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LITTLETON, MASS.

### HARVARD.

News Items.  
Miss Emily E. Hildreth, with Mrs. Elwell, her sister, close their home here at Sunnyside and go to Lakewood, N. J., for the winter months. They left on Tuesday. Miss Clough will remain for a few days to attend to the details incident to shutting the house for the winter, after which she will go to her home at Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Maud Hewins spent Thanksgiving with friends at Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hazard, of Woodstock, Vt., are with their parents and family. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hazard, for the week.

The new piece of macadam road put in by the town on the depot road is practically complete and open to traffic. With the exception of some minor work on the shoulders, the road is ready to be formally accepted by the engineers.

S. Carlton Dickinson has just completed a large cement cistern for Thomas F. Dolan at his residence on Oak Hill. He is now putting in an overflow to drain from the cistern to take care of any surplus water.

J. Mongovin has let his service to T. F. Dolan as farm manager at his farm on Oak Hill. He commenced his work there on November 1.

Allan Hazard is laid off from work with an attack of drowsy. He is somewhat run down from a summer of hard work and his gaining is necessarily slow. He is, however, getting on as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Emeline Carman and her granddaughter, Miss Mildred Carman, who for fifteen years or more have been connected with the social life of our town, closed their home here this week and moved to Ayer, where Mrs. Carman can be nearer her children. The townspeople will be very sorry to have them leave our town as Mrs. Carman was a neighbor to every one always eager to give a hand or help to those in sickness or trouble. Her many friends here hope for many pleasant days to come in her new home.

A. J. Atwood, of Plymouth, is a guest this week with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dickson.

The George Fales place on the Still River road has been sold to a Mr. Mason, from Watertown.

William J. Kerley was a guest at the wedding ceremony of T. J. Flaherty and Miss Mary G. O'Flynn, which took place on Monday at St. John's church, Worcester.

Schools closed on Wednesday for the rest of the week, the teachers in the various departments going to their respective homes for the holiday season.

A regular meeting of the grange will be held on Tuesday evening, December 2. Business, election of officers. A chicken salad supper will

be furnished by the gentlemen of the order.

After a very successful hunting trip Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Hicks, Charles and George Dunn, of Mansfield, and Harold K. Parker, of Braintree, returned to their respective homes. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Priest.

Miss Fredia S. Priest, of East Acton, spent last Saturday with her cousin, Miss F. Esther Priest.

The King's Daughters will hold an all-day meeting at the Congregational vestry on Thursday, December 4. Basket lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Barry were called to Worcester last Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Barry's cousin, Mrs. Austin P. Cristy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Stressman (née Susie C. Marsh), of Ware, stopped off on their wedding trip on Wednesday with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Barry.

S. Herbert Houghton and family gathered with Edwin F. Houghton and family for the Thanksgiving feast on Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Gallaher, with her two children from New York city, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wetherbee this week and next.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Haskell and Miss Marion Badger spent Thanksgiving and took dinner with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Haskell.

Quite a number from here of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coke attended their wedding ceremony which took place at St. Mary's church, Ayer, on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. The party returned here to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coke, where refreshments were served to the guests.

At a meeting of the committee of the Unitarian Sunday school held last Sunday it was voted to organize a Sunday school on Sunday, November 30, and all children and others interested are earnestly requested to be present. Mr. Bodwell is very much interested to see a Sunday school organized at once and that proper classification may be made it is essential that as many as will attend should be present at this first meeting.

Albert Goodrich, of the Worcester Polytechnic, spends this week-end with B. J. Priest and family, and returns to his school work on Monday.

James L. Whitney, who has been laid off from his work on account of an attack of the grippe, is getting better and is able to be up about the house this week.

Mrs. H. F. Whitney is visiting with her daughter, Ruth Whitney, at New York city for a few days.

Andrew L. Haskell arrived Wednesday night with a carload of new milk and near springer Vermont cows, a slick lot. He also brought down about twenty live turkeys.

THERE'S one announcement that comes out pretty regularly twice a year, that ought to give the greatest satisfaction to every man who reads it. This is it:

## Hart, Schaffner & Marx

New Styles are Ready

Suits and Overcoats for the New Season are Here

You'll be highly pleased with them; they're better than ever in smart, lively style; in artistic distinction of models; in the new fabrics and patterns.

We're ready and eager to show you; the prices are easy—

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We also have other good suits for—

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Our stock of Furnishings, Hats, Caps and Shoes is now Complete.

Call and See them

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NOTICE—Store Closes Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Evenings at 6.30

The next meeting of the Choral Union will be at the town hall on Friday evening, December 5.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bigelow, of Still River, spent Thanksgiving day with his brother, A. H. Bigelow and family, at the Center.

Mrs. K. M. Bigelow arranged the Thanksgiving dinner at her home for the Dickson families. In all eighteen of the members of Philip Dickson, W. F. Dickson and K. M. Bigelow families sat down to dinner.

Harvard chemical company held their annual concert and ball at town hall on Thursday evening, about sixty-five couples being present. McNally's six-piece orchestra gave splendid satisfaction for the dancing. The company added a very tidy sum to their treasury. Gale, Dickson & Company very generously made personal contributions to the funds of the evening for which the members feel very grateful.

S. M. Farnsworth and family celebrated the Thanksgiving feast at the Quincy house, Boston.

Friends and relatives of Frank O. Ryan gathered at the town hall for the feast dinner on Thursday. Guests were present from many places and a general family reunion took place.

Miss S. Christine Webster, of Springfield, is a week-end guest with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood, of Worcester, are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gale, for this week.

Harold A. Tooker was very much surprised at his home on Fairmont farm last Saturday evening, the event being the twenty-first anniversary of his birth. A few of his friends and neighbors called and games and music helped make the evening enjoyable. Refreshments were served. Mr. Tooker was the recipient of some fine presents.

Dr. Austin Peters, of this town, former chief of the Massachusetts Cattle Bureau, in a lecture at Harvard medical school on Sunday afternoon, told of the rapid increase in backyard gardens and the number of pigs, hens and cows, in the hope of reducing the family expenses. He advised against feeding pigs on oranges, lemons or soap, and said that dishwater should not be turned into their troughs as he had known was done by some would-be farmers in the city. Dr. Peters described the common diseases of hens, turkeys, pigs and cows and told how they might easily be cured.

Death.  
Augustus L. Whitney died suddenly of hemorrhages of the brain on Wednesday evening when he was about to retire for the night at his home on Newbury street, Boston. He had been in failing health for about a year.

He was born in Harvard, June 19, 1845, son of Luke and Abigail Whitney, and was educated at Harvard academy and at Harvard college. Mr. Whitney was a mechanical engineer and an expert on machinery.

For a number of years he was employed at a watch factory and later he went to Leominster, where for twenty-five years he had charge of a fibre board company. Four years ago he went to Boston. In 1909 he was a member of the state legislature, serving Leominster from the eleventh Worcester district. He also served on the board of health and was a member of the board of selectmen of Leominster.

Mr. Whitney was prominent in Masonic circles, being a Mason, a Knight Templar and an Odd Fellow.

He married Addie Hussey, of Waltham, who survives him, with one son Ralph. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. C. N. Hosmer and Miss Clara A. Whitney, and one brother, Luther F. Whitney, of Clinton.

The funeral services took place at the home on Saturday morning and burial was at Evergreen cemetery, Leominster.

### HOLLIS, N. H.

News Item.  
At a retail auction sale of a lot of second-hand books, pamphlets, etc., in Boston on November 20, a copy of Henry G. Little's "Recollections of Hollis seventy years ago" (published at Grinnell, Io., in 1894) sold for seventy-five cents.

Prisoner (arrested for drunkenness)—I may be weak, your honor; but I'm not such a soak as Poe, such a dope fiend as De Quincey, such a rake as Byron—

Judge (sharply)—That will do. Thirty days! And, officer, take a list of those names and run 'em in. We must clean out those bums and loafers.

Thimbles have been known for many centuries. Some specimens unearthed by archaeologists are known to be 2500 years old. They are of bronze and their outer surfaces show the familiar indentations for engaging the head of the needle.

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Every kind of Underwear for Cold Weather for Men and Boys.

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Middlesex North Pomona grange will hold its next meeting at the Fellowship hall, Bridge street, Lowell, on Friday, December 5.

Alec McDonald, superintendent of roads, is improving the dampness of weather and roads hauling gravel from Stony Brook gravel.

Hunters recently discovered at the head of Nabnasset pond what bore the trade marks of an abandoned camp of yeomen.

William H. Lynds, of Lowell, the noted authority on genealogy, was in town on Sunday.

The Fortnightly club will hold its next meeting at the Wright schoolhouse on Friday evening, December 5.

The Old Oaken Bucket farm will contribute apples and corn at the exhibition of the State grange in Boston.

The West Chelmsford Debating society will hold another round of those literary boxing matches on Tuesday evening, December 2, at Historic hall.

Scattered members of the once active Westford Dramatic club are squinting at actions that look like a humorous play sometime before long.

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for membership were received. The Court also voted to hold a "ladies' night" on the first meeting night in December.

New steel rails are now being put in at the curves and other places along the line of the Nashua and Acton branch of the Boston and Maine railroad.

Miss Martha Larman, of Lowell, has been a recent visitor in this village.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, who delivered strong sermons at both masses on "Keeping the faith."

Thanksgiving day was fittingly observed here in the M. E. church in the forenoon at ten o'clock, an address being given.

A very pretty birthday party was held at the home of Marie Louise Guichard in West Graniteville on last Saturday evening.

Alfred Hughes, of this village, has the distinction of being the only Graniteville hunter who was fortunate enough to shoot a deer this year.

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The Light to Study By. Children should never study under a poor light—it strains the eyes and the ill effects may be permanent. The best lamp for reading, and for all other home uses—for all the family—is the RAYO. Its light is soft, clear and steady.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb and Mrs. Mary J. Bosworth entertained as guests last week Charles Cushing and Mrs. Joy, a sister of Mrs. Whitcomb.

Dr. O. V. Wells, the well-known physician of Westford, is being congratulated by his many friends in this village on the advent of an heir born on Monday.

Special services were held at St. Andrew's mission on Thanksgiving day morning at 9:30 o'clock.

On Sunday, Advent Sunday, the church in St. Andrew's mission will attend the "monks' services" at St. Mark's church, Leominster.

Charles Coburn has returned to his home in Providence, R. I., after a visit of several weeks with relatives here.

Miss Elizabeth Dufort and Mr. LaPointe, of Leominster, spent Sunday at the home of Miss Dufort's sister, Mrs. Hugh Daly.

Cameron school closed on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett, with their baby son, Leonard, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of the Groton Ridges, on Thanksgiving.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle are preparing to hold a Christmas sale on Friday, December 7.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction, standing wood and timber in Sudbury to settle the estate of George W. Wright, of Concord.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH A. LAWRENCE late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of December A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH WEBSTER FLEMING late of Littleton in said County, deceased.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to BURTON S. FLAGG of Andover in the County of Essex, 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 first day of December A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to BURTON S. FLAGG of Andover in the County of Essex, 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 first day of December A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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TOWNSEND.

West. Mrs. Fred Dwinell, from Lyndonville, Vt., has been spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed.

Miss Emily Orr, of Lynn, who was in town last week Thursday to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Parkes, has been detained at her home here for several days on account of illness, suffering from a severe cold.

Rev. Joseph Fielden, from Fitchburg, is expected to occupy the Baptist pulpit as a supply on Sunday.

The Ladies' Study club will meet at the Reading room on Monday evening. Topic, "Government of Japan," under the charge of Mrs. George Adams.

Mrs. Hattie Blood spent the holiday with relatives in Boston and vicinity. The Ladies' Literary and Social club will meet with Mrs. Charles B. Stickney on Friday-afternoon, December 5, to continue the reading of Miss Gibble Gault.

Mrs. Mary Tucker and family are moving from the house next to the Baptist church to William Tenney's tenement recently vacated by Mrs. Hattie Blood.

The banquet of the Brotherhood will be held as usual the first Thursday in the month, and it is expected that Rev. F. A. Robinson, from Worcester, will be the speaker.

Mrs. Ralph H. Willard, of Dorchester, has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver.

There was no school last week Friday, as the teachers, Miss Harrington and Miss Tower, attended the teachers' convention at Ayer.

Ambrose Carson and family have returned from West Groton and moved into the Veno house.

George A. Seaver is assisting in W. A. Boutwell's store for the present.

Rev. F. A. Robinson, from Worcester, occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday morning and evening, for the fourth and last time for the present, having an unusually large attendance. He also addressed the Brotherhood at the noon meeting. A special feature of the evening was a very pleasing duet by Mrs. Charles B. Stickney and Mrs. W. A. Boutwell, which was greatly enjoyed.

A Thanksgiving service of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held on Sunday evening, conducted by Miss Lena Thompson with about thirty present.

Mrs. Joseph Hornig, from Ayer, visited friends in town last week. Mrs. Hornig was formerly Miss Lizzie Prime, of this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Welch, of Rochester, N. H., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Louis Welch, returned to their home last week Friday.

There was no distribution of books from the Reading-room on last Saturday as the library at the Center is closed on account of the diphtheria cases, but it is expected that it will be opened for business Saturday.

Fred G. Smith visited his old home in Hillsboro, N. H., a few days last week.

Mrs. James A. Willard has been enjoying a visit from her brother, Mr. Billings, of Leominster.

Mrs. Chase, from Townsend Center, is assisting Mrs. Frank P. Farnsworth, who is suffering with a broken wrist.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held an oyster supper and social in the East street on Tuesday evening and although the attendance was rather small, a jolly time was enjoyed and a small sum added to the treasury. The entire stock of candy was disposed of at the time by auction occasioned much merriment. Miss Alice Seaver acted as auctioneer and over twenty articles were disposed of.

Mrs. Edward Patch of Boston is spending a few days with Mrs. Fred A. Patch.

Mrs. Kimball from Hollis, N. H., has been a recent guest of Mrs. Frank Fitch.

The L. B. S. will meet next Wednesday, for their regular monthly meeting. The place will be given out Sunday from the pulpit.

Mrs. Lettie Nickerson is caring for a patient in Fitchburg.

Charles B. Stickney is enjoying a hunting trip to New Hampshire and I. P. Sherwin is away on a vacation with a hunting party.

Miss Dora Flagg, daughter of Mrs. Finis Flagg-Aker, and Albert Aker, son of James Aker, were united in marriage by Rev. S. D. Ringrose of the Highland Baptist church of Fitchburg Saturday, November 22.

On account of the large number of pupils in both schoolrooms and the lack of sufficient capacity, the eighth grade pupils are carried to the Center, being taken back and forth by Justin C. Hodgman.

Successful Entertainment. One of the most successful sales and entertainments, both financially and socially yet given by the Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society, was held in Seminary hall on the evening of November 19, and was very largely attended. The booths were very tastefully arranged and decorated with tinsel and crepe paper and the attendants wore white, each with a large crepe paper rose of some color which added a very effective touch to their costumes.

The Christmas booth was in charge of Mrs. Charles E. Patch and Miss Gladys Rawson, the ice cream and cake by Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Mary Tucker and Henry B. Hathaway, mystery tables in charge of Miss Lena and Agnes Thompson, fancy work and aprons in charge of Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, Mrs. Albert E. Walte, Mrs. Ellen Pratt and Mrs. Josephine Boynton, and a handkerchief table in charge of Miss M. A. Taft and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson.

An excellent program was furnished, musical selections by the Townsend high school orchestra, which was heartily applauded, a vocal solo, "Dream days," by Miss Isabelle Hayward, who also rendered a beautiful piano solo. The farce, "Pa's new housekeeper," was very amusing and well acted, all the characters receiving constant and hearty applause and keeping the audience in roars of laughter from the rise to the fall of the curtain.

Funeral. The funeral services of Mrs. Emily Parkes, who passed away on Tuesday morning, November 19, were held on last week Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank D. Parkes. Rev. S. D. Ringrose, of the Highland Baptist church, Fitchburg, officiated and spoke in very touching terms of his esteem for and pleasant acquaintance with the deceased, and spoke words of sympathy for the sorrowing relatives. His text was "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Two selections, "Some day we'll understand" and

"Safe in the arms of Jesus" were sung by the band of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stickney, and Mrs. L. P. Sherwin, in accordance of the special request of Mrs. Parkes.

The interment was in the West Townsend cemetery and a large number of friends and neighbors gathered to pay their last tribute of esteem and affection to one whose life among them had been one of kindly character and faithful friendship.

Center. Mrs. George Parker and little child and Miss Bessie Parker are at Mrs. Levi T. Parker's this week.

Mrs. Abbie Shirley and little girl, of Lynn, were at H. B. Hildreth's over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barnaby were guests this week at Thomas Copeland's. Mr. Barnaby is connected with the U. S. naval supply station at Norfolk, Va., and is enjoying a forty-five days' furlough.

Elmer Wallace and Charles Stickney are on a hunting expedition in Northern New Hampshire, near Pittsburg.

Warren Green will hold the first assembly connected with his dancing school at Memorial hall on Friday evening, December 5, having a three-piece orchestra for the occasion.

The little Domina girl is improving from her attack of diphtheria, and there are no more cases as yet.

Mrs. Leola Brigham, of Somerville, and little child, are at Mrs. J. Aspinwall's for a visit.

J. C. Dow, of Penacook, N. H., is making a visit with his son, Albert L. Dow.

Miss Hattie Smith, who is having a week's vacation from teaching school at Brookline, N. H., was unfortunately enough to fall down stairs last week, cutting a deep gash in her knee which necessitated seven or eight stitches.

Rev. A. L. Struthers, who has been ill, was unable to preach last Sunday and the pulpit was supplied by Rev. George D. Worcester. There was a union service at the Congregational church in the evening. Rev. G. R. Moody of the M. E. church preaching the Thanksgiving service, and Rev. Mr. Fisher also officiated. There was a double quartet for music and an organ recital by Prof. A. G. Seaver.

The open season for shooting deer passed here with more or less excitement. A large number availed themselves of the chance to get a license, but many were doomed to disappointment at the result of their week's sport. George D. Wilson, the first fortunate one getting a 145 lb buck, Bert Harriman captured a 135 lb doe and Charles Smith and Arthur Huse got one between them. Jack Livingston brought in the largest one, a fine buck weighing 245 lb.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Heyward Canney has a position as secretary to the rector of St. Paul's school in Concord, N. H.

Since the library furnace is out of commission, the doors are open only for the distribution of books at the hours named: Wednesdays—1.30 to two, four to 4.30, seven to eight p. m. Saturdays—two to 2.30, four to 4.30, seven to eight p. m. This schedule will continue in operation for about two weeks, when it is hoped the library will be open again at the usual hours.

Frank McKinlay will take his bride to Newtown the first of December and take charge of his father's farm. John McKinlay will make his home with his son Frank.

The schools were closed for Thanksgiving recess Thursday and Friday. Principal C. H. Cummings spent the vacation at his home in West Boylston. Miss Helena Meredith has concluded her services as associate teacher in the high school.

The choral society will omit meetings until December 3.

Intentionally the names of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gregory were omitted from the grange supper last week Wednesday. As they were leaders in the good work they should have credit for the office they filled so well.

A dozen or more Littleton cattle dealers attended the auction sale of Frank D. Wilson's stock at Vernon Hills farm in Groton last week Thursday.

Benjamin and Harold Conant and Harry Barker were among the company of Littleton people that went to the Harvard-Yale football game last Saturday.

Rev. Lyman B. Weeks of Westford will preach at the Unitarian church Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. O. J. Fairfield. Mr. Weeks is an able and eloquent preacher whom many in this society will be glad to have a chance to hear, as to be the first time he has been in Littleton.

The topic for the Guild Sunday evening at 6.30 will be "Every day heroes."

The Thanksgiving offering of the Unitarian Sunday school, amounting to a barrel and a large box and three dollars in money, was sent to the Bullfinch place church. Rev. Christopher R. Elliot, minister, for distribution in their work among the poor of Boston.

The committee appointed to take up the annual collection of the Unitarian society for missionary purposes consists of Mrs. G. W. Pringle, Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and Miss Emily Harwood.

Rev. Robert F. Leavens of Fitchburg will give the address at the meeting of the Alliance Friday afternoon. His subject will be "The book of Job." The book that Froide tells us will one day be seen to tower up alone, far away above all the poetry of the world." The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. C. Brown on Foster street, the time Friday at 2.30. Music will be furnished by Mrs. M. K. Priest.

L. W. C. The Woman's club was called to order Monday afternoon by the vice-president, Mrs. Mary L. Packard, and in the absence of the recording secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor, chosen secretary pro tempore. The audience was favored by a vocal solo by Mrs. Cora S. Hager, accompanied by Mrs. Marion Christie, pianist. After the business of the afternoon had received attention Mrs. Packard gave the meeting over to Rev. O. J. Fairfield, who had charge of current events. Mrs. E. M. Hartwell reported for England, Miss M. H. Kimball for Germany, Mrs. F. B. Wilcox for Russia and Mrs. Mattie K. Priest for China and Japan, substituting for Mrs. Charlotte E. Tenney, who has been confined to her room for several weeks. To what was contributed by the individual speakers, Mr. Fairfield added not a few interesting items.

The next meeting of the club will be held in the town hall-December 8, at 2.30 p. m., and will consist of an

opera talk by Havrah W. L. Hubbard, musically illustrated by Floyd M. Baxter. This will be an open meeting free to everybody. Clubs in neighboring towns have been invited and a large audience is expected as Prof. Hubbard and Mr. Baxter give an exceptionally high entertainment. Wherever they have been heard the audience has sounded their praises very enthusiastically.

BETTER IN WRITING. An Irishman, who for some reason did not wish to be taken for such, and was not proud of his brogue, entered into a heated argument on the subject with a friend who was a lawyer and finally said: "If I were on trial for the brogue, do you mane to say that anny jury in this country would bring me in guilty?"

"Well," said the lawyer, "speaking professionally, I would advise that if you wish to deny the brogue, you had better do so in writing."

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction the household goods belonging to Richard Downes, Windsor avenue, West Acton, on Monday afternoon, December 1, at one o'clock.

We have just received information that the First National Nurseries of Rochester, N. Y., want lady or gentleman representatives in this section to sell all kinds of Roses, Shrubs, Trees and Seeds. They inform us that without previous experience it is possible to make good wages every week. Any one out of employment write them for terms and enclose this notice. 315

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New Advertisements. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of AUGUSTA A. NYE late of Littleton 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 EDWIN N. ROBINSON who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, with authority to give 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 fifteenth day of December A. D. 1913, 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 the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Gleaner, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all persons named or interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. 312 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Fred A. Parker. A certain tract of land and the buildings thereon situated in the west part of the Town of Peppereil on both sides of Wheeler Street, consisting of 54 acres, more or less, with the buildings thereon, bounded by said street, land formerly of John Rouke, land of James Gleason, land of one Campbell, land now or late of Martha Haynes, land of one Whitcomb, and land of one Stewart. Tax 1911 \$17.28

Fred S. Bancroft. A tract of land with the buildings thereon situated on the northerly side of Heald Street in Peppereil, containing 5 acres, more or less, and bounded by said street, land of Edward L. Tarbell, land of the Congregational parsonage, and land late of Matilda Presby. Tax 1911 \$43.01

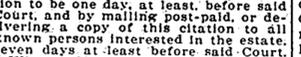
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LOST BOOK—In accordance with Chapter 590, Section 40 of the Act of 1908, Massachusetts Legislature and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 11,750 has been lost and payment on same stopped. NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK, Sarah T. Tutten, Treasurer. Ayer, November 22, 1913. 3111

Advertisements inserted in our ten papers bring good results.

Gerry B. Shattuck. A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in the Town of Peppereil on the northerly side of Heald Street, containing 1/4 acre, more or less, a part of which was conveyed to said Shattuck by Elbridge Curtice late of said Peppereil. Tax 1911 \$8.42

Walter J. Spaulding. A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in the easterly part of Peppereil, containing 1/4 acre, more or less, and bounded by Leighton Street, land late of James Fitzpatrick, Tarbell Street, land formerly of Allen S. Blood. Tax 1911 \$16.36

Albert T. Wood. A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on Bancroft Street in the Town of Peppereil, bounded by land once of Mary Wilson, Clara E. Richardson land now or late of Zada Butman and Bancroft street; also, a parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Bancroft street in Peppereil, bounded by land now or late of Mary Wilson, land once of Josiah F. Conant, and Bancroft Street, both of the above containing 20 acres, more or less. Tax 1911 \$9.82

Mary M. Coffin. A certain tract of land and the buildings thereon situated in the easterly part of Peppereil on the easterly side of Pleasant Street, bounded by land once of Levi Sartell, land late of James E. Butterfield, land formerly of Albert Leighton, and said Pleasant Street. Tax 1910 \$5.46 Tax 1911 \$5.51

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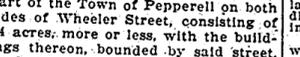
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF INSOLVENT ESTATE

Estate of GRANVILLE FAIRBANKS late of Shirley in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, represented insolvent.

The Probate Court for said County will receive and examine all claims of creditors against the estate of said GRANVILLE FAIRBANKS and notice is hereby given that six months from the twentieth day of November A. D. 1913, are allowed to creditors to present and prove their claims against said estate, and that the Court will receive and examine the claims of creditors at Cambridge, on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and at Cambridge, on the twenty-fourth day of February, 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

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Saturday, November 29, 1913.

GROTON.

News Items. The following is taken from last Saturday's Boston American: "Among the popular young misses who will be kept busy entertaining during the coming season is Miss Rose Peabody of Groton..."

The following is taken from the Pasadena, Cal., Daily News of November 19: "Mrs. John H. Robbins, of Groton, and Mrs. William A. Mason, of Chicago, arrived at The Maryland yesterday afternoon..."

There were probably some readers of this paper of Saturday, November 22, who also had the Boston Globe of the same date who noticed the picture and read the story in "The war day by day fifty years ago..."

Charles Mansur and family are occupying Patrick Haley's house near railroad bridge, towards the paper mill.

Mrs. Davis, of South Fairlee, Vt., is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Moore, for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Daniel Crowley is a little more comfortable at last reports.

Miss Lillian Robinson, a graduate of Groton school and now a teacher at South Fairlee, Vt., has come to Groton to spend a fortnight's vacation at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Moore.

The Book and Thimble club held their meeting last week Friday with Mrs. G. H. Weston as subject, considered "The Philippines." The next meeting will be with Mrs. George McKee, each one to choose her own subject.

Miss Daisy O. Abbott, of Lowell, is to give a talk on cooking in the lower town hall this week Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The Groton Woman's club and the members of the cooking school now being held by the domestic department of the Groton Woman's club are invited to attend this meeting and hear Miss Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis F. Coughlin announce the birth of a son, their daughter, Sarah Catherine, to Frank Atkinson Thomas, of Winthrop, at Groton on November 23. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will make their home in Roxbury.

William L. Patterson, with his friend, Miss Martin, also his brother, C. Howard Patterson, spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson, of Champey street.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Dunphy observed the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage on Saturday by taking a trip to Albany and other places in New York and at the state line in Western Massachusetts, including a call there on Miss Kathleen Dunphy, who is teaching in that vicinity.

Mrs. Herman Frazee of Elm street underwent an operation for stomach trouble at the Groton hospital on Monday. Dr. Goodwin of Clinton with Dr. Kibbourn operated and Dr. Priest of Ayer etherized.

The choir of the Congregational church and some others are rehearsing the cantata "Holy night," to be sung the Sunday evening after Christmas.

Miss Doretha Gleason, graduate of class '13, Groton high school, is continuing her musical studies commenced last September at the Carl Faellon school, Boston, going down twice every week and is doubtless doing good work.

The first number in this season's Luther Blood free public lectures will be given in the town hall on Friday evening, December 6, at 8 o'clock, on "An evening of original sketches and music."

Clipping. The following is taken from the Boston Transcript of Monday, November 24:

Gilson, Jilson. From Genealogy of the Gilson and Jilson family, compiled by David Jilson, of South Attleboro, Mass., 1874.

Many people have asked for the surname of Sarah, wife of John Gilson, but have been unable to find it. John Gilson, born February 23, 1674, died in Groton, Mass., September 10, 1707, leaving five children. The widow, Sarah, was appointed administratrix of his estate. She married again, May 17, 1709, Richard Warner, by whom she had four children.

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Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bennett entertained family friends to dinner.

There was a family reunion at Maj. M. P. Palmer's. All the children and their families were present.

There was a family gathering at W. F. Gleason's, E. F. Wyman, father of Mrs. Gleason and Mrs. Gibson, being a special out-of-town guest.

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There was a family gathering at Frank D. Lewis's.

The union Thanksgiving service held at the First Parish Unitarian church last Sunday evening called out a very large attendance. There was special music, consisting of an anthem and solo, the latter by Mrs. Bishop, Rev. William Breckinridge, of the Baptist church, was the preacher and was given the close attention of his hearers.

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AYER.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wyman, of Shirley Center, have moved to their quarters in the bank building for the winter as usual.

Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy attended the meeting of the State Federation of Women's clubs at Whitman last week. There will be a Christmas sale of fancy articles at the home of Lucy Wyman, 10 Washington street, December 1 and 2, from two to six o'clock.

Judge George A. Sanderson, of this town, has been assigned to preside at the December sitting of the superior court in Worcester.

Joseph Donlon, who has been off duty as driver of the order wagon of P. Donlon & Company on account of an attack of tonsillitis, has returned to his duties.

George E. Felch is having a new boiler installed for heating his greenhouse. A brick chimney, recently constructed by Harvey Winslow, Mr. Winslow also had charge of preparing the brick work for the new boiler in the town hall.

Miss Lillian Fletcher, of Hopdale, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Washburn.

Charles W. Mason returned from his summer home in Centre Harbor, N. H., last week Friday, where he has been for the past eight weeks. He expects to leave for Florida about the first of January, where he intends to spend the winter.

Wednesday, December 3, will be children's day at the Ayer Women's club. The meeting will be in the Congregational vestry and the program will be in charge of Mrs. Mary E. Lovejoy. Members having children will be entitled to one ticket for each child. Members without children may have one ticket. Tickets may be procured at the home of the president, Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, on Saturday afternoon, November 29, from two to five o'clock, and on Monday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Gleason and daughter Marjorie left on Wednesday afternoon to spend Thanksgiving with relatives in Somerville and will return Sunday evening. Mr. Gleason is principal of the high school.

Mrs. Sarah F. Brown, whose residence is at the corner of East Main and Elm street, left on the electric for Reading on Tuesday afternoon to spend Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. Mitchell, and may remain for a week and may be longer.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold their annual social on Tuesday afternoon, and evening, December 2. Supper from six to 7.30.

At the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10.45 the pastor will take as the subject of his sermon "Things that endure." Sunday school will be held at twelve o'clock. There will be a short sermon in the evening at seven o'clock.

Dr. Flak will deliver the sermon at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at 10.45. Subject of address "Thought and conduct." Sunday school at noon and Y. P. R. U. meeting at 8 o'clock.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange meets in Ayer on Wednesday of next week. The officers for the ensuing year will be elected on that day.

The annual election of officers will take place at the meeting of Ayer grange on Thursday evening of next week. The ladies of the grange will have a luncheon, enough for two, to be shared by the gentlemen at the end of the business meeting.

Miss Marion Winslow, who is teaching in Westminister, N. H., is spending the Thanksgiving recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Winslow.

Miss Abbie S. Harlow has gone to Cambridge to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hosmer, of Fitchburg, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graves.

Dr. B. H. Hopkins and family are spending the Thanksgiving period with Mrs. Hopkins' mother in Medford.

Mrs. Ella G. Hovey has gone to Newburyport to spend a week with her daughter, Mrs. McWilliams.

The Peace and Unity club will have its usual concert and ball in the town hall on Thursday evening, January 1, in honor of the fifty-first anniversary of the emancipation proclamation.

The new boiler has been placed in the town hall and the steam turned on on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Winslow performed the work of preparing the brick work for the boiler to rest upon.

The annual concert and ball of the Hartwell hose company on Thanksgiving night was largely attended and everybody enjoyed a fine time. There were eighty or more who took part in the dancing. A large number of others attended the concert, the hall being well filled. The concert lasted from eight to nine o'clock. Dancing followed until late hours. People are here from Boston, which furnished the music for the occasion, easily retained its enviable reputation as being one of the finest orchestras in New England. Refreshments were served at intermission by E. W. Carley.

Mrs. Emeline Carman and granddaughter, Miss Mildred Carmon of Harvard, moved on Monday to the upstairs tenement of the house on Newton street next to the house owned by Martin Carlgan.

Fannie Slofsky, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Slofsky, who was injured in the fire on West Main street by a passing team last week, is able to about again, the injuries proving to be of little consequence.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman J. Taylor quietly observed the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage at their home on Thanksgiving day. During the day and evening many friends and neighbors called to extend congratulations.

As fine a moving picture show as was ever seen in town was given in Page hall on Thanksgiving afternoon and it was carefully attended. A special orchestra furnished music and there were two singers, both of these extra attractions adding much to the pleasure of the occasion. A good show is scheduled for this Saturday evening.

Thanksgiving was observed at the residence of Judge and Mrs. Sanderson, East Main street, in good old-fashioned style. The two sisters of the judge from Littleton were of the happy party, and their eldest son, Bennett Sanderson, from Yale, and their daughter, Charlotte Sanderson, who is attending the Walnut Hill school at Natick, were present. The fine turkey, weighing eighteen pounds, was raised by the judge on his farm in Littleton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown had a large gathering of relatives at their home on East Main street Thanksgiving.

ing. The company numbered nineteen and consisted of the families of George H. Brown, Burton M. Brown, the Henry Leavitt family and a relative of the Browns, John Cleary, of Lowell. Their son, Frank Brown, and their daughter, Edna, were not present, both attending schools some distance from their home.

There was a union Thanksgiving service at the Congregational church on Sunday evening. Rev. J. W. Thomas read the scripture selection, Rev. Leonard Flak made the prayer, Rev. Vaughn Dabney read the proclamation, the Congregational male quartet sang and Rev. Clyde L. Nevins gave the sermon. There were about 225 present.

The schools closed on Wednesday afternoon for the remainder of the week, giving the teachers and pupils a short vacation over Thanksgiving. The usual sessions will be resumed on Monday.

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Miss Sophia Frost Delano, formerly of this town, and Joseph Arthur Giddings, of Ludlow, Vt., were united in marriage in that town on Wednesday of this week. They will be at home to their friends at Maple Lane farm, Ludlow, after January 1. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wellman J. Delano and lived here with her parents for several years when her father was warden of the town farm.

Mrs. M. L. Savage had with her Thanksgiving her son, Lillian, from Worcester academy, her father, her mother, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Turner, and her brother, Huntley S. Turner. Her daughter Helen had as a guest, Miss Rebecca Cole of Newton, who returned to her home on Friday.

A. A. Whitcomb, coming Wednesday, spent Thanksgiving with his father, J. H. Whitcomb, and his sister Hattie, and he returned to Charles town Friday. Mr. Whitcomb expected his daughter Mabel and her husband, H. A. Sturges, to spend Thanksgiving with them, but at the last moment they found business prevented.

Postmaster and Mrs. Robinson had all their family Thanksgiving with them—Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Walker, and their daughter, coming from Worcester. Dr. and Mrs. Bulkeley and his daughter Hope from Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Farnsworth of Summit, N. J., who came to town last week Wednesday, owing to the illness of his father, Samuel F. Farnsworth, returned Thursday noon to New York to visit relatives.

The alleged cut prices in turkeys in a neighboring town attracted one of our citizens there on Wednesday to get two of the birds for Thanksgiving. So he drove into town and procured two of the turkeys and placed them in the rear of the carriage. Just how long they remained there is not known, but when the gentleman arrived home the birds were missing. Although somewhat disheartened the bargain hunter again started for the neighboring town and bought two more turkeys and he was very careful to keep his eye on them until the Thanksgiving requisites were safely within his house. The gentleman eventually found out to his sorrow that this party was a shopping trip and a failure so far as economy was concerned and it might be more profitable to patronize home markets.

There was an exciting chase at the railroad station on Wednesday when a large Rhode Island Red of the male species broke loose from one of the crates in which it was being shipped. It was necessary to call out the entire express office force before the rooster was finally captured. The chase made a good deal of fun for a large number of passengers and others about the station.

M. J. Daly, district deputy supreme knight, of Winchendon, assisted by Michael Donehue, district deputy, of Worcester, and suite, installed these officers of Ayer Council, K. of C., at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening: John H. Hooley, g. k.; Joseph P. Markham, d. g. k.; David Walsh, chan.; Martin H. O'Neill, f. s.; A. H. McDonald, rec.; Joseph P. Mullin, treas.; T. F. Mullin, sec.; Hugh Adams, M. J. O'Brien, M. J. O'Brien, T. F. Ward, o. e. After the installation a collation was served and an informal social time spent.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending December 28, are: E. A. Briggs, Mrs. Cilley, William Hayes, L. P. Longmore, H. F. Rice, Charles Sanderson, Bessie G. Thomas.

For any who desire to study violin or cornet I wish to announce that I will come to Ayer Saturday afternoon. Correct method and special pains taken. For particulars apply to Mr. J. Webb or write George C. Peterson, 55 Pacific Street, Fitchburg, Mass.

Deaths. Another of our old and highly respected residents, Samuel Flint Farnsworth, passed away Sunday, November 23, after an illness of several weeks, from a general breakdown. He was born in Shirley on July 18, 1837, and his parents were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farnsworth. He has been a resident of this town over half a century and before coming here he was employed by Moses W. Woods at Woods Village, where he learned the painters' trade.

On coming to this town he was employed at painting at the Ames Plow Company works, and after a short time was given the charge of the paint shop of that firm and remained in their employ until they moved their agricultural works to Worcester.

Mr. Farnsworth then went into the painting business in town for himself which he continued for a number of years, employing a number of men. He retired from a successful business three or four years ago.

Mr. Farnsworth was married to Margaret B., daughter of Abel and Jane F. (Leamore) Langley, of Shirley, April 14, 1859, and she died September 26, 1900. He married for his second wife Caroline P. Frye, of Stoneham, in October, 1902, and she died on November 19, 1910. Mr. Farnsworth was a member of the Unitarian church during his lifetime.

He leaves two sons by his first wife—Fred A. Farnsworth, of Summit, N. J., who is general agent of the freight department of the Delaware & Hudson Railway Company, and whose headquarters is in New York city, and Herbert L. Farnsworth, of this town, who is traveling freight agent for the Delaware & Hudson Railway Company, with his office in Boston.

Funeral services took place on Wednesday afternoon at his late residence on Pleasant street, Rev. Richmond Flak officiating, and burial was in Woodlawn cemetery. The singers were Dr. Page and Miss Herson, of Fitchburg, and the bearers were William L. Sherrin, William A. Whitcomb, E. A. Richardson and D. W. Fletcher. A profusion of flowers showed the esteem in which Mr. Farnsworth was held by his fellow townspeople.

Mrs. Elie M. (Blood) Chase, who was stricken with paralysis of the

right side October 26, died on Monday, November 18, at the age of sixty-two years, and the remains were taken to Hollis, N. H., on Wednesday, where she was buried in the family lot in the cemetery in that town. Mr. and Mrs. Chase were married in Hollis, N. H., in 1857, and they have had twenty-two years and previous to that time in Groton fifteen years and in Pepperell four years. A son was born to them in Hollis and he died of tuberculosis when he was thirty-one years of age.

Mrs. Chase was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sarah Blood, both of Hollis, and was a member of the Congregational church in that town. Mr. Chase is a veteran, having served four years enlisting in Nashua in Co. F, Third N. H. Infantry and the second time he enlisted in Hollis in the same company.

Mr. Richmond Flak officiated at the funeral services held on Wednesday forenoon at her late home.

Mrs. Chase was one of the most lovable of women and held in the highest esteem by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

Mrs. Ursula Phillips, who has been keeping house for her brother, L. K. Barker of Washington street, since his wife died about three months ago, died on Tuesday, November 26, the result of a shock, aged 78 years, 10 months and 4 days, and burial was in Bangor, Me., her birthplace. She was a daughter of Capt. Albert Phillips of that town. Mr. Barker went with the body to Bangor and will be buried there and expects to return here on Sunday.

The body of Mrs. Augusta M. Hill, widow of the late Jason J. Hill, who died at her home in Everett on Saturday, November 22, from acute indigestion, was brought here for burial in Woodlawn cemetery on Thanksgiving day. She was aged 80 years, 6 months, 18 days. Her husband carried on the blacksmith business here for many years, and his shop was situated on Columbia street, just beyond the storehouse of L. Sherwin & Co., and which was torn down a few years ago. Their residence was on Cambridge street, and the shop was owned by Henry C. Rolfe, and the shop was burned 20 years. The brother of Mr. Hill was Jason Hill, father of George H. Hill. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hill left town a number of years ago and the few old friends of the town remember them well.

Teachers' Convention. The twenty-first annual convention of the Northwest Middlesex Teachers' association, which was held here last week Friday was in many respects the most notable of its kind ever held. A large number of teachers from the various towns in this section of the county were present, all the schools being closed to enable them to do so. The speakers were widely and were listened to with the closest attention. Dr. Snedden, of Boston, state commissioner, who was to be one of the speakers, was unavoidably absent on account of illness. The Massachusetts retirement fund was also the subject of Mr. Cogswell, of the same city.

Albert Willis Jefferson, of Springfield, spoke on "Personality," instead of the subject assigned him in the program. The remarks of Mr. Jefferson were followed with the closest attention and he handled his subject in a most excellent manner. The selections on the Victrola phonograph in the afternoon by representatives of the county were very fine. The machine played selections from the great composers as well as selections that are usually played in school, the idea being to have the instruments used in the schools in connection with the studies.

In the absence of the president of the association, A. R. Paul, of Pepperell, the vice president, Frank C. Johnson, of Ayer, presided during the exercises of the day. The cause of the meeting was the death of his father and the association gave a vote of sympathy for him in his bereavement.

At the business session in the afternoon the nominating committee, consisting of Frank E. Hill, superintendent of school in Littleton, and Alfred Gardner of West Acton, and Miss Margaret McMillan of Ayer, reported and as a result these officers were chosen for the coming year: Frank C. Johnson, president; Herman C. Knight, Townsend, pres. pro tem; W. Green, Harvard, sec. and treas.; Ernest M. Gleason, Ayer, and Miss Edith Forster, Westford, executive committee.

The session in the afternoon was largely attended by the townspeople who greatly enjoyed the fine program. The program was printed in full in this paper last week.

A fine dinner was served in the evening at the menu card for the following committee of ladies, connected with the church: Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer, chairman, Mrs. James McMillan, Mrs. John Harrington, Mrs. A. M. Winslow, Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, Mrs. E. M. Gleason, Mrs. Bernice Staples, teacher of drawing in the public schools, and were drawn by the pupils of the seventh grade. The cards were very pretty and were a credit to the teacher and pupils.

Changes in Territory. Territorial changes in some of the divisions of the Boston and Maine railroad, as well as changes in division officials will be in effect on December 1. The changes are: Southern, the Fitchburg and Worcester, Nashua and Portland divisions. To concentrate the government of the system and to give the supervising officials a more compact jurisdiction, the Worcester and Peterborough branch of the Fitchburg division is to be transferred to the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division.

The North Weare, Manchester and Milford branches of the Southern division will also be transferred to the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division. This move, it is said, will concentrate the lines now supervised by W. R. Mooney of Nashua, superintendent of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland divisions, and will also extend the territories of the chiefs of the Fitchburg and Southern divisions.

Sale and Entertainment. The ladies of the Unitarian society will conduct a fair in the vestry of the church on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 4. The fair will open at 3.30 o'clock, and all the usual features connected with an event of this kind will be in evidence. Supper will be served from 5.30 to 7.30. The entertainment will begin at eight o'clock. The people of Ayer and surrounding towns will have a rare opportunity to hear an entertainment of exceptional merit at this occasion. The attraction will be Miss Rene Geddes and Miss Ethel Camilla Hill. The latter is connected with the Empir Lyceum Bureau of Syracuse, N. Y., who are now in New England and who are sent here by the manager of the Worcester branch of the bureau.

Miss Jackson is recognized as one of the leaders in the field of inter-

pretive readings and is a singer of choice. Miss Geddes' work is original, clever and snappy in her sketches and in the portrayal of her characters she brings into play imagination, sympathy and insight to a rare degree. In addition to these qualities she possesses a charming stage presence and is always thorough in her preparation. Her different numbers. The program follows: "A dream of long ago," "Her busy day," "The land of cherry blossoms," "The heart of a singer," "Home rule," "The Star Spangled Banner," in the picture language of the deaf mutes.

Extenuating Deer. Out of every six deer estimated to have been taken in the woods last week Monday at the beginning of the open season one was killed. Incomplete reports received by the state board of fish and game commissioners up to Monday afternoon showed that 1347 of the 7000 stock and ducks in large tracts were slaughtered during the six days ending Saturday night. When the complete and official report is issued late this week it is expected to show that only 1500 met death. With the season ended case deputy game wardens began searching the woods for wounded animals. The work will continue many weeks before the injured deer are put out of suffering.

District Court. Albert F. Saboll was arraigned on Tuesday morning, November 16, on a complaint charging him with assault and battery on his wife. He pleaded not guilty. He was found guilty and was sentenced to the house of correction for six months. He appeal and was held for trial in the superior court in \$500 bail. Wednesday morning he withdrew his appeal and took his sentence as usual in most cases.

Emy St. Cyr, whose case was continued until last Saturday, was discharged from custody. St. Cyr was arrested for vagrancy, but was held in order to allow the police to make a further investigation of his case. Nothing further was known of the alleged was found against him and he was discharged from custody. St. Cyr's home is in Lowell.

The liquors seized at the place of Andrew J. Brown, of Townsend, and Frank Romano, of Shirley, at the recent raids there were declared forfeited last Saturday.

Thomas Kane was found guilty of vagrancy on Monday morning and sentenced to an indeterminate term at the state farm at Bridgewater.

Martin Chase, of Harwich, was found guilty of vagrancy and the case will file pending in most cases.

James Rooney, of New York city, and Frank Parrington, of Dawbit, England, were found guilty of vagrancy on Tuesday morning and their cases were filed.

Joseph Berry, of Pepperell, was arraigned on Tuesday morning for larceny of watch, alleged property of Mrs. M. E. Clellan, Chief of Police. He told the court the circumstances of the case and of finding the missing property on the person of the defendant. Berry admitted taking the watch but said the act was committed in fun, as the plaintiff knew of the plaintiff. In view of these facts Judge Atwood thought it best to refer the matter to James Ramsay, probation officer of the superior court, for his action and directed Thomas P. Mullin, the local probation officer, to notify Mr. Ramsay of all the facts in the case. The case against Berry was continued pending the action of Mr. Ramsay.

Herbert W. Farnsworth of Shirley, was in court on November 17 for violation of the provisions of Chapter 456 of the Acts of 1911. Specifically the complaints reads that the defendant without just cause by reason of neglect, beat his minor child, Fred, a boy of about 10 years of age, and without proper physical care. The appearance of Farnsworth in the court was the result of complaints made to the Massachusetts Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Children, which was represented at the trial by Robert C. Dexter, of Boston. Agent Newcomb of the State Board of Charity was also present in the interest of the children. The evidence showed that the child was kept in a home, at the least about the matter. After hearing the evidence Judge Atwood thought that the best interests of the state and the family would be subserved if a satisfactory arrangement could be made without sending the family unless as a last resort. The court therefore continued the case for three months and during that time an effort will be made to adjust matters to all concerned.

George H. Buck and Arthur W. Miller, both of Athol, were found guilty of vagrancy on Wednesday morning and their cases were placed on file.

Frank Drubbo, of Westford, was found guilty of assault and battery on Wednesday morning and the case was disposed of by the defendant being bound to pay the expenses of it, amounting to fifteen dollars.

The liquors and bottles seized at the Globe hotel in a recent raid were ordered returned by Judge Atwood on Wednesday morning, they being claimed by a boarder. John D. Carney appeared as counsel for the defendant and Lyman K. Clark for the government.

Clipping. From the Boston Sunday Globe of November 23: After slumbering for eight years, there has been revived the subject of an express electric railway line from Ayer to Fitchburg. The project has been revived by the Fitchburg and Leominster Street Railway company. There is no question but there is plenty of capital back of the enterprise, and it is declared officially that there is no doubt but the line will be built. Nothing authentic, however, is given out regarding the time when the work of construction will begin.

There is new being continued the survey, which was begun eight years ago, for a better connection with Ayer down the line for a considerable distance. Engineers have the past ten days been surveying in Concord and Lexington, and it is also said that in the latter town there has developed more than a suggestion of opposition, but the promoters of the enterprise are of the opinion that it will subside as soon as the plans are understood.

With such a line there would be a direct route from Fitchburg to Boston. In no place along the proposed route is there more apparent joy at the prospect than in Littleton, which has no electric line, but which it has long desired. It will also give Ayer a much better connection with the outside world electrically than it now has. On considerable of the route the road will run over private land, which will permit the opportunity for speed, which will be essential in order to give quick time between the terminals, which in Boston will be at the

Park-st. subway—at least that is the present purpose. From the above it would appear that there will be something done in regard to this new line in a short while.

Educational Aid Fund. In every town where the grange has been organized and its object understood, it has been a successful and helpful organization and has had the respect and support of all who are interested in a better community life. A recent undertaking, one which promises to be one of the most helpful, is the establishment of the State grange educational aid fund to loan money to young people, members of the grange, to assist them in obtaining an education.

The State grange, at its session in December, 1911, appropriated \$1500, the Pomona and Subordinate granges contributed \$1500 more in 1912, and many personal contributions have also been received. This year each grange in the state was asked to furnish an entertainment for the benefit of the fund and now the fund is aiding over thirty young people to attend Normal school and college, who otherwise would be deprived of an education beyond the high school.

The fund is administered by a board of five trustees who have made rules and regulations regarding the loans. The trustees are: Evan P. Richardson, Mills, chairman; Mrs. George S. Ladd, Sturbridge, sec.; James C. Poor, North Andover, treas.; Charles M. Gardner, Westfield; John H. Noble, Pittsfield.

Every member of St. Andrew's is urged to be present this coming Sunday, a double festival. The vicar will preach on the uniqueness of Jesus Christ.

On Tuesday, December 2, the Guild will meet as usual. The Junior Auxiliary will meet at the vicarage in Shirley, 16 Harvard road, at 4.15 o'clock. There will be a Christmas sale at the church in Forge Village on Friday afternoon, December 5. Come early.

Congregational Notes. Sunday morning worship at 10.45. The sermon will be a review of the last book published by Dr. Washington Gladden, pastor of the First Congregational church of Columbus, Ohio. The subject of the study is "Present day theology." In view of the fact that new light is breaking upon most of our quarter upon the subject of religion Dr. Gladden gives a restatement of the Christian religion. All who are interested and desire to know what the best minds of our generation are thinking about this great subject are invited to be present Sunday morning.

Evening worship at 6.30. Subject, "Chapters from the lives of great reformers—Francis at Assisi." Y. P. S. C. E. at 5.45. Topic, "Our church at work for our country." Leader, Miss Amy Lougee. All invited.

HARVARD. Still River. Mrs. Adeliza Turner will hold her annual sale of fancy work beginning on Wednesday afternoon, December 3, continuing through the week.

Charles Merrifield took his hay press to the Bancroft farm in Groton on last week Thursday to be sold. There are many hay there, and about 200 for other parties in Groton and Pepperell. This is the only machine of its kind in this part of the state. The machine will turn out about fifteen tons a day and the work of baling these 500 tons will occupy about five weeks' time.

Joseph Stebbins and family are taking a week's vacation and visiting his parents in Danielson, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Balcom are entertaining her father and mother from Maine.

Warren K. Harrod, of Worcester, is at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Harrod, for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Malcolm Campbell is at home from Amherst college.

Alice Marshall returned on Saturday from a two-months' trip to various points in the west. During the trip she visited Miss Elizabeth Stone at Wichita, Kansas, and Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Sheafe at New Comerstown, Ohio, a former pastor of the Unitarian church in Harvard for several years. Mrs. Morrill, who kept house for Miss Marshall during her absence, has returned to Boston.

Miss Laura A. Brown, of West Acton, spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. Jennie Willard.

Luther Willard, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell B. Willard, is sick with pneumonia and under the care of Dr. H. B. Royal. The fever is abating and everything seems favorable for recovery. As yet only one lung is affected and it is hoped to keep it there.

Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving passed off quietly. Mr. and Mrs. William B. Haskell entertained at dinner, H. D. Stone, Helen Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haskell at dinner. Mrs. Hanna D. Harrod had her son Albert, from Pepperell, with her for the day; also, Miss Esther Stone, of Ayer. Chester and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hunter. Mrs. Adie Turner spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Turner. Fred Bateman and sister Eliza went to Arlington to spend the day with their brother, Luther H. Bateman, and family. Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse were with relatives in Worcester. Mrs. Bridget Joyce was with her children in Boston, her daughter Nellie, of Boston, coming home to attend to the house while her mother was away. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bigelow took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bigelow at Harvard. Miss Alice Marshall went to West Newton to spend the day with her brother, Norman Marshall and family. Miss Katherine Lawrence was with her sister, Mrs. A. M. L. Clark, of Lancaster. Miss Emeline Evans, of Boston, was with her aunt, Mrs. Sarah C. Scales. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Viles entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Haskell at dinner. Miss Minnie, Grace and Edith Farnsworth, of Boston, Malden and Springfield, are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth. Mrs. Carrie Hosmer spent Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mrs. Lena Stone, at Hudson.

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News Items.

Mrs. Will Pierce is still quite ill, though better than last week. It is hoped that she is on the way to recovery.

Mr. Jewett last week was greatly surprised to receive a beautiful gift of a large bouquet of chrysanthemums from the Sunday-school.

On Friday of last week a girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Marvell. Mother and child are doing well.

The body of Roger Paul was brought to town Friday. He died in Taunton, Mass., on Friday of last week after a brief illness.

Mr. Paul lived in town for many years at the home of Mrs. Proctor, and was a cooper for the Worcester Brothers. Some years ago he went to Sherburne to live, but later moved to Taunton. He was a quiet man but always ready to do his part. His wife was a feeble woman and he was very faithful in his care for her. He was a member of John H. Worcester G. R. post and was chaplain of the organization for many years. Services were held in the cemetery on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Rogers was taken quite ill Saturday with indigestion. He was better on Monday, but not able to sit up.

Mrs. Merrick Pierce's two sisters, who have been visiting her from Canada, returned to Lakeport on Monday where they will stay until Friday, and then go on to their home.

Mrs. Ida Peckham visited with her sister, Mrs. Jewett, and Mrs. Kendall the holiday, coming Wednesday, returning Sunday. Miss Hattie Kendall went to Pepperell Saturday, spending the day and Sunday there.

Miss Rose Davison, of Chicago, lectured in Hollis on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. There were but few in attendance, but the lecture was a very able one and was highly interesting. She spoke of the world's convention and then gave the lecture on education. It was worthy of a larger audience.

The W. C. T. U. met last week, it being the annual meeting. The following were elected officers: Mrs. Lucy Brown, pres.; Mrs. Nellie Hardy, sec.; Mrs. George Messer, sec.; Mrs. Lovejoy, treas.

There were the usual number home for the holidays—Miss Sally Bell, Charlie Bell, Mrs. Leighton and daughter, Daniel Goodwin, Otis Goodwin, wife and baby, Charles Goodwin and Miss Lucy Goodwin, Mrs. Sarah Lawrence.

If you want white, clean clothes, send them to the Snow White Wash. No chemicals used to rot your clothes. All loses or any dissatisfaction made good. M. L. Richards takes them every Tuesday morning.

Current Events.

Charles Adams, at Silver Lake, has been restricted to the house with a severe cold.

Charles S. Spaulding was on the sick list last week, but was better at last reports.

Mrs. George E. Muzzey went to Waverly on Sunday to make a short visit with her daughter, Mr. Muzzey went to Malden to attend a funeral on Tuesday and they both returned home on Tuesday evening.

The school children in the lower grades packed some fruit and vegetables the past week and sent them to the Good Will institute in Nashua to be given to the poor children for Thanksgiving. Mr. Jambard, of South Hollis carried the donation for the children. The pupils in Miss Newton's room also remembered their little schoolmate, Francis Morrill, who is confined to his home with scarlet fever.

The Woman's club met last week Wednesday at the home of Miss Arvilla Hardy. A very interesting paper was given on "The national and political outlook of South America" by Mrs. Lucy Brown. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Anna Bell's on December 10.

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society will meet next week Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Samuel A. Worcester. Tea will be served at 4.30, instead of 5 o'clock, as has been the usual custom. The hour has been changed on account of the shortness of the days.

Miss Rose A. Davison gave an eloquent recital in the church vestry on Tuesday evening, November 25, on behalf of the W. C. T. U.

The Hollis Homestead can now be procured at the store of M. L. Richards each week.

Thanksgiving services were held on Wednesday evening in connection with the usual mid-week services. These services have usually been held on Thursday morning, but it made it more convenient for many to attend it the evening before.

Mrs. George W. Coburn, of East Hollis, has been poorly of late with a hard cold and after effects.

Mrs. James Weston, of Mt. Vernon, spent last week with Mrs. D. J. Etheridge.

Mrs. Desirah Rideout was reported very low at this time.

Miss Beatrice Stimson, who has been assisting at M. L. Richards', is at home again.

Mrs. Lizzie Gilson was in town this week.

Two telephones were installed recently on Moore hill at the homes of Samuel Cassidy and Albert G. Muzzey.

Miss Annie B. Newton has changed her boarding place from the home of Mrs. Emma Goodwin to Samuel Bascom's, the change being made so she might be nearer her school.

Four doe were seen last week Wednesday near the home of John L. Woods. They did not seem at all timid and stayed quite near the house feeding in a newly-seeded down piece. They were scared away but soon came back again, and at last started off in the direction of Birch hill. They were of good size. In several different towns four doe resembling these have recently been seen and it is possible that these may be the same deer.

Mrs. Elbridge Farley went to St. Johnsbury, Vt., last week to visit a sister who was in the hospital.

Mrs. McKee, who lives on the William Burbee place, started out alone one day last week to pick laurel. She went into the woods near the home of Charles Welchler and after considerable wandering about lost her way and late in the afternoon came out of the woods near George Stimson's house. She was then directed back but was not located until after considerable anxiety was aroused by her family.

Miss Grace Hayden, of Boston, was at home for Thanksgiving.

Edward Mace and family moved to Billerica, Mass., last week Thursday.

Willis Hayden, of Dover, spent the holiday in town.

Fred Moore and family are going to move to Nashua soon. He has been selling his live stock at private sales recently.

It is reported that Mrs. Dow's place, now occupied by Alice Denault and family, has been sold.

Jean Baker came home last Saturday for a two-weeks' rest from her school work.

Ruth Hills spent Thanksgiving and the remainder of the week with her mother, Mrs. James Hills.

Charles J. Hills spent Thanksgiving with his family in Brookline, Mass. Mrs. Hills and children have been making a two-weeks' visit with her parents there.

Otis Goodwin and family spent the holiday at the home of Mrs. Emma Goodwin.

Walter Colburn spent Sunday with his father, Franklin P. Colburn, and sister, Miss Minnie.

A ten-pound daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Marvel on last week Friday. Both are reported as doing nicely.

Miss Ada Britten was in town on Sunday.

Daisy L. Woods is employed in M. L. Richards' store.

Miss Josie Adams, who has been staying at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clara Blood for a few weeks, has resumed her work at Mrs. Angelina Muzzey's.

A seven-pound boy arrived on Monday at Mr. and Mrs. John Preston's.

The road between the old poor farm and Alexander Watson's place has been repaired recently. The work was in charge of Lewis Rideout, road commissioner.

Mrs. Albert Hildreth and son Henry went to Frankestown on Monday to spend Thanksgiving with her parents.

Harold Guething and Charles Spaulding were at their homes for Thanksgiving.

Waldo A. Flag and family spent the holiday in Mason with relatives, making the trip in their auto.

Mrs. Edith Bishop, of Nashua, was at William H. Lund's the past week.

Mrs. William Pierce, who has been very ill, is reported as being much better.

We have received from the civil service commission at Washington, D. C., the list of towns whose postmaster must take civil service examination in accordance with the order of President Wilson. Hollis is not found in the list.

A son was born the first of the week to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Robbins, of Hollis depot.

Anderson C. Colburn escaped having a serious accident on last Saturday when he was kicked by his new black horse. While adjusting the harness in the stall the horse kicked him, badly bruising his head, face, his left arm and shoulder and dislocating one rib. Mr. Colburn was rendered unconscious for several minutes and when he came to he was out in the barn yard where he had evidently walked after the horse kicked him. He is getting along well and his many friends are glad that the accident was not more serious.

Mrs. George Stimson was on the sick list last week and was attended by Dr. Taft, of Milford.

Hollis High the Winner.

The Hollis high school basketball team opened its season with a game with the Groton high school at the town hall on Friday evening, November 21. It was a splendid game and in every way fair and clean. The Peterboro boys played hard to the very end. At the end of the first half the score was 21 to 4 in favor of Hollis. The pupils of the Peterboro high school pupils rallied to the support of their team with yells and songs. The summary:

HOLLIS PETERBORO  
Bell, Reed, 10; O'Neil, 10; Weeks, 10; Spaulding, 10; Spaulding, 10; White, Spaulding, Reed, Brown, 10; Liscord 10.

Score, Hollis high school 25, Peterboro high school 15. Goals from floor, W. Spaulding 7, Clement 4, O'Neil 1, Hall 2, Weeks 1, Liscord 1. Goals from fouls, W. Spaulding 1, Bishop 7, Reed 1, Worcester 1, Liscord 1, Harrington 1, Boutin, Scorer, Sheppardson, Time, 20m. halves.

Mothers' Day.

The pupils in Miss Annie B. Newton's school gave a very pleasant and interesting little program in school on Tuesday afternoon. They called it mothers' day and extended an invitation to them all. The following program was given:

Salutation of day school; words of welcome, Hannah D. French; poem, "Night wind," school; song, "Jack Frost," school; recitations, "The turkey," Lawrence Reed; "Thanksgiving," Irene Stekney; "Busy days," Lois Brown; "Thomas Bobb," Elizabeth Pike; song, "The corn," school; exercises, "Thanksgiving," by several girls; song, "The pumpkin," school; recitation, "The Indians," Francis Denault; Theodore Jambard; Charles Lund; song, "Blawatha," Francis Denault; song, "Sleep, baby sleep," Lillian Mayo; history stories, several little boys and girls.

The children showed a good deal of training and much credit was due them and Miss Newton. King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, namely Woodbury Bell and Hannah French, received the visitors at the door and escorted them to seats; also, presenting each with a dainty program.

Deaths.

Mrs. Mahala Hayden passed away at the home of M. L. Richards, Friday, November 22, after a long illness, stricken with a shock only a few days previous and never regained consciousness. The funeral was from the Messer home on Monday forenoon.

Rev. Robert French officiating. Burial was at the North cemetery. The family lot. Mrs. Hayden had reached the age of eighty-nine and had been in good health and very active until within a few days before her death. She had lived in Hollis nearly all her married life and spent a good many years in the house now owned and occupied by Robinson Crusoe. She always attended the old folks' reception given by the Y. P. S. C. E., and lady present. She is survived by two sons, George F. Hayden, of Nashua, and Fred M. of Marlboro, who attended the funeral, and George Morrison, of Marlboro, was also present.

The remains of Roger Paul, of Taunton, Mass., were brought to town on Monday and interred in the East cemetery in the family lot. Mr. Paul and family left town several years ago, but are well remembered by Hollis people. He was a soldier and a member of this post. Four of the veterans drove to East Pepperell on Monday to meet the remains. They were Charles Hale, Daniel Hayden, John L. Woods and Alonzo Wilson. Fred Willoughby and George Woodin also accompanied them. Mr. Paul's widow is in very feeble health and was not able to come, but the body was accompanied by Austin Paul and wife, of Pepperell, and Dr. Chester French pronounced the benediction and the G. A. R. service was used.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

The union service on Thanksgiving day was held in the Congregational church this year. Rev. Alfred Noon, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the service and preached the sermon.

The C. E. service on Sunday evening was led by Miss Nellie Jewett and the topic was "Discontent or peace, which is your life?" Miss Jewett had a well arranged program for this most interesting Thanksgiving service which called forth remarks from a large majority of those present and made the service very profitable.

The second in the series of social dances was held on Friday evening of last week and was well attended.

The Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Carl E. Brown last week Friday afternoon, forty ladies attending. Miss Mabel Allen presided. The subject under consideration was Martin Luther and four very interesting papers were read, giving quite a history of his life, work and the struggles he made to uphold that which he believed to be right. The papers were prepared and read by Mrs. Sarah Harrington, Mrs. Mary Ewing, read by Miss Julia Cushing, Mrs. Jennie M. Noon and Mrs. Emma Bryant. The next meeting of the club will be in the Congregational vestry on December 5. Subject, "Some noted Germans."

Pomona Meeting.

It was estimated that the largest number of people attended Pomona grange here on Thursday that were ever in the hall before on a similar occasion. The morning session proved very interesting and profitable to all. Dinner was served and an hour given to those attending and looking at the fine exhibit and variety of corn which had been brought in from nearly all surrounding towns. Considering the very unfavorable year for corn the exhibit was pronounced excellent.

At 2.40 in the afternoon the grange was again called to order and an unusually large audience filled the hall. Lecturer Lewis L. Harrington gave the address of welcome and George S. Knapp, of Groton grange, responded. They came to the address of the afternoon by Prof. E. D. Wald, assistant director of extension service at the Massachusetts Agricultural college. His subject was "Improvement of the corn crop." He spoke for an hour and among other things said: "Four important questions should be answered in deciding which variety of corn to raise. First, its adaptation to the climate and soil. Second, will it yield satisfactorily? Third, has it sufficient vitality to reproduce itself and make another crop—in other words will it do for seed corn? And fourth, does it show improvement? His advice was to plant a kind of corn that had been tried and tested in this locality, using the best seed in preference to that grown elsewhere, no matter how well it might have done in other places. Always select the best ears for seed with kernels of seed nearly uniform in size as possible to get the best results."

At the close of the lecture Mrs. George Brackett, of Townsend, sang a song and Henry E. Rodimon, past master, and Mrs. Alice M. Arnold, past lecturer of Fitchburg grange, gave recitations. Clayton E. Stone then read a long list of premiums as awarded for the corn show which seemed satisfactory to all. This closed the afternoon session.

Supper was then served by Lunenburg grange to forty or more of the visitors who remained for the evening. The committee in charge of whom the success of the enterprise is due were Lewis L. Harrington, chairman, and Clayton E. Stone of Lunenburg grange, Fred A. Miller, secretary of Fitchburg grange, Joseph Coughlin of Littleton grange, Frank N. Boutelle of Townsend grange, and George S. Knapp of Groton grange.

In the evening several selections were given by Lancy's orchestra, after which Lunenburg grange presented a laughable farce entitled "Looking for more." After this the floor was cleared for promenade which engaged the attention of all present until time for dispersing.

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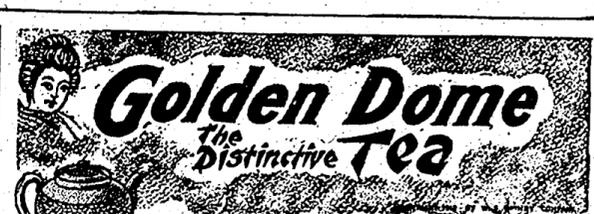
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All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

EMMA L. BYAM, Administratrix. Littleton, Mass., Nov. 7, 1913.

# SHIRLEY.

## News Items.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. Bessie Collier on Tuesday evening when boxes of fruit, candy, etc. were packed and distributed Wednesday to the sick and aged.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen entertained on Thanksgiving day their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dana B. Somes and family, of Boston; also their son, W. Lloyd Allen, of Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. David Lindenberg, of Lancaster road.

Mrs. E. V. Boynton, housekeeper for Mrs. Craigie, who resides at Flat hill, is very ill with pneumonia.

Edward Lucie has completed his term of enlistment in the United States army and is now at his home in town.

The Alliance met with Mrs. Minnie L. Allen on Tuesday afternoon. Much important business was transacted.

Miss Lena Gately spent over the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Neylan, in Somerville.

The meeting of the Shakespeare club, which was to have met with Mrs. Minnie L. Allen on Tuesday afternoon, was postponed until next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock.

Edmund E. Winterbottom, who has been confined to his home with sickness, is some better.

A meeting will be held in Engine hall this Saturday evening at eight o'clock to take further steps relative to making plans with the Clinton hospital for the town of Shirley to be admitted to their hospital district. Delegates appointed by their organizations are expected to be present and meet the officers of the temporary organization which has been effected under the auspices of the Alliance.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on December 9. Rev. Vaughn Dabney, of Ayer, will be the guest and speaker of the evening. His subject will be "The night riders of Kentucky."

Rev. and Mrs. G. Edwin Woodman and family left town on Wednesday morning for Portland, Me., to spend over Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William G. Soule, parents of Mrs. Woodman.

Harry Mushraef, of Gloversville, N. Y., is visiting this week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Michael Gionet.

Mrs. Charles W. Wolf arrived home on Tuesday from the New England Sanitarium at Melrose and has shown marked improvement in her condition.

The second whist party of the season took place in St. Anthony's hall on Thanksgiving night under the auspices of the members of the choir for the benefit of the church.

The public schools of the town closed on Wednesday for the remainder of the week.

The Shirley fire department will hold their annual ball in Odd Fellows' hall on Friday evening, December 5. The orchestra, of Marlboro, will furnish the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret entertained over Thanksgiving day their sons, John and family of Hudson, and George and family, of Waverley.

Miss Margaretta Hastings, principal of the high school, left on Wednesday for her home in Brookfield for the holidays.

Miss Lena Fuller is spending a few days at her home in Everett.

Miss Marion Fowle is spending a few days at her home in Amherst, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson and son Milton, of Boston, is spending a few days with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton and family spent Thanksgiving holidays at their summer home in town.

Miss Rosa Buckheim spent Thanksgiving holidays with friends in Dorchester.

Mrs. Edwin H. Conant is confined to her home with sickness. Mr. Conant, her husband, is improving nicely and will soon be home again.

Rev. J. H. Cote, formerly pastor of St. Anthony's church, was a visitor in town the latter part of last week.

Mrs. London and daughter Bernice, of Cambridge, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Holland.

The Altruistic club sent to the Parker Memorial hospital, of Boston, on Wednesday eighty-one jars which included jellies, preserves and pickles.

Mrs. Julia F. Kilburn, with daughter, Miss Grace Kilburn, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Allen, of Brookline.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Pevear, of Swampscott, with daughter Ruth, spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Conant.

Miss Alice Horton, with friend, Miss Gladys Hamilton, of Cleveland, Ohio, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Miss Horton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney S. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker, of New York, arrived on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Ricker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris. They will return to New York on Sunday.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will hold a supper and social next Wednesday evening. The supper will be served at seven o'clock and the entertainment at eight.

Mrs. George L. Waters, Miss Lena Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Howe, with daughter, of Leominster, were guests on Thanksgiving day of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris.

Miss Lena Tewksbury, of Springfield, is spending this week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tewksbury.

Miss Helene Desmond left town on Wednesday morning for Hartford, Conn., to spend a couple of weeks with her aunt.

Kenneth Horton, with friend, of Holderness college, spent Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney S. Horton.

Accident. Thomas D. Morin had his buggy demolished last week Friday afternoon while on his way to West Groton. It appears that the men engaged in digging holes on Center road for the electric light poles piled loose dirt from the holes in the roadway. Mr. Morin had reached a point near the residence of Charles K. Bolton when he met Mr. Rimes, of North Shirley driving a horse attached to a demerit going in the opposite direction to Mr. Morin. The high piles of dirt in the street at this point made it difficult for both teams to pass and Mr. Rimes' horse shied and jumped to either side and finally raised up and landed with two front feet in Mr. Morin's buggy, breaking two wheels and doing damage to Mr. Morin's team. Mr. Morin with difficulty managed to keep his own horse under control. No damage was done to either Mr. Rimes' horse or team.

# Center.

George Foote of Weston, Rupert George of Boston, and Mr. McNyre of Hingham were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

The surveyors who have been working on the state road, and who have been staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sweetser, left last week, having completed their work.

Miss Helen Bensanson, of West-Acton, spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford.

Henry McHenry, of Yale university, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard after attending the Harvard-Yale game at Cambridge on Saturday.

The Girls' Sewing Guild spent a pleasant afternoon last Saturday with Misses Pauline and Priscilla Sweetser.

Miss Marion L. Holden, of Green-wich, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden, for a week's vacation from her duties as teacher.

The Center primary and grammar schools were closed last week Friday to enable the teachers, Miss Walsh and Miss McCuster, to attend the teachers' convention in Ayer.

Nine members of Shirley grange attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange at Lunenburg last week Thursday. They were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Carey and Mrs. Eldon Price.

Miss Hazel Harris, of Fitchburg, spent Sunday at the home of her father, Clinton Harris, on Clark road.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday, December 6, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

Mr. Parson, of Groton School, began his duties as pastor at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Parson has charge of a bible class for the older girls. Regular service will be every Sunday afternoon. Sunday school at 4.15.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farmer, of Woodsville, were tendered a surprise party on last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Buxton. The party, which numbered about forty was made up of fellow grangers. George Buxton, in behalf of those present, presented the surprised couple with a set of silver knives and forks. A very pleasant evening was spent with a variety of music, refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

The next meeting of Shirley grange will be held on Tuesday evening, December 2. At this meeting the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.

Not many deer were brought down in this section during the season of last week. Ralph Thompson and Sidney Hines each got one deer and Louis Bradford shared one with a Lunenburg party.

Robert H. J. Holden, of Harvard university, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. H. J. Holden, at the attending the Harvard-Yale game on Saturday.

## Clipping.

The following clipping is from Monday's issue of the Harvard Crimson:

"Tomorrow," by Percy Mackaye '97, was recently produced at the Little theatre, Philadelphia, where it received an enthusiastic reception. Mackaye is now rehearsing a new play which the Shuberts are to produce shortly in New York. This play, "Turandot, Princess of Pekin," is an original fantastic comedy in verse on a theme from the Arabian Nights' tale as the older Gozzi-Schiller "Turandot." It is not a revision or rewriting of that play, as has been stated, but an entirely new piece.

Mr. Mackaye's bird masque "Sanctuary," performed last summer in Cornish, N. H., with a cast of 100, Miss Wilson in the title roles, will be repeated in New York on a large scale on February 10, under the auspices of the Civic Forum and National History Museum. It, also, is in press and will be published by the F. A. Stokes Company.

In collaboration with Joseph Linden Smith, Mr. Mackaye has been commissioned to write and devise a large scale civic drama for Saint Louis, to be known as "The masque of Saint Louis." Preparations have been started for this spectacle, which is to be performed next May. About a thousand persons will participate in this masque which is to be given on an out-door stage so constructed that an audience of 100,000 may witness the performance.

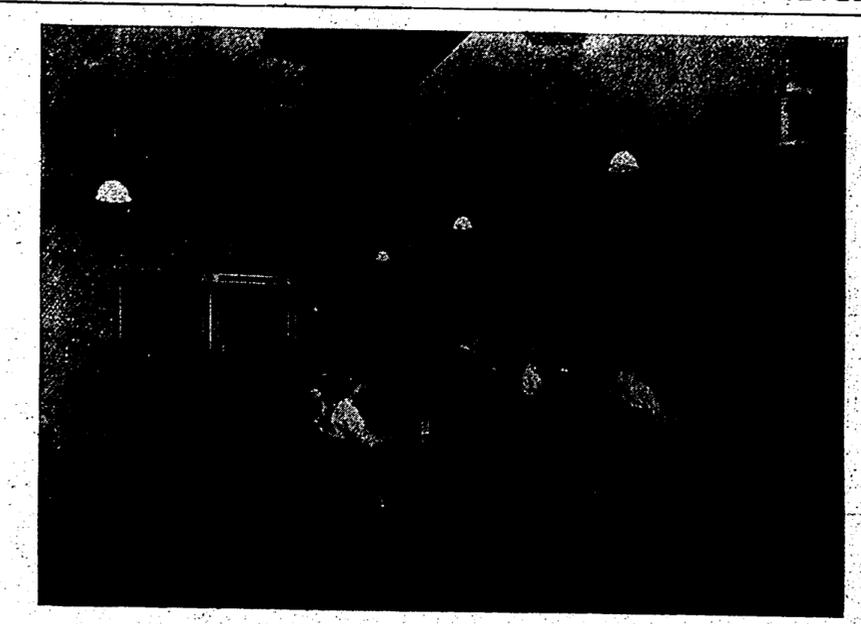
## AYER TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

The extensive alterations in the telephone building at the corner of Cambridge and Lawton streets, which have been under way for the past few months are now completed and is occupied by the several departments. The building is one of the best equipped of its size in the entire system. The addition of a second story and the enlargement of the building on the north side has given the company much needed room to handle the large business at this busy exchange. In raising the building to add another story there was not the slightest interruption to business, all the operators and other employees being at work while the building was being raised to meet the requirements for which the change was made.

The basement floor and the sides of the cellar are made of a patented process, which is guaranteed to resist moisture, thereby making the basement as free from dampness as possible. All annoyances from surface water coming into this part of the building will therefore be removed. A modern heating system has been installed in the basement which sends its general warmth all over the building with added comfort to the employees at work there.

In the rear of the building on the street floor is the wire chief's room, and in front will be the commercial office where everything connected with the business of the company, with the exception of the wire chief's work and that of the operators, will be performed. On this floor also will be placed a booth which will be used as a public pay station.

On the top floor, in front, the massive switchboard is placed where the operators perform their work. In the rear of the building, on the same floor, there is a retiring room for the operators. Under the recent regulations of the company there will be rest periods for the operators as follows: To those who work on what is known as the split trick, that is part time mornings and evenings, there will be a fifteen minute rest period at each of the above times. From six and one-half to seven and one-half hours constitute a split trick and the day trick, which is morning and afternoon, is seven and one-half hours. This same method will also be given for rest during the day trick. The rest room will be finely furnished and



THE OPERATING ROOM OF THE AYER TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

the latest periodicals and papers will be furnished for the benefit of the operators. Lockers are also furnished for the operators to keep their clothes in. Adjoining this apartment is a wash-room. The building is lighted by the latest product of the electricians' art.

The great switchboard, before which fourteen operators are employed to handle the large traffic, is a three-section number of magnet board. The switching point for the exchanges of Harvard, Littleton, Shirley, Groton, Pepperell and Townsend. From here, therefore, messages are sent to these towns and thence to other parts of the system.

The business of the local exchange has shown a steady and consistent growth. At the present time the number of toll calls per day received at this office is 2000, and the number of local calls 3500, or a total per day of 5500. The number of local calls per day averages 6.3 for every local subscriber.

The wire chief's department is in charge of Henry E. Farnum, who with a force of men, look after the keeping the lines in good running order. Included in this force are three men whose duty it is to care for the defects in the service caused by crossed wires or any other accident which interferes with the proper conduct of the business. These men are called trouble hunters. Mr. Farnum's force also does the construction work in the towns of Ayer, Shirley, Harvard, Townsend, Littleton, Groton, Pepperell and Brookline, N. H. Mr. Farnum has been employed at the Ayer exchange since August, 1902, and has seen the great strides in business during that time.

The calculograph, which sets in the switchboard near each operator, automatically records the time for toll calls. On the switchboard, also in view of each operator, is a clock which records the time between the rings for a subscriber. The operator, as soon as a drop falls, connects the caller with the one called by inserting a plug in a hole containing the number of the wire of the one to be called. When the connection thus made, the next duty of the operator is to ring the number which it is desired to communicate with. When subscriber rings up central he causes a piece of metal, about the size of a twenty-cent piece, to drop and turn over on a hinge-like arrangement from which it derives its name—a drop. There are two of these drops—yellow and red in color. The yellow drop has the number of the line in black figures upon it and thus enables the operator to know the number of the line calling. The red drop is for the purpose of informing the operator when the subscriber has concluded the call and drops when the subscriber rings off. As soon as the operator answers the call she replaces the yellow drop—called the line drop.

If the call should be 105-3, the operator will connect the wire from which the call comes from to the 105 line by inserting the plug, and then rings three, the number of the person called. The operator now makes four rings, one at twenty seconds and remaining rings thirty seconds apart. The interval between rings is subject to change. If after trying four times there is no answer the attempt is given up. The telephone company figures that from the time a subscriber is called until he finally answers is two minutes.

In the course of the work when the number of calls are up in the thousands, there are times when each operator handles several calls at one time. In doing so connections have to be made on either side and sometimes the connecting plugs are crossed in every direction. To make the proper connections at such times requires tact and rapidity, and it also requires all the attention of the skilled operator to keep up with the work. A medical cabinet forms an important part of the equipment of this room, where the operatives may receive treatment for temporary illness. A patented electric lock on the outside street door is worthy of mention.

This lock, as its name implies, is operated by electricity by anyone inside the building, so that it is impossible for anyone to enter the building after certain hours unless the operator allows it.

Joseph W. Peck and Leonard A. Buck were the first parties to whom the American Bell Telephone Company granted a license to conduct telephone business in this town under their patents. The first line was built from Lowell to Fitchburg by way of Ayer, and an office was established in Ayer, and the postmaster, where P. Donlon & Company's store is at present, Mr. Buck being the postmaster at that time. This was in the summer of 1880.

Mrs. Nellie Frances Kittredge was appointed manager in 1881, and the efficient and courteous service she gave was most pleasant and useful to the patrons and the public. Mrs. Kittredge resigned in 1901, after twenty years of faithful service.

Miss Emma E. Butterfield began work for the company as an operator in July, 1883, and resigned in November, 1900. Shortly after her appointment the office was moved to the upper floor in Spaulding's block, Main street.

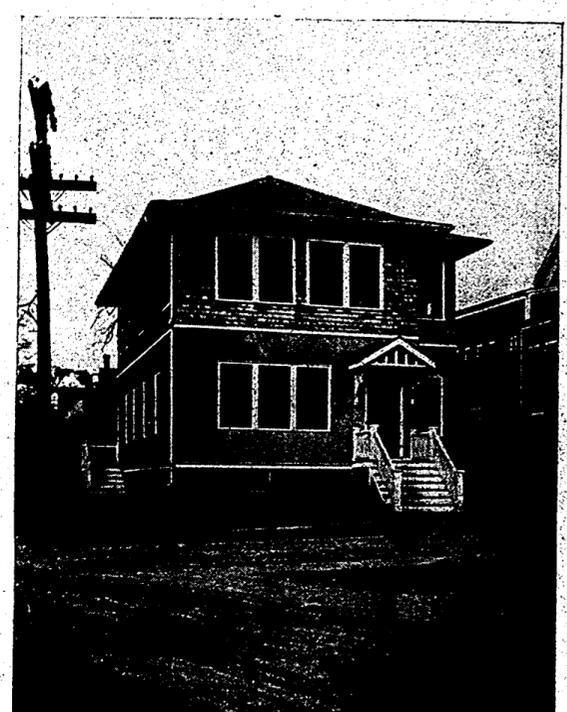
Mr. Buck conveyed his interest to George G. Day in 1882. In August of the same year Mr. Day conveyed his one-half interest to Mr. Peck, by whom the corporation known as the Ayer Telephone Exchange Company was formed. The new corporation, however, managed the business but a short time, selling out to the New England Telegraph and Telephone Company.

Miss Isora M. Kellerman, the present chief operator, has been a valued employee of the company for the past thirteen years. She has general charge of the operators and sees that everything runs smoothly. She also

Manager Frank Feather is one of the most competent men in the employ of the company and has been in charge of the local exchange for the past fourteen months, taking the place of J. J. Barry. Mr. Feather has, during that short space of time, showed that he is fully qualified for the responsible duties of that position. He is popular alike with the employees of the exchange and the public generally, by whom he is highly esteemed. Mr. Feather when he entered the employ of the company eight years ago was employed in the contract department and later was transferred to the sub-license department. His work in these positions gave him a varied experience. Four years ago he was district chief clerk for the Manchester, N. H. district and was later special agent for the district manager. Later he was employed in Hartford and Coalinga, Cal., for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company as manager. He is a young man of pleasing personality and progressive ideas.

This sketch would be incomplete without a mention of the wire chief's force in charge of Henry E. Farnum. These men have very important duties to perform and without their loyal co-operation the service would not long retain its efficiency. They are important factors in the smooth running of the great machine who seldom come in direct contact with the public at large. They are the men who in all kinds of weather are engaged in keeping the lines in proper working condition and in building new lines.

Three of the number are known as "trouble men," whose duties are to look after physical defects in the service such as crossed wires or wires that are grounded in times of storm or for any other reason. In a word they keep the wires and equipment in proper condition for the business of



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furnishes "information." The duties of the position require a rare degree of tact and are admirably performed. When Miss Kellerman first entered the service of the company there were but thirty-six telephones in use in the district, whereas now there are 1500.

Miss Susie Dafty, cashier, is another of the longest in the service of the company, her employment extending over a period of ten years. She has charge of all the accounts of the exchange and handles the payments and disbursements.

Two years ago, in compliance with a state law which required at least two persons to be on duty all night, Miss Margaret Horan was engaged to fill the position known as a companion for the regular night operator. Miss Minnie Leahy, who has been employed in that position for the past five years, is one of the mainstays of the operating force and contributes much to its efficiency.

The remaining operators upon which much of the success of the business of the company depends are Misses Emma and Helen Kinney, Ethel Andrew, Alice Callahan, Nora Cleary, Eva Davenport, Theresa Markham, Margaret McCarthy, Hazel Perry, Clara Scripture, Gertrude Towne and Della Devorney.

In concluding this article it is but fair to say a word for the good service which the company gives its subscribers. The operators possess the prime requisite of courtesy, promptness and accuracy which qualities are essential to the proper and expeditious conduct of the business.

When it is considered that there are many calls received and answered daily, many of which come at unexpected times, requiring extra speed and skill, together with the other complications that daily arise, and when it is further considered that the operators are human and liable to error (a fact that many still fail to realize) it is not strange that mistakes are likely to occur occasionally. But it is fair to say that the local exchange is surpassed by none in the service given.



FRANK FEATHER, Manager

