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### HARVARD.

**News Items.**  
The next regular meeting of the King's Daughters will be held at the home of Mrs. Philip O. Dickson on Friday afternoon March 5.

In addition to the regular musical program at the Congregational church next Sunday morning the Girls' chorus will sing, "One sweetly solemn thought," arrangement by Morey.

Miss Helen Whitney is spending the week-end at Cumberland Mills, Me.

**Sabbath River.**  
Word has been received of the death of his home in Providence of Rev. Wm. H. Bowen, father of Rev. Everett A. Bowen, a former pastor of the Baptist church here, February 20. Mr. Bowen was a prominent Baptist minister for many years and for many years after giving up his pastoral work he was called upon to supply pulpits not only of the Baptist, but other denominations, so much so that he came to be called "The bishop of Rhode Island." Mr. Bowen's several times occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church here.

Among the visitors on Washington's birthday we note Miss Agnes Joyce of Boston with her mother; Misses Grace and Edith Farnsworth of Malden and Springfield at their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth; Warren K. Harrod of Worcester with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Harrod.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McClintock and baby of Lancaster were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Haskell Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Flanders spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Milton. Miss Ellen Barry is staying with Mrs. Flanders helping care for her mother.

Miss Alice Marshall is visiting her father, Norman Marshall, at West Newton.

Mrs. Thomas Higgs entertained a sister and daughter Sunday and Monday.

Master Lawrence Bigelow is ill with tonsillitis. Mrs. Bigelow is also ill with the gripe.

Miss Katherine Lawrence seems to be considerably better and it is hoped she will have no more serious setbacks.

Last week Friday evening Mr. Hutchinson took a load of Oddfellows in his auto from Harvard to West Acton, where over 350 from different lodges met. The West Acton lodge entertained with a male quartet from Boston, followed by lunch and social hour until after-midnight.

### SHIRLEY.

**News Items.**  
Frank Cifreno lost a horse through death Wednesday.

Miss Emma Knowles is spending the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walker of Leominster.

William G. Lyon passed away at his home in Ayer Thursday evening from the effects of cancer of the stomach. Mr. Lyon was a former well-known and respected resident of this town.

Mrs. B. S. Binney has been confined to her home this week with sickness.

The Alliance will hold its next meeting Wednesday, March 3, at the home of Mrs. Doris Wilson, Lancaster road.

Miss Mary Flynn was stricken with a shock Thursday about noon and relatives and friends are much alarmed over her condition.

Alexander Bodah, fifteen years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bodah, ran away from his home Wednesday, taking with him \$25 belonging to his mother. He was rounded up in Fitchburg late Wednesday night by the Fitchburg police and Thursday admitted his identity and produced \$25 of the \$25, which it is alleged he took from home. His father went up to Fitchburg Thursday morning and brought the boy back to his home.

### Altruistic Meetings.

The Altruistic club held its regular meeting in the club rooms Thursday afternoon, the president, Mrs. Myra E. Ely presiding. Miss Grace M. Kilburn was appointed secretary pro tem, owing to the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Lilly. The usual order of business being disposed of Mrs. Abbie J. Wells gave a paper on the subject of "German artists" and Lewis Parsons gave a lengthy talk on "Germany," substituting for Miss Annie Hunter. Mr. Parsons covered the past century's growth of Germany along lines of education, art and government, making the afternoon intensely interesting for the members, as Mr. Parsons possessed a large fund of information on his subject.

Mr. Parsons was presented by the club with a bouquet of carnation at the close of his address.

The next meeting will be held in the Congregational church vestry on March 11, when Mrs. Grace A. Johnson of Cambridge will address the club on the subject of suffrage and at 3:30 the meeting will be open to the public and is sincerely hoped the men will be largely represented.

### HOLLIS, N. H.

**About Town.**  
The citizen's caucus will be held in the lower town hall Thursday evening, March 4, at eight o'clock, to nominate town officers to be supported at the town meeting, March 9.

The next meeting of the Hollis Grange will be held March 2. Topic for discussion, "The town and school warrant," reading, Mrs. Nellie Howard's recitation, Mrs. Francisella Willshire, piano solo, Elwyn Wheeler. The second degree will be conferred on a class of seven.

The little son born to Rev. and Charles H. Davis of Portland, Me., has received the name of Philip Calvert.

Mrs. A. W. Britton announces the engagement of her daughter, Ada L., to Charles A. Andrews of Nashua.

The supper and entertainment given by the Junior class of the Hollis high school on Monday evening, February 22, was well attended.

Miss Tait of Boston spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Laura J. Clark.

Lumber is being hauled for a barn to be built by Joseph Mayo at his home on Depot road.

Rev. Fr. Mitchell has been ill at his home on the Nashua road and was attended by Dr. Hazard.

The school meeting will be held in the lower town hall Saturday afternoon, March 6, at two o'clock. The warrant contains eight articles and the only important one besides the regular ones that it contains each year is the one to see what action the district will take in regard to repairing and enlarging the Pine Hill school building and to raise and appropriate money therefore.

A regular meeting of the W. R. C. will be held on Tuesday afternoon, March 9. The program for the afternoon will be in charge of Mabel L. Hinckley and Ellen Wetmore.

Miss Hattie Benjamin of Nashua spent the week-end at the home of Wm. H. Lund.

Mrs. Chas. E. Hardy, Mrs. Harold Hardy and Francis K. Sweetser attended the exercises at the Amherst Practical Arts school Friday afternoon. Miss Louisa Hardy of this town, a graduate from Simmons college, is the domestic science teacher there.

### Town Meeting.

The town warrant has been posted and it contains sixteen articles. The town meeting is to be held Tuesday, March 9 at nine o'clock a. m. Among the important articles are the following:

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money for repairing highways as required by state law to procure state aid.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote

to appropriate a sum of money for concrete sidewalks upon condition that the abutters or others pay one-half the cost.

Art. 8. To see what action the town will take in regard to installing electric lights in public buildings and street lamps.

Art. 10. To see if the town will make a special appropriation to cover the cost of cutting brush beside the highways in compliance with law of 1913.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$75 for additional shelves for the town library.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to widen the bridge in Merrill's lane.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money to repair bridges in compliance with the law which takes effect April, 1915.

Art. 14. To see if the town will dispose of sprout land in Nashua.

Art. 15. To see what action the town will take in the preservation of the town hall.

### An Echo from the War.

Louis Teller left the employ of the Montreal branch of the Ford Motor Co. soon after the outbreak of the war to join the forces of the Allies. The manager of the Ford branch has just received an interesting letter from Teller, who is now convalescing in a French hospital. He was assigned to the general staff as automobilist and interpreter. Teller says: "At first I liked the excitement and danger. I was carrying staff officers and despatches from one end of the sixty-mile battle line to the other and the speed was always terrific. Finally after a stretch of fifty-two consecutive hours at the wheel without sleep or rest I was taken out of the car unconscious and haven't yet recovered quite from the terrible nervous strain."

Teller speaks of meeting the Ford agent of the city of Politics, who drove a Ford up the 102 steps of the city stairs and down again; a feat no other car has ever been able to accomplish. Of the terrific destruction of motor cars on the firing line Mr. Tel-

lier writes interestingly. He reports that the big cars for which the British and French governments paid from \$2000 to \$7000 are proving unserviceable because of their weight and size. The Fords are rapidly being adopted for field use.

### BOXBOROUGH.

#### News Items.

Zene Lovelace has returned to Waltham to work in the Metz auto factory. He formerly worked there but was obliged to leave on account of ill health.

The schools have been closed this week. Miss Newdeck went to her home in Worcester. Miss Sprague was obliged to return to her home in Lunenburg, Me., owing to sickness in the family. The others remained in town.

The young people who had planned to go to the costume party in Bolton on Steele's auto truck last Saturday evening had to give it up and so they hastily arranged a dancing party for the evening at Liberty hall. The Grange orchestra furnished music. The telephone played an important part in getting the people there and several oil stoves furnished sufficient heat for those who did not dance. On Monday evening there was a drama at the town hall.

Miss Mary Hager is quarantined at the home of her nephew, Milton Hager, in Fitchburg. While she was visiting there one of the children was taken with scarlet fever.

Miss Gertrude Reop, who has been visiting the Bartons for several weeks, left Thursday morning for her home in Nova Scotia. She intended to remain here another month as she was greatly enjoying her first visit to the States, but was called home for the serious illness of her father. The neighbors are all sorry to have her leave.

Llewellyn Wetherbee has gone to Florida. Howard Porter runs the farm while he is absent.

Mrs. Burpee Steele is visiting her mother and sisters in Clinton this week.

Mr. Livermore is suffering from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson, with their two children, of Lincoln, were week-end guests at William Withington's.

Mrs. John Cobleigh returned on Thursday from a visit with her daughter in Waltham.

Miss Edith Withington, of Fitchburg, was a holiday guest of her cousin, Alice Cobleigh.

The attack of pleurisy which Mrs. Charles Knight had last week later developed into a severe case of pneumonia and at present she is very weak, with but little chance of recovery.

Mrs. S. D. Salmon, 34, entertained the West Acton Whist club on last week Friday afternoon at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon, sr., were holiday guests in town.

Wendell and Helen Burroughs spent part of their vacation in Woodstock, Conn., as guests of their aunt, Mrs. Minnie B. Perkins.

Frank Sanborn, of Concord, spoke before the West Acton Woman's club on last Monday afternoon on "Literary people of Concord. I have known." Vocal selections were given by Mrs. Albert Rose, of Concord.

All of the Odd Fellows in town and some of their friends attended the union meeting of the order in West Acton on last week Friday evening and report a splendid entertainment and good time.

George Goodale spent the holiday in Worcester with his son, who attends Clark university.

A good number from here attended the C. E. meeting in Concord on last Monday.

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WESTFORD.

Center. Miss Beatrice Sutherland spent over the week-end and holiday with her sister Lillian in Swanzey, N. H., where the latter is teaching.

Mrs. David Wallace has recently spent a vacation of a few days with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Tarleton, in Somerville.

Among those who attended the funeral of the late Brigadier-General Greenleaf A. Goodale, C. A. S., retired, at Wakefield, last Saturday was Walter L. Cutter of this town. Mr. Cutter, a veteran of the Philippines campaign served under General Goodale when that officer was colonel of the 17th U. S. Infantry. Gen. Goodale had been in the service for thirty-three years.

Miss Edna Day is a student at the industrial school in Lowell.

J. Herbert Fletcher and son John spent over Sunday and the holiday with relatives in Farmington, N. H.

It was one year ago Wednesday of this week that the old Abbot house was burned, occupied at the time by the Edward Fisher family, an occurrence vividly remembered by all our residents. In sharp contrast is the mild, open weather of this past week to the intense cold and deep snow at the same time one year ago.

The holiday had no special observance in town. Some families had guests over the week-end and the holiday and some were away for the same time. Flagg were in evidence, there was no school, the R. F. D. men had the day to themselves and those going to the city to business every day enjoyed the holiday at home with their families and some of the young people went over to the dance at Littleton.

We note the address of Ralph Adams Cram of Boston, the well-known architect, before the Men's club of the First Unitarian society of Lowell, Thursday evening of last week; subject, "The cause and consequences of war." Some of Mr. Cram's youthful days were spent in Westford, while his father was pastor of the Unitarian church and his brilliant career is always followed with interest by the Westford friends.

The unaccountable rumbling sound last Sunday evening, which proved to be a slight earthquake shock, was plainly felt by many of our citizens.

A pretty dancing assembly took place at the town hall on last week Friday evening. This was a sort of aftermath of Miss Grant's dancing class for most of those present were members of the class. George A. Cadman kindly loaned his Victrola which furnished music for the dancing. These gatherings will be held every two weeks.

H. W. and L. F. Hildreth have recently added one small and one large brooder house and one new henhouse to their already quite extensive poultry plant.

At the Congregational church last Sunday Rev. David Wallace preached most helpfully and appropriately for the first Sunday of the Lenten season. Leonard Burland contributed a finely rendered solo and the girls' vested choir sustained the remainder of the musical service. W. A. Roudsbush conducted the evening service on the subject "Favorite bible chapters."

Members of the Tadmuck club are again reminded that each member is responsible for inviting one child to the Tadmuck club next Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational church to enjoy Miss Anne Warner Baker, the talented entertainer, in cartoon sketches, clay modeling, impersonations, shadowgraphs and pianologues. Miss Baker is one of the most expensive attractions of the club season and it is hoped that every member will give a written card with her name on it, also time and place of meeting to some child in season that available tickets of absent members of the club may be used.

Little Miss Helen Prescott Greig is out of quarantine from a light attack of measles.

A most attractive set of colonial interiors, doorways, etc., is on exhibition at the Library Art club, loaned by the Library Art club.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kimball, who have been on the George A. Drew farm, familiarly known as the Red farm for the past two years, leave there the first of March and have bought the George A. Kimball place at Parkerville. This farm contains seventy-five acres with good set of buildings.

Miss Edith A. Wright has been detained at home from her school duties this past week with an attack of jaundice. She is much improved and hopes to be back at the Frodo school next week. Miss Forster and Miss Smith have been sustaining the additional work caused by Miss Wright's absence.

About Town.

John J. Walker was an over Sunday guest at the Walker homestead on East Main street. Since graduation from the old Stony Brook school and Westford academy he has been a business resident of Natick. As

scholar at the Stony Brook school the writer has had many a friendly collar and elbow and "catch as catch can" with him.

The funeral of Paul Jasmijn, who died at his home in Parkerville, took place from St. Catherine's church, Graniteville, last week Wednesday morning, when a funeral mass was celebrated by Rev. R. J. McCoy, of Tewksbury. The choir, under the direction of Miss May F. Hanley, sang the Gregorian chant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Lowell. The bearers were A. J. and E. Jasmijn, sons of the deceased, and Paul Gladdu, a son-in-law.

The choir of the Unitarian church was much aided in song and enthusiasm last Sunday by the addition of Edward Blodgett, Leon Hildreth, the Misses Maude and Grace Robinson and Marjorie Seavey, while Henry Smith, of Graniteville, as tenor, was satisfactory soloist of the day. Rev. J. R. Pennington gave an eloquent address on Washington and in the afternoon spoke in Boston, and in the evening at Needham.

The smoke from the powder mill explosion in Acton was very much visible from the hilltop of the Stony Brook, but the noise of the explosion was not audible.

The earthquake that took a jolly ride from the Merrimack valley last Saturday evening took a branch ride up the Stony Brook valley. Nearly everyone noted the disturbance of the peace.

There will be a social and whist party at the vestry of the Unitarian church on next Friday evening. Mrs. Harry L. Saxon, the well-known and popular singer of Whidden's Corner, and recent resident of the town, will delight with song. Richard Baldwin, of Somerville, will entertain with readings. He will be remembered for his presence before Westford Grange in many a hit. Mrs. Eben Prescott has charge of the entertainment.

Lewis Dane has been visiting old friends and schoolmates in town. When a resident here his home was overlooking Long's pond.

There was an enthusiastic hearing at the Statehouse of Wednesday before the committee on agriculture on the recommendation of Governor Walsh, relative to reorganizing the State Board of Agriculture and reducing it to a commission of three. Among those who spoke against it was Rev. Louis H. Bucksborn, a former minister of the Unitarian church in Westford. The rural sentiment was nearly unanimous against it.

On Sunday evening at the Union Congregational church there will be a talk by Mrs. C. A. Robinson, of Boston. Mrs. Robinson is a fine speaker and will illustrate her talk with stereopticon views. She represents the Frances Willard Home Settlement in Boston, which is doing such a fine work in educating boys and girls in various branches. This settlement receives the proceeds from the food sale of Thursday at the home of Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. Della Boynton passed her eighty-fifth birthday on February 24. She is very active and energetic and recently walked two miles. We send her our congratulations.

Grange.

At the last meeting of the Grange a lively debate sprang into action on the question "That war is necessary for the progress and development of the human race." J. W. Rafter led off for the affirmative at a lively pace and sent home some troublesome arguments for the negative to parry. S. L. Taylor opened for the negative and fanned the air to a heat that helped a cool hall with only one furnace. John P. Wright would have followed for the affirmative with wit and wisdom, but being absent the distance of the lower hall, the negative were spared a prospective knock-out. Rev. David Wallace, for the negative, was the last speaker. He had the real goods of history and ethics and delivered them in a manner that made the contributions of war towards progress look as though it had been better if the contribution had never been contributed.

At this meeting action was taken as to the feasibility of a Fourth of July parade, and holding an agricultural grange fair next autumn. The matter was left in the hands of the executive committee who will inquire for evidence of enthusiasm. Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Eben Prescott also discussed the war resolution.

Forge Village.

Mrs. Mary Durn, of West Chelmsford, entertained Miss Eva F. Pine on last Tuesday.

Cameron school closed on Monday for Washington's birthday.

Miss Caroline E. Precious has her guest last Tuesday Miss Rachel Kimball, of Westford.

The sympathy of the village is extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fernald in the loss of their home by fire a week ago. Mr. Fernald is an active member of St. Andrew's mission and president of the Ladies' Sewing circle.

An illustrated lecture on "The English cathedrals" was given by Rev. Williston M. Ford at St. Andrew's mission on last Thursday evening. The congregation sang many well-known hymns.

The Young People's Social club of the Graniteville M. E. church will present the drama, "Liberty's Corner" in Abbot hall on next Wednesday and Thursday evenings. A first-class performance is awaiting all who attend.

Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, of Somerville, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Harriet E. Randall. Mrs. Roberts was formerly Miss Clara Hammond, who taught in Cameron school a few years ago.

Miss E. Mae Lord spent a brief visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lord, recently.

Miss Lillian Bailey, of Lowell, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Ethel M. Collins, over the holiday.

Several from here attended the organ recital in St. Anne's church, Lowell, last Saturday.

Miss Marjorie Rose and her sister, Miss Carmel Rose, of Belmont, spent the holiday at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Spiata.

Mrs. Laura E. Jones, of Worcester, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, four days last week.

The many friends of Chester Blodgett, of the Ridges, will be pleased to learn that he is now able to get about the house with the aid of crutches after being confined to his bed for over three weeks. Mr. Blodgett is suffering from a very severe injury to his leg, caused by his being run over some weeks ago. The young man is still under medical treatment daily, and although improving, he will not be able to resume work for several weeks yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hargreaves, of Somerville, spent the week-end and holiday at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Lovtner.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tuttle and little son Richard, of Lowell, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Tuttle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett, of Groton road.

Miss Lena Shugrue is the trained nurse in attendance at the Parker farm.

The mills of Abbot & Company closed on Monday, but ran on Friday to make up the four days per week schedule.

Cantata.

"A garden of singing flowers" was presented in Recreation hall on Tuesday evening to a very large audience. The garden, impersonated by Chas. Flanagan, did good work and his song was very much enjoyed. The flowers and singers were: Gladie Hosmer, Daisy Precious, Little Precious, Maud Precious, Lillian Hunt, Gladys Baker, Annie Orr, Margaret Orr, Gertrude Baker, Alice Hosmer, Myrtle Healy. Miss Caroline E. Precious was the accompanist for the cantata.

The cantata used was the gift of Rev. Thomas L. Fisher of St. Mark's church, Lowchester formerly vicar of this parish.

Much credit is due to the instructor of the children, Miss Sarah J. Precious, and she is to be congratulated on the good work done.

At the conclusion of the cantata a musical program was given and was greatly enjoyed. The proceeds of the affair will be used for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission.

The quartet from the Graniteville M. E. church, composed of William DeLoehn, Stephen Gardell, Gilbert Blaisdell and George Wilson, made a hit at the concert and were repeatedly encored.

Graniteville.

The usual Lenten devotions were held in St. Catherine's church last Tuesday evening and the services were conducted by Rev. M. E. Doherty, a former curate of this church, but now stationed at South Boston.

Owing to the rush of business at the C. S. Sargent's Sons' plant here, the machine shop ran all day Monday, as usual.

There was no special observance of Washington's birthday here, although Old Glory was displayed on several of the dwellings and a number from here took in the attractions at the theatres in Lowell.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prinn is now out of quarantine. Their little daughter Mary, who has been ill with scarlet fever, has fully recovered from the disease without any serious results.

Joseph Carpenter lost a valuable horse through illness on last Monday.

The preliminary arrangements are now being made for a benefit performance in aid of St. Catherine's church to be given shortly after the close of the Lenten season.

Edward Defoe has recently returned from a brief visit spent with friends in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Riney with Miss Eita May and Alice C. Sheehan of Lowell have been recent visitors here.

It is understood that several of the tenements of the Abbot Worsted Co. here are soon to have electric lights installed.

The members of Cameron circle, C. F. of A., held a well attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Tuesday night. Much business of importance was transacted and several applications for membership were received.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL BUILDING

The sixty-second congress authorized the George Washington Memorial association to raise a fund for the erection and endowment of a national civic hall in Washington, D. C., to be dedicated to George Washington and to be used in many ways for the benefit of the people of the country and indeed, of the whole world. The same congress set apart for the building a superb site covering several acres valued at fully half a million dollars. This national civic hall is to meet the need, long neglected of providing—at the capitol city of the nation, in the one city which belongs to all the people of the United States—a building which will be a center of great activities; the gathering place and headquarters of patriotic, scientific, educational and other organizations of national scope interested in promoting the welfare of the entire American people. Especially valuable will it be for international congresses which have hitherto met in Europe and which will find the United States the most convenient neutral country for their gatherings. Such a place of public meetings cannot but make invaluable contributions to the cause of world peace. Owing to the European war a distracted world will for some time look to this great nation for the quickening of world thought on many vital subjects.

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TOWNSEND.

Center. Mrs. Mary Sherrin in company with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Stearns...

Mrs. George G. Clarke is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Adelaide Harter...

A pretty party was given Miss Ruth Stearns by her schoolmates last Saturday evening in honor of her fifteenth birthday...

Wednesday, Mrs. Harriet Savage and Mrs. Clara Clement went to Boston to attend the play, "Ben Hur."

At the Grange last Monday evening the first and second degrees were conferred upon a class of candidates.

The town meeting dinner to be held in the banquet hall of Memorial building, Monday, March 1, is under the auspices of the D. V. Mrs. Hattie Cook...

Rev. and Mrs. Sylvester P. Robertson of Plainfield are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dow...

Club Meeting. Gentlemen's night at the Monday club was attended by an unusual large number of club members...

After Mr. Fessenden's remarks, Robert Copeland sang a solo and pleasingly responded to an encore.

Pleasantly Entertained. Wednesday afternoon the ladies of the Townsend Hill Improvement society and invited guests were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Arthur Barber...

Next fall Dr. Cole, his wife and little son anticipate making a permanent home in the South.

Pleasure Trip. Mr. and Mrs. E. Alonzo Blood are planning a delightful trip to California to visit their daughter, Mrs. Charles Osmond...

At the regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society will be held on next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Mervin Hodgman.

The Ladies' Study club met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Emma J. Lees for their regular fortnightly meeting...

Edward Patch, of Boston, chauffeur for Archibald McClellan, enjoyed a brief visit to his home here on Washington's birthday...

Miss Ruth Hayden, from Greenville, N. H., who spent the week-end at her home here, had charge of the library books at the reading-room last Saturday in place of Miss Alice Seaver.

A hiking party of young people from Fitchburg passed through the village on Monday afternoon, taking the 5.17 train back to the city.

Home Missionary association will occupy the pulpit. Although Dr. Emerich has been a guest of the church...

Sunday afternoon Dr. Emerich will speak in the Finnish neighborhood, Old City.

The Y. P. S. C. E. subject Sunday evening is "What will improve our prayer meetings?"

Rev. George R. Moody, pastor of the Methodist church, occupied his pulpit last Sunday for the first time since his fall on the ice New Year's day.

All friends hope for the full restoration to health and strength of Rev. Mr. Moody and Mr. Goodwin.

The L. B. S. of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Lucy Lawrence Wednesday, February 24. The ladies are planning for an Easter sale and supper...

Little Dorothy May Sherwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin, celebrated her second birthday on Monday by a family party at the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. S. Ely.

Twenty-five were present and enjoyed the occasion. The plainly lettered signs near the schoolhouse on Main street have been erected by the town authorities as a warning to autoists...

The postoffice was moved on Thursday evening from I. P. Sherwin's store, where it has been located for about fifty years...

Miss M. Boss, who has been visiting in Westminster, has returned to the home of Miss N. E. Tower.

A party of six autos from Proctor's garage in Ayer passed through the village on Tuesday afternoon advertising the Buick car.

Miss Florence Powers, who has been with her grandfather John Powers, of Elm street, has returned to her home in New Ipswich.

Mrs. John Powers and Orin Powers attended the funeral of Mrs. Powers' father, Francis Wheeler, in Fitchburg, Sunday afternoon.

At the recent three-days' special sale at I. P. Sherwin's store an old dollar was offered to the twenty-fifth lady who registered and Miss Capitola Tumber was the lucky winner of this prize.

Mrs. James Bell is at present in Greenville, N. H., caring for a patient. Mrs. Mary Reynolds and son and Mrs. Fred G. Smith spent the week-end with friends in Mason, N. H.

Miss Alice Sanders, of Josselynville, has been spending a few days with friends in Framingham.

Justin C. Hodgman celebrated his seventy-second birthday in a very quiet manner on last week Friday, enjoying visits and congratulations from relatives in town.

Mrs. Newhall, who has been in Greenville for several weeks, has returned to her home on Elm street.

Holiday Guests. Among the guests in town over the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland of Townsend Hill...

Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle, Miss Lena Thompson from Norway spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson...

Mrs. William Mills, of Josselynville; Miss S. Wilmer Seaver from Boston; Miss Grace L. Seaver from Andover; and Everett W. Seaver from the center...

At 10:45 on Sunday morning there will be the regular service of worship in the Unitarian church with sermon by the pastor and music under the direction of Mr. Trayer.

The session of the Sunday school will be held at twelve o'clock. At this session Mrs. Gertrude C. Whittey, leader of the ladies' class...

On Friday evening, March 5, an indoor picnic for the school's members and friends will be held in the town hall. The committee consist of three ladies and three gentlemen...

The usual service for public worship, with preaching, will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday morning. The theme of the pastor's sermon will be "A royal censor."

The Bible school meets promptly at twelve o'clock. Courses of study are provided for all ages, from kindergarten to adult.

The Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting will be held in the church parlor at seven o'clock with Martin Gabrielson as leader. The subject is to be "What will improve our prayer meetings?"

The regular bi-monthly devotional service in anticipation of the communion services will be held in the church parlor Wednesday afternoon, March 3, at 2:30 o'clock.

The warrant has been posted for the annual meeting of the Evangelical Congregational society to be held in the vestry on Monday evening, March 8, at seven o'clock.

The disregard of a cold has often brought on a fever. The fact of sneezing, coughing, or a fever should be warning enough that your system needs immediate attention.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of GEORGE HUTCHINSON...

Whereas JOHN W. HUTCHINSON the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first account of his administration...

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court...

Witness, Charles J. McIntire Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

POULTRY WISDOM. Do not forget the bits of charcoal for the poultry to pick in. Cornmeal may be utilized for this...

Use potassium permanganate in the poultry water and be certain to have a clean watering place. Destroy birds that are badly affected with roup and burn or bury them.

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We made several experiments in regard to this last year. We placed two fowls with badly developed colds, yet not roup, in a fresh air coop...

At the next regular meeting of the Unitarian Men's club, Sunday evening, March 7, Principal A. S. Richards of the Bromfield school will be the speaker.

The woman's benevolent society held an all-day meeting for sewing on Tuesday with Miss E. E. Hersey.

At the last meeting of the Monday class only one regular member was absent. The period devoted to current events was conducted by Miss S. E. Pollard.

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Saturday, February 27, 1915.

GROTON.

New Items. Mrs. James Haley and Mrs. Thomas Haley entertained over the holiday their sisters, Helen Keating and Charlotte Keating of Roxbury; also, Mabel Murray of Dorchester.

There was a good attendance at Groton Grange Tuesday evening. The first and second degrees were worked on a class of eight. The program carried out was as follows: "America," Grange; piano solo, Mrs. Amy Wright; reading, Leslie Blood; vocal duet, Misses Belle Patterson and Mary Folkins; trombone solo, Brenda Tyrrell. The next meeting, which is on March 9, will be open to the public and they will have a speaker from the Massachusetts Agricultural college; subject, "Poultry husbandry." A good attendance is desired.

Miss Marion Pierce has returned to her home in Hyde Park, having very kindly made a stay in Groton assisting her grandmother, Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck, during the illness of Chas. B. Baldwin, Mrs. Shattuck's brother. Mr. Baldwin, who is understood to be our oldest citizen, has been quite sick with laryngitis. He is able to be out around the dooryards some at present.

Frank A. Woods, son of F. F. Woods, was home from Amherst Agricultural college for the holiday recess. He returned Monday night to college, which he enjoys greatly.

Mrs. Lizzie Floyd is helping in the care of Mrs. Reuben Lewis, during her present ill turn.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson of Grantville were over Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George Carlin.

There was a social gathering last Saturday evening at Mosely Hale's on the Boston road.

Thomas Park, who is three of four years old, the second son of Lawrence Park, a III and under the doctor's care.

At the checker tournament, Boston vs. All New England, played in Boston on Washington's birthday, Charles B. Shattuck of this town played in two tournaments, one at the American house, winning in both. At the American house the score was Shattuck 3, Davin 0, draw 1. At the Revere house the score was Shattuck 2, H. A. Clark 1, draw 1. At the American house after the tournament playing was over, Shattuck played two games with E. K. Chapman of Portland, Me., the gold medal holder of the state, losing 1, draw 1.

Miss Eleanor Williams of Somerville and of the Fitchburg Normal school was the guest of Mrs. F. F. Woods over the holiday vacation and attended the dance in the evening.

Clearing the trees of brown-tails and gypsy moth clusters is a very rushing industry in town at present, and a sure sign of the coming of spring.

William A. Woods is on the sick list, though it is understood is not seriously ill.

E. O. Collier has made a good recovery from his illness, but does not as yet get out of doors.

The Groton School Dramatic association presented "The Private Secretary" to a full house in the town hall, Wednesday evening. Each actor took his part well, those who acted the feminine characters made up finely and managed the attire which was in the height of style with ease. The play was so promisingly necessary and that does so much to help make a play perfect. The scenery was beautiful and highly complimented. The stage was quite transformed by the tasteful arrangements. The orchestra, as always, furnished most enjoyable selections, as also did the Mandolin club.

There will be a regular church social at the Unitarian church next Thursday evening, March 4. The speaker will be in charge of Mrs. Everett Gernish and the entertainment in charge of Miss Alma Gray.

There were ninety-six who took dinner at Groton Inn on Washington's birthday.

Two different persons in town who keep a watch on bird life report hearing bluebirds.

Something somewhat unusual happened when Rabbi Menkes invited Hon. R. B. Stone of Bradford, Pa., to occupy and speak from a Jewish pulpit in that city. The occasion, however, was at a Lincoln day observance, the Jewish temple, both Zion being profusely decorated with American flags. The subject of Mr. Stone's address was "If Lincoln were living today."

At the meeting of the school committee last week Thursday evening, Mrs. Fred W. Mansur was elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. Bixby.

Mrs. Samuel H. Raddin received the Brown Leaf club at her home on the Lowell road Wednesday evening. The whole house was thrown open for the gathering and as it was gentlemen's night the men of the families were present to help in the good time. Notwithstanding the rain and the mud at least twenty-five met for the social occasion. They played progressive whist and enjoyed sandwiches, cake and coffee and home-made candy.

Mr. and Mrs. Proctor of Wyncote, Pa., were in town recently visiting their sister, Mrs. Shelby Sawyer of Station avenue.

The Washington birthday party, which has been given annually for many years by the Groton Alliance, was attended on Monday evening, Feb-

ruary 22, by 211 people and was a very pleasant affair. The music furnished by Newell's orchestra, of Marlboro, was most satisfactory. Light refreshments were served in the lower hall and dancing closed at twelve o'clock.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church held an enjoyable social with supper and entertainment last week Thursday evening. Everything passed off well. At the entertainment the piano was played by Mrs. W. B. Robinson, of Concord, who was given by members of the Neighborhood club, and a paper, "The Landmarks of Groton," written by Mrs. T. G. Smith, was read by her at this gathering. Both the farce and the paper had been previously given at a meeting of the Neighborhood club.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson and daughter, Miss Clara Robinson, of Concord, were here to attend the Washington birthday party.

The Misses Darling, of Cambridge, attended the dance on Monday evening at many other from out-of-town.

There was a social gathering at Dr. H. W. Ayers, of the Lowell road, last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Aitken are visiting in Woodstock, Vt.

Miss Mildred Brown, from Simmons college, was home over the holiday.

Miss Margaret Cleary was home for the Washington birthday vacation, from Gilbertville.

Theophilus G. Smith had the misfortune of losing two valuable horses last week Friday night. Their death, it is said, was caused from eating ensilage.

Roderick Woolley went to Manchester on last week Friday to spend the holiday with his friend, Miss Mildred Simonds, he returned on Monday afternoon.

In the Baptist church on Sunday Rev. Wm. Breckenridge will preach at 10:30. The subject, "Freedom from sin." At seven, "The wine and their inheritance," proceeded by a praise service. The Alliance met this week with Mrs. William A. Lawrence.

Miss Edna Hayes is spending the week with her friend, Mrs. Calvin Lawrence, at Pepperell.

The annual meeting of the Baptist society takes place Saturday afternoon. Those attending have afternoon tea and usual pleasant social time.

Thomas F. Donahue, Jr. received his official appointment as postmaster here Thursday.

Gentlemen's night will be observed at the Congregational church Sunday evening, March 1. George E. Meyer is chairman of the supper committee.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Boston Transcript of recent date: Byron B. Johnson, who was the first mayor of Waltham, died there of heart disease last Saturday, aged eighty-one years. He was counsel of the Watch and Ward society for many years, and served for a time as United States marshal. He was born in Newham, and was raised on a farm. He was graduated from Lawrence academy, and started in business in Concord and Weston, later going to Burlington, Iowa, where he raised a company of 125 men for the civil war on the attack of Fort Sumpter. He failed, however, to pass the physical examination. He was a member of the first convention to nominate Abraham Lincoln and received the second commission issued by Lincoln in the United States mail service west of the Mississippi. He organized the first hospital in Illinois for the wounded.

On returning to Massachusetts he was graduated from Boston university law school in 1870, and on admission to the bar began at the practice. Mr. Johnson was a candidate for the office of mayor again in 1901, but was defeated.

Mr. Johnson was a student at Lawrence academy when James Means was principal. He has attended some of the annual gatherings and dinners given at commencement in recent years, and generally spoke, giving humorous experiences of his boyhood days at the academy.

A meeting under the auspices of the Groton branch of the Massachusetts Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage will be held in the lower town hall on Tuesday evening, March 2, at eight o'clock. The speaker will be Mrs. Thomas Allen of Brookline, one of the ablest exponents of the cause, and a very able speaker. Everyone interested in this striking question is cordially invited to attend.

Football Schedule.

Not a single date on the 1915 Groton School football schedule corresponds with the games played last fall, according to an announcement made recently by Manager Richardson. The St. Mark's game will be played at Southboro, November 19, a week later than in 1914; Milton academy has been dropped and Springfield high has been added to the list, along with Harvard Second.

The opening game will be started a week later and Boston Latin will again appear in the initial contest. Boston English will be opposed in a mid-week contest, last year's date having been given to Boston Latin. Harvard Second will be the third opponent, Lowell Textile moving along to a week later, and between these games a team composed of former Groton School players will oppose the 1915 eleven. Lawrence academy will be met half a week before the Middlesex game, which is an innovation. Springfield high will be opposed the Saturday after the Middlesex contest and another graduates' game will be played one week before the St. Mark's encounter, which, as usual, will be played on Wednesday.

Middlesex was the only team to defeat Groton last year, Boston Latin and Milton academy holding the eleven to tie contests with St. Mark's, English high and Lowell Textile on the losing end. It is understood that St. Mark's will play ten games next fall, more than a year ago, and among the teams are English high, Lawrence academy and Middlesex. Everett high school, which so effectively disposed

of all its opponents last year, was offered a game in Groton in October. This was forced to accept five already booked away-from-home games for that month with Bludge Technical and Manchester (N. H.) high. The schedule:

- October 2. Boston Latin at Groton.
October 7. English high at Groton.
October 8. Harvard Second at Groton.
October 12. Graduates' game at Groton.
October 15. Lowell Textile at Groton.
October 19. Lawrence academy at Groton.
October 22. Middlesex at Groton.
October 25. Springfield high at Groton.
November 7. Graduates' game at Groton.
November 19. St. Mark's game at Southboro.

A second team will be established, not only to give the first team plenty of scrimmages, but also to play several scheduled games. At the high school Industrial, Clinton high and Middlesex Second have been already listed and other games may be arranged. Guy Ayrault, who has been in charge of Groton's football for many years, will continue to direct the policy. Goodhue Livingston, of New York city, is the captain-elect. The graduates' games for the first team is an innovation and is expected to have a two-fold advantage, for the former Grotonians will meet the first team in a regularity contest; and flaws can be quickly detected and corrected, or reported to the coaches.

Prettily Observed.

There was a remarkably pretty and interesting observation of Washington's birthday at the Butler grammar school of which Mrs. Wilson is the teacher, last Friday afternoon, February 19. Each pupil took part in the exercises and four of them in "costumes of yesteryear" personated Betsy Ross, Col. Ross, Robert Morris and George Washington, as they deliberated on the making of the 13 stars. Beside with one strip of her scissors mowed her five-pointed star was made. Her friend amongst other articles a very good imitation of the original Declaration of Independence, and a collection of household articles, such as a spinning wheel, old rocking chair, tallow candles, etc., to carry out the historical idea, was placed upon the decorated platform. Then there were historical questions asked and answered and a fine flag drill and dancing of the minut, the only music to which the dancers kept time was the singing of their own young voices. They did it well. Much of the whole arrangement was the work of the pupils themselves. There were sixty-five visitors present.

New I. O. O. F. Building.

Work has just been started on the new Odd Fellows' building here to replace the old quarters which were destroyed by fire. The building is near the town hall on Station avenue. The design of the building is colonial, of which there are so many fine examples here, and will be built of hollow tile faced with red brick and limestone trimmings. The inside framework is of saw-lumber construction.

The first floor hall will be rented for social functions as a commodious kitchen provides serving facilities. On the second floor is the lodge room, in the rear of which are the parlor-parlor rooms. The rear part comprises two stories, giving extra space for the different secret orders which are expected to use the hall.

The building committee consists of Geo. E. Lawrence, Arthur A. Woods, and Geo. H. McKee. The contract has been awarded. Daniel H. Woodbury of Littleton is the architect.

West Groton.

Mrs. G. I. Woolaver recently entertained for the week-end Mrs. Joan Young and daughter Grace of Worcester, former residents here.

Miss Amy Bailey returned last week to her home in Bennington, N. H., after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. John Lacey.

Miss Katherine Spaulding, who has been at the home of her brother, H. Spaulding, since early January, returned to Townsend on Monday.

Mrs. Malley has visited out of town this week.

Mrs. Charles Blake and daughter Ruth spent the week-end in Westbury. Mrs. W. M. Kimball visited in Ayer on Thursday, remaining until Friday.

Mrs. E. P. Shores of Leominster was a guest of Mrs. G. S. Webster on Tuesday.

Mrs. William Fernald remained with her daughter, Mrs. Webber, after the burning of her home until Friday of this week. She was for several days completely prostrated by her terrible loss. Miss Evelyn Fernald spent the holiday with her sister.

Mrs. Bragdon is spending some weeks with her mother, Mrs. Hynes, having been called from her home in Poland, Me., by the death of a relative in Pepperell.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge, at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams entertained a number of friends at five hundred on Monday evening, five tables in all. With the same good fortune previously experienced, Mrs. G. H. Bixby and A. F. Cottrell won first prizes. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and the evening was one of enjoyment to all present.

Miss Esther Jarvis of Attleboro is at home, enjoying a week's vacation from her school duties.

We learned last week too late for publication of a serious accident which had recently befallen Mrs. Luther Lane, who has been more or less feeble for some years. While sitting in a chair, preparing to retire, Mrs. Lane reached for some article and losing her balance fell to the floor. She has since been unable to walk, though her physician finds no broken bones. With characteristic "grit," however, she insists upon being dressed.

Mrs. Lane has many sympathizing friends, who hope that her inability to walk will be but temporary.

The engineer of the fire department

wishes it announce that a false alarm will be blown on Monday, March 1, at 12:15 p. m.

The bungalow, partially completed, owned by the late Charles Parkhurst, has been purchased by Oliver Hallett of Shirley.

Mumps are quite prevalent in North Shirley. Francis Sargent, who has taken private lessons in West Groton since October, has been obliged to discontinue his work for a time, owing to the illness of his younger sister with the disease.

The Five Hundred club met with Mrs. W. F. Lane on Wednesday afternoon, all members being present but one. Additional guests of the hostess were Miss Tarbell and the Misses Rose and Esther Jarvis. Winners of highest score for their respective sides were Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Spaulding.

The Neighborhood club met for whist with Mr. and Mrs. Dodge on Thursday evening with the usual good time that this club enjoys.

Miss Elizabeth Hill is ill with a severe cold and throat trouble.

Mrs. George Hartwell is recovering from a recent severe attack of indigestion.

Mrs. J. L. Tatman spent Wednesday and Thursday in Groton.

An article concerning the celebrating of Washington's birthday in town by the Marvellous club of City Point, Boston, was received too late for publication this week, but will be published next week.

Fred L. Blood received the following letter which will explain itself: Dear Sir—The New England Belgian Committee, having your knowledge your check for \$2.00, we are kindly extend to Miss Robinson, the thanks of the committee for giving the concert for the fund and for the townspeople for attending.

Boy Scout Entertainment.

The Boy Scout supper and entertainment will be held Friday evening, March 5. Supper at the usual hour, 6:45 o'clock. Entertainment at eight o'clock. The supper is in charge of a committee drawn from members of the scouts, assisted by members of the Ladies' Aid society. Mrs. G. I. Woolaver, chairman. Reception committee, Mrs. Charles Lawrence and Mrs. Frank Lewis. Ushers and waiters, camp-fire girls and scouts in uniform. The entertainment program will include singing by the camp-fire girls; a miniature minstrel show by the scouts; also, instrumental music by Masters Tracey and Duquette, violin and piano, respectively. The young people will be assisted by violinists from Groton, Mrs. Sabine and her sister, Mrs. Geraldine Lawrence, also by Miss Susie Hill in vocal solos. Other music, both vocal and instrumental, is not at present arranged.

All money received will be added to the Boy Scout funds. Invitations have a full house.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Misses Anna and Jennie Sylvan of Dorchester, Mass., and Miss Edith E. Bryant of Laconia, N. H., are visiting at the home of George Nye.

Mrs. Della Hall had a birthday on February 16 and in honor of the event gave a dinner to the Strangers, of which she is a member. In the evening the members of the family held a private birthday party and presented her many gifts.

Wilfred Oullette was in Lowell for the week-end and holiday, as the guest of Walter L. Parker.

The History committee, Clarence R. Russell, Walter E. Corey and Frank L. Wilby, have presented the town library with two copies of the new Brookline history, written by Edward E. Parker.

Mrs. George Boddy of Groton was in town a couple of days last week visiting friends.

Mrs. and Mr. Eliza Wallace and Walter Woodcock of Townsend spent last Sunday with Nathaniel Hobart.

Mr. and Mrs. Melissa buried their baby girl last week.

Mrs. Victor Maxwell and her mother, Mrs. Charles Gibson, were in Boston last Friday week.

Friends had received word from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farrarworth, who are wintering in Florida, that their baby is born.

On last Sunday Ernest Nye married from Southam and spent the day at the home of his father, George Nye, and his mother returned to Sandown with him, remaining until Tuesday.

Mrs. Beat Hall of Ayer was the guest last Thursday of Mrs. Alpha Hall.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bartlett on February 21, a son.

Mrs. Frank Austin went to Groton last Thursday to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. Hammond.

Mrs. George A. Sandley and son went to West Newbury, Mass., last week Friday to visit relatives.

J. H. Whitcomb's horse became frightened one day last week while hitched in front of the store, and breaking the rope started to run away, but had not gone far when he fell, breaking a shaft and damaging the harness.

Mrs. Edna Hall and two little girls are in Boston for a week's visit.

Miss Mary Brown, who teaches school in Waltham, Mass., came home for the week-end and holiday.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

A large gathering of ladies met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Plask Tuesday morning and afternoon to prepare for a sale and salad supper which is to be given in the Baptist vestry next Tuesday. Supper is to be served at 6:30 p. m., followed by a brief entertainment. During the afternoon fancy articles will be on sale and various tables and special attractions will appear.

Little Phyllis Irene Piper is reported as recovering from a very serious illness of meningitis.

Fourteen delegates from the Baptist C. E. society attended the local union convention at Concord Junction Monday afternoon and evening.

The Baptist Women's Mission circle met with Mrs. Hiram Sauler Wednesday afternoon and enjoyed a fine program and an excellent spread.

Herbert E. Whitney, after a severe attack of pneumonia, is again able to see his friends and is making good progress toward recovery.

Miss Maria Fletcher of Boston spent Sunday and Monday with her home people in Newtown.

Misses Evelyn Kimball of Bridgewater Normal school and Katherine Kimball of Simmons college were at home over Sunday and the holiday. Miss Evelyn with twenty-three school mates and the principal went into Boston Saturday and saw "Common Day" played at the Castle Square theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinlay of Medford were recent guests of their father and Miss Bertha McKinlay.

Miss Estah Dodge left Honolulu for San Francisco Wednesday. She will visit on business before starting across the continent for home.

Joseph Dodge has had his patience tried by a large carcinoma which has made him miserable. He is convalescent.

The Franklin class of boys met for a social evening Wednesday with Foster and Allan Kimball. Games, refreshments and an informal social constituted the entertainment of the occasion.

Don't forget the drama to be given by the H. S. seniors Friday evening, March 12.

Saturday afternoon of this week the H. S. seniors will hold a fond sale in the Unitarian vestry, beginning at three o'clock.

Misses Emily and Lucy Adams are spending part of their vacation with their sister, Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Black and children of Kentucky have moved into Stacy C. Bates' house, succeeding Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, who concluded their services for Mr. Bates last week.

Mrs. Louis Bosquet died in West Acton Thursday morning, February 25, from the effects of an intestinal growth from which she had been suffering for a long time. The funeral will take place in West Acton this week Saturday afternoon and the burial will be in Westlawn cemetery, Littleton, where her husband, the late Louis Bosquet, was laid to rest last fall.

SHIRLEY.

Center.

The regular meeting of the Matron's Aid society was held on Tuesday afternoon at Woodsville, Mrs. Alice Farmer being the hostess.

Miss Margaret Louie of Bryant and Stratton's business college spent the week-end and holiday at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley.

An excellent and varied program was given at the musical service at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow last Sunday evening. The program included an excellent selection of readings and songs by a student at Emerson college, selections by an Italian quartet, organ and piano selections by Mrs. Winslow and F. J. Lawton and other members. A choir made up of the young people about the Center has recently been added to these services.

TOWNSEND.

Harbor.

Miss Sybil Bailey at Mr. Bagley's, Miss Smith at Mr. Gray's, and Miss Lunn of Fitchburg at Mrs. George Brown's were among the holiday guests at the Harbor.

This village and vicinity was well represented at the reception and ball given in Groton on February 27.

On Saturday afternoon, February 27, the personal property of the late Johnnie Leahy will be sold at auction at the home of Mrs. M. C. A. McNeil, 59 East Main Street, Ayer.

Miss Margaret Sisson of Lowell was a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Severer.

Two wireless telegraph stations have recently been established in this village, one at Louis Josselyn's, the other at the home of the station agent, T. J. Hollahan.

The Misses Lillian and Melora Warner, Miss Blanche Baldwin and Miss Myrtle Gray are among the teachers who passed Washington's birthday at their homes.

On Saturday evening last the whist party given by the T. H. S. C. at Willowbrook was well attended and a neat sum realized. The serving of refreshments in a Waldorf from booths was provocative of much fun and served materially to swell the net proceeds. Of the ladies Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Doherty made the highest scores, 24 and 22 points respectively. Ralph Blake and Mr. Cummings were accredited 25 and 23 points each. Miss Dorothy Smith, Wallace Connors and Harold Gray had the distinction of making the smallest scores, eleven points each. Miss Sybil Bailey of Boston and Miss Smith of Waltham were the out-of-town guests of the club.

At Hickory farm on Tuesday the As You Like It club was entertained by Mrs. Ralph Blake. On the same date at Westview the members of the Monday club were guests of Mrs. Frank Conant.



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Boys' Negligee Shirts, regular 50c, value Special at 38c

Watch out, for in a short time we will have on sale the greatest Men's Railroad Shirt that was ever shown in this town. We were the people that first had on sale the Railroad Shirt called the Signal, but our latest will put that shirt in the shade.

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- Ladies' Silk Fibre Hose, colors White and Black, a 35c. value Special at 18c
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New Advertisement

LOST: Sunday, about 11 a. m., between Ayer and Harvard a lady's Skunk Necktie, M. C. A. McNEIL, 59 East Main Street, Ayer.

CARD OF THANKS

We extend our sincere thanks to all the kind friends who rendered assistance in any way, and to every one who sent messages of sympathy and flowers during our recent bereavement. Mrs. Katherine A. Hynes, Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, East Pepperell, Feb. 25, 1915.

SITUATION WANTED—Middle-aged widow wants place as housekeeper in a small family of adults. References exchanged. BOX 353, Ayer, Mass.

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 DAVIES late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a decree of administration on the estate of said deceased to WILLIAM DAVIES of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, on the sixteenth day of March A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the afternoon, to show cause if any you have why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, first judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

W. E. ROBERTS, Register. 3125

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REGENT FLOUR

Saturday, February 27, 1915.

AYER.

News Items.

George J. Burns arrived home from Chicago last Saturday for a short visit of about a week, expecting to return here this Saturday. He had quite a severe attack of sickness while in Chicago and has not yet fully recovered his former health.

Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins left on Wednesday evening for a trip to Florida. They will be away ten days or more. They go to Apopka, where Mrs. George G. Osgood and Miss Adelle Harlow are staying. The doctor and his wife left Wednesday night on the Bar Harbor train for New York city, and expected to reach their destination the following Friday night.

Mrs. Charles H. Fisher, of Chazy, N. Y. formerly of this town, and mother of Harry E. Fisher, is in the physicians' hospital at Plattsburg, N. Y., where an operation was performed recently. The latest reports are that she is slowly recovering, but at the time was quite sick.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John McNiff, Grove street, on Wednesday, February 24.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will have a food sale at Mrs. Walter Sprague's, East Main street, Tuesday, March 4, from three to five.

Last Sunday a young deer, evidently chased by a dog, started to run across the ice on Sandy pond, and in going to break through the thin ice where the ice company had recently cut. The animal made frantic attempts to climb out onto the thick ice, but without success. Henry E. Sanderson, who was near the pond at the time, rushed to Fred W. Hosmer's house on the shore of the pond and procured a ladder and a long coil of rope which are kept there in case of accidents. Mr. Sanderson rushed out on the thick ice and tried to rope the animal, but the deer evaded every effort in that direction. Finally he succeeded in getting hold of the deer and pulled it out. As soon as the animal touched solid ice it darted across the pond and was soon lost to view.

Mr. and Mrs. John Maloney, Grove street, are both very ill with very small pox of their recovery. They are both advanced in years and the disease is heart trouble.

A son was born on February 19 to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. O'Connell, Grove street.

Affred Yates expects to begin the building of his new garage about March 1, which will be located on Maple street, and its inside dimensions will be 36x40 feet. The building will be constructed of Littleton unit brick. Plans are now being prepared for it. The building will be fireproof. Mr. Yates, who is about to enter business for himself, has for several years been an expert workman in the automobile department of Robert Murphy's Sons Company.

Repairs are being made this week on the Public Safety building as a result of the recent fire.

The many friends of J. Paul Hamel, who was so seriously injured a few weeks ago in the railroad yard, are pleased to see him about town again. Mr. Hamel feels grateful for the many kindnesses shown him since the accident happened.

The telephone company will soon remove the poles in front of the J. J. Barry block on Main street. In preparation for this work all the wires will be run underground through the conduit, which ends at the east end of the block and will be connected with poles on West street. The company's men have been engaged this week in making this change. When the poles are removed it will add much to the appearance of the street and also to Mr. Barry's building.

One of the many signs of spring which have been noticed are the pussy willows, which made their appearance this week.

Mrs. Harriet Smith, d. d. m. m., of Leicester, and Mrs. F. W. Wymann, of Fitchburg, made an offering visit to Vesta Rebekah lodge at the last meeting.

According to the Worcester Telegram of Saturday, February 20, Martin S. Donohue will have a try-out with the Worcester baseball team of the New England league this season as a pitcher. Donohue has made a great record in amateur baseball in this position and has played on several teams in and around Boston as well as in this vicinity. In addition to his pitching ability he is a fine batter, a combination that ought to result in success, which friends hope he will win.

Committees from the different Protestant churches in town met at the home of Mrs. Lyman Clark on Tuesday afternoon and formed a union fair committee with the following officers elected: Mrs. Nellie F. Kittredge, president; Mrs. Burton Williams, v. p.; Mrs. Alta Hollis, sec.; Mrs. Nina H. Lovjoy, treas.; Mrs. Clara C. Wentworth, press corp. They are planning to hold a union fair December 1 and 2.

Sunday morning service at the First Parish church (Unitarian) at 10:45. Subject, "God leads men into a larger life." The young men and young women's class will elect officers and plan for permanent organization. All young people of the parish are invited to be present.

The Unitarian Social Gathering served a fine dinner on Monday in the church vestry. The committee in charge was the officers, Mrs. Marie Clark, Mrs. Mary Beverly and Mrs. Ida C. Perkins, assisted by Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. Clara E. Hill, Mrs. D. W. Fletcher. Members of the Unitarian Girls' club were the waiters. The vestry was very pretty, decorated for the occasion with the national colors. The social element was greatly enjoyed and the financial part was a success.

The W. C. T. U. held a social gathering at the home of Mrs. Augusta D. Scruton on Friday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Scruton is a past president of the union, having served as president for seven consecutive years. A pleasant hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served. The next

regular meeting will be held in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday afternoon, March 5, at 2:30 o'clock.

Harbinger lodge, K. of P., celebrated Washington's birthday with a smoker and whist party which was held after the convention of the lodge in the banquet hall. The hall was neatly decorated by C. W. E. Force. The entertainment was opened with a smoker. Each member was presented with a long Scotch church warden pipe. On the stem was tobacco wrapped with waxed paper and attached to the stem with the national colors and finished off with matches. After appropriate toasts the whist party was begun. At the conclusion it was announced that Charles W. Briggs was winner of the first prize and Charles A. Harbinger second. A general good time was enjoyed by all.

A summer cottage is being built at Plum Island, near Newburyport, by the Huntington family of Washington square. They will occupy it this coming season.

Robt. Murphy's Sons Company are to occupy the Dobson building on Park street as a show-room and sales-room for Studebaker cars, and will carry a complete stock of automobile supplies and tires.

Eighteen pairs of ladies' shoes were found in the woods by the police near the old yard office on the south shore of the tannery pond Thursday. The shoes had evidently been taken from the Boston and Maine Railroad Company and left there. The shoes were all weather beaten and were worthless when found. It was plainly evident that they were new shoes when left where they were found and had never been worn.

James I. Mills, night officer, called at the house of Samuel Slofsky at four o'clock Thursday morning in an endeavor to locate some missing shoes that it was thought might be concealed there. Slofsky later brought six pairs of new shoes to the "kicker" after a request to do so by Chief Beatty. He returned the shoes where they were found. Slofsky claims the shoes belong to another party.

An unexpected note in the Schwartz-Slofsky cases, which were set for trial here next Monday after a third continuance was made this week by the government when the cases were taken directly to the Middlesex grand jury this week Friday. A special session of the grand jury was called for this week Friday morning, and represented the government at the grand jury session. Samuel Slofsky and Morris Schwartz, the defendants, were arrested here January 23 and charged with receiving stolen property. They are both at liberty on bail.

The Middlesex County club had a domino party in Hardy's hall Thursday evening which was largely attended. Everyone had a fine time.

George S. Wells, of Shirley, in court on this week Friday morning, was found not guilty of disturbing the peace.

William Brown left last week Friday night for a trip to New York city, Philadelphia and other places. He expects to return the first of next week.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet with Mrs. Howard M. Beverly Wednesday evening, March 3, at eight o'clock.

The civics class met on Thursday afternoon at the high school building. The speaker was Mr. Peck, the secretary of the institute. He commended the civics class on being the best attended of any in the institute. Miss May P. Dowling, teacher of the fifth grade, Pleasant street school, returned here on Tuesday after an absence of about a month on account of sickness in her family.

Services will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday as follows: Morning worship at 10:45, evening worship at 6:30, Sunday school at twelve, C. E. meeting at 5:45 in the evening. Topic, "What will improve our moral condition?" In the morning Mr. Strong will speak on the subject "The blessing of Jacob," and in the evening the subject will be "The real tragedy."

William H. Craik, who has been at home sick for the past few weeks, is improving.

John Foley is still confined to his home from an injury received in the switch tower which he received a few weeks ago.

The Ayer Woman's club entertains guests from clubs of the surrounding towns on its neighboring day, Wednesday, March 3. Harry S. Crane, in costume, lectures on Japan, and a Japanese tea is to be served by Mrs. Belle Osgood and Mrs. Sarah Barry. Mrs. Avis Fisher has charge of music and decorations.

During the winter there have been flocks of pheasants feeding about the houses on upper Washington street. The birds had become so tame that they came close to the houses looking for food that was thrown to them. The runaway horse, which escaped from a freight car last week and dashed up Washington street, evidently scared the pheasants away, as none have been seen since.

Albert C. Hart, who has been off duty as driver of the baker's team on account of illness, has resumed his position.

Mrs. Olive Halladay Hasbrouck, of Boston, delivered a very interesting address on equal suffrage at an open meeting of Ayer Grange on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Hasbrouck is a very fine speaker and presented her subject in a most convincing way. A large number were present at the meeting. After Mrs. Hasbrouck had finished the tables were arranged for progressive whist which was much enjoyed. Light refreshments were served.

Rev. Richmond Fisk and his grand-son, Fisk Butterfield, have returned from Williamstown where they attended the 20th anniversary of Williams college last week. Dr. Fisk was the oldest alumnus of the college present at the celebration and as such received high honor from those present. He entertained the gathering with anecdotes of his college life, when he and James A. Garfield, afterwards president of the United States,

were students at this famous institution of learning. The late President Garfield's son, Harry Garfield, is now president of Williams college and this made the occasion a peculiarly happy one so far as Mr. Fisk's visit was concerned.

Someone broke into the depot restaurant Wednesday night and stole a cooked chicken. The culprit evidently had a feast on the bird as the remains were found near the rear window where the entrance to the restaurant was gained. Chief Beatty has yet failed to find a clue.

The usual good moving picture show given in Page hall this Saturday afternoon and evening will be shown with an extra two-reel picture. The picture is a new one, "The Keystone comedy." The picture will be at three o'clock and evening at eight. Two episodes of "The exploits of Elaine," the third and fourth, will be shown and also another Keystone comedy. Good music.

Rev. Richmond Fisk quietly observed his seventy-ninth birthday Monday. Remembrances in the form of many choice flowers came from Middletown, Conn. The place of his last pastor, before coming to Ayer, and congratulations were received from Ayer friends upon the happy occasion.

Miss Madeline E. Donlon, of the Framingham Normal school, spent the week-end and Washington's birthday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donlon, of Pleasant street. Miss Donlon had as her guest Miss Rita McGovern, of Lawrence.

Three candidates were given the first degree by Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., Tuesday evening.

Forty-six Odd Fellows attended a union meeting in Acton last week Friday night from Ayer and Groton.

The legislative committee on railroads gave a hearing at the State House on Tuesday morning in regard to a proposed law compelling every railroad to install on every locomotive a steam whistle of the fog horn variety and providing that four distinct blasts of that whistle be sounded at distances of 400, 300, 200 and 100 feet of every railroad crossing. The bill was opposed by George L. Barnes, representing the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. He pointed out that under its provisions whenever a train approached a crossing an engine must blow sixteen blasts on its whistle, which is really too much whistling.

Burton H. Allen has bargained for the David M. Whittemore and Benjamin Robbins places in Pingreeville.

Richard E. Barrett went to St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H., Wednesday for an operation for appendicitis.

The Woman's Alliance will meet with Mrs. M. J. Hall and Mrs. H. A. Dixby on Thursday afternoon, March 4, at 2:30 o'clock. All who have not paid their membership dues are requested to do so at this meeting.

Norbert Wiener, the former Harvard student, and a graduate of the Ayer high school in 1909, presented a paper on "Relativism" before the Harvard Philosophical club in Emerson hall, Boston, last week Friday evening. Dr. Wiener is the son of Prof. Leo Wiener and received the degree of doctor of philosophy at the age of eighteen.

Bennet Sanderson was home from Yale college for the week-end, returning Sunday to his studies. Miss Charlotte Sanderson was also home for the holiday from the Walnut Hill school of Natick, and had with her as a guest Miss Katherine Chesney, of Pittsfield.

Llewellyn T. Savage was home from Worcester's academy for Washington's birthday, returning on Monday afternoon.

M. L. Savage arrived home on Sunday morning from Montreal and expects to be here two or three weeks before starting out on his western trip again. He reports business in Canada as very poor and a little doing.

St. Andrew's church will hold a service on Friday evening, March 5, at 7:30 o'clock. The address will be given by Rev. John Wallace Suter, Jr., of St. Anne's church, Lowell.

Miss May L. Guyton, of Malden, a former teacher here, was a guest of Miss Christine Maloney of Williams street, for the week-end and over the holiday.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge, F. and A. M., will be held on Monday evening, March 1, at 7:30 o'clock. Work-Entered Apprentice degree.

The following rhetorical was given in the high school this week Friday: A scholar's Reprieve. Hazel G. Murphy The I. O. O. F. Reporter. I. Edwin Pillsbury There is No Such Word as Fail. M. Jerome. Ivan. Teaching for Babies. Elva H. Mosher. Solitude. Harold L. Pillsbury. The Wild White Birch. Joseph Pender. The Railroad Crossing. Joseph Pender. The Captain's Daughter. Avia H. Chandler. When Father Carves the Duck. Howard Millette. The Hands Fifth. Walter J. Sullivan. Mrs. Hubert's Silver Wedding. The Revolutionary. Philip. Livingston. The Imminent peril. Marion Proctor.

Death. William G. Lyon, died at his home on Williams street at seven o'clock on Thursday evening after an illness of two months, aged 57 yrs. 7 mos. 12 days. Death was the result of cancer of the stomach. He was a native of Pelham, N. H. A few weeks ago Mr. Lyon was taken to the Clinton hospital in the hope that relief might be obtained, but the nature of the disease was so serious that such an outcome was impossible. He leaves his widow, two daughters, Edith Lyon and Mrs. Charles W. Millichon of Ayer, a brother, Sheffield H. Lyon of Pelham, N. H., and two sisters, Mrs. Mary C. Delehanty of Pittsford, Pa., and Mrs. E. W. Jerome, of Albany, N. Y. Mr. Lyon was married on March 12, 1861, at North Adams. The deceased was a past noble grand of Freedom lodge, I. O. O. F., of Shirley, and a member of Vesta Rebekah lodge of Ayer. He was also a member of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

Mr. Lyon was employed by the Boston and Maine Railroad Company as a section foreman on the Fitchburg division of the road. He was first employed by the railroad company in Ayer. Later he went to Shirley, where he remained twenty-five years. He was transferred to Ayer seven years ago last fall, where he has since been employed as section foreman on the main line of the Fitchburg division. In his long and useful employment for the railroad company, a period of thirty-eight years, he made hosts of friends by his quiet, genial manner, among his fellow employees and the people generally. He was a good citizen, a kind father and husband and a true friend.

The funeral services will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 28. Prayers will be said at the house at 1:30, after which the remains will be taken to Shirley, where services will be held in the Universalist church at three o'clock. Rev. Edward B. Saunders, of the Universalist church, Leominster, will conduct the service at both the home and at the church in Shirley. The interment will be in the Village cemetery in Shirley.

Single Tax Address.

Francis Goodale, of Boston, delivered an address before the Board of Trade on Wednesday night on "The single tax." He presented the subject in a most interesting way and held the close attention of all throughout his extended remarks. Mr. Goodale, who is the author of the original brief outline of the origin of the present taxation system, which he said was universally acknowledged to be bad. Many systems have been proposed that would at least diminish some of the evils of the present system, but thus far nothing definite has been accomplished along this line.

The single tax, as originally originated with the late Henry George, of New York, in the opinion of the speaker would be the most equitable one that could be devised. The single tax, as its name implies, would be adopted, he believed upon the unimproved value of land only. The labor value of the land would be exempt from tax, and under this system the unimproved value which has been the land produces.

Under the present system, a man buys a piece of land and works hard to improve it he thereby increases its value and of course increases taxes follow. In other words, this man is actually penalized for improving the land, which improvement would benefit the community. The same is true with regard to building. If people build a fine house, thereby adding to the appearance of the community, the more taxes they have to pay because the houses are more valuable. On the other hand, if cheap houses are built, the appearance of the community is lessened, and the taxes are less.

Another very bad feature of our present taxation system is that much of the personal property that can be hidden escapes taxation. In this state Tax Commissioner Trevelyan claims that there are nine billion dollars worth of taxable property at all times, but amount but four billions, or less than one-half pay taxes. In other words, every year there is the standard amount of five billions of taxable property that escapes tax. This condition of course taxes all the burden on those who do pay their taxes, while the tax dodgers should as a matter of course be made to pay their share.

Under the single tax, Mr. Goodale says that such a state of affairs would be impossible. As the entire value would be placed on the unimproved value of land it could be easily collected and as land could not be hidden or moved about the same of personal property in now, there could not possibly be any evasion of the proper tax that each should pay.

Mr. Goodale gave instances where the single tax system is now in force and the benefits that are derived from it. He claims that the system would make better business and prosperity and would answer many questions on the subject asked by the members and was given a vote of thanks for his address.

The occasion was a special meeting of the Board of Trade. One member was admitted. Mr. Goodale's conversion to the single tax came about in an unusual way. He stated to the gathering that he was engaged as a house painter and a number of young men to oppose the single tax. After giving the matter careful study he found that in his opinion that the system was right and he has been advocating it since.

President Thomas F. Miller, who presided at this meeting, announced that the regular monthly meeting of the board would be held on Wednesday evening, March 3, when a hearing would be given to the single tax. It was expected that a good program will be provided. The usual lunch was served by B. T. Larrabee, proprietor of the Palace cafe.

Club Meeting. Mrs. A. B. Hunter from St. Augustine's school, Raleigh, N. C., was the speaker at the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's. Mrs. Hunter told of the work of the school in a most interesting manner. St. Augustine's school was started almost fifty years ago as a normal school for colored teachers. There are about 250 students who live in the dormitories and nearly one hundred day scholars. The price of board, tuition, laundry, etc., is nine dollars a month and even at this low rate there are a number of students who cannot pay it.

There are three classes, those who attend from nine o'clock to five o'clock and attend evening classes and those who pay part and earn part. All students have to do some part of the housework. The girls have special training in cooking and sewing and have to make the dress they graduate in or they do not receive a diploma from the school. The boys have training in masonry and carpentry and have helped with all of the new buildings and have built a beautiful stone library and a very fine new brick dormitory which is a memorial to George C. Thomas,

the treasurer for many years of the Spirit of Missions.

St. Augustine's has a hospital which is intended to hold fifty patients, but seldom has less than seventy-five. It is the only hospital in Raleigh which will take colored patients.

Someone asked Mrs. Hunter when St. Augustine's would be self-supporting and she replied when Harvard, Yale and Columbia colleges are self-supporting. She said that their students paid the same proportion of their expenses as do the students in these colleges, which are largely supported by large endowments.

There were present at the meeting visitors from the Methodist, Congregational and Baptist churches. An offering was taken for Mrs. Hunter's work and we hope to send her a generous contribution.

During Tuesdays in Lent the Auxiliary are sewing for the mountain whites of Tennessee.

"The child in the midst" by Mary Schaffner Labaree, is the book being read at the meetings.

Roll Call and Supper.

The annual roll call and supper of the Congregational church took place last week Friday evening and was unusually successful. There was a reception to the new pastor, Rev. J. S. Strong, from 6:30 to 7:30, those in the receiving line being Rev. and Mrs. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lovejoy and Charles H. Hardy, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Mrs. Hardy. The pastor and one delegate from each of the other churches were invited. The users were Mrs. Grace Lentz, Miss Bernice E. Staples, Miss Margaret L. McMillan and Miss Helen Hardy. Supper followed the reception, the menu consisting of chicken, patties, salads, mashed potatoes, rolls, fancy pies and coffee.

After supper Dr. B. H. Hopkins, the clerk called the roll of members and acted as toastmaster. Among the speakers were Charles H. Hardy, Rev. C. C. Weismeyer of the Methodist church, Herbert J. Webb, Rev. L. V. Sanford of the Unitarian church, Dr. Hopkins, Rev. J. S. Strong of the Congregational church, George B. Turner, Joe Trueman, Frank C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, Ellis B. Harlow, Miss S. Adelaide Blood, Mrs. Susan M. Barker. Two selections were given by the church male quartet, which were encored. The decorations were yellow and white and crepe paper daffodils.

The reception committee was composed of Mrs. B. H. Hopkins, Mrs. George B. Turner, Mrs. E. C. Carley. The members of the supper committee were Mrs. Ellis B. Harlow, Mrs. J. A. McMillan, Mrs. Edward E. Sawyer, Mrs. Charles G. Hassam, Mrs. F. A. Smith, Miss Blanche Livingston, Mrs. Holden C. Harlow. The waitresses were Misses Pearl Carley, Edith Longley, Mildred Sanders, Gertrude Stone, Ethel Holden, Amy Lougee, Maud Whitaker, Beatrice Harrington, Flora Cole, Mabel Sargent, Ethel Nixon, Amy Nixon, Ida Joy, Irene Hassam, Lucy Smith, Geneva Richards.

O. E. S. Nearly one hundred attended the meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., on Wednesday evening, in the hall of the inclination of the weather. After a short business session a paper, entitled "Mrs. Willis' will," was presented by the entertainment committee, Mrs. L. E. Cushing, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Carrie Murphy and Mrs. Sarcie Sanders. Those taking part in the play were Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, Mrs. H. E. Whitney, Mrs. Harry Allen, Mrs. L. C. Fairchild and Mrs. E. H. Higdon. The farce was a great success and made quite a hit with the audience, all taking their parts exceedingly well. A lunch was served by the hospitality committee, consisting of Mrs. A. E. Lawrence and Mrs. Adelaide Turner and twelve assistants.

The enthusiastic meetings of this society are largely attended and it is gaining in members steadily.

Children's Party.

Miss Edith Longley gave a patriotic party to her pupils on February 18, from seven to nine o'clock in Hardy's hall. Each child wore something to represent a different state in the nation. After these were guessed by questions they were each presented with a small red, white and blue badge with the name of their state on them. There was a duet by Beryl and Gladys Proctor; also, games and dancing. Refreshments were served. Misses Ethel Andrew and Gertrude Stone assisted in entertaining. Several of the class were unable to attend, but among those present were Harold Cushing, Josephine Eaton, Ella Green, Lucie Hoile, Ruth Harlow, Roger Johnson, Christine Maloney, Hilda Osgood, Gladys Porter, Beryl Proctor, Berta Stone, Marion Webb, Gladys Proctor, Helen Stone, Merrill Webb, Ruth Huntington, Marguerite Glynn, Edna Rymes, Mildred Pillsman, Everett Farnsworth.

Catching Hand Loses Its Cunning. A story is in circulation, which if correct, places in the back number class the mystery of the "Clutching hand," now running in connection with a moving picture serial. The scene of the story is located in Ayer with two of our townpeople the principals. One night not long ago, so it is said, one of the parties lost a very fine chicken by theft. Upon looking around the chicken coop for some evidence that might lead to the identity of the thief, there was found a pocketbook containing a man's name and a substantial sum of money, said to amount to \$200. Early the next morning the suspect appeared at the house and inquired if they had any property for sale. The object being apparently to look around the coop for the lost money rather than for the purpose of making a purchase. The owner of the chickens evidently did not care to take any more chances of losing other birds and told the man that there were none for sale. The man departed and has not been seen around the premises since.

The money has not so far as can be learned, been restored to its erstwhile possessor. The suspect, who is supposed to have lost the money, is a well-known local character.

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Hot Stove Club. The meetings of the Hot Stove club this week were devoted mainly to a discussion of the foreign policy of the present national administration, with particular reference to the latest phase of the present European war, regarding the commercial rights of neutral nations. The notes of the United States government and the replies of Great Britain and Germany, concerning the rights of neutral vessels in the Kaiser's war zone were carefully considered. Some members thought the club should take action on the matter, in the form of resolutions to the president, commending him for his firm stand in the present phase of the controversy with the other two powers. Such an idea, however, was strongly condemned by a majority of the club, as anything said or done by any of the members at this time regarding the situation might tend to seriously hamper the national administration in the present delicate situation.

The debate became pretty warm, but when the matter was put to a vote it was found that the opponents of the proposed measure won by a decisive vote and the matter was dropped. The members are still endeavoring to find out the cause of the war, but like everyone else they have been unable to do so.

During the social hour that followed the following fish story was called to the attention of the club by one of the members. The gentleman who is responsible for the story is a well-known fisherman of local repute.

The scene of the story was Sandy pond and the time last summer. He had been fishing near the Boston Ice Company's icehouses and had succeeded in making what he called a very fair catch. He hooked a very large fish, and while trying to land it the fish fell into the water, and in its haste to get away it rushed with great force into one of the wooden upright piers that help to support the platform, where the ice enters the always escapes.

The sound caused by the contact of the fish with the pier could be plainly heard on shore. Some time after it was found that the pier was knocked out of its upright position, which proves that the escaped fish struck it. The meeting adjourned at once after hearing this tale.

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PEPPERELL

About Town. Passengers on the Fitchburg branch of the Boston and Maine railroad have been treated to more commodious quarters for the past week or more, as the train has been made up of two cars, as in years past. The combination car, passenger, smoker and baggage, is undergoing repairs.

Rev. J. B. Lewis and his Sunday school class of boys were invited by Gerald Willett, a member, to his home at the residence of E. H. Bliss on last Saturday evening. A very enjoyable evening is reported.

The committee of the L. B. S. are making arrangements to give two farces at the Congregational vestry on Thursday evening, March 11.

A service of song and story will be given in the Congregational church on Sunday evening at seven o'clock by the Forward club, assisted by the church choir and Howard Shattuck, violinist. "The missionary hero of Labrador" is the title. The music is especially attractive and the work of Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell is described.

Elmer A. Gibson came home from the Lowell hospital on Tuesday, although the few miles' travel proved something to be endured rather than enjoyed. He is gaining, however, and has a more natural feeling in his arm and hand now that the pain of the operation is subsiding.

Guests of Mrs. Frank Hamilton at the home on the week-end and the holiday were her relatives, Mrs. Mary A. Gibson and daughter, Miss Minnie, of Worcester; also, Mrs. S. J. Dauphinee and daughter Gertrude, of Amesbury. The visit of Mrs. Gibson is notable, being her first visit to her niece, Mrs. Hamilton, for about fifteen years. Mrs. Gibson is ninety years of age, but very alert and active, and showing no indication of so many years.

The infant son of Rev. and Mrs. George M. Newhall, on the Townsend road, was taken ill with croup on Tuesday and died very suddenly that night. Short services were held at the home on Thursday. The child, also called George, was a year old last October.

Mrs. Amos Boulia entertained about twenty of her friends and neighbors on Tuesday evening. All passed a very merry time and the congratulations and kind remembrances from her friends will cause Mrs. Boulia to remember her forty-fifth birthday with pleasure.

Lloyd Bancroft has taken the agency for a Nashua laundry company, of which Leo McInnes formerly had charge.

"A trip to Palestine" is proposed and details will be given at the session of the Congregational Sunday school.

The many friends of Mrs. Francis Lawrence, formerly of this town, but living in Nashua, N. H., will be glad to learn that she is to reside here once more, as she has accepted the position of housekeeper for Asa Burgess at Burkinshaw village.

Sybil Berry, who has been working in a hotel at Hampton, N. H., has been visiting this week at the home of her grandfather, George Jordan. She leaves here for Boston next week to accept another position.

Perry O'Neal was in town from West Hopkinton, N. H., spending the holiday with his wife, who has been staying recently with Mrs. Alfred O'Neal.

Miss Sadie Fox and John Tierney, of Hudson, spent the holiday with Mrs. Ann Davis, Nashua street. Julian Shattuck is intending to join his wife at Wellsville, N. Y., soon, and has already shipped his household goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Latch have moved into Mrs. Mary Butler's house on Tucker street.

An E. S. Durant was starting to collect the school children on Wednesday morning in the big barge, the report of firearms frightened his horses near A. S. McNay's place. Luckily there were only two children in the barge, a Downing boy and the McNay girl, and these were not injured when the barge was overturned. The horses broke the poles and straps and ran, taking the cross road by Henry Blod's after leaving their driver, and brought up near the Rogers' place by trying to go both sides of a tree. They were not injured when captured, and the barge was running again at night. Most of the children reached school a little late by walking.

The L. A. S. will meet with Mrs. Margaret Sylvester on Wednesday afternoon, March 3, for a social hour and work.

Mrs. Catherine Pierce was taken ill on last Saturday evening at her home on Elm street. The cause was an attack of asthma, aggravated by a hard cold and a fatigued condition. She was much prostrated by her suffering, but at last reports is commencing to gain.

Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson returned home on Thursday from Stockbridge, where she has been for some weeks assisting in the care of her mother, Mrs. Woodward.

Mrs. Stella Mention has been in town this week, a guest at the home of her brother-in-law, Luther Boynton.

Miss Mildred Hastings, language teacher in the high school, visited her parents in Boston over Sunday and the holiday.

Town schools close Friday for a week's vacation, March 1 to March 8. Douglass Willett, from Lynn, is visiting his cousins, Carl and Robert and Douglas Deware.

It is understood that Charles J. Bell, of Hollis, has sold his milk route in this town to Mr. Rogers, who has been employed on the wagon. Mr. Rogers and family moved here from Salem, N. H., this week, and are occupying Mrs. Bancroft's house on Railroad street.

Glen Upson was at home over Sunday and the holiday, returning to his work on Monday evening at Worcester, where he has been transferred from the office at the South Station, Boston.

Leslie and Walter Reed came from Boston last Saturday for a short stay with their mother, Mrs. M. E. Reed. Walter was obliged to return to go to work on Monday on a building in Arlington.

Miss Carrie Shattuck was at the home of her mother, Mrs. G. W. Parker, from Merrimac, N. H., over Sunday and the holiday.

The Ford car which was brought back to Shattuck's garage last week in a rather damaged condition, was Mrs. J. H. Miner's, as she was unfortunate enough to meet with a second mishap in nearly the same place on the way to Groton. An especially deep rut in the road and some difficulty with the steering gear were said to be responsible. Mrs. Miner was somewhat shaken and injured this time as she encountered a tree or other obstacle beside the road. The front axle was bent and the wheel twisted, and the glass windshield was broken. It was considered fortunate that Mrs. Miner sustained only slight injuries.

Phyllis Nodding came from Somerville on Tuesday afternoon to spend the remainder of the week, her school vacation, with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Prossard.

The painters who have taken the shop formerly occupied by H. Way, near the station, Marshall & Reed, have the contract for quite a number of autos, having two large ones in the shop at present, one from Groton and one belonging to Waldo Spaulding.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheeler, Franklin street, on Thursday, February 18.

Miss Bennett, a former teacher here, but now at Hamilton, came for a week-end and holiday visit with the school teachers at Mrs. C. A. Conant's residence, Main street.

The granting of permission to outsiders to fish in Heald's pond has been discontinued.

A caucus will be held at the town hall on Monday evening, March 1, at 7:30 o'clock to nominate all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, to be elected by ballot at the annual town meeting.

Miss Margaret Blood went to New York on Friday of last week to spend the week-end and holiday with her sister, Miss Anna P. Blood. Miss Blood returned home on Tuesday evening, having passed her few days in the city in a very quiet manner. With her sister she accepted two invitations to dine with friends and witnessed the dancing of the celebrated Russian artist, Pavlova. The days being fine and spring-like the exhibition of spring styles and millinery on Fifth avenue Sunday were worth seeing.

Mrs. George Littlefield, of Hudson, was a visitor in town last week, a guest of Mrs. McGrath. Mrs. Saunders and her relatives, who will be remembered as Mamie McGrath.

Ray Willoughby came from Lexington to spend the week-end and holiday at the home of his father, J. J. Willoughby.

Miss Henrietta Blood, of Waban, spent the holiday in town with her mother, Mrs. A. N. Blood, Park street.

Mrs. Amos Mahoney and small son have been spending the week with the families of George Mahoney and Frank Mahoney, of Middleboro.

Mr. and Mrs. William Foster were recent guests at the home of J. A. Saunders, returning to their home in Rowley on Friday of last week.

Mrs. Alice Tabor, of Augusta, Me., has been visiting in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brainerd. She and her husband are to visit her sister, Mrs. Harrington, in Worcester, on last Sunday.

The popcorn social held on Thursday evening of last week at the Methodist vestry proved a pleasing experiment and was well attended, about one hundred being present. Popcorn in abundance, and served in every conceivable way, was the particular feature of the evening. Many young people were present to take part in the various games included in the older part of the gathering furnishing an interested audience. A small sum was realized.

Mrs. George Shaw spent part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Martin, in Worcester.

C. Fred McCormick, of Fitchburg, was a week-end visitor in town, remaining until Monday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bartlett and children came Saturday for a short stay at the home of Mrs. Bartlett's mother, Mrs. C. L. Bemis.

George Arthur Shattuck came on Friday of last week from Amherst Agricultural college, spending the week-end and the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Shattuck. Their daughter, H. Elizabeth, was also at home from Cushing academy, Ashburnham, returning Monday afternoon.

The small Shetland pony belonging to E. S. Grenache created quite an

excitement in Railroad square last Saturday afternoon for an animal of its size. Little Miss Dillon, who has been visiting Mrs. Grenache, and a smaller companion, were out exercising Teddy in his small go-cart. While turning near the postoffice the pony made up his mind to go back to his stable and struck up a goodly seat in that direction. The small driver became somewhat frightened and evidently pulled the wrong rein, heading the pony for the freight house. He was brought to a standstill near the express office by two young men nearby, and Mr. Grenache arrived on the scene very shortly and took charge of the team and the terrified little occupants, no harm resulting from the incident.

Miss Lillian Dunton came from her studies at Yale on Sunday to spend the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Louise Dunton, who has been quite ill.

Arthur Attridge met with quite a mishap last Saturday afternoon while operating his automobile, the roadster formerly owned by his brother, James Attridge. As he was nearing the east end of the Nashua river bridge from the depot the car encountered the iron post, breaking it in pieces, and bent the first section of the iron bridge railing. The car was badly damaged, one wheel being completely demolished, one headlight smashed, mud guard twisted and the front axle bent. Mr. Attridge was not badly injured, though much shaken up. It was understood that his excuse for running so close to the side of another auto approaching, but with sufficient daylight it seems hardly a plausible excuse if his machine was in good running order. The damaged car was towed to Graham's garage.

Harry Jewett came from his school at Exeter, N. H., Saturday to spend Sunday and the holiday with his uncle, F. H. Parker.

Miss Hattie Kendall officiated as housekeeper at the home of L. P. Blood during the absence of Miss Margaret Blood in New York. Miss Kendall is with her sister still, at Hollis, as Mrs. Jewett is nearly helpless from the effects of her paralytic shock.

Four large Buick touring cars, an auto truck and a roadster, all gayly ornamented with banners, passed through our streets on Tuesday, coming from E. O. Proctor's garage, Ayer. Gertrude Dane is at her home in town, having a week's vacation from her school duties at Lowell. Her niece, Esther Dane, of Lowell, accompanied her.

Mrs. George L. Farrar, of Ayer, was a week-end and holiday guest of her mother, Mrs. David Parker, at the home of Fred A. Parker, Oak Hill.

Mrs. H. E. Frost of Sheffield street was a recent guest at Belmont, where her husband is an attendant at the Waverley hospital.

Glady's Williams is entertaining a friend, Miss Shattuck, of Nashua.

Dean Peabody of Boston visited his daughter Anna at the home of his relatives, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis, over Sunday and the holiday.

Ethel Wells came from her school duties at Mansfield for the week-end and the 22d at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Winn.

Miss Marion Errington was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Miner, last week. They spent Saturday in Boston, previous to Miss Errington's return to her work at Fitchburg.

Miss Ruth Wilson visited her sister, Miss Merrill, in Boston, over Sunday and the holiday, returning home Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. N. S. Wood visited his relatives in Springfield over the 22d, returning Tuesday.

Kitty Murray came from Auburndale last week ill with a hard cold and an attack of pleurisy. She is still at the home of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Murray, and entertained a friend, Joseph Flood, of Boston, over the holiday.

Leon Pillsbury was at home for Sunday and the holiday from North Andover, where he has been employed for the past two weeks in the woolen mill. He was formerly an employee at the Mould Shoe shop in town and waited about with others many weeks after its closing, hearing some say it was sure to reopen "next week." But it is still shut down after many weeks with no assurance of being started.

The many who attended the entertainment given by the Alabama minstrels at Oak Hill hall last year are now looking forward to their reappearance in the same hall, Friday evening, March 5. The program will be entirely a new one and strictly up-to-date. There are to be fifteen in the circle with seven soloists and six and men. E. S. Durant will run a large from Saunders' corner to the hall to accommodate all who wish to attend from this part of the town, leaving the corner at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Elvira Gilson was taken suddenly ill on Thursday night of last week at her home on Sibley street. The first symptom was a profuse hemorrhage from the nose, lasting an hour and a half. A second hemorrhage, not quite so severe, occurred Friday morning. The physician who was summoned pronounced the cause the bursting of an artery in the head and stated that Mrs. Gilson might consider herself fortunate that the hemorrhage found a vent through the nostrils, but otherwise it might have collected, causing facial paralysis, if nothing more dangerous. Mrs. Gilson is now gaining.

Miss Carrie Williams spent Sunday and the holiday with her relatives at the Williams' bungalow on West street. She returned to Boston to her duties at North Station Tuesday.

Richard Hardy was in town on Friday and Saturday of last week, the guest of his aunt, Miss Alden, at the home of Miss Ida Shattuck. He was still wearing colored glasses, but hopes for a complete recovery of his eyes soon. He expects to be able to resume his work at Milan, N. H., in a few weeks.

Mrs. Thomas Byrnes and infant son spent the week-end and holiday in town at her old home, Mrs. Graham,

her mother, returned with her to Derby, N. H., on Tuesday noon.

Augustus Shattuck, who will be ninety years of age next April, came near meeting with a more serious accident by a fall on the ice last week at the home of his son, A. A. Shattuck. No-one was with him at the time but his great-grandchild, Leroy, Jr. He was noticed at once from the house and was assisted into it, although he disclaimed needing help, only shaken up.

Miss Myrtle Gray came from Elmwood as a week-end and holiday guest of her sister, Mrs. Leroy Shattuck. Mrs. Shattuck also entertained a friend, Miss Laura Smith, of Waltham.

Pickering fishing has been a favorite pastime the past few weeks and the fishermen very successful in many of the ponds. The fun will be brought to a finish, however, March 1, when the law goes into effect.

Edwin B. Kemp, of this town, and Mrs. Elia May, Newell, of New York city, were united in marriage at the Congregational parsonage on Saturday, February 20. Rev. J. B. Lewis performing the ceremony. They will reside at the home of the father of the groom, Charles Kemp, of Heald street. The many friends of Mr. Kemp showed their approval of this union by his part in giving him most joyful wishes both on Saturday and Monday evenings, a double serenade being quite out of the ordinary. It is stated, however, that they went away satisfied on Monday evening.

Mrs. Daniel Hardy went into Boston last Saturday to join her husband and go with him to New Jersey. They have in view the purchase of a piece of property there, although the purchase depends somewhat on the sale of their farm in this town.

Interesting Meeting. The meeting of the East Village Social club, held with Mrs. M. E. Swasey on Wednesday afternoon, was particularly interesting, the subject being the life and work of the late Fanny Crosby, whom everyone has known and loved through her wonderful hymns. A fine, comprehensive paper was prepared by Mrs. Allan Parker and read by her and various members of the circle. Miss Crosby was blind from infancy, caused by the ignorance or carelessness of the physician and nurse. Yet this wonderful woman composed over 8000 hymns, many of which, set to music, have become widely known. Some of the most familiar were sung at the meeting. Howard Shattuck acting as accompanist on his violin. Little Esther Martin, who was present with her mother, read a school composition. Refreshments of cake, fruit and a beverage served by the hostesses. The meeting was well attended in spite of the bad weather and walking.

Death. Edwin Brown, a resident of this town for nearly thirty-three years, died on Wednesday morning, February 24, of pneumonia after an illness of one week. He was born in England, March 5, 1841, making his age nearly sixty-seven years. He came to this country with his parents when only an infant, living at Rockville, Conn. He was twice married, his first wife being Harriet Burkinshaw, and his second wife, Mary Shaw, of Rockville, Conn. He had three children, one daughter, Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Wheeler, of this town; also, his four grand-children, Dorothy, Ralph, Ruth and Mildred Wheeler.

He was an employee for some years at the Nashua River paper mills, and at the time of his death was an employee at the Champion International paper mill, working as a carder at the home of Edward Britan, nearby, where he was taken ill. He was a kind-hearted man, although regarded as somewhat eccentric, and had many friends in town.

Services were held at St. Joseph's church on Friday morning, and interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Village Am Entertainment. The entertainment and snuff-dish lunch held by the ladies of the Village Aid society on Friday evening, February 19, was very well patronized and a gratifying success financially to the committee in charge. With the many extra demands that have come upon the society the past winter, their funds coming from the regular fifty-cent yearly dues of the members, were running low, and the sum netted from this evening about forty-five dollars, will be used to help their good work along. The committee gratefully acknowledged the assistance and invitation of the ladies interested to join the society.

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week by the owners. The sale marks the passing of one of the oldest established business firms in this town. The property included is the paper mill and out-buildings on the north side of the Nissitissit river, the buildings, including the small house on the south side of the river, and the water privilege.

This business, conducted under the firm name of H. A. Parker & Co., was established in 1851. A fire in 1866 destroyed all the buildings in this square but the small barn on the north side, which is yet standing. The mill was rebuilt and the saw mill and grist mill established in 1870. Previous to this Mr. Parker had conducted a general merchandise and grain store in the building now known as the "bee hive," containing today many small tenements.

The cotton wadding mill was built about this time also, the late A. S. Woodward having charge of this branch of the industry. This was leased to the Trust Company in 1878, and closed by them, the building having fallen into a state of bad repair. April 1, 1900, a fire broke out in the saw mill, which made short work of the entire structure, spreading as far as the brick wall of the grist mill, which proved a barrier.

For the past two years or more F. H. Parker has been in charge of the business, devoting his attention particularly to the mill, the product of which was a grade of wrapping paper. Mr. Parker will continue to have charge of this mill for the new company, although the character of the output may be changed somewhat.

Addition to the buildings are among the future plans of the Acme Company, who are to have an office in Boston and it is expected that the paper box manufactory will ultimately employ a considerable number of help, many of them girls or women. Any added business in town will certainly be welcomed.

Class Reunion. Mrs. Mary J. Witt went to Hudson last week to attend the annual reunion of her classmates, one under the instruction of George S. Rawson. A memorial association was formed shortly after his death, and has been sustained by his former scholars for many years. The Hudson News-Enterprise gives a detailed account of the meeting and the business and program of the day as well as the names of those present, more than forty-five in all.

The reunion was held on Tuesday evening in Cochran's hall, Hudson, supper being served at seven o'clock, old schoolmates, many of them nearing the three-score and ten, mingling together with all formalities thrown aside. In the course of the program Miss Ethel Rawson, daughter of the late schoolmaster, gave a reading, and several of the old-time school songs were sung by those assembled. The faithfulness of those who are maintaining the association is certainly admirable and worthy of mention.

Bold Burglary. A very bold and successful burglary was discovered last week to have been perpetrated at the residence of Henry Wright on the Townsend road. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were spending the winter with their daughter at Hartford, Conn., and closed their home in November. No one was left in charge, as they had frequently closed it before.

William Gaffney, a neighbor living in the Bancroft cottage, the second house away, had Mr. Wright's horse and kept an eye on the place in passing, although the keys were not left with him. Last week, in passing, his suspicions were aroused that something was wrong, as he noticed one of the window shades had been moved. He went to the window and locking in discovered that furniture had been moved about and other smaller articles left lying on the floor. He immediately notified Mr. Wright, who arrived Thursday afternoon.

He found his house in much confusion from attic to cellar. The articles stolen consisted of clothing and personal belongings, table and bed linen. That the thieves had taken all the time they needed was shown in their discrimination in selecting the best of everything. Every trunk, box, drawer and closet had evidently been thoroughly ransacked and articles scattered about.

Mrs. Wright also came from Hartford on Saturday and they place their loss at about three hundred dollars, as nearly as they can estimate it.

A singular fact concerning the affair is that no tracks were discovered about the premises in the snow and the neighbors have noticed no tracks during the winter. Entrance had been effected at the back door by taking off the casing, but it seems peculiar that marauders could enter the house, probably many times, and carry so much away from it without leaving some trace. Burnt matches were plentifully strewn all over the house. Officer Monteth examined the premises and is working on whatever faint clues he could obtain. It is hoped by everyone, both out of friendship for the family and that other property may be made safer, that the burglars will be apprehended.

News Items. The Women's club will hold its next meeting at the Congregational vestry Tuesday afternoon, March 2. The program will consist of music and a lecture; subject, "How to live a century" by Rev. Ernest Pugh of the M. E. church of Westboro. It is hoped there will be a large attendance as he comes highly recommended and we are fortunate to secure a lecturer whose services in the lecture field are not easy to obtain. Board meeting at 2:15.

The Warren Veteran Fireman's association will hold their annual supper Friday evening, March 12. Scott and Bayrd of Wakefield will furnish the entertainment and a good time is expected.

The next meeting of Prudence Wright chapter will be a guest night on March 18, at the home of Mrs. F. S. Bancroft. Each member has the privilege of inviting two guests. Hostesses

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Mrs. Bancroft and the visiting committee. Rev. Warren P. Landers of Boston, secretary of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence society, will speak at a no-license rally held in Railroad square, Tuesday evening, March 2, at eight o'clock, under the auspices of the Federation of Churches. All men and women are invited. Next Sunday Rev. P. H. Cressey of Groton will preach in the Unitarian church in exchange with Rev. D. R. Child. The Men's club of the First Parish will meet in the vestry on Tuesday, March 2, at eight p. m. Warren P. Spaulding, secretary of the Massachusetts Prison association, will give a talk on "The new idea of the bad boy."

Mrs. Julia Lawrence, nurse, has returned home from Brookline, where she has been in the family of William Dinsmore. They have welcomed a son into their family.

Mrs. Alfred Hill, who has been sick and confined to her room since December, is able to be up and dressed.

James Lawrence spent Washington's birthday in Brookline, N. H., with his sister, Mrs. W. E. Corey.

The March committee of the L. S. C. Alliance of the First Parish will serve a supper on Thursday evening, March 4, in Central hall at 6:30 o'clock. At eight o'clock selections will be given by a male quartet and a farce in two acts, entitled "When women vote."

On Saturday afternoon, February 27, there will be a meeting at three o'clock of ladies interested in the formation of a "Bird Walk" at the home of Mrs. Whitmarsh on Main street. All who care for the study and the protection of our local birds please take notice.

D. A. R. Meeting. Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., held its February meeting on Monday, February 22, at the home of Mrs. Edward L. Tarbell at the Center, to celebrate the 133d birthday of George Washington, a large number of members and their friends being present. The hostesses of the afternoon were Mrs. Graham, Miss Anna Sartelle, Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Tarbell as chairman.

The usual ritual exercises opened the meeting, reports were read and accepted and the regent gave notice of an important communication she had recently received from Washington. A "Silver shower" to take place on March 18, for each chapter of the organization to assist in liquidating the debt on Memorial Continental hall in Washington. The matter was voted, discussed and finally it was voted that each member should give personally what ever she desired towards this object, sending her donation in a sealed envelope to the chapter treasurer, Mrs. Austin R. Paul, by the date specified, March 18.

It was also voted to have a year book for the next season, a committee of three for its compilation being elected by the chapter, consisting of Mrs. N. M. R. Gutterason, chairman; Mrs. J. B. Lewis and Mrs. A. P.

Methodist Notes. "Paul before Felix" will be the subject next Sunday morning. There will be a temperance sermon next Sunday evening upon the subject, "Does regulation of the liquor traffic regulate it?" The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at six; subject, "Winsome to win some." Leader, Mrs. P. R. Stratton. The regular business meeting of the Epworth league will be held in the large vestry on Friday evening, March 5, at 7:30 sharp. The social department of the league has made plans for entertaining the young people from eight to ten o'clock.