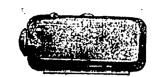
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TOWNSEND

West.

C. S. Homer's Christmas tree for the children attending the public schools will be held in the reading-room on Friday afternoon, December 22. The primary school will be entertained from two till 2.30, the intermediate from 2.45 to 3.15 and the grammar pupils from 3.30 to four o'clock. Beside the presentation of the gifts each child will receive ice cream and cake, which is the gift of Mrs. Homer.

Rev. Joseph MacKean will preach Sunday morning upon the topic, "Honey as a diet, or too much of a good thing," and in the evening his subject will be "How can a christian bring all things to all men." The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting will be in charge of Estella Tucker and the topic is "Big jobs awaiting us."

Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway was taken

meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

The Brotherhood have appointed a committee to make some changes in the arrangements of their meetings, which will be acted upon next Sunday. The committee consists of H. B. Hathawawy, H. L. Stickney, Duncan Rusk, H. B. Boynton and G. A. Seaver.

Miss Alice Seaver has returned from a visit to relatives in Belmont and vicinity.

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The Ladies' Liberal Aid society held a very successful sale at the reading-room Tuesday afternoon and evening which was largely attended in spite of the inclement weather. The fancy work table was in charge of Mrs. Mae Stetson, Mrs. Emily J. Lees and Mrs. Herbert Wise. The apron table, Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. George Upton, and ice cream was served by Mrs. Alexander Reed and Miss Emma Adams. The social in the evening was well attended and much enjoyed and the affair a complete success both financially and socially.

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Manchester

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Manchester have returned from a few weeks' visit to relatives in Franklin, N. H.

Mr. Wythe has been on the sick list the past week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Addle Evans.

The Ladies' Study club will hold its regular fortnightly meeting on Monday evening at the reading-room; the topic of the meeting will be a review of "The fruit of tree," by Mrs. Edith Wharton, given by Miss Alice' Seaver.

Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin and son Roger Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin and son Roger pent the week-end with relatives in

Sashua, N. H.

Stillman Anderson left Hickory farm last Monday to be gone the greater part of the winter.

Miss Ruth Doran and Miss Mildred Conant spent the week-end with Friends in Fitchburg. Mrs. Annie Stacy, mother of Mrs. Ernest Reavy, is confined to the bed from an abscess on her ankle.

Little Kenneth Kilbourn Cummings

well developed case of measles.

The fourth card social of the C. C. Whist club was held at Pinehurst. Mrs. George Jones, the official score keeper, announced Mrs. Florence Conant with 63 counters and Major Jones with 48, the winners of the evening. Miss Myra Morris and George Jones showed a score of 5 and 7. The guests of the club were Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cummings, Mrs. Albert Morris, Miss Myra Morris, Mrs. Adams and Major Jones.

The As You Like It club held its The As You like it club held its regular bi-weekly meeting at Sachem Villa. Mrs. Charles Noyes, hostess. A delightful-program was presented, the banner number of which was a plano solo played without notes by Mrs. Harnah Foss, eighty-three years of age, mother of the hostess.

HARVARD

Still River. Miss Alice Marshall is entertaining Mrs. Johnson of Melrose. Edna Flanders spent Sunday with Miss Esther Stone at Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McNall spens Sunday with relatives in Gardner. Mrs. Jennic Willard attended the entertainment by the union fair in Ayer last week Friday evening.

Mrs. Wade, mother of Mrs. Viles, is I and Miss Flora Murchie is earling

Mrs. Jennie Willard entertained a ousin from Ayer over Sunday. Chester Willard has had three large

cars of coal come in this week, so that for the present has a good supply. Mr. and Mrs. Ricker and two chil-dren spent a couple of days in Gard-ner this week.

The Ladles' Mission circle of the Baptist church met with Mrs. Abbie Dadmun Thursday afternoon.

The snow and freezing of this week has made the roads slippery for horses and as a result business has been rushing at Harrod's shop. Twenty-five horses were shod Thursday.

Capt. Chency was up from Arlington Monday to take a look at his property here.

The Harvard Woman's club is solic-

iting funds to contribute to the Wo-man's Supply League of which Mrs. John Hayes Hammond is president, for the purchase of a motorbus to be used in carrying victims of infantile paralysis to the clinic, where they will receive electrical treatment.



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Our store is a Christmas Store—it is full of gifts suitable for a Man's or Boy's Christmas. If you are look ing for a Christmas Gift for "Him" you will find any number of choice and suitable things here that will be appropriate and sure to be appreciated by the receiver. You will also find many things, such as Slippers, Umbrellas Toques and Scarfs which are suitable for "Her."

Outside our regular Holiday stock there is not an article or garment in this store that would not make a handsome and acceptable Christmas Gift—exactly the sort of gift that men like best.

| | Men's Kid Gloves, unlined, for dress wear \$1.00 to \$2.0 |
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Nothing could be more acceptable for a gift than a good Sweater. We have Sweaters for every member of the family. They come in Gray, Navy, Crimson and Brown colors. Some are plain Coat style, and some have a collar and some have pockets.

| I | Men's Coat Sweaters, all colors | \$1.25 | tο | \$7.00 | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------|----|--------|---|
| | Boys' Coat Sweaters, all colors | . 98¢ | to | \$3.00 | |
| | Women's Coat Sweaters | \$3.00 | to | \$6.00 | |
| | Girls' Coat Sweaters | \$1.50 | to | \$2.50 | |
| | Children's Switters | . 50¢ | to | \$1.50 | |
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Fine Cotton Hose-4 pair in Christmas Box

Tripletoe and Shawknit Hose, in Black or Colors, fine quality, four pair in Christmas Box 25¢ pair \$1.00 bo Ever rear Hose, guaranteed for six months -six pair in box, for \$2.00 bo Silk Hose, in Black or Colors..... 50¢ pa

Children's Hose, "Black Cat" make Men's Woolen Hose, fine grade 25¢ to 75

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NECKWEAR-Men's plain colored and fancy Neckwear. latest styles and colors. Owing to an early purchase we are giving values equal to that of last year 25¢ and 50¢

ARM BANDS-Fancy Arm Bands, each pair in handsome Christmas Box 25¢ and 50¢

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Pair of Suspenders, pair of Garters and a pair of Arm Bands, three pieces 75¢ and \$1.00 Pair of Garters and a pair of Arm Bands in Christmas Box 25¢ and 50¢

MUFFLERS- In Mercerized Cotton, Wool or Silk, in great variety of colorings and fabrics...... 75¢ to \$4.50

BELTS-Buy a Leather Belt in a pretty Christmas Box

FURNISHING GOODS DEPARTMENT

BATH ROBES-Make a most appropriate Christmas Gift, and one that is always appreciated. A good assortment of colorings \$3.50 to \$6.5

NIGHT ROBES-For Men, made of a good quality of Domet Flannel 50¢ to \$1.2 For Boys', made of Domet Flannel..... 50¢ to 90 PAJAMAS Men's and Boys', made of Domet Flannel good quality; fancy trimmed \$1.00 to \$1.5

SUSPENDERS—A great variety of styles, each pair in a Handsome Christmas Box . JEWELRY-Cuff Buttons and Scarf Pin, each in a Hand-

> some Christmas Box. Cuff Buttons 25¢ to \$1.5 Searf Pins 25¢ to \$1.2 A Watch for the Boy, in Nickel or Gilt, guaran-

GARTERS-In Boston, Paris and Brighton makes, in single or double grip, all in a Christmas Box.....

CAPS AND TOQUES

| Then 8 Cloth Caps 30¢ to 4 | |
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| Men's Fur Caps \$2.50 to \$ | 35.5 |
| Boys' Cloth Caps 25¢ and | 50 |
| Boys' Toques | |
| Misses' and Children's Toques | |
| 25¢ and | 50 |

Scarf and Toque Sets-For Girls 50¢ and \$1.00 For Women \$1.00 and \$2.00

UMBRELLAS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Always an acceptable gift. We have them for Men, Women and Children. Many new and beautiful designs in Mission and Sterling Silver Trimmed Handles. The better grades are Silk covered.

Men's Umbrellas \$1.00 to \$3.00 Women's Umbrellas ... \$1.00 to \$4.50 Children's Umbrellas 75¢

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\$1.25 to \$3.5 Suit Cases, made of Leather

\$6.00 to \$8.0 Suit Cases, made of Japanese Matting \$1.25 to \$3.0

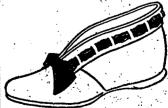
\$3.00 to \$8.0 Hand Bags, Leather School Lunch Boxes for Children

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CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR MEN. In a great variety of styles, in Black and Tan Leathers, or in warm

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NEW AUXILIARY CHAIRS. Arm-chairs, original and exclusive with Studebaker (patent applied for). These large, roomy and comfortable chairs fold up and slide under rear seat when not in use. They dispense with the unsightly recesses in the tonneau floor and with slit carpets, commonly used in other cars. When these chairs are underneath the back seat, the Studebaker is a roomy, beautiful FIVE-PASSENGER CAR—instead of the regular seven-passenger car.

REVERSIBLE FRONT SEAT. Original and exclusive with Studebaker, the front passenger seat is reversible so that passenger can sit facing ton-neau or facing forward. Both front seats are covered with leather, have large and handsome robe strap, and are adjustable to all leg lengths. No more comfortable seats are found in any car, regardless of price.

NEW STORM CURTAINS. Of the recent Blackmore design and patent, opening with the doors and thereby preventing crouching and crushed hats. Studebaker, we believe, is the first maker to offer this improvement as standard equipment.

IMPROVED BODY AND UPHOLSTERY. The body is elegantly finished and equipped-inside and out. The handsome foot rail, wide scuff plates, wide doors, handsome door trim, carpeting, etc., all demonstrate quality and refinement. The upholstery is semi-glazed, straight-grained, genuine leather, made to special Studebaker forms, with the best curled hair and long coil springs. Tonneau carpet all wool, bound with leather instead of cheap, raveling thread-stitch. The top is made of the finest grade silk mohair, bound with leather edging, a feature found on few cars at any price. The body materials, upholstery and workmanship of Studebaker cars are unsurpassed, and the interior finish and detail of the bodies are LUXURIOUS and COMFORTABLE.

YALE SWITCH LOCK, of pin tumbler type, Studebaker design, insuring convenient and safe protection against theft or unauthorized use of car. NEW WINTER TOP made exclusively for Studebaker cars. Noiseless. Quickly and easily put on or taken off, and fitting perfectly.

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The Studebaker-Schebler carburction system has been developed so that both the FOUR and SIX are the most ECONOMICAL motors on the market; in ratio to power.

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The chassis frame is the same strong light construction which has characterized all Studebaker cars. The perfection of our chassis design is convincingly proved by satisfaction given in over 285,000 Studebakers produced and sold.

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The best quality of steel and alloy is used throughout. Every gear is of CHROME NICKEL STEEL, specially cut by Studebaker.

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| | Roadster | \$930.00 |
| | Touring Car | \$940.00 |
| | Every-Weather Car | |
| FOUR | Landau Roadster | \$1,150.00 |
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SIX-CYLINDER MODELS

ONE MINUTE FROM RAILROAD STATION

Catherine A. Sullivan, aged twenty-three years, died Monday at her home on Boston road. She had been in failing health for a long time from tuberculosis, her illness covering a period of two years. She is survived by a sister, several brothers and her paratter when mourt her untimely death sister, several brothers and her parents, who mourn her untimely death. The deceased was a graduate of Westford academy and of the Loweil Commercial college. The funeral was held from St. Catherine's church, Graniteville, Wednesday morning, with interment in the catholic cemetery.

The

carols will meet for rehearsal on Moncarols will meet for rehearsal on Monday evening at the Congregational vestry. These carols will be sung on the common Christmas eve and will be a pleasant feature of the Christmastide. Books containing the music carbe obtained of Mrs. W. R. Taylor for a nominal sum

The first snow of the season, coming after the especially fine weather, was not especially welcome. However, it was not severe enough to affect the schedule of the branch line electrics.

The development of the dreaded infantile paralysis in our midst causes much apprehension, especially to particularly as the wide-pread trouble with it during the summer and autumn had abated.

The committee in charge are busy with their preparations for the junior class drama of the academy to take place at the town hall, Friday evening, December 15. Hibbard's orchestra will furnish music for dancing.

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Everett Miller of this town and Miss Edna Smith of Ayer were married at Ayer December 2. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Strong, pastor of the Federated church, at his residence. Mr. Miller was accompanied by his brother, Charles Miller, and the bride by an intimate girl friend. The young couple will reside in Ayer, where Mr. Miller is employed by a local express company. local express company.

A good delegation of Westford Grangers were in attendance at the meeting of Littleton Grange December 6, when the third and fourth degrees were conferred upon a good-sized class, followed by the harvest

WESTFORD

Center.

Electric lights are being installed in the downstairs rooms of the Unitarian church. The work is expected to be finished and in readiness for the Christmas festivities.

Rev. Oscar Wells, of Rochester, Vt., has been visiting his brother, Dr. O. V. Wells, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Merritt are preparing to move to Bedford, having sold the farm where they have lived for eight years, earlier in the season.

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A program of readings and music loss, Mrs. Charles D. Colburn, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Elinor Colburn. Refreshments were served later in the evening. Mrs. Frank C. Bannister and Miss Elline F. Hilfreth Presided at the tea and coffee urns. The ushers were decorations of carnations, ferns and other greenery.

Mr. Lincoln starts in charge for December and consisted of Mrs. Joseph E. Knight, Mrs. Frank C. Bannister, Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and Mrs. Lincoln in receiving were Deacon and Mrs. Arthur E. Day, Deacon and M

ferns and other greenery. Mr. Lincoln starts his new pastorate most auspiciously, bringing to the work a good equipment of ability, experience and personality, and a sympathetic co-operation between pastor

and people seems assured.

death came late Wednesday evening.

John Fletcher Abbot was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron Abbot. He was born on November 29, 1898, which made him but recently pass his eighteenth birthday, just at the beginning of young manhood. He is survived besides his parents by his younger brother. Robert Abbot, and represented the fifth generation to bear the mame of John Abbot, descending from one of Westford's old and respected families. His mother was before her marriage, Miss Anna Munroe Fletcher, daughter of J. Henry

before her marriage, Miss Anna Mun-roe Fletcher, daughter of J. Henry Fletcher, of Belmont, and grand-daughter of J. Varnum Fletcher, donor of our public library. Fletcher had recently entered the Abbot Worsted Company at Granite-ville, and planned under his father's direction to learn the mill business and had been greatly interested in his work. His tragic and untimely death has cast a gloom over the communit and the sincerest and most heartfel sympathy goes out to the bereaved father, mother, brother and to the grandparents, uncles, aunts and cous-

About Town.

Westford Grange was at its best on last week Thursday evening. It was a sort of postponed neighbors' night and some besides. The good traveling and pleasant evening brought a large number out, West Chelmsford Grange meeting of Littleton Grange December 6, when the third and fourth degrees were conferred upon a good-sized class, followed by the harvest supper.

Rev. L. H. Buckshorn gave a valuable talk on good reading at the Frost school December 6. This was given to the pupils in the upper grades and Mr. Buckshorn was well qualified to address young people as this subject was appropriate to Library week being observed at this time. Mr. Buckshorn also gave a delibiful rendering of one of Joel Chandler Harris' "Uncle Remus" stories.

Reception.

A reception to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Lincoln into the church and community was held at the Congregational church on Tuesaday evening. The first snowstorm of the season coming on Tuesday necessarily affected the attendance, but and of a success and reflected much cerdit upon the committee in charge!

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Christmas exercises for the children of the Unitarian Sunday school will be held at the vestry of the church on Saturday afternoon, December 23, at four o'clock. Plays, games, social chats and supper, all leading up to the Christmas tree at six o'clock. Everybody is welcome, young and old.

Amos Polley, of the Prairie farm, has developed a new type of dove, which he has named "Night Eyes," on account of its proneness to travel nights and return for rest at daylight.

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The next meeting of the Grange will be held at the town hall on next week Thursday evening. The meeting will be in charge of Joseph Wall, deputy game warden. An address on game laws and fish laws, and game and fish protection will be given by Deputy Wall or some other state authority.

West Compiled of Hudson N. H. is a control of the cont Mrs. Campbell, of Hudson, N. H., is sisting her father, Joseph E. Knight, and was present at the reception on Tuesday evening to Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Lincoln.

Farm Bureau Formed. Amidst the rain-snowstorm about 200 interested people gathered at the town hall in old historic Concord on Tuesday afternoon in the interest of forming a farm bureau for Middlesex county. S. R. Parker, of Amherst Agricultural college, gave a detailed outline of its objects and expectations. This started cross-examination questions from various parts of the countions from various parts of the counwille. Wednesday morning, with interment in the catholic cemetery.

The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club will take place on next Tuesday afternoon at the Unitarian Abbot, which came Wednesday eventomittee on industrial and social conditions and a good address will be given. Mrs. Louis H. Buckshorn is the hostess of the afternoon and a Christmas tea will be served.

All interested in the Christmas and the specialists summoned was called the committee was prominated from the first and all the skill of his toric Concord on Tuesday afternoon in the interest of forming a farm bureau for Middlesex county. S. R. Parker, of Amherst Agricultural college, gave a detailed outline of its objects and expectations. This started cross-examination questions from various parts of the county. A committee was nominated from and the specialists summoned was called. of his local physician, trained nurses A committee was nominated from and the specialists summoned was callned into requisition to allegiate his sufferings and save his life. But this and city in the county, of whom shall
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belong to that other humanity known
death came late Wednesday evening. belong to that other humanity known as female humanity. The following were appointed the searching committee for directors: John M. Keyes of Concord, Mrs. J. W. Belcher of Melrose, Joseph W. Ames of Littleton, Mrs. Leon P. Richardson of Pepperell, Mrs. C. L. Knapp of Stoneham, S. H. Tenney of Acton and S. L. Taylor of Westford; at the adjournment the committee chose S. L. Taylor as chairman and John M. Keyes of Concord as secretary. The next meeting of this committee will be held in the town hall in Concord on Saturday aftercommittee will be held in the town hall in Concord on Saturday afterhall in Concord on Saturday afterhoon. December 30, at one o'clock.
During this vacation the committee
are open to receive suggestions and
proposals for directors.

The next meeting of the farm
bureau organization will be held in

bureau organization will be held in early January at the old stand in Con-cord, date to be given out. The fee for joining is \$1, and the annual as-sessment is \$1. The bureau includes household economics. Among those prominent in this movement is Mrs. James J. Storrow, of Boston, who was present and gave of her advice.

W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. stirred up interest against the liquor sale industry on Friday evening of last week by prize speaking at the town hall. There were six contestants. They were full of their subject, which was to prevent that fullness, "A destruction that wasteth at noonday," or any other time of day or night. The silver medal was awarded to Miss Adelaide Hosmer, of Forge Village. The other contestants who received gold pins, inscribed "M. C.," were Misses Elva Judd, 'Alice' Wright, Helen Burland, Ruth Sargent, Rachel Kimball. The medals were presented by Rev. L. H. Ruth Sargent, Rachel Kimball. The medals were presented by Rev. L. H. Buckshorn in an emphatic protest against the demoralization of rum and rural village hard cider selling. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carr, of Long-Sought pond, entertained with plano and violin to all shades of delight. Mrs. Janet Wright, the president of the union, presided with introductory remarks setting forth the efforts of the W. C. T. U. The judges were Rev. Howard A. Lincoln, Miss Alice Howard and Fred A. Snow.

The W. C. T. U. sent to the Settlement work in Boston the largest donation yet of vegetables and fruit for Thanksgiving. By the generosity of Perley E. Wright it was delivered in

The Ladies' Sewing circle held a successful supper and sale on Friday evening. December 8, followed by Balopticon views on the present war. Itev. W. M. Ford had charge of the entertainment.

The Ladies' Sewing circle will meon Thursday afternoon at the usua time. The Social club will meet in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Bicknell, of Somerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fisher, of Lowell, were recent visitors

Mrs. Walter Brooks, of Brockton, is the guest of Mrs. H. Randall. Miss Hilda Rose, of Millbury, has been the guest of the Misses Ward for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Goode hav closed their camp and are to spen the winter in New York. Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of the Ridge

has been a recent visitor here A daughter was born on Monday to Mr. and Mrs. William Kelley. W. H. Fernald, of Knopp's farm,

received a telegram on last Sunday an

nouncing the death of his oldest son Anthony, in California. The Stinchen family, Orchard street have moved to Lowell.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. C. E. Eaton on Thursday afternoon. M. J. Rafferty, of Cambridge, has

een a recent visitor here. Timothy Sullivan, with his two aughters, Misses Lillian and Nora, of Mariboro, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Healy.

Edward Buckingham, a well-known young man of this village, and Miss Hazel Moss, of Ayer, were united in marriage in Ayer on last Sunday afternoon at a brilliant church wedding that was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. After a brief honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham will reside in Ayer,

The Epworth league of the Methe

The Junior league held its prize at-tendance on last Sunday afternoon. Miss York is mobilizing the younger folks in the organization of bible study. Thirty-eight were present.

The Christmas tree entertainment will be held this year on Saturday evening. December 23, at the M. E. church.

Mrs. Maria Wall and Miss Rachel Wall have recently returned from a brief visit spent with friends in Fitch-

Ing with Mrs. Healy's parents in Groton, to remain until after the holidays.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. Henry L. Scott, who gave interesting sermons appropriate to the day. At the first mass the members of the Holy Name society received holy communion in a body. In the afternoon, at three o'clock, about 150 women met in the church for the purpose of forming a ladies' sodality. The meeting was addressed by the pastor, Rev. Charles P. Heaney, who gave an instructive sermon dwelling on the advantages of joining an organization of this kind, particularly the young people. All present signified their willingness to become members. They meeting was followed by the benediction of the blessed sacrament, the services being conducted by Rev. C. P. Heaney.

On page seven other Westford news

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The Croton river, which furnishes all New York the greater part of the water consumed in its limits, was named for an Indian chief.



Are You Ready For It?

Our preparations for Christmas have been both thorough and complete, and we now ask the privilege of showing you a BEAUTIFUL COLLECTIONS OF GIFTS sparkling with the Brightest and Most Original Productions for the Holiday Season of 1916.

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The Finest Sight in Town

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NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareolders of the First National Bank of Ayer, will be held at the Banking Rooms, in Ayer, Mass., on Monday, January 8, 1917, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of acting upon the following business:

To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

CHARLES A. NORMAND.

4t14 Ayer, Mass., December 8, 1916.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY M. NICKLESS late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas, THOMAS L. HAZEN administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-sixth day of December A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one can not be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-nint day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

SETY, Register.

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3113 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heir-at-law, next of kin,
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of JUDSON J.
WILLOUGHBY late of Pepnerell, in
said County, deceased, intestate.
Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter
of administration on the estate of said
deceased to RAY A. WILLOUGHBY of
Pepperell in the County of Middlesex,
without giving a surety on his bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a.
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
second day of January A. D. 1917, at
nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show
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And the petitioner is hereby directed
to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week,
for three successive weeks, in Turner's
Public Spirit, a newspaper published
in Ayer, the last publication to be one
day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this seventh
day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

3114 F. M. ESTY, Register.

TOWNSEND

Center.

At the meeting of the Phoche Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., last week Tuesday evening, the annual election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. Flora Watkins, pres.; Mrs. Hattle of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. Flora Watkins, pres.; Mrs. Hattle Cook, s. v. p.; Evelyn Sanders, j. v. p.; Mrs. Ellen Richards, chap.; Mrs. Elnora Smith, treas.; Mrs. Mary Taylor, pat. inrt.; Mrs. Pearl Woods, Miss Alice Day, Mrs. W. T. McMaster, camp

Miss Sadie Stewart has gone to Bel-mont, where she is employed in the home of Ralph Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. Warman and son Walter, from Portland, Me., and Robert Brown and family, from Leominster, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Purps T. Brown Rufus T. Brown.

Members of the Birthday club were entertained on Friday afternoon, December 8, at the home of Mrs. George Gates, with Mrs. Gates, Mrs. T. E. Flarity and Mrs. George Hayward as hostesses. On account of important business the hour's time was taken so the Christmas program was omitated. Before departing, however the the Christmas program was omitted. Before departing, however, the members received their exchange gifts which were showered from a large stocking suspended from the ceiling. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. The home was attractively decorated with Christmasbells, and tinsel ornaments. opportunity to examine the interesting curios. Refreshments were served by

the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah At the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge meeting on last week Friday evening the Rebekah degree was conferred upon a class of candidates. After the initiation refreshments were served and a musical farce enjoyed which was presented by eight lodge members, entitled "The Sweet family."

Mrs. Ivannette G. White, of Winchendon district instructor and Mrs. Fed. don, district instructor, and Mrs. Fol-Groton, deputy president,

At the Congregational church last At the Congregational church last Sunday morning the pastor preached the second in the series of children's sermons, which preceded the regular sermon, his subject being "God's plows," explaining to the children the prows. explaining to the children the glacial period necessary to the preparation of Mother Earth for the cultivation by man. Announcement was made during the service asking the children to come next Sunday with gifts to put in the little stockings that are being sumulied to send at Christ. are being supplied to send at Christmas time to the children across the sea. At 2.30 in the afternoon Rev. Andrew Groop, of Fitchburg, held a service for the Finnish people in the Congregational church with a goodly number of our Finnish people in town being progent; also a large delegation being present; also, a large delegation of sixty accompanied the pastor of the Fitchburg Finnish church. Excellent vocal and instrumental music rendered by them.

F. L. Willoby will be pleased to how his many Townsend friends a ne line of watches; rings, chains, pins, jewelry, etc., sterling and plated silverware, at Park hotel, Townsend, every Tuesday afternoon until after the holidays. Telephone 36-22.

Mrs. Agnes Woods attended the Rebekan school of instruction held in Fitchburg on Monday.

Fitchburg on Monday.

Carleton P. Mudgett, Franklin R. Jefts, W. C. Swinington, Gilbert Estes and Leslie Hurley went in Mr. Swinington's auto on Tuesday evening to attend the third Odd Fellows' neighborhood meeting held with the Fredonian todge In Shirley. They report a very pleasing evening's program and brotherly gathering. It was announced at this gathering that the final meeting of the series will be held at the hall of the Beacon lodge in Pepperell on Tuesday evening, January

friends are invited; also, resident Odd Fellows and their wives or lady friends. The program will consist of music by Albert G. Seaver, soprano solos by Miss Estelle Farrar, and history of North Star lodge by George train. The new stations that had sprung up on this Greenville Branch, es by grand officers and guests

The little daughter recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland, of Townsend hill, has been named Ruth

Miss Lillian Hardison, of Malden, who is spending the winter with Mrs. George Upton at Elm Lane farm, was tendered a surprise by twelve of her young friends calling on her Monday evening, her nineteenth birthday anniversary. A social evening was spent with music, games and the serving of refreshments. Before departing the guests presented their honored friend with a purse of money.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the pastor's sermon subject is "I believe in the holy spirit"; even-ing topic. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

At the Congregational church the pastor's morning sermon topic is "Our heritage.

heritage."

Frank Barber, who was chosen delegate by the Townsend Hill Improvement society, and Galen Proctor, delegate to represent the Grange, were conveyed by Miss Alberta Barber in her auto on Tuesday to attend the meeting in Concord called for the urpose of establishing a Farm Bu-eau in Middlesex county.

The community Christmas tree com The community Christmas tree committee met in the high school-room on Monday evening to further discuss plans for the community Christmas celebration and hear the reports of the various committees. The committhe various committees. The committee voted to hold the exercises in Memorial hall on Saturday evening, December 23, from 6 to 8.30 o'clock. Solicitor George L. Whitcomb reported that the contributions had been very liberal, amounting to nearly to \$150, the hearty co-operation and community spirit that characterizes the people of Townsend being manifested from all parts of the town in this Christmas

tide community tree. The public greatly appreciate the in terest of the donors in presenting to the public library the following books of merit and excellence: The magazine, "Bird love," and the books, "Our vanishing wild life," and "Concealing coloration in the animal kingdom," has been given by the Country club; "Sylvia of the hillop" and "The princess and the clan" are the gift of the hill princess and the clan" are the gift of the hillop. The work of the hillop. princess and the clan" are the gift of world's mercantile marine amounted John J. Piper, and from Mrs. F. W. to 48,000,000 tons gross, of which Ger-Wood, Baltimore, Md., the library is many claimed 5,082,061 tons. Britain indebted for "Gleamings from old shaker journals," "My home in the Shaker journals," "School credit for tons were sunk or lost, 327 being de-

oircuit rider's widow.' "Witte arrives" and "The leatherwood god."

Miss Sadie Stewart has gone to Bel-

Monday Club.

The Monday club were pleasantly entertained on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Albert S. Howard, forty-six being present, including club members, lady and gentlemen guests. During the afternoon A. S. Howard gave a fine talk on "Hawail," which was followed with the closest attention. He spoke of its ancient history, natural scenery and the life and customs, of the people of the islands, ma. hig his talk doubly interesting by the collection of curios which came from Hawail, displayed on the center table, to which Mr. Howard fittingly made reference throughout his talk. Incidentally it is of interest to know that this large center table is made from "koa," or Hawailan mahogany, and formerly belonged to Mrs. Howard ard's father, the late Mr. Goodale, who was a teacher in the Hawaiian Islands. During the afternoon's program Miss Annie Griggs played very softly on the paino the plaintive "Aloha oe" (Farewell to thee), and the Hawaii Ponoi, Hawaii's national anthem (Hawaii's own true sons). During the social hour the guests were given opportunity to examine the interesting curios. Refreshments were served by

the hostess.

Grange.

Monday evening the Grange celebrated the golden jubilee of the National Grange, an event that was recently celebrated by the national organization in Washington. The program opened with singing by the Grange, the anniversary song. This was followed by a reading by Warren Seaver, who responded with encores. T. E. Flarity, past master, rendered during the evening several fine baritone horn solos, with plano accompaniment by Albert G. Seaver, which were heartily encored. He also gave a very instructive talk which every Granger should have heard on the history of the Grange, the founding of Grange. Granger should have heard on the his-tory of the Grange, the founding of the order of the Patrons of Hus-bandry which was organized Decem-ber 4, 1867. He gave brief sketches of the seven founders of the order and he great work the Grange represents

the great work the Grange represents throughout the nation. In closing, Warren Seaver, who is termed the "Grange poet," read an original poem. The Grange Master, F. A. Woods, and Mrs. Woods, the lecturer, Miss May Parker and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity, past masters, attended the State Grange meetings in Boston this week. Before returning home Miss Parker will visit her brother, George Parker, in Haverhill.

Annual Sale.

Annual Sale.

The annual sale, supper and entertainment by the L. B. S. of the Congregational church, held in Memorial hall on Wédnesday afternoon and evening, was a very successful event. The afternoon sale opened at three o'clock with tables arranged around the hall attractively decorated with Christmas green. The fancy table was in charge of Mrs. Annie Bliss, Mrs. L. C. Jefts and Mrs. George Gates; flower table. Mrs. Mary Norris; children's, Mrs. Warren Seaver, Miss Alberta Barber, Miss Dorothy Bliss and Miss Ruth Warren Seaver, Miss Alberta Barber, Miss Dorothy Bliss and Miss Ruth Morse; ice cream, Mrs. Joshua Swicker, Mrs. Clara Heselton; candy, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Sawyer; aprons, Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Downing. Many partook of the excellent supper served in the banquet hall at six o'clock in charge of Mrs. Lila Estes and efficient helpers.

the nall of the Beacon lodge in Pepperell on Tuesday evening. January 30.

North Star lodge. I. O. O. F., will hold as fiftieth birthday anniversary on Tuesday evening. December 19, at Odd Fellows hall. Invitations have been extended to the grand officers and also to Alfred W. Barnes, d.d.g.m., of Mt. Roulstone lodge, Fitchburg, with his suite, the noble and vice grands of Fredoman and Harvard lodges, Charles Emerson, p.g.m., representing Custos Morum lodge of Milford, N. H., and the members of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge of Townsend. The members of North Star lodge and their wives or lady friends are invited; also, resident Odd Fellows and their wives or lady friends. The members of lady friends are invited; also, resident Odd Fellows and their wives or lady friends. The members of lady friends are invited; also, resident Odd Fellows and their wives or lady friends. The members of the spooning couble who sat on the free holds to the spooning couble who sat on the free hall at six o'clock in charge of Mrs. Lila Estes and efficient sister, Mrs. The evening's entertainment was dispersed by Mrs. Harriet Spaulding and oppened with a plano solo by Albert G. Cross seal. The J. B their reside and Mr. an on the wrong train and said accidents always happened to rear cars, and she didn't see why they didn't take them off: the women with numerous bundles and chattering children, the brick story of the colored man who was taking his first ride on the train, school girls, the proverbial sleeper and the fresh young man all along the car aisle to the School on Sa 16, at 7.30 vision of the are interestly december of the proverbial sleeper and the fresh young friends. sprung up on this Greenville Branch, called off by the portly brakeman, the trials of the conductor with parcel and ticket losers, and the lively little newsboy added fun and merriment for the audience. The closing number on the program was a vocal solo very sweetly rendered by Miss Esther Engley, with plane accompanions, but ley, with piano accompaniment h Albert Seaver. A social hour follow

The Ladies' Literary and Social cir-cle met on last week Thursday after-noon at the home of Mrs. Josephine Boynton, nine being present, and a very interesting session was enjoyed. very interesting session was enjoyed. The roll call was answered by quotations and current events. A social hour and refreshments closed the program. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Harriet Stickney and the topic is "Christmas stories."

Mrs. Clarence Elliott, who is very sick with pneumonia, is reported as

Mrs. George Upton entertained the addes' Whist club at her home on ower Main street last week Thurslay afternoon

Mrs. Nellie Newall has been caring for a patient in Ashby. Mrs. Alexander Reed assisted at the library on last Saturday afternoon and

Alice V. Seaver has been a visitor in Belmont and Waltham.

At the Sunday school session on last Sunday it was voted to hold the Christmas tree in the evening and omit the usual dinner. James and Richard Rusk were appointed to procure the tree and the other committees will be appointed later. The Christmas concert will be in charge of the teachers of the various classes.

Warren Elliott and family were called to Deerfield, N. H., Sunday, to join Mrs. Elliott and attend the funeral of her mother, who passed away of heart disease on last week Thurs-

Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway went to Boston last Sunday to enter a hospital for treatment. Miss Esther Lane, of Gardner, is substituting as teacher at the grammar school for the present.

At the outbreak of the war the field of honor," "School credit for tons were sunk or lost, 327 being de-home-work," "Backward children," stroyed by submarine, mine and other "Rising tide," "Enoch Crane," "The war operations.

PEPPERELL

News Items mont, where she is, employed in the home of Ralph Willard.

Miss Mary Hildreth has rented her place, on Brookline street to Mrs. Floyd.

Monday Club.

The Monday club were pleasantly entertained on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Albert S. Howard, forty-six being present, including club.

The Monday cream is a count of which was received too late for last week's paper was the dinner party of eighteen relatives who gathered at the Pierce homestead off the Nashua road. The hostess, Mrs. Sarah (Pierce) Dow, who is eighty-two years of age, received many compliments on the bountiful Thanksgiving menu, as well as the fact that she forty-six being present, including club. ing menu, as well as the fact that she was able to prepare the same. The host was her brother, Calvin Pierce, who is eighty-eight years of age, but well able to enjoy the occasion. The guests were Mrs. Lucy Dow Cushing and Miss Ruth Cushing, from Westfield; Miss Harriet Dow, from Palmerton, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Pierce and son of Nashua, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce, Mrs. Catherine Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lane and Mr. and Mrs. William Chapman and family, all of this town.

Rev. Mr. Pollard paster of the Ban-

Rev. Mr. Pollard, pastor of the Bap-tist church in Boston where D. H. Har-

week and held a ceremonial meeting, or council fire, preceded by a Christmas luncheon. The hostesses were the Misses Alice Lawson and Ruth Clarke, assisted by Mrs. Beers, who took the place of other members who were out of town. The principal table decoration was a tiny evergreen tree ornamented with Christmas trimmings and tinsel. The place cards, with their appropriate quotations, were also adorned with a miniature Christmas tree. Besides these decorations the supper Besides these decorations the suppo was a "snow supper," white food pre-dominating, and white setting for the table. The menu included mashed po-tato, creamed tuna fish in pattle shells, sandwiches, snow pudding and pista-chio confections, and was pronounced very satisfactory both to the eyes and taste. A short council fire followed the supper, no special business transacted.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Maynard and Charles Bird spent Monday in Lowell. Mrs. F. S. Bancroft has been quite ill with a hard cold, being threatened with congestion of one lung.

Christmas is in the air. The shops Christmas is in the air. The shops are filled with all sorts of attractive articles for gifts, and what to give at Christmas time is the universal topic of conversation. Yet over all broods the spirit of charity as exemplified in the time and thought given by men and women in the purchase of the Red Cross Christmas seals. 'ross ('hristmas seals.

Mrs. John H. Lawrence, who resides alone at the old Walton Inn. near the Willows, on the South road, had an eighty-second birthday on Monday, December 11, which her friends did not allow her to forget. She received calls from a niece, Miss Lillian Lovejoy, and a friend, Miss Ruth Walch, from Hallis N. H. Hay received with and a friend, Miss Ruth Walch, from Hollis, N. H. Her niece, Mrs. L. S. Glison, from town, was also with her a part of the day, and a neighbor, Mrs. George Durgin, Mrs. Edwin Iten also called, adding to the pleasure of all by her musical ability. Mrs. Lawrence received many remem-brances and kind messages from disbrances and kind messages from dis-

Mrs. ('. F. Bird is still in very poor health, but was able on the recent Thanksgiying day to enjoy a dinner party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Maynard, which included herself and husband and sister, her con, William Bird, from Worcester, and the Maynard family.

Mrs. Clarence Cook entertained her

The J. B. Hendersons have closed their residence at their summer place and Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are at their winter home in Boston.

An entertainment is to be given at the brick schoolhouse on the South road by the students of the Groton School-on Saturday evening, December 16, at 7.39 o'clock, under the supervision of the masters of the school who are interesting themselves in the children of the families in this vicinity. The proceeds are to be deceded toward. The proceeds are to be devoted toward

Miss Helen Harriman is making mick recovery from her recent attac of pneumonia, her strong physique being greatly in her favor

The Men's club will hold their meeting on this Friday evening at the Oddfellows' banquet hall, where all men over sixteen years of age are in-vited to attend.

Mrs. Florence Willoughby spent part of last week with relatives at Ray-mond and Smithville, N. H. Miss Foskett attended to her household duties in her absence.

Robert O. Coy resumed his duties as station agent on the Fitchburg division on Tuesday after a vacation of several weeks. Mr. Provost of Leominster substituted for him.

About 135 girls and boys formed a procession at the store of W. E. Muz-zey last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock and being fitted out with a flag and two drums marched to Saunders corner, countermarched to Railroad corner, countermarched to Railfroad square, finally returning to Mr. Muz-zey's store, where each child was made happy by the gift of a package of can-dy, a holiday book and a Christmas card. The little company made an

unusual and very pretty spectacle and attracted considerable attention. Glenis Greene, daughter of Mrs Minnic Green, clebrated her twelfth birthday on Saturday afternoon, De-cember 2. Eleven of her young play-mates gathered by invitation to help her enjoy the occasion. The color scheme of the decorations was pink, the dining-room and lunch table he ing elaborately trimmed with festoons of crepe paper. Refreshments were enjoyed, including pink ice cream and enjoyed, including pink ice cream and a birthday cake, covered with pink frosting and containing twelve prizes, which served as souvenirs for each lit-tle guest. Those present were Betty Hutchinson, Evelyn and Katherine Maltman, Helen Parker, Hazel Wilson, Marian Buss, Maud Maxwell, Dorothy Soule, Audrey Bancroft, Ruth Chap man and Sybil Stewart.

On Friday evening of last week three members of the I. O. O. F., M. U., and one prospective member, went to West Groton, to attend a meeting

At the Lawrence mills of the Champion International Company an increase of ten percent and an eight hour day was recently granted, more than a thousand employees being affected by the raise.

C. F. McConnack from West Gro-ton, a former resident here, spent Sunday in town with his daughter,

On Friday evening of last week the Babbatassett Camp-fire Circle with their guardian, Miss Sylvester, met at the Methodist parsonage to complete their scrap books for the Christmas of the children in war countries. Eight very dainty, artistic picture books were completed and packed up on Saturday to be forwarded to the Beigian children through the Red Cross Relief Station in Boston. The junior circle Station in Boston. The junior circle were so pleased with the result of their labors that they are trying to com-plete another set to send to the chil-dren of the Boston City hospital next

Grange Notes.

At the regular meeting of the Grange on Friday evening, December 8, the first and second degrees were worked on a class of candidates. The first degree was worked by the regular officers of the Grange and the second degree by the men's degree staff, E. H. Bliss, master. The new members are Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Quimby, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Kennedy, Mrs. R. H. Lawson and Lillian Stewart.

The third and fourth degrees will

The Pennemaquan Camp-fire circle met with their guardian, Mrs. W. H. Beers, on Thursday evening of last week and held a ceremonial meeting, or council fire, preceded by a Chair mas lunches. At the recent meeting Miss Ellen Miller was appointed a delegate from Prescott Grange to the meeting of the State Grange held in Tremont Temple, Boston, December 12, 13 and 14.

O. M. Nash attended the lecturers convention on Wednesday. Several from this Grange attended the State Grange on Wednesday and took the sixth degree.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Olive Balmforth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Balmforth, of Wollaston, to Italph Keith, of Wollaston, on Thursday afternoon, December 7. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the First Baptist church of that place by the pastor of the church, Rev. Joseph Walthers.

astor of the church, Rev. Joseph Walthers. The bride was gowned in a white embroidered silk volle and carried a bouquet of white sweet peas. She was attended by Miss Rheta Keith, a sister of the groom, who was also attended in white, and carried yellow chrysanthemums. The groom was attended by Wesley Ganzel, of Wollaston was last tended.

ton, as best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, to the Wolfaston Park Social club, of which the bride is a manufacture.

pember.
Mr. and Mrs. Keith left on the af-Mr. and Mrs. Keith left on the afternoon train for Providence. R. I., and will take a trip by most to New York. They will reside in Wollaston on their return. Mr. Keith is employed with his father, who is a contractor in the city.

The bride is a former Pepperell girl, although she left town with her

parents about fourteen years ago, when but a child. Mr. Balmforth's business with paper concerns led to their residence first in Lawrence, from there to Connecticut, West Virginia and the contractions of the contraction of ginia and again to Lawrence. About Boston, where Mr. Balmforth was employed by the Commonwealth Mfg. Company. During the past year and a half the family have resided at their present home in Wollaston.

Cuitarian Supper.

The chicken-ple supper served by the L. S. C. of the First Parish church on Thursday evening of last week had an unusually large patronage consid ering the advance in the price which Mrs. Clarence Cook entertained her mother. Mrs. Harriet Warner, and her sister. Mrs. Brown, both of Lancaster, on Monday.

It is a happy thought which complete the Christmas letter with a Red Cross seal. with relishes, and many varieties of dessert in the form of pies and jel-

The decorations of festoons of crepe paper with Christmas bells gave a distinct holiday air to the vestry, a fore-runner of Christmas festivities.

The table of Christmas novelties and aprons also 122 good patronage and brought in satisfactory returns.

The fine moonlight evening and fine program offered brought out a large gathering to the entertiannest held. gathering to the entertainment held at eight o'clock in Central half Mrs the proceeds are to be devoted toward starting the enterprise.

The George T. Keyes family are moving into Boston again for this winger, their final arrangements being completed this week.

The George T. Keyes family are moving into Boston again for this winger. The sketch given by Mrs. Irone Attridge, Russell Wright, and Double Research. given by Mrs. Irene Attridge, Russell Forty-two members of Boxborough Wright and Douglas Deware as mes-Grange and eleven visitors were preswright and Douglas Deware as messenger, was excellently presented and most entertaining. Miss Wilson and Katherine Hobart gave the short sketch, "The backward scholar," which was also enjoyed by all the audience. The evening as a whole reflects much credit on the committee.

Grange and eleven visitors were present at the last meeting, prepared to enjoy the play, "The first day the holidays," given by the young men, and to partake of the coffee, doughnuts and pies served by the young ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon have the properties of the pullete.

Death of Former Resident. On Friday of last week Walter W. Lunt was called to Augusta, Me., by a message announcing the serious illness of his mother. Mrs. Susan Lunt, who has suffered from diabetis for three years past and had become nearly blind from the effects of the disease. Later, news announced the death of Mrs. Lunt on Saturday, services being held on Tucsday. The deceased was seventy-six years of age and is survived by W. W. Lunt, of this town; Albert and Linwood Lunt, of Augusta, Me., and Miss Maude Lunt, also of that city, who cared for her aged mother. She also leaves five grandchildren. An older daughter, Mrs. Jennie Lunt Long, died a few years ago, and the husband of the deceased, William Lunt, died about six years ago in Gardiner, Me. a message announcing the serious ill

ceased, William Lunt, died about six years ago in Gardiner, Me. Mr. and Mrs. William Lunt were residents here in town for several years, moving here from Gardiner, Me., about 1870. He was employed in the paper mill under H. C. Winslow, for Fairchid Company, and later worked in Leighton Bros.' shoe factory. They built the double tenement house on Pleasant street now owned by W. H. Annis, this being the first house built on the street. The younger members of their family were born here. About twenty-eight years born here. About twenty-eight years ago the family moved back to Gardiner, Me., and since the death of her husband Mrs. Lunt went to Augusta to be with her children. Her death was not unexpected, following, as it did, a long illness.

A Good Cause.

A most commendable and philan-thropic movement is being made by throple movement is being made by Rev. Endicott Penbody, master of the Groton School, to start a Sunday school service in the unused brick schoolhouse on the South road. For several weeks past he has had an assistant, Miss Andrews, of Ayer, making a quiet canvass of the families where there are children; and of the needs of a Sunday service in that vicinity. The proposed school will include all, children and adults, and will not be denominational. A service was not be denominational. A service was held there on last Sunday, conducted by Mr. Peabody, assisted by Mr. Peabody, assisted by Mr. Vanier, a teacher of the school, and three students, Frothingham, Trum-retary. On Wednesday evening the

bull and Molloy. Mr. Vanier acted as superintendent of the organization of the Sunday school and led the music. assisted by the young gentlemen and those assembled. There were about assisted by the young gentlemen and those assembled. There were about twenty-five present, who were divided and graded into five classes. The people in that vicinity speak in praise of the undertaking from which much good is expected.

BOXBOROUGH

Mrs. Louisa Priest, who remains about the same, was much pleased with the flowers, fruit, postcards and money sent her on Friday, December 8, in remembrance of her ninety-third

birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon have one to Somerville for the winter

The success of the annual sale of the Handicraft club at Library hall las Saturday afternoon and evening was very gratifying to its many friends many auto parties from surrounding towns being in attendance and buying freely.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Poland enjoy ed the first entertainment of the sea-son given by the Concord Dramatic club in Monument hall, Friday evenclub in Monument hall, Friday even ing, December 8. The play was "Arm and the man," a satirical comedy by Bernard Shaw. During the intermis don music was furnished by the Phil narmonic orchestra of Boston

Mrs. George H. Warren, of Man lescription of the trip she took to the Wast Indias Panama and Vanazual West Indies, Panama and Venezuela before the West Acton Woman's club on Monday afternoon. She also exhibited many curios gathered at that time. Vocal solos were rendered by Miss Elinor Weeks.

Charles Hayward has had a tele-phone installed—41-13. Charles H. Waitt has ordered a Sax

on Six car for May delivery. Mrs. Roswell Davis, of Harvard, passed away at the home of her brother, Mr. Murchle, on Monday. Zenas Lovelace has returned from Detroit, Mich., where he has recently been employed.

A lot of new books will be ready for distribution at the library on Saturday Mr. Costello's sister, Mrs. Fitzgerald, is planning to build a new house on what is best known as the Emery Whitcomb farm.

H. Prescott Burroughs, master-ele as delegate, of the State Grange hel at Tremont Temple, Boston, this week Frank W. Dodge spent the afternoo and evening of December 12 in Boston and Somerville, attending a part of the State Grange session on Tuesday afternoon, and in the evening at Paul Revere lodge of Odd Fellows, where a reception was given to the grand of-

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committee met for consideration of matter to be presented at the annual meeting in February, and the committee would be very glad to receive and consider suggestions from any citizen of the town.

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Church Notes.

Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock; preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister; subject, "The Christmas gift." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

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As announced last Sunday morning, all the members of the church are reminded to be present at a special meeting to hear and act on the report of the committee which was appointed to revise the constitution and the by-laws of the church. This meeting will be held at the church on Sunday at 12.05.

The Christmas tree celebration this year will be held under the auspices of the Sunday school on the evening of the church. Various committees are already appointed to make the event as pleasant as possible. The Sunday school extends a cordial invitation to all the children and the people of our town.

The Adelphian club will hold its regular meeting on this week Saturday evening in Library hall at 7.30. All members are requested to be present.

The Woman's Missionary meeting was at Mrs. Lewis W. Richardson's on Wednesday afternoon. The subject for set of Europe." Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Now Advertisement.

As announced last Sunday morning, and the H. Government Bureau of Standard show this new article now in genting and the Government Bureau of Standard show this new article to be four times as efficient as article now in genting and the Government Bureau of Standard show this new article now in genting cher, comfort and happiness into the home. Not necessary to be away from home. Not necessary to the home. Not necessary to be away from home. Not necessary to be away from home. Not necessary to the head in the church. This meeting will be most convenient for you to work in: what you have lived in the committees are unable to the home. Not necessary t

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GROTON

News Items The Groton Cornet Band announces that a concert and dance will be held in the town hall on Monday evening. January 1. Program to be announced next week.

The public schools close with this week Friday for the Christmas vacation. They reopen on Tuesday, January 2. January 1, being for the first time a holiday in this state.

An unusual incident that happened last week attracted the attention of An unusual incident that happened last week attracted the attention of quite a crowd. A gentleman who drove into the Groton Inn grounds left his large limousine standing without putting on the emergency brake. The machine moved leisurely down the incline and across Main street and within a few inches of running into that stump or half a tree that is on Mrs. Southard's land close to the sidewalk, formerly land of J. H. Robbins. There were possibilities about this that might have been serious. this that might have been serious.

Mrs. Ella P. Woolley is considerably handicapped this week as a result from a minor operation a few days ago on her left hand. She had a small but troublesome wart taken out which was between two of her fingers.

The next meeting of the Woman's club is not until Friday, December 29 club is not until Friday, December 29.

Mrs. Charles H. Lucy was called last week to the funeral of her second oldest brother, Frederick F. Peters, of East Boston. His death was the result of an accident which he met on Monday while working at the wharf of the Atlantic works of East Boston. He fell from a ladder and suffered a fracture of the skull, dying at the Relief hospital at eleven o'clock that evening. He was fifty-two years old and a widower. Other relatives in Groton are two other sisters, Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Berry. The interment was in Woodlawn cemetery, Everett.

The final legal papers have been The final legal papers have been passed, transferring the late S. W. Rowe place; corner of School and Main streets, to J. E. Adams, who has taken possession and as soon as some improvements are completed that may improvements are completed that may take a week or so will move in to occupy with his family. Mr. Adams will also move his business with all stable equipments to this new stand. He is to rent or sell his house on Elm street, which the family is preparing

Harold Miller returned to his work in the large grocery store at Needham where he has been employed since October, after spending Thanksgiving day with his aunts, Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Nutting in Lowell and then coming to Groton to spend the night.

the payment fund.

The third number in the Luther Blood free lecture course will be given by the Royal male quartet of Boston on Thursday evening. December 21, at eight o'clock in the town hall.

eight o'clock in the town hall.

The Neighborhood club held its meeting last week with Mrs. Cora Tuttle, having the usual pleasant social afternoon. The secretary's report and other opening exercises were followed by the comfort slipper work. Shakespeare's "Twelfth night" was taken up, each member being assigned a part for her reading at the club meetings. The closing proceedings of refreshments and song were very enjoyable as usual.

The Alliance fair of last week

The open meeting of the Woman's club on last week Friday called out a good number to hear Prof. F. A. C. Smith of Massachusetts Agricultural college. His talk on the improvements of the various plots and small parks in town was illustrated by pictures of such pieces of land in other towns. He made some very practicable suggestions and pointed out defects and their remedy. The park at Brooks' corner, which the club had already begun work on, can be made a very beautiful spot. He complimented the town on their handsome and substantial town. work on, can be made a very beautiful spot. He complimented the town on their handsome and substantial town house. The selectmen have already engaged him to make a survey of the grounds, which in the near future will be made to take on a sightly and noticeably tasteful appearance. He praised the artistic Boutwell school building, and recommended the pro-

of the church. The names of thirteen have been received of those who wish to attend the Billy Sunday services at the tabernacle in Boston. All who wish to go with the party are kindly asked to give their names to Mrs. Wallace Brown, Mrs. Allce Peabody or Rev. B. E. Tucker, as arrangements will soon be made to attend the serv-

Mr. and Mrs. James Frazer are enjoying themselves in Wolfville, N. S., where they went ten days ago. Mr. The drill took up marching to the Frazer has not been at his home before

where they went ten days ago. Mr. Frazer has not been at his home before for twenty years.

The following is the official arrangements for the community Christmas tree given out by the committee on Thursday: There will be a community Christmas tree on the square by the bandstand on Sunday, December 24, at 5.30. The tree will be lighted and carols sung by a large chorus. The band will play patriotic airs and all will join in singing "America." Everyone is asked to come and help spread the Christmas spirit. If stormy Sunday afternoon the tree will be lighted at the same time on Christmas day.

Mrs. C. Z. Southard has had built the same time on Christmas day.

Boy Scouts.

side. Then she has had the old barn taken down and on the space formerly occupied by the barn will have a conventional old-fashioned sunken garden, all of which will add to the attractive features of her old-fashioned 'Dix House" home.

There will be the usual Sunday school Christmas festival at the Congregational church vestry on Saturday evening, December 23.

Mrs. Charles Meade, of West Actor Mrs. Charles Meade, of west Acton, who underwent an operation at the Deaconess hospital in Concord, a few days ago, is coming out all right. Mrs. Meade is a sister of W. H. Bruce, of this town, and the operation was performed by the noted surgeon, Dr Smith, of Nashua, a brother-in-law

Groton School students leave next friday morning for the holiday vacation. On next week Wednesday the school gives their annual Christmas party to the employees and their familles. This pleasant affair is always illes.. This pleasant affa held in the gymnasium.

Miss Mundell, of Gardner, was the week-end guest of her aunt, Mrs. Jane

The Bird club will meet on Monday evening at 7.30 in the lower town hall. Miss Gertrude Gerrich is to read a paper on "Winter birds." Bird seed will be on sale.

The members of the Unitarian Sun-day school have forwarded Christmas gifts for distribution in European

The contribution at the Unitarian services on Sunday will be used for their own Sunday school Christmas gathering.

Red Cross seals are for sale at Shat-tuck's, Miss Miner's and Bruce's stores. Joseph A. Dunphy, according to a recent announcement in a Boston paper, has sued Dr. Joseph C. Genereaux, of Webster, for \$15,000 because, as he says, following the doctor's attempt to remove a chicken bone from Dunphy's throat, several hospital operations were necessary. Savings and Thrift club of First National Bank of Ayer starts Decem-ber 26. See first page.

Present Dickens' Play.

Dickens' "Christmas carol," given by the high school pupils in the town hall on last week Friday evening called out many deserved compliments. The audience was very good and \$17.50 was realized which is to be used in some way for a high school \$17.50 was realized which is to be used in some way for a high school benefit. Miss Willis, teacher in Eng-lish, put much work into it, helping lish, put much work into it, helping the pupils and seeing that it was given with intelligence and expression. They had their parts learned perfectly. Miss Willis, who was the promoter of this, was not so desirous for large money results as for the good in memorizing and "talking on their feet" that she The play, "Clover farm," was successfully staged in the town hall here Monday evening by members of the Ayer Grange for the benefit of Groton Grange's payment for their hall. All took their parts well. The public, who gave a good attendance, appreciated the entertainment. The weather was not good, but the proceeds, when reckoned up, will add something to the payment fund. self confidence and self control, it had many good points. Then, too, the par-ents were invariably interested, which is another good point. Some are "old-fashioned" enough to think it would be a good thing now for pupils of all grades to have more of such exercises

> Death of Former Resident.
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> Groton relatives received word by telegram of the death at his home in Alameda, Cal., on Sunday, December 10, of Anthony H. Fernald, Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fernald. He was thirty-one years old on August 18, and the cause of death was Bright's disease of long standing, although his last illness covered a period of only six weeks. He was born in East Boston and was eight years old when the family came to make their home in Groton. He attended the schools here, including the high school, but later attended a private school in Washington, D. C., from which he graduated. After going to California Mr. Fernald's Death of Former Resident.

work on, can be made a very beautiful spot. He complimented the town on their handsome and substantial town house. The selectmen have already engaged him to make a survey of the grounds, which in the near future will be made to take on a sightly and noticeably tasteful appearance. He praired the artistic Boutwell school building, and recommended the procuring of playeround helps for the pupils' recreation moments.

The morning subject at the Baptist church on Sunday will be "The transfiguration of Christ." Evening praises service at seven o'clock; subject. "Watch your step." Wednesday evening, at 7.30, regular prayer meeting of the church. The names of thirteen have been received of those who wish the standard of the Episcopal and Mrs. Clifford Bixby of the Episcopal and Mrs. Clifford Bixby of the Episcopal and Mrs. Clifford Bixby of the West Groton church. The idea as at present entertained is to have a tree which shall be lighted by electricity, and be placed near the bandstand. Here the townspeopie will gather and Christmas carols will be sung. There are to be no presents and no refreshments are to be served; there is to be nothing sectarian—it is to be a meeting of kindly fellowship in honor of our Saviour's natal day. Some further plans may develop, but these are what have been talked of so far.

Groton Military Training School.

Two new men. Everett B. Gerrish and Howard Gilson, enlisted in the Provisional Company on Wednesday evening. A recent squad of twelve men, under Lieut. Branigan. Sergt. Shaw and Corp. Parker, received instruction in the lower town hall while the Provisional Company was drilling overhead.

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leader, 110, Wendell Cook 105, assistant patrol leader, Gerald Breckenridge 102, Harold Burton 101, Robert Jacomb 100, Lowell Souther 90, Clifford Folkins 84, Archie McGregor 82, Fred Gale 84, Lester Carkins 82, Walter Jacomb 79, Myron Breckenridge 76, Alderson Balley 74, Lloyd Randall 72, Theodore Ware 63, Charlie Murphy 51, Raymond Sawyer 50, Burton Robinson 40, Associate scouts, Oscar he has paid

51. Raymond Sawyer 50. Burton Rollinson 40. Associate scouts, Oscar Forbes and Sydney Carkins; honorary member, R. Prescott Leonard.

The evening was devoted to a review of the tenderfoot tests and the study of first-class first aid.

The following have won 100 percent duty pins for the month: Harold Burton and Robert Jacomb. This makes six boys who have gained 100 percent in rank. The rank for the month includes report from the home, school, Sunday school, attendance at

school, Sunday school, attendance at Luther Blood lectures, reading some helpful book, attendance at scout helpful book, attendance at scout meeting and interest in scouts, the passing of scout tests and the doing of good turns during the month.

Death.

Mrs. Bessie S. Tolles, wife of Nathaniel C. Anderson, Jr., died at the Groton hospital Tuesday afternoon after a long illness. She was born in Dunstable on October 31, 1886, the daughter of the late F. N. Tolles and Mrs. Edla F. (Kemp) Tolles. She married N. C. Anderson, Jr., in 1908, and had always made her home in Groton. Always fragile from childhood one could not help but marvel at the pleasant home she made, and so dearly loved. It was the joy of her life and the deepest sorrow is felt for the husband and little girl now left to mourn, her loss. She was a member of Groton Grange and did faithful and appreciative work on the ladies' degree refreshments and song were very enjoyable as usual.

The Alliance fair of last week Thursday was in every way a desirable success. Fair weather, a large attendance, tables showing attractive quantities of articles on sale, a good paironage an Al supper, a fine moving picture entertainment, what more could be asked to make a success? The chairmen having the different tables in charge were Mrs. Lawrence Park, fancy; Mrs. G. H. Woods, house-hold articles; Miss Helen Dodge, candy; Mrs. Everett Gerrish, aprons; Mrs. Fred G. May, cake; Mrs. W. P. Wharton, children's; Mrs. George Hodgman, Mrs. Gardner Rockwood, supper; Miss Alma Gray, entertainment. The proceeds are not all in, but somewhere around \$300 was realized.

The open meeting of the Woman's club on last week Friday called out a good number to hear Prof. F. A. C.

Community Christmas Tree. ceam for a long time. Always meetcsted and willing to help until failing
health kept her from its meetings.
Bessie will be long and lovingly remembered by her many friends and
relatives—by her mother, Mrs. Edla
F. Tolles: two sisters, Mrs. Lewis D.
Bemis and Mrs. Charles Wright, and
three brothers. Harry N., Willard P.
and Charles M. Tolles, The funeral
will be private and was held from her
home on Friday afternoon at two on Friday afternoon at two

Military Training at Groton School. Military training at Groton School

will be on a new basis this year. Capt. Shuyler is again in command and the work remains voluntary, but there will be three companies formed according to size, instead of lower and an upper school company as last year. These companies will be commanded by a com cording to size, instead of lower and an upper school company as last year. These companies will be commanded by first sergeants until Capt. Schuyler thinks it fit that captains and lieutenants should be appointed. M. Sedgwick, Frothingham and H. Scherer have been elected first sergeants, while Whitney, Robb, Havemeyer, Geary, Wadsworth, Thayer, Borland, Ashburn and L. Foster are elected sergeants. Later, three captains, six lieutenants, and the permanent sergeants will be appointed from the sixth form, and the corporals from the fifth. These officers will have full control, and Capt. Schuyler will merely superintend and give advice.

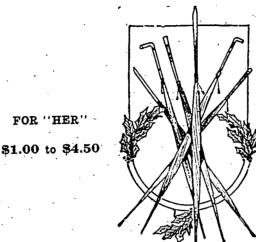
The uniforms will be similar to those worn last year, except that blouses and caps will sometimes be worn instead of shirts and hats. Krag and Springfield rifles will be used. This term will be devoted to close order work with practice in ceremonies, such as guard mount and evening parade. There will also be target practice in the cage and perhaps shooting on an outdoor range.

In the spring, as soon as the weather permits, open order work will be begun. This will include problems and, very likely, several sham battles.

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The following is a more complete sketch of the artist, N. T. Hartshorn, than that given in this column a few weeks ago. The Groton friends of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gladys Mason Hartshorn, will doubtless be interested in this sketch, which is taken from the Cheyenne (Wyoming) State Leader:

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The gift that pleases most is something useful as well as ornamental-something that shows thought in its selection. Prepare your friends for a rainy-day, give them an umbrella—it's a welcome Envelope Purses 50¢ to \$2.50 gift, indeed. You can find in this splendid collection a suitable kind Handbags 50¢ to \$3.98 and Gray 50¢ to 75¢ for "Him" or for "Her" and at the price you want to pay.

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dent Lincoln.

The list of those whose portraits he has painted includes many notables of the nineteenth century, but the portrait of which he is most proud is that of Ulysses S. Grant. Mr. Hartshorn made the sketch for this painting when General Grant was president of the United States. It ranks as one of the best portraits of the soldier-statesman ever made. He has also painted the portraits of many governors of various states in the union.

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"During 'Mr.. Hartshorn's career, nine of the famous family of Rothschilds, the European financiers, have sat for him and among others he has painted were the Duke of Norfolk, the Marquis of Bute, Lords Howard and Louden, William Cullen Bryant and Senator Simon Cameron.

"Since the war Capt. Hartshorn has made his home in Springfield, spending much of his time in his studio in Boston, however, or at his fine farm in the Berkshires, where he has over 400 acres of valuable land. He has several commissions and other pieces of work that he must return to Massachusetts to complete, but as soon as these are finished he may return to Cheyenne to take up his permanent abode. Until his family is well settled he will remain here."

A garage recently built for the station agent, H. c. Porter, is the latest addition to the buildings of the vil-

lage. of her physician and is still unable to leave her home.

A number of West Groton students had roles in the high school play re-cently given and were highly complimented for their work. Items dealing with Boy Scout activities have been necessarily omitted, the telephone line not being in working

Mrs. Slocum, of New York, recently visited her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Sleep-

Little Persis Blood, daughter of Mr

and Mrs. Wilder Blood, is ill with scar-let fever. Mrs. F. L. Blood and Mrs. Edward Mellish had an appleasant experience one day last week, though fortunately neither was injured. While driving to Ayer the horse slipped and fell, breakind a shaft. This is the fifth accident of the same or similar nature that ha ccurred on the state road leading to Ayer to people of this village and vi-

Miss K. A. Tarbell, accompanied by friend, spent Friday of last week in

The Groton Woman's club kindly extended an invitation to the West Groton Improvement society for the lecture given by Prof. Smith on Friday afternoon of last week. Notification cards were sent to all members, and all who found it possible availed them-selves of the opportunity, feeling well repaid for doing so.

repaid for doing so.

At formal meetings held on Friday evening of last week, the resignation of the pastor of the Christian Union church, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, was accepted by both church and parish societies, and the necessary council was chosen. Resolutions expressing appreciation of the pastor's high character and faithful, conscientious and successful service were read and accepted.

cessful service were read and accepted.

At the missionary service given at the church on Friday evening of last week, under the auspices of the L. A. society, the speaker, Miss Greene, of Fitchburg, gave an extremely interesting talk on her previous work in Smyrna, which, owing to the war, she was compelled to abandon three years ago. She is now endeavoring by her talks in various places to arouse interest in her pupils and their needs. As soon as conditions permit, she expects to return to Smyrna.

day afternoon the tree will be lighted at the same time on Christmas day.

Mrs. C. Z. Southard has had built recently a wall on the north side of Broad Meadow road and is preparing for a conventional old-fashioned garden with a water garden, this to be located at the rear and side of her buildings. The garden will have a summer house and arbor on its west

to return to Smyrna.

will return to Massachusetts in a few weeks to complete several paintings and will then probably return to if Cheyenne. He is seventy years of age and is a veteran of the civil war. He was in command of the forces that guarded the presidential mansion during the second inauguration of President Lincoln.

"The list of those whose portraits"

On the evening of December 1, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence entertained several near neighbors, giving them an opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Chlerie farm. The evening was passed contained to the very pleasantly in social enjoyment. Vocal solos were rendered by Miss Susie Hill, Miss Sylvia Lawrence and James Hill; violin solos, Mr. Robinson, an opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Jewett, recent purchasers of the McChlerie farm. The evening was passed very pleasantly in social enjoyment. Vocal solos were rendered by Miss Susie Hill, Miss Spivia Lawrence and James Hill: violin solos, Mr. Robinson James Hill; violin solos, Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Ernest Williams accompanist. A substantial but dainty lunch was served by the hostess and her daughters. Others present were Mrs. Matthew Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Barteaux. The above item was received from o of the guests too late for publication last week. Mrs. G. S. Webber received a

Mrs. G. S. Webber received a tele-gram on Sunday, giving the sad intel-ligence of the death of her brother. Anthony Fernald, of San Francisco. Mr. Fernald has been for many years a sufferer from heart trouble and Bright's disease, and had rallied from several previous attacks, He went west about seven years ago.

West about seven years ago.

The next meeting of the Improvement society will be held on Tuesday evening. The program is in charge of the executive committee, A. F. Cottrell, chairman. There will be reading by Mrs. C. E. Bixby and singing by Mrs. A. W. Lamb. The remainder of the evening will be given to social enjoyment, tables being provided for "five hundred." All who enjoy the game are invited to participate and to bring partners if possible.

The Ladies' Aid Christmas fair open-

The Ladies Aid Christmas fair opened on Thursday afternoon. The various booths and tables wore a gay and festive appearance befitting the season At eight o'clock an entertuinment was At eight o'clock an entertunment was presented in charge of Mrs. C. E. Bixby, in which forty-five children participated, many of them little ones of the first grade. It was a pleasing program, well carried out, and the audience was very generous with its audience was very generous with its applause. Much credit for the evening's success is due Mrs. Charles Bixby and Miss Edith Wright, who gave able assistance to the chairman. The Mirses Bixby and Mellish rendered a violin duet, accompanied by Mrs. F. L. Blood, which was greatly enjoyed. The supper will be held on Friday evening.

evening.

A letter from Albuquerque, N. M., brought welcome tidings to anxious friends and relatives of Miss Bertha Bixby on Thursday, assuring them that the writer was well. It was the first received in four weeks, owing to a quarantine imposed on account of small pox appearing in one of the school departments.

SHIRLEY

enter.

Mrs. Ida Phelps of Boston is a guest this week of her sister, Mrs. Charles Andrews, at the North.

The Matron's Aid society met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. David Marsh on Center road.

Mrs. Jenette Hewes is seriously ill with pneumonia at her home on Clark

The all-day auction Monday at the home of the late Charles Andrews at the North attracted a large crowd, there being an unusually large array of teams and autos. About two hundred were served at noon with lunch. Rev. Grover Harrison of Groton School will conduct the service at Trinity chapel Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Mr. Harrison will conduct the services throughout December, regard-less of the vacation at Groton School.

Savings and Thrift club of First National Bank of Ayer starts Decem-See first page.

New Advertisements.

LOST—A large Black and William County GEORGE LAWRENCE, Groton. Tel. 39-2. PICTURE LANTERN FOR SALE—Throws postcards and others pictures on a screen and is run by connection with the electric light system. The lantern is easily managed and affords pleasant means of entertainment—can be had at a reasonable price. For further information apply to MISS M. P. ABBOT, Harvard. Tel. 99-3.

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The Child of Destiny

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The Shielding Shadow

2-SPECIAL SHOWS ON CHRISTMAS DAY-2

AYER

News Items.

Ayer Grange gave the play, "Clover farm," in Groton on Monday night for the benefit of Groton Grange.

the benefit of Groton Grange.

John Leo Galvin, son of John J. Galvin and the late Catherine (Farrell) Galvin, of Cambridge, died in the Cambridge hospital on Wednesday. The funeral will take place this Saturday morning at nine o'clock from the church of the Blessed Sacrament in that city. The deceased and his parents were former well-known residents of Aver. dents of Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Proctor have taken possession of the store formerly conducted by Miss Mary L. Frown in Page block, and will continue to do business there. Mrs. Proctor will manage the store and Mr Proctor will continue with George H Brown for the present.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet in Hardy's hall on Tuesday evening. December 19, at 7.30 o'clock. Miss Helen Hardy Mrs. L. H. Cushing and Mrs. Edith Hassam are the hostesses. Each member is requested to bring a present for the Christmas tree worth not more than ten cents.

A regular convocation of Bancroft oyal Arch chapter of Masons will be tid on Tuesday evening at 7.30 clock. Work—Royal Arch degree.

The Special Aid for American Pre-paredness society was represented at the Allied bazaar in Boston on Tuesday by Mrs. Rachael Osgood Barry, who demonstrated the making of the who demonstrated the misking of the moss pads. Others present from this society were Mrs. George A. Sanderson, Mrs. Albert C. Perkins, Mrs. F. S. Bennett, Mrs. Ella G. Duncklee, Mrs. Susan M. Barker and Mrs. Charles L. Farnsworth. The donations for the day at this booth were \$1300.

The Unitarian church school have a Christmas party for the chli-dren on Friday, December 22, from five to eight o'clock.

On last week Friday evening the union church fair closed with a fine entertainment in Page hall. The hall was filled to its limit at an early hour with an expectant audience, and people were not disappointed. The Baker Concert Company were wide awake and kept their listeners amuscal, in-terested and entertained. Miss Mar-guerite Pearson Moss, the violinist, is a fine artist and charmed everyone with her line playing. Miss Bertha Everett Morgan, the reader, gave in a very enchanting way a very amusing series of readings that kept her audience fairly convulsed with laughter throughout her program. Percy F. Baker, the baritone, well sustained his adding an element of satisfaction that made the whole concert most . The company was secured W. E. Murphy, who has brought other good things of like character to our people.

The art section of the Woman's club meets on Tuesday evening, December 19, with Miss Esther Stone.

Roger, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wallace, who had a bad case of the measles, is much better. Dr. Sullivan is in attendance.

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The police have found the persons responsible for throwing acid into the locomotive cab of an eastbound express train a short time ago, seriously injuring the eyes of Engineer Tabor and his fireman. The culprits are two young Fitchburg boys who admitted their guilt after being closely questioned. They said they intended no harm. They will be tried in the juvenile session of the Fitchburg court within a few days.

John M. Wallace is contemplating moving his family to Pepperell within a short time.

"The child of destiny," a tale of the swamp country, in five acts of exquisite photoplay, presenting the brilliant stage star, Irone Fenwick, is the iant stage star, Irone Fenwick, is the feature this Saturday evening at the motion picture show. There will also be shown the second episode in the Beatrice Fairfax series—a complete-story in two reels. The first story shown last Saturday night was well received. On next Wednesday evening comes the magnetic artiste, Irone Howley, and William Nigh, in "Life's shadows," a striking play in five powerful acts. The eleventh episode of "The shielding shadow," the famous serial, Hearst's International News will also be shown.

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At the meeting of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons on Monday night the following officers were elected for the coming year: Cragg R. Johnson, w. p.; P. A. Parker, w. v. p.; Thomas W. E. Force, w. sec.; Alfred E. Oikle, w. treas.; Ernest L. Whitcomb, John E. Sherlock, Tustes John E. Sherlock, w. sec.; J. Fred Coburn, w. conductor, Five candidates were initiated. The installation of the officers-elect will take place at the January meeting, followed by a banquet.

John H. Turner, editor of this paper, passed his eighty-first milestone on this week Friday. The event was celebrated by a family gathering at his home in the evening.

A workman from Fitchburg, while engaged in slating Edward O. Procitor's barn last Saturday, fell twenty feet to the ground, breaking a small bone in his hand. ter will be installed on Monday evening January 1. There will be a spe-cial meeting on Monday evening; work—Entered Apprentice degree.

E. O. Proctor and George Donahue E. O. Proctor and George Donahue were among those who were invited to be the guests of the Willys-Overland Company in their educational trips through the factory of this concern and who royally entertained their agents and guests in Toledo. Ohio. They left Boston Tuesday night by special train and are expected to return this Friday evening.

Because of the peculiar and very un-usual conditions in connection with the railroad management there are a number of trainmen and engineers on the railroad management there are a number of trainmen and engineers on trains whose runse center here, working on part time. The strange thing about the short time is that it is due to prosperity rather than to hard times. The reasons advanced for the peculiar conditions are that the railroad management has issued orders to their employees to move nothing but perishable freight, as the officials claim the companies are overwhelmed by the tremendous freight business and cannot under present conditions handle it all as they have tried to do in the past. According to reports some of the men along the Boston and Main esystem have been temporarily dismissed from the service, until conditions change. Others are working on part time the same as they are here. Between too much prosperity and the high prices of living the men are getting decidedly the worst of it.

"The Christian's offering" will be the subject of the morning sermon at the Federated church next Sunday school will meet at noon in the same as they are here. Between too much prosperity and the subject of the morning sermon at the Federated church next Sunday morning, L. H. Film, the railroad surface the subject of the morning sermon at the Federated church next Sunday morning, L. H. Film, the railroad surface the subject of the morning sermon at the Federated church next Sunday morning, L. H. Film, the railroad surface the subject of the morning sermon at the Federated church next Sunday morning, L. H. Film, the railroad surface the subject of the morning sermon at the Federated church next Sunday morning, L. H. Film, the railroad surface the subject of the federated church next Sunday morning, L. H. Film, the railroad surface the subject of the federated church next Sunday morning, L. H



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and the C. E. at six p. m. Evening service at seven. The sermon subject will be "Weighing possibilities." Mid-week service Thursday at 7.30 p. m. The devotional text will be John 2:13-25. The C. E. will hold its election of officers Tuesday evening.

A delightful meeting of the Ayer Branch Alliance was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Harry E. Fisher, and her mother, Mrs. Geo. J. Burns, on Thursday afternoon. They were assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Wi C. Jackson and Mrs. E. A. Whitney. At the close of the business meeting the program opened with "Enchantment waltzes" and "Cradle song" by the Ladles' Mandolin orchestra, accompanied by Mrs. Fisher on the piano. Mrs. Anita Trueman Pickett of Hudson presented "The three journeys through hell" in an inspiring address. Her uplifting currents of thought left only one desire which was the hope that the address might be printed, so that the cultivation of this spirit engrafted upon a clear-sighted intelligence would produce noble-lives dedicated to high and true ideals. Miss Madolin Whitney next rendered Scherzo, by Chopin, after which refreshments were served by the hostesses. A delightful meeting of the Aver

ments were served by the hostesses.

C. H. Hardy has began work on the cellar of a two-tenement house to be creeted by him south of his present tesidence on Pleasant street. The house will have all the modern conveniences. This activity on the part of Mr. Hardy is a step in the right direction, as at present the demand for good tenements greatly exceeds the supply.

The vestor of the Bantist church

The paster of the Baptist church will preach on "Jacob at Penial" on Sunday morning. Sunday school at weive. Praise meeting at seven in the with special music. The inevening with special music. The in-terest is increasing in the meetings held at this church.

bone in his hand.

These officers of Capt. George V Barrett camp, S. of V., were chosen Thursday evening: James M. Bout Mison, j. v. c.; Holden C. Harlow, L. A. Downing and Harrison E. Evans

There was a very pleasant time at the dance at the Sandy pond school-house on Thursday evening, and a good attendance. Refreshments were served at intermission.

Joseph Mahoney and Miss Julia A. Callahan, of Worcester, spent last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Mary Galvin.

After the meeting of Division 7, A. O. H., Tuesday evening, there was an enjoyable card party and social time, followed by refreshments. The division is planning to have a series of card games during the winter, the first one to be held on Tuesday evening, December 19. at Woods Village, and down the Nash-ua river to the Groton School. Chief Beatty sent out a general alarm on Tuesday to all the police departments throughout the state to assist in find ing the missing man.

The First National bank will start a thrift club on Tuesday, December 26, at eight a.m. Those wishing in-

loss of his right hand at the wrist. After the accident, he walked back to the engine of his train and his fel-

to the engine of his train and his fellow workmen took him to the office
of Dr. Sullivan, where treatment was
given him. He was then sent to the
Massachusetts General hospital in
Boston, where he will remain until
fully recovered.

Flint was acting as brakeman on
extra train No. 2654 in charge of Conductor T. F. Walsh over the Bellows
Falls line. When Ayer was reached,
he attempted to climb off the train
before it had come to a stop. In attempting to do this, he was struck by
cars on the opposite track and thrown
under the wheels of the car from
which he was alighting. Before he
could extricate himself from his precarlous situation his right hand had
been severed from his arm. Railroad
employes in Ayer are of the opinion
at that the cars resting on the opposite that the cars resting on the opposit track were not set back sufficiently far enough to allow the passage District Court.

Arthur L. Laws, of Townsend, was Arthur L. Laws, of Townsend, was brought into court by Chief Michael O'Brien, Thursday, on a complaint for larceny. The case was one out of the ordinary cases of its kind. The complainant was Mrs. Addie Wyeth, for whom Laws worked at various times. Last April Mrs. Wyeth missed a sheet iron, box convening wellable. Last April Mrs. Wyeth missed a sheet iron box containing valuable papers, rings and about forty dollars in money. Although her suspicions rested on Laws there was no proof of the matter until Wednesday of this week when all the stolen property was recovered through her efforts and the work of Chief O'Brien, except two valuable rings, which will probably be recovered.

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Counsel Lyman K. Clark, of Ayer, who appeared for the defendant, asked for leniency for his client in view of his offer to make restitution and pay the expenses of the case.
Charles F. Worcester, associate justice, the presiding justice, said that the defendant should have the fact of the seriousness of the crime impressed on his mind so that it would not occur again. However, the court placed Laws on probation for three months.

Laws on probation for three months, during which time he is to make restitution for the stolen goods. He also is to pay the expenses of the case.

The testimony of Mrs. Wyeth revealed a very interesting series of events in connection with the case. According to her story someone entered her home in Townsend on February 3 of this year and stole the box above referred to and its contents in. above referred to and its contents, including five rings, one set with a dia mond, silver spoons, five bank books mortgages, one unsecured note for \$1500 and \$40 in money. It was over two months later, or on April 18, be-fore Mrs. Wyeth discovered her loss

when she was to deposit her property in, the Townsend National bank.

Chief O'Brien was appealed to and from the time of the discovery of the theft he worked hard on the case, which finally resulted in success. Suspicion fell on Laws, who had been approach by the West In band see the contract of the success. employed by Mrs. Wyeth. In order to procure evidence sufficient to get a search warrant Mrs. Wyeth, at the suggestion of Chief O'Brien, obtained t room at the home of Laws' parents, where she could see what was going on. A short time ago someone entered Mrs. Wyeth's house and stole a pair of field glasses. These glasses Mrs. Wyeth saw in Laws' room.

On Wednesday, with a search warrant, the police searched the home of

laws, but found nothing except the field glasses. After a severe examina-tion by the police young Laws con-fessed to stealing the other property, which was hidden in an old hen coop on the Laws land. Everything excen the money and one ring was reco

Arthur L. Chevrette, of Pepperell

The bride wore a blue traveling suit with a black picture hat and carried white roses. The maid of honor wore a blue traveling suit and red picture hat. She carried white roses. The ushers were Everett J. Fowler. Moyle James, Eugene Flagg, and Percy Fowler.

Moyle James, Eugene Flagg and Percy Fowler.

A reception was held at the home of the bride after the ceremony, during which refreshments were served. The bride is a well-known young lady of this town, a graduate of the high school in the class of 1914. She later attended a Lowell Commercial school. After finishing her course she accepted a position as stenographer with the Sargent Machine Shop Company in Graniteville. The groum is foreman for the firm.

After a short wedding trip they After a short wedding trip they will make their home with the bride's parents on Faulkher street.

Chitarian Church Notes.

Sunday service — Regular offices, morning prayer and sermon at 10.45.

Music: Prelude, "Cantique," 15th century: "Seven-fold amen," Stainer; "Venite." Boyce: "Te deum." Stainer; offentory solo, "The Lord is my shepherd," Bohm, Mr. Hosmer; postlude, "Bo peace on earth." Crotch. Preacher, Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield; subject, "The brotherhood of man." Church school at twelve.

school at twelve. horough house-cleaning this week. The choir has been rehearsing the special Christmas music, including the sacred cantata to be sung at the evenng service.

The people of the church will be favored on Sunday by a visit from the minister of the First Parish church, littleton. The minister urges that the people honor the visitor with a large attendance.

PASTORAL LETTER

ate, then, at this time to ask yourselves what you can give to your church. Regular attendance is a valuable gift that most of you can bring. It is indeed gratifying that there are so many who rarely miss a Sunday. There ought, however, to be a great many more.

Most people overlook a certain important with the life but solely a mercent and the sunday and the solely and the solely a mercent and the solely a solely a mercent and the solely and the solely a solely a mercent and the solely and the solely a solely a mercent and the solely a solely a solely a mercent and the solely a solely

most people overlook a certain important point. It is not solely a question whether the individual needs the service. Each attendant at divine worship adds something to the value of the service for every other worship-

per.

To be sure, a great many christians seem to regard the church as a parlor car to heaven. All they have to do, they think, is to climb aboard, the regularly ordained porter, and do, they think, is to climb aboard, the the regularly ordained porter, and take their ease. Of course, church membership and attendance were never a through ticket for anybody. It is not necessary to err on this side either. One may attend, as most of you probably do, not out of a sense of duty or fear, but simply because you want and desire to do so.

You are all asked to bring as your gift to your church at Christmas time your pledge to attend divine worship regularly unless prevented by sickness

regularly unless prevented by sickness or other real obstacle. This suggestion may seem to indicate that your min may seem to indicate that your min-ister is a severe churchman. Once you have formed the habit, however, you will be glad of it. You have it in your power to double the attendance as well as the value of the service to as wen as the yourself and to others.

Frank B. Crandall.

Christian Science Society of Ayer.

Service is held every Sunday morning in G. A. R. hall at 10.30. Subject including man, evolved by force?" All are cordally in-

LITTLETON .

Entertainment.

The Congregational club gave a very pleasing entertainment at the vestry of the Orthodox church Wednesday or the Orthodox church wednesday evening. The old-fashioned lyceum, consisting of a debate, a journal and music, constituted the program. The subject discussed was "Should women adopt a uniform costume?". Affirmative; N. B. Conant and Harold Sheptive; N. B. Conant and Harold Shepard; negative, G. A. Cook and Rev. J. Was about twelve years old at the time and picked up the new instrument and picked up the new instrument of the humorous side at times, but advancing some very practical ideas and receiving hearty applause. Mrs. G. H. Conant read a journal of which she was the editor. This had a good vari-

ety of contributions and proved a verety of contributions and proved a very amusing and interesting part of the program. By no means the least appreciated number of the evening was the singing of popular songs and the impersonation of Harry Lauder and other well-known soloists by Arthur Nelson of Boston, a college mate of A. E. Conant, accompanied at the plano by Ray Somerville, also of Boston. Their music and jokes were received with enthusiasm and all agreed that

History of Groton Band.

Henry Adams came to Groton and played baritone with Frank Hemen-way. He says that Hemenway was a good player and he found it very agreeable to play beside him. He recalls how Mr. Hemenway used to say, "Whoop her up, Adams, I'm not goling to play this piece."

After awhile Mr. Adams shifted to bass with Charles Eddy, and has played that instrument for twenty years. He is a careful and correct player and has always been a faithful attendant at rehearsals and a willing worker for the band. On account of the power and far-reaching qualities of his voice, he has, of late years, always been sehe has, of late years, always been se-lected, when occasion required, to make announcements for the band from the bandstand and in other pub-lic places. In performing this duty he never resorts to the use of a mega-phone.

Mr. Adams' musical talents have taken another rather unusual direction, the Groton band thereby acquiring quite a unique distinction. A couple of years ago he wrote a march. He showed his attachment and loyalty to his home town by naming this composition "Groton." It was arranged for full band by his nephew, George M. Barrows, who is the present bass drummer of the band. It was played at two of the concerts during the summer of 1914, it being rendered the second time by request. It was also Mr. Adams' musical talents have To My People:

Dear Friends—We are now approaching Christmas, the festival of giving, when we celebrate with gifts to our friends God's greatest gift to mankind, the babe who grew to be the great prophet, martyr, and hero of the christian religion. It is appropriate the christian religion. It is appropriate the festivation of the season's open-air concerts at Shirley on September 17, 1914, by the of the season's open-air concerts at Shirley on September 17, 1914, by the Shirley Cornet band, which was aug-mented by extra men to the number of thirty, it being a concert in commem-oration of the 100th anniversary of oration of the 100th anniversary of the writing of the "Star Spangled Ban-ner," which was written on September 13, 1814. Very few town bands can boast of having included in their mem-bership one who has ventured into the field of musical composition.

On the same day that the five mer

above mentioned were admitted to the band, Oren Cummings was given an honorable discharge. On June 27, a comulittee was appointed to see about painting the bandstand and money was solicited for this purpose. The bandstand had, in 1886, been moved from the high school grounds to its present location. Several contributions are mentioned in the cash account of this year—Col. Needham gave \$20; Dr. Steere, \$5; J. E. Messenger, N. H. Shattuck, smaller amounts. There are two or three entries in the cash acabove mentioned were admitted to the Steere, \$5; J. E. Messenger, N. H. Shattuck, smaller amounts. There are two or three entries in the cash account that read humorously. Under May 30, 1887, we read, "Paid Charles Hodgman for beating drum \$2," and on June 13, 1891. "Paid Annie Rooney, 50, U. H. Barrows \$3." At a glance one would wonder who Annie was and why the lady was engaged with U. H. Barrows, but upon second thought we remember that "Annie Rooney," was the title of a song that was popular twenty-five years ago, and probably a copy of this cost the band lifty cents. During the summer of 1892 the usual concerts were given, and in the fall a large number of torchlight parades and rallies were held both in Groton and West Groton at which the band played. In December, Norman Shattuck was again made leader, Mr. Barrows giving up the post because the pressure of other music business, as this was a period when Bulkeley's orchestra was kept quite busy in the winter, and Mr. Barrows played in that.

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In 1893, two new names appear, that of Wesley Kidder and Lester C. Adams. Mr. Kidder played cornet for one year. He lived later in Ayer and now resides, we believe, in Fitchburg.

Loster Adams began his musical career as cornetist in the West Groton Cornet band in his early boyhood. He distinctly remembers the little old books which they used to play out of, containing old tunes like "Nearer my God to thee," "Yankee Doodle," "My bonnie lies over the ocean," etc. He was about twelve years old at the time

he became connected with the Groton band. He continued on the cornet at first; but when his father shifted from barifone to bass, Lester changed to baritone, playing in the treble cleft. Soon after that he took up slide trombone which instrument he played the greater part of the time during his membership in the band. He and Leroy Shattuck studied with Stanly, of Nashua, at the same time. He also took lessons later of Carey of Leominster. Mr. Stanly has often deplored the fact that Mr. Adams did not continue on his instrument and develop

the fact that Mr. Adams did not continue on his instrument and develop his natural talents. He played with the band every year until 1907.

In April Mrs. James Lawrence made a present of twenty dollars to the band and the records tell of sending her a vote of thanks. The usual concerts were held in the rummer of 1893, some being given at the school were held in the rummer of 1883, some being given at the school grounds and others at the stand near Shattuck's store.

On October 14, Patrick Sullivan, George Luce and John Donahue were given honorable discharges, and the

HENRY N. MARR. Secretary

George Luce and John Donahue were given honorable discharges, and the name of James Fitch proposed for membership. A month later he was accepted and became a member of the band. Amos Ames has the credit of starting Mr. Fitch in music, but the later had genuine enthusiasm, as is shown by the fact that he walked to Harry Towles' home in Dunstable one Sunday in the middle of winter through deep snow in order to get his cornet to start playing on. Norman Shattuck says that Jim used to say that he liked to play so well that he could hardly wait for the band meetings to come around. Mr. Fitch recollects that one day, as he was going through Ed. Clark's place on his way over to practice with Amos, Mr. Clark seeing his cornet under, his arm said, "Well, Jim, they say it takes just fourteen years to learn to play one of them." That seemed an awful long time to Mr. Fitch then, but now, belittling his own ability, he says with characteristic modesty that he has been playing longer than that and has not learned yet.

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Mr. Fitch took lessons of U. H. Barrows in Ayer for a few winters. He
later studied with Hammond, a noted
Boston teacher. He became quite
proficient and was elected second leader a number of times, and has conducted rehearsals in the regular leader's absence.
(To be continued.)

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News Items.

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Rev. Coningsby Gordon, A. B., of Harvard divinity school, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45.

Mr. Gordon substitutes this Sunday for Rev. Douglas H. Corley, the minister recently called to the pastorate of this church. Mr. Gordon is a professor of a seminary in Melbourne. Australia, and is here on a leave of absence to do further study. His subject will be "The value of faith."

The Brotherhood of the Congregations of the Congregations of the Congregations.

The Brotherhood of the Congrega-tional church will hold its regular meeting in the vestry of the church on Tuesday evening, December 19. Supper will be served at 6,45, follow-Supper will be served at 6,45, followed by a businers session. At eight o'clock the meeting will be open to the public, when Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, of Boston, the noted missionary worker and lecturer, will address the meeting on "Why I am an optimist." Mr. Puddefoot is one of the best orators before the public today and his subject will be of interest to all.

s gift for exchange, the value not exceed twenty-five cents.

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The community carol service and lighting of a Christmas tree will be held in Depot square on Sunday evening. December 24, at seven o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and urged to take part in the singing. The following program will be sung: "Silent night," "A Joseph was a' walking," "The three kings of Orient are," "O little town of Bethlehem," "French carols, "There dwelt in Old Judea," Polish carols, "There first noel," "God res ye merry gentlemen" and "Coronation." Residents in the square are asked to illuminate. If very stormy the exercises will be held. Christmas night at the same hour.

At the regular meeting held on last

At the regular meeting held on last week Friday evening of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge the following officers were nominated for the ensuing year: Jennie S. Knowles, n. g.: officers were nominated for the ensuing year: Jennie S. Knowles, n. g.; Bessie M. Dadmun, v. g.; Altie Howe, sec.; Frances A. Hersom, treas.; Agnes M. Holden, trustee, 3 yrs. The election of officers will take place at the next regular meeting, Friday evening, December 22. Following the lodge meeting an entertainment was given under the direction of Mrs. Louise Adams and Mrs. Josle Dunn, entitled "The village choir." Mrs. Josle entitled "The village choir." Mrs. Josie E. Dunn, Mrs. Louise Adams, Mrs. Louise Baker, Mrs. Helen McCoy and Miss Bessie Dadmun taking part.

Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence left last Saturday morning for a visit at the home of Miss Rena Churchill in Boston, and returned home last Tuesday

A daughter, Martha Porter Mossman, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Mossman, Fitchburg, last Saturday. Mrs. Mossman was formerly Miss Sarah Conant of this town.

The Church Debt society of St. Anthony's church heid its regular meeting on Tuesday evening: at the home of Mrs. Fred S. Brown, Mill street.

Mrs. Elmer H. Allen attended the luncheon and reception given at the Algonquin club by Mrs. Frank D. Ellers, state regent of the D. A. R. society, in honor of Mrs. George Guerney, state regent of Kansas. Mrs. ney, state regent of Kansas. Also, Thomas L. Hazen and Mrs. George S. Wells were present at the reception.

Mrs. Walter Knowles and Miss Altie F. Howe attended the school of in-struction at E. Victoria Morse Re-bekah lodge Monday afternoon. They remained during the evening to wit-

ness the initiatory work. Citizens and those having bills against the town will please note the fact that the selectmen hold their last

fore: William Gilmartin, 6.; Walter Knowles, rec.; Charles W. Wolff, fin.; John H. Will, receiver; John Simp-son, guide; Fred Smith, i. w.; Russell Jones, o. w.; Albe Annis, trustee, 3 yrs.; Walter Knowles, representative

was the special and pleasing feature of the evening.

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., entertained the lodges of Townsend, Pepperell and Groton in their main hall on Tuesday evening, about seventy-five visiting members being present. The exercises of the evening opened with a brief address of welcome by Alvah B. Watton, noble grand of Fredonian lodge, A mock initiation was then given and created an abundance of fun for all present. About a score of visiting brothers made brief remarks, which included Charles F. Marshall, district deputy grand master, of Fitchburg; Supt. Campbell of the Shirley Industrial school, and George F. Buxton. A pleasant feature of the evening occurred, when Charles V. Bogart, of Fitchburg, a former district deputy of Fredonian lodge, presented the lodge with a brass knocker for use on the lodge-room door. During the on the lodge-room door. During the evening lunch was served. A social hour and card games marked the clos-

There will be a Christmas sale of fancy articles, candies and Christmas wreaths by the pupils of the eighth grade of the grammar school on Thursday and Friday, December 21 and 22. The sale will be open during and 22. The sale will be open during the noon hour and at 3.15 in the afternoon.

There will be rehearsals of Christ-mas carols for the community Christ-mas tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Wheeler on Friday evening, December 15, and Friday evening, De-cember 22: It is the wish of the com-mittee in charge that all the towns-people, young and old, will attend.

The churches of the town will oberve Christmas with the usual Christmas trees and entertainment on Sat urday evening, December 23.

The feature picture at the motion picture show on Monday evening will picture snow on Monday evening will be "Cora," a five-reel drama featuring the famous screen star; Emily Stevens. There will also be two reels of the Beatrice Fairfax series—a complete story—full of interest and superb act-

Annual Fair.

The annual fair held last week Friday evening by the ladies of the Baptist church was most successful. The ladles netted about eighty dollars. A number of people sat down to supper and enjoyed the many good things provided. Supper was served from 5.30 to 8 o'clock. This was followed by an entertainment, the following program being given: Piano, solo, Mae Bradford; song, two little Bolton girls; farce, "Three of a kind," Helen and Mae Bradford, Milden and Olive Evans, Mary Grout, Horace Harris, Eleanor Longley.

The following are the committees: Mrs. George Balch, Mrs. Henry F. ladies netted about eighty dollars.

subject will be of interest to all.

The Altrurian club will hold its regular meeting next Thursday afternoon in the vestry of the Universalist church. The session will be devoted to a Christmas program in charge of the directors. Each member is requested to respond with a Christmas quotation, and also to bring a Christmas quotation, and also to bring a Christmas edit for exchange, the value not Mrs. George Sibléy, supper: Miss George Sibléy, supper: Miss Mrs. George Sibley, supper: Miss Louise Peneseau, Mrs. Fred Rich, Mrs.

Accepts Call.

Rev. Douglas Hilary Corley, A. M., S. T. B., of Cambridge, has accepted a call to become the pastor of the Congregational church. Mr. Corley is now attending the theological school at Harvard college, and will come to Shirley week-ends to remain over Sunday, and will spend his school holidays and summer vacation with his Shirley parishioners. The parish committee, acting under advice from the members of the parish, engaged Mr. members of the parish, engaged Mr. Corley until May 1, and it is expected

Corley until May 1, and it is expected that at the parish meeting to be held next April the action of the parish committee will be ratified and that Mr. Corley will then be permanently engaged as the pastor of the church. Rev. Douglas Hilary Corley, who is about thirty-two years of age, was born in London, Eng., and received his early education in the schools there. He comes of a family of lawyers and received the name Hilary as he was born on January 11, the first day of the Hilary law sittings. After being in the Hilary law sittings. After being in buriness for a few years Mr. Corley decided that he was called to the ministry, thus fulfilling his determination of childhood years, when he always said if asked what he was going to be when he grew my. A minister." said if asked what he was going to be when he grew up. "A minister." When twenty-three years old, by advice of his physician, owing to ill health, he went to the Maritime Provinces. He then went to college with the idea of entering the ministry, and at the end of this school year, 1910, made a hurried trip to England on account of his methods it linear (In Second 1919). made a nurried trip to Engiand on account of his mother's illness. On September 24, 1910, he was married to Miss Dorothy Stancliffe, returning to America in the fall of the same year to a mission parish in Maine. Completing his college education, while dong pastoral work, he graduated from

ing pastoral work, he graduated from Bates college, Lewiston, Me., graduating with the A. B. degree in 1913, and was then ordained.

Mr. Corley then went to Cambridge and entered Andover divinity school, where he was conferred with the degree Bachelor of Divinity in June, 1915, and after a special examination by the faculty of the Harvard divinity school was granted the degree of Bachelor of Theology. Continuing, Mr. Corley specialized in the study of the New Testament and has completed his work for the A. M. degree, which he New Testament and has completed his work for the A. M. degree, which he is to receive in February, 1917, and hopes to continue his studies for the Doctor's degree in June, 1918.

While studying in Cambridge Mr. Corley supplied the churches in North Estimoth and West Glourester.

Sylvester Chesbro, p. m. workman; John Gimartin, m.; Morton Lawrence, fore; W. Ham Gimartin, o.; Walter Knowles, rec.; Charles W. Wolff, and Jones, o., w.; Albe Annis, truste, a jrs.; Walter Knowles, representative to grand lodge.

Mrs. Elizabeth Billings died at a Boston hospital Wednesday afternoon very suddenly. The remains were taken to Bridgiton, Me., for burial, Mrs. Elizabeth Billings was a cousin of Mrs. H. O. Peasley and was a frequent visitor at the Peasley home.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams are spending the week in Boston with Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Adams, and attended the sessions of the State Grange.

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her home with a sprained wrist. splendid Second Church of Boston.

Thomas H. Evans, lecturer-elect of Shirley Grange, attended the lecturers convention of the State Grange this eek in Boston

The services at the First Parish Mr. and Mrs. G. I.. Snow entertained their son and his wife, from Brook-line, over Sunday.

The next meeting of Shirley Grange is scheduled for the community Christmas tree in charge of the lecturer, but no definite plans have yet been announced. This meeting occurs on Tuesday, December 19.

Mrs. Harriet Brown, at the North, who has been ill with pneumonia, is getting along nicely.

Raymond Farnsworth, at Woods-ville, left last week Thursday for Florida, where he will spend the win-ter with his uncle. H. F. Grout attended the three-day this week as a delegate from Shirley

Grange. The annual Christmas tree for the Sunday school of Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday evening, Decem-ber 16, at the chapel. There will be music, recitations, etc., by the chil-dren, and a short talk by Mr. Harri-

HARVARD

News Items.

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The funeral services of Mrs. Catherine Davis, wife of Roswell C. Davis, whose death occurred on Monday, was held from the home of her brother, James A. Murchie, on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. H. B. Mason conducted the service: Herbert A. Thayer sang two selections. A. W. Bryant, William Hanna, Edwin F. Houghton and H. B. Veasie acted as bearers. Mrs. Davis' death came after several months of general breaking down resulting from ills incidental to old age. She has lived as a resident of this town for upwards of twenty years, a woman of

lived as a resident of this town for up-wards of twenty years, a woman of sympathetic nature, whose neighborly kindliness will be a cherished memory to her friends. Her death removes one who will be greatly missed in her home and town. She leaves a husband and daughter, Miss Mary Davis; also, a brother, James Murchie, to whom the loss comes with severity. Mrs. Davis was aged 66 years and 1 month. Burial was in Bellevue cemetery. There will be the regular morning

There will be the regular morning service at the Unitarian church Sunday at 10.45 a. m., Rev. H. C. Merrill conducting the service. At seven p. m., the pastor will conduct an evening service, the subject being "The broth-erhood of man." All are welcome, The service at the Orthodox church

will be in charge of Rev. H. B. Mason. Music by the chorus choir. Sunday school at twelve. C. E. service at seven o'clock.

William H. Dean, the new owner of the George Gale farm, is now estab-lished in his new home. Mr. and Mrs. Gale are at present with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gale at the Center.

There will be the regular Grange meeting on Tuesday evening next with the entertainment in charge of the new members. This promises to be one of the best meetings of the year and a good attendance is looked for Mrs. B. J. Priest will hold her annual Christmas sale of fancy work at the home of Mrs. H. B. Hoyal on Saturday, December 16, from two to five p. m.

LITTLETON

fact that the selectmen hold their last regular meeting of the year on Saturday, December 23, and it is the wish of the board of selectmen that all parties having bills against the town would have them presented at that meeting, as no orders will be drawn for payment after that date, as the accounts will be closed after the orders are drawn at that meeting.

At the regular meeting of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., held Monday evening, the following officers were nominated for the ensuing year, there being only one nomination for each office, which is equivalent to an election: Sylvester Chesbro, p. m. workman: John Galmartin, m.; Morton Lawrence, fore; William Gilmartin, o.; Walter Knowless rec. Chesbro, W. W. (1997) and the studying in Cambridge of the churches in North Cambridge of the churches in North Satudying in Cambridge of the churches in North Cambridge of the churches in Suffolk North Association of Ministers.

The North schoolhouse tenement, owned by George F. Stone, and located on Great road, was totally destroyed in a London and after graduating as a photographic color artist, and was employed in a West End studio in London until her marriage. A daughter Marion was born to Mr. and Mrs. Corley are members of the North Congregational church in Cambridge.

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C. A. Kimball will preside. The sub-ject for discussion will be "Our na-tional ideas," and Mr. Kimball has assigned topics for Revs. Caulkins, Fairfield and Alvord, pertaining to the

Mrs. Charles Longley has gone to the webbing factory, making their hore sister.

The Misses Faulkner, employed at the webbing factory, making their home with their sister, Mrs. Gordon Lohnes, have gone now to Boston.

Miss Mildred Evans, of Bolton, spent the week-end with her mother. Mrs. Ida Evans.

Miss Vera Bradford, who is teaching in Bath, Me., arrives home this week for a two-weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton, of Brookline, spent the week-end at their summer home on Center road.

The Giris' Sewing Guild held a pleasant meeting on last Saturday afternoon with Miss Ethel M. Holden.

Mrs. E. J. Adams is confined to her home with a sprained wrist.

Battleship Michigan.

Rev. Frank B. Crandall, of Ayer, will be the preacher at the Unitarian church on Sunday norning in exchange with Rev. O. J. Fairfield, taking as the subject for his sermion one in line with the series of subjects announced for this pulpit for the month of December, "Our duty of confessing our faith." Mr. Crandall, who is doing such excellent work in Ayer, is a graduate of Cornell university and of the Harvard divinity school, and had held a legally come before said meeting.

Mrs. E. J. Adams is confined to held Second Church of Boston.

Benjamin Conant took an auto load to Boston recently to hear Billy Sun-day preach. In the party were A. F. Conant, Goldsmith H. ('onant, Wal-lace Robinson and Robert Woods.

Mrs. A. F. Conant visited her son, William F. Conant, and family in Brookline and attended one of the Billy Sunday meetings. Justin Merrill is recovering from the effects of her re-

cent operation. Mrs. Shepard is fast returning to her normal health.

Charles F. Watts has accepted the janitorship of the Congregational church and it is expected that the church will be comfortably warm next Sunday, as he is illing the position to the eminent satisfaction of the worshippers worshippers

From a recent issue of the Providence Daily Journal we learn that P. Corning Edwards, Jr., of New York and Littleton attended the celebration of the fiftleth birthday of St. Stephens' choir in Providence, R. L. which was attended by 300 former choristers. A attended by 300 former choristers. A large congregation was present at the afternoon service in the church, First in the order of the service was the processional hymn, "Go forward, christian soldier." P. C. Edwards, Jr., torganist 1879-1884). Mr. Edwards was one of the after dinner speakers at the hangur hold at Turky Head at the banquet held at Turks Head club in the evening. Mention was made of former choir members who had composed hymns now in use by the choir. Among them was the name of P. C. Edwards, Jr.

All the grade schools closed yester-day for Christmas vacation. The high school will close next week Friday and both elementary and high schools will open on the next day after new

The relectmen request that all bills against the town be brought in by December 23, and all reports must be in on or before January 1, or they will not appear in the next annual report. J. B. Blodgett's condition is im-proving. C. W. Houghton gains a little and seems to be on the road to recovery.

Enthusiastic Grangers of Littleton have returned from the State Grange meetings in Boston this week, feeling well repaid for their efforts.

Louis O. Pelton, who has been missing from his home town of Ayer since November 23; is well remembered by Littleton friends. For many years he was a resident of this town and was employed, as driver of the coach between Littleton station and the common.

Henry Eisner has severed his con-nections with F. C. Hartwell, and planned moving to Graniteville the last of this week.

On next week Wednesday evening the Grange will have a Christmas celebration, and the entertainment will be in charge of the literary commit-tee. Members are reminded to carry a pound of something ready to eat.

Mrs. Henry Gale at the Center.

Clarence Davis, formerly with H.
A. Thayer at Fruit Acres, has entered the employ of Fred T. Whitney as farm helper.

H. C. Merrill and Perley Beard were members from here who attended the meetings of the State Grange on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

There will be the regular Courter of the most satisfactory of entertainments Tuesday evening. Mrs. Christaments reputation of the past. Mrs. Kidde was well supported by Mrs. Marth Atwood Baker, a talented artist o charming personality, who delighted the audience with the songs of the drama.

H. S. Hartwell's dancing school re coption, Saturday evening, December 16, at the town hall. Reception, 7-30-9; general dancing, 9-11.30; admission 25c. Music, Pétry's orchestra of Ayer, Informal.

The "at home" afternoon in the Woman's club calendar was a com-plete and happy affair. Mrs. Alice M. Whitcomb. as hostess, had carefully Whitcomb, as hostess, had carefully planned every feature of the day with the exception of the well appointed tea, which was in charge of Mrs. Beattice Ames. The room was attractively decorated with evergreens and red carnations. Rugs, easy chairs and bric-a-brac gave a cozy effect.

Many business matters were brought before the society and recommenda-tions were presented by the directors, who had held a meeting shortly before the club hour.

The program by home and visiting The program by home and visiting artists furnished a musical treat which met a hearty response from the delighted audience and won repeated applause: Piano solo, Mrs. Alice F. Prouty; group of songs, Miss Stone, of Concord Junction; vocal duet, Mrs. C. S. Hager and Mrs. E. M. Hartwell, accompanied by Mrs. G. F. Houghton; group of songs, Rev. Mr. Stone, of Concord Junction; musical monologue, "That old sweetheart of mine," Miss Marion Flagg, Mrs. Houghton accompanying; group of songs, Mrs. Miss Marion Flagg, Mrs. Houghton accompanying: group of songs, Mrs. Benjamin Derby, of Concord Junction; vocal duet, Mr. and Miss Stone. At the dainty afternoon tea served from a very prettily decorated table, Misses Thorndyke and Chequer poured. Much regret was expressed that the number of club members proport the number of club members presen was not greater.

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Goston, Mass., Dec. 5, 1916.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and
all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN H. WHITCOMB late of
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Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been pursented to said Court, for Probate, by
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without giving a surety on his official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of December A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by malling postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

hundred and sixteen.
4 F. M. ESTY, Register. 2114 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSITTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the helrs-at-law, next of kin.
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of JOSHUA BIXBY
hate of Groton in said County, deceased,
intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court og grant a letter
of administration on the estate of said
deceased to GEORGE H. BIXBY of
Groton in said County, or to some
other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge
in said County of Middlesex, on the
twenty-seventh day of December A. D.
1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to
show cause, if any you have, why the

twenty-seventh day of December A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of lecember in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSITTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the helrs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY LILLIAN BROWN late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by FRANKLIN FREEMAN who mays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him or to some other suitable person, the executive hamed in said will having deceased.

3t14 IT IS A FACT that the West Groton Blacksmith saves you money on Farm Wagons and Tip Carts. We build Wheels and make Stone Drags. 1y27

HOLLIS, N. H.

Mrs. Jesse T. Munsel returned to her home in Arlington this week after spending several weeks with her mother.

Three deer have been shot this sea-son, one by the Polander on the Ed. Mace place, one by Carl Brown, and the other by George Morrill.

The Y. W. S. C. met on last week Friday afternoon with Mrs. Raymond Merrill. The next meeting will be the first Friday in January with Mrs Charles Hills.

On next Tuesday evening the Grange will hold its usual meeting. The third and fourth degrees will be worked.

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Andrew Jewett is ill with pneumo-ia. The last report was that he was

BROOKLINE, N. H.

On last Sunday Rev. Charies Dockrill gave an interesting discourse on the Billy Sûnday meetings which he attended in Boston last week.

Mrs. Perley Pierce and Mrs. John Andrews were visitors in Milford on last week Tuesday. Mrs. William Perkins, of Nashua, spent last week Friday in town, visit-ing William French at the home of

George Nye. Mrs. Arthur Brown, who has been quite seriously ill, is gradually improving.

The school committee held a meeting in the town hall last Saturday evening, during which plans for the evening, during which plans for the children's Christmas tree were discussed. The children of the three schools in town are to have a joint Christmas tree this year on December 22, at the town hall. There is to he an entertainment at the same time by the children, for which they are now being prepared by their teachers.

As far as we have been able to learn up to date, the only hunters who have succeeded in getting a deer who have succeeded in getting a deer are Warren Barnaby and Harry Cory, although they were reported as being plentiful before the season commenced. The woods seem to be just alive with partridge, five having been seen in one day on Bond street. Recently one flew with such force against Albert Pierce's bungalow that it was instantly killed.

Mrs. Clara Russell attended the Grange which was held in Milford on December 5.

The Ladies' Aid held a business neeting on the afternoon of December at the home of Mrs. Albert Pierce. Patrick O'Connell, who has been very sick, has improved enough to be out of bed and be about a little each

the winter in Milford, made a short visit in town last week Thursday.

on the afternoon of December 6 the Loyal Workers assembled at the home of Miss Ellen Sawtelle for what proved to be one of the most enjoyable meetings they have had this season. Miss Sawtelle, who is always a charming hostess, kept the workers highly entertained with her ready wit, rectitations and readings, and although

bookcase, plants, comfortable chairs and a large reading table on which can be found as line and varied a collection of journals and magazines as one could wish for to spend a comfortable hour or two reading when the table hour or two reading where it is quiet and restful any Saturday afteroon or evening.

Rev. Thomas E. Cramer, of Manhester, district superintendent of the lorgregational church, will occupy the pulpit on Sanday. On Saturday vening at the Methodist church, will se held the quarterly conference.

LUNENBURG

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served, including cake in variety, pine apple sherbet, delicious conce with

apple sherbet, delicious coffee with cream, and confectionery.

The gentleman who was fortunate enough to have made the most money in trading was given a toy bank in which to store his wealth. The one who had the least received, after undered the universe of the wealth. doing innumerable wrappings, a bright new penny with the advice that he make a new start in life. Altogether it was a most delightfully successful and pleasant party.

Annual Church Meeting.

The Congregational church held its annual business meeting and election of officers on Thursday evening of last week. After the usual preliminary opening exercises Warren Lewis was elected moderator, after which reports clected moderator, after which reports were read by the clerk and treasurer, showing a very favorable financial condition of affairs, the receipts of the year being \$1691.81, and the total expenditure \$1524.12, leaving a balance of \$157.69 in the treasury, and outstanding bills, amounting to a little less than \$60. The auditor reported that he had examined the treasurer's accounts and found them correct. Norman G. Bigelow, of the executive committee, gave an itemized account of the expenses, repairs, etc. Miss Nellie M. Jewett, as president of the C. E. society, reported receipts of \$122.10, of which \$20 and been given to missions, \$6.10 for Armenta relief, a considerable sum contributed to church expenses and a balance now in the treasury of \$26.47. F. Hoyt Barter; collector, reported his total receipts from all sources, which was very favorable, and included some unpaid pledges from last year. This was followed by the report of the research. were read by the clerk and treasurer.

ter; collector, reported his total receipts from all solutces, which was very favorable, and included some unpaid pledges from last year. This was followed by the report of the secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school; also, the secretary and treasurer of the Ladies' Sewing circle, superintendent of the cradle roll department; the social committee, etc., all proving satisfactory, with money in the treasury. After all reports had been read and accepted came the election of officers for the ensuing year with the following results: Edmund S. Francis, cierk; George C. Jewett, treas.; John H. Davidson, aud.; F. H. Barter, col.; Norman G. Bigelow, ex. com., 3 yrs.; Sidney H. Francis, 2 yrs.; Charles L. Allen, 1 yr.; Mrs. Nettle F. Barter, examining com., 3 yrs.; Mrs. Mary J. Bigelow, 2 yrs.; Mrs. A. K. Francis, 1 yr.; Mrs. William H. Adams, Mrs. Frederick L. Francis, Mrs. Richard D. Field, social com.; Mrs. Carl E. Brown, Mrs. Norman G. Bigelow, pulpit supply com.; S. U. Mc. Intyre, N. G. Bigelow, Charles L. Allen, John G. Gilchrist, F. H. Barter, ushers; officers for the Sunday school—John H. Davidson, supt.; Edmund S. Francis, asst. supt.; Miss Edna E. Adams, sec., treas., librarian; Mrs. S. U. Mc. Intyre, supt. cradle roll.

It was voted, and the clerk instructed, to order 100 copies of the Congregational Hand Book for 1917, the treasurer to print his report in full with list of officers and commit-

the treasurer to print his report in full with list of officers and committees, and the janitor, S. U. McIntyre to keep fire in the church continuously throughout the winter.

News Items.

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Rev. Thomas Adams, of West Rutland. Vt., preached at the Congregational church last Sunday morning.

Mr. Adams is a brother of William H. and Miss Mary Adams of this town and is one of 275 Baptist ministers who had the great privilege of attending the Billy Sunday meetings in Boston for one whole week. The whole 275 were the guests of Henry Bond. of Brattleboro, with all expenses paid. They all enjoyed the meetings very much and were filled with enthusiasm of which Mr. Adams gave his congregation here a good gave his congregation here a good sample both morning and evening. His audience was much pleased with him and interested in what he said, and

son. Miss Sawtelle, who is always a charming hostess, kept the workers highly entertained with her ready wit, recitations and readings, and although the masculine sex was conspicuous by its absence it proved to be a spoony time befort the afternoon was over and all because the fudge wouldn't fudge—that's all.

The reading-room connected with the town library does not seem to be patronized by the townspeople as a place of that sort should be, and it is thought that perhaps they don't realize what an advantage the place is, not only for the grown folks, but for thought that perhaps they don't supper was served to 120 people. This realize what an advantage the place is, not only for the grown folks, but for the children as well. The place is attractive and well fitted up with picture. net, baritone and piano, the whole combining to make a delightful even-ing of muric, song and sociability, which netted the circle over fifty dol-

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Aker, now of Fi chiburg, formerly of this town, will be pleased to learn that a little son was welcomed at their home on Frida; morning, December 8. The little man will bear the name of William Raymond.

A tiny baby boy was sorn to Mr. and Mrs. George Cornwell, Lancaster avenue, December 11.

Lewis L. Harringtor master-elect, and Andrew J. Callum, lecturer-elect of the Grange, attended the State Grange meetings in Boston this week. The Goodrichville Social club will hold a Christmas tree at the home of Mrs. Nellie Page on Toesday, December 19. The meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Mary Nickleson

The community Christmas tree will be at the Grange hall on December 29.

WESTFORD

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Manchester (N. H.) Union of recent date and may interest the readers of

which a march was formed around the hall, each person receiving a present as they passed one tree, and at the other a little bag of beans, which constituted their stock in trade; also, an imitation ten-dollar-bill. Then the stock market opened. Each one was expected to buy, sell or trade their stock market opened. Each one was expected to buy, sell or trade their stock market opened. Each one was considered to be as at a given time was to receive a present. Of course it made lots of fun, especially when one man drew and put on a lady's hoop skirt; another gray-haired and nearly bald man drew and put on a lady's hoop skirt; another gray-haired and nearly bald man drew, which streamers of red and green, with boxes of confett, were thrown, with which everyone was liberally sprinkled.

After this "Prof. Fakingham and his wonderful human exhibit" entertained the company for half an hour or more, during which were shown, "two fairies, Gwendolyn and Hazel," represented by two physicians, and gotten up to look as though they weighed two or three tons. Other exhibits were shown, including the strongest man, the snake charmer, the smallest boy in the world, the Siamese twins who had a strong attachment for each other, etc. These exhibits, with the very witty remarks of the "professor," caused a great deal of fun. Dainty refreshments were then and the age of fourteen years, drowing at the age of fourteen years, and they made whoodsville their home. They have had two children, James William, who met death by drowning at the age of fourteen years,

and Mrs. Carrie M. Carr, with whom they make their home. They also have one granddaughter, Hazel Carr, now in training for a nurse in the Woman's hospital at Concord.

Thomas Exley Taylor, or "Uncle Tommy," as he is generally known, was born in Lowell, Mass., November 23, 1843, the fifth of a family of six children of William and Mary Exley Taylor, and is the only one living of the six. Of the three children by a second wife, but one survives, Samuel Law Taylor, of Westford, Mass., who was present at his brother's celebrawas present at his brother's celebration today. The father was a native of Scotland, and the mother of England. Mr. Taylor is a carpenter by trade, having been employed in the bridge department of the Boston and Maine railroad from 1884 to within about a year and He served nearly Maine railroad from 1884 to within about a year ago. He served nearly two years in the civil war, enlisting with the United States Signal Corps, Department of the Gulf, from Massachusetts.

He is a past post commander of the G. A. R., having served three years as not commander. He is a manker

as post commander. He is a member of the Moosehillock, I. O. O. F. ledge. being a past noble grand, and has served as chapiain for the last ten years. He is a true christian gentleman, and is an active member in the Woodsville Methodist church and Sabbath school.

bath school.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Haverhill,
in 1850, she being formerly Miss Mary
Alice Glazier, her parents were James
G. and Almira F. (Elliott) Glazier.
Of the four children, two beside Mrs.
Taylor are still living, Rev. B. J.
Glazier of Northwood Narrows, N. H.,
and Alr. Ered Aldrich of Contor Hay. Glazier of Northwood Narrows, N. H., and Mrs. Fred Aldrich of Center Haverhill, the latter being one of the guests today. Mrs. Taylor is an active and energetic worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, is a past president of the Ladies' Aid society, and at present a member of the committee in charge of the parsonage. Primarity she is a home-maker, yet her beautiful and artistic work with embroidery needle and paint brush has won for her a reputation of somewhat more than local extent.

Although "no presents" was stipu-

Although "no presents" was stipu-lated in the general invitation issued by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, yet they were the recipients of a number of gifts which will be pleasant reminders of the day.

About Town. Hen thieves are still around and bout at the Walker homestead on East Main street, as another donation of probation.

Samuel H. Balch has been appointed janitor of the Unitarian church. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Trull, of West-ford Corner, residing at present in Lowell, are to build a home on the vacant lot next to the village church in West Chelmsford.

in West Chelmsford.

Albert E. Prescott, of Westford and Boston, has aroused the townspeople to sympathetic service in behalf of the French wounded soldiers. In the list of aids knitted together in town are 260 surgical dressings, 41 trench caps, 10 pairs of stockings, 7 mufflers to be sent to the New England Branch. The work is still being industriously carried on. In money contributions, \$46 was contributed. Of this sum Miss Keyes, of Concord, gave her lecture before the Tadmuck club, \$5, and out of the treasury of the club \$5 addiof the treasury of the club \$5 addi-tional was given. Through the usua generosity of the Abbot Worsted Comgenerosity of the Abbot Worsted Com-pany, by Julian A. Cameron, manager, they contributed thirty pounds of yarn and various sums were contribu-ted by individuals. Aside from this Mrs. John C. Abbot is working for the 'anadian soldiers, and has many sistants in Westford and Forge Vil-

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All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to JENNIE F. HARGREAVES, Executrix

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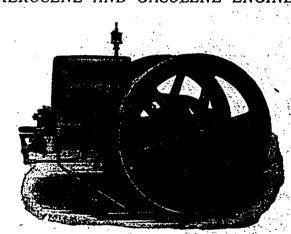
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vacation.

In a letter received this week by the relatives of Miss Edith Lawrence, from Chicago, she states that she was just leaving that city for Southern California for the winter.

Albert F. Parker was confined

Edward Iten, with a crew of men, is completing the new fireproof garage at the Nashua River Paper Company, this week, and the foundation is in for him to build another of the same material, clay tiling, at the residence of Charles Keyes on the hill.

The trestle at the Nashua River Paper Company, which was con-demned as unsafe by the railroad in-

been a much longer process to team the same into the mill yard.

Miss Marion Merrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Merrill, is taking a vacation at her home from her du-ties as cashier at a garage in Bur-lington, Vt.

Miss Elizabeth Wright has returned to Waverley to her duties as teacher of arts and crafts in the public schools after a Thanksgiving vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, Park street.

more, plans to start candymaking on

Have you purchased your Red Cros

'hristmas seals and thus shouldered your part of the responsibility?

The Woman's Missionary society

Miss Susie Wood has closed her rooms in the Ebert Williams house

and gone to Geneva, N. Y., with rela-

Good audiences have greeted the

Swafford players at the Opera House during the evenings of the week, the matiness not being as well attended. The leading lady in the company, Miss Carpenter, was well supported by the

arpenter, was well supported by the other members of the cast. There were

also several artists in the vaudeville which was presented, with changes each evening. H. A. Swafford's songs and sayings brought forth much ap-plause and the specialties by Mr. Ham-

Mr. and Mrs. Ebert Williams have closed their house on Park street and will spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Perley Blake.

By invitation of Mrs. Jerry Annis

president of the society, the members of the L. A. S. are invited to a business and work meeting at her home on

The snow fall this week was enough

A. C. Stewart is improving slowly rom his recent illness and is now able a get out and about his place a little

John Fiske has a new issistant at his shop who is from Portland, Me.

The Shirley Electric Company have fine display of electrical household itensils in the show window of their

neadquarters, corner Main and Mil

The Oak Hill Sunday school are to

have a Christmas tree with a Santa

time at the Oak Hill hall on Saturda

laus, an entertainment and a social

Miss Mary Gilhooley, a graduate of

Miss Mary Gilnooley, a graduate of the Fitchburg Normal school, has been engaged to teach the Pine Hill school in Hollis, N. H., filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of the form-er teacher, Miss Spread. She began her new duties last Monday.

The every member canvass was tried for a second time by the Congregational church last Sunday afternoon and was considered a success. Twenty men started out after dinner, made '175 calls, and received 160 pledges for

thurch support. Almost invariably they were cordially received and they had some pleasant experiences to relate at the evening service. Some of those wisted falled to comprehend

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High street on Wednesday afterno

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Saturday, December 16, 1916.

PEPPERELL

Miss Helen M. Robbins took a shor vacation of one day from her duties as cashier at Hayes' store last week, which she spent with relatives in Fitchburg.

Miss Abbie Carter has sold most of her household effects and with the remainder will go to board with Mrs. Lyman Blood for the winter this

The public schools close next week on Friday for a holiday vacation of two weeks.

two weeks.

A meeting of the Girl Scouts of America, which was recently organized by Mrs. D. R. Child, was held under the direction of some of her assistants at the Main street grammar school building on Wednesday afternoon. December 6. Officers were elected as follows: Amy Geiger, patrolleader; Elizabeth McNayr, corp.: Katherine Hobart, scribe: Nettle Kimball, nurse; Dorothy Jacobs, reporter. Officers of the second patrol. Marian Buss, patrol leader: Betty Hutchinson. corp.; Glenis Green, scribe. A meeting will be held at the same place on Wednesday, December 20.

The regular meeting of the East

The regular meeting of the East Village Social club, which would occur on Wednesday, December 20, will be postponed on account of the approaching holidays.

At the regular meeting of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., on Thursday evening of last week, there was an initiation of a class of candidates.

Mrs. L. A. Johnson and Miss Ada hitney were Lowell shoppers on Wednesday.

The Hollis A. A. basketball team have organized with Russell Wright, of this town, as manager, the team being T. O'Neal, capt., and Spaulding, W. O'Neal, Goddard, Denault, Goodw. O'Near, Goddard, Denault, Good-win and Sulvian of Hollis making up-the number. They play at the Opera House on Friday evening, December 22. Dancing will follow, with good music by an orchestra. Their sched-nle is for the Fitchburg Y. M. C. U. December 29; the Ashburnham team. January 5; the Fitchburg Park Hill Five, January 12.

The residence of Bert Brainerd on Pleasant street has recently been wived for electric lights by Otto Shattuck.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hanna have moved back to town from Greenville. N. H. and will occupy one of the cottages near the Champion card shop. Mr. Hanna has obtained work on the railroad, on the south section.

Henry Wilson, who has been assist ing at the greenhouse of his uncle in Dover, has been at his home on Brookline street since Thanksgiving, expects to go to a new position in Needham on January 1.

Needham on January I.

Electric lighting arrangements have been installed at the residences of M. H. Johnson. Oak hill, and J. B. Henderson, just off Townsend street, by Mr. McAllister, the representative of the Delco Efectric Company, who is their agent for Middlesex county. The lighting is effected by a combination storage batteries, and is peculiarly well-adapted for isolated places. It has been found very satisfactory by Mr. Henderson, who has given it a trial, and has had all his buildings, including the cottage, wired for it.

The meeting of the Farmers' and

The meeting of the Farmers' an Mechanics' club, called for Monday evening of this week, was not suf-ficiently well attended to warrant any transaction of business.

O. M. Nash went to Concord of Tuesday as delegate from the Grang-to attend a convention for the forma-tion of a Farmers' Bureau. He wen from there to Boston to attend the session of the State Grange on Wed-nesday. Mrs. Nash also went into Boston on Wednesday to join him.

Members of Beacon lodge, with invited guests to the number of thirty-five, went to Shirley on Tuesday evening to attend the third social meeting by invitation of Fredonian lodge of that place. Only a few attended from Townsend but the total company wa Townsend, but the total company was about as large as usual, notwithstanding the snowy evening and bad traveling. A fine entertainment, including a mock initiation, was given, followed by the usual collation and smoke talk which lasted up to midnight. By in vitation of Beacon lodge the nex meeting will be held here on Tuesday January 23.

Mrs. E. J. Davis went to Boston or Friday of last week, where she wil visit during part of this week and in cidentally attend the session of the State Grange.

Mrs. Louis Bemis was called to Gro Wednesday by news of the of her sister, Mrs. Bessie lles) Anderson, at the Groton hos

All the children under thirteen year of age at the Main, Groton and Townsend street school building, were the guests of E. A. Johnson a the Alethia theatre by special invita tion on Tuesday afternoon. More than 200 responded to his generous offer of a "Christmas gift" and with the reg-ular attendance filled the hall to almost its full seating capacity of 318 The opening chapters of the "Re Circle" were the films displayed.

For other Pepperell news see pag

thurch support in a systematic way, 'hurches everywhere are adopting it, and it is solving many a financial

The pastor will preach at the mornng service on Sunday. Sunday school at noon and Junior meeting at 3.30 At seven in the evening the pastor will give a stereopticon lecture, "The min-istry of healing," by Secretary Barton of the American Board, The lecture will be illustrated by seventy-two colored slides.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning, Rev. D. R. Child will preach on the topic, "Practical religion and its meaning for every-day life." The third in the series of vesper services will be held at seven o'clock. Sermon by Rev. James C. Duncan, of Clinton. All nersons are welcome. Clinton. All persons are welcome. On Sunday, December 24, Mr. Child will present several colored stereopti-con views of the "Birth and boyhood of Jesus," during the Sunday school

hour.

At the vesper service of last Sunday evening the music was exceptionally fine, rendered by the chorus choir. The address by Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge was practical yet inspiring. His subject was "Understanding is a well-spring of life." He gave many illustrations taken from his experience in the west. He asserted that all occupations should lead to a common understanding, and that this understanding should find expression in the worship and activities of the church. The attendance was larger than on the pre-

attendance was larger than on the pre-ceding Sunday evening, and a good degree of interest was manifested. At the meeting of the First Parish Men's club to be held on Tuesday evening, December 19, at eight o'clock, the address will be given by J. Walter Smith, formerly residing in London. The subject will be "England and the characteristics of the English people." Members may invite ladies.

The E. H. Baker house on Keyes' hill is closed for the season, as the family have returned to their Boston home. Commonwealth avenue, for the 'At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the subject. "The whole duty of man." In the evening, at 7.30, the subject will be "The purchase of opportunity." his home a part of last week and this with a hard cold with symptoms of pneumonia and later an inflamed throat. His father, B. W. Parker, assisted at his store during his enforced

At the Epworth league service at 6.45 the subject will be "The condi-tion to answered prayers." Leader will be announced.

On Saturday evening, December 23 E. H. Bliss is planning to build an extension to his barn in order to go into cattle raising more extensively. at seven o clock, at the Methodist ves-try, the children of the Sunday school will enjoy a Christmas tree and the Christmas play, "Coming of Santa Claus," which leads up to the real ap-pearance of Santa, who distributes He already has some extra fine Hol-John Frossard started for Philadelphia Saturday afternoon on a short time business trip. He returned on Tuesday evening.

On Sunday morning, December 24 special music is being rehearsed by the chorister, Mrs. Alice Bartlett, and a concert will be held that evening All are cordially invited to one or both of these services.

Auto Accident.

A party of auto "joy-riders," came to grief Sunday night while passing through town on their way from Leominster to Manchester. N. H. Through some fault of the steering apparatus the machine got out from the control of the chauffeur and encountered the stone, wall near the railroad bridge on Hollis street. No one in the party, which consisted of two young ladies and a young man, beside the driver, was injured beyond minor, bruises, as the car was only coasting down grade at the time. The driver of the car, who gave his name as R. J. Campbell, of Manchester, N. H., claimed the car, which was a Maxwell, was one he was not accustomed Auto Accident. spector some time ago, is being re-built by C. H. Miller, contractor. As coal and other kinds of stock for manufacture was formerly brought to the rear of the mill correction for their use over this spur track, it has H., claimed the car, which was a Maxwell, was one he was not accustomed to, having exchanged his Ford car for it at North Leominster that afternoon. He had previously noticed that the car sometimes failed to respond to the steering wheel, but laid the trouble partly to the deep frozen ruts in the country roads in places. The message sent by him from the nearest telephone to a Nashua garage, soon brought relief in the form of an auto track. The dashled car was taken in tow and the party given Our enterprising fruit dealer, Premo Borgatti, who has established quite a reputation for good nomemade confectionery, is adding to his knowledge in that line at Lebanon, N. H., and on his return in about a week more thans to start condensation and

> nto Nashda. About Town.

The Woman's club will meet on The Woman's club will meet on Tuesday afternoon. December 19, at the Congregational vestry. This is the tenth anniversary and the meeting is in charge of the program and hospi-tality committee—for members only.

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met at the Congregational parsonage Wednesday afternoon with the presi-dent, Mrs. J. B. Lewis. There was a good attendance and considerable in-terest manifested in the study of world's missions and world peace. Tendered a Reception.

Pepperell people should have been present at the Colonial banquet hall. Concord, on last Saturday evening. The occasion was in honor of Supt Elmer E. Shattuck, now leaving Con-Filmer E. Snattuck, now leaving Con-cord to assume charge of the develop-ment of the state penal institution in Rutland. It was a very fine send-off that was given him. A good crowd was present, including officers and inwas present, including officers and in-structors of the reformatory, select-men of Concord, with whom Mr. Shat-tuck has long been associated as a member of the board, Director of Prisons Col. Adams, now of Boston, and many other personal friends and

The toastmaster also was once a repperell boy, S. Thompson Blood, fow much Pepperell people of a genration ago would have relished Mr. Blood's realistic description of scenes in Pepperell of a former day; for instance, in the schoolhouse, years ago, when he and Elmer Shattuck were both boys together there. Mr. Blood and Mr. Shattuck are within a few months of the same age. But the former was born in Maryland. His father, however, returned to Pepperell a few years afterward, and then the intimacy of the boys began which has eyer since continued. In his inimitable way Mr. Blood gave a description of that great experience in a New n Pepperell of a former day; for in-

table way Mr. Blood gave a description of that great experience in a New England school, declamation day, "Tom" had never heard eloquence before, and he insists that a certain poem has never since made so deep an impression upon him as it did that day. His schoolmate, Elmer, "spoke," giving "The charge of the light brigade," and it was well done.

The Tennyson spirit immediately took full possession of the speaker. "Cannon to right of them, cannon to left of them," the boy went on. More

eft of them," the boy went on. More left of them." the boy went on. More and more he got what the Methodists call "firedom." The wind filled all his sails—it was fine! And when he reached the climax, "When can their glory fade! O, the wild charge they made!" not only the Six Hundred had won their renown, but Elmer had taken a first place.

taken a first place.

Mr. Blood said he never can hear the poem so much as referred to since then, but the old school-room of boygood days and its platform comes be

force him with tenderest memories.

The occasion well showed how thoroughly Mr. Shattuck has identified himself with the town affairs. During the nearly thirty years of his residence there. On the different boards in there. On the different boards in which he has served he has considered which he has served he has considered it his duty to attend strictly to the business of the boards. Never obsti-nate, he has yet kept a mind of his own and found amiable ways of maksusiness of the boards. Never obsti-late, he has yet kept a mind of his win and found amiable ways of mak-ing it known.

He has never out-grown the memo-

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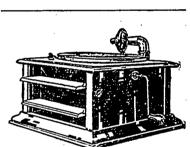
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ries of Popperell, and of the old farm, and the farm ways and joys. He never will! The landscape view from Pin-nacle hill on the old farm has a pre-

HARVARD

A sensational society drama, featuring Floren e LaBadie, "The five faults of Flo," will be the feature picture of the motion picture show this Saturday evening. It is a play you will long remember—don't miss it. On December 25 all children fifteen years and under, will be admitted free. January 9, for the benefit of the Clinton hospital. Come and see our week-

The lecture given last week by Wil-liam Sterling Battis, "Life portrayals one of the best of its kind ever given one of the best of its kind ever given here. Mr. Battis, with his costuming and make-ups of the different characters of the works of Dickens, gave the touch of realism that lovers of this famous author will long remember. George T. Gale has presented to the Harvard Historical society a pow horn used in the old militia days.

Mrs. Henry Hynes, of Beebe Plains Quebec, located just over the Vermon with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hynes, and with her aunt, Mrs. James Murchie, Mr. and Mrs. Krank Hynes, and Mrs. Murchie also entertained Mr. and Mrs. Murchie also entertained Mr. Murchie's brother, Daniel Murchie, Mr. who come to attend of Victory. Vt., who came to attend the funeral services of his sister, Mrs. R. C. Davis

Miss Elsie Knight announces her engagement to Clifford Keyes, of Stow, and is receiving congratulations from her many friends.

Work on the state road has been suspended for the winter. The road is open to travel.

will. The landscape view from Finmacle hill on the old farm has a preeminent charm for him. It always
will:

Mr. Shattuck found great difficulty
in recognizing himself in much that
was said it the glowing speeches, and
he thinks that if he ever can come
anywhere near it he will have to live
to be a ve y old man. May the years
be sufficient.

To the house which he had just
built he brought his beautiful bride
twenty years ago. A delightful home
it has been, and as they said their
good-bye to it, as their home, we
could not but think of the years as a
romance. May the next period of
life's experience be as precious as this
has been, now melting like one dissolving view into another.

News Items.

Mrs. Wilder, of New Estate road, will leave town shortly before Christmas and spend the winter in Boston. Mrs. Rosalind Smith, from Hills-oro, N. H., visited Mrs. F. C. Hartwell

Mrs. Hollis Robbins left on Friday for New York to spend Christmas with her husband. Mr. and Mrs. William Healey, of

Mattapan, were in town Sunday and visited the home people. Mr. and Mrs. Elmar A. Flagg were n Danvers.

Mrs. E. A. Flagg has bought the Sherman H. Jewett house and land at the Center which she will rent for he present. It is expected that Le-toy Jewett and family will go to Flor-Roy Jewett and tamily will go to Florida soon after he has closed out his property here. Mrs. Jewett is keeping house for A. W. Drew of Warren street during the coming week and Mr. Drew's housekeeper will take a vaca-

W. E. Conant has taken a party school girls and also a party of men in his limousine to Boston to at tend the meetings in the Billy Sunday tend the meetings in the Billy Sunday temple recently.

There was a fire on the hearth and a good number of visitors present from three of the churches on Wednesday afternoon in the Baptist vestry to hear R. C. Davis.

Mrs. James A. Barry is spending this week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Christic at their home in Worcester.

A social hour with refreshments followed.

The young people's meeting at the Baptist church will be held at six o'clock next Sunday evening in order that there may be time to attend the union service at the Congregational church at seven. Topic, "Big jobs awaiting us."

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Caulk Eugene Esten went to New York Tuesday with his uncle, returning on

Littleton farmers to the number of ixteen went to Concord Tuesday and attended the meeting called for the purpose of organizing a farmers' bureau in Middlesex county.

Herbert M. Whitcomb of Waterbury. Conn., made a short visit at his former home on Whitcomb avenue Wednes-C. J. McEnnis is nursing a bruised elbow and some stiff joints in conse-quence of a fall on the cellar stairs at this home. A doctor was called, but found no broken bones. It is expected that Mr. McEnnis will be about his us-

al work very soon. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Chase of Great Road have taken their Christmas wreaths to Waltham according to heir annual custom.

W. J. Benere, rural mail carrier of West Acton, has purchased a Ford ouring care of J. M. Hartwell. The Junior C. E. societies of Little-ton, Boxboro, South Acton, Maynard, Concord Junction and Stow expect to

go in a company chaperoned by several ladies to hear Billy Sunday this veek Saturday. Savings and Thrift club of First National Bank of Ayer starts Decem-ber 26. See first page.

Pity the Poor Railroads.

In the investigation now going on before the joint congressional commit-tee in Washington, D. C., Thom, head counsel for the railroads, makes a counsel for the railroads, makes a touching plea for legislation to help out the roads. He claims that they are in a very serious predicament. He predicts a serious decline in war prosperity when the European war ends and cries lustily for congressional mercy in order to enable the railroad capitalists to get in out of the cold before the slump comes. Thom claims that the railroads cannot borrow from other capitalists the \$1.250.000.000 other capitalists the \$1,250,000,000 yearly which he says is necessary for them to keep up their equipment and build extensions necessary to do the business offered and do it efficiently. He says that government ownership is inevitable unless congress acts and acts

some members of the committee, at least, seem to be in fayor of making the plunge at once. In this connection some figures from the Interstate ommerce Commission, who are commencing to turn in reports of the val-uation of the railroads, which has been in progress for some time, are of more than passing interest. Last week the commission turned in the following figures given in round numbers; Kansas City Southern R. R., capitalized at \$99,000,000; commission reports, allowing for depreciation, the plant could be duplicated for \$38,000,000—water, \$61,000,000; Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf R. R., subsidiary of the burg & Gulf R. R., subsidiary of the above, shows that apparently securities to the amount of \$45,000,000 were issued against a money outlay of \$15,000,000—water, \$30,000,000. The commission also reports that the New Orleans, Texas and Mexico R. R. could be reproduced for \$8,000,000. The road is capitalized at \$40,000,000—water, \$32,000,000. In fact the capitalization of the three roads investigated is \$194,000,000, of which the agua pura amounts to \$123,000,000. aqua pura amounts to \$123,000,000. leaving as honest capital, \$71,000,000. Is it any wonder that the roads cannot is it any wonder that the roads cannot pay dividends on that amount of water? Why should the people be asked to do it?

We hear a whole lot of pity express-

ed for the innocent investor, but there was none of that when the innocent investor was being induced to invest. There are all sorts of schemes for separating the unwary from their savenges of the separating the unwary from their savenges. ings, but few workers of flim-flam games have the nerve to ask government support for their schemes. There may be better arguments for the immediate government ownership of the railroads than the above figures, but we have not seen them.

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East Pepperell, Mass., Dec. 14, 1916.