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### AYER

#### Men's Supper.

A large gathering of over one hundred and twenty-five people enjoyed the very excellent four-course supper served by the men of the Unitarian church in the vestry last week Friday evening. The supper was planned and carried through from start to finish by the men in a highly efficient, interesting and enthusiastic manner, every detail being attended to very carefully, and it is safe to say all enjoyed the feast. The company of workers included Dr. H. B. Priest, W. E. Beckford, Herbert Farnsworth, Dr. Wylie, Robert Murphy, Howard Fletcher, H. M. Beverly, Frank Fletcher, Theodore Barry, Lucius Fairchild, Paul Fillebrown, Herbert Proctor, Newbert Sanderson, L. H. Cushing, I. G. Dwinell and Norman Fletcher. Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the pastor, was everywhere to assist in many ways.

After the supper the people, still seated at the tables, Mr. Crandall introduced Mr. Sweet, a classmate and a graduate of the Harvard School of Architecture, and an architect located in Boston. Mr. Sweet is to draw plans for a remodeling of the church building. He spoke very modestly of his anticipated work as he had not at the time had a chance to look over the building.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. Edwin A. Rumball, who is working for church efficiency in the interests of the American association. He spoke of the great movement of Unitarians ninety years ago and of the present apathy, especially of some people who had said Unitarians were all dead or had moved away until they really believed it. He said Unitarianism was variously defined by different people who knew nothing of it. He brought out many points that should be known. Unitarians emphasize the divinity of human nature being obliged to do this to offset the depravity of human nature as emphasized by the deism of the Unitarian is a nomination. The word Unitarian whose name can be pronounced by a Japanese. He said Unitarianism was the best religion he knew. That it should be advertised with the four words: "never genuine without character," that it is for living purposes only, that the people should create an atmosphere and see the vision. Every city in the land is ready for us. He spoke of the necessity of giving; people do not give what they can. We should standardize our giving, a man should

give as much for religion as for cigars, a woman as much as for a new hat, and a man as much as for a new suit.

Mr. Rumball said many things, and held the large audience spellbound for more than an hour. His efforts are being made to have people understand what Unitarianism is, not to make converts. That is another matter. He spoke at the Unitarian church Sunday morning. His topic was "The Influence of Lost Causes." The audience was large and representative and the sermon very powerful.

**Deaths.**  
Mrs. Ellen Eliza Blood, beloved wife of Calvin Blood, passed away January 22, at 6.30 a. m. of heart failure, aged 77 yrs. 22 days. Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, Miss Grace W. Blood of Lowell and one brother, Joseph G. H. Wright of Brookline, N. H. Funeral services were held from her late home on Washington street on Tuesday afternoon, at two o'clock, at which Rev. J. W. Thomas, pastor of the Baptist church, officiated. The bearers were her three nephews, Albert Phelps, Waldo Blood, Daniel W. Fletcher of Ayer and George W. Libby of Boston. "Abide with me," "Face to face" and "The Christian's good night" were rendered. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, which showed the esteem that was held by relatives and friends. The remains were entombed at Woodlawn cemetery and burial will be later in the family lot at Woodlawn cemetery at Pepperell.

Madison N. Washburn died at the home of his son, Charles L. Washburn, East Main street, last Sunday, aged 76 years, 4 days.

Mr. Washburn was born in Hopkinton January 19, 1840. He moved at an early age to Milford, where he was later foreman of the finishing department in boot shops for many years. In 1884 he moved to Binghamton, N. Y., working at the same business. In 1885, he moved to North Adams and entered the employ of the Fitchburg Railroad Co. In 1887, he lost a leg in the service of this company, but continued in their employ. He was transferred to the East Fitchburg car shops in 1892, where he remained until about a year ago, when he was obliged to give up on account of ill health. In April, last year, he came to Ayer and made his home with his son, John B. Pleasant street, where he remained until October,

when he went to reside with Charles L. Washburn on East Main street. He was a member of Montgomery lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Milford and the New England Railroad Veterans association. Mr. Washburn's wife died last August.

The funeral took place from the home of his son, Charles L. Washburn, at five o'clock Thursday afternoon, in the parlors of the Unitarian church, officiating clergyman was Rev. S. D. Ringrose, pastor of the Highland Baptist church, Fitchburg, of which Mr. Washburn had been a member for many years. The bearers were his three sons, Charles L. and John B. of Ayer, Frank E. of Fitchburg, and his grandson, Albin Washburn, of Hopkinton. His only son, Fred A., of North Loomister, suffered a broken leg recently and was unable to attend. A delegation from Montgomery lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Milford, attended and performed the burial service of the order. The body was placed in the tomb at Woodlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Catherine Coote, wife of William Coote, deceased, passed away on Saturday noon, January 22, at the age of 81 years, 7 months. She was born on Prince Edward Island, June 15, 1834. She came to Boston in her childhood and in 1871 was married to William Coote. When he retired from business in 1885, they removed to this town and bought the place which has since been her home. She was a woman of a remarkably happy, cheerful disposition, which enabled her to overcome obstacles which to others of a different nature would have been insurmountable. She was ever generous and open-hearted in her hospitality, ever ministering to others with no thought of self; ever busy and energetic, being up to five days before her death, about the house, busy and cheerful as ever.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to the bereaved daughter, who has never before been separated from her mother for more than three weeks, and to the three little grandchildren, Marjorie, Robert and Lillian, each of whom has received Grandmother's tender love and devoted care. Although enjoying her life, the following stanza of a song she often sang expresses her sentiments in regard to death:

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Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode,  
Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains,  
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns;  
Where the angels of all ages in harmony meet,  
Their Saviour and brethren transported  
While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll,  
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul.

Berkley T. Larrabee was called to New Ipswich, N. H., last week on account of the death of his father-in-law, James Roger, a prominent citizen of that place. Mrs. Larrabee returned Wednesday from New Ipswich, where she had been for several weeks caring for her father.

Mr. Roger was the son of David and Janet (Bone) Roger. His native town was Kirkcubright, Scotland. He and Miss Margaret Neil were married June 28, 1868. For a period of thirty-one years he was in the employ of the North British Railway Company. He

joined the Masons in 1868 and became elder in 1878. He wrote many articles for the press and published poems of merit. Two of his oldest daughters were residents of Ayer, and one of them, the youngest son, health he emigrated from Rosslyn Castle, Scotland, direct to New Ipswich with his wife, two sons and two daughters in 1897.

At the time of his death he was a deacon and the treasurer; also, the superintendent of the Sunday school of the Congregational church, treasurer of Bethel lodge of Masons, treasurer of Watatic Grange, representative to the state legislature, a member of the corporation of Mason Village Savings bank, a trustee of New Ipswich public library and a member of the Stearns lecture commission. He had filled with credit a position upon the local school board, the presidency of the Men's club of New Ipswich, was a member of Souhegan Country club and the Historical society.

Mr. Roger was a frequent visitor in Ayer.

Mrs. Ann Maria Barlow, aged 81 years, 10 months, 15 days, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Barlow, on Monday, January 24, 1916, of pneumonia. She had been a resident of Ayer for about ten years. Services were held at the house on Wednesday afternoon and the remains were sent to Cookshire, P. O., Thursday, for interment.

John C. Normand, for more than fifty years a resident of Worcester, died from the effects of a shock on Wednesday night. He was employed for twenty-two years in the Washburn & Moen wire mills, retiring from active service four years ago owing to ill health. Mr. Normand is the father of Charles A. Normand, cashier of the First National bank, Ayer.

Unitarian Church Notes.  
Sunday morning service at 10.45; preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister, on the subject, "Faith from the modernist point of view." Church school at two.

The church has purchased, through H. J. Webb, a quantity of new silver. The new hymnal recently published by the American Unitarian association was introduced last Sunday. Mrs. Susan Barker secured the necessary funds.

A congregation of eighty-five attended worship, last Sunday.

#### News Items.

The full list of candidates for town offices for whom nomination papers have been filed up to and ending at five o'clock Thursday afternoon, is as follows: Thomas F. Mullin, Lyman K. Clark, John R. Murphy, John D. Carney, Douglas C. Smith, selectmen; E. D. Stone, treasurer; John B. O'Connell, sr., Charles C. Wood, assessor; E. W. Carley, tax collector; William F. Walsh, Charles W. Mahan, war commissioners; T. Henry Durkin, Eugene S. Barry, board of health; Geo. O. Fillebrown, Geo. L. Osgood, Howard M. Beverly, Thomas J. Ryan, Charles A. McCarthy, auditors; Frederick T. Auld, Albert A. Fillebrown, Wm. F. Fitzgerald, Lyman J. Taylor, constables; Albert D. Downing, Douglas C. Smith, trustees; Dr. Herbert Kenison, school committee; John L. Kennison, park commissioner.

Large crowds have attended the photo drama of creation given for four nights this week in Page's hall. The shows are considered the best ever produced. There will be a lecture given in Page's hall Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by John Hughes of Boston, who will give a largely original lecture on the pictures. The admission to the pictures and for the lecture is entirely free, the project being supported by voluntary contributions.

The warrant for town meeting has been posted. It contains thirteen articles of all of which are of a routine nature. The polls will be opened at 5.45 a. m. and will be closed at four p. m. Monday, February 1, 1916. She came to Boston in her childhood and in 1871 was married to William Coote. When he retired from business in 1885, they removed to this town and bought the place which has since been her home. She was a woman of a remarkably happy, cheerful disposition, which enabled her to overcome obstacles which to others of a different nature would have been insurmountable. She was ever generous and open-hearted in her hospitality, ever ministering to others with no thought of self; ever busy and energetic, being up to five days before her death, about the house, busy and cheerful as ever.

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RELIABLE CLOTHING AYER, MASS.

### OUR MID-WINTER COUNTER CLEARING

# Mark-Down Sale

WILL BEGIN ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

In accordance with our fixed policy, of twenty years' standing, of disposing of our stock during the season for which it is made and not carry goods over from one season to the next, we will now make some genuine price reductions on the balance of our stock of Winter Goods.

On Saturday, January 29, we will begin our regular Mid-Winter Mark-Down Sale of the balance of our stock of

#### WINTER CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS and FURNISHINGS

In the face of the great advance in prices of all kinds of merchandise we have made our usual price reductions on our Fancy Mixture Suits and Overcoats, and more moderate price reductions on the staple lines.

Look over the list of items carefully; you will find it for your interest to take advantage of this opportunity to secure standard goods at extremely low prices.

#### MEN'S SUIT BARGAINS

Balance of our stock of Fancy Mixture Suits are now offered at reduced prices. Many Shuman Suits among the lot.

\$12.00 Fancy Suits marked down to	\$8.47
\$15.00 Fancy Suits marked down to	\$10.47
\$18.00 Fancy Suits marked down to	\$13.47
\$20.00 Fancy Suits marked down to	\$14.47

Blue Serge and Staple Worsteds not included in this sale

#### CHILDREN'S SUITS

Ages 6 to 16

\$3.00 Suits marked down to	\$2.25
\$3.50 Suits marked down to	\$2.75
\$5.00 Suits marked down to	\$3.47

Odd Knickerbocker Trousers

50c. Trousers reduced to	39c
\$1.00 Trousers reduced to	79c

#### MEN'S WORKING TROUSERS

One lot Trousers, regular price \$1.75 for	\$1.39
One lot Trousers, regular price \$2.00 for	\$1.69
One lot Trousers, regular price \$2.50 for	\$1.98
One lot Trousers, regular price \$3.00 for	\$2.47
One lot Trousers, regular price \$3.50 for	\$2.98

#### WINTER HATS AND CAPS

50c. Golf Caps for Men, now	39c
75c. Golf Caps for Men, now	50c
\$1.00 Golf Caps for Men, now	79c
25c. Golf Caps for Boys, now	19c

Fur Caps and Fur-Trimmings now at Greatly Reduced Prices

#### HATS

\$2.00 Stiff Hats for men, now	\$1.47
\$3.00 Stiff Hats for Men, Lamson & Hubbard make, now	\$1.98
\$3.00 Velour Hats for Men, now	\$1.98
\$1.50 Velvet or Plush Hats, now	\$1.00
\$1.00 Velvet or Plush Hats, now	75c

#### Yarn Toques

One lot Yarn Toques for Boys and Girls, 50c. grade, for	25c
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#### FUR COATS AND FUR-LINED COATS

The balance of our stock of Fur Outside Coats and also Fur-lined Coats will be offered at a price reduction of 10 percent from our already extremely low prices.

#### MACKINAW COATS

The balance of our stock of Mackinaw Coats for Men and Boys are now offered at a price reduction of 20 percent from our regular prices.

#### A FEW SPECIAL BARGAINS

Men's White Handkerchiefs	3c
President Suspenders, 50c. grade	35c
President Suspenders	25c
Police Braces, 25c. grade	17c
Fine Lisle Braces, 50c. kind, for	29c

#### SHOE DEPARTMENT

We have many broken lines and odd pairs of Shoes and Slippers for Women and Girls which we have placed upon the Bargain Counter for this sale.

Store Open on Monday, Friday and Saturday Evenings

#### FANCY MIXTURE OVERCOATS

For Men and Youths

Every Fancy Mixture Overcoat are now offered at big reductions from regular prices.

#### Sizes 34 to 42—All Good Bargains

\$12.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$8.47
\$15.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$10.47
\$18.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$13.47
\$20.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$15.47

Our Black Kersey and Gray Vicunna and Melton Overcoats are offered at a reduction of 10 percent from the regular price on tag.

#### BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS

Every Overcoat at Reduced Price

Ages 12 to 16

\$5.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$3.47
\$7.50 Overcoats marked down to	\$5.00
\$8.50 Overcoats marked down to	\$6.47

Ages 4 to 12

\$4.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$2.89
\$5.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$3.47
\$7.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$5.00

#### FURNISHING GOODS DEPARTMENT

#### Shirt Bargains

One lot of Fancy Coat Shirts, the Stag Brand, regular \$1.00 grade, now	69c
One lot of regular 50c. Coat Shirts, now	39c
One lot of Domet Flannel Working Shirts, the regular 50c. kind, now	39c

#### Underwear Bargains

Double-breasted Fleece Underwear, a great bargain at 50c., now	39c
Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, our regular 50c. grade, now	39c
Wright Health Fleece Underwear: The 75c. grade reduced to	59c
The \$1.00 grade reduced to	79c
Men's Double-breasted Camel's Hair Underwear, our regular \$1.00 grade, now	79c
Derby Ribbed Union Suits for Men, the regular \$1.00 grade, now	79c
Boys' Wright's Wool Fleece Shirts and Drawers, our regular 50c. grade, for	39c
Boys' Fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers, the 25c. and 29c. kind, for	21c

#### Men's Hosiery Bargains

25c. grade of Medium Wool Hose, now	19c
15c. grade of Heavy Cotton Hose, in black or tan colors, now	9c
Cotton and Wool Hose	2 pairs for 25c

#### Sweater Bargains

Men's and Boys' Coat Sweaters, a regular 75c. quality, now for	47c
Men's Coat Sweaters, a regular \$1.50 grade, all colors, now for	\$1.00
One lot of Men's Sweaters, odd Sweaters, 34, 36, 38 sizes only, \$3.00 to \$4.00 kind, for	\$1.00
One lot Men's Sweaters, odd Sweaters with Collars, the \$5.00 grade, for	\$3.00

#### Neckwear Bargains

Poplin Four-in-hands now	25c
25c. grade Button-on Ties now	15c
25c. grade Four-in-hands now	15c
50c. grade Four-in-hands now	35c

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WESTFORD

Center. Emory J. Whitney, who has been among the shut-ins with sickness for the last four weeks, is still confined to his bed, although resting comfortably.

Miss Hilda Isles is gaining each day from her recent severe illness, and while it will be some time before she can take up her work again, Mrs. Isles resumes the management of the telephone switchboard this week.

Mrs. Charles H. Wright is among the sick ones and under the doctor's care, suffering with rheumatism.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church met at the home of Mrs. John Perkins on Thursday afternoon. The program, "Awakenings in India," was in charge of Miss Loker and Mrs. Perkins.

Harry L. Nesmith, tree warden, and helpers, have been busy this week removing some decayed wood from the massive old elm tree near the Unitarian church. This is one of the historic old trees of the village, having been set by Sherman H. Fletcher's great-grandfather about 1832.

Miss Harriet M. Hodgman, of Dunstable, was the guest last week of Miss Emily F. Fletcher, and in attendance at the home-maker's course of the extension school.

A second little daughter has been born to Dr. and Mrs. George O. Clark, of Boston. Mrs. Clark was formerly Miss Carzu Abbot, of Westford.

Mrs. V. C. B. Wetmore, of Nashobah farm, has gone to Jamaica for a six-weeks' stay.

Miss Marguerite Young, of the academy teaching force, who was obliged to be absent from school several days with a severe cold, is better and on duty again.

Word comes from Westford of the sudden death of John Langtry in Saugus last week, having died in a street car. He was eighty years of age. Mr. Langtry was a long-time resident of this town, having moved away some twenty years ago. He conducted a blacksmith shop at one time on the site between Samuel H. Balch's house and the one occupied by Walter L. Cutler, after moving this shop on land near his house. His home was the place now owned and occupied by Perley E. Wright. In the later years of his living in Westford he carried on a successful fruit farm. He was also one of the town's former tax collectors.

At the Sunday evening service at the Congregational church Rev. William A. Anderson was the speaker, giving the evening a most interesting talk on "The real values of life."

The Agricultural Extension school, which proved so successful last week, leaves a balance in the treasurer's hands of \$28.28, which will be given to the J. V. Barker school trustees for the purchase of new books along the line of subjects exemplified in the school. This result was made possible by the subscription allowing the use of the hall for the week without payment of rent, also, to the kindly courtesy of Arthur Fletcher in entertaining two of the men teachers at his home during the time that they were here.

Mrs. Sarah M. Harris, who has been ill for several weeks at the home of Mrs. S. B. Wright, was moved this week to the home of her married daughter in Saugus.

Wednesday seemed peculiarly congenial to the maiden January day in memory by many of our residents.

Tadmuck Club. The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall. Reports of previous meetings were given, and the president, Mrs. Hildreth, in part tendered and sympathetic tribute to the memory of its two recently deceased members, Mrs. Mary E. Heywood and Mrs. Alma B. Hildreth.

The speaker of the afternoon was Walter E. Spalding, secretary of the Massachusetts Prison association, who spoke on "The treatment of crime—past, present and future." Mr. Spalding, out of a wide experience, proved a most interesting speaker, showing the reforms in the penal code along reformatory and probationary methods in dealing with what he called the "weakness rather than the wickedness" of humanity in many instances.

This meeting was a charge of the legislative department of the club, Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth, chairman. Special attention was called to the program for the next meeting, in charge of the literature and library extension committee, when Mrs. Tracyworthy White is expected to lecture on "Current literature."

About Town. The town committee have called a caucus of the republicans to nominate candidates for town office at the town hall on Monday evening. The democratic caucus will be held at the town hall on Tuesday evening. The annual town meeting will occur on Monday, February 14.

John A. Taylor writes from North Dakota that the weather is doing business at 42° below zero. At time of writing the weather here is trying to do business in the mosquito temperature.

The committee of Middlesex North Pomona Grange on good of the order will meet at the home of E. F. Dickinson, Billerica Center, this week Saturday afternoon at three o'clock.

The next meeting of Middlesex North Pomona Grange will be held in Odd Fellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, Friday, February 4. The morning session will be devoted to a roll call of the charter members and a paper by Mrs. Vickers, of Chelmsford, on "How to make the most of life." In the afternoon E. W. Boutwell, of Andover, will illustrate with talk and stereopticon "A trip across the conti-

ment to the world's fair and back by way of Washington." This will be an open meeting.

Many friends of William O. Patten in this, his native town, and his large circle of friends elsewhere, will be refreshed to know that he is able to be about the house after several weeks of serious illness from pneumonia at his home in Worcester. He will be remembered by the older residents as a boy, scholar in the public schools and Westford academy, and as a man of wholesome habits affable in his friendship, constant to church and Sunday school, of which the writer was one of an inquiring class.

In addition to the recent loss of his wife, Albert A. Hildreth has lost a valuable horse, cow and a small flock of poultry. This is a sad problem in addition.

Chaplain's night will be observed at the Grange next Thursday evening in charge of Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace.

The next farmers' institute of Middlesex North will be held in Wilmington about the middle of February, with an address by Dr. Twitchell, of Maine.

Good Lecture. In the lecture of Prof. Holmes on "Corn at the Extension school last week he said that land should be well stocked with humus, green crop plowed under or stubble, dressing harrowed in. Plow several weeks before planting; fall plowing is best for moisture in the soil, and for breaking up weeds and economy of labor. Thorough harrowing before planting is the most efficient and cheapest cultivation; start the weeder soon after planting. Cultivation should be shallow and level and frequent; moisture is often the limiting factor in the yield of corn. Seed corn should be adapted to our soil, the only one in Massachusetts cannot reach the size grown in a warmer climate. Plant home-grown seed; select the seed corn in the field; note the maturity, position on the stalk, vigor of the stalk, the surrounding stalks, the size of kernel and cob, storing after selection in a dry place, which gives a better germination. Uniform size of kernel gives a regular and even distribution by the corn planter.

Corn full of moisture is liable to freeze and thus lose the power to germinate. Each ear should be tested for vitality by germinating ten in a box in the winter. Crop rotation utilizes plant food in the soil to better advantage; retards development of fungus diseases; land should be down in grass and cover not less than one year in three; should contain one or more deep rooted crops; should not include crops of the same kind nor those prohibited by the same disease; insects must have a crop on the land a major part of the year; should have the soil covered during fall and winter except in case of late fall plowing.

Functions of green crops plowed under add organic matter to the soil; make mineral plant food in the soil more available; prevent leaching of nitrate; cover the soil in winter in case of leaches; tend to break up the subsoil by the roots. Dry out the soil, plowed under may stop the rise of water; improve soil by the acids and cover not less than one year in three; should contain one or more deep rooted crops; should not include crops of the same kind nor those prohibited by the same disease; insects must have a crop on the land a major part of the year; should have the soil covered during fall and winter except in case of late fall plowing.

Deaths. Benjamin F. Wilkerson died in Lancaster last Saturday at his home on Narrows lane, aged ninety-three years. He was a native of Westford, the eldest son of Ichabod and Sarah Wilkerson, being one of a large family that carried on the shoe-making business in the palmy days of hand power, and located at the corner of Main street and Providence road, the house and shop being destroyed by fire several years ago. Other shops were located at various places on the Providence road and connected with their dwellings. They were staunch believers and defenders of the faith of the seventh day Adventists and were prominent in the movement that swept over the town in the fifties. Mr. Wilkerson is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Ethel Hall Wilkerson, two sons, Charles J. of Townsend and John H. of Worcester, and a daughter, Mrs. S. S. Cross, of Manchester, N. H., and ten grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at the Seventh Day Adventist church, Lancaster, conducted by Elder P. F. Beckwith, Elder F. C. Gilchrist and Prof. B. F. Macklin. Burial was in West Townsend.

Leland C. Beckwith died at his home in the south part of the town on Tuesday of last week after a short illness and several years of infirmity. He was a native of this town and had resided here nearly all his life. As former citizen, friend and neighbor he passed the quiet and honest ways of a life of industry and industry by letting his right hand know what his left hand doeth. He is survived by a wife, two daughters, Anna Beckwith of Concord, and Matilda of Lawrenceville, two sons, George, of Lowell, and Arthur of Westford; two brothers, Al Beckwith, a veteran of the civil war, and Charles H. of Westford.

The funeral was from his home on Lake wood Friday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Daniel J. Hatfield, minister of the Baptist church in South Chelmsford. Mrs. John F. Barker, sister-in-law, and Mrs. John F. Barker, sister-in-law, and Mrs. John F. Barker, sister-in-law, were the bearers. The bearers were William Steifer, Almon Voss, Everett Jarvis and John O'Brien. Burial was in Hart Pond cemetery, South Chelmsford.

Origen B. Young died at his home in Hopkinton last week aged seventy-seven years. He will be remembered by his many friends in Westford as organist for several years at the Unitarian church. He will also be remembered as active in developing and utilizing the musical element in human life that had become side-tracked by neglect and an over-shadowing materialism. For several terms he was teacher of music, private and public; he was an expert in music by nature and study. He was a brother of Rev. George H. Young, who for six years was minister of the First Parish church. He married Miss Louise Smith, daughter of Capt. Jacob Smith, the long-time and long to be remembered tenor singer in the choir of the Unitarian church a half century ago. Mr. Young leaves besides his wife a daughter and five grandchildren.

John Langtry, who for many years carried on the blacksmith business in North Pomona Center, and later a small fruit farm, died suddenly in street car in Saugus last Saturday afternoon, aged eighty years.

Mrs. David W. Sherman died at her home on Cold Spring road Tuesday, aged seventy-nine years, after a lingering illness. In the vigor of her younger days she was a woman of

OSTEOPATHY ACT HOME

RECREATION A NECESSITY.

Work Should Be Followed by Play Not Simply by Rest or Sleep.

By DR. R. KENDRICK SMITH.

NORMAL life should not be made up alone of work and rest. Sleep has been characterized as "nature's sweet restorer," and this is true, but it is not by any means the only one. Work is necessary to health, and it is normal that it should be followed by a reasonable fatigue. This fatigue can be remedied by sleep, but the end result of an unrelenting labor and rest in time makes the individual pay the penalty. This penalty is lessened efficiency, a lowered morale and a shortened life.

Grow Old Too Fast. Recreation is the preventive as well as the cure. Separate the work into the prefix, "re," and the remainder of the word, "recreation"—"re-creates," "secret" of it. Recreation "re-creates" just as we put labor and rest as opposites in the alternations of daily life should we put work and play. The hackneyed saying "variety is the spice of life" is true also in its biological and hygienic aspects. Dr. Richard Cabot, in one of his "best sellers" of the day brings this out in the title of his book, which is "Work, Play, Love and Worship." In these five words he epitomizes the essentials of genuine life, and you will notice that second in importance only is "play."

We all grow old too fast. It is largely our own fault. We don't stay young as long as we could. Much of the tendency toward the great degenerative diseases which decimate adults in middle life is partly due to the fact

that we sober down too much and too quickly and become such slaves to money making and money spending and the ceaseless demands of the machinery of the artificialities of social life that we get too serious and forget how to be merry. We should get down on the floor with the kiddies and romp with them. Then we could acquire once more the spontaneous glee of care-free, innocent fun and the exhilaration of the physical freedom of an all round use of muscles in the pursuit of pleasure instead of the grind of wage earning or the medicinal exercise of the pre-

scribed monotony of gymnasium work or physical culture. Watch the little children for a moment. You can almost see them grow as they toss and tumble and run about, with their ceaseless activity and their merry peals of boisterous laughter. These are the habits which build bodies and make strong men and women out of soft bits of babies. Why not apply the same methods to grown-up folks, instead of working hard and then sitting around in easy chairs reading magazines and growing fat and wondering why we can't digest our dinner of course you can't digest it. The kiddies couldn't either if they found their recreation only in the theatre or the magazine or bridge, or some other evasion of nature's necessity for good lively fun which combines physical and mental.

Loosen Up. Dignity Is a Disease. Don't Be Stiff-Necked. Romp with the Kiddies. Dance and Play Games. Play Is a Necessity for Health. You Are Not as Old as You Think.

The Body Is Recreated and Kept Youthful by Wholesome Fun and Pleasure.

Look at the faces in the street cars. Watch the expression of those who are sitting quietly alone unwarmed by observation. Do they look happy? Is there any evidence of a smile? Is there even a hint of that twinkle which is always ready to burst forth in the face and eyes of the average healthy youngster? Isn't it true with most of us adults that our countenance of a laugh is the result of a theatrical jest or a neighbor's joke or a newspaper cartoon, rather than the always available opportunity for the wholesome jollity of youthful romp and play? If the latter makes such a very obvious difference in the actual shape and expression of the flesh of the face, is it not perfectly possible that in other parts of the body, including organs internal, may not also be changed in shape and function by the same thing?

Keeps the Body in Tune. So our advice is for you to "loosen up." Don't be so stiff. You are not half so old as you think you are. Play, recreate, get young again; join the children in their dancing and in their games. It won't hurt you any to lose some of your dignity. Dignity is one of the things that are the matter with most of us anyway. It is a serious disease and is exceedingly prevalent. Go to an osteopath and get him to loosen up your spine. Adults tend to get too stiff-necked anyway, and if this is loosened up a bit and followed by good, sensibly relaxation at home, particularly by outdoor sports, life will have a different look and a good many so-called diseases will cease to be.



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that his early spring duties will not interfere with his playing when Graniteville and Westford meet.

The members of Cameron circle, C. F. of A., held a well attended and interesting meeting in their rooms on Tuesday evening. Much business of a routine order was transacted and a social hour was enjoyed at the close of the session.

Deputy high chief ranger, J. A. Healy, assisted by R. J. McCarthy, Edward Hiney and A. B. Wall installed the newly-elected officers of Court Wannanet, M. C. O. F., in North Chelmsford on last Tuesday evening. A social hour was enjoyed after the meeting, during which refreshments were served.

The spring-like weather that we have had for the past few days has put all thoughts of coasting and skating in the background.

There was no session held in the Sargent school here on last Monday, as the day was given over to the different teachers for the purpose of visiting out of town schools.

The newly-elected officers of Court Westford, M. C. O. F., were installed by Deputy James P. Daley and staff at the regular meeting held on Thursday night. A social hour was enjoyed after the meeting. A short entertainment was given that was thoroughly enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Firemen's Ball. Many people from this village attended the firemen's ball held in Abbot's hall, Forge Village, on last week Friday evening and with Flanagan's orchestra of Marlboro furnishing the music and all the "old timers" out, the affair was really in the nature of a reunion. The dance was in charge of the John Edwards hose company and as one member remarked "this is the first dance I have been to in eighteen years." It was plainly evident that at least one person hung fast to the rule of "slide dancing only." It was surely one grand success socially and we trust financially, but as the committee run this affair for a good time only, it goes without saying that they accomplished their purpose.

Now that the Hose No. 1 company of Westford and the Hose No. 3 company of Forge Village have made their social bow this season, is it not about time for the Graniteville firemen to come out of their shell, show a little "pep" and at least give us a concert or dance to enliven matters? Come boys, manifest a little sociability, get together and show them what Graniteville can do along the social line.

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SHIRLEY

News Items. Mrs. Herbert V. Martin, of Newton Upper Falls, spent the week-end and Sunday at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Clark, Huxell street.

close of the installation ceremony a brief, practical address was made by the deputy and the members of his suite also made brief remarks. Refreshments were then served and the evening most enjoyably spent. Visiting members were present from nearby lodges.

The following officers were installed: Harry O. Bangs, p. m.; Sylvester Chesbrough, m. w.; John Gilmartin, fore; Morton E. Lawrence, o.; Walter Knowles, rec.; John H. Will, bl.; John Simmons, pres. Mrs. Charles W. McClellan, trustee 3 yrs. The treasurer, Charles W. Wolff, was not present to be installed, owing to illness in his family.

Children's Ball. The children's ball, under the direction of Mrs. C. R. White, was held on last week Friday evening in Odd Fellows hall, nearly 100 guests were present, including a number from nearby towns. The matrons were Mrs. Little W. Evans and Mrs. Lucy J. Merriam.

Altruism. The Altruism club observed guest night on Tuesday evening at the Congregational church vestry. The room was transformed into a handsome reception room and many handsome flowers filled the room with fragrance and beauty.

Proposed New School Building. As stated in the school committee's report upon the plans for the proposed new school building, they have been working out for several years and more immediate future needs. But, as the financial resources of the town would be somewhat taxed to build the building now, it will be recommended that the town build the central part. This would have eight rooms to be added as circumstances demanded.

Brookline, N. H. Mrs. Carrie Whitehead entertained her daughter, Mrs. George Falmer, of Milford on last week Wednesday. Frank Maynard recently entertained his brother, Wallace Maynard, of Barre, Mass.

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GROTON

News Items. Mrs. Woolley and sister, Mrs. Felton... Catherine Woolley Cook and family.

Word was received Sunday morning at her home in Newbury of Mrs. Bennett... a wearisome illness of many years' duration.

Mr. Allen, the blacksmith, is now out of quarantine from scarlet fever and is returning to work.

Mr. Samuel W. Felton, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Dudley Moore, on her return from Detroit...

An unusually large attendance is reported at the Pomona Grange here last week Thursday.

Friends calling at the Groton Private hospital this week find Mrs. Eugene Collier very comfortable and well on the road to recovery.

The Camp-fire girls will meet at the home of Mrs. Edith Waters, next Tuesday afternoon.

During the warm April like weather of this week the most has come of the ground so that the mud in places is so deep that wheels go up to their hubs, making hard traveling.

Mrs. Maude E. Trayne received a postal card Thursday from Lebanon, N. H., poultry show, stating that she had been awarded two first prizes on her Japanese silks.

Mr. Meier's talk Tuesday to the children at one o'clock and to others at three o'clock was enjoyed by both audiences.

The next meeting of the Book and Thimble will be on the afternoon of February 4 with Mrs. Ellen A. Barrows.

The Alliance met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. F. P. Waters.

Mrs. Vesper services will be held at Lawrence academy Sunday, January 22, at five o'clock.

Having been urged by friends to become a candidate for school committee, Mrs. Cora L. Farwell has consented to be a candidate for the office.

The annual gentlemen's night at the Unitarian church will be held next Thursday evening at the usual hour.

Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold their eighth annual, or centennial, meeting in town hall, Thursday evening, February 10.

Frank A. Torrey's term of office as selectman, assessor of taxes and overseer of the poor expires this year. He is a candidate for re-election.

Myron P. Swallow, whose term as electric light commissioner expires this year, is not a candidate for re-election, but he is a candidate for re-election as tax collector.

Mrs. Abram Miller passed successfully through the operation at the Clinton hospital last Saturday.

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AYER

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fallon, who have been employed at Col. Nickerson's house on upper Pleasant street, left for Boston last Saturday. The house was closed Monday.

Mrs. Mary Fletcher Gilbert and her sister, Miss Nina Fletcher, of New York, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Fletcher last Sunday.

Martin Scullane, p. w. p., assisted by George Milson, p. w. c., installed the officers of Ayer Junction Aerie at the last meeting. C. R. Johnson, w. p.; P. A. Parker, w. v. p.; Thomas McKay, w. c.; William Thompson, w. v. p.; William J. Donlon, w. t.; John Fallon, l. g.; John T. Sherman, o. g.; Patrick Cheery, Dr. Leon E. Sullivan and Fred O'Clair, trustees. A lunch was served.

"The insurrection" in three parts, will be the headliner this Saturday evening at the match picture show. Others will be "The unseen enemy," a two-part drama; "Old good for nothing" and "Think of the money," two farce-comedies, and others of interest will be shown. The bill comprises over 7,000 feet of pictures. Next Wednesday evening "Officer 666," which is taken from the play of the same name, which has had a run in Boston and elsewhere, will be the attraction with other good pictures; also, Pathe Weekly, showing the world in motion.

General Manager Pollock of the Boston and Maine railroad, and other high officials, were in Ayer last Saturday afternoon looking over the railroad situation. A good deal of attention was given to the south railroad yard, which at times is not large enough for the prompt and efficient handling of the immense volume of business the yard employees are called upon to do. Surveys were made this week in preparation for changes which will remedy the difficulty. The officials came in a special train in which they are making a tour of the road.

The pastor of the Baptist church will speak on "Sunday mornings at 10:45" on "The common-place life glorified." Sunday school at twelve. At seven in the evening the song service will be followed by a sermon by Rev. S. D. Ringrose, of Fitchburg, who will speak on "Catching and training a wife." W. Gardner Stockwell, of Fitchburg, will play the Swiss bells. A free-will offering will be taken on aid Mr. Ringrose in cancelling the mortgage on his church.

Rev. Edwin A. Rumball, the efficiency expert of the American Unitarian association, was the guest over the week-end at the home of Howard M. Beverly, clerk of the parish.

Thomas H. Elliott, of Lowell, president of the North Middlesex Conference of Unitarian churches, was a guest of the parish at the men's supper last week Friday evening.

Harry Brooks Sweet, of Boston, the architect for the proposed alteration in the Unitarian church, was the guest of Rev. Frank B. Crandall and attended the men's supper. While here he made a complete and careful set of measurements of the interior and exterior of the church.

Miss Ethel Lillibridge, the parish worker, employed by the North Middlesex Conference, has been secured through the efforts of the parish committee and minister. She will assist this week the minister in the work of parish visiting. She is staying with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps, Pleasant street.

A. E. Lawrence, coal and grain dealer, has purchased a new Netco auto truck and will be pleased to deliver his goods to the house in any town within ten miles of Fitchburg, at small margin over the cost at the store. First-class goods and sales guaranteed. advt.

The subject of the sermon on Sunday morning at the Federated church will be "The virtues of virtue." The church school at noon. Meeting of the C. E. society at six in the evening; topic, "Great foreign missionaries." Evening service at seven o'clock. Music service, Thursday evening at 7:30. The members of the boys' choir are requested to be present Sunday morning at 10:15.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday afternoon, February 4, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Boutelle, of Dorchester, were guests at the home of O. K. Pierce on Wednesday. Mrs. Boutelle is a sister of Mr. Pierce.

The double house of J. M. Burwell, East Main street, has been wired and fixtures installed by J. M. Wallace, electrician.

A unique method of having parcels saved for has been recently installed in the large waiting room at the railroad station. The device is in the form of small compartments in a metal upright case, capable of holding parcels and other small baggage as large as suitcases. By depositing a small coin in the slot the key can be used to unlock the particular drawer in which the customer desires to deposit his parcel or bag. The parcels are returned to the customer when he wishes to get his parcel, and unlocks the small opening. The units, as each series of compartments are called, can be joined together and make up much more room for business travelers. At present there is but one unit here. The device has been in operation in the middle west for some time, but it is a new thing in the east. It is attracting much attention.

The members of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., visited Maynard lodge on Wednesday evening.

The registrars of voters will have their final session previous to town election this Saturday from twelve at noon until ten in the evening.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange will meet here on Thursday, February 3, in the town hall. The entertainment for the day will be furnished by the Pomona Grange. At present there is but one unit here. The device has been in operation in the middle west for some time, but it is a new thing in the east. It is attracting much attention.

A business meeting of the Ayer Branch Alliance will be held Thursday afternoon, February 3, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ellen Kittredge, Washington street, in place of the regular February meeting.

Ice cutting by the Boston Ice Company at Sandy pond was suspended the first of the week because of the extremely low water. The company intends to resume cutting as soon as weather conditions will allow.

J. William Brown left this week Friday afternoon for Beacon Falls, Conn., after a visit to his home here. Mr. Brown has an excellent position with the Beacon Falls Shoe Company.

Another train load of sixteen horses bound for use by the allied armies in

Europe passed through here Monday morning bound for Boston from which place they will be shipped across the water.

Rumors are again in circulation regarding the erection of an interlocking switch tower at the railroad station. This matter was taken up by the railroad company some years ago, but for some reason it has not been installed. The Boston and Maine Railroad Company, it is said, had plans and specifications drawn up recently for a new tower which is now waiting for an appropriation for it to be given by the company. Another story of a proposed new tower at the overhead bridge is being circulated. No official knowledge could be obtained of the matter, however.

Rev. Benjamin Brewster, of Glenwood Springs, Col., was chosen Episcopal bishop of the Maine diocese in Portland, Me., Wednesday. He received 99 clerical and 62 lay votes to 19 clerical and 15 lay votes for his opponent, Rev. John H. Hopkins, of Chicago. The election was viewed with much interest in this vicinity, owing to the fact that Rev. William G. Thayer, who was one of the candidates, was a former vicar of St. Andrew's church, Ayer. Mr. Thayer made a strong showing at a previous conference several weeks ago, which failed to elect a candidate. He withdrew, leaving the field to the above-named candidates. The election was to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bishop Robert Codman, which occurred in October.

We received on Thursday a booklet of handsome souvenir views of Yuma, Ariz., from Judge Warren H. Alford, who is traveling in the far west. It is a beautiful piece of photographic art.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet at the home of Robert Murphy and Miss Marion Proctor on Monday evening, January 31.

At the next regular meeting of the Ayer Gun club in Carley's block, to be held Tuesday, February 1, at 7:30 p. m., Alvin C. Leominster Gun club will give an informal talk on the proposed league of gun clubs in this section of the state. It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend this meeting. If such a league as that proposed is formed it will probably include the Hudson, Clinton, Leominster, Fitchburg, West Groton and Ayer clubs, a total league membership of over two hundred. As each club can boast of several expert shooters, the competition will be keen.

Harbinger lodge, K. P., will hold a bathhouse smoke-fest at their hall on Central avenue on Monday evening, January 31, at eight o'clock. The following speakers are expected: Dr. Roger S. York, g. c.; George E. H. H. R. S. P. F. P. S. P. C. Columbia lodge, invited by card. Lunch and cards will close the evening's entertainment.

Warren E. Brooks, son-in-law of Mrs. Sarah P. Brown, arrived in town from New York last Monday evening and he returned to Fitchburg, Wis., his home, with Mrs. Brown, Saturday, January 29, where she will spend the remainder of the winter with her daughter. Mr. Brooks left Fitchburg in June and has been ever since engaged in business in New York state.

The Unitarian Girls' club are planning for a large party Tuesday evening at the town hall. Wilson's orchestra of Fitchburg will furnish the music. There will not be any tickets sold at the door. They must be procured of the club members.

Miss Flora I. Cole, teacher of piano-forte, presented her Worcester pupils in a recital Saturday morning at the Progressive School of Music, where she is a pupil. The children played from memory and showed careful training. The rooms of the school were decorated with red and white pinns and ferns. Miss Cole played at the close of the program.

George Russell, formerly of this town, is critically ill with little hope of recovery, at the home of his son in Jamaica Plain.

Other Ayer matter will be found on page one and page six.

Entertainment. An entertainment will be given in Page's hall on Monday evening, February 1, at eight o'clock, under the auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church. The entertainers are two New York vocalists, Mrs. Viola Van Orden Berry, and Miss Benjamin E. Berry, patron and Miss Doris Goodspeed, reader of the school of English speech and expression, Boston. Mrs. Berry has been soloist for J. Vernon Butler in the past years of the New York society. Mrs. Berry has a tenor voice of remarkable character which has been cultivated by study abroad. Both Mrs. and Mr. Berry have sung in large cities and have received very complimentary notices. The two voices from long association have reached a similar quality and in the duets they blend perfectly.

They come well recommended by J. Vernon Butler, who conducted the recent musical before the Woman's club.

O. E. S. Installation. The installation of the newly-elected officers of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., took place on Wednesday evening. The officers were installed by Mrs. Lucy G. B. Colby, past grand matron and grand treasurer of Newburyport, assisted by Mrs. Annabelle R. Weston, past matron of Orient chapter, Nashua, N. H., as marshal, Frank S. Pierce as patron, and Mrs. Flora I. Pierce as chaplain, as follows: Mrs. Margaret K. Cushing, matron; Dr. B. H. Hopkins, patron; Mrs. Annie E. Fillebrown, sec.; Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer, treas.; Mrs. Eva W. Hartson, cond.; Miss Lucy B. Wyman, asso. cond.; Mrs. Carrie L. Lynds, chap.; Miss Fannie E. Woods, Grotton, marshal; Miss Gladys Fletcher, Westford, pianist; Miss Isabel Murphy, Adah; Mrs. Mary A. Huntington, Iuth; Mrs. Mary E. Fillebrown, Esther; Mrs. Ida L. Preble, Martha; Mrs. Bertha Martin, Electa; Miss Esther A. Stone, w. e.; H. Blacklow, w. e.; Mrs. M. Brown, associate matron, will be installed later, as sickness prevented her being present.

About one hundred partook of a bountiful supper served by the new officers at the installation Warren L. Probie, past patron, presented a past matron's journal to Mrs. Grace A. Lentz. Then followed remarks by the installing officers and also by Mrs. Melissa Cook, of Fitchburg, a guest, who was the first-grand matron of the grand chapter of Massachusetts.

A short entertainment followed, consisting of musical selections by the European trio of Leominster, Miss Lottie G. Bowers, violin; Miss Esther R. Otto, cello, and Mrs. Lillian B. Goodwin, pianist, and vocal selections by Miss Mildred Sanders, of this town, with Miss Edith Longley, accompanist. Guests were present from Fitchburg and Leominster.

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AYER

News Items.  
Ernest Ruddy, of Clinton, began work as night clerk in Brown's lunch room on Tuesday night.  
The condition of Jenness W. Brown is reported as much improved this week Friday.  
Mrs. H. W. Winslow, d. g. p., assisted by Miss Myrtle Smith, g. m.; Mrs. Nora Perkins, d. g. s.; Mrs. Blanche Brown, d. g. w.; Mrs. W. H. Dudley, d. g. t.; Mrs. W. E. Wheeler, d. g. c.; Mrs. Oren Kidder, d. g. g.; all of Vesta Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., and Mrs. Jennie Hazen of Fitchburg, d. g. h., installed the officers of E. Victoria lodge in Fitchburg on Monday evening. They also installed the officers of Mary A. Livermore lodge in Shirley this Friday evening.

HARVARD

News Items.  
The Ladies' Benevolent society will meet on Tuesday for an all-day sewing meeting with Miss E. Hersey at ten o'clock.  
Miss Lillian Hazelton, from Wintonchendon, is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Morse.  
About seventeen members of Harvard lodge, I. O. O. F., with friends, visited a neighborhood meeting of Odd Fellows in Maynard on Wednesday evening, going by autos. They reported a fine supper and entertainment.  
Miss Adelle Richardson, a registered nurse, from Boston, is a guest this week with Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Royal.  
Miss Silva, of Hudson, has been engaged to fill the vacancy at the primary school. Miss Silva has had experience and is well qualified to take charge of this school.  
A large number from here attended the annual supper and social of the Still River church on Thursday evening, despite the very adverse traveling conditions. They enjoyed the excellent supper and also the play given by the men of that parish.

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SILL RIVER.  
The annual supper and entertainment by the gentlemen connected with the Ladies' Aid society was given in the vestry on Thursday evening, about 150 being present, many coming from Harvard and others from Clinton Bolton and Ayer. After the supper the farce, "Hunting for Haggood," was given, the "star" actors, Mrs. Fannie Haskell and Chester Willard, keeping all in good humor, and the other parts by Madeline Russell, Walter Haskell and Wendell Willard were equally well taken.  
Mrs. Annie Russell and Miss Alice Marshall attended the Unitarian conference in Worcester on Thursday.  
Mrs. Anna Flanders has been visiting relatives in Mattapan.  
Mrs. L. H. Morse has been visiting in Newton.  
Miss Laura A. Brown, of West Acton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jennie Willard.  
Florence Gabrielson and Mrs. Jennie Willard, both been very sick with the grippe.  
Miss Moffatt is visiting at Mrs. Dadman's.  
Helen Stone and Eleanor Haskell attended the installation of the officers of Eastern Star lodge in Ayer on Wednesday evening.

AYER

Clipping. The Boston Globe of January 16 contained an article clipped from the Kansas City Star, which was of much interest to people of Ayer and adjoining towns who knew Atwood, formerly of Ayer, now living in Kansas City, Mo.

This case is that your honor cannot find against both parties to this suit. From the standpoint of personal morality neither of them ought to win. Neither of them came into court with clean hands, and I have my doubts about their feet. But Anthony has paid the taxes for many years and the property, and in so doing has contributed to the revenue of the state and county.

John H. Hardy, Jr., has been a frequent visitor to the fruit exhibit in Boston. Mrs. Hardy, D. G. Houghton, Walter Tibbitt and several other Littleton people attended the exhibit for a day.

Mrs. Henry S. Brown returned home from Newton this week, after a stay of several weeks. Miss Eleanor Hill returned this week from a visit of four weeks with relatives at Southbury, Conn.

of Galeville, Meriden and other places where he had lived people testify to his civic interest and pride and his worth as a man and citizen.

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On Sunday evening, February 6, Rev. J. S. Strong, of the Ayer Congregational church, will preach in the Littleton Congregational church.

Rehearsals for the Back-log drama which is to be presented February 10 and 11, are progressing well.

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TOWNSEND

Mrs. R. S. Ely spent the week-end with relatives in Boston and vicinity. G. Fred Tenney has been enjoying a few days' visit with friends in Chelsea.

Mrs. Clarence L. Webster is spending a few days with relatives in Fitchburg. John Campbell has been on the sick list with a slight attack of the grippe.

Mrs. George Tenney has been entertaining an aunt from Fitchburg this week. Henry B. Hathaway, who is suffering from a broken rib as a result of a fall last week, is able to walk about, but will not be able to resume work for several weeks.

Rev. Joseph MacKean will preach Sunday morning on the topic "Mr. Ribley or an unduly allibious" and in the evening his subject will be "What is your gift?" The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting will be in charge of the Missionary committee.

The E. J. B. S. will hold their regular monthly meeting in form of an all-day session next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Herman L. Stokely. Rev. Samuel D. Hingrose of Fitchburg, a former pastor here, will give a concert at the Baptist church on Tuesday evening, February 1, the program to be composed of special music by a chorus, assisted by Mr. Stockwell, bearing several recitations. The object being to assist in raising the large sum undertaken by Mr. Hingrose to pay off the mortgage on the Fitchburg Baptist church. It is hoped all will attend.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch of Josselynville is spending a few days with her son and wife in Boston. Miss Annie Murphy, who has been with Mrs. Coffey for some time, is now assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland.

Mrs. Mary Brown is on the sick list suffering from an attack of grippe at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Thompson. Miss Alice Welch, assistant at the postoffice, is confined to her home with an attack of the grippe.

Miss Evelyn Newton, who has been caring for Mrs. G. M. Frye, has returned to her home at the Center and Mrs. Kelly from the Center has taken her place. George Billings, who has been with his sister, Mrs. M. L. Willard, has returned to Leominster for the present.

Miss Maud Sears, of Providence, is visiting this week with her sister, Miss Bernice Sears, at the Kerley. A. D. MacLennan, business manager at Tahanto, is erecting a large new auto garage on the colony property. I. E. Morse has the work of construction in charge.

Mrs. N. F. Parker fell on the ice last week and broke her right wrist, which will ever require wearing a plaster cast for six weeks. Members of the Junior class of Bromfield school are arranged for a social dance to be given Monday, February 21.

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Herbert A. Thayer, pastor of the Unitarian church on Sunday. The annual meeting of the King's Daughters will be held with Mrs. Jennie Dickson on Thursday, February 3. It will be an all day meeting and a large attendance is desired. Miss boxes opened.

A meeting will be held on Monday evening at eight o'clock in Highwood Memorial for the purpose of organizing a card club. The committee chosen for the meeting in November will present a constitution and by-laws for adoption, after which officers will be elected. It is urged that all who are interested in the subject of this important meeting and become charter members of the club.

The annual concert and ball given by the Harvard Complimentary club on Thursday evening of last week was a very pleasant social affair. Guests were present from Ayer, Lancaster, Clinton, Littleton and other towns. The stage was very artistically decorated with evergreens and colored electric lights, which added materially to the general effect. The ladies of the Unitarian society furnished the supper, which was a most excellent affair. It consisted of cold turkey, chicken salad, rolls, cakes, coffee and tea. It was throughout one of Harvard's all-time social affairs with all the "fixings."

Quite a number of visitors were in town for the annual complimentary ball and week-end visit. Mr. and Mrs. Philip O. Dickson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. and Mrs. Charles A. E. Clarke, of Fitchburg, W. J. Kerby, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Flaherty of Worcester; Miss Olive Locke was a guest with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, Miss Barlowe of Plymouth, was with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dickson; Miss Blanche Dandann, of Somerville, spent the week-end with Mrs. George C. Maynard.

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The citizens' caucus was held at the lower town hall on last Saturday evening. There were some changes indicated along the first line of trenches which will make the engagements at the annual town meeting of interest. B. J. Priest, who has served the town faithfully for several years as selectman, retires at the next meeting. S. H. Farworth and Perley Beard are candidates for this office for three years.

C. D. Keyes, retiring volunteer, is an overseer of the poor. Chester Willard has the nomination. Mr. Willard also has the nomination for school committee for three years. The police force has three aspirants, William Hanna, George Hardy and Daniel W. Nathan, Jr. Indications are that the contest for road surveyor will be close with two candidates in the race, Frank O. Ryan and Benjamin J. Priest. The annual town meeting is to be held on Monday, February 7.

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At the September meeting of 1914 it was voted to pay school bills from a monthly fund. The fund to be used being instructed to pay no bills except from the payroll. The first payroll was dated September 30, and each succeeding check has borne date of the 1st of the month, except last December, which was kept open until the very end of the year for the convenience of the school in making up the year's accounts. The payroll had been presented to the town auditor on the day of its date and was then out of the hands of the school committee.

The state requires the approval of both town auditor and selectmen before the treasurer may pay any bill. No treasurer or board member of any other school district in the state has waited for his money any longer after the thirty-first day of the month than was necessary to go through the formalities of the school committee. I have no doubt the town treasurer is equally ready to answer any reasonable question.

M. A. Marshall. FOR RHEUMATISM. As some cases of rheumatism begin after a shock, I cannot but have tried and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Serravallo's Tonic on the heart at once relieved the pain. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes: "I was suffering for three weeks with Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed. Fortunately I found Serravallo's Tonic and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the largest store in the city. I have sent my employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will be glad about Serravallo's Tonic. I am at San Francisco, Cal., January, 1915." At all Drugists.

New Advertisements. CARD OF THANKS. To friends who by words of sympathy, acts of kindness and offerings of flowers, sought to help us in our recent sorrow, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Mrs. Orland D. Barber, Arthur D. Barber, Mrs. Geo. Waldo Bowler, Mrs. Herbert N. Wright, Frank B. Bank, Jr. TOWNSEND, JANUARY 26, 1916.

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 NANCY SNOW KILBOURN late of Townsend in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ALBERT KILBOURN, son of said Enfield in the State of New Hampshire without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby notified that a Probate Court will be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least on Monday, February 7, 1916. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. 3121 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Economy Hints. A penny saved is a penny earned.— Benjamin Franklin. A GOOD way to break oneself from the habit of spending nickels and dimes needlessly is to put the sum aside when one is tempted to spend and watch it mount up. In this way one has a fund to draw upon when things really needed are to be got at a bargain, and the money will never be missed. Also there will probably be a sum worth while, so that one can lay in a stock of the needed articles instead of purchasing one or two with the small available sum.

REAL ESTATE. There is an economy in buying a stock. For instance, two pairs of stockings will not last nearly one-third the time six pairs will wear, and the same with lingerie, household linens and footwear. The service is greatly prolonged by keeping up a number of things. If the young housekeeper will try this method of saving the pennies she will never break the habit. It will be such a pleasure to know there is a little nest egg that can be spent without being missed. If there is nothing specially to be bought the sum could furnish the cost of a little outing or the table for a luncheon party, providing little luxuries which otherwise might have seemed extravagant.

A SKILLFUL JOB. How to Draw Poultry For Your Holiday Dinners. Cleaning chickens is one of the things that even the green cook and the young housekeeper are supposed to know. Here are directions: Make an incision in the breast of the fowl, take out the crop, loosen the windpipe and the other stringy tubes. Cut a slit across the fowl between the legs and the tail; slip in the hands, fingers curved upward catch the entrails at the upper end and draw out the entire mass slowly, so as not to break the gall—the little green sack, which, if crushed, will give a bitter taste to everything that it touches. Take out the liver and heart, wash and put away. Cut the gizzard open, tear out the lining, wash and scrape it thoroughly and put it away. Cut out all the pieces of fat found among the entrails, wash them and use them for larding the fowl when roasting. Cut out the oil sack in the tail. If the chicken is to be plucked as well the easiest way is to dip it several times in boiling water. This loosens the feathers so they can be scraped off quickly, but it also toughens the meat, and by far the better way is to dry pick the chicken by hand, scraping the feathers off with a knife where they are easy to loosen and pulling them out by hand where they stick and are liable to tear the skin.

How to Make a Boudoir Cap of Fillet Lace. There seems to be an endless variety of uses to which fillet crochet can be applied. A large square of this crochet could be made into a very charming boudoir cap. A square with a rose pattern would be very pretty, although the extremely conventional designs are equally good. The square should be made with fifty or sixty cotton net, as it will be more attractive if the mesh is not too fine. A pleat edging may be added to the edge of the square, or it can merely be finished with two rows of the plain mesh. When making this cap a casing is stitched around the inside of the square, forming a circle by eliminating the corners. An elastic is run through the casing; then the corners are wired with fine millinery wire so as to make them stand out. The front and back corners are slightly rolled over the crown. The points of the corners at each side are turned back. The effect is very much the same as a Normandy cap; but, being made of fillet-crochet, it is very quaint and unusual.

How to Clean Ostrich Feathers at Home Without Much Effort. Coll the feathers up so as to be able to get them in a half gallon jar, pour in a quart of gasoline and set on the cover. Shake gently back and forth about a dozen times. Take out the feathers, shake well and put into an airy place to dispel the odor of the gasoline. If they are not clean enough repeat the process. This does not take the curl out of the feathers. To curl draw the little strands over the edge of a blunt silver butter knife. You can hold them over heat also when sure none of the gasoline odor remains, which brings out the fullness of the feathers and will cause the ends to curl up. Never use gasoline indoors where there is danger of contact with heat or flame.

How to Shrink Gingham Before You Cut Them. To shrink gingham lay the cloth in a large tub of lukewarm soft water to which a handful of salt has been added. Care must be taken to place the cloth in the original folds. Let it soak until the folds are thoroughly wet through, then remove from the tub and without wringing pin to a line in the open air. It will dry perfectly smooth, and the color will not run.

Sew-E-Z Sewing Motor. Change your Sewing Machine into a Self-Operating Electric by attaching a SEW-E-Z Sewing Motor. Attaches to any machine without the use of tools or screws. Find out what the SEW-E-Z means in health and comfort. A slight pressure of the foot on the self-starter starts the machine. Just press a bit harder to sew faster. Costs very little to run. Guaranteed for five years. AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT CO. BARRY BUILDING AYER, MASS.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE. By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Isaac C. Davenport, of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to William A. Lawrence, of Groton, in said County, dated January 23rd, A. D. 1911, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 3784, page 336, for breach of the conditions contained in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction upon the premises on Monday, the seventh day of February, A. D. 1916, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage and therein described as follows, to-wit: A certain parcel of land situated in said Ayer on the easterly side of the road leading from Groton to Harvard and near Pine Meadows, so-called, bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones at the northwesterly corner of the premises at said road at a corner land formerly of Ephraim Sawtelle; thence easterly on said Sawtelle land thirty-nine (39) rods to land of Edward A. Richardson; thence southerly on said Richardson's land about eleven (11) rods to land formerly of Silas Nutting; thence westerly on said Nutting land thirty-four (34) rods to a stake and stones at said road; thence northerly on said road about nine rods to the place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor by J. H. Phillips Daudelin et als by deed dated February 22, 1911 and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 3586, page 57. Said premises are conveyed subject to a right of way over an old cart path along the northerly side thereof to land of Edward A. Richardson as reserved in the deed of said Richardson to said said Daudelin et als dated November 25, 1910 and recorded with said deeds in book 3586, page 55. The premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes. WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE, Assignee and holder of said mortgage. Ayer, Jan. 15, 1916. 3119

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Saturday, January 29, 1916.

PEPPERELL

New Items. Elwood L. Sanders, a registered druggist, has taken a position in the Quimby pharmacy, for many years known as the Railroad Square drug store. Mr. Sanders comes to this position with an experience of eight years in some of the leading drug stores in Vermont and Massachusetts, as well as the theoretical training he received at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

Miss Henrietta Blood, of Waban, was in town over Sunday. Her mother, Mrs. A. N. Blood, is making arrangements to send her household goods to Waban. This week she will follow soon. The Bloods, which were made up moving there with her daughter earlier in the winter, were necessarily postponed, as the dwelling was not made ready for their occupancy until last week.

The girls of the high school basketball team go to Milford, N. H., to play the girls' team of that high school on Saturday evening, January 29.

It is understood that the N. I. I. club are to commence rehearsals soon under the direction of Mrs. D. R. Child, of the play "Excuse me," which is to be presented by the club at the time of the entertainment given by the February committee of the L. S. C.

Mrs. H. Lawson spent Friday of last week with relatives in Haverhill. Miss Doris Hartwell, from Barre, and her cousin, Earl Parker, from Boston, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartwell, Brookline street.

Elmer E. Shattuck, of Concord Junction, spent last Saturday at the Shattuck farm on West street.

The leap year party of the N. I. I. club, held at Central hall on Friday evening of last week, was enjoyed by a very good crowd of young people with a sprinkling of matrons as chaperons. The invitations extended by the young ladies were joyfully accepted, and during the evening the young men were evidently the novel experience of being invited to dance. Good music was furnished by Leslie Parker at the piano, and Mrs. Thomas Sullivan with her delicious fruit punch. The club report very satisfactory returns for the evening.

Ernest O. Nash, of Chelsea, was in town over Sunday to see his father, O. M. Nash, who is confined to his home with rheumatism. Mr. Nash has disposed of his flock of nearly 200 hens and intends to make some sort of disposal of his team for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stinson, of Elmwood, N. H., were week-end guests at the home of his son, Charles Stinson, and family.

A dinner party was given Thursday evening by Mrs. Dudley R. Child to the members of the basketball team of the high school, in the dining room of the high school, which she has been the coach. The young ladies of the team, Misses Boynton, Palmer, Thompson, Hargerty and Bennett, were supplemented by the matrons, Mrs. Arthur Butterfield, Helen Sullivan and May Hildreth. Helen Sullivan and Beth McAvoy, principal of L. Whitmarsh and wife were also invited to join the gathering, making fifteen in all. A pleasant evening of games followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Byrne and little son, of Derry, N. H., came Saturday to spend a part of their week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Graham. Mrs. Byrne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gilchrist is quite ill and under the care of a physician.

The remains of Mrs. Fannie Butterfield, wife of Arthur Butterfield, of Worcester, arrived here on the 10 o'clock train on Thursday. The last week he had been in the car by Undertaker Blood and taken to Dunstable. Mr. Butterfield is the son of Dexter Butterfield, of that town. Mr. Butterfield died in Worcester on January 17, after only a three-day illness of pneumonia, aged forty-four years. She leaves a husband and three children, Austin R. Butler, of this town, residing at the central service club in Dunstable, where the body was placed.

Mrs. Leander Gilbert, from Suncook, N. H., has been the guest of her son, A. H. Gilbert, and wife, the past week.

Miss Olga Leighton, one of the Main street teachers, spent the week-end and Sunday at her home at Lowell. She was accompanied by Miss Agnes Hastings.

Charles Marshall of Pleasant street was confined to his home Sunday and the first of the week by an attack of the grippe.

The high wind of Saturday night and early Sunday morning did not do much damage about town, but seemed to produce a change of opinion in the mind of A. A. Tarbell, concerning the high front of his burned building, which was left standing, although secured. On Tuesday he had men under Edward Green engaged in taking it down and will make it level with the sidewalk.

Samuel E. Marshall was summoned home from Hartford, Conn., on Wednesday, by a message of the death of his father, William Marshall, on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Alfred Boynton has been in poor health lately. She has been alone much of the time, as her grandniece, Miss Goodwin, has been ill at her home at Hollis, where she went for the holidays. Mrs. Boynton's sister, Mrs. Swasey, spent Monday with her and she went to Mrs. Gilson's, another sister, for a few days.

Miss Mildred Hastings, assistant at the high school, goes to her home in Boston, Friday night, intending to remain over Monday and Tuesday of next week to take the Boston school examination.

The Ladies Aid society are to hold a social meeting at the home of their new member, Mrs. J. J. Wilkoughby, on Wednesday afternoon, February 2.

The January thaw of last week finished the sleighing and seemed to put us into the middle of March for a few days.

J. A. Frossard made a short business trip the latter part of this week to Holyoke, Springfield and other paper manufacturing cities in Western Massachusetts.

Mrs. George G. Willett was in town the first of the week, from Lynn, visiting her sisters and mother, Mrs. DeWare, returning Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Fitzpatrick came from Worcester for Sunday to visit her old home on her birthday.

Miss Rena Davis, a teacher in the high school, entertained her brother, Holton Davis, during the week-end. He is a student at the Worcester Polytechnic and returned to Worcester for Sunday as he is a member of the choir.

In the Boston Globe on Tuesday, among the small items the following appears: "Frank Goff of Concord sustained a scalp wound by falling on Middlesex street, yesterday. He was taken to St. John's hospital." No further information on the item has been learned up to this time, but it is thought that probably the person referred to is Frank Goff, a former resident here in town, and his friends are sending him the best wishes.

The L. S. C. are planning for a supper and entertainment on Thursday evening, February 24.

Pansies in bud and bloom were picked from gardens last week after the snow has broken throughout. There were also found in sunny places in the woods.

Mrs. Thomas Thorpe came from Hartford, Conn., Thursday, to attend the services for her step-father, the late William Marshall.

The ladies' club, the "Jolly Eight," are to meet with Mrs. Frank Bennett, Park street, Monday evening, January 31.

The condition of Main street is worse than it is sometimes in the spring. The roads broken through the macadam in two places, near the grammar school building and at the foot of High street, causing much softness and depth of mud in both places.

The attention of the public is called to the meeting of the District Nurse association to be held in Prescott hall on Monday evening, January 31, at 7.45. Officers are to be elected and the reports of the year's work presented. A unique feature of the evening will be the exhibition of the work of the two circles of Camp-fire Girls, clad in their ceremonial robes, and of the Boy Scouts of America, as trained officers there. They report a fine meeting and help by their presence and advice.

Miss Margaret Park has been visiting in town, leaving here on Monday for a special case in her capacity as trained nurse. She intends to give up the line of district nursing, and take special cases, making her home with her brother, George Parks, of Concord.

Mrs. Fannie Lawrence visited her niece, Mrs. George Hardy, of Hollis, last week.

Mrs. Frederick Bolles, of Brockton, and son, have been visiting Mrs. Frank Bolles this week, coming from Milford, N. H., where he had been visiting at her old home.

Deacon Ansel Shattuck and his daughter, Miss Jessie, drove up from Groton last Sunday to visit his brother, Mark Shattuck, who is recovering from an illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Greenough were in town last week, making a few calls previous to moving from West Groton to Gardner, where he has a new position.

Mrs. Raymond DeWare returned here on Friday, leaving her young son happily located in a school in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

A few members of Prescott Grange drove to Townsend on Monday evening to witness the installation of the new officers there. They report a very pleasant evening and a fine oyster supper. Miss Margaret Sarre, of Lowell, was installing officer.

Mrs. S. Thompson Blood of Concord Junction came Wednesday for a visit of a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Blood.

An alarm was sent into headquarters last for a chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Nicholas Smith of Fitchburg and his wife. The firemen arrived and extinguished the fire with fire extinguishers and did not arrive any too soon, as the chimney was becoming very hot and the wood work was in danger of being consumed. The fire was extinguished, however, put an end to the danger.

The last reports received from Mrs. Frank Ryan in her trip to Florida were from Jacksonville, dated Saturday, and she is expected to reach Orlando, Fla., on Sunday.

Leo Russell came from Gardner to spend the week-end and Sunday with friends in town.

Edith Colburn of West street visited in Amherst, N. H., last week, returning on this town, May 18, 1892, and is one of the most prosperous circles in the state. Although having been frequently visited by grand officers and other supreme officers, this is the first time she has been the supreme chief companion of the order. Owing to the fact that she has been chosen from the ranks of membership, and the same was received with much enthusiasm and expressions of appreciation. After the close of the business meeting a social time was enjoyed, during which Mrs. Sawyer was interesting in her trip with the supreme executive council to the Panama exposition and other points in the west. By her beautiful description of the scenery, the places of interest, the unusual happenings, she carried her listeners on an imaginary trip to the Golden West.

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Americus Lawrence is visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Williamson, at Millischoet, Me. He is much improved in health and has been taking several shorter trips to Fitchburg and is now able to walk quite a distance, as far as his home, on Oak hill. Compared with his condition of a year ago, the change is remarkable. He is taking a treatment prescribed by his brother, Abbott Lawrence, who is a nurse at Minot.

A relative in town received the news of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell, at West Somerville on January 21. Mrs. Powell will be rejoiced to have a daughter, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neal, Groton street.

Mrs. G. Francis Martin and child, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw, returned to her home at Worcester, Wednesday noon.

The meeting of the East Village Social club was held with the president, Miss Jordan, at Blakesmere, on Wednesday afternoon. The room of the Extension school was to have been taken up as a topic for the afternoon, but owing to the illness of Mrs. A. F. Parker, who had the papers as leader of the class, it was postponed until the next meeting. This will be held at the home of Mrs. Leroy Nutting on Wednesday afternoon, February 5. The ladies of the club of whom eight were present, had a most pleasant very pleasant social afternoon.

Mrs. George Tucker returned Wednesday from Derry, N. H., after a few days' visit with her son and family.

The Men's club of the First Parish will meet in the vestry of the Unitarian church on Tuesday evening, February 1. Dr. Frankford E. Williams, of the Massachusetts Society for Mental Hygiene, will address the club on "The general aspect of mental hygiene," which will be illustrated by stereopticon.

Mrs. Joseph Lavallee, who has been suffering from the serious burns she received about three weeks ago, has been in more serious condition this week. Meningitis set in Sunday and the physician gives no hopes of her recovery.

Earl Perry came from Albany, N. Y., Wednesday evening, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Perry, who have lately moved here from Vermont.

The spring-like weather of Thursday and the special influence brought by Fred Quimby at the Quimby pharmacy, Railroad square, brought out many ladies, who were each presented with a fine box of Sunset chocolates and address the card to his announcement cards. Mr. and Mrs. Quimby are making many attractive innovations.

Mrs. David Weston, who has been making a visit with her sister in Greenfield, since the holidays, returned home on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. D. Elmer Weston went to Greenfield on Tuesday to return with her.

Death. The death of William Marshall, an aged resident of this town, occurred on Tuesday morning, January 25, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ernest Sherwood. It was not unexpected as he had been in failing health through the winter and failing more rapidly since his fall of two weeks ago, when he fractured a bone of the wrist.

The cause of death was due to valvular heart disease and congestion of the lungs.

Mr. Marshall was a native of Hammonds Vale, Sussex, in King's county, N. B., where he was born July 6, 1828. He was a farmer, bringing up a family of four children, and was a successful business man. He was married to Miss Mary Price of that place. Her death occurred about fifty years ago. His second wife was Mrs. Elizabeth McFarland of Alma county, who remained with him until she died one year and five days prior to his death.

Mr. Marshall and family removed to this state from New Brunswick about twenty years ago. He was employed at the Abbot Worsted mills at Forge Village for about four years and has since lived in this town, being employed at the Pepperell Clothing and Paper Co., where he was distinguished for his integrity and sterling worth.

Mr. Marshall was a man of upright christian character. He was a member of the Methodist church of this town, and he attended until his health failed after the death of his wife. He had served the church as a member of the board of trustees and of the board of deacons, and was a faithful to all his trusts. He is survived by two children of his first marriage, Mrs. Thomas Parker, who resides in Minnesota and John Marshall of New York city, and six children of his second marriage. Living are Mrs. Robert Sherwood, Charles and Samuel E. Marshall of this town, Mrs. Angus Cuthbertson of Fitchburg, Mrs. William Lockyer of New York, and Arthur Brown of Brookline, N. H. He is also survived by two step-sons, James McFarland of Sussex, N. B., and King McFarland of Cambridgeport, N. B., and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Thorpe of Hartford, Conn.

He was a member of a New Brunswick lodge, F. and A. M., joining some years ago during his residence in Sussex.

Services were held at his late home at Mrs. Sherwood's, Mt. Lebanon street, Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. W. H. Gardner, of the Methodist church officiating.

Two selections of hymns were rendered by Mrs. A. G. Pike and Mrs. Arthur Bartlett. Book of ages and some hymns were read. There were many beautiful flowers sent by relatives and friends to bear silent witness to the love and esteem in which the deceased was held.

Officers Installed. On Monday evening, January 17, the officers-elect of East Pepperell Circle, C. O. F. of A. were installed by Mrs. Evelyn D. Brown, president, assisted by Mrs. Cassie Cromwell, g.e.c. of Dorchester, as acting supreme marshal, and Mrs. Catherine Burke, g.e.c. of this town. Mrs. Florence Sullivan, of Nashua, presented a brilliant report of the financial condition of the order throughout the country and the excellent increase of membership, and the same was received with much enthusiasm and expressions of appreciation. After the close of the business meeting a social time was enjoyed, during which Mrs. Sawyer was interesting in her trip with the supreme executive council to the Panama exposition and other points in the west. By her beautiful description of the scenery, the places of interest, the unusual happenings, she carried her listeners on an imaginary trip to the Golden West.

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During the evening presentations of remembrances in behalf of the circle were made to Mrs. Sawyer by Mrs. Catherine Burke, g.e.c., and to Mrs. Cromwell by Mrs. Alden Milan, p.e.c. The installed officers are as follows: Miss Catherine G. Sullivan, c. c.; Mrs. Nellie Walton, s. e. c.; Miss Mary E. Galney, fin. sec.; Miss Katherine M. Sullivan, fin. sec.; Mrs. Mary Hennessey, treas.; Miss Georgianna Rodder, g. g.; Miss Nellie Driscoll, l. g.; Mrs. Jennie Ohea, l. g.; Mrs. Alden E. Milan, g. g.; Miss Nellie A. Sullivan, p. e. c.; Mrs. Edna and Mrs. F. L. Melonson, trustees.

Officers Installed. The installation of the officers of the Extension school was held on Thursday evening of last week. The installing officers were Charles F. Marshall, d. d. g. m., of Fitchburg, and his suite, comprising Charles Marshall, d. d. g. m., of Fitchburg, and Fred F. Robbins, d.d.g.s.; E. F. Ruzg, d.d.g.; Alfred W. Barnes, d.d.g.; F. W. Wyman, d.d.g.; Charles Graves, d.d.g.; C. W. Moeckel, d.d.g.

The officers as installed were Jonas E. Andrews, n. g.; William A. Reed, v. e. J. G. Willey, rec. sec.; L. A. Johnson, fin. sec.; L. G. Robbins, treas.; Raymond P. Maxwell, w.; Edgar F.

Brown, con.; Elmer Mason, chap.; Lyman F. Robbins, r. s. s.; Charles Card, l. s. s.; Donald T. Ilvers, r.s.n.g.; Lambert G. Melendy, l.s.n.g.; Louis P. Shattuck, r.s.n.g.; Chester W. Shattuck, l.s.n.g.; Ernest H. P. Melendy, l. s.; Curtis D. Gilman, o. g.

The new officers were each presented with a fine carnation through the kindness of Mr. Moeckel, of Fitchburg, a florist, who is a member of the suite.

The retiring noble grand, William E. Chapman, was presented with the handsome past grand collar. The presentation was made by Lincoln A. Johnson, in behalf of the lodge, in an apt little speech, to which Mr. Chapman responded.

There were present at the installation members of Robert Burns lodge of Ayer, among these being John L. Kenison, past noble grand of Beacon lodge; also, members of the Beacon lodge of Fitchburg. Addresses were made by the officials of the lodge, by the visiting suite and others.

At a late hour adjournment was made to the banquet hall where the committee served a fine collation.

Church Notes. "The Life of Booker T. Washington" will be continued at the evening service, 7 o'clock at the Congregational church and plantation melodies will be sung.

Arrangements have been made with Rev. C. P. Hill Crathorn of Worcester to show the painting of "The Conversion of St. Paul" by Darlus Cobb, in this town on Friday evening, March 10. The three churches will be asked to unite.

The subject of the morning sermon at the Methodist church next Sunday will be "Practical christianity." In the evening at seven o'clock the pastor, Rev. W. H. Gardner, will be on the subject, "My responsibility."

The Epworth league will hold their six o'clock service, the subject, "The meaning of discipleship." Leader, Miss Helen L. Lawrence.

At the Tuesday evening meeting lay delegates will be elected for the annual conference at Worcester, which convenes April 12.

Basketball Games. The basketball game at the Opera House on Thursday evening, January 20, was between the Hollis A. A. and the Red Sox of Cambridge. The result was the defeat of the Red Sox, 26 to 15. Spaulding and Smith featured for the Hollis team and Lippman for the Red Sox. The lineup and summary follows:

HOLLIS A. A. RBH SOX  
Spaulding, f. rb. Cunningham  
Smith, c. Smith  
McNulty, rb. c. Wesley  
McGuire, rb. c. McElonah  
Murphy, lb. c. O'Neil

Score—Hollis A. A. 36, Red Sox 15. Goals from floor, Spaulding 9, Brown 1, Smith 6, Denant 1, Cunningham 1. Goals from free throws, Spaulding 2, Lippman 2, referee, Kemp; time, 29 min. Halves.

On Monday evening the Hollis team were defeated by the Milford Signal Corps team in the Opera House in a fast, closely contested game, the score being 22 to 21. The interesting feature of the evening was the excellent and much enthusiasm. The Hollis team was in the lead, 15 to 8, at the end of the first period. The lineup and summary follows:

MILFORD A. A. HOLLIS A. A.  
Spaulding, f. rb. Spaulding  
McNulty, rb. c. B. Hood  
McGuire, rb. c. Smith  
Murphy, lb. c. O'Neil

Score—Milford A. A. 22, Hollis A. A. 21. Goals from floor, Spaulding 9, Brown 1, Smith 6, Denant 1, Cunningham 1. Goals from free throws, Spaulding 2, Lippman 2, referee, Kemp; time, 29 min. Halves.

Hollis A. A. defeated Milford, N. H., high Thursday evening in Tarbell hall. Spaulding and Smith played well for Hollis and Colby for Milford. The summary:

HOLLIS A. A. MILFORD H. S.  
Colby, f. rb. Kennedy  
Spaulding, f. rb. Hall  
Blood, rb. c. Hall  
O'Neil, lb. c. O'Neil

Score—Hollis 29, Milford 15. Goals from floor, Brown, Spaulding 9, Smith 2, Blood 2, O'Neil 2, Colby 2. Goals from free throws, Spaulding 2, Lippman 2, referee, Kemp; time, 29 min. Halves.

Mason Jubilee Singers. The verdict for the entertainment given by the Mason Jubilee singers on Saturday evening at the Methodist church was a unanimous approval. "Steal away to Jesus." "Swing low, sweet chariot." and "Get aboard the gospel train" showed harmony and power. Mrs. Caruthers the soprano soloist, in the solo, "Maggie, the cows are in the corn," showed remarkable ability and execution, her highest notes being marvelous. The playing of the piano by the ladies' trio rendered his "Po' li lam," responding to an encore with "Come, ye saints, ye saints, ye saints," and "The olden home."

The quartet was full of melody and pathos.

The baritone, Mr. Mason, rendered "The Black Jew" in a most effective manner. His inviolable quartet responding in the chorus. There were also many humorous selections, illustrated by pantomime, when even the gravest faces in the audience found themselves laughing. Some of these were the story in music, about the "Chicken pie," the attempt to render "Swanee river," and the imitation of Barnum and Bailey's original steam call.

Green, the tenor, acted as the reader or impersonator, and was thoroughly enjoyed in many of Mr. Dunbar's humorous poems.

The whole company rendered very effectively. "The flag that never touched the ground." There was a very good and certainly a most appreciative audience. The concert was not as well announced perhaps as the society would have liked.

Extension School Classes. Ten members of the Neighborhood class of the Extension school met with Mrs. George H. Shattuck on the appointed afternoon, Tuesday, January 25. Various subjects were discussed from bulletins issued by the college, particularly "Burning water," or the methods by which an adequate amount of moisture might be produced for the subject of gardening is to be taken up in due season. Plans were made for future meetings and subjects. The class will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh on February 8, at

2.30 o'clock. Mrs. Whitmarsh and Mrs. P. J. Blake will have charge of the subject which will be "The preparation of vegetables and their use in the home." All the ladies included in this class of West Main street, Elm and Townsend streets are invited to be present.

The Neighborhood class of the Extension school met with Mrs. Leon Richardson on Wednesday afternoon. The study of "Bread" was continued in its various branches. The class of this vicinity, upper Townsend and Jewett streets are to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month with Mrs. Richardson. The subject of the meeting on February 9 will be "The care of the care of food in the home."

The Extension school class under Mrs. Leroy Harris will meet at the high school building on Wednesday afternoon, February 2, at 7.45. Subject, "Yeast and yeast bread." This class is to meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. All the ladies in this section, which includes Elm and Townsend streets and Main street to the high school building are cordially invited to attend. As the room is easily available for the attention of the high school students, it is expected that many of those who gain an interest in the work of the class and the mothers are asked to encourage and help sustain their interest.

About Town. The Women's club will meet Tuesday afternoon, February 1, at the Congregational church. It will be the 6th regular day. Invited guests are the president and secretary of Shirley club and Hollis club. Currents Events class of Ayer club, over from Oak hill, will be present. There will be a speaker from the Federation club. Tea will be served. Board meeting at 2.15 in the afternoon.

The District Nurse association will hold their annual meeting and election of officers next Monday evening, January 31, at eight o'clock at Prescott hall. There will be an entertainment by the Hollis girls and the Camp Fire girls to which the public is most earnestly invited to be present.

The Equal Suffrage league will meet with Mrs. J. B. Lewis, Thursday afternoon, February 2, at two o'clock. It will be the annual meeting.

LITTLETON The Intervention Problem. From the vigorous push for intervention in Mexico over the killing of eighteen Americans by Villa bandits put up by congress and the public press, if one did stop to think, it would seem that there is an overwhelming sentiment in this country for the conservation of human life, but when we come to stop and think what intervention would mean the matter assumes a different aspect.

When we consider that intervention by this country in the internal affairs of Mexico would mean probably the sacrifice of a thousand American lives for every Mexican murdered as well as the ruthless killing of at least as many Mexican workmen in no way concerned in the massacre. It would also mean that this nation would have to maintain a large standing army in Mexico for a long time to come, the expense of which would of course fall on our own people.

The fact that American capitalists have something over a billion dollars invested in Mexican enterprises which have not been paying dividends for some time, and that the impression prevails that the government is established by Carranza is likely to interfere somewhat with the laudable graft these investors have heretofore enjoyed, furnishes a stronger motive for their desire for intervention than for every other American citizen. One and all they would cheerfully plunge the country into war for the preservation of profits.

It is a curious, almost whimsical, as though the determination of the president not to rush the country into war and the promptness and severity of Carranza's punishment of the murderers would suggest the interventionists' goal for the present, or until some other excuse arises. By the way, Carranza's swift movement in this affair might furnish a lesson to this country in similar matters.

It was not so long ago that more than eighteen men, women and children were shot and buried in Ludlow in our State of Colorado. To be sure, most of them were not American citizens, but if we are to hold Carranza strictly responsible for all murders of Americans in Mexico, why have not the countries to which the Ludlow victims were sent, the same right to hold President Wilson responsible for the Ludlow massacre. Have they not the right to intervene and establish order in a country that allows its large employer to maintain private armies, recruited from the toughest of his big cities, to shoot down their employees in time of strike. This is something no other supposedly civilized nation allows. It is a matter of fact that, from the occurrences at Ludlow and a dozen other places where workmen have been shot down for daring to ask for more pay or better conditions, there is a better ground for intervention on the part of the nations interested than we have in the case of Mexico.

It may be well to note in passing that Carranza has been punished for the Ludlow murders, though several investigations disclosed the responsible parties pretty clearly. The whole old case "People who live in glass houses should not throw stones," applies very forcibly to the United States of America.

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SHIRLEY Little Helen Dadmun is confined to her home by illness.

The Alliance held its regular meeting with Mrs. Luther Holden, Elm street, on Thursday afternoon. Seventeen members and guests being present. A few of the members who had planned to attend were unable to do so, owing to sickness. In their stead Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen, the hostess served refreshments and the afternoon most enjoyably spent. The next meeting will be announced later.

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The Unarmed Pirate

How She Plundered Was a Mystery.

By F. A. MITCHEL

Lieutenant Wickersham, in command of the United States gunboat Zae Taylor, cruising in the Malay archipelago, received a wireless order from the admiral to look out for a pirate vessel that had been doing a lot of damage to shipping in the South China sea. No well defined location for the pirate was given, since it was not known. Probably the order was sent to every United States vessel cruising in that region.

The second day after receipt of the order the watch on the Taylor reported to the officer of the deck that a ship was to be seen on the starboard quarter. She was changing her course very frequently. She did not look at all like a pirate, but on account of her mysterious actions the watch thought it his duty to report her.

The commander of the Taylor ordered the ship's course changed toward the vessel in question. No sooner had this been done than the other exhibited a clean pair of heels, evidently in flight. When the gunboat came close enough to the fugitive to discern what she was like Wickersham was surprised to see a very ordinary looking vessel, as unlike a pirate as possible. There were no ports for guns or any other evidence of a capacity for fighting. About dusk the stranger ran close into shore. She was still too far close to the gunboat to see what she was doing on board of her, but since the anchor chains could be heard rattling in the hawse pipes, Wickersham did not give himself any uneasiness as to her getting away from him.

By the time the Taylor had come near the vessel night had fallen, and since the latter craft showed no light the gunboat felt obliged to stand off. However, Wickersham, suspecting that she might escape him under cover of the darkness, sent a boat in command of Ensign Throckmorton to reconnoiter. The party was gone an hour. When it returned Throckmorton made a very singular report.

He had found the vessel deserted. On her were all sorts of plunder, showing that she was undoubtedly a pirate. There was no cargo unless about a thousand barrels of oil might be considered such, but it seemed rather that this might have been for fuel. And yet the furnace was constructed for coal, of which there was a scant supply.

Wickersham was puzzled. Never had he heard of a pirate unarmed, and he had heard, before. Nevertheless the vessel was abundant evidence that caused a cold chill to run down the spine. It was the periscope of a submarine. From it every eye was turned to their commander, who was carefully sighting the piece near in command to come to him, without taking his eye off the periscope, he resigned the lanyard to him, with orders to pull it when he gave the order. When the periscope came within a hundred yards of the Taylor it slowed down and began to settle in the water.

"Fire!" There was an explosion, and the periscope, showing evidence of being wrecked, then disappeared. In a few minutes the surface of the water was covered by oil. Wickersham gave a sigh of relief, which was echoed by every man on the Taylor.

The men in the boat turned and were pulling away lustily when a well aimed shot from another gun sent her to the bottom, leaving her crew, some dead, some wounded and some unhurt, floating on the water.

"Man a boat!" cried Wickersham. A boat was soon pulling to the men struggling in the water. They were picked up and brought on to the Taylor. One of them was Dixon. This was his story: