

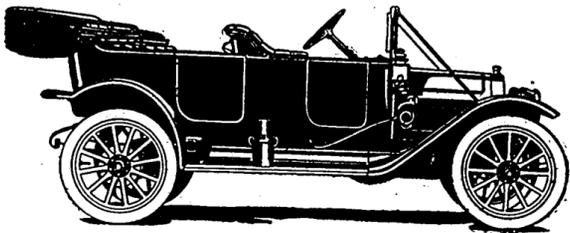
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LITTLETON.

News Items.

A few of the neighbors called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kimball on Monday evening, April 8, to remind the happy couple that they had been married ten years. With them these self-invited guests carried gifts and a good supply of refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball received their friends with their characteristic cordiality and a very pleasant evening, devoted to games and sociability, soon passed into family and neighborhood history.

An adjourned meeting of the Improvement society will be held in the selectmen's room on Tuesday evening, April 16, at eight o'clock. A good attendance is desired as there are important plans to be discussed. Please come prepared to express an opinion on Tuesday, rather than after the proposed work has been accomplished.

The C. E. societies tomorrow evening will consider, "How we can enrich our sabbaths."

William Davis, who has had a narrow escape from pneumonia, is convalescent.

Miss Alice Wright, who is critically sick with pneumonia, has passed the crisis and is improving, but is not considered out of danger at time of writing.

Mrs. Arthur Wright, of Allston, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Dodds.

Harry Hume was taken sick with appendicitis on Tuesday night, but has not been operated upon. His condition has improved somewhat, and it is hoped that resort to the knife will not be necessary.

George Hosley, of Boston, who was a native and for many years a resident of Littleton, enjoyed the honor and distinction of being elected at the G. A. R. encampment last week to the office of Massachusetts commander of the G. A. R. Mr. Hosley is well remembered by the older people of this town, although his visits to his former home have not been very frequent. He is occasionally the guest of his aunt, Mrs. C. P. Hartwell, and other relatives in Littleton.

Mrs. Frank Dodge attended the wedding of her brother, Dr. Horace Howe, and Miss Alice Hathaway Boardman on Marlboro street, Boston, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Byam is staying with her sister, Mrs. C. P. Hartwell.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

The five hundred dollars was petitioned for last year by the selectmen has been apportioned to the town under the Small Towns Act, for the road leading from Liberty square down to the state road at the red barn.

Miss E. May Hastings was a recent visitor in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge, of Waverley, celebrated their second anniversary of their wedding by spending Sunday at the home of the Mads and Dodges.

Miss Lettie McMaster, of Lowell, is the new teacher of No. 2 school.

Mr. Deane of Hyde Park, was recently in town preparing for their visit here this summer.

Many went to see "The colonel's maid," which was presented in the L. O. F. hall, West Acton, on Tuesday evening. Arthur Nelson took a prominent part in it.

Mr. Mallock has sold his farm to Clinton J. Stickney, of South Boston. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Mallock will go out west in a very short time.

Arthur Houghton, of Worcester, spent Sunday at C. T. Wetherbee's.

Miss Mary Hager returned home from Westford on Friday of last week, but has gone to Somerville to visit her brother John.

Mrs. Norman Wetherbee and Mrs. Lewis Richardson are both on the sick list.

Miss Bertha Cook, of Bridgeport, Conn., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parker.

Miss Laura Fitch, of Boston, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Albert Hartwell.

The West Acton Woman's club held their regular meeting last Monday. William Goodearl, of Harvard, is to move into Albert Littlefield's cottage this week.

The subject of the meeting was on "Arts and crafts." In charge of Mrs. Bertha Shattuck. A paper was read on "Basketry," by Miss Laura Brown, and one on "Weaving," by Mrs. Shattuck. A fine exhibition was shown. An enjoyable piano solo was given by Mrs. Salmon and Mrs. Earle Littlefield.

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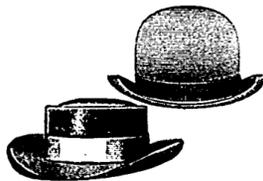
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WESTFORD.

Center.
Miss Della Wheeler, who has spent the winter here, being with the late Mrs. John B. Fletcher until her death, and remaining in her home since, returned this week to her own home in Westminster.

On Sunday morning Rev. David Wallace will preach on "Sunday observance," by request. The following Sunday he will exchange pulpits with Rev. E. C. Hayes, of Acton Center.

The Middlesex Union association of churches will hold its spring meeting on April 17, with the church in North Leominster.

Miss Gertrude Hamlin has been entertaining as a guest during her Easter vacation, one of her Wellesley classmates.

Miss Doolittle, whose home is in New Jersey, is a guest of Miss Ella Hildreth at Prospect Hill farm and was among those present at the Tadnuck club on Tuesday afternoon.

The Misses Sarah, Lillian and May Atwood are expected home this week-end from their extensive western trip of nearly five months.

Mrs. Cyril A. Blaney is seriously ill at her home and in the care of a trained nurse.

Grange.
The regular meeting of the Westford grange took place at the town hall last week Thursday evening, conferring the first and second degrees on a class of five candidates and the annual inspection by a state deputy being the program for the evening.

Westford grange, in its seventeen years of existence, has had many good officers, but for an entire staff of good officers, the present one is certainly par excellence. With William R. Taylor, master, in charge, the various officers performed their duties on Thursday evening with dignity and efficiency. The remaining officers were John P. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Greig, Perley E. Wright, Mrs. L. G. Lumbert, Benjamin Prescott, Sadie McMaster, Rachael Wall, Mrs. J. H. Colburn and Mrs. Ida M. Gould.

The inspecting deputy, Charles H. Preston, of Danvers, found the secretary's and treasurer's books in good condition and after the regular inspection complimented the different officers on their excellent work.

At the next meeting, April 18, the third and fourth degrees will be conferred, the third degree in charge of the ladies' degree staff, and the fourth by the regular officers. Supper in charge of Mrs. W. W. ...

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

Current Events.

Miss Louise Telfer returned to her home at Brockton, Mass., on Friday of last week.

The Ladies' Aid society held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Bertha Gilman on Tuesday.

The Easter concert at the Congregational church was well attended last Sunday, and the beautiful Easter lilies and other flowers which banked the platform, with the smiling faces of the little ones, made a pretty picture.

Rev. W. L. Noyes officiated at the service and Miss Marion Stiles was in charge of the music. The little ones did well in the recitations and vocal selections. Miss Grace Whitcomb, of Fitchburg, officiated at the organ, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, of the same city, assisted the choir. The day was beautiful, but in the evening it started to rain, which lasted until the next morning.

Mrs. W. L. Noyes is able to be out again and greet her many friends.

Sunday, April 7, was the eightieth birthday of Charles Russell, an aged and respected citizen. Mr. Russell has been in rather feeble health for some time.

Mr. Hern's household goods have arrived at his new home in the west part of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Gould have moved their household goods back to town from Roxbury, Mass., where they moved several years ago. Their goods were brought here on a large auto truck, and when near the home of Frank Taylor, the auto became stalled in the mud. The men in charge worked all night and the next day in trying to get it going, and at last had to get the aid of four horses to get it started and pull it through the village. On their return home the auto again got stalled near Succor brook.

On last Saturday a fire was seen from the village in the north part of the town and it proved to be at the Hodgman farm, now owned and occupied by Moses Duffy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss, Edward Pierce, Lucretia Martin, Mrs. George Cady and others, attended the Pomona meeting at Pelham grange on Friday of last week.

At the fire last week, Mrs. H. L. Pierce saved the records, seal and books of Brookline grange, of which she is secretary, but several articles used in degree work were burned.

Josephine Seaver and Mrs. Hattie Stiles have been at Nashua for a week, attending the M. E. conference.

Dr. Holcombe was elected president of the Hillsboro County Medical society at their meeting on April 3, at Manchester, N. H.

Miss Carrie Newbegin, at the home of Mr. Averill, at Wastwood, recently fell at the foot of the cellar stairs and broke her wrist and also received internal injuries.

Mrs. Marion Hobart recently sprained her wrist quite badly by slipping and falling to the floor quite heavily.

Mr. Palmquest nearly severed the big toe on his foot last Monday while chopping wood.

Mrs. Charlotte French, of Milford, visited in town on Monday.

Henry Babb and George Davis, of Mason, were at Nashua on Monday.

Miss Jessie Corey has been confined to the house for several weeks on account of her eyes which have caused her much pain. On Friday of last week she went to Boston to consult a specialist, and he found that there was a tumor on the inside of the lid. She will soon go for a longer treatment, and her many friends hope she may fully recover the use of her eyesight, the specialist giving her encouragement in that respect.

Dr. Holcombe attended a part of the session of the Golden Cross at Nashua on last week Wednesday.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The schedule for the games of Hollis high school baseball games for the coming season is as follows:

April 15, Wilton at Wilton.
April 22, Stearns at Hollis.
April 29, Milford at Milford.
May 6, Groton at Pepperell.
May 13, Groton at Groton.
May 20, Stearns at Mr. Vernon.
May 27, Pepperell at Hollis.
June 3, Wilton at Hollis.

Wesley Ladd left Hollis last week under agreement for the season as pitcher with the Lowell team of the New England league.

A still alarm of fire called out the citizens of South Hollis last week on Saturday. A hired man on Henry Blood's farm was burning a lot of brush and it got away from him, running over a territory of Mr. Blood's grass and in his east orchard, jumped the fence into Ernest Maxwell's land. The wind was so strong it was feared at one time that it might reach Mr. Maxwell's buildings, but it did not.

Otis Goodwin of Lynn, Mass., and Miss Mary Blood of Ayer came to spend Easter with Mrs. Goodwin.

Rev. T. C. H. Bouton of Hudson occupied the pulpit Sunday forenoon and evening.

News of the death of Luke M. Blood, who for many years was a resident of Hollis, whose death occurred in Woonsocket, R. I., reached Hollis last week.

The body of David Cuthbertson was brought to Hollis Monday and interred in the family lot. Mr. Cuthbertson died in Pepperell, Saturday, where he has resided for several years. He formerly lived in Hollis.

Mrs. Wilbert P. Farley went to Nashua Sunday and entered St. Joseph's hospital for an operation for an abdominal trouble with which she has suffered two years. Her daughter only recently returned home from the hospital.

The committee on supply have announced that Rev. Charles Clark of Millers Falls, Mass., will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

On Monday, April 15, will be sold by public auction at 9:30 o'clock, the cows, heifers and one bull belonging to W. H. Clark, Carlisle. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Roy H. Allen, a graduate of Boston Tech, 1905, and a one time Lunenburg boy, but now in Villa Escobedo, Mexico, is manager of Liena Plata Silver Mining Co. In a letter of March 15, he writes: "There has been no mail leaving Villa Escobedo since February 22, and his letter was carried out by special messenger. There are no telegraphic or train communications, and if such conditions continue a month or six weeks longer, the food supply will be exhausted and the mine probably close as others have done. He has 150 men in his employ, only one American, and the assistant manager states that everything is quiet there now."

Rev. George R. Moody, pastor of the Methodist church, preached his last sermon of the year on Easter Sunday, and is attending conference this week. His people here confidently hope he will be returned to them another year.

The next debate, and fourth in the contest between Lunenburg and Townsend high schools, will be held in Townsend on Friday evening, May 10.

Batters were set on Monday for the new house which Augustus Taylor is soon to build on the state road toward Fitchburg.

The personal property of George B. Wood was sold at his home in Goodrichville last Saturday. The real estate consists of a house and barn, and five acres of land for which a standing offer of \$1975 had been made. As the bid was not raised, the real estate remained unsold.

Rev. Dr. James Chalmers, of Fitchburg, has been engaged by the Memorial association as speaker for May 30.

Batters were set on Wednesday for the new bungalow which is soon to be built for Emerson W. Baker on the hill, Highland avenue, which Mr. Baker recently purchased of Edwin S. Marshall. It is nearly opposite the Methodist parsonage.

George B. Wood, who has been in feeble health nearly all winter, has been staying at the home of his son, A. B. Wood, near the Center. For nearly a week he has been in the care of a trained nurse.

On Friday evening, April 26, members of the high school plan to give the four-act drama, entitled "How Jim made good," in the town hall.

Charles Gilchrist is putting a steam heater in his residence.

The household goods of Rev. A. T. Kempton started for Cambridge on Thursday night, April 4, on two large auto trucks. The roads were very muddy and in bad condition generally, which delayed their progress very seriously.

Funeral.

The funeral of Turner J. Sanderson, who died at his home in Westminster on April 4, was held in the Methodist church here on Saturday afternoon. Rev. Moody offered prayer and Rev. J. Woods, of West Fitchburg Methodist church, of which Mr. Sanderson was a member, pronounced the eulogy, and told of his connection with that church. Two of his brothers, Rev. Alonzo and Rev. George Sanderson, in accord with the expressed wish of the deceased, had a part in the service.

Mr. Sanderson was born in this town and was eighty-one years of age last September. He is survived by four brothers, one half brother, two sons, one grandchild, and nephews and nieces. His wife died several years ago. Interment was in the family lot in the North cemetery. A large delegation of the G. A. R. of which he was a member, attended, and with other friends and orders brought beautiful floral tributes.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

A board of trade meeting was held on Friday evening of last week at the town hall. They organized as follows: Arthur N. Hall, pres.; Byron H. Brown, v. p.; W. Arthur Boutwell, sec.; Walter Savill, treas.; C. H. Dickinson, W. B. Curtin, F. H. Sargent, C. P. Smith, dir.

The Easter concert was well attended. The singing and recitations were well rendered.

O. D. Kimball and James Connors are serving as jurors.

The Town Improvement association held its annual meeting for election of officers with Mr. Proctor on Wednesday evening.

Parents' day at the school comes on April 24.

Miss Gertrude Divoll is home on a two-weeks' vacation.

LITTLETON.

About Town.

Many here will be sorry to learn of the death of John T. Priest, Boston's city clerk, a relative of the Priests here, a grandson of Capt. Jacob Priest, whose home was the place of the late Albert Smith. He was an uncle of Mrs. Carrie Chamberlain, a former teacher here, and now one of the supervisors of schools in East Orange, N. J., who with her family came on for the funeral last Saturday.

Monday morning Miss S. F. and Miss P. L. White went to Selnate to attend the funeral, Tuesday forenoon, of their sister, Marietta, wife of Rev. Mr. Seaver. She was buried at Forest Hills. Mrs. Seaver was born here, the daughter of Rev. William White for many years pastor of the Unitarian church here. She leaves a husband, two daughters, son and son-in-law.

At the Alliance meeting, Mrs. B. Brown of Concord gave an interesting paper on the Berlin international conference, together with her travels, receptions and banquets. The cake that was brought from the North Carolina Alliance was passed around. Mrs. Prouty rendered a piano solo and Mrs. Hartwell a song.

At the Easter concert given by the Unitarian choir, the rendering of the "Crucifixion and the resurrection" was finely presented, eliciting much praise.

the soloists, Mrs. Priest and Mr. Hager, fully sustaining the role which had been accorded them, while the chorus of many new members, fully held their own. Rev. O. J. Fairfield read the scripture and Easter selections at intervals.

Miss Ethel Smith will speak before the Guild on the poet Longfellow on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gardner, with little girl, of Jamaica Plain, were in town last Saturday.

Mr. Thacher and Miss Elizabeth entertained his son George and wife from Lunenburg last Saturday.

The members of the King's Daughters' circle have reason to feel pleased that they are to be represented among the officers of the Middlesex County organization in the person of Mrs. Adeline Knowlton, recording secretary of the convention to be held in the Elliot church, Summer street, Lowell, Thursday, April 25.

The annual sunset party under the auspices of the Backlog club, comes on Friday, April 19, and will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jacobs and aids, with supper in charge of a competent committee.

On Saturday, April 20, at nine o'clock, Otis H. Forbush will sell by public auction in West Acton, at the residence of George H. Deoster, all the household goods together with a variety of garden tools.

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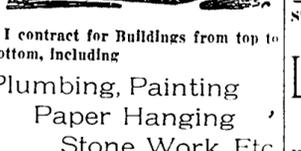
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GROTON.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeen and family are settled in their new home, which was formerly the Timothy Blood place, in Chicopee row. They attend the Congregational church, and two boys, one in the seventh, the other in the eighth grade, attend the school in that neighborhood. Mr. McLeen spends two or three days each week in Nashua, N. H., attending to his business, which later he intends to close out.

Born on Friday, April 5, a son—Grafton Frank, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Hemenway.

Mrs. A. G. Kilbourn is visiting in Toronto, Canada.

At a meeting of the Middlesex Rebeccah lodge last week Friday evening, past noble grand collars were presented Mrs. Alice P. Rockwood and Mrs. Janet P. Wood.

Clarence Anderson is working at W. F. Wharton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Tuttle came up to Groton last week Friday to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Tuttle, just returned from a winter's stay in Florida.

Saturday, April 6, being Mrs. W. W. Potter's birthday, her husband gave her a surprise party that was a perfect surprise in Grange hall that evening. Somewhere about twenty friends were present.

Orchardists are spraying with lime and sulphur this week.

Miss Marjorie Smith, from Providence, R. I., is visiting her aunts at their home on Common street.

Dr. Charles G. Heald, of Pepperell, is at the Groton hospital, where he was operated on for an intestinal trouble on Monday afternoon. Dr. Bottomly, of Boston, performed the operation, Dr. Kilbourn assisting. The patient is doing well.

Miss Susie Shattuck, who was operated on at the hospital for appendicitis about two weeks ago, is making a fine recovery.

Charles Lund, who has been a patient at the hospital since last November, ill from general debility, died there last Sunday. He has worked for a number of our citizens at different times for several years past.

Mrs. Henry W. Whiting, whose serious illness was mentioned in this column last week, is under the care of her physician and a trained nurse. Her illness is from gall stones.

Miss Grace Whitman, of Somerville, who has been at Groton Inn as table girl for the past two weeks, was taken to the Groton hospital on Monday night and operated on for appendicitis. Dr. Kilbourn performed the operation, assisted by Dr. Priest. She is doing well.

J. Edward Jenks, of Washington, D. C., spent a few days last week at the home of his uncle, W. H. Fernald, of Knopp's pond farm.

Evelyn Fernald returned on Tuesday to her studies at Vassar.

F. F. Woods is ill and under the doctor's care. Mr. Woods attended church last Sunday as usual, but since then has been so poorly that his physician has found it necessary on some days to see him twice a day.

Lawrence academy starts the ball games next week Wednesday, playing Middlesex school at Concord, and on the Saturday following, the Fitchburg Normal team on Shumway field.

"The Kentucky belle" is to be given by the senior class of Groton high in town hall on the evening of May 3.

The W. R. C. hold their regular meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon on next Tuesday, instead of at two o'clock. Some of the ladies will bring a lunch and stay over into the evening. The evening's exercises will be an observance of Patriots' day and will consist of recitations, songs, readings, instrumental music and speeches. The W. R. C. expect to meet the E. S. Clark post and friends who will be pleased to hear the exercises and have a social gathering.

Mrs. Maria A. Bowers, patriotic instructor of the W. R. C., attended as delegate the convention in Boston last week.

Miss Mary E. Parker has been too ill to teach for a few days this week, and her place was taken by Miss Mary Parmenter.

Miss Anna Whidden, from Lowell, is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. F. F. Woods.

Land was broken on Gilbert hill on Tuesday for Gen. Bancroft's mansion at Shawfieldmont.

Groton School plays Noble and Greenough at Groton this Saturday afternoon.

The death of Mrs. Robinson and Miss Gould occurring on the same evening, one at nine and the other at eleven o'clock, was unusual for this town, the difference in their ages being about sixty-eight years.

At the special communion service of the Congregational church on Easter Sunday ten new members were received and Ansel M. Shattuck was consecrated deacon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Guest (Miss Wilhelmina Anderson) have gone to Nashua, N. H., where both are employed.

The vesper at the Unitarian church on the afternoon of Easter Sunday were fully attended and the program greatly enjoyed.

Harry L. Bruce is visiting relatives at Lakewood, N. J.

Herbert W. Mason, machinist's mate on the U. S. S. Idaho, came home on Wednesday noon on an eight days' furlough. The Idaho is now at League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, undergoing repairs and changes. This ship has been selected for experimental work. She was the first to use the skeleton military mast which is distinctively an American invention and is used exclusively on U. S. battleships and it is reported that it is soon to be adopted by the English navy. At present an improved conning tower is being installed on the ship together with several other important changes.

George A. Starkey is staying at his grandmother's, Mrs. E. Smith on Hollis street, recovering from the effects of a dental operation.

The series of socials with supper and entertainment at the Congregational church will close next week Thursday evening. The Easter supper is in charge of a committee of which Mrs. J. E. Adams is chairman. Miss Susan P. Hill has charge of the entertainment, which will be mostly of musical numbers.

Forty-eight took dinner at Groton Inn on Easter Sunday, which opens the inn-season early and in good numbers.

Wallace A. Brown has recently accepted a position as traveling salesman for the H. C. Edmunds Coffee Co. of Boston.

The young child of Silas Northrup is very sick.

Dr. Chalmers' address before the Historical society Tuesday night was exceedingly interesting and instructive. Owing to inclemency of the weather and other social attractions the attendance was small. All, however, were amply repaid for efforts made to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck returned Tuesday night from an over-Easter visit to their brother, Dr. Albert M. Shattuck and family in Worcester. The Easter decorations, music and other exercises at the churches attended in the city were very beautiful and edifying.

Mrs. George H. Cook and children who have been staying with her mother, Mrs. Woolley, have returned home to Nashua, N. H.

Miss Carrie Clarke went this week Friday night to attend the freeman's ball at Milford, N. H., and will be the guest of Mrs. Verena Adams Dugas.

Grange.

The program at Groton grange on Tuesday evening was very good though not very long. Rev. H. L. Packard of Littleton grange gave an instructive and every way excellent talk on birds. This is spoken of as one of the best addresses given at the grange; those who failed to hear it missed much that was good. Mr. Packard also gave by request a recitation, "Degeneracy of breakfast," which he gave a few weeks ago at the Littleton grange. There was a pleasing reading by Mrs. Laura Charlton and George S. Knapp, whose excellent voice was at its best, sang "True to the last" very effectively and was accompanied on the piano by his son, Lewis M. Knapp.

Takes Prominent Part.

Daniel Needham, 12, Harvard college, is a member of the Pi Eta club and takes the part of "Shin," a black boy in "The impostor." This two-act musical comedy was given for the first time on Monday night, April 8, in the club theatre. It was graduates night, only members of the alumni being allowed to attend. The play called out much merriment. On Wednesday evening, April 10, the Pi Eta gave "The impostor," at Cummings theatre, Fitchburg, with fine success. Our Groton boy, "Shin," was a bright and striking character in the play and was given generous applause, his song and dance receiving an encore. He received the only bouquet of the evening. The play is to be repeated at the club theatre and afterwards to be given in a Boston theatre. Mrs. Needham, Daniel's mother, went over from Groton to see "The impostor" on Wednesday night. Mrs. E. M. F. Hartwell accompanied her.

Deaths.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane (Burton), widow of Rev. Charles Robinson, passed away on Tuesday night, April 9, from the results of a severe cold and ailments incident to old age. Mrs. Robinson was born at Wilton, N. H., in September, 1816. She had lived in Groton the greater part of her life and was at the time of her death the oldest person in town. Her husband, Rev. Charles Robinson, was pastor of the First Parish Unitarian church here, twelve years, from 1826 to 1838 inclusive. He died on April 5, 1862, just fifty years before Mrs. Robinson, the difference in that time being only a matter of about two hours, as he passed away at seven o'clock and she at nine o'clock in the evening.

The funeral services were held from the ladies' room of the Unitarian church Friday, April 12, at two o'clock p. m., Rev. P. H. Cressley officiating. The bearers were neighbors of the deceased and interment was in Groton cemetery.

Mrs. Robinson is survived by a son, William B. Robinson, a well-known vocalist; also, two grandchildren, Miss Clara B. and William B. Robinson; also, a step-son, Charles C. Robinson, a clothier at Fitchburg.

Miss Martha L. Gould, after a lingering illness, passed peacefully away Tuesday night, April 9, aged twenty-seven years. Funeral services were held at her late home, Rev. G. M. Howe officiating, on Friday, April 12, at 10.30 in the forenoon.

Miss Gould was the only daughter and youngest child of the late Daniel C. Gould of Bath, Me., and the interment was in the family lot in the cemetery of that city. She is survived by her mother and grandmother whose home and her own has been in Groton for the past eight years or more. Two brothers, George and Harold Gould are both instructors in the University school at Cleveland, Ohio. George Gould was formerly a teacher at Lawrence academy.

Miss Gould had been an invalid for

nearly all of her time in Groton, but she had been patient and hopeful. Her many beautiful traits of character won many friends who will miss and not soon forget her.

Improvement Society Meeting.

The Groton Improvement society met with Miss G. A. Boutwell on Monday afternoon with full attendance. Mrs. Frank A. Torrey, vice president, presided, as the president, Mrs. Eugene F. Nutting, was too ill from a very severe cold to attend. All listened with great pleasure and profit to the talk by Miss Hetzer, of the Lowthorpe school, on "Roses and shrubs."

The subject of school garden was talked over and it was reported that thirty-three children at West Groton are desirous of taking the school garden course under Miss Fay, of Lowthorpe school. Now if some person in West Groton will give the use of land for the gardens, the children will have their gardens and Miss Fay will go over to teach them. Not so many have come forward in Groton as in West Groton, but the number will probably increase as the opportunity for enrollment is still open.

Some of the children seem to prefer home gardens. While there is no objection to these, still it must be remembered that Miss Fay cannot find it possible to visit and instruct about them. Who in West Groton will give the use of land for the school gardens?

West Groton.

A supper, entertainment and dance will be given in Squannacook hall by the Keystone club on Wednesday evening, April 17. The entertainment will consist of the college comedy, "A thief in the house," with the following cast of characters:

Jack Morris, Webster Harrington
Tom Parker, Richard Lawrence
Jerry Sharp, Lee Bixby
A Jew, Harold Wilkins
Messenger boy, Albert Robinson

There will be dancing from nine until twelve, with music by Thayer's orchestra. The proceeds will be made the nucleus of a building fund. The young men forming the Keystone club, twelve in number, it is understood, have felt the need of a club-room for reading, games and social intercourse, and are very much in earnest over this building plan. Such a room, under the right guidance, is needed in every community, and we wish success to the enterprise.

HARVARD.

News Items.

The body of Mrs. George C. Wetherbee, whose death occurred on Sunday at her home in Detroit, Mich., was brought here on Thursday for burial at Bellevue cemetery. The deceased was sixty-eight years of age. She was a sister-in-law to Fred Wetherbee, of this town. Prayer services were held at the grave on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. George Jones officiating.

The Ladies' Unitarian Sewing circle will hold an all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth on Thursday of next week. Every member is most earnestly invited to attend.

It is now a definite arrangement of the executive committee of the Harvard Choral union to give a public concert early in May. There has been a very gratifying interest shown in this movement by the members and the result promises to be worthy of the efforts. It is very necessary, however, that from now on, that every member make a special effort to be present at every rehearsal. The chorus needs your voice and your personal attendance and interest, and it is earnestly desired that members will be present at the rehearsal on next Monday evening at eight o'clock town hall.

At the Unitarian church next Sunday morning a quartet composed of Mrs. Leonard, Miss Barnard, Mr. West and Mr. Turner will furnish the music.

Bromfield School.

On Friday of last week, was flag day for the juniors at Bromfield, and the class turned out in full force to celebrate. The absence of the senior class on their Washington trip simplified the situation somewhat, although the juniors were assembled, prepared to raise their colors in any event. The class flag, a striking emblem in green and gold, was successfully raised on a high point on the cupola. The flag song, composed especially for the occasion, and sung to the tune of "Bright eyes," was then rendered:

Today we raise our banner,
Lift it to the sky,
Display our class allegiance
Long may it float on high,
Salute with reverence proper
Your colors, gold and green,
Declare yourselves true
To Nineteen Thirteen.

All for you
All for you
Strive with hearts loyal and true
To gain your just reward
Mascot of one of us
Some of us
All of us

Something well do for you, 1913.

The annual school competition for prizes in the best literary production, which is given under the English department, of which Miss Bernice Sears is the head, has been closed, and the prizes awarded. These prizes, the idea of which originated with Rev. George Jones last year, are given by individuals interested in the work of the school, and it is very gratifying to note that through the incentive offered by this prize system, the literary productions of this year are a great improvement over the work of last year.

The school is also fortunate in being able to secure in the persons of Rev. George Jones, Miss E. E. Hildreth and Miss S. A. Davis, such ability and conscientious work as was necessary to award the several honors. The school prize of two dollars open to all was awarded to Harriet Thayer, subject, "The coming of spring. The senior class prize of one dollar, was awarded to Olive Houghton, subject, "Lancelot and Elaine." Junior class prize of one dollar each—two prizes were given here because of the difficulty in choosing between the two best works

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The judges scored on the points first, originality; second, literary worth, and when difficulty in choosing the better on these points was experienced then rhetoric was used as a third point.

The work of the school as a whole was worthy of honorable mention. The prize essay will be printed in the Bromfield Beacon, which will be published in June, 1912.

Sill River.

Easter was observed at the Baptist church by an Easter sermon in the morning, and a concert by the Sunday school in the evening. Although raining hard there were a good number out to the concert, and a very pleasing program was given, which was arranged by Mrs. Jennie Willard, superintendent. There were recitations and readings by Ruth Willard, Oressa Webster, Eliza Bateman, Vera Willard and others, a violin solo by Eleanor Haskell, songs by Mrs. Mary Haskell, Mrs. Morse, as well as duets and quartets.

Mrs. Fanny Haskell, who has been visiting her aunt in Arlington, returned home on Wednesday.

Eleanor Hudson and friend from Winchester, are the guests of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willard.

Wendell Willard has a gang of carpenters putting on the finish to his new house, and hopes before long to get it ready for occupancy.

Mrs. Vaughn and daughter, of Worcester, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Vaughn last week.

Miss Katherine Lawrence spent Easter with her sister, Mrs. Clark, in Lancaster.

Warren Harrod is at home this week from his school duties in Worcester.

Chester Willard has had a telephone installed in his house this week.

Mr. Rockwell and family, of Harvard, have moved into the tenement over the store this week.

SHIRLEY.

Alturrian.

The Alturrian club held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Martha J. Conant on Thursday afternoon, as has been its custom for several years. A large number were present. Reports of officers were read and accepted. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year as served during the past year, viz.: Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, pres.; Mrs. Alice L. Wright, v. p.; Mrs. Lydia R. Bin-

ney, sec.; Francis A. Herson, treas.; Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, dir. in place of the retiring director, Mrs. Minnie M. Allen, whose time had expired.

At the close of the meeting a bountiful and appetizing lunch was served by the hospitality and entertainment committee.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 25, when Mrs. Francis B. Hornbrooke will speak on "The protection of our wild birds."

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AYER.

News Items.

Augustus Lovejoy, in memory of his wife, is to furnish the Congregational church with a pipe organ, containing twenty-five pipes, and is expected to be here the early part of June. The organ is to be run by water power and is made by the Estey Organ Company, Brattleboro, Vt., it being the regular 22 design. It is just what was needed and is a valuable acquisition. All connected with the church, especially the choir, are overjoyed in having the gift of a pipe organ from Deacon Lovejoy, a prominent member of the church.

Silas N. Stone has sold his farm and about one hundred hens on Harvard street to Edmund J. Vladish, of Turner's Falls. Mr. Vladish is to make extensive repairs and will move here the last of April. Mr. Stone will move into his house across the common, where he lives. The sale was made by Fred A. Smith, who is local agent for P. F. Leland's real estate office. By this sale a young couple has been added to our town.

The Unitarian Social Gathering held a meeting in the church parlor on Tuesday afternoon. It was decided to hold a festival early in May and committees were elected for the same and plans made. Considerable other routine business was transacted.

Mrs. Charles Trefethen, jr., of East Main street, is spending a few days in Dorchester, previous to going west, where Mr. Trefethen took up a quarter section (160 acres) three years ago.

James C. A. Turner, cashier of the North Adams Gas Light Company, who left North Adams about two weeks ago and who is reported to have been recently seen in Richmond, Va., by Charles Harrington, a North Adams man, is said to have disappeared again. Located at Murphy's hotel, Richmond, a telegram from that city says that Turner has moved from the hotel without saying where he was going. He has not communicated with his wife at North Adams.

Jesse J. Angell, of Hudson, celebrated his eighty-first birthday last week and he was kindly remembered by a number of his neighbors, and was the recipient of many beautiful flowers. Mr. Angell was for a number of years a resident of this town, and will be remembered by the older residents.

Turner J. Sanderson, of Westminster, died on Thursday of last week from Bright's disease, after an illness of several months, at the age of eighty-one years. He will be remembered here by the storekeepers who purchased candles of him twenty-five years ago, and at that time he was a resident of Sudbury. He was a native of Lunenburg, and soon after the breaking out of the civil war he enlisted in Boston in Company C of the 59th regiment. The funeral was held last Saturday and burial was in Westminster.

The selectmen have appointed Chief of Police Beatty and Officer W. J. Mullin as officers for the coming year.

The Boston Ice Company is having the side-track extended at Sandy pond so as to make room for four more cars.

Edward S. Dwyer and Milan P. Cole began their duties as jurors at the session of the superior court, which began at Lowell on Monday morning.

At the meeting of the library trustees on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the year: George A. Sanderson, president; Patrick Donlon, v. p.; Huntley S. Turner, sec.; William U. Sherwin, treas. The following appointments were made by the president:

George H. Brown, Mrs. Hope Cowles, Lyman K. Clark, book committee; William U. Sherwin, Patrick Donlon, John H. Whitcomb, committee on library building and grounds; Huntley S. Turner, George J. Burns, George A. Sanderson, committee on finance; Miss S. Adelaide Blood, elected librarian; and Miss Lois A. Sherman, asst. librarian.

Charles G. Stowers, who was a resident here a number of years ago, and was an employee at the tannery when it was under the ownership of Alley Bros. & Place, has moved from Hyde-man, Pa., where he has been for a number of years connected with the National bank there, to Cumberland, Md.

Miss Edna C. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, and Miss Madolin Donlon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donlon, return on Monday to the College St. Elizabeth, at Convent Station, N. J., after their Easter vacation here of ten days.

The services at the Baptist church on Sunday will consist of preaching by Rev. J. W. Thomas at 10.45. Sunday school at twelve. Praise and short address by the pastor at seven o'clock in the evening.

At St. Andrew's church, in addition to the regular service, of which notice was made last week, there was a flower service by the children at twelve o'clock. Mr. Higley, the organist of the church, was given a present by the church choir.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church held a very successful Easter sale and supper in the lower town hall on Wednesday. Supper was served from six to eight o'clock.

The selectmen have awarded the contract for putting in the hard surface sidewalks on the approaches to the overhead bridge, as voted at the recent town meeting, to Elwin H. Longley for \$600. The material used will be cement.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held in Masons' hall on Monday afternoon, April 15, at one o'clock. Work—Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees.

Within a couple of weeks there have been six deaths in town—F. G. Philbrick, March 29; Mrs. C. W. Mason, April 4; C. W. Kennison and S. W. Smith, April 5; Mrs. Mary Stone Priest, April 7, and John McGrath, on April 10.

A barn party will be held for the benefit of the Philanthropic club in the vestry of the Congregational church on Wednesday evening, April 17, at eight o'clock. Be on hand for the hot biscuits and maple syrup.

At the annual meeting of the Middlesex Country club held at their clubhouse on Thursday evening, a good attendance was present and the following officers were elected for the coming year: L. Kenneth, Clark, pres.; John H. Burns, v. p.; Eugene S. Barry, sec. and treas.; Holden Harlow, H. M. Beverly, G. H. B. Turner, governing com.; John H. Burns, Holden Harlow, G. H. B. Turner, grounds com.

Eugene S. Barry returned on Wednesday from his trip of two weeks to Havana, Cuba, and reports a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Washington Williams, of 42 Elm avenue, Wollaston, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Ida Isabelle, to George Pierce Smith, April 16. A reception will follow the ceremony. Mr. Smith was a former resident, and is a grandson and namesake of the late George B. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Davis and two children, and Mrs. S. M. Davis returned on Wednesday from Santa Barbara, Isle of Pines, Cuba, where they had been spending the winter on a plantation. The lowest temperature while they were there was sixty-eight degrees, and they found even this temperature quite uncomfortable.

Work has been started on the spur track which will connect the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway, at Sandy pond, with the icehouses of Frank S. Pierce. When the work is finished, Mr. Pierce will be able to load his ice directly from the icehouses to the cars, which will haul it here, thereby saving the time and labor of hauling it the long distance by teams as is now the case.

Detectives Ronar and Petague, of the Trenton, N. J., police force, were in town on Thursday afternoon looking for a Polandier who committed manslaughter in the New Jersey city. The officers traced the fugitive as far as Fitchburg, where they lost the trail. They called on Chief Beatty here regarding the case. They arrived here at 4.22 and left for Worcester at 4.49 o'clock.

Robert Burns lodge, I. O. F. F., worked the initiatory degree on three candidates on Tuesday evening.

The members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, Sons of Veterans, enjoyed a smoke talk and graphophone concert after the regular meeting on Thursday night. A collation was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilman P. Beverly, and their daughter, Miss Millie M. Beverly, moved into their new home on Cambridge street on Tuesday.

Rev. Paul E. Secrest, pastor of the M. E. church, finished his duties last Sunday, but will preach next Sunday, pending the appointment of a new pastor at the New England conference at Springfield this week. H. J. Webb, of this town, is the delegate from here to the conference.

Invitations for the wedding reception of Miss Edith L. Perry and Clifford H. Libby are being received, to be held on April 25. Guests from this vicinity who plan to attend will find it convenient to take the six o'clock train from Ayer to Nashua, Union station, where they will be met by autos. They can return by trolley through Lowell in about an hour and a half.

The Ayer branch of the Woman's Alliance are arranging for their annual sale and entertainment on Thursday evening, April 25.

Letters remaining at the Ayer post-office for the week ending April 17: J. W. Hayes, Miss Eva Medinias, Miss A. R. Richards, Viola Snyder.

Entertainment.

The Woman's club gave an entertainment last Tuesday evening that was not only of a very high order and very enjoyable, but very successful. It opened with a very dainty supper, egg salad, hot rolls, tea, coffee and cocoa. This was served at small tables accommodating from two to six. The committee in charge of the supper was Mrs. A. M. Sargent, Mrs. Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. Mary L. Hutchins, Mrs. F. Lawton and Mrs. Nellie Winslow. It was served by this very efficient company of waiters, who were club members: Mrs. Mary Bartlett, Mrs. Margaret Cushing, Mrs. Stella Farnsworth, Mrs. Carrie Lynds, Mrs. Jennie Chaffin, Mrs. Ida Preble, Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, Mrs. Carrie Murphy, Mrs. Maud Sullivan, Mrs. Ruth Sherwin and Mrs. Blanche Whitney.

During the supper there was a continuous entertainment of music, including songs by Marion Winslow, Mrs. Daisy Beckford, Reginald MacDonnell, mandolin selections by Mrs. Grace Lentz and Miss Ethel Andrew, piano solos by Miss Edith Longley, Miss Flora Cole and Miss Mabel Sargent; vocal solos, Miss Helen Hardy; piano solo, Miss Edith Longley; piano duet, Miss Longley and Miss Hardy; piano solo, Miss Flora Cole; trio, violin, piano and cornet, Misses Pauline Sherwin and Flora Cole, and Roger Lawrence.

Then came the dramatic presentation of Dickens' story, "The Cricket on the Hearth," by this all-star cast of characters from the Woman's club: John Peerybingle, Miss Mabel Puffer; Mrs. Peerybingle, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher; Mr. Tackleton, a toy maker, Mrs. Emma Wood; Caleb Plummer, his man, Mrs. Sacie Sanders; Bertha, Caleb's blind daughter, Miss Madolin Whitney; old gentleman, Mrs. Ida Perkins; Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Mary Lawrence; May Slowboy, Mrs. Edith Johnson.

The characters were all in costume and were well gotten up. Every one took her part very well, and we must not forget the baby who played an important part. There were three acts, the scene of the first and third being John Peerybingle's cottage, and the second the abode of Caleb Plummer. The play was arranged by the literature committee of the club, Mrs.

Clara F. Hill, Mrs. Nellie Brown and Miss Mary Johnson, and was first given at a regular meeting of the club.

There was so much interest displayed that it was repeated at Page hall by request, where it could be presented on a large scale. It showed that there was fine dramatic ability in the club, and all who heard it enjoyed a rare treat.

A Lowell Nonagenarian.

On last Sunday, Warren B. Cotton, who is just recovering from a paralytic stroke received about a year ago, was favored by a visit from his father, Neal Cotton, of Lowell, who is a smart, sturdy old resident of ninety-two years. He is with one exception the oldest resident, having lived there since 1851.

In perfectly vigorous health and a remarkable retentive memory, he is able to relate the events of the past sixty years, with many of which at Lowell he was intimately connected. Since his retirement from business about fifteen years ago, he has been able to enjoy a well earned rest.

His home is on Stevens street in the Highland district, where he is a well-known figure, and has been cared for by a daughter since the death of his wife in 1905. He is the oldest republican in the city, and a great admirer and enthusiastic supporter of Ex-President Roosevelt. He represents a type of early New England stock that is rare now-a-days.

Deaths.

S. Wilson Smith, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, died at his home on East Main street last week Friday afternoon, after two weeks' sickness. The cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage, probably the result of a fall which Mr. Smith sustained on the ice near his home several weeks ago.

Mr. Smith was born in St. Albans, Vt., July 21, 1841. He was married to Miss Ellen Elizabeth Richards, in June, 1862. After leaving St. Albans, he went to Baldwinville, where he lived for three years. He came here to live thirty-five years ago, and has since made his home in this town. Since coming here he has worked at his trade as pattern maker, being employed at the Chandler Planer Company shop, and also in Boston, where he was working up to the time of his last illness.

Mr. Smith was also engaged in the furniture business and was a member of the firm known as the Ayer Furniture Company, which was engaged in the manufacture of furniture in a part of the building now used by Mr. Phelps in connection with his saw mill.

He leaves besides his widow, one brother, Ayline C. Smith, of Baldwinville, and one daughter, Mrs. C. A. Fox, of this town.

The funeral was held from his late home on Monday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. Richmond Fisk, D. D., of the Unitarian church, performed the services at the house and at Woodlawn cemetery, where the interment took place.

Mrs. Mary Stone Priest died at the Worcester insane asylum, where she was taken a short time ago, last Sunday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock. The remains were brought here on Wednesday, and the funeral services were held at two o'clock on the afternoon of that day at her late home on the Harvard road. Rev. J. W. Thomas performed the services. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Carrie Lowell sang "Abide with me," "What a friend we have in Jesus," and "Sweet bye and bye," the last named hymn being an especial favorite of the deceased.

There were a number of floral tributes from neighbors and friends. The interment was at Woodlawn cemetery, where Mr. Thomas performed the committal service.

Mrs. Priest was in her ninety-second year and had lived in her home on the Harvard road over eighty years.

John McGrath, one of our oldest and respected citizens, died at his home on Pleasant street on Wednesday morning at 12.30 o'clock. Death was due to heart disease. Although Mr. McGrath had not been in good health for several months, he was able to be out as late as last Sunday, when he felt better than for some time.

Mr. McGrath was born in Inah, County Clare, Ireland, in June, 1837, and came to this country in 1861. He was married to Mrs. Margaret Rabbit in 1863. Besides his widow he leaves three daughters—Mrs. P. H. Hooley, Mrs. J. M. Maloney and Mrs. W. N. Scruton, all of this town.

Mr. McGrath was a good citizen and a kind neighbor. For many years he was employed as a carrier at the shop now conducted by the Ayer Tanning Company.

The funeral was held on Friday morning. A high mass or requiem was said at St. Mary's church at nine o'clock by Rev. P. J. Sheedy, who also performed the committal service in St. Mary's cemetery, where the interment took place. There was a large number of beautiful floral pieces. The bearers were George Keating, of Groton, Thomas McCarthy, Patrick Donahue and Patrick Markham, of Ayer. The members of the Irish Catholic Benevolent society, of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body.

Grange.

Seventeen members of Ayer grange attended a meeting of the Fitchburg grange on Thursday evening, when the third and fourth degrees were conferred. The ladies' degree team, assisted by the men's degree team, conferred the third degree, and the regular officers conferred the fourth degree, which was witnessed by 240 grangers. The work was done in a very able manner. Those who attended from here were Mr. and Mrs. Burton Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Winslow, Mrs. Emma Wood, Mrs. Rymes, Miss Era Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Robbins and daughter Marion, Augustus Lovejoy, Miss Lillian Wright, Miss Clara Scripture, Miss Marlon, Walter C., and Warren Winslow and Arthur Cotton. They report a splendid time, all returning home on a special car shortly after midnight.

Easter Services.

A very interesting concert was given by the Congregational Sunday school at six o'clock on Sunday evening. It included songs from the service book and recitations from these little people:

Margaret Larabee, Blanche Morse, Doris Clark, Eva Wallace, Kenneth Clark, Edward Allen, Laura Pray, James Johnson, Edward Sawyer, Ruth Davis, Marion Rowe, Esther Stone, Elsie Dickerman, Walter Scott, Elizabeth Larabee, Donald Dickerman, John Andrew, Marlon Jubb, Ida Smith, Howard Martin, Marion Stone, Hazel Daniels, Eva Smith, Doris Dickerman, Gladys Lawrence and Ethel Thayer, a class recitation, Roger Johnson, Altha Andrew, Helen Stone and Alice Thayer, songs, Hilda and Margaret Osgood, Ruth Harlow and Doris Buckman and Elsie Dickerman.

A very pleasing closing feature was the talk by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Whitley, who taught a lesson from the word grow, which was so right on working. The concert was conducted by the superintendent, Charles H. Hardy, who expressed his pleasure at the good work done by the school.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning, the Sunday school gave its Easter concert at the time of the morning service. The new Easter service, containing carols, responsive exercises, invocation and selections, was used. Interspersed with this were concert scripture quotations, and recitations:

A basket of flowers, Dorothy Carman, "The willow," Marion Twined, "Wanted," Gladys Proctor, "The call of the violet," John H. Turner, "Bird thoughts," Beryl Proctor, "How the pussy willows come," Gladys Porter, "Seven time one," Helen Graydon, "Consider the lilies," Margery Fletcher, "The robin and his nest," Hope Cowles, "The bees," Martha Cowles, a concert recitation, "The spring tide," was given by Hope and Martha Cowles, Clifford Carman and Irene McCollister.

There was a song by Mona Taft Kittredge and a piano solo by Bertha Phelps. Another interesting feature was the recitation by the school of the biblical alphabet through the letter V. The superintendent, Mrs. Barker, told a story, "The vision of Dante," which was an adaptation of the great work of the Italian poet Dante, arranged especially for young people. Brief remarks by Rev. Dr. Fisk, the pastor, gave in telling and touching words the lesson of the season. The room was very prettily decorated for the occasion by this committee of girls from the school: Misses Natalie Bigelow, Doris Fletcher, Margaret Hume, Evelyn Sanderson and Pauline Sherwin.

At the Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas, preached a sermon on 10.45 a. m. on the text, "He is risen." There was special music and singing. The church was prettily adorned with potted plants and Easter lilies. The largest attendance of the year was present at the Sunday school.

In the evening the children of the Sunday school gave an Easter concert, with Warren L. Preble, superintendent, in charge. The program follows:

Opening chorus, "Christ is risen; scripture reading; song, "Christ arose"; scripture reading; pastor's responsive reading; song, "Harken, harken"; recitations, Lucille Hollis, Mary and Helen Whitney; song, "The story of Moses' escape"; "The message of the violets," Edessa Crawford, Alice and Margaret Rand, Esther Washburn, Lucille Hollis, recitations, Dorothy Barrett, Etta Green, Elviah and Edna Mosher; song, "Why should I not love him"; recitation, Hazel Scruton; "Lilies song," Ruth Reynolds; Ave chandler, Reginald MacDonnell and chorus; recitation, Ralph Scruton; exercise, "Joy"; Dorothy Preble, Harold Blood, Hazel Miller; song, "He triumphed over the grave"; recitations, Hazel Murphy, Lyman Scruton; song, "The kingdom come"; recitations, Etta Corkum, Lester Robbins, Asa Shepard, Walter Scruton; reading, W. L. Preble; remarks, pastor; song, "The resurrection"; recitation, Minna Mosher; song, "The crucified liveth again"; benediction.

District Court.

John Kijowski, of Shirley, through his counsel, Frank J. Maloney, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery in court last Saturday, and was fined twenty-five dollars. Kijowski alleged to have taken part in the stabbing of Andrew Jarski at Shirley on February 3. The original complaint against him of assault with intent to kill was withdrawn.

The case against Charles A. Barrett for violation of the liquor law was continued until May 6.

John Meisnick, Leon Saitus and Kail Poulin, of West Groton, appeared in court on Tuesday morning charged with assault and battery on John Rumski. Saitus was found guilty and fined fifteen dollars. The other two defendants were found not guilty and discharged.

Funerals.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Martha A. Mason was held from her late home on Pleasant street last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. The services, which were at the house, were conducted by Rev. L. E. Perry, of Hudson, N. H., a former pastor of the Congregational church here. Mrs. Mason was the last of the original members who formed this church over fifty years ago. A quartet consisting of Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Ellis B. Harlow, S. Bassett Dickerman and Howard Stone sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "Shall we meet beyond the river," and "God be with you till we meet again."

Representatives of the Ayer Woman's club, Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S. W. B. C. and of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church, all of which the deceased was a member, were present at the services. The bearers were Granville Holden, of Marlboro; Alec Brezoll, of Newport, N. H.; William G. R. Spencer, of Ayer, and Austin Sawyer, of Merrimac.

The interment was in the family lot in the Shirley Center cemetery, only a short distance from where the deceased was born. There were many floral pieces which included the following:

Spray of 66 pink roses, C. W. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mason; spray of 100 M. and Mrs. M. M. Stearns, of Somerville, and Mrs. Jennie Graves and Daniel Reed, Center Harbor, N. H.; tulips, H. K. White, Newport, N. H.; spray of lilies, Mrs. M. and Mrs. Austin Sawyer and son, of Merrimac; spray, cream roses, with pansies,

Miss Ella Neal and Harry Brown, Wollaston; wreath, Easter lilies and violets, Sherwin combination; wreath, magnolia leaves, Ayer Woman's club; spray of dark red and white pinks, Congregational church; loose pinks, Misses S. A. and Clara Blood; star, Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S. W. B. C.; loose pinks and green, Ladies' Benevolent society; Congregational church; spray, azaleas and white pinks, E. Kierstead, Groton; spray of light pink, Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Remick; spray of light and dark pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kyle; spray of dark red and white pinks, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Peich; spray, cut flowers, Mrs. Lizzie Mitchell, Reading; Mrs. Charles Brown and Miss Brown; floral piece, Woman's Relief Corps; spray, pink and white pinks, C. C. Wood and W. L. Preble; spray, Easter lilies, Mrs. Mary J. Farr; bunch white pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bowler and family.

The funeral of the late Charles W. Kennison was held last Monday afternoon from the home of his son, John L. Kennison, on Williams street. Services at the house were conducted by Rev. Richmond Fisk, D. D., of the Unitarian church. A quartet composed of Mrs. Clara L. Burns, Mrs. Ruth E. Sherwin, Mrs. Nellie F. Kittredge and Mrs. H. Bigelow sang "Jesus lover of my soul" and "Nearer my God to thee." The bearers were from Harlow & Parsons' market, where the deceased was for many years a faithful employee. They were Ellis B. Harlow, Patrick Keating, Ernest Whitcomb and Chester P. Bales.

The interment was at Woodlawn cemetery. On account of Dr. Fisk having an engagement to perform the funeral services in connection with Mr. Smith's funeral held the same afternoon, Rev. J. W. Thomas, of the Baptist church performed the services at the cemetery.

Easter Sale.

A very successful Easter sale, supper and concert was given in the Congregational church vestry on Wednesday evening. The skit, "The country druggist," was given by Rev. J. E. Whitley's Sunday school class and proved to be very interesting. In addition to this feature, there were readings by Esther Holden and Hortense Sawyer, and a piano solo by Helen Hardy. The apron table was in charge of Mrs. G. G. Osgood, Mrs. A. M. Sargent; the candy table was in charge of Helen Hardy, Bertha Stone and Edith Longley. The committee in charge of the popcorn table was Frank Parker and Percy Fowler. The supper committee was Mrs. J. A. Shaw, Mrs. Arthur Fowler, Mrs. H. W. Winslow, Mrs. Esther Hart and Ethel Nixon.

Accidents.

Thomas J. Healey, a brakeman in the railroad yard, had his left leg so badly crushed shortly after midnight Thursday, as to make amputation necessary. Drs. Sullivan and Hopkins were sent for and attended the injured man. On account of the serious nature of the injury he was taken to the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, on the 12.37 train, accompanied by Dr. Sullivan, where the injured limb was amputated above the knee. The unfortunate man recovered from the effects of the operation and is reported as getting along as well as can be expected. The accident was caused by the bumping of a string of cars which had been shunted by the locomotive engaged in the work. Healey was riding these cars and when the cars struck another string he was thrown off the top of the car and fell under the wheels.

Mary Cassapa, of West Groton, was knocked down by the train due to leave here for Boston at 12.50 o'clock this week Friday afternoon. The train was pulling into the station when she started across the east-bound track—nearly opposite Mr. Kinney's office. Dr. Sullivan, who was at the railroad station at the time, attended her. Aside from a couple of abrasions and shaking up, she was uninjured, and was able to go to West Groton on the 1.37 train.

Their First Appearance.

Arrangements have all been completed and the advance tickets have been selling fast for the four-act play, "The country doctor," which is to be given by Ayer grange on Tuesday evening, April 16. This is the first public performance to be given by this organization and every effort is being made to make it a success. A late car for Forge Village is to be run from Ayer, leaving here at eleven o'clock. The staging of the play has been under the direction of U. H. Barrows, and every member of the cast has been faithfully rehearsing for the past two months. The cast of characters is made up as follows:

Howard Wayne, in love with Dolly. Leroy Smith. Squire Ferguson, the sheriff. Walter Winslow Sam Birch, proprietor of the hotel. William N. Scruton Zebediah Bunn, who hangs around. Eli W. Carley. Erl, that's all. Raymond Wright Thomas Britton, M. D., village doctor. Frederick. C. E. Stone Ben Shaw, stage driver. C. E. Stone Agnes Gilbert, shadower by fate. Letitia Ward Dolly Britton, Dr. Britton's sister. Olive S. Jenness Susan Pinner, the doctor's housekeeper. Mrs. Birch, Sam's wife. Mrs. G. Stone Anna Belle Umstead, with aspirations. Kathryn C. Ward

Funeral of A. A. Chilson.

The funeral of Amory A. Chilson, prominent in leather and leather machinery circles, was held at his late home in Salem on Tuesday afternoon, April 2, Rev. Thomas W. Fessenden officiating. A large number of friends were present and there were many beautiful floral tributes. The burial was in Mt. Eagle cemetery, Waltham, on April 3. He was taken ill several months ago, and had gradually grown weaker until the time of his death, Saturday evening, March 30. He leaves besides his widow, one son, Ruric A., of Salem.

Mr. Chilton was widely known in the tanning machine trade as an inventor of tanning machines and appliances, having, aside from several inventions of his own, worked out many improvements for the established machines of the trade. He was born in Springfield, Vt., July 13, 1855, the son of King A. and Sarah J. Chilson, and spent his boyhood in that town. He then went to Boston, where he learn-

ed the leather machinery business, spending, after he had mastered the details of the business, several years traveling as a salesman and demonstrator of leather machines throughout the west and also in Europe.

He then located in Ayer, and from that place was married in 1883, to Annie E. Wheeler, of Somerville. After spending eight years in Ayer, he removed to Newark, N. J., and his residence in that city was followed by a number of relocations in various sections of eastern United States as the machinery manufacturing centers changed. Of late years he had been employed by the Turner Tanning machinery company of Peabody, having been transferred there from the former Corwin machine company when the latter firm suspended. He was with the Turner company at the time his health failed and his loss, as well as the loss of his typical Yankee ingenuity, will be deeply regretted by that concern.

The above was a charter member of the New England Order of Protection which was instituted in this town on April 7, 1890, and given the name of Easter lodge No. 149.

Health Conference.

The Ayer Woman's club extends a cordial invitation to the ladies of Ayer, over sixteen years of age, to attend a health conference to be held in the Congregational church, Ayer, on Wednesday afternoon, April 17, at three o'clock. Dr. Evangeline Young, of Boston, will speak on sex hygiene. Other speakers are Dr. Mabel Cook and Dr. Cordelia M. Whittier, of Fitchburg; also, Mrs. Lillias Folger, chairman public health committee of Massachusetts State Federation. The following clubs have been invited to this conference: Altrurian club, of Shirley; Ayer Current Events club, Clinton Woman's club, Fitchburg Woman's club, Littleton Woman's club, Milford, N. H., Woman's club, Monday club of Townsend, Neighborhood club of Groton, Peppereil Woman's club and the West Acton Woman's club.

A business meeting of the club will be held at 2.30 o'clock in the vestry of the church.

Concert and Sale.

The Glee club and orchestra of the Groton School are to give a concert at St. Andrew's Easter sale on Thursday, April 18. Sale of fancy articles, candy, aprons, etc., in afternoon. Supper at six o'clock. The following is the program:

Vocal duet, "Contes d'Hoffman" Miss Rose Peabody and Philip Simons Ballet music from Faust. "Helen and the Trojan Maidens" "Dance of Cleopatra" Orchestra Songs, "Kentucky babe" "Juanita" Glee Club "Songe d'Automne" "That mysterious rag" Orchestra Violin duet, Duo Symphonique Miss Rose Peabody and Miss Mary Lawrence French horn duet, "The Swiss boy" Mr. Call and H. Cabot Selection from Doctor de Luxe "The colonial cavaliers" Orchestra Winter song "Down in the cornfield" Glee Club Violin solo, "L'Escarpelleto" Miss Mary Lawrence Selection from "Little boy blue" Orchestra

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Miss Mabel Hazen, of New Haven, who spent the Easter holidays at her home in Shirley, returned to her school duties the first of the week.

Edwin Smith, of Marion, N. J., a former resident, spent the Easter holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch, Harvard road.

Joseph Collins, of Worcester, spent the Easter holidays with his mother at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Logue.

W. Lloyd Allen, of Boston, spent the Easter holidays at his home in Shirley.

Ralph Wheeler has rented the house vacated by the Victor O'Brien family.

John D. Allen has left his position at the factory of the C. A. Edgarton Co., and accepted the position of crossing-tender at the Lunenburg crossing.

The annual meeting of the parish of the Congregational church was held on Monday evening in the vestry. Elmer H. Allen was chosen as moderator and the following officers and committees were chosen to serve during the ensuing year:

Joseph H. McMillan, clerk; Edwin H. Conant, treasurer; John G. Conant, Eugene N. Livermore, Elmer H. Allen, parish com.; Miss Mary A. Park and Miss Mary A. Park, Mrs. Bessie Colyer, Mrs. Helen McCoy, music com.; Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, Miss Mary A. Park, finance com.; Edwin H. Conant, Mrs. John G. Conant, Walter Knowles, membership com.

Miss Elizabeth McGrath, school teacher in the city of Bridgeport, Conn., is a guest this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wolf.

Edmund B. Winterbottom has accepted the position as janitor of the Shirley public library, succeeding O. W. Balcom.

Miss Etta Gately of Boston, a former resident, spent the week-end in town with relatives and friends.

William Reilly of Tufts college is visiting his uncle, John Donovan of Chapel street.

Mrs. Herbert V. Martin and two children of Middletown, Conn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Fannie McClellan.

Charles McNally has left the Lunenburg crossing to attend the Depot square crossing.

Robert J. Wales and Harold Highland of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, Amherst, who have been spending their college vacation in town spraying trees for C. F. Edgarton and others, have returned to their college duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Felch and daughter Grace of Barre; also, Edwin R. Smith of Plainfield, N. J., were guests first of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch, Harvard road.

A special electric car will convey the members of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., to the big class initiation at Fitchburg on April 19. The car will leave the depot at 1.15 sharp.

Mrs. Julia F. Kilburn is confined to her home with acute rheumatism. A trained nurse is in attendance.

Mrs. Augustus B. Cram, of Center road, who was threatened with pneumonia, is slightly improved. Mrs. Luther Holden is caring for her.

Miss Ella P. Tewksbury, of Burlington, N. J., formerly assistant high school teacher in town who is spending her school vacation at her home in Lexington was the guest of her friend, Miss Gertrude L. Conant, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Cronin, of Waverly, a former well-known school teacher, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Binney on Wednesday and Thursday.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Mildred E. MacNeill, of Shirley, and Robert M. Green, of Ayer.

The Shirley high school will present "The schoolma'am," in Odd Fellows hall on Friday evening, April 26.

A minstrel show will be staged in Odd Fellows hall on Friday evening, May 3, under the auspices of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W.

Brotherhood Meeting.

The last meeting of the season for the Brotherhood of the Congregational church was held on Tuesday evening in the church vestry and was very delightfully observed as ladies' night. About seventy-five were present, which included the ladies who were the guests of the evening. A fine turkey supper was served at seven o'clock with plum pudding for dessert, under the direction of J. Albert Deardon.

Mr. Nelson, of the Industrial school, and H. W. McCoy.

Following the supper an open meeting was held when a good, practical talk was given on the subject of baseball and sports, linked with ideal citizenship by Edward M. Lewis, dean of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, Amherst. The Brotherhood has had a most successful season, the meetings being interesting and well attended.

Was in Town.

Detective Bradley, of the Boston and Maine railroad, has been in town this week in conference with the town officers relative to dangerous pranks of boys who recently have been placing on the railroad tracks, between the crossings at Lunenburg and Slab City, pieces of iron and wood with the idea of having some fun, and being totally unconscious of the frightful possible consequences of their acts. A number of the boys, ranging from seven to ten years of age, who were frequently seen in the vicinity of that place, were taken to the railroad station on Monday and questioned sharply and were given a severe reprimand by Detective Bradley and Officer Goodwin. The boys were badly scared and let us hope it will be a lasting warning.

Largely Attended.

The Universalist church was the center of attraction and interest on Easter Sunday. The auditorium was fragrant with floral decorations which consisted of potted plants and cut

flowers, the lily predominating. The choir gave choice selections much to the delight of the large congregation present. The anthems, rendered by Mrs. Ida H. Wolf, George E. Byram, Miss Ruby Felch and Frank E. Harlow were classical and effective and gave tone to the service. The pastor, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, gave a very fine discourse on "The risen Saviour," and at its close the reception of new members into the church was in order, the service being simple but most impressive.

The pastor's remarks to the new members was brief, but gave ringing emphasis to the vital principles to be fostered and matured, the echoes of which will linger long in the minds and hearts of the large audience present. Those who united with the church were Miss Ruby Felch, Miss Marion Ballou, Mrs. Verne Ballou, Mrs. Samuel Sandlin, Miss Mary Sandlin, Miss Sylvia White, Mrs. John T. Smith, Arthur Annis and Austin Fish.

Communion was then observed and the new members given the right hand of fellowship, followed by congratulations and words of encouragement from the pastor and members of the church.

Largely Attended.

A large audience greeted "The colonel's maid," at Odd Fellows hall on Wednesday evening, given under the auspices of the Altrurian club, and Mrs. Charles R. White, under whose sole supervision this charming comedy, in three acts was prepared and staged, added another golden link to her long chain of successes, for as the curtain rung down on the last act it was plainly evident that the large audience were not only delighted, but enthusiastic in their words of appreciation. The cast was all home talent and was uniquely fitted to play the roll assigned to them, and the audience, as a whole, heartily applauded the ability of the performers in acting their various lines by natural expressions. This was no easy matter, as the comedy called for scores of different moods of expression. The appointments were also appropriate and showed taste. In short, the play reflected credit on all concerned.

The plot of the play is a neat, but complex love story, and was true to life. It was the old, yet ever new, portrayal of the masterly hand of Cupid, which always holds the winning cards and baffles the judgment of the wise ones, defeating stern parents and kindly advisors. However, the great imaginative power of the author was conspicuously visible, and was the great impelling force which kept the close attention of the audience, who are constantly on the alert for startling situations. "The colonel's maid" is without doubt a play of the present day.

It would be difficult to particularize any one of the cast, for special mention, for all executed their parts admirably.

A large number enjoyed dancing after the comedy, music being furnished by Charles H. Wear, jr., and Miss Mabel Miner.

The ladies of the Altrurian club certainly scored another social triumph on Wednesday evening. The following is the cast of characters:

Col. Robert Radd, William J. Crommett, Col. Richard Radd, Frank E. Harlow, Marjorie Byrd, Margaret S. Hastings, Bob Radd, Mrs. Margaret S. Hastings, Mrs. John Carroll, Gertrude L. Conant, Julia Carroll, Margaret J. McMillan, Ned Graydon, Stanley G. Wells, James Baskom, J. Albert Deardon, Chung-Ah-Ling, Miss Ruby Felch.

Found Baby in Water.

The body of a child, and according to the statement of physicians, not over twenty-four hours old, was found on some rocks near the water wheel of the Samson cordage works about eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning by Fred Smith, a fireman employed at the cordage works. Mr. Smith climbed down into the pit and removed the body, which was not clothed. Chief of Police Goodwin was notified and he immediately got in touch with Medical Examiner Bulkeley of Ayer. The remains were taken to the lockup adjoining the engine hall. Permission was then obtained from the district attorney to perform an autopsy. This was done by the medical examiner, who was assisted by Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, town physician.

The official report of the medical examiner has not as yet been rendered. However, there is a general belief in Shirley that the child was thrown into the water some distance above where Mr. Smith saw it.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed and family, of Wollaston, spent a day recently at their summer home on Center road.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will hold their regular meeting on Saturday afternoon, April 12, at the home of Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Arthur R. Holden, of Middlebury college, is spending a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Johnson have returned from a two-weeks' visit with relatives in Maine. They expect to start on their return trip to California next week.

A very pleasant social dance was held in the town hall last Saturday evening under the management of J. Robert Evans. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Mudgett of the village, assisted by Ora E. Holden. Ice cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pray, of Brookline, spent Friday and Saturday last week at their summer home here.

The body of Mrs. Martha A. Mason, of Ayer, was brought to the Center cemetery for burial last Saturday afternoon, in the family lot. Mrs. Mason was born in Shirley. She is survived by two sons, Daniel, of Ayer, and Charles L., of Portland, Oregon.

David Marsh has moved his goods to the home of Charles Haskins, at the North, having sold his house on Hazen road to Henry Ware, of Brookline.

John Neat has returned from the Kilbourne hospital, where he has been seriously ill for several weeks with pneumonia. Mr. Neat is to make his home with Mr. Rines at the North, on the former Joel Neat farm.

Russell Blood, of Boston is spending the week with his mother, Mrs. Blood, at Woodsville.

It has been voted to omit the meeting of Shirley grange on Tuesday evening, April 16, because of the presentation of "The country doctor," by Ayer grange on the same evening at Page hall, Ayer, many of the members of the local grange expressing their desire to attend.

Miss Rachael Osgood, of Ayer, was a guest of Bessie V. Farnsworth at the North last week.

Mrs. Blood has returned to the home of John Farmer, at Woodsville, after a stay of nine weeks in Boston.

Alice Gould, of Lunenburg, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Farrar at the North for several days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams have returned to their summer home at the Center for the season.

Robert J. Evans returned on Monday to Brunswick, Me., to resume his studies at Bowdoin college, after a ten-days' vacation with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Evans.

Louis J. Farnsworth is having the Neat house which he recently purchased extensively repaired under the direction of Mr. Rines, at the North.

Harry N. Brown was elected steward at the last meeting of Shirley grange. He was appointed to fill this office several weeks ago, in place of the late N. Otis Colburn.

The next meeting of the Shirley First Parish Branch Alliance will be the annual meeting, and will be held on Thursday, April 18, in the Unitarian church parlor. Reports of all officers and standing committees will be given. All unpaid dues for 1911 should be in the hands of the secretary or treasurer by that date if possible.

The following members of Shirley grange attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange at Pepperell on Thursday of last week: Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves.

Miss Kate Brickney is making a visit in Boston this week.

Mrs. Clinton Lovell, of Henniker, N. H., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Barnard.

Miss Helen M. Winslow, of Felton Hall, Cambridge, spent a few days recently with her sister, Miss Harriet Winslow.

J. Walker Ward is confined to his home with a severe attack of the grippe. Mrs. Ward is conducting the rural free delivery route during his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed expect to sail this month for Europe, where they will stay for two months, returning about July 1.

Miss Woodhead sailed on Saturday from Portland, Me., to return to the home of her parents in England.

Mrs. Grace Winslow expects to sail on Saturday from Boston on her return trip to England. Miss Minnie Winslow is to act as governess for Chilton Winslow during Mrs. Winslow's absence.

Mrs. Sweetser, of Winchester, spent the week-end with her husband at the Mary Anna home. Mrs. Sweetser and daughter Pauline expect to come for good the first part of next week.

Merle Crockett, at the North, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in North Leominster.

The Matrons' Aid held a pleasant meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Homer P. Holden. This meeting was an all-day meeting, and was for the purpose of trying a quilt.

Mrs. Rhuben Colburn, at Woodsville, is rapidly improving from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton returned on Monday to their home in Brookline, after spending the week at their home on Center road.

Dr. Fuller, of Boston, was the guest of his mother and brother over Sunday.

The cross over the door at Trinity chapel has been gilded by W. E. Barnard recently, making a decided improvement to the chapel.

J. Edward Adams is expected home next week for a short vacation from his duties in New York city.

Mrs. Charles K. Bolton is managing a pewter exhibition which is to be held in Boston very soon. Mrs. Bolton has many historic and valuable pewter pieces, some of which she will enter in this exhibition.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus has returned to his duties at Trinity chapel after a vacation of one week. The Sunday school classes have been resumed by the young men from Groton School.

Mr. Wildman is confined to his home with illness, under the care of a physician.

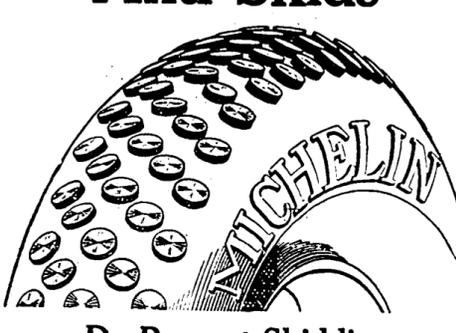
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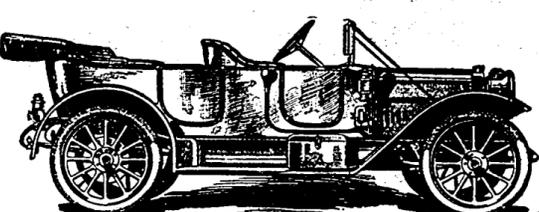
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NOTICE OF HEARING.

To the Honorable the Selectmen of the Town of Ayer:

The Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, respectfully represent that its tracks are located in the town of Ayer and that it desires a location for the extension of its tracks on Central Avenue, a highway in said Ayer, for the purpose of constructing and operating a dead-end siding, or turnout, about three hundred feet in length, wholly on said highway, as shown on the plan filed herewith:

"Proposed siding of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company, March 26, 1912. Smith & Brooks, Lowell, Mass., Civil Engineers." Together with the right to erect the necessary wires and poles to operate said extension by the overhead trolley system of electric power, and said company requests that the construction and operation of said part of its railway as is shown on said plan to be on highway may be specifically approved and represents that the petition be executed in accordance with a vote of the directors of said company.

Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company.
By James W. Green, President.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Ayer, Mass., April 2, 1912.

Upon the foregoing petition it is Ordered, That a public hearing be given at the Selectmen's room in Town Hall, in said Ayer, on Monday, the twenty-second day of April, 1912, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at which time and place all persons and corporations who desire will be heard relative to the matter of said petition, and that notice of said hearing be given by publishing an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, fourteen days, at least, before the time of said hearing.

Elisha D. Stone,
Frank S. Pierce,
John M. Maloney,
Selectmen of Ayer.

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TOWNSEND.
 Center.
 Everett Borneman's little son has scarlet fever.
 Hallet Misner and Harley Parker have accepted a position in a grocery and provision store at Sharon, and will commence their duties this next Monday.

Miss Blanche Lancy, of Lunenburg, a niece of Roswell Lancy, is teaching the school recently given up by Miss Martha Harrington.

Last week Friday the Country club celebrated the day by a special meeting at Mrs. Annie Greenleaf's, the occasion being her birthday. A nice dinner was served and social time and appropriate exercises were enjoyed. By request, Mrs. Greenleaf sang several songs, which were very much enjoyed. Mrs. Greenleaf was the recipient of several gifts and all wished her many more happy birthdays. Besides the club members, friends from the Harbor were also present. The next regular meeting of the club will be with Mrs. O. Williams.

There will be a sale, supper and entertainment at the Congregational vestries on Wednesday, April 24. The entertainment will be in charge of Mrs. A. L. Struthers, and the supper in charge of Mrs. George L. Whitcomb.

Ed. Smith, of Brookline, N. H., visited at Elmer Wallace's last week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce attended the funeral of Mrs. Bruce's relative, Charles Kennison, at Ayer, on Monday afternoon.

Richard T. Elbridge, of Plymouth, for several years with the B. & A. G. Fessenden Co., as bookkeeper, has recently been appointed town accountant at Plymouth, a responsible and lucrative position. His many friends are pleased to hear of the appointment and wish him the best of success.

On Wednesday evening, April 3, a little son arrived at the home of Mrs. William Robbins, of School street. Mr. Robbins died suddenly this spring while working in his barn at Mason, N. H. Since his death, his widow has resided on School street, this town.

J. W. Eastman enjoyed Saturday and Easter Sunday with his son and daughter at Boston. They all went to Quincy on Sunday and heard Rev. B. A. Willmott's sermon at the Congregational church, where he is to take up his new work.

"Uncle Jake" Misner is very ill at the home of his son Robert. He is suffering from a general breaking up and heart trouble.

Daniel Brogan, who is now at the Soldiers' home in Chelsea, visited friends and relatives in town last week. He enjoys the home very much and says he has the best of food and care.

Schedule Arranged.
 Now that the hockey season is over, we all turn with interest to baseball. This is Townsend high's strong point. In the years past they have taken the most of the games played, and have taken those games from some strong local schools, such as Lawrence academy, Cushing academy, Groton School and Ayer high school. This year the team has come in contact with some new schools who want games with Townsend, and in order to arrange games with them it has been necessary to drop the weaker teams which Townsend have always played before. Manager Farrar hopes to have a successful year, although the schedule is an imposing one, and has arranged for the following games:

April 19. Lunenburg at Townsend.
 April 20. Milford high at Milford.
 April 21. Fitchburg high at Fitchburg.
 May 1. Lawrence academy at Groton.
 May 4. Pepperell at Pepperell.
 May 5. Leominster high at Leominster.
 May 11. Ayer high at Ayer.
 May 15. Pepperell high at Townsend.
 May 18. Westford high at Townsend.
 May 22. Groton School 2d at Groton.
 May 25. Milford high at Townsend.
 May 28. Westford high at Westford.
 June 1. Open.
 June 5. Ayer high at Ayer.
 June 8. Stearns school (Mt. Vernon) at Townsend.
 June 12. Groton high at Groton.
 June 15. Lawrence academy at Townsend.
 June 18. Open.

Monthly Balance Sheet.
 The following is the monthly balance sheet of the town of Townsend, ending March 31:

Current Assets	
Cash in bank	\$2,196 47
Uncollected taxes:	
1908	54 10
1909	1,410 47
1910	1,698 05
1911	3,989 75
Moth assessments	54 05
Accounts receivable	728 72
Revenue account	21,221 54
	\$31,382 49
Current Liabilities	
Temporary loans	
tax notes	\$10,000 00
Appropriations account	17,692 41
Revenue surplus	3,691 05
previous years	3,691 05
Total current liabilities	\$31,382 49
Capital Liabilities	
Town debt	\$3,500 00
Perpetual care	
funds	13,644 00
	\$17,144 00
Capital Assets	
Invested trust funds	12,644 00
Excess of capital liabilities over capital assets, being the town debt	\$3,500 00

Easter.
 Easter day was warm and pleasant and there was a large attendance at both the Congregational and M. E. churches. Both churches were prettily decorated in a manner befitting the glad Easter time.
 The Easter concert at the brick church was held directly after the morning service, and consisted of singing, recitations and Easter exercises in charge of the superintendent and teachers of the primary and junior departments of the Sunday school.

The concert at the M. E. church was held in the early evening, and a very fine program was given, consisting of singing, recitations and Easter exercises by the younger members of the Sunday school. It was in charge

of Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Annie Farrar, Miss Esther Eastman and assistants.

Successful Easter Sale.
 The L. B. S. of the M. E. church held an Easter sale last week Friday afternoon in their hall. There were prettily trimmed booths, which contained aprons, both fancy and plain, fancy bags, home-made candy, etc. The Sunshine society had a booth where they sold neckties, Easter cards and flowers. The fair opened at four o'clock and at six o'clock a salad and baked bean supper was served, and it was well patronized.
 During the evening an entertainment was given by the Dorcas class in charge of Mrs. Florence Gwinn and assistants. There was singing, speaking, a mandolin solo, accompanied by piano, duets, etc. The recitations by the small children were especially cute.

West.
 Rev. S. D. Ringrose is enjoying a fortnight's vacation from his duties at Boston university.

On Monday morning, a little daughter—Rena May, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Goodrich, of Josselynville, but to the great grief of the parents, it lived only two days, passing away on Wednesday morning of heart trouble.

There was no school at the primary school on Wednesday, as the teacher, Miss M. Elinor Tower, was confined to her home by illness.

Clarence L. Webster has become the owner of a Mitchell touring car, in which he is prepared to take out passengers if desired.

Caleb Cushing, who has been employed at Dr. Boynton's home for the past few months, has returned to his home in Middleboro, and another lad from the Lyman school has taken his place.

Sumner Lawrence, from Concord, N. H., was at the home of his mother, Mrs. Oren Lawrence, the first of the week.

Miss Mildred Basford, from Peabody, is spending a few days with relatives in town.

Nelson Bruce, who has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Bruce, returned to his home in Boston last Saturday.

Miss Mabel Thompson has completed her work for the library bureau in Albany, N. Y., and is visiting friends in Boston for a short time before returning to her home here.

A number of the friends of Mrs. William Robbins, of the Center, a former resident here, received cards announcing the birth of a son, William Phillip, April 3.

Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin is spending a few days at her home in Quincy, and Carl E. Willard is assisting her husband keeping bachelor hall during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Seabon moved from their tenement in the Upton house in Josselynville last Saturday to Ayer, and Mr. and Mrs. William Robbins moved into their vacated tenement. On Monday Mrs. Tucker and daughter moved into Mrs. Blood's house in Josselynville vacated by the Robbins family, and on Tuesday, Mrs. Mary Foster moved from the Manning house on lower Main street into the tenement vacated by Mrs. Tucker.

Mrs. William Bell and daughter Margaretta returned the latter part of last week from a visit to relatives in Troy, N. Y.

Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin entertained the Ladies' Whist club at her home last week Thursday afternoon.

On last week Friday afternoon, the Ladies' Literary and Social circle met at the Reading-room with seven in attendance and enjoyed the reading of Mrs. Holley's "Samantha among the brethren," which was followed by a social hour and light refreshments.

Mrs. Harry Marr, of Fitchburg, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Hapgood.

Charles S. Homer, of New York, was at his summer home here for a brief visit last week.

Miss Nancy Reed, who has been enjoying the Easter vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed, returned on Tuesday to her duties as a student at Cushing academy, Ashburnham. Winfield Reed, from Boston, also made a brief visit to his home last week.

Benjamin Lawrence has been recuperating from his illness with friends in Somerville, and resumed his duties at the store on Monday morning.

Mrs. James Dodds, from Josselynville, is spending the Easter season with her parents at her home in Salem.

Arthur Smith, of Waltham, is at the home of his sister, Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle.

Baptist Notes.
 On last week Friday evening at the regular mid-week service the monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church was observed and a very interesting feature was the reading by the clerk of an original poem recently written by the venerable Deacon L. F. Wood. The covenant meeting was followed by the adjourned meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., where it was decided to change the service of the society from Sunday to Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30 o'clock.

On Thursday evening of last week the regular annual meeting of the Baptist society was held in the vestry with fourteen in attendance. The following officers and committees were elected:

Mervin Ware, clerk; Fred A. Patch, col.; Perry W. Sawtelle, sol. and treas.; Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence and Mrs. M. Elinor Tower, auditors; Perry W. Sawtelle, chorister; Mrs. Emma H. Adams, organist; E. A. Patch, Henry B. Hathaway, Benjamin Hodgman, Mervin Ware, Perry W. Sawtelle, pru. com.; Fred A. Patch, Perry W. Sawtelle, committee on investigation of church property.

A vote was taken to thank all who had contributed to the work during the past year, and one new member, Benjamin Hodgman, was added to the society. Rev. S. D. Ringrose presided as moderator and W. E. Wilder as clerk.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Brotherhood was held at the home of the president, Dr. H. B. Boynton, on Monday evening with a good attendance. Matters of interest were discussed and it was voted to hold their meetings on other than religious matters at the Reading-room on week-day evenings.

The Easter service at the Baptist church on Sunday was well attended and the special music unusually good. The choir was assisted by a chorus of young voices, which added much to the beauty of the service, and the selections were especially appropriate to the occasion. The room was prettily decorated with potted plants, Easter lilies and cut flowers, doing credit to the arrangement of W. E. Wilder, who had the matter in charge. The pastor, Rev. S. D. Ringrose, spoke from the subject, "The authority of Christ," and his evening service was on the topic, "The man who feared." The Y. P. S. C. E. met at six o'clock with twenty present, and W. E. Wilder conducted the meeting with the subject, "The life you will wish you had led."

The Baptist Brotherhood met in the vestry on Sunday noon with thirty-seven present for a special Easter service and a number of new members joined the society. The president, Dr. H. B. Boynton, presided, and the lesson was in charge of Rev. S. D. Ringrose. A committee was appointed to take up the boys' work which is to be commenced very soon.

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PEPPERELL.

News Items.

Maurice I. Gilchrist and Alice M. Munson were married in Pepperell by Rev. J. M. Sutherland on Monday, April 1.

The Sylvester place on River street has been recently sold to William Klineburg by Kemp & Bennett. Mr. Klineburg will occupy same in the near future.

The annual meeting of the Pepperell Woman's club will be held on Tuesday afternoon, April 16. It will be election of officers and reports of the past year; also, the annual dues will be payable. Current events will be given by Mrs. Adalade L. Tarbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Jenks, of Goffstown, N. H., were guests of Mrs. D. E. Weston and Mrs. Nellie M. Gurterson over Sunday.

Arthur Tower is home from Dartmouth for a short vacation.

Mrs. Adellia Carter is quite ill at her home on Elm street. A trained nurse is attending her.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, April 18, at 2:30 o'clock. There will be a food sale at 3:30 o'clock, in charge of Mrs. J. A. Saunders and Mrs. Helen A. Pike.

Mrs. F. D. Cook, of Nashua, spent Thursday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Richardson, of High street.

Robbins' orchestra has been in much demand of late, they playing at Oak Hill on Monday evening, at Central hall on Tuesday evening, Nashua on Wednesday evening, and Dunstable on Friday evening.

M. A. Drumme, of Tilton, N. H., brother of W. A. Drumme, of this town, and a native of Pepperell, was tendered a complimentary banquet in Odd Fellows' hall at Tilton, where he is proprietor of the hotel in that place. It was a very notable affair, and he was greeted by the prominent citizens of the town. Mr. Drumme is a hotel man of experience, and was proprietor of the hotels in Derry and Franklin, N. H., and Rochester and Schenectady, N. Y. He is very popular with the traveling public.

The chapter house will be opened the first time this spring for the meeting of the Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., which is to be held on Friday afternoon, April 19, at 2:30 o'clock. The executive board meets earlier, at two o'clock. Delegates are to be chosen to attend the annual state conference. It is expected that a state officer will be present to address the meeting. Hostesses for the day are Miss Luella V. Shattuck, Miss Ida E. Shattuck and Mrs. Harriet Gutterston.

The L. S. C. of the Unitarian church will serve a dinner in I. O. O. F. banquet hall on Thursday, April 18.

There is to be a patriotic dance held in Central hall on next Thursday evening from eight to twelve o'clock.

The Ready Workers' circle of the Rebekah lodge will hold a Japanese whist and dance at the I. O. O. F. hall on Monday evening, May 6.

On Thursday morning, at ten o'clock, there was a call for a forest fire at the Noyes farm, West Pepperell. The house was burned to the ground.

On Tuesday, April 9, Mrs. Carter, of Elm street, was taken suddenly ill with acute indigestion, but is gaining.

Miss Bertha M. Farnsworth spent Easter in Richfield Springs, N. Y., with Mrs. Edna Starr.

Fred Avery, of Ayer, was a visitor in town on Thursday.

Through the officers of the Town Conference it looks as if a citizens' meeting was going to be held shortly to determine the value of an electric railroad to join the Fitchburg & Lunenburg railroad and the Nashua & Hollis railroad. The tradesmen are seeming to withdraw their opposition and the various church people are strongly in favor of it. There are many that could now be accommodated by an electric road locally.

Mrs. L. E. Starr returned from a week's trip on Wednesday evening to the western part of the state.

Mr. Greenleaf, of Hollis, N. H., was in town recently and reported selling his apple farm to out-of-town parties.

It has been currently reported that Asahel Atwood has bought the Nelson farm, but as the for sale card still remains, it is quite questionable.

Quite a number of the Pepperell high school pupils, who were under George Turner, keep in touch with him through letters and visits. Mr. and Mrs. Turner still remember those happy Pepperell days.

Miss Jennie Fitch has donated some magazines to the East Pepperell reading-room.

Secretary J. C. Morse, of the New England baseball league, has announced the completion of the league's umpiring staff for the season. Among these men is John Kerin, of East Pepperell, who takes the place of Empire Bannon, of Lynn. He was formerly an umpire in the New England and American leagues, and later in the Eastern league.

One of the peculiar incidents about the burning of the Noyes house at Hog Hill, was that no one had been there for several days.

Miss Gertrude Dane, teacher in Lowell, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dane, of Heald street.

James Starr is sending apples by the barrel to Boston. He had about twenty barrels in his cellar on the first of April.

After this date the advance sale of tickets for attractions at the Tabor Opera House will be held at W. A. Drumme's news store, Railroad square. Next play, "The Rosary" on April 19.

Interesting Exercises.

The regular Sunday service at Oak Hill hall was given over to the Easter

exercises on Sunday, April 7. The service opened by a chorus of twelve voices led by Lyman Blood, with Miss Maud Chinn as organist. At a very impressive moment, a procession of over twenty children bearing Easter lilies and led by Edith Stewart, a weaver girl of four summers, entered the hall from the rear and took their places around a large white cross in the center of the stage.

Then followed very creditable recitations by the children and singing by the choir. Spring was heralded by six little girls in beautifully suggestive attire. "The maiden's Easter choice," given by seven young ladies under the direction of Mrs. George Stewart, and closing with the singing of "Just as I am, without one plea," while each knelt at the foot of the cross was one of the most impressive exercises ever witnessed here.

The stage was decorated with plants, flowers and Easter lilies, very generously provided by Mr. Dole, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Elizabeth Farrar, Mrs. Lyman Blood and others. The whole exercise was an expression of reverence and each one who took seemed to be a part of one great devotional exercise of joy, hope and faith.

All those who had worked for it felt fully repaid for any sacrifice of time and labor by the hearty, sincere and kindly remarks of Otis Merrill, who in a few words, expressed his appreciation and gave the audience a concise account of the origin of Easter giving, adding interest and understanding. The community is fortunate in having in Lyman Blood, one who can inspire so many to give an exercise whose whole tone is so markedly reverent and devotional. Over seventy were in attendance.

Current Events.

There will be no services at the Methodist church on Sunday morning or evening, as the pastors are in session at the annual conference held at Springfield. Sunday school will be held as usual, at twelve o'clock, in the large vestry.

Mrs. H. A. Pike visited friends in Leominster for a few days the early part of the week, going on Tuesday.

John Frossard arrived home from Hamilton, Ohio, on last Saturday night. He has a large contract for work at the mills there, and expects to be obliged to return in a short time to complete it.

Mrs. J. R. Shattuck, of Concord Junction, has been visiting with her sister in Nashua, and is visiting her friends in this town for a few days.

The regular meeting of the L. A. society will be held in their rooms on Wednesday afternoon, April 17. A full attendance is desired, especially of the parsonage committee.

An alarm was sounded from box 26 on Sunday morning for a fire in the Drummey house on Mill street. It is occupied at present by Mrs. Tumpney and daughter. The fire originated near the chimney and burned quite a large place in the roof before it was under control of men from neighboring houses, who formed a bucket brigade. The all out signal was sounded before all the companies had arrived on the scene.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy, accompanied by their daughter Elizabeth, came from New York last week to their summer home on Hollis street. Mr. Kennedy was obliged to return on business, leaving his family here.

Commissioner Blood is doing a good piece of work on the road leading to Hollingsworth bridge. He has had several teams for more than a week past teaming cinders from the mills here and from the Hollingsworth mills at the other end of the route. According to several teamsters the repairs did not come out too soon.

Miss Minnie Spragg, the district nurse, is at the Groton hospital to assist in caring for Dr. Heald. A substitute nurse is provided for this town during her absence.

D. A. Klineburg is moving his family and tin peddler paraphernalia to the Sylvester place on Canal street, said to have been purchased by him.

Mrs. E. F. Tanner has moved into Miss M. L. P. Shattuck's house on Park street, instead of the Behren's house, as reported last week.

Angus Cuthbertson returned to his work as machine tender in the mills at Fitchburg on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lilley is gaining after her attack of pneumonia last week.

Rev. J. M. Sutherland went to Springfield on Thursday to attend the annual conference.

E. L. Hurd has sold his place in Hollis, near the Worcester farm, to a Mr. Wright, of Dedham. Mr. Hurd will occupy the Greenleaf place at North Pepperell.

Forrest Andrews has given up his position at the Buffalo shoe shop. It is reported that he is looking for work out-of-town.

Rupert Blood and family have moved back to town from Worcester. He claims that out-of-door work agrees with him better than clerking.

It is currently reported that Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash are to occupy their house on River street this summer as the tenement recently vacated by Mr. Brigham is not for rent.

Henry Wilson is sick with the measles at his home on Brookline street. Wesley Gillespie came from Lynn for a short stay on Saturday and Sunday at the home of W. W. Gillespie on the South road.

Miss Minerva Miller has returned from Philadelphia, where she has spent a part of the winter. She is again assisting Mrs. Elijah Reed, whose summer boarders are expected soon. Mr. Whittridge, of Boston, has already arrived for his usual summer stay.

A daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. John Carr, on the South road.

Mrs. John Frossard entertained the Ladies' Whist club at her home on Monday evening. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

Howard Cuthbertson, who has been in town during the illness and death

of his father, returned to his home near Providence, R. I., on Tuesday, accompanied by his wife and daughter Doris. He has a position there as telegraph operator.

Fire was discovered in the house formerly occupied by the Noyes brothers in the vicinity of Oak Hill on Thursday morning. The notice was sent by telephone to the Center and the alarm was sounded from box 38. The house, which was a very old one, was burned to the ground. All the goods, however, had been moved out.

Easter Service.

Easter Sunday was observed at the Methodist church by a special song service in the morning by eight white-robed young ladies, assisted by two young gentlemen, bass and tenor. John Hayes presided at the organ and Miss Laura Herrig led in the singing of the hymns with her violin. A concert was given in the evening, and Ralph Buck assisted in the musical part of this with his flute. In spite of the pouring rain at seven o'clock there was a fair-sized audience present to listen to the exercises of the children who took their respective parts very well. The credit is largely due Mrs. Alice Bartlett, who selected the music and trained both the choir and the children.

The church was appropriately decorated with Easter lilies and narcissus.

Underwent An Operation.

Dr. Charles G. Heald was taken suddenly ill in Boston last week. He was brought home, though in a very weak condition. On Monday of this week he was induced to submit to an operation, as the only means deemed advisable by his brother physicians to alleviate his serious condition. This was performed at the Groton hospital by Dr. Bottomly of Boston, assisted by Dr. Kilbourn. An ulcer in the stomach was revealed and a bad condition around the appendix, which was removed. He was reported as passing a fairly comfortable day on Tuesday, and his symptoms since that time are considered generally favorable.

His many friends in town, whom he has assisted to regain their own health, wish him a speedy recovery.

Funeral.

The funeral of David Cuthbertson was held at his late home on Mill street on Monday, April 8. Rev. J. M. Sutherland, officiating, and Mrs. Bartlett and Miss Laura Herrig sweetly rendered two songs, "Shall we meet beyond the river" a favorite of the deceased, and "Lead, kindly light."

The deceased was born sixty-eight years ago in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, and coming to Hollis, N. H., in 1883, had since lived in that town and in Pepperell. He cherished a deep love and manifested care for his family and the faithful performance of his daily labor earned him the respect of his employers.

Mr. Cuthbertson is survived by three sons—Angus Cuthbertson, of Fitchburg; Howard Cuthbertson, of Central Falls, R. I.; and Spurgeon Cuthbertson, of this town, and a daughter, Annie B. Cuthbertson, of this town. Interment was in the East cemetery at Hollis, N. H.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The ladies' quartet cancelled their engagement at South Acton on Wednesday on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever and measles in that town.

Misses Katherine Kimball and Marion Whitcomb went to Stow on Tuesday afternoon by invitation of the latter's grandmother, Mrs. Marshall, to attend the Woman's club.

Mrs. Wheeler and son Arthur, of Stow, and Donald Hanson, of Lowell, were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmar Flagg.

Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb is sick with a heavy cold, requiring medical service.

The Misses Phoebe and Sarah White attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Etra White Seaver, at Scituate on Tuesday. Mrs. Seaver was the youngest of Rev. William White's four daughters. Death was due to apoplexy.

Invitations have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Swart to the wedding and reception of their daughter, Edith Marion, to Dr. James Dearborn Christie, on Wednesday evening, April 24, in the Episcopal church and vestry at Forge Village.

Mrs. Harry Smith goes to Portland, Me., today for a visit of a week while Mr. Smith is on his semi-annual long trip down east.

John H. Kimball, conductor, has been taking a vacation of several days.

The salad supper planned for last Wednesday evening at the Congregational vestry, was postponed because of an out-of-town entertainment that called away some who were to take part in the evening's program, but had previously made engagements for that date.

Herbert E. Richardson, superintendent of Greenfield schools, former superintendent of Littleton, Acton and Westford schools, and for a short time superintendent of the district including Ayer, notified the school board last week Thursday that he would not be a candidate for re-appointment in Greenfield, as he had already accepted a similar position in the state of New Jersey. Mrs. Richardson has been in Mt. Dora, Fla., the last ten weeks on account of her health.

There was a good attendance at the Alliance meeting held with Mrs. William C. Brown last week Friday afternoon. Mrs. B. W. Brown, of Concord, the speaker, gave an interesting account of the international conference at Berlin. The Lady Baltimore cake arrived from the south in time to be served on this occasion, and pronounced good, but exceedingly rich.

Mrs. Burton S. Flagg and three little daughters have been visiting Mr. Flagg's parents on Foster street, and were among the guests at the Woman's club on Monday.

Miss Augusta O. Dewey returned on Monday evening from Brookline, where she visited several days with her sister's family.

Mrs. George W. Canney spent Easter with her son Elmer and family in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Chamberlain and daughters of East Orange, N. J., were in town the early part of the week on their return home from Charleston, where they had been called by the death of Mrs. Chamberlain's uncle, John T. Priest, the well-known city clerk of Boston. His clerkship and assistant clerkship in Boston and Charleston covered a period of forty years.

Roland Houghton gave a party at his home on Goldsmith street last week Friday night. The guests were, for the most part, his former high school mates.

Miss Perry, of Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., is visiting Littleton friends.

The Choral society will give a concert in town hall on Saturday evening, April 20, the only date that Miss Nina Fletcher, the renowned violinist, could come. Miss Fletcher is especially busy meeting engagements previous to her removal with the rest of her family to California, which is to be their future home.

Henry Nye, who had an ill turn last week is much better, and is about his usual occupations.

Charles P. Hartwell remains very feeble with little promise of improvement.

All Littleton schools close on Thursday, April 18, and open for the spring term on Monday, April 29.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton spent two days the early part of the week with her cousin, Mrs. Fred Parker, in Somerville, Mrs. Ellen F. Johnson taking Mrs. Knowlton's place in the Littleton home.

The town water is now in service in many of the houses, the first to have it installed being Hon. George W. Sanderson.

Mr. Sanderson and daughters attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Attorney William Tuttle, at Arlington last Saturday.

Miss Ruth Thacher, of Lasell seminary, has been at home for the Easter vacation.

Miss E. Marion Sweat, of Forge Village, enjoyed a pleasant surprise in form of a house shower at Mrs. E. P. Wilcox's home last Saturday afternoon. About twenty-five friends were present from Littleton, South Acton and Forge Village, and presented the guest of honor with useful and ornamental gifts. Ice cream and cake, confectionery and nuts were served. The occasion was a very pleasant prelude to the festivities that are to follow later in the month.

Two errors in the print occurred in this column last week which we beg to correct. Louis J. Stone is building a storehouse instead of a stone house, and William Crane has been made superintendent of the Diamond Match Company, instead of Watch Company in Athol.

Miss Perses Jacobs, of East Orange, N. J., has been visiting her mother and other relatives in town this week.

Miss Henrietta Pratt, of the Waltham high school faculty, is a week-end guest of her former schoolmate and fellow teacher, Miss M. H. Kimball.

Woman's Club Meeting.

The large auditorium of the Unitarian vestry was well filled on Monday afternoon with enthusiastic and appreciative club women, children and other guests. Master Norman Bonnell played on the piano a brilliant selection from the opera of Martha commanding the admiration of his audience by his wonderful execution. Miss Eunice M. Priest, one of our most promising young singers, rendered a pleasing solo.

The subject of the afternoon's program, "Birds," was the first of two nature studies, and was in charge of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Packard, and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hardy, Jr. Mrs. Packard gave the distinguishing features of our common birds in the order of their return from winter quarters in the south, and displayed a large collection of excellent pictures of all the birds she described.

Mr. Packard spoke of the zones and seasons of birds, transient visitors and the birds that come here from the north, remaining nearly through the nesting season.

Mrs. Hardy, in an imaginary walk, conveyed her audience through familiar paths in this locality where the principal game birds might be seen to advantage, and through the aid of description and the exhibition of some fine specimens of pheasant, partridge, snipe, woodcock and quail, stuffed and mounted by Mr. Hardy, brought her listeners into close acquaintance with these feathered friends.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered all those who had contributed to the profitable and very entertaining program.

Easter Services.

The musical program of the morning service at the Congregational church, reflected much credit on chorister, choir, soloists and organist. The music consisted of beautiful selections, well adapted to the voices, and was thoroughly appreciated by the large audience. A children's concert followed, with a brief but impressive message from the pastor. The children without exception sang and spoke unaided and unprompted, presenting one of the best programs ever given in this church. The decorations of ferns and lilies were an attractive feature.

At the Unitarian church the morning service and Sunday school program were devoted to Easter thoughts and aspirations. The vesper service in the afternoon attracted a large audience whose taste for good music was gratified by the excellent production of "The crucifixion and the resurrection," given by the regular choir, assisted by Mrs. Leslie Hager, and well supported by the organ accompanist, Mrs. Young.

Easter was observed at the Baptist church by appropriate and very de-

lightful service. In the morning, the music was of a high order and was finely rendered by all participating. The regular church chorus was ably assisted by two soloists, Mrs. Leslie Hager, of Littleton, and Donald F. Hanson, of Lowell. No eulogy is necessary from our pen in praise of these two who are well-known and appreciated in town. Credit is due Mrs. Hager, who has had the training of the chorus in charge, and to Miss Emma E. Tenney, the organist, who has given so freely of her time and talent to help the services. The evening service consisted of a Sunday school concert, interspersed with music by the same chorus and soloists as in the morning. Following is the program of the morning.

Prelude, "Credo" from Mass of the Good Shepherd, Emma E. Tenney, organist; doxology; invocation; anthem, "O death where is thy sting?" soloist, Miss Emily Sawyer; responsive reading, Gloria; solo, "Calvary," H. E. Whitney; scripture reading; prayer; anthem, "Hail Him Lord and leader" offertory; violin solo, "Salut d'Amour," Miss Mildred Flagg; solo, "The resurrection," Donald F. Hanson; solo, "Easter eve," Mrs. Leslie Hager; sermon by the pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Caulkins; anthem, "They have taken away my Lord," soloist, Mrs. Leslie Hager; hymn, "Jerusalem, the golden," congregation; postlude, Sanctus, Miss Tenney.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Herbert Colson, of Everett, has accepted a position at Chicago with the Winton Automobile Company, by whom he is now employed. Mrs. Colson and daughter will probably join him later. Mrs. Colson was Miss Bertha Clarke of this town.

An interesting program was given at the grange on Monday evening, it being Graces' night, in charge of the three Graces. There were two piano duets by Icaea L. Cowdrey and A. G. Seaver, humorous selections by Mrs. Louise Tenney, reading about Easter by Mrs. Angie Lang, origin of Easter by Mrs. Clara Clement, original poem by H. W. Seaver and a selection from Kipling, finely rendered by T. E. Flarity.

Harbor.

Mrs. Bailey and daughter Sybil were recent guests at Mr. Bagley's.

Walter Brown is assisting Galen Proctor in the lumber business.

Mrs. Clarence Josselyn and Mrs. Baldwin spent Sunday out-of-town.

Miss Ellen Harvey, of New Jersey, is spending her Easter vacation at home.

Frank Cutting went to Boston last Saturday for a week's visit.

Mr. Noyes, of Everett, was in town last week from Monday until Thursday.

Mrs. Jones recently returned from visiting friends in Boston.

Madeline Ross has the scarlet fever and the house is under quarantine.

During the temporary shortage of help, Harold Gray is assisting in the leatherboard mill.

Mrs. E. L. Field, of Sherbourne Falls, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Katherine Proctor.

Mrs. Doran and daughter Ruth were recent guests of Mrs. Wharf at Wallace hill.

George Jones, assisted by Walter Lewis, is wiring the church in West Groton for electric lights.

For the past week there has been all kinds of weather at the Cape, including a shower of postal cards.

A carload of manure spreaders consigned to Frank Conant, as agent, has been received at this station.

On account of colds, Frank Taft and his sister Mabel were unable to attend school for several days.

Frank Gilchrist, while splitting kindling wood, cut his hand so badly that he is unable to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler and little son Paul, Jr., of Cambridge, came by motor triecycle to Townsend on Tuesday.

The Blue Ribbon club held its last meeting with Miss Mabel Taft. Miss Muriel Snow and Miss Evangeline Taft were the guests of the evening.

Frank Knight's Main street house is being renovated and later will be occupied by Mr. Keefe and family.

Miss Evangeline Taft and Miss Muriel Snow, both pupils of the Framingham high school, spent their Easter vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Taft. Miss Frances Healy, of Charleston, was also a guest at the Old Homestead.

On Tuesday Mrs. Bryant returned from Boston, and has opened Maplewood cottage for the summer.

The Harbor Monday club held its regular meeting with Mrs. Harvey on Wednesday last, instead of the coming Monday night that it might have the pleasure of entertaining Miss Harvey as its guest.

Mr. St. George and family, who have been living in a cabin in Lunenburg during the cutting off of a large woodlot, have recently moved to the Cape, into the bungalow on the Old Homestead estate.

David Gray and daughter, Miss Nina, who were recent guests at Adney Gray's, have returned to Waltham. During Miss Nina Gray's visit, a whist party was given in her honor by Miss Myrtle Gray.

The As You Like It club met on Tuesday at Christbrook with Mrs. Mark Leadbetter as hostess. The life and works of Dickens was the subject for the afternoon. Biographical sketches and short selections from the writings of the great novelist were read and discussed. Vocal and piano selections were rendered by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Conant and Hubert Leadbetter. Mrs. Fannie Adams was re-elected lecturer. The guest of the afternoon was Mrs. Harriet Field. At the close of the exercises refreshments were served. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Cummings.

Find Little Boy Drowned.

On Wednesday afternoon, little George Gilson, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gilson, was drowned in the Squannacook river in this village. Shortly before two o'clock the little fellow was missed. Immediately members of the family, assisted by neighbors, began a search.

After nearly an hour of fruitless efforts, the mill whistle was blown and a general alarm sounded. It was not until another hour had passed that the little body was found by Mr. Cummings and Mr. Dumstead below the leatherboard mill in the bend of the river. At this point the current is strong, but the clothing of the little fellow caught in on a sunken log and kept him from being swept away. A boat was hastily called for, but before it could reach the spot Willis Keefe jumped into the river and brought the body of little George ashore.

Every effort was made to bring the little boy to life, but without avail. Just how long he had been in the water, or where or how the accident happened, will probably never be revealed.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilson, with their two little children, came to this village from Leominster last fall, and bought the estate formerly owned by Granville Pierce.

Mr. Gilson is a machine tender at the leatherboard mill, where less than a week ago he met with a serious accident, badly spraining the ligaments of his back, and unfitting him for work for several weeks.

The funeral of little George was on Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Gilson, in their deep sorrow, have the tender sympathy of the entire community.

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