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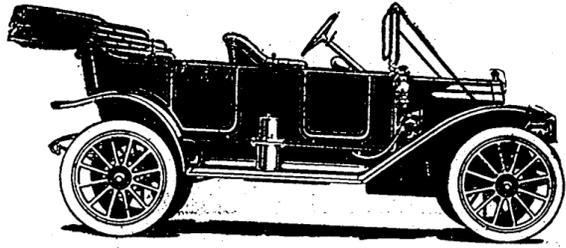
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SHIRLEY.

Guest Night.

The Ladies' Altrurian club of Shirley observed their annual guest night on Thursday evening, February 29, in the vestry of the Congregational church, about eighty-five being present. It was marked with its usual significance and enthusiasm, but wisely lacking the exclusiveness which has characterized Altrurian guest nights of former years, as the affair of the evening was decidedly informal and cosmopolitan in truth and spirit, as each and all seemed to be endowed with the genuine idea of neighborly fellowship, and the appointments of the vestry were arranged to represent the home there with the glow of flowers scattered here and there were all appropriate to the sentiment that predominated and held sway throughout the evening.

Mrs. Alice L. Wright opened the program of entertainment with a novel leap year fad, entitled "Progressive conversation," each one present being presented with a program in the form of an order with the following numbers and subjects written the same, the idea being to bring all present together in animated conversation by relieving all feeling of reserve and embarrassment:

- No. 1. The Altrurian club.
- No. 2. Presidential candidates.
- No. 3. Your favorite author.
- No. 4. The suffragette.
- No. 5. Town improvements.
- No. 6. Do you favor the "cat" license bill?
- No. 7. The country versus the city as a residence.
- No. 8. February 29, 1912. What may happen in the next four years.

The entertainment of the evening was formally opened by the president, Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, who made brief remarks of welcome and announced the program to be rendered which consisted of Miss Lucia Hutchinson, of Fitchburg, a young lady of eloquent ability, who gave several recitations of the humorous type which delighted her audience. Pleasing piano duets were then given by Miss Margreta S. Hastings and Miss Mabel Miner, followed with a piano solo by Miss Miner.

The entertainment committee consisted of Mrs. Alice L. Wright and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen. Refreshments, substantial and dainty, were served by E. H. Nutting, caterer, of Leominster, under the direction of Mrs. George O. Evans, who was treasurer of the committee. The attentive waiters consisted of Misses Gertrude L. Conant, Mary A. Gleason, Grace M. Kilburn, Lura A. White, Margreta S. Hastings and Mabel Miner.

The decorative committee consisted of Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, Mrs. Lydia R. Binney and Mrs. Frances A. Herson, while the affair of the evening was under the entire charge of the executive committee, which consisted of Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Mrs. Lydia R. Binney, Mrs. Frances A. Herson, Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, Mrs. Hattie W. Evans and Mrs. Amy C. Wheeler.

The guests of the evening were delighted with the hospitality together with the greeting and entertainment accorded them by the club members, which made the evening one of ideal enjoyment.

The Altrurian club was organized on December 30, 1897, its past presidents being:

- Mrs. Maria T. Torrey, 1897-1901.
Mrs. Mary J. Hazen, 1901-1903.
Mrs. Lydia R. Binney (unexpired term) 1903-1904.

Mrs. Martha J. Conant, 1904-1907.
Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, 1907-1909.
Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, 1909-1911.

It is worthy of mention to say at this time that everyone conversant with the splendid record of the Altrurian club will agree with the fact that the town of Shirley owes much to the Altrurians for the social edification of its people, not excluding the children, its progress along lines of culture and literary attainments, together with its high moral tone, which has been a tower of strength in the community to say nothing of the sunshine which it has diffused into a large number of homes in Shirley, where the hand of affliction has smitten deep and hard, also, its widespread attention to the sick and afflicted confined in various state institutions has made their influence for good works unlimited and in their efforts to build a club home should have the undivided support of each and all.

GROTON.

West Groton.
Miss Isabel Bixby, of Boston, is a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bixby.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb are entertaining Mr. Vedder, Mrs. Lamb's father, of New York.

Miss K. A. Tarbell, who has been in poor health for some time past, was quite ill on Thursday.

On Thursday afternoon, Miss Addie Rudolph, who lives with her sister, Mrs. W. V. Bixby, returned to Groton hospital for further treatment.

Miss Angeline Farnsworth has been in Shirley for some weeks, assisting in the care of a brother, ill with measles.

A. W. Adams was called away last week by the critical illness of his father, and since his return has been in hourly expectation of a still sadder message. Latest reports, however, are somewhat more favorable.

Frank Powell, employed in Lowell, was at home for the week-end and had many incidents to relate of his military service in Lawrence.

Earl Sleeper, who has recently suffered with a severe attack of grippe, returned to his work on Monday.

Harold Strand, who has been for several years in Hall's jewelry store in Fitchburg, wishing to obtain a varied experience, has taken a position with a firm in Oldtown, Me. In early boyhood this young man expressed a determination to become a jeweler and since entering the business has held steadily to this purpose and has already become quite proficient in some branches of his chosen calling.

It is understood that Mr. LaCasse moved this week from the house in the paper mill yard to the cottage on the back Groton road owned by H. E. Lindall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley and Harry Kemp attended the funeral of an uncle, Henry O. Seaver, of Townsend, on Saturday, February 24. Three days later, on Tuesday, February 27, Mr. and Mrs. Shepley, accompanied by Miss Flora Kemp, also attended the funeral of an uncle, George E. Page, of Fitchburg, who will doubtless be remembered by some of our oldest residents. Mr. Page was seventy-two years of age. He was a veteran of the civil war, having seen three years of service. At one time he served on

the police force in his city. Veterans of the G. A. R. were present at the funeral services. The deceased leaves two sons and two daughters.

The annual business meeting of the West Groton Water Supply Company will be held at the hall on Tuesday evening, March 5.

Rev. Dr. Walker, of Boston, will give an address in the chapel next Sunday evening at seven o'clock. All are cordially invited to be present. The chorus of the Thursday evening concert will give a song service by special invitation of the pastor.

Successful Concert.

The old folks' concert on Thursday evening, given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society, was "ye great success." The hall was well filled and the audience was pleased and appreciative. A fine chorus of twenty-eight voices rendered songs of ye old-time. A diversity of old-time costumes and coiffures, all pleasing, some exceedingly effective, added greatly to the interest of the occasion.

Miss Sylvia Lawrence, in a quaint costume of long ago, sang "Robin Adair," with "Coming thro' the rye," as an encore. Miss Lawrence has a voice of singular sweetness which cannot fail to give pleasure. Mrs. A. W. Lamb, in her mother's bridal gown, but in her own sweet tones, sang two dearly loved old songs, "Katherine Mavourneen," and "Annie Laurie." "Grandma's advice," by Miss Ruth Mellish, caused many ripples of laughter. The audience listened with rapt attention and keen pleasure to the violin selections of the Misses Mary and Geraldine Lawrence, of Groton, with piano accompaniment by their mother, Mrs. John Lawrence. These young ladies, charmingly attired as colonial maidens, gave to their listeners, particularly to violin lovers, an enjoyment which was greatly appreciated.

The director, Miss Susie F. Hill, and the pianist, Mrs. F. L. Blood, worked zealously during many rehearsals, and to their efforts the successful evening is largely due. The sum of \$24.55 represents the proceeds netted by the society.

Are Meeting with Success.

Information for the following item is contributed by a West Grotonite who corresponds with various travelers who have wandered far from their home town. We thus learn from a communication from "the sweet, sunny southland" that Elmer E. Small has been promoted to the position of superintendent of a packing house in Cocoa, Fla. Three carloads of fruit are being shipped weekly and it is expected that at least 20,000 boxes of oranges will have been packed and shipped by the close of the winter season. We are glad to know that a West Groton boy is occupying this responsible position. We have not been informed as to the salary of Mr. Small, but we judge that it is substantial. We are pleased to add that another West Groton boy, Frank A. Brown, is making the entire supply of boxes needed by this concern.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Littlefield went to the drama, "The colonel's maid," in Littleton on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Nelson spent the week-end at Silver hill.

Mary Nelson is at home enjoying a short vacation from her school duties.

Quite a number from here went to see the drama, "Popping by a proxy," which was given by the Acton grange at Acton Center on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge, of Beverly, became the parents of a son last week Friday evening, which passed away two hours later. Mrs. Dodge is doing as well as possible under the circumstances.

Miss Anna Donovan, the teacher of No. 3 school, went home over the holiday and as she took Friday for a visiting day, she did not return until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartwell visited out-of-town over Washington's birthday.

Lewis Richardson and Chauncey Robbins are both suffering from attacks of lumbago.

Rev. F. H. Viets desires a good attendance at church on Sunday, because a missionary speaker will be present to address the congregation.

Eben Mead spent Washington's birthday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mead, but is now working for Sterling Moore in South Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbins went to the church fair held in Stow on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Nathan Smith and three children, of Clinton, visited several days at J. R. Cobleigh's recently.

Elbridge and Warren Hatt, of Salem, spent the holiday at J. R. Cobleigh's.

Quite a number of our young folks gathered at the town hall last week Thursday evening to attend a Washington's birthday party given by Misses Grace Cobleigh, Mildred McLenathan and Edith Woodward. Games were played and as each young lady brought a box lunch, by having an auction sale each young man had both a partner and a lunch. Dancing was enjoyed until eleven o'clock.

The friends of Mrs. Charles Myers are glad to see her once more among us after her long sickness. Mrs. Charles Knight is improving at last accounts.

At the last meeting of the grange, several of the members presented a minstrel show. The two end men, unfortunately, could not take part, but the others did their best to make up for their absence. Stephen Salmon, 3d, and Arthur Nelson both deserve praise for their jokes and songs, and

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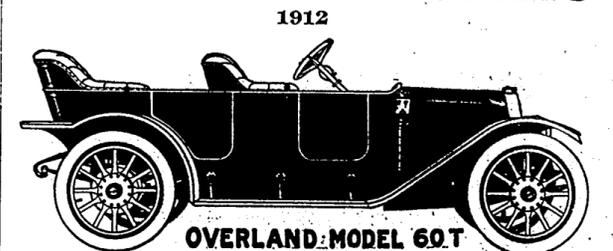
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WESTFORD.

Center.

Mrs. M. J. Gillette and Mrs. Henry Whitney were week-end guests at Mr. and Mrs. Emory J. Whitney's this last week.

Word comes to the Westford friends from the Misses Atwood that they have left Los Angeles, where they have so thoroughly enjoyed their stay and gone to San Diego, where they will stop awhile, after which they will begin to come homewards.

Mrs. Thomas Lindsey of Somerville has been the guest for several days this week of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitney.

Mrs. A. H. Sutherland underwent an operation Monday of this week at the Woman's Charity Club hospital, Brookline. Her many friends will be glad to hear that at this writing she is doing nicely.

Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher, owing to frail health, still remains in the shut-in class.

Mr. and Mrs. Will R. Carver's little daughter, Elizabeth, who has been so ill at their home in Somerville, is reported as much better.

The regular weekly prayer meeting which has been held during the winter at the homes of members, resumed its meetings at the vestry on Wednesday evening of this week.

Miss Elizabeth Kittredge, who graduates from Vassar college this coming June, has the distinction in her class of belonging on the honor roll of scholarship.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prescott Wright, of Brookline, were at the Westford homestead on Sunday for the first time since their return from their foreign trip.

Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney has recently met with the H. B. Hills and the Misses Atwood in Los Angeles. This reunion of our Westford travelers must have proved very pleasant.

The heavy, wet snow of Tuesday morning made bad work for the first trips of our branch line electric car. Road superintendent, Frank Miller, went over the road with the scraper, with four horses attached. Some satisfaction to feel that as far as the cars are concerned there can't be many more hindering snow storms this season.

At the next meeting of the grange, Thursday evening, March 7, Joseph H. Peckham, a representative of the E. I. Dupont, De Nemours Powder Company, has been engaged to give a talk on the uses of dynamite in agriculture and orcharding. It has been fully demonstrated that dynamite has been a great help to the farmer in many ways and it is hoped all who possibly can will attend the meeting, which will be open to the public.

The entertainment with the blind pianist, followed by a social at the town hall this Saturday evening, promises to be one of the interesting events of the season.

The first in the academy course of lectures will take place at the town hall next Friday evening, at eight o'clock. There will be a stereopticon lecture by Capt. Charles Mason Fuller, formerly of the U. S. navy, on "The great Panama canal." This is a timely subject, and Capt. Fuller is a fine speaker and thoroughly qualified with his subject. Admission twenty-five cents.

Guest Night.

The ladies of the Thimble club gave their annual guest night for their husbands on Washington's birthday evening. This was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert V. Hildreth, and the pleasant hospitality of this genial host and hostess was fully maintained according to many pleasant memories of former occasions.

A cooperative dinner was served at seven o'clock with covers laid for twenty-one. The management of this had been placed in the hands of Miss Carolyn Putnam Webber, of Lowell, and proved a highly satisfactory combination of trained skill in culinary excellence and deftness of service on the part of Miss Webber and her assistant. The dining-room decorations were entirely in keeping with the day. There were flowers and lanterns, and over the fireplace were pictures of George and Martha Washington draped with red, white and blue. The table decorations were red carnations and ferns with place cards adorned with tiny flags and a cherry cluster for each guest. Also at each plate were little parcels wrapped in white paper and tied with red, white and blue ribbon. These were opened by each person just before the meal was served and were chosen to represent suitably in each case the interests, hobbies or fads of the person for whom they were intended.

As each one in turn opened their parcel they were accompanied by the reading of an original poem read by the hostess. These were a complete surprise and were so aptly and tactfully chosen and so cleverly written up that the real fun they caused must have compensated the capable and modest member who planned them and who from this time forth will be the club poetess.

After the dinner adjournment was made to the parlors and progressive whist enjoyed. The score cards in colonial design were most appropriate. The highest score was made by nine host. A pleasant feature was the reading by the hostess of toasts and greetings from the only absent members, Mr. and Mrs. Goodie, in New York.

The company broke up at a reasonable hour, feeling that this was the best over in the annals of the club.

Tadmuck Club.

The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club was held in Library hall on Tuesday afternoon with a good attendance considering the weather and traveling. The committee on preliminary exercises had arranged for readings from Longfellow, which was especially appropriate, the meeting coming on his birthday anniversary. Miss Bertha Norris read with excellent effort the poems, "Snowflakes," and "Spring." The pedestal with bust of the poet, which adorns the room, was ornamented with a spray of flowers.

The program for the afternoon was the sixth in the season's special topic for study of South America, the subject being "Argentina and her eastern neighbors," and was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler presented a studious and well prepared paper dealing with these countries of Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. This was supplemented by Mrs. Wheeler, who gave a travel sketch of a transcontinental trip over the Andes.

The next meeting of the club promises to be especially attractive. This will be in the evening in the Unitarian church, and Mrs. Emma Abbot Kebler will present an account of her trip through Africa taken last year. This will be illustrated with stereopticon and Mrs. Kebler has some very attractive pictures. After the lecture there will be a social hour and tea will be served.

At the meeting on Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Warren H. Sherman, of Grantville, was received into membership in the club.

About Town.

Charles Andrews, of Providence, was in town last week, mostly in the nature of a business visit, calling at the office of the Abbot Worsted Company at Grantville and C. G. Sargent's Sons' machine shop. Mr. Andrews formerly lived in town on the Tallent farm on the Stony Brook road, and will be remembered by all the Stony Brook friends and many others. Mrs. Andrews, since leaving Westford, has had several paralytic shocks, which have left her partially helpless. Their son Edward is living on the old Daniel Hayden place in Groton with his two children.

The republican caucus for the nomination of town officers will be held at the town hall on Tuesday evening, March 5. The democrat caucus will be held on Monday evening at the same place.

The board of registrars will hold a meeting at Healy's hall, Grantville, on Monday evening, March 4, at Forge Village on Wednesday evening, March 6, at Abbot hall. The last meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9, from noon until ten p. m., at the town hall, Westford Center.

The ladies of the Unitarian church give an entertainment at the town hall this Saturday evening. One of the unusual features of the evening will be selections by a blind pianist. Come and encourage the blind to see how you appreciate their efforts. Remember the blind frequently have a keener vision than eyesight, and are very liable to tell whether it is a small, unappreciative audience. It would be discourteous to have that condition come to pass.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher has been chosen to represent the town before the legislative committee on agriculture in an effort to establish an agricultural school in Middlesex county. As a member of the governor's council, and four years' experience in the legislature he is well qualified to know the wisest procedure. Aside from this experience he has the real goods in his personality and the elements in success, which is his endowment by nature always yield attractive results. He appears to be by experience and nature the best ever the town has to move this new agricultural school into place. Oak hill has something the worth reckoning with.

On Sunday, March 3, at the Unitarian church, Rev. Lyman B. Weeks will speak on the subject "Foreign immigration and national prosperity." The Sunday school, under the supervision of Harold Hildreth, will meet after the morning service. The Men's Industrial class will meet at the same time in the church parlors. Full order of service in the evening at five o'clock, with address by the minister on "Some lessons to be learned from the Lawrence strike."

Elizabeth Kittredge was one of a very few who got high rank in her studies at Vassar college. She is a niece of Representative Edward Fisher.

Houghton Osgood is painting his house, which adds much to the sunny, thrifty appearance of Chamberlin's corner. Nathan Prescott handles the brush, which means real paint and not pretence.

The Chums Cozy club, which planned for a sleighride last week, cancelled their intentions on account of the cancelled condition of the snow, and substituted a social and dance in Marshall's hall.

Elmer E. Whidden, of Whidden's corner, has presented to the West Chelmsford school three busts of George Washington. He was a scholar at this school when his father, Augustus F. Whidden, was station agent in the village.

Fred Snow is enjoying a business vacation with pleasure attachments in New York city. He expects to be absent from the clip and chip business at Oak hill about a week, and then it will be the usual again. "Is Fred Snow in the office?"

The steam shovel is still plunging away at the debris that covers the quarry on Oak hill. A recent breakage caused delay until repairs arrived from Marion, Ohio.

Obituary.

Dexter Butterfield, who died in Dunstable last week Thursday, was a native of the town and nearly seventy years old. In his death the Middlesex North Agricultural society loses one of its oldest and most active trustees. Prominent at the meetings, he always had an opinion on the management of the society. The annual fair and the Farmers' Institute in the winter received his encouragement by his presence and contribution. He had held nearly all the town offices and was treasurer of the town at the time of his death. He served three years in the civil war in Co. A, Second Massachusetts Infantry. This company was known as the Abbot Grays.

After his return home he settled on the old Butterfield farm, the place of his birth. In 1894, he sold it and moved to the village, where he proved to be a familiar pillar in support of church, school, town and wholesome activities generally. He was a member of the Congregational church and for many years superintendent of the Sunday school. He was the first to sound the alarm at the burning of the church a year or more ago, being janitor at the time. The new church on the ashes of the old was his last public effort. He was greatly good and wisely shrewd, and no one the poorer for his shrewdness. He was a familiar figure in the cluster of towns about Dunstable in North Middlesex.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon from Memorial hall, a large gathering being present, representing all the nearby towns. The services were conducted by Revs. B. H. Weston and Bernard Copping, former ministers of the church. The latter gave an eloquent tribute to his life as a soldier, as citizen of the town, to his uprightness and one who hated deceit. The bearers were members of the Abbot Grays, Co. A, Second Massachusetts regiment—Capt. Comey, of Danvers; Lieut. William Taylor McAlpine, of Lawrence; and comrades Stickney and Fife, of James A. Garfield post, of Lowell.

Debate.

The last debate at Historical hall last week was cheered by a large gathering to hear the following question discussed: Resolved, "That the people are more responsible for the high cost of living than the trusts." Affirmative, Samuel Naylor, Clarence Burns; negative, Edward Chapman, Charles Nystrum. From the floor Harold Hill Fletcher and James Dwyer reigned forth some telling opinions.

After the arguments were all in, voting on the merits of the subject and arguments were called for, a majority voting in favor of the negative on the merits of the question, and for the affirmative on the merits of the argument.

The next debate will be held on Tuesday evening, March 5, when the following question will be discussed: Resolved, "That government ownership of transportation lines would be of more benefit to the country than private ownership." Affirmative, Will Reuben Taylor, James Peck; negative, Capt. John J. Monahan, Frank McGlinchey.

Grantville.

Both masses were celebrated in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning by Rev. M. E. Doherty. He also delivered a very strong sermon on "Temptation." Lenten devotions were held in the same church on Wednesday evening at 7.30, and were largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Doherty, who gave an impressive sermon on "Death."

St. Catherine's church was represented at the reception held in honor of his eminence Cardinal William O'Connell at St. Patrick's church, Lowell, on last Sunday afternoon by the following men, representing the different societies: Holy Name society, John F. Kavanaugh, J. A. Healy, Jas. O'Brien, A. R. Wall; Court Westford, M. C. O. F., C. E. Dubevoir; St. Catherine Temperance society, Thomas Hughes. There were also several others from here who went to Lowell on Sunday and were fortunate enough to get a good view of the cardinal.

Mrs. Timothy A. Riney with her two little daughters, Alice and Anna, of Camden, N. J., are now visiting at the home of Mrs. Riney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hyacinthe LeDuc here.

William Robinson, one of the road men with the C. G. Sargent Sons' corporation, who injured his hand while doing some "setting up" while in Canada recently, losing one of his fingers at that time, is now getting along well, but will not be able to use his hand for several weeks.

Joe Wall has recently finished the exterior painting of the postoffice building and it now presents a very neat appearance.

Miss Catherine E. Rafferty, a well-known and highly esteemed young lady of this village, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rafferty, was united in marriage to Robert J. McNabb, a former resident of Fitchburg, at the parochial residence of St. Mary's Catholic church in Norfolk, Va., Sunday, February 18. Rev. Fr. James Healy was the officiating clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. McNabb will make their home in Norfolk, where Mr. McNabb is engaged in the electrical business.

Miss Nora Sullivan of Marboro has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Healy.

Business continues to be good here, both in the mills and shops, and as soon as better weather conditions prevail the different quarries will start up, as it is understood that the numerous granite dealers here have large standing orders to fill.

Forge Village.

Communion services at St. Andrew's mission will be held next Sunday morning at 9.30 o'clock, Rev. A. L. Bumpus officiating.

On next Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock, Lenten services will be held at the St. Andrew's mission with a sermon by Mr. Bumpus.

The Ladies' Sewing circle will meet in Recreation hall on next Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour.

Miss Alice L. Prescott returned to her school duties Saturday after a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Prescott.

An eleven-pound baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Colatta, of Bradford street, on Wednesday, February 21.

Miss Sarah J. Precious gave a most enjoyable musicale at her home on Saturday evening. Her many pupils were heard in several selections on the

piano, and showed careful training. At the conclusion of the program a delicious supper was served.

Miss Marion Bailey, of Lowell, spent Tuesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connors, of Ayer, were the guests on Sunday of Mrs. Connors' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Elliott.

A grand concert will be held in Abbot hall on Tuesday evening March 5, to be given by well-known Lowell talent. Thomas Long, composer and singer, will be assisted by Burnett Marsham, Shakespearean reader, and Frank Higgins, impersonator. A program of excellent numbers has been arranged and all who attend are promised an evening of first-class music and entertainment.

Mrs. John Spinner is still ill at her home. Dr. C. A. Blaney, of Westford, is in attendance.

Miss Anna Keefe, of Townsend Harbor, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. John Carmichael, over Sunday.

Well Given.

On Tuesday evening, in Abbot hall, the Catholic club of North Chelmsford presented their second performance of "The district school No. 7," which they previously put on in the town hall, North Chelmsford. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and even standing room was hard to find. The sketch was finely carried out and the house was kept in laughter from the first appearance of the country pupils till the close of the session. The players deserve great credit for the success of the affair as also does Rev. M. E. Doherty, who is founder of the club and also its manager. Mr. Doherty is a great worker and this is only an added success of his untiring efforts.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the hall was cleared and dancing was enjoyed, the Precious orchestra furnishing the music. A large sum was netted to be used for church expenses.

LITTLETON.

Farmers' Institute.

The unfavorable weather forecast had little effect on the attendance at the Farmers' Institute held in Littleton town hall on Tuesday, February 20. From Tewksbury and Ashby the people came, and all seemed interested, enthusiastic and eager to learn and enjoy all that the full and profitable program had in store.

Howard Fester, of Tewksbury, presented Albert F. Hayward, of Ashby, who commanded the closest attention throughout his instructive and well framed discussion of the origin and characteristics of our best known breeds of cattle.

"Most of our good breeds," he said, "came from across the water, from England, Scotland and the channel islands. He distinguished sharply between the beef cattle and the dairy cattle. The former came chiefly from the north of England, the Durham cattle, of Northeast England, belong to this class. They were taken there originally by the Danes, who settled in England before the time of William the Conqueror. Five hundred years ago fancy prices were paid for cattle, as illustrated by the speaker.

Two lines of breeding were early followed, beef and dairy, and the most desirable qualities persistently sought by scientific breeders until there are many varieties of cattle, each superior in certain points to other kinds. Among the prominent breeds, Mr. Hayward noted Herefords, Durham, Devon, Galloway, Aberdeen, Angus, Polled Angus and a few other breeds from the British Isles, and from the continent of Europe, the Holstein and the Brittany cattle originating from the same stock.

Of the Dutch belted cattle, owned by the nobility, few have been sent to this country. The Holstein-Friesian cattle are the largest dairy animals and the largest milk producers. One family of Holsteins holds probably the best record as butter makers. Of the channel island breeds, the Jersey and Guernsey cattle, Mr. Hayward spoke highly in regard to their butter making qualities. The Ayrshire cattle, of Northwest Scotland, possess many fine traits; they are heavy milkers and their milk is especially good to peddle.

The tendency now is to breed whiter Ayrshire and Holstein cattle than formerly. The Brown Swiss are excellent dairy animals, but they have not the hold on the dairy population that the other breeds have.

When asked what kind Mr. Hayward preferred for dairy purposes, he replied: "A good black and white cow is my choice."

John K. Whiting, of Boston, was next introduced. Mr. Whiting confined himself chiefly to the production, transportation and the distribution of milk. One of the early proposals was that of controlling the supply and demand. Weather was a controlling factor in the demand. Eventually the surplus milk was converted into butter and cheese, and thus small creameries and cheese factories came into use, and a surplus plan of buying milk was introduced. This, however, gave away to the Knapp tables, brought about by a desire to know what to expect for a can of milk. These Knapp tables would show what the farmer could get for his milk. Mr. Whiting said that at present his firm is buying only on the restriction plan.

Milk, in unmanufactured form, brings greater profit than when converted into butter and cheese, consequently the contractor must guard against having too great a surplus to be made into these products.

About the standard, Mr. Whiting did not care to say much. However, he hoped that if the Holstein breed of cattle were used for dairy purposes, it would be the kind that comes from Ayer.

Dr. North, who is connected with the health department of New York, is making a great effort to have the consumers secure clean milk, that is, a product whose bacterial count is not over 500,000, the milk coming only from tuberculosis tested cows, and under the most sanitary conditions possible. These extra precautions call for increase of one cent per quart in

the price of milk, and to Dr. North's dismay he finds very little demand for this high-priced certified milk.

In regard to transportation, Mr. Whiting discussed the unjust arrangement provided by the Saunders' law, which fixes the same rate for shipping a few cans that is in force for a better adjustment of the transportation than that now in use. One of the great problems is how to meet all the demands of the consumer, who wants some fat in the milk, and requires that it be produced under sanitary conditions, etc. An enormous amount of condensed milk is consumed by Boston people. Mr. Whiting spoke of James O. Jordan, milk inspector, as very efficient and always alert.

He enumerated many perplexing experiences of the contractor. The temperature standard, the count of bacteria and other regulations and laws of city and state are many times the cause of much trouble to the contractor. Some people would do away with the contractor, but Mr. Whiting force is needed in the city to carry on the milk business for the producers. He believes that producers, contractors and consumers should cooperate for the good of all.

A good, substantial dinner was served to 150 or more by the grange during the noon hour.

The after-dinner speaking was in charge of Rev. H. L. Packard, toastmaster, who filled the position to the eminent satisfaction of his audience. The responses were crisp, entertaining and instructive, and received with hearty applause. This part of the program was as follows:

Cornet solos, Charles M. Gallzher, accompanied by Miss Esther McInnes; "Co-operation of brother men," Rev. Herbert Cautkins; vocal solos, Mrs. Leslie Hager, accompanied by Mrs. C. K. Houghton; "Harvesting the fruit in Oregon," Harry Barker; "The Lawrence strike," Rev. James E. Gregg, Lowell; "English horses," Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence; "Keeping hens," Nahum B. Whitcomb; general remarks, Delacey Corcum, Billerica.

Mrs. E. G. Fairfield, the next speaker, presented a scholarly and practical treatise on "Housekeeping and home making." She would insist first upon cleanliness and plenty of fresh air, and then perform the essential and eliminate the unimportant things in housekeeping. Housekeeping she defined as a science and home making as a high art, involving the greatest responsibility and attaining its highest possibilities only through the instrumentality of the woman who is wholesome in body and devote in spirit. "Happy the woman who is a home maker." Hon. F. A. Patch placed on exhibition samples of seedless apples raised by William Decatur.

Henry M. Howard, of the State Board of Agriculture, was the last speaker of the day. His subject, "\$1000 per acre, or money-making crops on small farms," was attractive and was well discussed—\$1,000 to the acre means four hundred dollars' profit. Plenty of good fertilizer thoroughly worked into the ground are first essentials. Able, efficient help, good seed and a generous sowing of it properly covered and later thinning out of young plants, spraying with water, care in preparing products for market and the services of a good salesman were points emphasized in Mr. Howard's valuable address. Lettuce, celery and beets are his principal products, and spinach, cauliflower and cabbages and some place on his farm. Much of the information received was gained through a quiz which Mr. Howard conducted the last fifteen minutes.

Grange.

On Wednesday evening, February 21, the grange held an enthusiastic meeting with the following interesting program:

An evening with Washington and Lincoln, patriotic song, by a chorus of "Washington and Lincoln," Mrs. Charles Kimball, sketch of Lincoln's life, Rev. H. L. Packard, readings, "Washington," "George Washington," "How Lincoln's cabinet," Mrs. R. T. Barrows; song, tramps.

John A. Wright reported \$23.50 profit from the complimentary thirty dollar supper and approximately thirty dollars from the institute dinner.

During the social hour there was a lively discussion of possibilities for the change in the line of town improvement. It is expected that some of the plans under consideration will materialize in the near future.

The next meeting will be held on March 6, when the first and second degrees will be conferred on a class of ten candidates.

News Items.

Mrs. Douglass Whitcomb was a guest of the Waltham Woman's club last week Friday.

Mrs. D. G. Houghton was a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. Priest, in Groton.

Miss Gertrude F. Sanderson gave a most interesting and instructive address at the Congregational church Sunday evening. Her subject was "Christ in art."

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

Rev. Bernard Copping, of Stratham, N. H., a former pastor, assisted in the church services on Sunday, preaching the sermon in the morning, and conducting the C. E. service in the evening. Mr. Copping was called to officiate at the funeral of Dexter Butterfield, which took place in the afternoon at the town hall, where a large number of townspeople, representatives of the North Middlesex Agricultural society, relatives and veterans gathered for the last service. The casket was draped with the national flag. A profusion of rich and rare flowers spoke the sympathy of a large circle of those who mourn his loss.

Alice Goldthwaite met with a serious accident while coasting on last week Friday.

Miss Isabel Menut was home from Fairhaven for a few days recently.

Mrs. Downs, the aged aunt of Charles Smith, in passing from one room to another, fell and dislocated her shoulder on Tuesday.

On Wednesday of this week occurred the funeral of William Swallow, eldest son of the late Alpheus Swallow. This is the first break in that unusual family of ten sons.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the many friends for the many kindnesses during the long illness of our loved one, and for the beautiful flowers and singing, which we appreciated so much at the time of our sad bereavement. Mrs. Eleanor Hayward, H. Frank Bezanon and Family, E. Pepperell, Mass., Feb. 28, 1912.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, Probate Court. To all persons interested in the real estate of EPIPHANUS M. BURGESS late of Pepperell in said County deceased, interested parties: Whereas, FRANK H. BURGESS of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, has presented to said Court a petition representing that he as the husband of said deceased, is entitled to take five thousand dollars and one half of the remaining personal estate of said deceased; and that one half of the remaining real estate of said deceased, in excess in value the sum of five thousand dollars over and above the amount necessary to pay the debts of said deceased, and praying that the whole of the real estate which is described in said petition be assigned and set out to him by the Court according to law, to provide for said deficiency, at a value of two thousand dollars, or at such other value as may be fixed by said Court.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twelfth day of March A. D. 1912, 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 copy 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 in a newspaper published in Ayer, once in each week, for three successive weeks, 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 February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. W. B. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law and all others interested in the estate of EPHRAIM M. BURGESS late of Harvard in said County deceased: Whereas, ADELINA M. BURGESS executrix of the will of said deceased has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at public auction or upon such terms as may be ordered by the Court, 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 Worcester, in said County, on the nineteenth day of March A. D. 1912, 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 copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3125 JOHN W. MAWBEY, Register.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Mrs. Jacob Aspinwall has returned home after caring for Oren Ball at the Harbor, during his recent sickness.

Will Cowdrey returned home from a Boston hospital last week Thursday, after having recovered from a successful operation.

J. F. Ripley, who has been in ill health for some time, returned home from a private hospital in Roxbury on Monday. He underwent a very successful operation for appendicitis.

There was an interesting meeting and quite a few present at the grange on Monday night when town affairs were discussed. Although the discussion was to be on general topics, it would drift in spite of all to the eternal water question and several of the speakers waxed strong in their arguments for and against it, thus making the meeting a lively one, as in the old debating days.

Mrs. Dresser and her father, Mr. Gurley, have moved into Mrs. Emily Barrett's house and Mrs. Dresser will have the care of Mrs. Barrett. Mrs. Addie Whidden, a step-daughter, who has been with Mrs. Barrett for seventeen months, has gone to Lowell to be with her sister for a while.

The next meeting of the Monday club will be held on Monday afternoon, March 4, at the home of C. W. Hildreth. Mrs. Angie Lang and Mrs. Bertha Drake will be hostesses. The meeting is in charge of Mrs. Ellen C. Howard and will be "An afternoon with Dickens."

It is rumored that three more clubs have been formed recently in town—Daisy club, Birthday club and the Tombstone club. It is understood that the object of the last named club is to repair with its funds the old tombstones.

Miss Harriet Miller, of Attleboro, and David Howard, of Worcester Polytech, are at their respective homes on vacations.

Miss Grace Tarbell and Mrs. Minnie Withers, of Dorchester, were at George Tarbell's recently.

Mrs. Charles Burnham, of Brookline, N. H., spent last week at B. D. Burgess' and returned home with Mr. Burnham, who came over for Sunday.

John C. Dow, of Pentacook, N. H., is the guest this week of his son, A. L. Dow.

Mrs. John Livingston entertained her sister from Hollis, N. H., the past week.

Charles W. Hildreth, who has been on the sick list for some weeks past, is now able to be at his store again.

During one of last week's windy days, Albert Howard's windmill blew over, frame and all. Mr. Howard had only a short time before been up in it and considered himself lucky later that it didn't happen to fall at that time. Several trees in various parts of the town were also blown over.

There will be a dinner served in the banquet room at Memorial hall on town meeting day, Monday, March 4. The Phebe Farmer Tent, D. of V., will have it in charge. Mrs. Hattie Cook, chairman of committee.

The Townsend high school lost once more in its debate with Lunenburg high at Lunenburg last week Friday night. The score was closer than before, however, the total of the points averaged 78 for Lunenburg, and 74 for Townsend. The question in debate was: Resolved, "That the United States was justified in abrogating the treaty of 1822, with Russia." Quite a good many from all the villages went over and some had to remain all night as the traveling proved so bad that the barge could not carry them all back.

Board of Trade Meeting.

The Board of Trade and invited guests enjoyed a meeting and banquet at Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening. The supper was served by members of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge. Mrs. Margaret B. Higgins was chairman of the supper committee and with the aid of her able assistants made it all that could be desired. Oyster stew, hot rolls, sliced ham, pies, cakes and coffee were among the good things upon the bill of fare. About thirty-five were present.

F. B. Higgins, president, presided at the meeting, and a copy of the town warrant was on deck for the evening's discussion. All the principal articles were carefully gone over; also, the advisability of choosing an advisory or finance committee was discussed, and the matter of tax collecting, there being over nine thousand dollars in uncollected taxes due at the end of the year; also, the matter of good roads, and the condition of sidewalks after snow storms, and several other topics interesting to all citizens of the town.

West.

The Ladies' Mission circle met on Wednesday afternoon of last week with Mrs. S. D. Ringrose at the parsonage, and a very interesting program was carried out. The annual election of officers took place, resulting in the appointment of Mrs. S. D. Ringrose, pres.; Mrs. E. A. Craig, v. p.; Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence, sec.; Mrs. Fred A. Patch, treas. After the program an hour of social chat with light refreshments was enjoyed.

Mrs. Maurice Welch and her daughter Alice are visiting Mrs. Welch's son in North Rochester, N. H., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and Mr. and Mrs. George Upton have been called to Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., by the death of the aged mother of Mr. Smith and Mrs. Upton.

Mrs. Edward A. Craig entertained the Ladies' Literary and Social circle at her home on Main street on Friday afternoon of last week and there were eight members present, and one guest, Mrs. J. H. Cox, of Dorchester. Quotations, current events, and the study of the life of Hiram Powers, sculptor, was the program, followed by refreshments. The next two meetings will be held at the reading-room and the topic will be miscellaneous articles at the pleasure of the different members.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harding H. Brooks, of Ashby, former residents here, were very sorry to learn of their loss by fire of their barn and part of their live stock, including a pet colt of which they were very fond.

Mrs. R. S. Ely entertained the Ladies' Whist club at her home on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Warren Hadley, from Charlestown, has been spending a few days as the guest of Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Edward Patch, from Boston, spent Thursday of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville, and Rev. and Mrs. Cox, of Dorchester, who have been spending a few days with relatives in Sterling, returned there the first of the week to complete their visit.

Mrs. Rufus Brown, from Brookline, N. H., a former resident here, who has not been in the village since she left twenty-five years ago, was in town last week Thursday at the convention of the Nashua River Union Y. P. S. C. E.

Miss Grace Thompson, who is attending Simmons college in Boston, is enjoying a vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles Patch.

Mrs. Mary Streeter, of Josselynville, who was injured by a fall in her doorway last week, is steadily improving. Her sister, Miss Emma Olmstead, of Waltham, who has been with her since the accident, has returned to her home, and Mrs. McRobie, of Mason, will assist her until she is entirely recovered.

The regular monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held in the vestry at 2.30 on Saturday afternoon and a good attendance is desired.

Emory Wyman, a well-known farmer on the Fitchburg road, has had the misfortune to lose eighteen of his hens from some disease a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Basford, of Beverly, have been spending a few days with Mrs. Basford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler, on the Ashby road. Mr. Wheeler has been in quite poor health this winter.

The Ladies' Literary and Social circle will meet at the reading-room on Friday afternoon, March 8. The program will consist of miscellaneous subjects.

Miss Ruth Hayward passed away at her home on Bayberry hill early Tuesday morning, aged sixteen years, after a year's suffering from a disease of the lungs.

The West Townsend Brotherhood will give their third monthly banquet to their members and invited guests in the vestry of the Baptist church on Thursday evening, March 7. A supper consisting of oyster stew and cold meats will be served and the speaker of the evening will be Col. George B. Griffiths of Melrose, and vocal selections will be given by Miss Farrar, of the Center.

Little Ella Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wood, celebrated her fourth birthday on Tuesday by enjoying a visit of three of her little playmates of the neighborhood, to whom refreshments were served and the birthday cake with its four candles was a revelation of great interest.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Cox, of Dorchester, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Justin S. Hodgman.

The public schools will close on Friday, March 7, for a four-weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Joseph Thompson and Miss Lena Thompson are visiting Mrs. Thompson's daughter, Mrs. George Wright, of Winthrop.

Mrs. Warren Hadley, who has been visiting Mrs. Josephine Boynton, has returned to her home in Charlestown.

William Upton, of Josselynville, has been on the sick list for the past week, suffering from a severe cold, but is now improving.

Miss Mabel Patch has been confined to her home on Main street for a few days this week by illness, and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville, has been substituting as postmistress during her absence.

Walter E. Wilder, of Josselynville, spent Saturday and Sunday in Fitchburg, where he attended a meeting of the superintendents of the Sunday schools, and assisted in preparing the program for the coming convention, which is to be held in that city in June.

A number of barge loads, driven by Benjamin Hodgman, attended the special union services of the churches at the Center. Loads were taken on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The L. B. S. held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence on Wednesday and a dinner was served at noon to twelve.

Miss Clara Hosley, of Bayberry hill, who has been visiting her sister in Lancaster, has returned to her home here.

The Men's club held their usual meeting at the reading-room on last Tuesday evening.

Minstrel Show.

The young men of the village gave a minstrel show in Seminary hall on the evening of Washington's birthday, which proved to be a very enjoyable affair, and was well attended both by people of the village and from the neighboring towns. A very attractive program was presented with jokes and local hits which won much applause. William Mills acted as interlocutor, with George M. Streeter and Thomas Veno, assisted by Albert and Charles Koch, from Brookline, N. H., as end men. The first part of the program consisted of jokes and solos by Herman Wood, Robert and Materson Tumber, Thomas Veno, Charles and Albert Koch and little Gladys Veno, while two parodies, "Everybody works at Stokney," sung by Thomas Veno, and "Dixie girl," by George Streeter, received repeated encores. James Dadds, of Josselynville, also rendered two selections which were received with enthusiasm, and a step dance by Robert Tumber was a very clever piece of work.

The second part of the program consisted of a stump speech, "The mouse," by Miss Annie Veno. A very pleasing solo was given by Miss Alice Welch and a clever character song, "Doherty," by Thomas Veno. The program closed with the amusing farce, Mrs. Fizzle. This was followed by a social dance with ice cream and cake for sale, and guessing contests and sports during the intermission. Music for dancing was furnished by Robbins' orchestra, of Pepperell, and Miss Letitia Van Etten, of the Center, acted as accompanist for the minstrels.

C. E. Convention.

On Thursday, February 22, the Baptist church of this village entertained the fifty-fourth session of the Nashua River Union Y. P. S. C. E., and the occasion proved of great spiritual benefit to all present. The guests were met at the station by Messrs. Ringrose, Hathaway and Sawtelle, members of the reception committee, while Miss Lena Thompson, Miss Alice Seaver, Milton Wilder and Ian Rusk served on the committee at the church.

The program was opened by a devotional service, conducted by Rev. S. D. Ringrose, followed by the address of welcome by the president of the local society, Miss Alice Seaver. A business meeting was next in order with the president of the union, Herbert Taylor, of Groton, in the chair. A very interesting and instructive address on Washington, taking up the three phases of the man, the soldier and the statesman, was delivered by Rev. George M. Howe, of Groton, and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

About one hundred partook of the bountiful dinner served in the vestries and after an intermission, until 1.30, the afternoon service was commenced by a praise session with a chorus of young folks led by Perry W. Sawtelle, and scripture reading and prayer in charge of Henry Hathaway.

Another brief business session followed, and Rev. C. L. Eldredge, from Groton, N. H., was introduced and spoke for a few minutes on the Peters bill for a children's bureau in Washington, and at the close of the meeting it was signed by many. A series of five-minute papers on the topic of the day, "Deeper spirituality in Christian Endeavor," was given and proved one of the most interesting numbers on the program.

E. L. Haynes, of Townsend Center, read a paper on "Spirituality," its nature and scope," by Sidney Davis, of Groton; a paper on "Evidences of the need of spirituality," by Rev. Warren Noyes, of Brookline, N. H., was read by a member of that society; "Hindrances to spirituality," written by a member of the Dunstable society, was read by Miss Alice Seaver, secretary of the union; Miss Minnie Bancroft of Hollis, N. H., gave a paper on "Aids to spirituality"; Carl R. Bryant, of Pepperell, on "Benefits of spirituality to a community"; Mrs. O. L. Drake, of Townsend, on "Spiritual service," and the closing prayer by "What C. E. has accomplished in satisfying the world's need of spirituality," was given by Miss Sylvia Lawrence, of West Groton.

Two solos, "The song my mother sang to me," and "The church across the way," were given by Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin.

The address of the afternoon was given by Rev. Albert Newton, of North Leominster, who for a number of years in the past taught in this village, and received a hearty welcome from many of his old friends who were present. The topic of his address was "Blemishes," and it was given in his usual witty and interesting fashion, and contained many home truths which will long linger in the memory of his audience.

The session closed with the singing of "Blest be the tie," and the benediction by Rev. Albert Newton. The next meeting of the union will be held on Labor day at the Congregational church at Townsend Center.

LITTLETON.

L. W. G.

The usual large number of persons attended the meeting of the Woman's club Monday afternoon. The recording secretary was absent and Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence was chosen secretary pro tempore. Mrs. Priest, the president, repeated the notice of the pure food exposition to be held in Worcester March 21 to 30. No impure foods or foods bearing disreputable labels will be admitted. The Woman's club of Worcester has an active interest in the affair and a most interesting fair is promised.

By advice of a committee chosen to make recommendations, the club voted to accept from the health committee of the state federation, the traveling health library for a few weeks.

An invitation to a Brighton Woman's club was read.

The program for the afternoon was pleasantly introduced by a piano solo by Miss Helen Smiley and a vocal solo, "My dear," by Mrs. Cora Hager, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Gertrude F. Houghton. Dr. John Baitzly of Hudson was then presented to the audience and held the closest attention throughout his brilliant and scholarly address on Browning as a religious poet. At the conclusion of his address the club gave Dr. Baitzly a rising vote of thanks.

Rev. O. J. Fairchild, in behalf of the committee that has charge of the Backlog club entertainment for March 7, extended an invitation to the Woman's club and friends to attend. On that occasion the centennial of Browning's birthday will be celebrated.

The meeting was concluded by a social hour and delicious tea served from a most attractive table by Mrs. Munson and Mrs. Hardy, assisted by Miss Sickman and the club ushers.

Sunset Party.

The sunset party given on February 22, by the Backlog club, was one of the largest and most successful parties of the season. The decorations in the hall were highly praised. The wall at the rear of the stage was draped with a large flag, at the center of which was a picture of George Washington. On each side and a little in advance of the flag, were pretty

evergreen trees. To the front of the stage were festoons of decorative paper in red, white and blue, with little red flags interspersed. Hubbard's orchestra, of Lowell, furnished excellent music. The floor was given up to the children from four to six o'clock in the afternoon, and dancing for adults began at eight o'clock.

At six o'clock a delicious salad supper was served which brought forth many compliments. A very pleasant innovation was the entertainment given in the upper hall during the intermission. Mrs. Mattie Priest contributed two vocal solos, accompanied at the piano by A. Heywood Knowlton; Georgine Chandler pleased the audience with a monologue, and Margaret and Elizabeth Brown each rendered happy piano selections.

Many out-of-town guests were present. Among them were Miss Jackson, of Leominster, the guest of Miss Mary Marshall; five Waltham friends of Miss Bartlett and six college and other friends of Herbert Whitcomb; A. W. True, of Allston; W. D. Hobart of Cleveland, Ohio; C. R. Lane, of Boston; Miss Olga Applequest, of Middletown, Conn.; and Miss Inez Lowe, of Boston. The financial gain was \$36.50.

News Items.

The Mission Study class of the United Workers will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Dodge.

On Sunday evening the second number in the Lenten series will be given at the Congregational church. The subject is "Christ in literature." Interpretations of several religious poems will be given by different people.

Rev. H. L. Packard and others from the Littleton societies attended the Christian Endeavor convention held in Shirley on Washington's birthday.

Remember the oyster supper to be given by the primary department of the Baptist Sunday school in the vestry on Monday, March 4. A good entertainment will follow the supper.

A good baker's dozen of the United Workers attended the regular all-day sewing meeting at Mrs. George Cook's on Wednesday, and accomplished much on articles to be sent in the missionary barrels, besides enjoying a pleasant social and a good dinner.

Dr. James D. Christie has rented the George Brown place at Littleton common.

Miss Edith Fletcher, of Fitchburg Normal school, was at home for the week-end and on Saturday evening gave a very successful party in honor of her guests, Miss Lillian Comosky and James Comosky.

The following is a report of the treasurer of the Littleton Yecum for the year ending in February:

Cash received from C. F. Johnson and in the treasury February 1912	\$19.65
Cash received from sale of tickets and door receipts	118.55
	\$138.20
Cash paid as follows: for lectures and expenses	\$114.30
Cash in the treasury Feb. 1912	\$23.90
Waldo E. Conant, treasurer.	

Friday evening, Mary S. there will be a union Christian Endeavor rally at the Congregational church held by the Congregational and Baptist societies, to which everybody is cordially invited. An address will be given on "Among the miners of the Rockies," by Rev. Joseph B. Kettle, of Leominster. Mr. Kettle has lived among those people and has his information from personal experience. Miss Mary Prescott of Boston, secretary of junior work in the Woman's Board of Missions, will also speak. A social hour and light refreshments will follow.

Last Sunday evening those who attended the service at the Congregational church were much interested in the excellent address by Miss Gertrude F. Sanderson, who discussed "Christ in art."

Harris Steele has been improving his newly purchased house on King street by putting in modern outside doors and cutting a new door in the ell.

Peter McNiff, who has been the Ayer, Littleton and Westford agent for the Riverview laundry, has sold out to a party that is driving a large automobile through here.

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A Royal Guest.

Col. Jacob Davis, born in Oxford, now Charlton, Mass., was the first settler in Montpelier, Vt., in 1780, and named the town.

The prince was of course the son of the bigoted and muddy-brained George III, and must have been, if all accounts of him were correct, a true chip of the old block.

Reaching here from Burlington in one day he and his suite put up with Col. Davis over night. Full of the notion that the Americans, especially on the border of the settlements of the North, when his countrymen in the then recent war had received several costly lessons, were little better than savages and probably still hostile in spirit, he was at first evidently keenly apprehensive of personal danger of assassination or poison.

He was so far reassured, however, the next morning by a long talk with Col. Davis, who greatly enlightened him in regards to the intelligence and moral sense of our people, and who told him he was far safer here than on the streets of London that he consented to dismiss the greater part of his armed retainers to return to Montreal and then resumed his journey in much better spirits.

His next stop was at Judge Paine's, of Williamstown, (the father of Gov. Charles Paine, Vermont, 1842-3), for his dinner. Here he began to become quite chatty and jocular.

Those who have read the scorching satires of Pinder on the character and capacities of the then royal family, will readily appreciate the keenness of the lady's retort.

Still another incident has always been related by our old people, of his journey through Vermont, which occurred at the house of a shoemaker in Brookfield farther on the road to Boston, where for some purpose he had made a short call.

Col. Davis' farm included the land where the state house is, and the land in that vicinity. The land where the state house is and the surrounding ground, was a gift to the state by the Davis family in 1808, when Montpelier was made the capital of Vermont.

Prince Edward, afterward Duke of Kent, and father of Queen Victoria, in the early part of 1794, passed through Groton on his way from Canada to Boston.

To the Editor: This Prince Edward was the father of Queen Victoria, great-grandfather of King George V. He died in 1820, when Victoria was one year old, but I think he improved some as he became a Mason.

News Items: Mrs. John Lee of Nashua, N. H., spent Tuesday with her cousin, Miss Kittie Denahy.

Charles M. Raddin and Walter Rose were the two firemen hurt by falling at the Tainter fire last week. Mr. Raddin hurt his knee and side so that he has not been able to go on his milk route.

The next church social with supper and entertainment will be held at the Unitarian church parlors next week Thursday evening, February 22, the names should read W. A. Lawrence, F. F. Woods and Frank F. Waters instead of those as given last week.

Walter Cressey, the eldest of Rev. and Mrs. Cressey's children, has the scarlet fever. It is a light case. As the family is under quarantine, Mr. Cressey will meanwhile employ a substitute to occupy his pulpit.

The public schools of the grades below the high in the Butler building, and the two grades of the Chaplin school were closed on Wednesday afternoon until a week from next Monday. This is on account of the fear of scarlet fever spreading.

bury will sing. The farce, "A paper match," will be acted by Aunt Sophronia, a maiden lady, Mrs. George Hodgman; Rose, her niece, Miss Carrie Clark; Sam Hunt, in love with Rose, James T. Bennett; Hezekiah Jehosphat Brown, Henry Adams.

There was a good-sized and responsive audience assembled Monday night at the public library to hear Rev. J. P. Trowbridge give a talk on Charles Dickens. The speaker gave a sketch of the author's life from birth to death and burial in Westminster abbey. He told of his visit to America and spoke of his different writings.

Mrs. Gilbert Durant, who has been at Groton hospital under treatment, has returned home.

Mrs. Margaret Kane is a patient at Groton hospital.

H. W. Whiting is much better and is progressing on the road to recovery.

Among the M. A. C. students studying floriculture and landscape architecture, who spent last week Friday in Boston, under the supervision of Prof. E. A. White, was John Moyle, jr., of this town.

The telephones at the passenger and freight depots of the Boston and Maine railroad were taken out last Saturday.

Frank H. Palmer shot a large fox recently which had an extra good skin. Mr. Palmer, who is very successful in capturing foxes, usually traps them.

Miss M. T. Cleary, teacher at Gilbertville, was home last week.

Mrs. Daniel Houghton, of Littleton, coming last week Friday afternoon, was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert B. Priest, until Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ellen Priest, who has been visiting her nieces, Mrs. Northrup and Mrs. Wood at Somerville and Woburn, returned home last Saturday.

Madame Sherwin, mother of F. A. Sherwin, met with a fall last Sunday and has not been feeling as well since.

Three little girls who are pupils in the lower grade at the Butler school, have formed a club or class of their own for sewing and sociability. At the business meeting last week they named it "The Kentucky Belle," after the catchy name of the coming high school play which took their fancy.

The date of the gentlemen's night social at the Congregational church is set for March 21.

Harry P. Tainter, with his wife and mother, have been staying at Miss Fanny Boynton's, his wife's sister, since they were burned out last week.

Dr. Edward B. Branigan was called to Lawrence on Tuesday with the First Corps of Cadets, of which he is a member. During his absence, Dr. Arthur D. Hall, of Boston, will be at Dr. Branigan's office on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

There will be no sessions of the Unitarian Sunday school until further notice. While it has been thought best and altogether wise to close the lower grades of the schools, it seems just as necessary to prevent contagion among the children, that the Sunday schools or other children's meetings be closed until danger is over.

The U. S. S. Idaho is back again at the Philadelphia navy yard from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. H. W. Mason, machinist on board, writes of a stormy voyage back to the home port. The Idaho is undergoing repairs to engage later in target practice.

A new desk has just been placed in the postoffice room for public convenience.

The residents along the state road, where the state moth exterminators are at work express themselves as greatly pleased with the clean and thorough work being done. Every briar and shrub, where the pests can secrete are cut down and burned. The highways so cleaned up look like those of a city, only the poor fences are showing up in great style. The men are working this week along beyond Mr. Collier's, Capt. Palmer's and others on the Boston road.

Mrs. E. A. Barrows has heard recently from her grandson, Fred W. Barrows, who is playing with an orchestra at Galveston, Texas. He is located at the Galvez, the grand million-dollar hotel of that city. Mr. Barrows writes very interestingly of the condition and peculiarities of that section of our country.

A party of eighteen, taken over by Johnson's team, went to Littleton on Tuesday night to attend "The colonel's maid," given by the Pa-klog club. The sleighride and the play were both most enjoyable.

H. P. Tainter has felt disheartened over the wreck made of his house and contents by the fire last week. A fire adjuster was up early this week and it is understood that work preparatory to repairing or rebuilding will begin next week. When the house was first built no pains or expense was spared in making it fireproof. The problem as to how or where the fire started remains as yet unsolved.

Walter Cressey, the eldest of Rev. and Mrs. Cressey's children, has the scarlet fever. It is a light case. As the family is under quarantine, Mr. Cressey will meanwhile employ a substitute to occupy his pulpit. Rev. Joseph N. Cardee, of Bolton, will preach at the church on Sunday.

H. H. Gay had a telephone installed on Thursday afternoon, call 17-23. The public schools of the grades below the high in the Butler building, and the two grades of the Chaplin school were closed on Wednesday afternoon until a week from next Monday. This is on account of the fear of scarlet fever spreading.

the Butler primary, spent last Saturday here in town.

Miss Eleanor Williams, of Somerville, is a guest of Mrs. F. F. Woods, coming last week for attendance at the Washington's birthday party.

James Bywater underwent an operation on one eye last week Thursday. Mr. Bywater returned home this week Wednesday and is feeling quite comfortable and encouraged. The operation was performed at Nashua by Dr. Nutter, an eye specialist of that city, who thinks that an operation may later be necessary upon Mr. Bywater's other eye.

Miss Annie L. Gilson entertained Mrs. Adeline Turner, of Ayer, and Mrs. Ellen A. Barrows at dinner on Wednesday at Groton Inn.

Miss McGrath, of Natick, a particular lady friend of Chief Riley, was here last week to spend Washington's birthday.

Miss Mary Dunphy, teacher at North Attleboro, is enjoying a ten-days' vacation at home, and returns to her duties on next Monday.

The Reading club meets next week Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. A. G. Kilbourn.

Charles Shattuck and F. C. Tuttle, two well-known Groton checker players, attended the checker tournament held at the American house, Boston, last week Thursday. They both played on the all New England vs. Boston team, which was victorious. It was Boston's second defeat in seventeen years. Charles Shattuck won two games over his opponent and after the tournament went over to Roslindale to call on his daughter, Miss Alice Shattuck.

At the next meeting of the Groton Historical society, Tuesday evening, March 5, Mrs. Marcia W. Parkhurst will give a paper on Mrs. Mary and Mrs. Martha Washington, mother and wife of George Washington. The meeting will be held at the usual hour and place.

Deaths: The funeral of Mrs. Elfrida Belle (Monroe) Thomas passed through to the Groton cemetery on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Thomas will be best remembered in Groton where she lived during her childhood and early youth as Belle Monroe. She always sustained a good character and was always favorably and kindly spoken of. As Miss Monroe she united with the Congregational church when living here. She passed away at a member since. Her mother at East Pepperell on Friday morning, February 22, after a lingering illness. She is survived by a husband, a little daughter, three years old, a mother, sisters and brothers. Mrs. Thomas' age was 22 years and 6 months.

News of the death on Wednesday, February 21, of W. H. Swallow at his home in Chicago was received here by the relatives and arrangements made for the funeral at Dunstable on this week Wednesday. Mr. Swallow was born in Dunstable fifty-nine years ago, the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Swallow. This death is the first in their family of children, all of whom were boys—Myron P. and Marshall Swallow, well-known citizens of Groton, are two of the brothers. The remains were brought back to his native town and funeral services held on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock from the old homestead now occupied by two of the younger brothers, Harry and Herbert Swallow.

Everett Johnson, after a tremendous battle with whooping cough and scarlet fever, died Saturday morning, February 24, from the poisoning from a streptococcus sore throat, which simply overwhelmed his heart.

With the closing of the earthly life of this beautiful boy, a lad of about thirteen years, an inexpressible sorrow entered into the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Maitland A. Johnson and family. He was an only son, carefully watched and tended, upon whom bright hopes were built. Well-mannered and happy, he was a favorite among the townspeople as he went among them, and at the academy, where he was the youngest pupil.

His schoolmates sent a token of remembrance, a beautiful bouquet of flowers. They were placed upon his grave.

The whole town is stirred in heartfelt sympathy for this bereaved father and mother and sorrowing family still afflicted with disease. The daughter, Mrs. Agnes Johnson Evans, who was first taken with scarlet fever is still in bed suffering from whooping cough, the mother and grandmother also have the whooping cough, and all are worn and tired with the anxieties and experiences of the past weeks.

There is the hope of a hereafter to comfort them.

Grange: A very pleasant evening was passed at the regular grange meeting on Tuesday evening. The first and second degrees were conferred on two candidates, H. M. Wheelock and Miss Bertha Clarke. The program of the evening consisted mainly of sketches or mention otherwise made of distinguished persons born in February. Mr. Atkinson spoke of Washington; Lewis Woods, of Lincoln; a poem of Longfellow's was read by Mrs. Alice Fitch Miller; Guy Swallow told about Edison; Stanley Sawyer, of E. A. Poe; Miss Helen Barrows spoke of Mendelssohn, and afterward Miss Barrows rendered a selection from Mendelssohn on the piano, with Henry Adams playing violin; Mrs. Thomas Gibson spoke of Lowell; a piano solo was given by Miss Mabel Dickinson; recitation by Miss Gillespie. Visitors were present from Hollis and Lunenburg.

At the next meeting of Groton grange, Tuesday evening, March 12, the third and fourth degrees will be given. Deputy inspector Chester B. Williams of Cochoituate will be present.

Lawrence Academy Notes: Everett Parker Johnson, the youngest pupil connected with Lawrence academy, died at his home last Saturday. He had been sick, at first

with whooping cough, then with scarlet fever.

The news of his death was a great shock to the pupils and teachers, who were all very fond of Everett. His teachers have admired his patience, ambition and earnestness, and both teachers and pupils knew that he was always ready to do his duty and enter into all the school life to the extent of his ability.

On hearing of his death the teachers and pupils at once sent flowers to the family, and a committee was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of sympathy and regard. At the chapel service on Monday morning, Principal Clough spoke words of appreciation and tribute in his memory, and especially commended his earnestness in always being so punctual and attentive to his school duties. Mr. Clough said: "I always expected to find Everett in his place every school day, and he very rarely disappointed my expectation," and as he lived quite a distance from the school, he added: "That is high tribute that I am glad to give."

The following are the resolutions adopted by the school: Whereas it has pleased God in his infinite wisdom to remove from our number our schoolmate, Everett Parker Johnson.

Resolved: That we, the teachers and pupils of Lawrence academy recognize the loss of one who has constantly been attentive to the life and work of our school, and who has made himself by his virtues and deeds, endeared to us all.

Resolved: That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his parents and friends.

Resolved: That we send a copy of these resolutions to the parents and cause a copy to be spread upon the minutes of the Gamma Beta society, of which he was a member, and send a copy to the press for publication.

Charles H. Green, George E. Hammond, William F. Loomis, Committee for the school.

Burke, Cameron, Bixby, Richards and Palmer represented Lawrence at the B. A. A. meet in Boston last Saturday, but owing to insufficient practice, they gained no points. Our only consolation is that some schools made a poorer showing than we did.

On Saturday, March 9, will occur the open meeting of the Gamma Beta society. The question for debate is: Resolved, "That the constitution of the state of Massachusetts should be so amended as to provide for the initiative and referendum. Hallagan and Keenan will support the affirmative; Miller and Wallace the negative. The Judges of the debate are Frank Lawrence Blood, esq., Rev. G. M. Howe and Rev. P. H. Cressey. The Lawrencian will be in charge of Richards. Miss Margaret Clough will give some recitations at this meeting. The public is cordially invited.

The senior class will give a dance in the town hall on March 18. Thayer's orchestra will furnish the music.

New Advertisements.



The town books will be closed Thursday Evening, March 7. All bills against the town must be presented on or before that time.

Reports of departments and articles for warrants must be in hands of Selectmen not later than March 9.

JOHN H. SHEEDY, FRANK A. TORREY, AMOS L. AMES, Jr., Selectmen of Groton, February 27, 1912.



Groton Appropriation Committee will meet in Lower Town Hall on Thursday Evening, March 7, at eight o'clock. All persons wishing to be heard must appear at this time.

Frank Lawrence Blood, M. Joseph Cleary, Charles Bixby, Committee. Feb. 19, 1912.

Auction

By virtue and in pursuance of the authority contained in an order and decree of the Supreme Judicial Court sitting in equity for the County of Worcester, upon the petition of Joseph Holden et al., which decree was filed March 17, 1906, will be sold at public auction on Saturday, the 16th day of March, 1912, at One o'clock P. M., at the District Court Room in Ayer, the following described tract of land situate in the southeasterly part of said Ayer and bounded and described as follows:

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News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Clark, of Grove street, returned from Lowell last Sunday, where they have been making a stay with their daughter for the past three months.

A friend calling upon Rev. Dr. Fisk this week found him convalescing finely, and in very cheerful spirits. His birthday was celebrated on January 23, and the flowers were still fresh in the parlor that had been sent to him from Connecticut in honor of the occasion. One of Dr. Fisk's pastorates was in Middletown, in that state, memories that keep affection alive after many years. He has set a day when he hopes to stand in his pulpit again. It is not far away, and we shall all be glad if he also may be glad in realizing this privilege.

The Boys' class of the Loyal Temperance Legion will give an entertainment next Monday evening in the Baptist vestry. The program will include dialogues, songs, and recitations. Ice cream and cake will be on sale.

A party of friends pleasantly surprised Mr. and Mrs. John Clark last week Friday afternoon, the occasion being Mr. Clark's birthday. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Herbert G. Whitney has moved into the upper tenement of what is known as the Morrison house on East Main street.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge will be held on Monday evening, March 4. Work—E. A. degree.

David Kirkpatrick, of Cowansville, Canada, who has been visiting his nephew, Joseph K. Quackenboss, went home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Lew, of Lowell, recently observed her ninety-first birthday anniversary at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Hazard, of this town, and who has been a resident of that city from her early girlhood. The day is always anticipated by her with great pleasure and on this occasion she was greeted by many of her relatives and friends, some coming from a distance. For the last twenty-five years, not a birthday has passed that she did not have a gigantic birthday cake made especially for the occasion, which she herself always cuts and divides among the guests present.

E. V. Eldridge and E. N. Phillips came here last week Friday, going over the town, taking the location of all insurable property for the new plans for the Sanborn fire insurance map, published by the firm in New York city, copies of which, when completed, will be found in the hands of all the insurance companies of this state and other companies and their agents also.

Mrs. Samuel W. Fletcher, of Newton Highlands, former resident of this town, underwent a very serious surgical operation a couple of weeks ago, with fear by her family that she would not recover, but is at last out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Felch, who have been for some time at Tampa, Fla., are now at San Mateo. Some time this month they will start on their return to their home here from Jacksonville by boat, making stops at Washington and Baltimore, reaching here some time between the fifteenth and twentieth of this month.

Mrs. S. P. Morgan, who has been living part of the winter with her brother-in-law, Augustus Lovejoy, is again located at her parental home on East Main street.

Fred Ruso has moved into the house on upper Washington street, lately vacated by Mr. Kenney, owned by Mr. Phelps and known as the Hackett place, and away back as the Valencourt Stone place.

On the evening of February 27, the Hayden Concert Company gave another of their musical entertainments in Page hall with an entire change of program, which was very highly appreciated by the audience present. The members of this concert company are fast gaining in the estimation of the public wherever they appear, and they are very much in evidence.

In the issue of February 17, we published twenty-nine columns of local news and in the issue of February 24, thirty-four columns, that week being the largest amount of news matter than any previous week for the past forty-three years. That is a remarkable record for a local paper published in this state.

The Woman's Alliance will meet with Mrs. E. H. Bigelow on Thursday afternoon, March 7, at three o'clock.

At the Y. P. R. U. last Sunday, Miss Rebecca Pierce was leader. Mrs. Daisy Beckford gave a vocal solo and Miss Evelyn Sanderson a recitation. Miss Natalie Bigelow read a story and Mrs. Barker gave an account of the work of the Billings lectureship of the American Unitarian association.

Reciprocity day will be observed by the Ayer Woman's club on Wednesday, March 6, in the vestry of the Congregational church. A business meeting at 2.30, and program at three. Guests are expected from the Unitarian club of Shirley, Ayer Current Events club, Littleton Women's club, Poppers' Woman's club and West Acton Woman's club.

Frany Maloney, of Springfield, is visiting Mrs. Frank O'Neil.

Mrs. May Lynch and daughter Sylvia spent Sunday in Nashua, N. H., as guests of Mrs. T. W. Lynch.

Mrs. Lucy Evans, who has been visiting Mrs. Ida Fletcher, returned to her home in Groton on Wednesday. The alarm from box 16 at one o'clock on last Sunday morning proved to be a false one, although it had the effect of getting the firemen out at that unseasonable hour, and such alarms are expensive to the town.

The next meeting of the Congregational ministers will be held in the Congregational church parlors on Tuesday, March 19.

The new law enacted February 16, but this year not going into effect until March 17, is as follows: Chap. 110. An act to establish a closed season on pickerel. Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful for a person to take or have in possession pickerel between the first day of March and the first day of May of any year.

Harold R. Wheeler, who has been with Mr. Lovett as pianist for the past two years, has started a class on piano and has a number of pupils. Mr. Wheeler is a first-class musician and thoroughly understands his business, having a large class in Maynard and Marlboro.

Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, of Leominster, formerly vicar of St. Andrew's church, was in town last Sunday.

Rev. Eugene M. Grant, of Wilton, N. H., will occupy the pulpit at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning and in the evening will address the Y. P. R. U. on his travels in Europe.

The Boston and Maine railroad yards at East Deerfield and Greenfield have been consolidated with a view to saving expenses of operation, and at the same time increasing the efficiency of the big yards there. John B. O'Connell, of Ayer, formerly yardmaster, has become general yardmaster of the combined yards which lie in one of the most important positions on the Fitchburg division.

The first mortgage bond of the Chandler Planer Company for \$1,000, sold at auction at the office of C. F. Worcester on Thursday morning, was bid in by E. D. Martell, the holder of the bond, for \$450. The bond and the accrued interest for four years is worth about \$1200.

Newton S. Jenkinson, of Townsend, was adjudged to be insane last Saturday. John E. Coding, of Ashby, was also officially declared insane and both were committed to the state asylum at Worcester.

The St. Andrew's services on Sunday will consist of a sermon and holy communion at eleven a. m. Sunday school and confirmation class at twelve. On Monday night, there will be an address by Rev. George A. Hood, of Wisconsin, and the litany at 7.30. Next Friday there will be evening prayer and service at four p. m.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 5, the members of St. Andrew's guild will meet in the parish rooms. At 2.30 on Friday afternoon the Woman's auxiliary will meet in the parish room.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Savage and Mrs. Huntley S. Turner returned on Thursday night from their trip to New York city, where they enjoyed the sight-seeing, the few days they were there, and where it was with difficulty to observe the sun owing to the skyscrapers on some of the streets.

These rhetorical were given at the high school on Friday afternoon: Selection, high school orchestra: "The master planter," Florence M. Fallon; "A young musician," Frank E. Brown; "The potato child," Elizabeth C. Sabin; "A race for life," Everett J. Hurley; "The keeper of the light," Sarah Ross; piano solo, Pearl M. Carley; "The new Americanism," Clarence D. Young; "Sandy," Helen C. Markham; "Gabriel," Gertrude M. MacLennan; "The last loaf," Pearl M. Carley; "An abandoned elopement," Gertrude M. MacLennan; selection, high school orchestra. The moving picture show this Saturday evening is to be featured by the following pictures: "One on Reno," "Better man," "The stuff that dreams are made of," "Three back," "Illustrated songs to be given by Dr. Caskey, an out-of-town singer.

Automobile Show.

The automobile show which was held in Page hall on Thursday and Friday, including the evenings of both days, under the auspices of the Ayer Automobile Station, Robert Murphy & Sons, the proprietors, was largely attended and many favorable remarks were heard in regard to it. This is the first exhibition of its kind ever held in this section and was very creditable to those having it in charge. There were on exhibition two E-M-F '30' and two Flanders '20' five-passenger touring cars, and a Flanders '29' four door roadster. There were also exhibits of engines, crank shafts and other automobile parts, tires, etc. The management is being assisted at the show by W. S. Teahout, of Detroit, Mich., a representative of the E-M-F Automobile Company. Alfred Yates and W. E. Murphy, of Robert Murphy & Sons, are also assisting in the demonstrations of the cars. Geo. H. Brown has an exhibit of automobile clothing in charge of H. H. Proctor, and George H. Hill has an exhibit, cameras, thermos bottles and other outing supplies. The music is furnished by the American orchestra, which played afternoon and evenings. The hall was very tastefully decorated with American flags.

Ministers' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Ministers' Union was held in the lower town hall on Tuesday. A very instructive and interesting program was arranged by the committee having the matter in charge, and which Rev. W. J. Pratt, of Concord Junction was the prime mover.

The morning service began at ten o'clock. Rev. O. J. Fairfield, of Littleton, spoke on the divorce question in reference to a hypothetical case resembling a certain concrete one. "The true attitude of the minister toward industrial disturbances," was the subject of an address by Rev. H. L. Packard, of Littleton.

Rev. J. B. Kettle spoke on the recall of ministers. The book written by Rev. L. B. McDonald, entitled "Life in the Making," was commented upon by Rev. W. J. Pratt, of Concord Junction, in the place of Rev. Mr. Torrey, of Bedford, who it was hoped would be present for this purpose.

In the afternoon, at two o'clock, Rev. G. R. Baker, of Leominster, gave an interesting address on "Personal work with unbelievers." Remarks were made upon the same subject after the regular address was given, by Revs. H. A. Cornell, of Groton; G. H. Hardy, of Ashburnham, and Gunn, of Concord.

Resolutions were passed favoring the protection of childhood, a bill for

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that purpose being now before congress; on social service in settlement work; on the peace movement, upholding President Taft's hands in that matter; on uniform divorce laws; on the fraternal federation among protestant churches, and of the attitude of ministers toward organized labor.

Votes of thanks were extended to George E. Felch, of Ayer, for the donation of beautiful flowers; to Rev. W. J. Batt, of Concord Junction, for his work in arranging the meeting; to Rev. G. R. Baker, of Leominster, for his interesting address, and to Mrs. J. W. Thomas and ladies from Concord and Somerville for serving the fine lunch during the noon recess.

Among the clergymen present were: Rev. George Tewksbury, Rev. W. J. Batt and Rev. Mr. Gunn, of Concord; Rev. J. B. Kettle and Rev. G. R. Baker, of Leominster; Rev. Mr. Pardee, of Bolton; Rev. O. J. Fairfield, Rev. H. L. Packard and Rev. Herbert Caulkins, of Littleton; Rev. H. A. Cornell, of Groton; Rev. F. H. Viets, of Ashburnham; Rev. J. W. Thomas and Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Ayer; Rev. G. H. Hardy, of Ashburnham, and Rev. L. H. Morse, of Still River.

The committee sent to Dr. Fisk their special compliments in a bouquet of flowers and expressed their deep regret that he had been prevented from being present and participating in the meeting during the day.

Results of Inquests Filed.

Associate Justice C. F. Worcester has filed his decisions on the inquests on the deaths of Lucy Lambert, of Westford, and of the unknown man who was found on the tracks at Littleton, on February 10, the inquest on which was held last Saturday.

On the first named inquest the court finds that the said Lucy Lambert came to her death at said Westford on January 6, in consequence of strychnine administered by herself with suicidal intent, that she acknowledged that she had taken the poison for the purpose above stated. The cause of death was further sustained by the evidence of the physician, who was called in the case and by the medical examiner and report of the chemist, who examined the organs turned over to him by the medical examiner. I therefore find that the unlawful act of no person contributed to the death of said Lucy Lambert.

On the death of the unknown man found on the tracks in Littleton on February 10, the court finds that the unknown man came to his death by being struck by a west bound train on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad. I have arrived at this conclusion from the testimony of the engineer and firemen on train 515, who on the morning of said February 10, discovered said body beside the west bound track under such circumstances as to plainly indicate that it had been struck by some passing train. No person appears to have witnessed the accident, but there is no reason to believe that said unknown man was a passenger or employee upon a railroad or a traveler upon a public or private way at a railroad crossing. I do not find that the unlawful act of any person contributed to said death.

Athletic Exhibition.

The athletic exhibition of a high order will be given in the town hall on next Thursday evening, under the direction of the management of the Civic gymnasium. This exhibition is annually given at this season, after the basketball period is over. There will be a full two hours' program, which is guaranteed to be first-class in every respect. The program will consist of drills, athletic events and gymnastic dancing. The junior classes will have four numbers on the program and the seniors four.

The Fitchburg Y. M. C. A. leaders corps, composed of ten men, will give an exhibition of drills, apparatus work and gymnastic dances to the accompaniment of the piano, the player to be brought here from Fitchburg for that occasion. Two silver cups will be given as prizes to the senior classes for the best apparatus and athletic work.

The gymnasium has had a very creditable season, both to the players and to the management, and this occasion will give an opportunity for the public to materially express its appreciation for the good work done.

Basketball.

The fast Centralvilles, of Lowell, won from the Civic club in that city on Tuesday evening by the score of 39 to 21. The Ayer five was without the services of Ryan and Hooley, two of the regular players, which made it necessary to change the positions of the players and the addition of substitutes, which had a tendency to weaken the team work, although the individual playing was good.

The game was of particular interest both to the Lowell people and the local followers of the game, as each team had won a game. The contest

was unequal from the start. At the end of the first period the Lowell boys were leading by ten points, the score at that time being 17 to 7.

Ayer made a better showing in the second period which brought up their total to twenty-one, while their opponents increased their lead from ten to twenty-two, their total being thirty-nine.

Manning and Doole made all the points for Lowell, the former getting twenty-five and the latter fourteen. J. Donahue scored the most for the Civic club with a total of ten. The summary:

CENTRALVILLES CIVIC CLUB Doole, 14; Manning, 25; Sullivan, 17; Green, 10; Freeman, 6; Freeman, 6; Atkinson, 10; Sullivan, 10; Donahue, 10; Byam, 10; Hurley, 10; Donahue, 10. Score—Centralvilles 39, Civic club 21. Goals from floor, Sullivan, Green 2, J. Donahue 5, F. Donahue 2, Doole 7, Manning 12. Goals from fouls, Sullivan, Manning, Referee, Wilson, Hurley, Brown. Scorer, Mullin. Time, 20m. halves.

The local basketball season came to a glorious finish so far as the two competing home teams were concerned on Thursday evening, when the Civic club five overwhelmingly defeated the Centralvilles of Lowell by a score of 78 to 10, and the Ayer high school team showed the Isota club, from Leominster, some points about the game which our boys won by the score of 24 to 16. The game was a hard contested one throughout, but the superior playing of the Ayer high five was at all times apparent, although they had to keep going to win.

Bowler and Donahue for the Ayer high played their usual good game and scored all but one point for their team, Maloney getting one in the final period when he took Hurley's place. There were no special features in regard to the playing of the visitors.

The Centralvilles, fresh from their victory over the crippled Ayer team at Lowell on Tuesday night, came to town with the idea that they could repeat the victory. But a more surprised bunch could not be imagined, when the game got under way, when they saw the locals piling up the heavy number of baskets against them.

The visitors were easily outplayed at every point, and made a pitiable showing against the fast Civic club team. Even Manning and Doole, their star players, and two of the fastest men in Lowell, only got ten points between them. Manager Coulter was keenly disappointed at the poor showing of his team, as he watched them going down to a crushing defeat. The Civic five started right in in the first half and the baskets came so fast that it was hard to count them.

When the period had ended they had 55 points to Lowell's 4. They were a little more merciful in the second half being satisfied with 23 points to their opponents' 6. Amliott scored the most baskets for Ayer, making eleven, and Manning for Lowell with four; two from the floor and two from fouls, a total of six.

These games were the fastest played here this season, and the large crowd kept up a continued cheer during the entire games. The summary: CIVIC CLUB CENTRALVILLES Sullivan, 17; Manning, 17; Green, 10; Freeman, 6; Freeman, 6; Doole, 14; Manning, 25; Sullivan, 17; Green, 10; Freeman, 6; Freeman, 6; Atkinson, 10; Sullivan, 10; Donahue, 10; Byam, 10; Hurley, 10; Donahue, 10. Score—Civic club 78, Centralvilles 10. Goals from floor, Sullivan 3, Donahue 5, Green 2, Amliott 11, Forbes 2, Manning 2, Doole 2. Goals from fouls, Sullivan 5, Donahue, Manning 2, Referee, Forbes, Timer, Mullin. Time 20 and 15 m. period.

AYER HIGH ISOTA CLUB Pillebrown, 10; Sullivan, 10; Hastings, 10; Manning, 10; Barrett, 10; Brown, 10; Hurley, 10; Young, 10; Hurley, 10; Maloney, 10; Barry, 10. Score—Ayer high school 24, Isota club 17. Goals from floor, Barry 2, Hastings 2, Barrett 2, Bowler 5, Donahue 4, Maloney, Goals from fouls, Letters, Barrett 2, Sushko, Donahue 4, Referee, Forbes, Timer, Mullin. Time, 20m. halves.

LUNENBURG.

News Items. Miss Maria M. Woodbury passed her ninetieth birthday on Wednesday, February 28. Many of her friends called on her at her home at A. L. Hoisington's, Brookside farm, and those who were unable to call remembered with postal cards and other tokens. For many years Miss Woodbury has been confined to the bed with a broken hip, unable even to turn herself in bed unaided, but she is always so bright and happy and cheerful, even under such adverse circumstances, that it is a real pleasure to meet her, and her presence seems a benediction to all who know her.

Rev. Ellery Clapp of Northampton filled the pulpit in the Congregational church last Sunday morning. On March 3, Rev. A. T. Kempton will preach.

Monday, March 4, will be the annual town meeting. Dinner will be served in the lower hall by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. The new town books are out and will be eagerly studied.

The mid-winter entertainment by the Old Home Week association will be held in the town hall on the evening of March 14. A good program is arranged and tickets on sale at the postoffice.

Veterans Honored by Grange.

On Wednesday evening, February 21, by previous invitation and arrangement, the veterans of the civil war now living in town, with their wives, were entertained by the Grange. The program was in the hands of James A. Litchfield, who introduced the various numbers. The first was an original poem, "The lost battalions," by Henry L. Burnell, a former Lunenburg boy, and was read by A. W. Watson. This was followed by other readings, including a G. A. R. poem by Ernest Aker; "Our flag," by Mrs. Marian Cass; "Martha Virginia's hand," by Ethel Emerson; "My love and I," John Woodredge, written by a confederate soldier while a prisoner of war on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, and waiting for his parole or exchange; "Happy land America," sung by J. A. Litchfield.

Another poem by Mr. Burnell, "One by one the vets are passing," and read by Stillman Stone, was much appreciated, and was followed by "Hard tack," an old army song, Mrs. Emma Parker; "Old Glory," written by B. M. Briggs and adopted by the Pomona Grange as their national song, in which all united in singing; then "Reminiscences," was given by Commodore Litchfield, Jewett and Stone, giving some very thrilling and interesting experiences of those days which tried men's souls. Then all united in singing "Tenting on the old campground."

During the evening and interspersed with other exercises various army calls were on the concert by Frank E. Lancey, who for the final number gave the "grub" call, and delicious rations were served. It was a fine entertainment and much enjoyed by all.

Competitive Debate.

Friday evening, February 23, the competitive debate between Lunenburg high school and Townsend high was held in the town hall. The question was, "Resolved, that the United States were justified in abrogating the treaty of 1832 with Russia. The judges were Fred A. Shattuck of Pleasant Street school, Fitchburg, Roy Lord of Fitchburg high school and Alvin M. Bearse of Leominster high school.

The contest was a very close one, but was decided in favor of the affirmative. Lunenburg had the affirmative and Townsend the negative. During the evening the high school quartet, composed of John Gilchrist, Bradford Kempton, Allen Jewett and Arthur Curley sang several selections and were repeatedly encored.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of March A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve. W. E. ROGERS, Register.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all who were so kind to us in the recent bereavement of our mother; also, for the flowers sent in.

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We wish to express our gratitude to the Groton Fire Department, Chief of Police, neighbors and all others who rendered timely and valuable assistance in trying to save our property from destruction by fire on February 22. We also wish to thank the many friends for their kindly sympathy for us at this time.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Ella Tucker and daughter, Mrs. Badger, of Quincy, made a short call on friends in town on Thursday of last week.

Miss Eva Sawyer has returned to her home in Sterling, Mass.

Horace Nye and son Ralph, of New York state, are the guests of Mrs. Horace Nye and Mrs. Maria Hall.

Mrs. Julia Lawrence and son William were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey on Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Hammond, of Groton, has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Austin.

Miss Mertie Lawrence has returned to her home in Hollis.

The following fourteen new books have been added to the library list:

Mistress of Shenstone, Kennedy Square, The Barrier, Mother Carey's Chickens, The Calling of Dan Matthews, A Weaver of Dreams, The Master's Violin, The Story Girl, King Spruce, Nual Durkee, Winning of Barbara Worth, Harvesters, The Iron Woman, and Love that Lives.

The many friends of Mrs. Horace Nye are glad to hear that she is gaining again.

The Brookline grange held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, February 28. The program was as follows:

State discussion; the articles of business in the town meeting warrant; mock town meeting, all to take part; song, George Cady; serial story, chapter 3, Blanche, Hall; reading, Mertie Lawrence; song, W. M. Edward Pierce; conundrums, Matthew Burke; recitation, Esther Farnsworth; piano solo, Mada Nye; farce, "The crystal glasser," Mrs. Florence O'Connell, Mrs. Clara Russell; geographical march.

Current Events.

Wednesday evening, March 13, is to be poultry night at the grange meeting. The following program is arranged for:

Question, "Does it pay the Brookline farmer to raise poultry?" Mrs. Lucretia Clark; Henry Shattuck, C. R. Russell, Freeman Wright; "Incubators or old hens, which?" Mrs. Florence O'Connell, George Marshall; "Food and care," Mrs. E. Russell; song, Mabel and Esther Farnsworth; serial story, chap. 4, Mrs. Hattie Pierce; song, Mrs. Minnie Rose; readings, Mrs. Elva Corey, Mrs. Jennie Goss; piano selections, Alice Whitcomb; farce, James Gilson, Chester Barnaby; pie social.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Barnaby attended the funeral of a daughter of Mrs. Barnaby at Derry, last week. Burial was at Nashua.

Mrs. Minnie Corey is poorly, needing an attendant most of the time.

Mrs. Elvora Lamphrey was taken ill last week and taken to the St. Joseph hospital, Nashua. The last reports from there say she is resting as comfortable as could be expected after a serious operation.

Miss Lillian Worden has been seriously ill with the measles, but is now convalescent.

Brookline was treated to its first thunder shower of this year on Thursday, February 22, from 1.30 to 2.30 o'clock. The thunder was not very heavy.

John Dobson and daughter Helen, of Townsend, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mary Campbell and Mrs. Sarah Colburn on last Sunday.

Harry Campbell spent last Saturday at Fitchburg and Boston.

One of the children of the Edward Lancy family is ill with the measles. Oscar Elliott is ill and under the care of a doctor.

Mrs. Lorina Eddy is gaining so that she is able to be down stairs. Charles Russell is also getting along comfortably.

William Hall is spending a few days at home.

The national colors were displayed at several places in town on Washington's birthday. The wind was very strong and blew one flag to the top of a tree and caught there, and Mrs. Edna Hall was just in time to save the one at Capt. A. H. Taylor's from blowing away.

Fred Sawyer, of Sterling, while suffering with a broken collar bone, is afflicted with a carbuncle on his neck and a sty on his eye.

Mrs. Bishop, a former housekeeper in this town, and last week went to the home of Fred Campbell at Hollis to take charge of the household affairs.

The ice teams have drawn eight carloads of saw dust from Worcester's mill and shipped to Cambridge, Mass.

A little daughter came to the home of Fred G. Hall and wife last week—Edna Hall.

Orville D. Fessenden has purchased the large woodlot in the west part of the town, formerly owned by the Rufus G. Russell heirs. The timber, which is very fine, is being cut and drawn to Mr. Fessenden's mill at South Brookline.

J. M. Horn, a former resident of this town, has purchased the "old school-house" in the west part of the town, and Arthur Goss has taken the job by contract to remodel the buildings into a modern dwelling-house. Mrs. Horn was in town this week to make arrangements for Mr. Goss to begin work at once.

Mrs. Patrick Reegan, who has been on the sick list the first part of the week, is better.

The Loyal Workers met on Wednesday with Mrs. Almond and Miss Olive Shuman.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

All the schools in town were closed on Monday afternoon of last week for a recess until Monday.

Miss Sallie Belle, an instructor in the schools of Swampscott, Mass., spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Anna Bell.

Otis Goodwin, of Lynn, Mass., spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Goodwin. Miss Mary Blood, of Ayer, is visiting at Mrs. Goodwin's.

Robert Leslie went to Worcester last Sunday to visit his father, H. A. Leslie, whose illness was reported in this paper three weeks ago. Encouraging reports are of Mr. Leslie's improvement, although he is not yet able

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to be removed to his home in Hollis. His wife, Mrs. Leslie, who hastened to his bedside when the news of his illness reached here, has been with him all the time, and will remain there until he is able to come to Hollis.

At a church meeting held last Sunday, an invitation was received from the Second Parish church in Portland, Me., to sit in the council on February 29, for the examination and installation of Rev. C. H. Davis as pastor of that church. Mrs. Mary S. Powers was elected as delegate to represent the church.

Miss Hazel Marshall, who was elected librarian of the Sunday school library, being obliged to resign, Miss Lottie Leslie was elected by the directors to fill the position for the rest of the year.

Rev. T. C. H. Boynton, of Hudson, occupied the pulpit last Sunday. Rev. Henry M. Noyes, of Maine, is expected next Sunday.

LITTLETON.

Historical Meeting.

The meeting of the Historical society, held in the reading-room of the Reuben Hoar library on Thursday afternoon of last week, was called to order by the president, Joseph A. Harwood. Miss Sarah F. White, secretary, presented her report of the last meeting of the society, after which Mrs. Ellen F. Johnson gave the history of the Littleton Temperance Cadets, an organization formed for the purpose of instructing the children on temperance, and dating July, 1886.

Frank Moore was their chosen standard bearer, and Burton S. Flagg and Arthur Kimball, aids. Mrs. Harriet A. Conant was the first superintendent, a zealous and enthusiastic leader. Mrs. E. F. Johnson was secretary, and an efficient worker. Mrs. George Conant gave valuable assistance in the singing of which she took charge. The meetings were held in the lower town hall, before that building was dedicated. Forty-one children joined the Temperance Cadets. Addresses were given before the society by Rev. W. I. Nichols, Rev. R. G. Johnson, Rev. J. C. Staples, Miss Hannah Dodge and Hon. G. W. Sanderson. Mrs. W. L. Kimball took an active interest in the cause and offered the children prizes for the best compositions on temperance. These were won by Frank and Fred Moore.

Mrs. Johnson gave an interesting account of that society as recorded in the secretary's book, and also read a letter from Miss Phoebe White, giving recollections of the Temperance Cadets. Rev. William White was referred to as taking the first steps in temperance reform in Littleton, when he abolished the use of wine at his ordination.

Mr. Harwood read from a letter written by Mrs. C. A. Hosmer, concerning the Good Templars, a very popular order that held interesting meetings from a literary point of view.

The books containing records of the various temperance organizations were given into the hands of the Historical society; also, the banners painted by Miss Dodge for the cadets. Accounts were given of the W. C. T. U., the Loyal Legion, the Band of Hope, the Washingtonian movement of seventy-two years ago, and other temperance interests by several persons present.

Mr. Harwood referred to the interests of his great-grandfather, Jonathan Hartwell, in temperance reform by omitting the use of rum at the raising of a building, when he erected one of the barns on the present David Wilcox estate, and cut down apple trees because he objected to having apples made into cider.

Mr. Harwood read many interesting reports of the Soldiers' Aid society, written by the secretary, Mrs. Lucy M. Harwood, and giving a history of the work done by Littleton women for the relief and comfort of the soldiers during the civil war. The sum of \$1039.22 was raised in town for the aid of soldiers, and \$100.25 was made at a tea party given by the organization for the same cause. Mr. Harwood read a letter and a paper written by Rev. Elihu Loomis, of Centerville, giving reminiscences of his work for the Christian Commission, and the experiences of Dr. Patrick, who was also a member of that commission.

Frank B. Priest gave an interesting account of his recent purchase of valuable relics found in an ancient house in Sterling, including china, furniture, samplers, etc. Gifts from Maj. William Emery were accepted by the society and a vote of thanks for the same was carried.

News Items.

The next of the Congregational social evenings will occur on March 13, and will consist of a musicale. Although the committee in charge has not yet authorized an announcement of the program it may be safe to predict one of the most attractive entertainments given in the town hall this season.

The C. E. topic for March 13 is "Patience," the third in the series of christian virtues.

Miss Margaret Wallace, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. L. Packard, during vacation, has returned to her school teaching in Chelsea.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, of Boston, were recently the guests of their son, Paul L. Brown.

Edmund Childs and Robert Whitney, of Lexington, were holiday visitors at the home of Hon. Frank A. Patch.

Miss Lucy Houghton has returned from Gloucester City, N. J., where she visited her sister, Mrs. Dodge, for several weeks.

The Alliance will hold a food sale at the Unitarian vestry Thursday afternoon, March 7, from two to four o'clock.

Harris Steele has agreed to take charge of the town farm in Harvard and will move his family and goods to the new home the first of April.

The Groton School orchestra and double quartet have been engaged by a committee at the Congregational church to give an entertainment in the town hall on March 13.

HOW TO TELL WOMAN'S AGE.

This Plan Will Trap Her Unless She is Suspicious.

Every man seems to be born with a desire to know the age of ladies with whom he comes in contact. Women also appear to have an innate curiosity concerning the number of "summers" which have passed over the heads of their female friends. But there is nothing more difficult to discover than the exact age of a woman who wishes to keep the fact a secret.

Now, here is a little scheme which a mathematician has just discovered to find out the age of any person.

Having engaged that person in pleasant conversation, you proceed something after the following manner, speaking very innocently, of course:

"There is a very simple problem in arithmetic which very few people are able to see through, yet it is as easy as possible. I wonder if you can do it."

"This sets the woman on her dignity, and she wants to do it at once.

"Think of a number corresponding to the numerical order of the month in which you were born. Oh, no, you needn't tell me."

"To make the explanation clear we will assume that the figure is 2, standing for February, and that the age is thirty."

"Now, multiply that figure by 2." You continue, "and add 5. Done that? Well, multiply that by 50 and add your own age. From the total subtract 365 and to the result add 115. Now, what figure have you got?"

"Two hundred and thirty," replies the person addressed. "Isn't that correct?"

"Exact," you exclaim. "You are one of the very few persons who have managed it."

And you turn away to hide your smile of satisfaction at having discovered that your victim was born in February and that she is thirty years of age. You have arrived at this result by separating the figures 230 in 2 (February) and 30. And you can do this with everybody's age. Try it on your sweetheart.

HOW TO PICKLE PIGS' FEET.

Directions For Preparing a Cheap and Palatable Winter Dish.

Take a dozen of the feet, scrape and clean thoroughly, soak for three hours in cold water and scrub again. Place in a large kettle with two tablespoonfuls of salt and water to cover and simmer gently for four hours or until tender. Cool in the liquor in which they were cooked. When cold pack in a stone jar, with a good pickle made in the following proportions:

To two quarts clear vinegar allow one quart of the liquor in which the feet were cooked, a dozen cloves, a teaspoonful mustard seed and a dozen peppercorns. Scald and put a layer of the feet in the jar and over them place a few slices of onion. Then add more pigs' feet and more onions. When all the feet are in cover with the hot pickle and set away to cool. Leave several days before using.

For broiling, wipe the feet dry, split down the middle, season with salt and pepper, roll in olive oil or melted butter, then in bread or cracker crumbs and broil over a clear fire, allowing four minutes for each side. Serve with sauce piquante or on pieces of toast with a quarter cup maitre d'hotel butter spread over them. Another excellent way to prepare them is to dip in batter, then fry in butter and serve with mustard or piquante sauce.

How to Clean Willow Plumes.

To clean willow plumes place them in a long pan and partly cover with gasoline. Do not attempt to shake the feathers in the liquid, but place in the pan and roll and rock gently back and forth, driving the gasoline from one end of the pan to the other. Lift the feather gently out and place on a clean cloth to dry. When dry shake in the sun, and then, when certain all the gasoline has evaporated, shake it slowly over a register to fluff the tiny fronds. Willow plumes are all hand made and not easy to clean, and if the plume is an expensive one it would perhaps be better to send it to a reliable cleaner, but for the cheaper or half worn ones the home cleaning will probably be quite as successful if care is taken.

How to Wear Your Furs.

The wearing of the scarf now that it comes in fur is just as important as the long flat one of satin worn so tirelessly throughout the summer, says a Paris correspondent. So pliable are the up to date furs that they can be twisted in curious ways.

The Frenchwoman has a knack of draping her scarf around her neck. The ends are crossed in front and then thrown back over and allowed to hang down the back. Other furs are like two immense stoles, which meet and hang well down below the waist at the back and end at the hem of the skirt in front.

How to Drive Nails.

If necessary to drive a nail into the wall to hang a picture, direct it downward, so the cord or wire will not slip. As pictures are often jolted by slamming of doors and the like it is a good idea to hang the picture face toward the wall, turn it outward and the loop at the top will hold it more firmly. Doubled wires will not slip as easily as a single wire.

How to Brush the Teeth.

In brushing the teeth care should be used to move the brush up and down as well as across the teeth. Brushing only one way does not perfectly cleanse the teeth, and it has a tendency to wear grooves in the enamel.

REPELS ATTACK OF DEATH.

"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live. This startling statement was made by Stillman Green, Malachite, Col. They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for today I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim. Its folly to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at William Brown's, Ayer.

New Advertisements.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE TOWNSEND NATIONAL BANK, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, February 20, 1912.

Resources.

Loans and Discounts	\$241,244.86
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	57,429.13
Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	1,000.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	37,696.41
Checks and other items outstanding	1,345.06
Notes of other National Banks	4,907.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	56.42
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$8,223.00
Legal-tender notes 6,000.00	14,223.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	5,000.00
Total	\$462,991.88

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	28,905.56
National Bank Notes Outstanding	100,000.00
Due to approved Reserve Agents	10,000.00
Dividends unpaid	99.00
Individual deposits subject to check	203,987.32
Total	\$462,991.88

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss. I, Henry B. Hildreth, Notary Public, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the report of the condition of the Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, February 20, 1912.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of February, 1912.

Henry B. Hildreth, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: Clarence Stickney, Alfred N. Essenden, J. W. Eastman, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AYER, at Ayer, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, February 20, 1912.

Resources.

Loans and Discounts	\$452,454.21
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	357.93
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Postal Savings	5,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	103,710.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	49,945.21
Notes of other National Banks	1,255.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	129.30
Lawful Money Reserve in Specie	\$19,835.45
Legal-tender notes 9,000.00	28,835.45
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	1,000.00
Total	\$662,687.10

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	25,239.04
National Bank Notes Outstanding	20,000.00
Due to other National Banks	700.91
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	875.07
Due to Trust Companies	21,479.59
Dividends unpaid	104.00
Individual deposits subject to check	463,877.10
Demand certificates of deposit	782.26
Certified checks	3,818.70
Cashier's checks outstanding	330.00
United States Postal Savings Deposits	480.13
Total	\$662,687.10

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss. I, Chas. A. Normand, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. A. NORMAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of February, 1912.

D. Chester Parsons, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: Howard B. White, D. W. Fletcher, Oliver K. Pierce, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PEPPERELL, at East Pepperell, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, February 20, 1912.

Resources.

Loans and Discounts	\$142,381.43
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	100.94
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Other bonds to secure U. S. Postal Savings	1,339.60
Bonds, Securities, etc.	112,368.06
Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	1,100.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	39,046.51
Notes of other National Banks	325.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	110.40
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$5,253.90
Legal-tender notes 11,400.00	16,653.90
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$371,925.84

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	5,500.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	8,075.13
National Bank Notes Outstanding	50,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	257,482.27
Cashier's checks outstanding	567.92
United States Postal Savings Deposits	300.52
Total	\$371,925.84

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss. I, H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Feb., 1912.

George G. Tarbell, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: Arthur P. Wright, Harry F. Hobart, I. J. Rowell, Directors.

PEPPERELL.

Items of News.

The L. E. S. of the Congregational church will hold their meeting on Thursday afternoon, March 7.

Mrs. Abbie M. Shattuck and Effie M. Robbins attended the Past Noble Grands' association at Fitchburg on Monday.

Elmer R. Foss is soon to move into the tenement adjoining the garage, his place of business on Main street.

Seventeen hands are now employed at the paper bottle factory.

Frances Lawrence has moved his family to Franklin street, the home of Mrs. Lawrence's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall.

Miss Burnice Phinney spent a part of last week at her home on Franklin street, returning on Saturday to Malden, where she is employed as a domestic.

Thomas Howard has moved from North Pepperell into John Frossard's tenement on Crescent street.

Maurice I. Gilchrist, who has been employed for a number of years by the Nashua River Corporation, has secured a position at Windsor Mills, Canada, and will leave for that place this Saturday.

The W. C. T. U. will hold the March meeting at the home of Mrs. Edward Harmon at three o'clock on Thursday afternoon, March 7. The Willard Memorial collection will be taken and a full attendance is kindly requested.

The D. A. R. social and sale held in Central hall on February 22, was a success, socially and financially, although the ice and high wind prevented a large gathering. An executive board meeting was held, followed by a chapter meeting, called and adjourned to the home of Mrs. Heald on March 16 at three o'clock. Tea was served by Mrs. Heald, chairman of the afternoon and the regent. Ice cream was sold and served by Mrs. Bancroft. The various tables were generously patronized and a good sum was netted.

A. A. Shattuck, of Oak Hill, is a candidate for selectman for one year, to take the place caused by the resignation of F. G. Hayes.

Henry Lawrence is going to run for assessor for another term. Reports otherwise are not true.

The Civics committee of the Pepperell Woman's club, Mrs. Charles Miller, chairman, reports good progress being made by the young girls of the school grades under its charge on Friday afternoons. The pupils are attentive, interested and diligent. Mrs. J. L. Boynton is the instructor, and having studied the latest methods in this branch of schoolwork, brings ideas which add to the interest of the work.

The Lawrence library is closed for its annual taking account of stock.

To Hold Bazaar.

The Knights of Columbus are going to hold a bazaar from April 11 to 16. The bazaar will open on Thursday, April 11, with a minstrel show. Some of the best talent in Pepperell are rehearsing for the event. The entertainments for the following nights—Friday, April 12, specialties, home and out-of-town talent; Saturday, April 13, some of the best vaudeville acts have been engaged; Monday, April 15, the drama entitled "Red Acre Farm," will be put on. The council has been very fortunate in getting a very good cast to take the parts. Thursday evening, the bazaar will close with a dance. The merchants and professional men of Pepperell have been very generous to the bazaar soliciting committee.

Brilliant Guest Night.

The annual guest night observed by the Pepperell Woman's club in Prescott hall on Monday evening was the grandest success in the history of the club. Beside the decidedly enjoyable evening, which is always provided, the occasion was made much more pleasant by the decorations which were very artistic and widely different from what is usually seen. The program, too, was arranged in a very pleasing manner, which served to make the evening pass all too quickly. The many ladies in their beautiful party gowns added the necessary brilliancy to the scene. As one entered the hall the beauty of the decorations was at once noticed, the color scheme being green, red and white, and the members of the club in charge of this work certainly were rewarded for their hard work. The program was as follows: Robbins' orchestra selection, club vocal solo, Miss Mildred Morgan, violin solo, Miss Helen Lovejoy, dialogue, "A minister's mistake," E. L. Tarbell, Mrs. H. N. Tower, piano duo, Mrs. Gage and Mrs. Tarbell, drill by eight young ladies.

A dainty lunch followed, served by a caterer of Nashua, N. H., to about 250 people, and dancing lasted until midnight, and thus another guest night passed into history.

The club will hold its next meeting in Saunders' hall on Tuesday afternoon, March 5. The subject will be "Sir Walter Scott," by Mrs. Georgia A. Stekney, of Milford, N. H. Current events will be given by Mrs. Minnie E. Qua. A board meeting will be held at 2.15.

Current Events.

Elfreida Bell Munroe, wife of Daniel H. Thomas, died on Friday morning, February 23, at her home on Crescent street, of pulmonary tuberculosis, aged 22 years and 6 months. She had been a sufferer from this disease for some time, and the past winter proved too severe for her. She leaves a husband and little daughter, three years of age, to mourn her loss. Services were held at her late home on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright have recently returned to their home on Townsend street, after spending the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lawson, in New Haven, Conn. They propose to remain here for a time, unless they can dispose of the property here, which they hope to do. Mrs. S. J. Baker, who formerly lived

in town, but removed to Hollis, N. H., several years ago, has recently gone to Malden to live. Since the death of her husband, about a year ago, she has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Jameson. A short time since Mr. Jameson disposed of his business in Hollis, and now conducts a butter, cheese and egg business in Malden. Mrs. Jameson, with her infant son, accompanied by her mother, have now joined him.

Married at the Methodist parsonage on Monday, February 26, by Rev. James Sutherland, Frank P. Blenvenue and Miss Axzia Bouciard, of this town.

William Davis, of Nashua street, who has been confined to his home by illness, is able to be out again.

Miss Mary Mahony has returned from the training school at St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua, to her home on Mill street.

Mrs. Isaac Margeson, of East village, who has been suffering from a severed artery in her hand is convalescent.

Miss Ada Whitney, spent part of last week with relatives in Nashua.

Communion service will be held at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. In the evening the pastor will preach on the subject, "The value of a right decision."

Mrs. Jennie Marshall, of Somerville, and Miss Josie Lawrence, of Park street, were guests of Mrs. Sarah Patch on Friday of last week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lorden, of Tucker street, on Sunday, February 25.

The cutting-room at the Nashua River Corporation is being freshened with a new coat of paint and white-wash by Ed. Geno.

Miss Margaret Burns went to Boston on Wednesday morning to resume the course of dressmaking lessons which were interrupted by her illness.

Harry F. Lawrence of Nashua road remains about the same, being confined to the house most of the time except on pleasant days. Both the local physician and the specialist he has consulted, pronounce his trouble of a serofulous nature and give encouragement of his recovery.

Mrs. G. A. Armstrong, of Townsend street, is entertaining her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Smith, from North Auburn, Me.

Miss Ruth Wilson has been unable to attend school for the past week by reason of an attack of nervous indigestion. She was one of those who took part in the high school play. This might seem to sustain the theory of many, that amateur theatricals are rather too strenuous for the young people who need a more healthy form of recreation after their studies.

Miss Florence Flynn is out after her illness with measles, and is attending to their milk customers. Mrs. Flynn is still confined to the house.

Mrs. Sara Blood Elliott, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Bartlett, since her recent return home, went back to Gardner on Wednesday.

Wallace Willoughby, accompanied by his wife and infant daughter, Lorraine, visited at the home of his brother, Arthur Willoughby, of Manchester, N. H., last week, returning on Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Hingley is still at Nashua with her little daughter Maude, who was taken to the hospital there some time since. The little girl had the measles during the general epidemic this winter, together with her older sister. When she commenced to recover from that disease, trouble in the ears and head occurred. An abscess was thought to be forming and her removal to Nashua hospital, two operations were performed. The child is gaining and Mrs. Hingley is expected home soon.

Francis Lawrence, with his wife and young son has gone to live with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, on Franklin street.

During the icy condition of the streets last week, the white horse driven in Mahony's meat cart, fell and broke his leg while delivering goods in that part of the town known as Natick hill.

It is reported that Roy Sylvester has purchased the Nutting house on River street. His place on Canal street is in the hands of Kemp & Bennett.

The remains of William Swallow, oldest son of Alpheus Swallow, late of Dunstable, were brought on from his home in Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday. The family is well-known in town and many will remember the fact that there were ten sons in the family. This is the first death among them.

Spring movings seem to have started early this year. The family of James Howard, of Hollis, moved into John Frossard's tenement on Crescent street this week. George Alexander also moved his family into Capt. Palmer's tenement directly opposite.

The epidemic of measles seems to be just getting in its work on Oak Hill. The families of Fred Parker and E. P. McCord have been afflicted, and little Ellen Curtis in the home of Benjamin Parker. The members of Mr. McCord's family are now able to be out, but Mrs. McCord has been quite seriously ill as the result of nursing. The two little girls, Doris and Mary, are at present at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. H. E. McCord, Oak Knoll.

Frank Wright is under the care of a physician at his bachelor apartments on Cross street. At present, only a hard cold with considerable fever.

Obituary.

Mrs. Estella Bezanson Palmer, a daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Hayward, of Crescent street, passed away on the morning of February 23, after a long illness, aged forty-three years. More than a year ago, Mrs. Hayward, who is well-known in the many families in town, as well as Groton and Ayer, where she has acted as nurse, was called to her daughter at Hammondsport, N. Y. Mrs. Palmer had suffered a shock after being an invalid for five years. On her partial recovery she was brought to her mother's home

and for the past thirteen months she has been a helpless invalid, requiring constant attention. Through all the weeks of suffering, until disease weakened both body and mind, she repaid all care by her cheerful, brave ways, and her appreciation of all that was done for her.

On Thursday morning of last week, she suffered a final shock, caused by cerebral hemorrhage, and remained in an unconscious condition until death claimed her on Friday morning.

Mrs. Palmer was a native of Black River, King's county, Nova Scotia, going to Chelsea with her parents at the age of eleven years. She is remembered by many who met her on her visits in Pepperell after her mother's removal to this town, twenty years ago. Beside her mother and a large circle of friends, she leaves a brother, Frank Bezanson, of Providence, R. I., and a husband, who resides in a distant state.

Services were held at the house on Sunday afternoon at 1.30, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge officiating. The singing was by Mrs. Lovejoy, Miss Mary Wood and Mrs. Drawbridge. "When the mists have rolled away," and her favorite hymn, "Jesus, lover of my soul."

The flowers were profuse, consisting of magnificent sprays, as follows:

Violets, mother; spray pink and white sweet peas, brother and wife; spray shaded carnations, nephew and niece; spray daffodils, Mrs. Edith Davis, of Worcester; large spray mixed carnations, Dr. E. H. Simmons, Worcester; spray white carnations and violets, Mrs. Julia Chandler, Ellerley; mixed carnations, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tower, H. I. Whipple; white carnations, Mr. and Mrs. George Lakin; pink carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Nell McWilliams; white carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodwin; mixed carnations, Miss Josie O'Neal; sweet peas, Miss Adelle Carter and Marguerite; bouquet cut flowers, Miss Alice Marshall, and many sprays from which the names were misplaced.

Those present from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bezanson and son, of Providence, R. I., who remained until Tuesday noon; Mrs. Edith Davis, of Worcester; Mrs. Julia Chandler, Mrs. Conway and Mr. Dwyer, of Billerica, and Dr. E. H. Simmons, of Worcester, all of whom returned that night.

Mrs. Hayward has the sympathy of this community in her affliction after her patient care during all these many months.

Guest Night.

The Pepperell Woman's club observed guest night at Prescott hall on the evening of February 26. The hall was very prettily arranged, and in spite of a cold, stormy evening, was comfortably filled. The program for the evening's entertainment was entirely by local talent and each number was well received. It consisted of music by Robbins' orchestra, two selections by the club octet, composed of Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Tower, Mrs. Lovejoy, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Copp, Mrs. Dennen, Mrs. Drawbridge and Miss Mary Wood.

Miss Mildred Morgan was very pleasing in her two solos, and Miss Helen Lovejoy in her violin solo. The instrumental duet by Mrs. Gage and Mrs. Tarbell was finely rendered. Two dialogues by Mrs. Tower, Miss Hinckley and E. L. Tarbell closed the program. Refreshments of ice cream, assorted cakes and wafers were served by a caterer from Nashua, and dancing followed for those who cared to indulge.

It was altogether a very pleasant occasion to remember.

To the Editor:

We left Pepperell on Tuesday morning, February 12, and passed through Worcester where we took the New York and New Haven line for New York city.

We were two hours late on arriving in New York city, and as a consequence lost our train for Philadelphia. On arriving there we spent a delightful time at the home of my girlhood chum, Mrs. Lucy Woods Rementer, formerly of Ayer, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Woods.

On Wednesday morning we took the train at Philadelphia for Washington, and on Thursday morning we found ourselves in North Carolina, where the rivers and brooks were flooded and overflowing, and after reaching Charlotte, S. C., it was nothing but southern pines, acre after acre, mile after mile.

We reached Jacksonville on Thursday afternoon. It is a beautiful, bustling southern metropolis, and the palms give a warm greeting. From here we went to Green Cove Springs, which is a most beautiful all-the-year-round place. Orange trees loaded with fruit and roses everywhere in full bloom, sulphur springs and the five mile ride up the St. John's river.

On Saturday we started for Orlando, Fla., a distance of 110 miles, where Mr. and Mrs. Emery Darling, of East Pepperell, are stopping. We also called on Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, of Leominster. At Orlando more than half the city have tourist flats or apartments furnished with light housekeeping arrangements. Mr. and Mrs. Darling are very prettily situated and enjoy the place very much. On Monday morning, with Mrs. Darling, we went to the citrus pack-house, where the oranges are received by the load. The leaves are picked off and the oranges put in a large tank and taken by machinery, rubbed clean between two brushes, rubber cables carrying them out under a blower and from there to the automatic gates, where they are sorted for color, to an automatic grader, where they will roll into large bins assorted in six different sizes. They are then wrapped in paper and boxed ready for shipment.

At Orlando there is a land craze and on Thursday, February 22, we expect to attend a land sale by auction. There have been of late too severe frosts at this place that have frozen the bananas, but the frost did not injure the oranges.

MRS. L. E. STARR.
Orlando, Fla., February 20.

HARVARD.

Mrs. Charles T. Savage of Leominster visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Savage.

While doing a little repair work on the office chair at Bigelow's market last Monday, Adin Murchie cut himself quite badly just above the right knee with a boning knife. Dr. Royal took four stitches and Adin is doing well.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth was the scene of fun and festivity on Tuesday evening last. The event was a party given by Miss Evelyn Farnsworth to a number of her friends here in town. Everybody reports an especially jolly time. Refreshments were served during the evening. Altogether the time passed so pleasantly that it was near the midnight hour before the last good night was said.

The schools close this week for a recess of two weeks. The several teachers going to their homes for rest and recreation.

L. Harlowe Morse, Viola M. Parker and Katherine Waters, students at the Fitchburg normal school, are home for a ten days' recess.

Henry Vassie's new house is being pushed rapidly forward. It is all shingled in and will be ready for the plasterers the first of next week.

Beginning with March 1 the library will be open continuously from two p. m. to 8.30 p. m., Wednesday and Saturday of each week.

A fatal accident occurred Wednesday morning at the new job of Fiske Warren's while the men were preparing for their day's work. A young Norwegian fellow in Contractor Camshaw's gang, who are doing the excavating work, was thawing out dynamite over a fire, when for some reason the stuff exploded, tearing away portions of the man's hands, his right leg and crushing his face and head.

Dr. Royal was hastily summoned and after giving first aid removed the man by auto to the Clinton hospital. His injuries were so severe that help was impossible and he died very soon. He leaves a wife. His home was in Concord.

Mr. Benjamin and Miss Helen Lister of Watertown were guests Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Dickson.

The teachers of the center school started Friday noon, March 1, for a two weeks' trip to Washington, D. C. They anticipate a very instructive and interesting holiday from their school duties here.

The quadrennial ball given by the Ladies' Leap Year club, February 29, has passed into history and will be remembered by all who attended as one of the pleasant and successful parties of the year 1912. Nothing that could be devised for the comforts of their gentlemen friends was left undone and certainly the ladies are to be highly commended for their good work. Music by Hibbard's orchestra. About eighty couples attended. Friends were present from Lancaster, Ayer, Littleton and Pepperell.

Deaths.

The body of Mrs. Ella Farmer, wife of Luke Farmer of Boston, was brought to town on Tuesday, February 27, for interment at the Center cemetery. Mrs. Farmer was before her marriage, Miss Ella Whitney, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Whitney, whose home place was what is now owned by Mrs. Carrie Hussey. Mrs. Farmer has been broken in health for several years, requiring constant attendance by a trained nurse.

Funeral services were held at their Boston home at 9.30 a. m., Tuesday, the funeral cortege coming up to Harvard direct by auto. Mrs. Whitney leaves many friends and relatives who though they grieve at her death, rejoice that she has been freed from her sufferings. She was aged sixty-two years. The grave in the Center cemetery is literally buried under a mass of most beautiful and fragrant flowers, the last reminders to the public of the affections bestowed upon the deceased by her relatives and friends.

The regular meeting of the King's daughters will be held at the Congregational church parlors on Thursday, March 7, at 2.30 p. m.

The many friends of Mrs. W. P. Phillips of Cambridge were grieved to learn of her death last week at her home. The body was brought here for burial at Bellevue cemetery. Mrs. Phillips was a very estimable and agreeable lady and has with her daughters spent much of her summers here for the past few years at their home on Oak Hill. The sympathy of the friends of Miss Josephine Phillips, her daughter, and her husband, also extended to them in this time of bereavement.

Obituary.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips at her winter home in Cambridge last Wednesday evening has brought much sadness to her many friends in Harvard, where her home has been for several years. She was a woman of rare refinement, with sweetness and strength of character, lovable and unselfish, a devoted wife and mother, and an ideal home-maker.

"Twin Maples" was a mecca for the legion of friends from near and far and her gracious hospitality was never wanting. A great sorrow came to the home in the loss of their daughter, Miss Geneva, but this grief was borne by her with a pathetic heroism and in her distressing illness her same forgetfulness of self and thought for others was wonderfully manifested.

Mr. Phillips and her daughter, Miss Josephine, both of whom rendered every service love and devotion could offer, have the sincere sympathy of the community in this close bereavement, and none can but mourn at the loss of so dear a friend and noble woman from our midst.

Still River.

On Wednesday evening, Chester Willard carried a party to the annual chicken supper of the Bolton Farmers' club at the Bolton town hall. They report an excellent supper and a good entertainment furnished by the Shelan minstrels, of Lancaster.

On last Saturday, Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth was stricken with a slight

shock which affected her head, but she is now apparently better, and hopes are entertained of her recovery. All three of her daughters are at home with her, from their school teaching in Boston, Malden and Springfield.

Dennis Noyland, of Readville, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Noyland, on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Alice Harrod has been used up with a severe cold and sore throat, and on Sunday her place as organist at the Baptist church was taken by Miss Helen Stone.

A Success.

The Still River talent that gave "The Podunk limited," to a large audience in town hall, Harvard, on Friday evening, February 23, and thereby netting over fifty dollars as a contribution from Still River to the Alcott home at Concord, are to give the play in Lancaster for the grange of that town sometime in March. The following is the cast of characters in the play: Mary Boggs, little girl, Ethelyn Russell, Miss Prim, an old maid.

Flavilla Bigelow, Susie Olson, a Norwegian, Ruth Willard, Woman with baby, Edna Flanders, Mrs. Herby, interested in "remedies," Helen Stone, Mrs. Deafly, who doesn't hear very well, Edna Harrod, Mrs. Stutterly, with an impediment.

Edna Robinson, Marguerite, suffragist's naughty little girl, Madeline Russell, Musician, Chester Willard, Farmer Boggs, Chester Willard, Tom Boggs, little boy, Warren Harrod, Grandpa Wiggins, Howard Stone, Newsboy, Alfred McClintock, Conductor, Charles Haskell, Fat man, Wendell Willard, Chinaman, William Willard, Groom, Walter Haskell, Bride, newly married, Edna Flanders, Miss Highstyle, Helen Morse, Irish woman, Ruth Willard, Grandma Wiggins, Katherine Lawrence, Mrs. Boggs, Fanny Haskell.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Samuel Gillis has improved in health so that he was able to ride out this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weston are now both ill. Mrs. Weston had a poor spell soon after Mr. Weston took to his bed, which was probably due to her anxiety about him. She is slightly better at this writing and Mr. Weston remains about the same.

Arthur Teehan, of Manchester, N. H., was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McFarland, of Boston, are guests at the Park hotel this week.

Death.

George Borneman, who has been ill for some time with tuberculosis of the throat, was sent to Rutland for treatment last week Thursday. The news was received Saturday of his death, although he had stood the journey very well and seemed to be some better and in good spirits when he arrived. The body was sent back to town and the funeral was held at the home of Everett Borneman on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. A. L. Struthers officiating.

Mr. Borneman was thirty-five years of age, and leaves a wife and two small children; also, a father, Jason Borneman, and mother, Mrs. Cora Eldridge, of the West village, and two brothers, Otis, of Waldboro, Me., and Everett, of this town. Mrs. T. Vano and Johnnie Eldridge, of the West village, are also half-brother and sister. Many beautiful flowers were sent in from friends, relatives and shopmates of the U. S. Adams Company. The family have the sympathy of all in their loss.

Harbor.

Sam Dwyer is visiting in Winthrop. William Wharf, who underwent a severe operation about two weeks ago at St. Elizabeth hospital, writes that he is much better and hopes to be home by the first of next week.

Several members from this vicinity, among them Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Knight, attended the Pomona grange at Littleton on Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Smith entertained the Junior club at her home last evening. A program full of interest and fun was greatly enjoyed by the young folk. The entertainment closed with the serving of refreshments.

The former firm of Bagley & Kline, Boston, is now known as Bagley & Bagley.

Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Bagley, Mrs. Joselyn and Mrs. Jones were among those who attended the old folks' concert at West Groton last Thursday evening.

Harry Knight has been elected captain of the Lawrence academy baseball nine.

Mr. Noyes of Everett was a mid-week guest at Seven Pines.

Last week Friday Mrs. Frank Conant and Mrs. Fred Taft visited on Wallace hill.

Frank Conant and Will Cooper went to Boston on Saturday last and while in town visited Will Wharf at the St. Elizabeth hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wharf of Wallace Hill spent the week-end at Westview. On Tuesday evening Mrs. Bagley was given a surprise party by the ladies of the Monday club and their escorts in honor of his birthday anniversary. Whist followed by refreshments made a delightful evening's entertainment. Mrs. Jones and Gilman Conant made the highest score of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Doran entertained their neighbors at progressive whist on Saturday evening of last week. Mrs. Porter of Fitchburg, daughter of the host and hostess, was a guest of the evening, also Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wharf. After the serving of refreshments Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Adams invited the whist players to Edgewood for the coming Saturday night.

On Tuesday afternoon the As You Like It club met with Mrs. Ida Brown, Washington's birthday claimed a large share of the honors of the afternoon. Music was furnished by the secretary and treasurer of the club, Mrs. Florence Conant. There were also a goodly number of phonographic rec-

ords played. At the close of the literary and musical program, luncheon was served.

Mrs. Searle, who has been sick for several days, is better.

The correspondent for this village desires to express through the columns of this publication his appreciative thanks for the handsome scarlet and silver badge presented to him by E. J., chairman of the committee, last Saturday evening before the assembled guests at Dinglewood.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

By invitation of the school board, a meeting of the townspeople was held on Thursday evening in the town hall to consider the possible addition of an agricultural department to our school system. Rufus W. Stimpson, agent of the State Board of Education, who is establishing such departments in farming towns, was present to explain the plan. The commonwealth has recently passed a law by which towns desiring agricultural departments, shall, under certain conditions, be reimbursed by the commonwealth to the extent of two-thirds of the salary paid to the instructors.

Mrs. Grace Lawrence attended the funeral of her uncle, David Slade, the spice king, at his home in Wakefield. Mr. Slade died at the age of ninety-two in Everess, Fla.

Benjamin Peabody, of Pingreyville, is recovering from a severe stomach illness.

Well Attended.

"The colonel's maid," a drama replete with amusing scenes and incidents, brought out a full house on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The committee in charge is to be congratulated on the selection of a play with rapid action, well sustained suspense, happy climax, terminating in a satisfactory conclusion and full of interest throughout.

It was well cast. The different actors, not only displayed a fine conception of their roles, but were most successful in the execution of their various parts. Perhaps special mention might honestly be given, but it may be in better taste for the public rather than the press to take that privilege.

The music furnished by Elliot Young on the clarinet, accompanied by Mrs. Jessie M. Young at the piano, and by the ladies' quartet formed an important and very enjoyable part of the program.

All who contributed either to the dramatic or the musical entertainment of the evening must have enjoyed the sympathy of the audience which gave repeated and hearty applause.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona met at Littleton on Thursday. Fellow grangers were present from Acton, Westford, Groton, Ayer, Shirley, Harvard, Boxborough and Fitchburg. A hospitable welcome was extended to the visitors by R. T. Barrows, master of Littleton grange. Response was given by George S. Knapp, of Groton. A fine piano solo was rendered by Lewis Knapp, of Groton, and encore followed.

Hon. Frank A. Patch, in a very neat address on "Education in the grange," urged the necessity of greater precaution and care in the signing of petitions addressed to legislature. A bountiful dinner of cold meats, mashed potato, beans, rolls, coffee, brown bread, and all kinds of pies and apples were served to a hundred or more.

In the afternoon Rev. O. J. Fairfield gave a most enjoying address on "The west as compared with the east." A cornet solo by Charles Gallagher, with encore; song by George S. Knapp and encore; piano solo and encore, by Miss White, of Acton; piano solo, Miss Cummings, of Fitchburg, and vocal solos by Perley Smith and Miss Josie Foley, of Littleton, were all well rendered and much applauded.

Mrs. George Woods, of Groton, gave bright, interesting commandments for the grange. Rev. H. L. Packard delighted his audience with an amusing recitation on "Modern breakfasts." Mrs. Eugene Collier, Groton, read an interesting poem written by Mrs. Ellen Barrows, of Groton, and Mrs. Charles Kimball, of Littleton, read a very helpfully suggestive paper on "The cultivation of flowers."

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