoken by Masters Robert Ross and
Eugene Flagg, Misses Myrtle Flagg,
Jennie and Maude Briggs.

Presents, candy and oranges were distributed to some thirty-five children.

For his short term in congress, John J. Mitchell of Marlboro spent very little money. The returns of the Mitchell campaign committee of Marlboro, filed with the secretary of state, shows a total expenditure of less than \$750 for all the campaigning done, whereas congressman-elect Wilder, who won the long term, reports expenditures of over \$9,000. Mitchell spent \$106.

The cut in the telephone rates by the New England telephone and teleand Westford; Lunenburg and Townsend; Harvard and Shirley village.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian parish will be held on Wednesday evening, January 4, at 7.30, in the vestry of the church. A full attendance

Mrs. W. B. Cotton is ill this week needing the care of a nurse.

On Tuesday evening, officers were elected in Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., as Rev. Dr. Fisk will preach a new year sermon at the Unitarian church at 10.45 tomorrow morning. There will be a union meeting of the Unitarian church at 10.45 tomorrow morning. There will be a union meeting of the Unitarian church will be a union will be n Sunday school and the Y. P. Laura Downing, chap; Mrs. Margaret Rand, g.; Mrs. Elizabeth Scruton, g.; The usual sessions of each at ye and seven p. m. will be omitted. Albion Washburn, sen.; Thomas Ward, pianist; Mrs. Kate C. Carrigan, trust.; Warren L. Preble, George R. Downing, rep. to grand lodge: H. H. Pillman and

Byron Anthony of Fall River. returned this week Friday.

The schools in the Washington street building had their Christmas trees last week Friday. The music and recitations by the children and merry occasion which was greatly enjoyed by the little people.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs A. Lang of Manchester, N H., on Wednesday, December 21. Mrs Lang was Miss Gladys Wood, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C

George Burns, son of Thomas Burns home for the holidays from Norfolk, Va., where he is employed by the railroad. He is a graduate of the Ayer high school and of Dartmouth college.

The public schools all reopen or Monday for the winter term.

Mrs. Mary J. Farr has as a gues her nephew, Ray Spencer, from the Brooklyn Polytechnic institute. He is spending the Christmus vacation here.

The new building of Daudelin &

tion was performed by Drs. Goodwin and Chase of the Clinton hospital. It is a very critical case and her condi-Mrs. Sargent's her mother at present, and a nurse is in charge.

Arthur W. Carley has as guest until Monday, January 2, his room-mate at the University of Pennsylvania, Fred Ramsdell of Texasi Mr. Ramsdell has won the intercollegiate championcountry, and last year in England he won the same and also the champlon-ship for the two hundred-yard dash. He is also the best football player

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At the Congregational church tomorrow morning service, the racrathan ever;

than ever;

brated and candidates received into the church; theme of the sermon. "Hope as christian message for the new year." Evening service at 6.30, Joel and Hosea, prophets against the broken vows of the children of God.

District Court.

Alexander Young of Townsend, drunkenness at Townsend, was in court December 22, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

William Rapson of Westford, dis-

Joseph Gregas of Pepperell, drunk- New Industry. enness at Pepperell, December 28, was placed on file. On the charge of breaking glass in building of Henry of combs, three of which he has built A. Parker, he was tried and found and one set up in the Ayer preserving guilty and fined ten dollars. The com-plainant was John C. Jeglinski.

Pepperell in building of Henry A. Parker, December 29, was in court on

Boston, which was taking on a car at that it will give employment to sev-West Acton. Mr. Delphey stepped from between two cars which he had coup- of the combs will be started here in led, onto the east-bound track directly in front of the extra and was picked up and thrown to the side of the tracks.

He was alive when other members of the crew got to him, but died before medical attendance could be se-cured. Following an examination by the medical examiner, who found frac-tures of the cervical vertibræ, internal supper, the evening was spent in social injuries and fractures of the right leg, intercourse and an informal program

cuts, the body was sent to Fitchburg. dered.
Mr. Delphey was married twenty Edw leaves two daughters, Misses Annie and Elizabeth who live at home.

Reception.

There was a very pleasant gathering on Thursday evening in the Congregational church parlors on the occasion of the reception to Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Crooks. There was a large number present and the social feature of the evening was especially pleasing. Dr. B. H. Hopkins was chairman of the committee of arrangements. Mrs. G. W. Shattuck, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. G. G. Osgood, Mrs. E. B. Parker, Mrs. John Shaw and Mrs. McMillan were the committee for refreshments. The Misses Gertrude Stone, Maud Whitaker, Rachael Osgood and Maggie Mc-Millan were ushers. In the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Crooks were Dea. Harry Evans and his mother and Dea. and Mrs. Francis Lovejoy.
Throughout the evening there was orchestral music by Howard Stone and the Misses Rachael Osgood and Edith

Sentences Appealed.

Two Italians, Simon Parrella and Salvin Parrella, who were in court on November 2, charged with assault and battery on William Annis at the vinegar factory where Annis was foreman over them, were in court on Thursday, November 29, as the result of a writ of error which they secured from the supreme court, claiming a misunderstanding in regard to approximation from the hospital pealing from the decision of this Ralph Hill an court on November 2. The hearing took place on Thursday before Judge vacation time.

Ralph Hill and his sister, Miss Eleanor are visiting in Maine during vacation time. Atwood, who had sentenced them six months in the house of correction

on their first appearance.

The Italians were represented by an Italian lawyer from Boston, who claimed that his clients did not understand the decision of the court at the time and did not understand what the court said to them in regard to ap-

pealing from his decision.
Chief Beatty, the only witness, was called to the stand and testified that after he made the arrest he kept them in the station for two hours to give them a chance to get bail, but their friends said that they were no good and would not five them bail. He also stated that they thoroughly understood the decision of the court and did not make any move to appeal until the court had left the bench "

In securing the writ of error the facts of the case were misrepresented to the supreme court.

The court sentenced both to three months in the house of correction, but stated that any recommendation from the chief of police would be considered by him. Chief Beatty said he had no recommendation to give and would abide by the decision of the The Italians appealed and furnished

\$300 each for their appearance before the superior court at East Cambridge which opens on January 10.

Accidents.

John M. Wallace, brakeman in the upper yard was severely injured at about four o'clock last Saturday morning in front of the yard office in the upper yard. While "kicking" on track three he was caught while on the ground between two flat cars by an engine coming down on track three with a steel coal car striking with considerable force. His left shoulder was injured and he also received severe injuries about the body, and was black and blue in many places. He was taken to the railway station and Dr. Sullivan was called, who is attending him. He was confined to his bed until this week Friday, when tion is encouraging. Mrs. Sargent's his bed until this week Friday, when daughter, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, is with he was able to be moved and is sitting up. It will be some time before he gets over the accident.

An investigation will be instituted as to the cause of the accident. One pleasant for the little people.

of the flat cars in the crash was Burton S. Flagg's children he doubled up. It was a narrow escape for Mr. Wallace from what might have been a fatality. How he escaped seems almost miraculous.

George Knowlton, a former well known Ayer boy and one of the best known passenger conductors on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad, was injured in an ab cident near Rotterdam Junction,

Y, early Thursday morning which resuited in the dislocation of a knee cap. The train which Mr. Knowlton had charge of at the time of the acnome of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Savage
last Monday, and those present were:
Mr. and Mrs. Huntley Turner, Mr. and
Mrs. John H. Turner, Moy Yun of Milford, N. H., Miss Lottle Crafts of Jamaica Plain, who is making the conduction of God.

At St. Andrew's church tomorrow loaded is known as No. 19, and is loaded with express matter of the Nadrew's Guild meets on Tuesday at two
o'clock with Mrs. Allen.

District Communication of the accommodation of the for the accommodation of the formal for the formal formal formal for the formal formal for the formal formal formal formal formal formal for the formal f crew and an express messenger who has charge of the safe in the car. The train runs daily from Boston to Rotterdam Junction. When near the latter point the rear car jumped the track and when it came to a stop turbing the peace at Westford on December 27, was in court on December 28, and on/trial was found guilty and committed to the Massachusetts was on train No. 6 on Thursday morning. was bottom side up. The other oc-

Daniel L. Chandler, who has invented a patent machine for the cutting building and two more machines are lainant was John C. Jeglinski. under construction. The material of Alexander Begke, breaking glass at which the combs are made of is a repperell in building of Henry A. vulcanized fibre, and when finished Parker, December 29, was in court on December 29, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars. John C. Jeglinski, complainant.

Allen and a Mr. Lewis of Petersburg, N. Y., and it is the hope of Mr. Chandler that the combs will be Instantly Killed.

Edmund Delphey, a brakeman who was instantly killed by being hit by the engine of an extra freight train at West Acton last Monday morning; was a member of the milk crew, train No. 200, running between Ayer and Boston which was taking on a car at that it will give employment to say.

Class Reunion.

The annual reunion of the graduating class of 1906, Ayer high school, was held at the home of its president John M. Carrigan on Tuesday evenright arm and shoulder and multiple of vocal and instrumental music ren-

Edward Wilson, now here on a vayears ago to Miss Jennie Guthrie of cation from his duties as a teacher Fitchburg, who survives him. He also leaves two daughters, Misses Annie award at progressive whist and Miss award at progressive whist and Miss Mary G. Dailey was given the booby prize. Those present were: John Carrigan, Frank B. Sullivan, John H. Hooley, Alfred P. Richardson, Arthur Carley, Miss Lillian Leahy, Miss Mary G. Dailey, Frank Rynn, Lewis Sargent, Herbert Allen, Hartwell Bigelow, and Edward Wilson.

LITTLETON.

News Items. Fred Bonney of the P. F. Bonney firm of Boston came to town in his auto on Monday, accompanied by his wife's mother, Mrs. Quick, William F. Conant and Mildred Wright, to make a Christmas call at A. F. Conant's Where wight is a contract of the contract of she is visiting her aunt and family. Mr. and Mrs. Godlsmith, H. Conant and sister, Miss Alice Butler, Welles-

ley '12, from St. Louis, have been camping in the unoccupied cottage op posite the webbing factory during the vacation season.

Miss Miriam Conant returned from the Groton hospital on Thursday and is making fine progress.

Two mail pouches were wrecked near Littleton station last week, and doubtless many a Christmas gift is lodging still in the snow banks or other hiding place.

Mrs. Leslie Hager has gone to Provilence to accompany her husband home

Dr. John Lemley is reported but just alive at his home in Albany. An automobile with five Lexington boys arrived at The Wilderness this week for a camping party in the bungalow of Arthur C. Whitney. Edmund Childs, who is cook for the boys. is a junior at Lexingtnon high school. Rolf Spicer, who has won the Yale cup and several medals at Volkmann school, is preparing for Annapolis naval academy. Two of the boys are from Rindge manual training school and Robert Whitney makes the num-

ber. Miss Grace Prue of Brighton and Miss Ewings are guests of Hon. and Mrs. Frank A. Patch.

Henry S. Brown & Son of Boston have sold out their West India business, and the son Paul Brown, will work for the new firm for a few

George Couper, milk inspector of New York, was a guest at his broth er's, Henry J. Couper on Christmas.

The annual parish meeting of the First Congregational society, Unitarian, will be held on Monday even-

ing in the Unitarian vestry. At the Unitarian church tomorrow morning, Rev. O. J. Fairfield will preach a new year's sermon on "Some signs of social progress at which we may thank God and take courage." The young people's guild at seven o'clock will be led by Miss Lucy Adams. Subject, "Forward, not back-ward."

The American club of the Orthodox society will hold its January meeting on Wednesday afternoon, January 4, with Mrs. N. B. Conant.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turner of Mil-ford, N. H., were guests at H. F. Proctor's.

Raiph W. Conant spent Christmas with the Rev. Robert Fulton family at Indianapolis.

Judge Hardy of Arlington was a Christmas guest of his son John's fam-Miss Grace P. Conant was a Christ-

mas guest at her brother William's, where she helped make the holiday

Burton S. Flagg's children have been seriously ill at their home in Andover, so that his family was unable to join the reunion at his grandfather Sandorson's on Monday.

James Starr of Pepperell has been employed by Charles V. Flagg and John Hardy, ir., making driven wells. Mrs. Leander Fisher has been entertaining a sister from Athol for several days.

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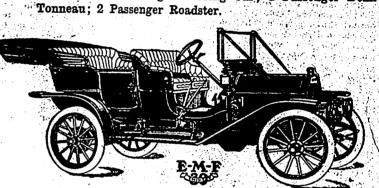
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tarian church will hold an open meet- morning.

ing on January 6.

Walter Boireau of Clark college, Worcester, is spending a few days at Austin Kimball's. He is happy in the announcement that he is not placed on the probation list where forty-six of the seventy-six boys in his class are and we learn from the dean of the college that he stands in the front ranks. Let's stand by the Littleton high school and its teachers a while ionger.

Mrs. Charles W. Hunt has been suf-fering from an attack of tonsilitia this week.

The annual meeting of the Kings Daughters' circle will be held on Tuesday evening, January 3, at the home of Mrs. Elale Davis.

Rev. H. B. Drew will present a

The Woman's Alliance of the Uni-special new year's sermon on Sunday

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Main Street, Aver. LOSS - December H. about all state it Aver Station of the train to State Minks Neck Pieces Liberal (1984) MRS GILSON, 18 Buscock Street See Directors of the Boston & Maine Railroad, Petitioners for the Alteration of a Crossing at Main Street in Groton.

To the Honorable the County Commis-sioners for the County of Middle-

REPRESENTS your Petitioners, the Directors of the Boston and Maine Railroad, that a public way in the town of Groton, in said County, known as Main Street, and the Railroad of the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company, of which the Boston and Maine Railroad is the Rochester Railroad the lessee, cross each other; and that your petitioners are of the opinion that it is necessary for the security or convenience of the public that an alteration, which does not involve the abolition of a crossing at grade, should be made in the bridge at said crossing.

WHEREFORE WHEREFORE your Petitioners pray that your Honorable Board, after public notice, hear all the parties interested, and, if it decides that such alteration is necessary, shall pre-scribe the manner and limits within which it shall be made, and shall forthwith certify its decision to the parties and to the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Directors of the Boston and Maine Railrond.

By Edgar J. Rich and Thronton Alexander, their Attorneys. A true copy, Attest:

A. A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissloners for the County of Middlesex, at Lowell, in said County, on the first Tuesday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, to wit, by adjourn-ment at Cambridge on the sixteenth day of December A. D. 1910.

day of December A. D. 1910.
On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Groton Railroad Station of the Boston and Maine Railroad on Monday the thirtieth day of January A. D. 1911, at 10.45 o'clock in the forencon, by serving the Clerk of the Town of Groton in said County and the Bos-ton and Maine Railroad lessee of the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company each with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer in said County, three weeks, successively, the last publicafore said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Groton fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

RALPH N. SMITH, Ass't. Clerk. Copy of petition and order thereon Attest.

RALPH N. SMITH, Ass't. Clerk. A true copy, Attest:

A. A. FILLEBROWN. Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHI-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law next of kin, creditors, and all other persons inter-ested in the estate of PATRICK J. LAWLOR late of Ayer in said County, deceased intestate.

cested in the estate of PATRICK J. LAWLOR late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to HARRY H. FRASER of Los Angeles in the State of California without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Anddlesex. on the ninth day of January A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,

To be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nine-teenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS: Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, devisees under the will and all others interested in the estate of EDWIN JENKINS late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas, ALBERT J. ATWOOD, executor of the will of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private saie, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventeenth day of January A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a cony thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Snirit, 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 twentieth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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Ann Appleby's **Parlor**

Her Sacrifice Brought Its Reward

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The minister passed a long white hand over his bald head and looked unhappily around the darkened inte-

rior of Miss Appleby's parlor. The minister shifted his feet uneasily and looked across the room at Miss Appleby's face, which seemed merely a confused blur in the gloom. He was a youngish man, rather diffident in manner, but brave to recklessness in dealing with the problems offered by the stiff necked, rockbound members of his little flock. Then he said;

"Nevertheless I must adhere to my opinion that it is your duty to offer a home to your cousin. Suppose you had lost your house and its contents by fire and the exposure to weather had brought on an attack of rheumatism which rendered you helpless. Would you want to be cared for by kind neighbors when a relative-by the grace of God, Miss Appleby-had a roof over her head?"

"Mr. James, you know my house is filled up with summer boarders," said Ann Appleby in a strained voice.

"Every room?" "Yes," said Ann firmly. "I'm sleep-

ing in the clothespress myself." "Can't you let one of your boarder.

"I can't spare the money."

"Then let your cousin have this room-you do not use it," ventured Mr. James boldly.

For a moment there was a silence fraught with horror; then Ann spoke: "This room! Why, this is my parlor!"

The minister arose, and his tall form loomed near the ceiling of the room.

"It's not your parlor, Miss Appleby; it's God's parlor, and it is his command that you prepare it for the occupancy of his handmaiden, Sarah Drew. I am going to your cousin now. Shall I tell her you have prepared a room for her and that she will be welcome?

"Yes," said Ann Appleby grimly.

The rest of the afternoon Miss Ap pleby moved slowly about the parlor with reluctant feet, pushing the furniture into stiff rows against the walls, unfolding one slippery sofa into a springy couch. fresh with linen from some secret closet where homespun treasures were hidden in lavender.

Perhaps no one could quite estimate the mental anguish that was occasioned by these preparations. It was a violation of Ann's most sacred traditions that the Appleby house should be without a best room. About this gloomy apartment were centered recollections of joy and grief. Weddings and funerals and the minister's presence at a ceremonial tea were the only events that marked the opening of the parlor. The boarders had the use of the large sitting room across the hall, and even as a brief respite from the stress of a long day's work Ann would not have dreamed of withdrawing into the parlor's prim seclusion.

And now it must be opened for the coming of Sarah Drew! It was to be used as a sleeping room by an invalid. Sarah's medicine bottles would cumber the mantelpiece, and lint from the bed-clothes would fleck the cherished carpet. But Ann found a certain savage pleasure in leaving untouched the pictures and ornaments about the room. Sarah Drew might occupy this room, but she would always uncomfortably feel that she was violating the almost secred precincts of her cousin's home. It must always be a parlor, and the occupant would be proportionately uncomfortable, for Little River folk were not given to desecrating family altars.

When Sarah Drew hobbled into the room the next day her mild eyes opened wide with amazement.

"You're never going to put me in here. Ann!" she gasped.

"Why not?" queried Ann grimly, twitching the washstand well into view and rattling the china bowl and pitcher. "I guess you'll find everything pretty comfortable, Sarah. If you don't just ring this here bell and Emeline will wait on you."

"But I can't sleep here, Ann," quavered her cousin tremulously. "Why, it's your best room. I never slept in anybody's best room."

"No more did I," returned Ann rather tartly. "But 'tisn't my room. Mr. James says it belongs to the Lord, so you see it's no credit to me that you're occupying it.".

"Oh,, did Mr. James say that before you would invite me? I'm dreadful sorry, Ann. I wish I didn't have to come; but, you see, the house burned all down, and I didn't have a stick left, and so I came to Little River to stay with Mrs. Bell, and now all the children are down with the measles, and there wasn't any place to go but here. I nin't got nothing till I collect

my insurance money. I'll pay you"-Ann pushed her into a chair and removed the straight brimmed bat that settled unbecomingly over Sarah's

"Pay nothing!" she snorted contemptuously. "If I seem ungracious, Sarah Drew, you can lay it all to the fact that I never could find the canceled mortgage note on the place after Uncle Abel died. Your place was left free and clear, and I've had to pay Josiah Leeds \$150 dollars a year in you able to come to the dining room?" terest, and I'm wore to skin and bone taking a pack of city people to board. Drew almost hilariously.

Now, don't say a word. I'll send Emeline with your supper, and afterwards, when all these critters is fed, I'll come and set with you."

In the parlor, where the late afternoon sunshine poured through the unshuttered windows, Sarah Drew sat in wretched silence, while Emeline padded heavily to and fro, arranging a supper on the marble topped table. She moved the glass bell and the shell basket to one end of the table and spread a damask cloth. On it she placed a dish of creamed toast, fresh berries from the garden, ginger cook ies and tea.

When Emeline had departed Sarah came to the table and tried to eat, but the coldness of the marble seemed to strike through the damask cloth and chill her rheumatic limbs to the bone. As she sipped the tea from one of Ann Appleby's fine china cups her mild eyes evaded the glances of the stern visaged family portraits. To her nervously wrought fancy these ancestors glowered in angry disapproval of one who was thus shattering all the Appleby traditions at one stroke. "We wouldn't eat in the parlor,"

they seemed to mutter at her. "I don't want to eat here, and I know I can't sleep here!" cried Sarah Drew desperately, pushing her teacup violently away from her. And then she gasped in terror, for the cup struck forcibly against the glass bell and shoved it over the edge of the table, where it fell crashing to the floor, bearing the delicate shell basket to utter ruin.

The noise brought Ann Appleby to the door. Her face grew white with anger as she understood what had happened, and the anger was not appeased at the sudden realization that this long cherished parlor had ceased to be. The sofa bed and the wash-stand with its toilet articles, the dresser shoved awkwardly in a crowded corner-all of these things intruding on her fine carpet seemed to degrade the other furnishings to a lower level. It was not a parlor; it was not a bedroom. To Ann Appleby's orderly mind it was chaos.

"What is the matter?" asked Ann in a strange voice.

Sarah Drew turned a frightened face toward her cousin and then shrank into a dejected heap over the disordered table. Some of the cream from the toast slopped over and dripped to the carpet, making a little white pool in the heart of a great blue rose.

"I can't eat in a parlor!" wailed Sarah mournfully. "I never did such a thing, and I know I shall never have a mite of sleep here! I feel like I was putting you out, Ann. If I didn't have to see all your best things-and I've broken your shell basket. Ann!" "I see it," said Ann dully.

"When I get my insurance money I can pay you back again, only I don't believe you can get another shell bas-ket like that. I know you was choice of it," mourned Sarah, stabbing herself with these pointed facts,

"Father brought it from the West Indies," rejoined Ann. "It had associations."

Sarah Drew struggled to her feet and went to the sofa bed, where her hat and cape were primly laid. "I guess I better not stay any longer, Ann."

"Where are you going, Sarah Drew?" demanded Ann fiercely.

"Maybe to the hotel," faltered Sarah. "Have you got any money?"

"It was all in the house, and it went, too, but there is a hotel where I'can retorted Sarah, with sudden spirit. "The town provides for them that"-

Like a whirlwind Ann Appleby swept into the room and denuded Sarah's head of the unbecoming hat, stripped off the cape, threw a blanket over the slippery surface of the biggest horsehair chair and backed her cousin un ceremoniously into its depths.

"I left this room be like a parlor be cause I wanted you to feel uncomfortable, Sarah Drew! I'm a mean woman, but the kindness seems to be all worked out of me-I'm that tired. Now, you sleep here tonight, and tomorrow we'll clear everything out and turn this into a bedroom. It's the sunniest room in the house, and you can have a fire on the hearth when it's chilly. I guess you'll soon get over your rheumatiz. I won't hear another word, Sarah Drew. I guess one thing's the matter with me is I'm lonesome for some real kin to boss and scold at. You'll do first rate. You can stay here for good if you want to.'

Ann leaned over and kissed Sarah Drew on the top of her thin brown hair, and she was quite as surprised at the act as Sarah herself. Then she dashed from the room and returned with brush and dustpan. "I'll just sweep up this glass," she said apologetically. "I was getting awfully tired of that shell basket, Sarah. Oh!"

"What is it?" asked Sarah eagerly. Ann arose and came around the table with a crumpled strip of paper in her hand. Her voice trembled, "See what you did for me, Sarah Drew, when you broke the basket. It's the receipt Uncle Abel got from Leeds when he paid off the note, It was stuck inside the little basket. Now I can get back the \$2,000 interest I paid that old skinflint!"

"Why do you suppose Uncle Abel put it there?" quavered Sarah Drew excitedly. "It's like a miracle some

"It's one of those things that's always happening to teach lessons. I've earned mine," smiled Ann. "I'm sorry about the carpet," Sarah

was beginning when her cousin hushed her with a gesture. "I'm glad. If I turned this parlor to

some good use before, don't you see, this might have happened. Let's go out and have some clam fritters. Are "I guess I be!" exclaimed Sarah

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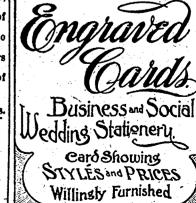
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A Sacrifice

By ANDREW C. EWING

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I left St. Petersburg in the afternoon. When the guard closed the door of the compartment I was in I noticed a man sitting opposite me give a sigh of relief. Still, he continued to look out the window, as he had been doing, apparently dreading to see something or some one. The train moved out with accelerating motion, and the faster it rolled the more relieved looked my fellow passenger.

Suddenly I heard him give a smothered cry, and, following the direction of his eyes, I saw a man running like a deer to catch the train. The passenger put his head out the window to see the end of the race, drew it in and gasped:

"My God!"

"Did he catch the train?" I asked. "He jumped on to the footboard of the last car.'

"My friend," I said, "I judge that you are a political refugee. "Why do you think that?" said the

man, stiffening up. "The man who ran to catch the

train is a government official. His object is to arrest you."

'Who are you?" "An American."

"Ah! Americans are our friends. I will tell you. That man, as you say, will arrest me, and I shall be sent to Siberia. Help me!" "How can I do that?"

'We are not unlike-the same height. both light hair and beard, both wear glasses. Give me your traveling coat and your golf cap and put on these Russian clothes. When the train stops an officer will come here to arrest me. But by that time it will be night. I shall pretend to be asleep in my corner with the collar of your coat pulled up about my face and your cap down over my eyes. You say, with a groan of despair, I am caught at last, but I will not live to go to the mines!' While they are removing you I shall

watch for an opportunity to get away

before they discover their mistake."

When the scheme was first proposed to me I had not the remotest idea of perpetrating it. But since it was an hour before the train stopped he had that time to persuade me. I should have yielded, but I was not sure that I would not suffer a long term of imprisonment for interfering in the man's capture. Before we had reached the station be had promised if I would take his place to see that the American minister was made aware of the matter, and as the train slowed down, not being able to resist his pathetic appeals. I adopted his plan.

All happened as he had predicted. As soon as the train stopped the coach door was thrown open and a lantern thrust into the compartment. True to my promise. I cried out in Russian, "I am caught at last, but I will not live to go to the mines!"

I was jerked out, of the coach and hurried away. What became of the "political": I did not know. I was taken into the station, given a closer inspection and the deception discover-By the next train I was taken back to St. Petersburg and thrown into prison.

The next morning I asked for writing materials, which were given me, and wrote a note to the American minister, stating that I was an American citizen in a Russian prison and asking his assistance. The day passed and I heard nothing. A week, a month, went I gave up hope and cursed myself for a fool.

see me, saying that he was from the embassy. I asked him why he had been so long in taking cognizance of my note. He replied that no note had been received, but the very next day after my arrest the minister had been informed of all that had happened. He had since been trying to get the government to take the matter up. I had been twice moved from one prison to another, and each time the embassy had been informed of my removal. In short, my note to the minister had not been delivered, but some one had been keeping watch over me and informing the minister of my condition.

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HANGING OF PICTURES.

How to Arrange Them Effectively In a Nursery of Child's Room.

Pictures should be hung about on the general eye level, and this rule must be remembered and adapted to the eye level of a child when hanging pictures in a child's room or in a nursery." says Lucy Abbott Throop in the Woman's Home Companion. pictures will not be noticed at all if hung too high. Pictures should be grouped according to the simple rule of balance. Taking a central vertical axis on a wall, pictures of equal size and general similarity of tone and color value will balance at equal distances from it, or one large picture will balance two pictures of half its size at equal distances from the center. If one has one fairly large picture to balance with several smaller ones the heavy one is to be nearer the center, and this will keep the feeling of balance. If you watch children on a seesaw it will explain this. If a avy boy is on one end he moves

warer the center, and several smaller boys may be needed to make the balance perfect. A large picture is usually most effective when placed alone in a space with its center coinciding with the center of the space. Two large pictures, one on each side of a mantelpiece, for instance, give a feeling of restfulness and dignity by their perfect balance. Pictures should be grouped in such a way that they have a relation to each other, are balanced on a center and in this way are made to tell as a whole. It is a useful rule to remember that things become disconnected when they are divided by a space exceeding the width or length of the objects themselves. For instance, two pictures each 1 by 2 feet when hanging one above the other must not be more than one foot apart and not more than two feet apart when side by side.

"Pictures should be hung from two hooks, and there should never be a triangle formed by the wire and the top of the picture frame. The construction lines of the room are straight, and the picture wires should also be straight. It is better not to have the support of small pictures show, as it makes too great a complexity of wires. Tacks or small picture nails may be used, according to the size and weight of the picture."

CLEANSING OF BEDDING.

How Pillows and Comforters May Be Easily Renovated at Home.

Pillows may be renovated by transferring the feathers to a rather light, loose cotton bag and washing first in a tub of hot suds containing borax, then rinsing in a tub of cold water. Wring as dry as possible. Dry by laying the bag over parallel sections of the clothesline. It may take two days to complete the drying, and the feathers should be frequently shaken to retore their fluffiness.

Another method is that of treating the feathers to a hot sun bath for a couple of days. They can be spread on a sheet if the day is perfectly still, but a large cheesecloth bag will doubtless save trouble.

Another treatment that comes well recommended is that of hanging the pillows out in a soaking rain, letting them be thoroughly wet. Afterward they must be given a day or two of sunshine in which to dry.

Cotton comfortables if not badly soiled may be cleansed by turning the hose on them after they have been securely pinned to the line. Do not wring, as this mats the cotton, but give them a long sun bath until thoroughly dry and soft. The soiled edges may first be washed with hot soap and

It is said that both pillows and the same way. But many people prefer to wash their down quilts in warm borax soapsuds, using as many waters as are needed. The main thing to remember in all these processes is that it is the long, thorough drying in the sun and the shaking and beating of the feathers when nearly dry that are most important. A little salt in the water will help to keep the colors from running in fancy covers.

The novice must not be discouraged by the dejected appearance of the articles in the tub, but must remember that wet feathers are never lightsome objects and that clear, hot sunshine is a wonderful restorer.

How to Clean a Wool Sweater. To clean a wool sweater prepare a

tub of water which shall be just pleasantly warm to the hand-tepid or luke warm. Pour into it some melted soap working the water up with the hand until it forms a good lather. Knead and punch the sweater well, but do not rub it. Rubbing will flatten all the soft, woolly surface of the material and make it hard. If very soiled the sweater may need two soap lathers to clean it. When clean wring it lightly and shake well to remove water and raise soft fiber. Hang at once outdoors, if fine and breezy; but, if not. hang in front of but not too near a fire and dry quickly to prevent shrinking. Pull into shape while drying.

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Saturday, December 31; 1910.

PEPPERELL.

On Friday evening, December 23, over one hundred gathered at the Oak hill hall for the annual Christmas tree. The program began at six p. m., with recitations, dialogues and songs by the children under direction of Miss Christmas Exercises. Edith Baker, their school teacher. The Christmas tree at the Methodist church on Christmas eve was very much credit on their own efforts as well attended considering the weather. audience felt proud of them and their achievements. For an hour and a half they were thus entertained and then Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed the load of presents on the control of the Sunday school in some way and many little hearts, and some larger ones were made glad.

Christmas day exercises at the Methodist church were well attended. In the many faces and joyous tree. The happy faces and joyous the morning the pastor, Rev. A. shouts of the young, and the interest Nelson, delivered in a very able man

The entertainment in Lawrence hall on Tuesday evening was unusually select as a moving picture show and illustrated songs. It is under the management of Messrs. Wilson and Jones, who have engaged Miss Elizabeth Reagan as soloist and Miss Beath Reagan as soloist an Trice Wallace as planist. These made be desired. Mrs. Maynard Copp, and Tuesday's entertainment a decided Miss Laura Herrig by their drilling success. Programs are announced for of the children and in other ways Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday even- helped to make the concert the suc-The Pastime is the name under which it will go.

Mrs. L. E. Starr and Miss Bertha Farnsworth were invited and attended the N. H. State grange at Concord, N. H., last week, and witnessed special exemplification of the fifth

Louis G. Rowe has accepted a position at Brown Loaf farm in Groton where he will be in charge of the poultry department. Mrs. Rowe and daughter returned on Wednesday from Beachmout where they spent Christmas at her parents.

Ezra L. Goss is ill at his home on Mill street with a severe cold in addition to his illness with an injured knee cap. He is missed from the main thoroughfare as he has for years carried the mail for a number of neighbors.

tivities on last Saturday afternoon. Avery is a student at Tufts college There was an interesting program where he is taking up a general and many unique features introduced course.

Among the guests from out-of-town including marching around the mang-er, such scholar placing therein a package to be used for charity. The children took part finely including the distribution of presents by Santa and

his wife.
List Sunday evening the Congregational Sunday school gave their Chilstmas concert in the church. The music was in charge of Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, the school by Supt. L. C. Blood. The opinions heard are that this outclassed any previous effort.

H. F. Hobart has trapped a larger number of foxes this winter than be-fore at this time, and last Saturday he got one extra large with a fine coat of fur.

Russell P. Wright was home over Christmas visiting his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris G. Tarbell of Wellesley spent Christmas and several succeeding days at Mrs. Tarbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lakin on Cottage street. Harry G. Lakin of Greenfield is a

guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lakin.

Gleanings.

Among the people from other places to spent Christmas in town were the following: Roscoe Woodward from Dean academy Rosamond and Edward Bartlett of Springfield; Ernest Bartlett of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Harris Tarbell of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Barker of Fitchburg; Alice Lillis of Everett; Russell Wright, Boston; Charles Marshall, wife and three children of Fitchburg; Mrs. Clara Church of Lynn; John Hayes of the American house, Boston.

Miss Cecil Tarbell and Miss Ruth Nelson of Wesleyan academy at Wilbraham are spending the holiday season with their parents in town. Mrs. Alfred Boynton continues to be quite ill and Mrs. Hayward is car-

ing for her.

Mrs. Charles Peck is also on the sick list and Mrs. Charles Parker is with

Glen Upson, Miss Bertha Johnson, Miss Florence True, Miss Margeurite Wilson are at home from the business colleges in Fitchburg until January 2. Glen Upson is employed in the

bottle" sho pduring his vacation. Arthur Bartlett spent Christmas with the family of A. A. Blood at Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard were with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nodding of Somerville on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Shattuck, L. P. Blood and daughter, Miss Margaret, Blood and daughter, Miss Margaret, were at Concord Junction for the holiday as guests of S. Thompson Blood and wife. Miss Annah Blood, coming from New York city, made one of the number. Later, Miss Annah Blood at home from Wilbraham academy, came to spend the remainder of her for a two weeks vacation. Thompson the number. Later, Miss Annan Blood at nome from Wildraman academy, came to spend the remainder of her for a two weeks' vacation; Thomas vacation in town.

A. Tarbell from New York at home.

Misses Bernice Lunt and Gertrude Sullivan are having a week's vaca-tion from the normal school in Fitch-

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thayer and family of Epping, N. H., spent Christmas with hi sparents on Pleasant street. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lavalley and children have been visiting relatives

Mrs. Albert Munroe of Crescent street, who has been quite ill, and confined to the house for some time, was able to attend church on Sunday

Mrs. Susie Dort spent a part of her vacation in Lawrence and Lynn, returning on Tuesday to attend the nual election of officers of Acoma Rebekah lodge.

Miss Hattie Heminway of Ayer was the guest of Miss Bertha Johnson on Monday last.

Miss Ada Whitney spent the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hall of Nashua, returning on Tuesday Miss Beatrice Wallace has left her

employment in the First National bank of Pepperell. M. C. Gilchrist has moved into the

house on Main street owned by C. F. Jewett, recently occupied by M. Cof-

of the older ones present, made this reature a decided success. season. There was special music by

cess it was. The decorations for the Christmas tree and auditorium were by Mrs. I. J. Rowell and her Sunday school class.

Reception.

The class of 1910 of the Pepperell high school held a reception at the banquet hall of the I. O. O. F. on Wednesday evening. December 28.

Despite the inclement of the large department stores in Part of the large department inclemency of the weather nearly all responded to their invita-tions. The matrons were Mrs. Lintions. The matrons were Mrs. Lin-coln Johnson and Mrs. Frank Farley. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour Miss Anna Thayer furnished music Refreshments were served. The members of the class are: Gladys Shattuck, Bessie Farley, Gertrude Sullivan, Bertha Johnson, Barbara Bancroft, Walter Avery Charles Hardy, Oliver Perry. Walter Avery and Charles Perry. Hardy were here for the evening, The Congregational church Sunday Charles Hardy from Brookline, N. H., school held their Christmas tree festivities of last Saturday afternoon. Avery is a student at Tufts college

> Among the guests from out-of-town were C. P. Houston, Tufts college; Roger Robbins also of Tufts; Roscoe Woodward, Dean academy; Miss Helen Ames of Ayer and Miss Florence True

> of Fitchburg. All of the members of the class were present with the exception of Oliver Perry, who is with the General Electric Light Co., Lynn, and was not able to be here.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis (Bertha Rowell), of Webster are visiting at I. J. Rowell's.

Miss Emma Higgins spent Christ-mas in New York city while her friend, Miss Staples, went to Portland, Me., for a visit with relatives.

As the 9.09 train was approaching the station on Tuesday morning the rear wheels of the tender jumped the track when opposite the shanty of state legislature one term. He was a the gatekeeper at the crossing. The engine broke away from the train. which stopped, and the engine came to a stop in front of the station. After a delay of a few minutes the train was taken on by an engine which arived on a freight to Nashua. The wrecking crew arrived about noon.

Mrs. Mary F. Peck is doing as well as can be expected and Arthur Bannon is slowly improving.

Roger Taft of Boston spent the Christmas holidays at his father's

McGrath of Boston: Dr. and Mrs. B. Some of the visitors in town over Davis of Webster; Raymond Lavallee the holidays were Oscar Anderson, of Fitchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Angus Boynton Merrill from Mt. Hermon Cuthbertson of Fitchburg; William school, Carrie Shattuck, Ashland, Lil-D.

lian Frost, Waverley, Winifred Boynton, Boston, Ethel Wells and Marian Ames, Bridgewater, Elba Meriam, Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster of Worcester ry Foster of Townsend street. The family of George Elmer Shat-

tuck spent Christmas day with Mrs. Millie Richards, Mrs. Shattuck's sister. Horace Dennen and family of Watertown and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boynton were at the Dennen homestead for

the holidays. L. P. Blood and daughter Margaret spent several days recently in New York city, returning with Miss Annah Miss Florence True, Miss Margeurite who is enjoying a visit with the fam-Donnelly, Russell Shattuck and Fred lly. Mrs. Lyman Fuller cared for Mrs. Blood during the absence of her husband and daughter.

Kittle Lawrence of Nashua was a recent visitor in town.

Items of News.

John H. Hayes of Boston, former the organist at the M. E. church here, as sisted in the singing at the Christmas

Norman B. Gutterson spent Christnas with his brother Chester at Waltham.

Miss Sarah E. Wright, who died this week in Nashua, was born in Pepperell, May 13, 1833, the daughter of the late Milo and Betsey (Ames) Wright. She went to Nashua to live about forty years ago, and has made her home there ever since. She was a woman well liked by a wide circle of friends and will be greatly missed. One brother, George S. Wright of this place, survives.

East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. Harmon on Wednesday, January 4. Subject, "The new year."

A very large amount of work has been done by the various societies and missions in Pepperell for the yule-tide and many hearts have been gladdened. The spirit of good will has prevailed in our old town.

The next regular meeting of the Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will be held on Friday afternoon, January 6, at half-past two o'clock, at the residence of the registrar, Miss Florence Sibley. At this meeting payment of the annual dues will be in order. Social tea.

The Woman's club holds its next meeting on Tuesday afternoon, January 3, at 2:45, at Saunders' corner. Subject, "Will Carleton," conducted by Miss Mary A. Wood. The meetings for practise of hymns

be resumed at the Unitarian church next Monday evening at halfpast seven o'clock.

Miss Nellie Mayhew of Boston was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Bow-man over Christmas. Miss Edith Child of Brookline visited her brother, Rev. D. R. Child, on Sun-

day and Monday.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will hold their annual meeting for the election of officers at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon, January 4, at 2.30. All ladies interested in the work of the church in this village are cordially invited. A social hour will follow and tea served at five o'clock, to which the gentlemen are invited.

Frank Hamilton is going to have his shop roofed in by Charles H. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. James Starr spent from Saturday till Monday with Hon.

A. P. Stone at Belmont. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Shattuck enjoyed the yuletide at his son-in-law's at Consord Junction.

Mrs. L. E. Starr and Miss Pansy

While in one of the large department mas shopping. Miss Effie Gillespie had her bag containing her pocket book, personal addressed mail and railroad book taken from her.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Helen Leighton and daughter Frances came to Hollis on Wednesday afternoon to spend the rest of the school vacation with Mrs. Leighton's sister, Mrs. Bell.

C. J. Bell has installed steam hear in his house this week.

Mrs. C. H. Davis left home on Monday for Baltimore to spend the holidays with her parents.

Sad Death.

The community was greatly shock ed and grieved last Sunday morning to hear of the tragic death of James E. Hills, who was gored to death by a bull. Mr. Hills went to the barn to water his cattle, and when he did not come to the house at the usual time, the family sent to the barn to find out what detained him. He was found dead on the floor and the bull standing over him. All the rest of the cattle were tied in their stanchions.

Mr. Hills was born in Vermont six-

ty-eight years ago, but came to Hollis when a young man, and has resided in town ever since, about fifty years. He has been a prominent man in town, having served on the board of helectmen; also, the board of education He also represented the town in the terested in the church, serving its interests in many ways. He was a man of decided convictions to which he adhered most conscientiously. He has served the church as deacon for

The funeral service was held at his late home on Wednesday afternoon and was very largely attended by relatives and friends. There were hany floral tributes showing the escem in which he was held. Singing by a quartet composed of Misses Bertha Hayden and Helen Gray, Frank A. Lovejoy and Prof. F. W. Duelley:

was formerly a pastor of this church. Mr. Hills is survived by his widow, two daughters and three sons, and five Mr. and Mrs. Foster of Worcester grandchildren who have the heartfelt spent several days with their son, Har-

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church was held at Grange hall on Thursday, December 29, at ten o'clock a. m. A dinner was served at noon. At eleven o'clock the business meeting opened with words of welcome from the pastor, Rev. C. H. Davis, after which the secretary's record of the year were read and approved, followed by the report of the treasurer was read, accepted and approved. This report showed the church had given for benevolence a little more than two hundred dollars. The superintendent of the Sunday school gave a general report of the school, regarding advance in grading A week of prayer will be observed in the M. E. church, beginning Monday evening, January 2. clety, a report of the auxiliary to the Woman's board. Then the statistical report of the pastor. He gave as to live is Christ, to die is gain."

The election of officers then took

place and were as follows: Miss Lucinda C. Reed, sec.; Miss M. Louise Stratton, treas.; Perry M. Farley, deacon for the ensuing four years; Miss Emma L. Van Dyke, member of the standing committee.

Voted, To adopt the same schedule of benevolences as last year which was the seven benevolent organizations of our denomination, except one month for Ladies' R. and C. society, and W. C. T. U. Another month for N. H. H. M. S.,, another month for home expenses.

At the business meeting after dinner the same committee on the church improvement fund, that have served the past two years were elected, putting in S. M. Spalding in place of J. E. Hills. deceased. Roll-call followed.

Resolutions on the death of Dea. James E. Hills were presented to the church and accepted by the following committee: Francis A. Lovejoy, Nellie
L. Hardy and Wilbert P. Farley.
The meeting closed by singing "My faith looks up to thee."
The church meeting was followed by

the annual meeting of the Sunday school. In the absence of the secreschool. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. McInnes was appointed secretary pro tem. Report of the secretary and treasurer showed finances in good condition, enrollment as large as last year

The nominating committee brought in the following as officers: Rev. C. H. Davis, supt.; Miss Lucinda F. Reed, asst. supt.; F. L. McInnes, sec. and treas.; Miss Grace Marshall, lib.; Miss Estelle Wodin, asst. lib.; Mrs. L. H. Burbee, W. L. Marshall, Miss Minnie A. Bancroft, dir.; Mrs. E. S. Russell. supt. of home dept. Voted, the directors of the school appoint visitors for the department.

Mrs. Lizzie Smith, widow of the late Leonard Smith, and a former resident of Hollis, died at her home in Melrose, Mass., on Tuesday evening, December 20, aged seventy-three years. She had been out and about in apparently as good health as usual until the previous Friday, when she fell in a faint and the family physician found that blood poison had developed from a cut which she had received on her finger two weeks before and which had healed over.

Everything that skill and nursing could do was of no avail, and after being unconscious for two days, she passed peacefully into the beyond.

Mrs. Smith came to Melrose, twenty one years ago and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Alma Hoft. Three sons—Charles, Fred and Willis, re-side in Melrose, and Melvin, the youngest son, in Chicago. All were with her in her last hours. She leaves also,

four grandchildren. Although Mrs. Smith was over seventy, few would think her over fifty. was followed by a tree and games fill-She was sunny and cheerful always, ed in the evening and dearly beloved in the neighborood. She had a winning smile and kind word for all, and her passing hood. has cast a gloom over young and old

Funeral services were held at her ate home on Winthrop street, Thurs-

his personal acquaintance with her, and paid the highest tribute to her as a mother, left in early life a widow, with a family, and her brave and faithful service. Three selections were beautifully rendered, "Only waiting," "One by one," and "Nearer my God to thee." After a last look at the peace-ful figure lying amid a wealth of lovely flowers, the sorrowing neigh-bors and friends left the family with their dear one, who was taken early Friday morning to Hollis and laid beside her husband in the family lot. Thanks be to God that such have lived. Although they are no more. N. P. S.

TOWNSEND.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church in the morning, taking for his topic, "An urgent invitation." The Y. P. S. C. E. at six o'clock will observe consecration meeting led by the president, Mrs. Charles Hodgman, and the Evangelistic service conducted by Rev. S. D. Ringrose will follow.

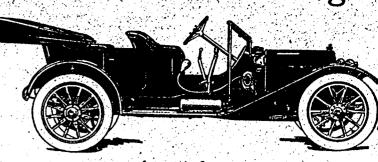
Miss Martha Neale of Derry, N. H. who is stopping with her aunt, Mrs. Lutle Osgood, at the Center, visited friends in town this week, Miss Helen Plummer from Dr. R. S.

Ely's is spending a few days at her home in Somerville. Miss Grace Seaver of Montclair, N. J., visited at the home of her uncle, G. A. Seaver this week.

The cottage prayer meeting was held at G. A. Seaver's on Wednesday evening with fourteen present, and was conducted by Walter Wilder.

Ranquet.

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gram on the topic. "Mexico," was presented. After the oyster supper had been heartily enjoyed the president Alexander Reed, introduced L. O. Barker, who gave a very interesting paper on the history of Mexico, interspersed with the reading of letters written from the Mexican war by the uncle of Alexander Reed, William Reed to his brother at home, which gave some very interesting accounts of the scenes of the war. Walter Wilder was then introduced and gave an instruc-tive paper on "The resources of Mexand H. L. Stickney spoke on the 'Railroads of Mexico." Rev. S. D. Ringrose gave a very interesting account of the "Religious life of the Mexicans," followed by remarks from the mothers present. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Alexander Reed, pres.; Dun-

can Rush, vice-pres. L. C sec.; Carl B. Willard treas. Centre.

Isaac Conrad and Forest Huse of Leominster were visitors in town over Christmas.

L. O. Barker

The M. E. Sunday school and Congregational Sunday sch ol united in a union service at the latter church Sunday and had a special program in charge of Mrs. Addie Wallace, Mrs Annie Greenleaf and Mrs. Annie Far

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Born, a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Slocomb on Thursday, December

Born, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler on Thursday, December 29. Mrs. J. L. Meader, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meader, Mrs. and Mrs. Ray Meader, Roy Meader and Miss Kate W. Pollard of Leominster; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Meader, Miss Leah Meader and Master Colby Meader of Rutland and Miss Annie C. Hale of Cambridge spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wells. Dinner

Altrurian Meeting.

The Altrurians held their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, De-cember 29, at their club room. A good number were present. After the late home on Winthrop street, Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Burke Leavitt, former pastor of the Melrose Highlands Congregational church, of which she was a member.

Mr. Leavitt spoke very tenderly of his personal acquaintance with her.

Mrs. Duise B. Baker. On "Organization of women," "Shirt waist workers." as a type was given by Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook. "Socal and educational: the grange as a type," by Mrs. Mildred T. Grout. The papers were all very interesting and were followed by discussions from different members. Mrs. Grout quoted that the grange was a tremendous power for good. ing closed with the usual club songs Mrs. Florence Ballou presiding at the piano. The subject for the next meet-

ing will be "New fields for women." LITTLETON.

News Items.

The younger members of the Unitarian Sunday school are wearing beautiful enameled pins which were distributed on Christmas morning by Superintendent J. M. Hartwell token of membership in the school and

a recognition of faithful interest. Those who were absent last Sunday and failed to receive their pins should see the pastor of the church, who has

Oliver Whitcomb Hartwell, son of Heyward Hartwell of Somerville, made a flying visit here the past week He is in the government engineering service, with headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he has been for over a year, is at his home here for a short stay. He enjoys, his work and is looking fine.

The ladies of the Baptist church have postponed the food sale at their vestry one week on account of the Woman's club meeting this afternoon. The young people of the Baptist Sunday school will serve a baked-bean supper at the vestry this evening at six o'clock.

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Edwin Tuttle, aged sixty-seven years The Men's club held a banquet at years a resident of Littleton, was Ovejoy and Froi. F. W. Duelley: The metal meeting in the reading clergymen were Rev. the regular meeting in the reading found dead in his room in Boston. The Davis of this church, and Rev. room last Tuesday evening with twentrements of Lancaster, Mass., who tay present and a very pleasing proburial on last Saturday.

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