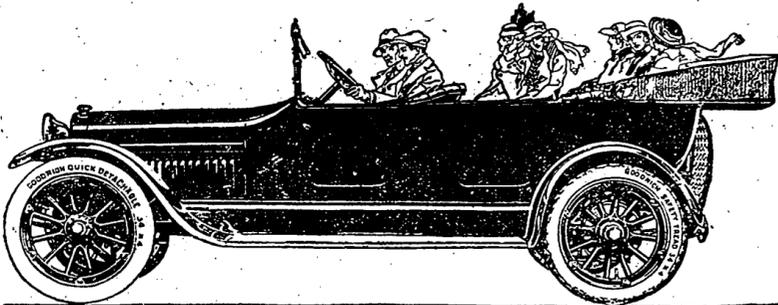


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LITTLETON

News Items.

Mrs. David Hall and Miss Hazel Straight have visited to California for a three months' visit.

Margaret Conant is sick with chicken pox.

The United Workers met with Mrs. J. C. Alvord Wednesday afternoon. There were eleven members present. The subject under consideration was "Korea's united church," and Mrs. F. S. Kimball had charge of the program and led in the devotions. A very interesting talk was given by Miss Florence Wilcox and a splendid paper was read by Mrs. A. F. Conant. Current events were ably presented by Mrs. Alvord. Several matters of business received attention under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Conant.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens is ill with the grippe and complications that require medical treatment.

Miss Edgerley is slightly improved, but still very sick. Her niece, Miss Miriam Cash, has given up her school and returned home to assist her mother.

Mrs. Charles A. Kimball was a guest at the Charity club tea held in Hotel Vendome last week Friday and at a luncheon given by a friend in Roxbury. At the Vendome she enjoyed a fine musical program and the reading of "Pygmalion" by Mrs. Christobel Whitney Kilder.

Miss Emma Connell is reported as convalescent.

Mrs. Gladys Kimball of Gardner came home to attend the high school drama, returning the following day to her duties in the hospital of Simmons college spent the week-end with her parents and her brothers.

Miss Katherine Kimball of Simmons college spent the week-end with her parents and her brothers.

Mrs. Wm. Channing Brown has entertained her sister this last week.

The Choral society met Monday evening and decided to omit the singing meetings this year.

Miss Hannah Willis staying with the F. A. Patch family for the present.

Miss Anne Hildreth and William Maxwell have the grippe.

The houses of F. C. Hartwell and Jesse Dodge are out of quarantine.

The many friends of Mrs. John Murphy were pained to learn of her death from consumption Saturday, after a protracted illness. She was cared for by her devoted husband, her niece, Anna Russell, who lived with her, and her sister, Mrs. David Sheehan, of Harvard, as well as her husband's sisters, all of whom did everything possible to make her comfortable and happy throughout her long decline. Funeral services were held Monday morning in Ayer and the interment was in Ayer cemetery. Mrs. Murphy, who was Miss Russell previous to her marriage, was born in Ireland forty-two years ago. She enjoyed the esteem of her neighbors and had a large circle of friends who lament her untimely death.

The annual town meeting will be held next Monday. The town warrant contains forty articles, the majority of which are of a perennial nature. An appropriation for concrete cement sidewalks is called for conditionally, military training for high school boys fourteen years of age or older, an additional fire escape on the town hall, and an appropriation for grading and otherwise improving the Union school grounds, extension of electric lighting system also. Up to date there is little promise of any undue excitement over the meeting. The ladies of the Catholic society will serve the dinner at the popular price.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Florence Wilcox, Rupert Sanderson, James Neagle, Mrs. C. A. Kimball, Mrs. Clyde Crane, Mrs. V. E. Eaton, Mrs. Clarence Crosby, Mrs. F. H. Hill, Miss Vera Smith and Geo. A. Cook attended the Pomona Grange meeting in Ayer Thursday. Mr. Barrow was presented with past master's regalia for faithful and efficient services to which he pleasantly responded.

Supt. F. H. Hill attended the superintendent's hearing at the state house, Thursday.

There will be a meeting of the Riflemen club. Odd-fellows had next Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

Miss Fannie A. Sanderson plans a trip to Northfield today for the purpose of visiting her niece, Miss Olive Thacher.

The committee in charge of the sup-

per to be held in the Congregational vestry Wednesday evening, February 15, feel that they are to be congratulated for having engaged Mrs. Mary Palmer Warren of Manchester, N. H., to give a talk on "A foreign trip at home," which includes her recent observations and experiences in going to the Canadian Rockies and returning home through the canal. Mrs. Warren will show many pictures illustrative of her descriptions. Music will be another pleasant feature of the entertainment.

Grange Meeting.

Past masters' night was observed at Littleton Grange Wednesday night. There were several representatives from Granges in the neighboring towns. A short season was devoted to business and a reception was held by Mrs. Prouty and Miss Grace Needham, Roger Priest and the Mesdames Ethel and Vera Smith, Ruth Robinson and Frederick Johnson served as usher. Interesting letters from first master of New Boston, N. H., Grange, E. H. Hill, master of Littleton Grange, Richard Barrows and C. A. Kimball, past masters of Littleton Grange.

Local solos were sung by Geo. A. Cook accompanied by Mrs. D. Christie, pianist, and selections were given by a quartet composed of Messrs. Patch and Hill, Mrs. Prouty and Mrs. Percy Smith, Miss Needham accompanying at the piano. Mrs. Smith also sang. "The end of a perfect day," accompanied by Mrs. Prouty. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watts were chairman of the committee in charge and Mrs. Watts introduced the speakers. Delicious cake and cookies and ice cream were served.

The names of several applicants for admission to the Grange were presented. The next meeting will be a Valentine party.

TOWNSEND

The Spinnacook steamer company will hold their annual concert and ball on Friday evening, February 11, in Memorial hall. The Salem Cadet orchestra, ten pieces, will provide music for the concert program and for the dancing. Dancing will follow the concert from nine to two o'clock. A cold meat and hot oyster supper will be served during intermission.

The next Grange meeting will be held on Monday evening, February 14—young people's night, in charge of Clara Clement; entertainment furnished by the young people of the Grange. Valentine social.

Miss Alice Greene, a missionary to Smyrna, who is in this country for a season during the war in Europe, will speak on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock in the vestries of the Con-

gregational church. The public is cordially invited and will be given an opportunity to meet Miss Greene, who is to return to her field of labor as soon as the war is over.

The Parent-Teacher's association will hold their first meeting on Tuesday evening, February 8, at eight o'clock in the high school room. A speaker from out-of-town is expected to address the association.

Dr. Charlton, who has been taking a period of rest at his camp in Brookfield, has returned so much that he is expected home to occupy his pulpit at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. Before going away Dr. Charlton was pleasantly remembered by the Harbor people with a purse of money in appreciation of his coming Sunday afternoons and conducting services at the Harbor church.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society met with Mrs. Charlton at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday afternoon with a good number of ladies in attendance. Much spiritual help and profit was derived from her reading and study of "The King's Highway." Mrs. Charlton related some touching incidents among the fisher-folks during their pastorate at Gloucester.

Wednesday evening, February 9, the Townsend Branch will hold a banquet in the social hall of the M. E. church. Banquet at seven o'clock. Following the banquet, the lecture hour, general topic will be, "Men of Tomorrow," by Rev. George B. Dean, of Worcester, will address the audience on the subject, "Help to make our town happy and wholesome." Rev. Joseph MacKeon will speak on "Help to make our town bright and busy," and Rev. A. L. Struthers will have as his subject "Help to make our town sane and safe." The young men's orchestra have kindly offered their services and will play selections during the evening.

The body of Mrs. Arvilla V. Turner, aged 73 years, 4 months, 11 days, wife of J. W. Turner, of Rockland, Me., who died of old age in Rockland on January 25, was brought to this town for interment in the family lot. Prayers were offered by Rev. A. L. Struthers. The deceased leaves three daughters, Mrs. Hattie M. Emery, of Rockland, formerly of this town, Mrs. Charles D. Patch of South Hanson, and Mrs. Harry C. Field of this town, and a son, Grant Turner, who resided with his parents.

Mrs. Arthur Carlisle was called to Brookline, Mass., Tuesday, by the illness of her sister, Miss Stella McPhee. Mrs. William O'Brien is quite ill. George W. Knowlton, who is recovering there, is at present with Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle.

Dr. Ethel Rockwood has gone to the Worcester Memorial hospital to make the place of a physician who is ill.

The Country club will meet next week Friday afternoon with Mrs. Lila Hayward, Bayberry hill. The club is enjoying the study of the life and works of authors whose birthdays occur in the month of their club meeting.

Harbor.

Robins, blackbirds, butterflies, mosquitoes and snakes are reported making an appearance in this vicinity. Trees have also been tapped from which the sap flowed freely—all this in January.

Mrs. R. C. Blake, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Bowfield, returned last week from a visit to North Adams, her former home.

Mrs. J. W. Knowlton was a week-end guest of her son, J. C. Knowlton, at Knowlton.

The club that is taking the M. A. C. poultry extension course at the Cape met on Wednesday evening at the Old Homestead with George Cummings.

Ralph Blake sowed and harrowed in winter rye at Hickory farm on the first day of January.

An enjoyable occasion was the meeting of the Whist club at Maplewood cottage on last Saturday evening at the Cape. Mr. and Mrs. Healy host and hostess. There were five tables. Mrs. C. Smith and Gilman Comant, each with 34 points, made the highest score. An excellent oyster supper was served after the cards.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Blake attended a concert the first of the week in Symphony hall, Boston, given by Kreisler, one of the world's greatest artists on the violin.

A small party was given at Pinehurst on Thursday evening in honor of John C. Knowlton, who on account of the betterment of his business interests, has given over the management of the farm to his nephew, father, Jesse H. Knowlton, of Chelsea. Already Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Monro are in charge of the farm. John Knowlton will sell his new field of labor in the near future.

Miss Nellie O'Brien, of Roxbury, was a recent guest of Mrs. Supernant and Mrs. Dwyer.

George Jones made a business trip to Boston on Saturday.

New Advertisements

CARD OF THANKS

We extend our sincere thanks to friends for kind words of sympathy, beautiful flowers, and the workers at the service at the time of our recent sorrow.

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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**
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- 50c. Golf Caps for Men, now **39c**
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- \$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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- \$20.00 Overcoats marked down to **\$15.47**

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- \$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

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- One lot of regular 50c. Coat Shirts, now **39c**
- One lot of Domet Flannel Working Shirts, the regular 50c. kind, now **39c**

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- 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**
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- Men's Coat Sweaters, a regular \$1.50 grade, all colors, now for **\$1.00**
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Neckwear Bargains

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- 25c. grade Four-in-hands now **1c**
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WESTFORD

Center. Misses Pauline Wallace and Marjory Seavey have returned to their studies at Boston university after spending the mid-year vacation of two weeks at their homes.

The late John Lanktree's Westford contemporaries hardly recognized his obituary notices with the name spelled Langtry. The deceased always used the former spelling which is not the usual one.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company held its regular monthly meeting and supper Tuesday evening at their headquarters. A full attendance of the members did full justice to the appetizing supper. The committee in charge of the recent firemen's ball reported a balance for the treasury of sixteen dollars after all bills being paid.

Ten members of Westford Grange were present at the twenty-fifth anniversary observance of Littleton Grange on Wednesday evening of this week. During the program, in charge of past masters of Littleton Grange, past masters Frank Wright, A. H. Sutherland and L. W. Wheeler of Westford responded with speeches.

Mrs. Maria Felch observed her seventy-second birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Bridgeford, January 29. Special guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright. It was also a birthday anniversary for Mrs. Wright. Mrs. Cheever, of Lowell, a sister, and the remaining one with Mrs. Felch of a large family circle, was also present. Everyone of Mrs. Felch's ten children remembered their mother in some pleasant way on her birthday.

The members of the Tadnuck club are especially reminded of the meeting next Tuesday afternoon in Library hall, when Mrs. Truworthy White will give her attractive lecture on "Contemporary Literature." Appropriate observance of Lincoln's birthday will also be made.

The men's supper, an annual event under the direction of the men of the Congregational church, is being planned for February 15, with oyster supper and a mock trial by home talent.

The usual services will be held at the Congregational church Sunday. In the evening special observance of C. E. day is planned for with special speaker.

The snowstorm Thursday morning upset schedule time on the electric line until the town teams went over the tracks and ploughed out.

Much sympathy is expressed for our former motorman, John Sherlock, of Ayer, in the loss of his wife. During Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock's residence here they made many friends.

The United States Civil Service commission has announced an examination for the county of Middlesex to be held at Concord Junction, Lowell, Marlboro, Framingham, Ayer and Boston on February 26, to fill the position of rural carrier in Wakefield and Westford. Applications should be forwarded to the commission in Washington, D. C., at the earliest practicable date.

Birthday Anniversary.

Mrs. James Hildreth, living in the Westford depot neighborhood with her daughter, Miss Martha Hildreth, observed the ninety-eighth anniversary of her birth on January 2. Both Mrs. Hildreth and her daughter were suffering with colds at the time and they could not do as much to observe the day as would have been the case had they been well. Neighbors and friends sent cards and greetings. Mrs. Hildreth has always enjoyed the best of health and cheerfulness and industry have been pronounced characteristics of her long life. Reading, sewing and knitting have been pleasant resources in her later years. More recently the knitting has been first in occupying the time of this near centenarian. If her health continues to be comfortable Westford hopes to have another resident attaining the hundred-year-mark. This it has not had since the death of Mrs. Abigail Garvin and of Mrs. Catherine O'Toole a few years ago, both of whom lived to be well over one hundred years.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Banister and their oldest daughter, Frances, observed birthdays on Thursday, February 3, the date of birth of all three.

The Fletcher farm folks at Cold Spring farm are cutting out some lumber on the Cold Spring forest and teaming it to the Proctor saw mill in North Chelmsford.

West Chelmsford Grange will meet on next week Thursday evening. The discussion will be on the subject, resolved, "That war is necessary for the progress and development of the human race"; Samuel Naylor, Charles Edwards, affirm; James Peck, Wilbur R. Cole, neg. The old age pension law will be taken up by Joel A. Fletcher; vocal solo, Miss Lottie Vinet. At the last meeting a member of Westford Grange discussed "Who gets the most out of life, the farmer who neglects his work going around or the farmer who stays at home?" The "go rounds" won out as best exponents of individualism.

At the democratic caucus Tuesday evening, Hon. Edward Fisher presiding, the following were nominated from the republican caucus: Frank Collins, selectman; William E. Green, tree warden; John A. Sullivan, constable.

The new superintendent at the Drew-Head farm has arranged, but not long enough to be named. Naming is next on the program.

At the republican caucus Monday evening Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was chosen as chairman and Alfred W. Hartford as secretary. The following were nominated for voters at town meeting: Town clerk, Charles L. Hill-

droth; selectman, Sherman H. Fletcher; assessor, Charles D. Colburn; treasurer, Harwood L. Wright; collector, Leonard W. Wheeler; overseer, Samuel H. Balch; school committee, John R. Wright, Frank F. Parbush; library trustee, Charles O. Prescott; cemetery trustee, David L. Greig; constable, William H. Wall; moderator, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher.

The funeral of Mrs. Daniel W. (Sarah Parry) Sherman took place from the home on Cold Spring road, Rev. David Wallace conducting the services. Mrs. Charles D. Colburn sang two sections. The bearers were Arthur E. Day, Leonard W. Wheeler, William E. Green, J. Willard Fletcher. Burial was in Fairview cemetery. Mrs. Sherman left besides her aged husband the daughter, Mrs. William Pollock, with whom she lived; also, an adopted son, David Sherman, and six grandchildren; also, two sisters, Mrs. C. P. Whitney of Baldwinville and Mrs. Gertrude Stacy Dilliers of Boston, and two brothers, Samuel and David Farrar. Thus has passed to change and rest an industrious and wholesome life, the developed maturity of seventy-nine years.

On February 1 Mr. and Mrs. Almon S. Vose received their first viewpoint as parents. It will require no constitutional amendment to allow him to vote at the age limit.

The annual parish meeting of the First Parish church will be held in the vestry on Saturday evening, February 5, at eight o'clock.

Allister McDougall and Seth Banister, both graduates of Amherst Agricultural college, are conducting the apple orchard of John C. Abbott.

Quincy W. Day, who has had surgery studied on him at the Lowell hospital, is home and a clear gain improvement has set in since his hospital experience. His friends are glad it is day light again.

On the Prairie farm Amos Polley is piping a new well for a new pasture in a new locality on the Lowell road.

For eggs feed "wet" mash to the laying hens; "dry" mash is all right for "dry" hens, so saith the extension school teachers.

Back-Log drama in Littleton town hall, February 10 and 11.

Ninety-eight Years Old. Mrs. Sarah R. Hildreth quietly observed her ninety-eighth birthday on January 21 at her present home near Westford station. Mrs. Hildreth was born in Westford, the daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Clark) Tenney. Her father was born in Littleton and her mother in Concord. Her early home and for more than fifty years was at the farm at the outlet of Long-Sought-for pond. In 1841 she married James Hildreth, and of their seven children four are living, Martha M., with whom she lives; Mrs. J. Frank Chandler, of Tyngsboro; Samuel T., of Dracut, and Frank H. Hildreth, of Westford. Mrs. Hildreth is of an old-time New England stock and send down for the count nearly all the three score and ten class and all the younger set in efficiency of digestion of food and facts. She was prominent in the old-time dances and has spun many a spin about at Tilston hall on the Groton road years before it was known as the "brick tavern."

Her father's family were attendants at the Unitarian church in the days of the eloquent Rev. Thomas Whittemore.

Graniteville. The members of the Crescent orchestra, of North Chelmsford held a social dance in Healy's hall last week Friday evening that was well attended. Excellent music was furnished and dancing was enjoyed from eight until twelve o'clock.

F. G. Sullivan and Edward Healy have recently obtained positions with the U. S. Customs Co., Lowell.

Mrs. Maria Wall, Mrs. John Martson and Mrs. Julia Wall visited friends in Boston recently.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Nissey, with Etta May Sheahan, of Lowell, have been recent visitors here.

Miss Rebecca LeDuc has been on the sick list for the last few days, but is now convalescent.

There are numerous cases of the whooping cough at present, while the gripe has numbered a great many victims. None of the cases appear to be serious.

Miss Bessie Larkin, of North Chelmsford, and Miss Mary E. Healy, of Manchester, N. H., have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Provost.

Many from here attended the democratic and republican caucuses that were held in Westford town hall on Monday and Tuesday nights, and also attended the Board of Trade meeting that was held on Thursday night.

The members of the Young People's Social club are busy rehearsing the play, "The Prairie Rose," that will be presented in North Chelmsford on March 1.

The members of the Junior league gave two pretty little plays in the M. E. church vestry on Thursday evening. The affair was well attended and all did finely in their respective parts.

The sympathy of the Graniteville people is extended to John Sherlock, the genial motorman on the Lowell & Fitchburg line, in the loss of his wife, whose death occurred in Ayer on last Sunday.

LITTLETON

News Items. A happy party of eight little girls helped Hope Fletcher make her twelfth birthday pleasant by joining in a merry time at her home Saturday afternoon. Games and refreshments were important features of the entertainment. The young hostess was the grateful recipient of several presents from her guests and other friends.

Mrs. Minnie R. Hartwell is having her house wired for electricity.

The Philathea class met for the monthly social and the annual business meeting with Mrs. Nathan B. Conant last Saturday afternoon. The class was well represented and besides mapping out work of a charitable nature, listened to reports and chose officers as follows: Mrs. Henry F. Works, pres.; Mrs. Chas. V. Flagg, vice-pres.; Mrs. William Dodds, sec.; Mrs. Frank Gregory, treas.; Mrs. N. B. Conant, chairman of the social committee; Mrs. C. A. Kimball, chairman of the visiting committee; Mrs. Thomas Stephens, chairman of the room committee; Miss Marion Flagg, chairman of the lesson hour committee. The hour was devoted to games, after which refreshments were served.

Chicken pox is finding its way pretty generally into the families at the Common. Among those who have experienced a high temperature and several ill days is Carolyn Conant.

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There are 12 faces in this picture. Find 8 of them.

Directions: Trace the faces of the war heroes in the above picture on this or a separate sheet of paper, or any other material, and number them 1, 2, 3, etc. You must find at least 8 of them. To the nearest correct artistic answers will be given absolutely free the ten prizes in the order named. Remember that neatness as well as correctness is taken into consideration by the Judges, in making the awards. Winners will be notified by mail.

All answers must be in our hands before 6 p. m. Friday, February 18th, 1916. Judges of this Contest will be representative business men of Worcester, and their decisions will be final. Only one answer from each family will be considered. Write your name and address plainly. Bring or mail all answers to

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Edgar Elmer is working in Shirley. Among those people who have come recently into subjection to King Gripe are Dea. F. S. Kimball, Dea. W. E. Conant, Margaret Conant, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fletcher, Walter Worthen, members of the W. L. Packard family, members of the Goddard family and Mrs. Charles A. Hartwell. The union temperance meeting will be held in the Baptist church Sunday evening. Rev. J. S. Strong of Ayer congregational church will be one of the speakers. Rev. J. C. Alvord will address a mass meeting in Ayer on the use of light wines and beers as he has observed it in European countries. At the Congregational vestry last Sunday evening Mrs. J. C. Alvord gave an interesting talk on the historical setting for the Sunday school lessons of the new testament illustrated by a chart made by Mrs. Charles V. Flagg. Seven members of the local C. E. societies attended a meeting at the Baptist church in West Acton last Saturday evening and enjoyed very pleasing hospitality. The Barbra class will meet in the vestry this week Saturday evening for a social and supper. The latter will be in charge of Mervin Webster, Frank Chase and J. D. Christie. Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson visited relatives in Winthrop several days, returning Tuesday evening.

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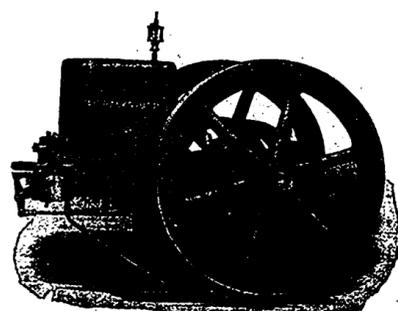
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Obituary. Rev. Dr. Richmond Fisk, former pastor of the Unitarian church, died at his home here last Saturday morning.



REV. DR. RICHMOND FISK

In April, 1858, Stephen L. Magoon, of Hudson, N. Y., wrote to his brother-in-law, Prof. Pearson, of Union, to send him a senior to serve him as clerk and law student.

After a period of study with Rev. A. D. Mayo, minister of the Unitarian church in Albany, he began his ministry over the Universalist church in Newark, Wayne county, N. Y., in November, 1857, and was ordained in 1861.

He made a long list of topics embracing all phases of the temperance problem, and knowing all the protestant pastors and the professor of the Auburn Theological seminary, and on pleasant relations with all of them, he assigned a different topic to each one and invited each to deliver on a certain date an address on said topic.

In 1866 or 1867, a great meeting of manufacturers and agricultural implements, especially of mowers and reapers, came off at Auburn. It drew great crowds from all directions.

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health by over work and care. Mr. Fisk accepted a call to the Universalist church in Waterbury, Conn., in 1884, where he remained eight years. While there he was president of the Charly Organization society which had started years before on a visit to Waterbury by invitation.

In 1892 Mr. Fisk accepted a call to the Unitarian church of Our Father in Boston, a pastorate of five years, which he became vicar-president of a branch of the Boston Charly Organization society, and the vice president for three years of the National Unitarian Sunday School society.

In 1897 Mr. Fisk was sent by the American Unitarian association on a two-year's supply of a church in Fargo, N. D., a happy experience for himself and wife. The next nine years he was minister of the Universalist church in Middletown, Conn. Here he joined the Scientific society of Wesleyan university and became a welcome and active member of both professors and students.

On January 1, 1909, he became the pastor of the Unitarian church in Ayer, and worked hard in promoting the organization of the District Nurses' association and hospital for Ayer.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Alice Fisk Butterfield, with whom and her husband, Dr. Edwin Butterfield, he has lived for many years. In their old age have made their home a grandson, now preparing to enter the Institute of Technology.

He had been a liberal contributor to the press, to religious papers and magazines, and for one a translator from the French of articles dealing with the advanced liberal thought in France. He has given lectures and addresses on a great variety of subjects and occasions—schools, teachers' institutes, colleges, conventions, Masonic, Odd Fellowship, temperance, clubs of men, and women.

Mr. Fisk was a 32nd Mason, a member of the Grand Lodge of the New York State Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, Scottish Rite Bodies, Fargo, N. D., Fargo Consistory, William Parkman commandery, K. T., East Boston, Zenith lodge, G. O. F., East Boston, Royal Arcanum, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Next Monday you are to decide whether Ayer is to sanction or condemn the sale of alcoholic drinks. Any way you vote you will do well to come face to face with two questions and do it seriously and good-naturedly.

and no set-back is needed now. Any way, the smoke isn't bad. It suggests something K. prosperous and sturdy, but there's none of either in a saloon-smell. Frank E. Cram, all.

Entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Berry, who are to appear here in the entertainment for the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church to be given in the hall, February 14, at eight o'clock, are Mr. and Mrs. Berry, also for the Middlesex



VIOLA VAN ORDEN BERRY Mezzo Contralto

Musical association, Middletown, Ct., February 17. They have exceptionally fine voices and are very pleasing to their audiences. Miss Doris Goodspeed, reader is a teacher of the School of English Speech and Expression and comes well recommended.



BENJAMIN E. BERRY, Tenor LUNENBURG

The citizens' party town committee met on Tuesday evening at the home of Sidney H. Francis and organized as follows: Ernest W. Proctor, chairman; Sidney H. Francis, secy.; Sherman Sanderson, treas. It was decided to hold a caucus on Monday evening, February 7, at which time and meeting candidates for the town offices will be nominated. So far there seems very little interest shown in the matter of town officers, but as the time for the caucus draws near people are waking up and a little and several surprises are predicted.

Nearly every family in town has suffered in a greater or less degree from the prevailing epidemic, the grippe. In some households the whole family are down with it; in others, one or more, and the worst thing about it is that the disease seems much more virulent than ever before, and consequently harder to get rid of. Doctors and nurses are kept very busy and likely to be for some time to come.

The registrars will meet for the registration of voters at the West school house in the Baker district on Monday evening, February 21, from 7:15 to 8:15; at the town hall on Saturday, February 5, and Saturday, February 19, from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. On Saturday, February 19, there will be a continuous session from twelve noon until ten in the evening, and will be the last chance for registration before the annual town meeting in March.

At the meeting of the High School Improvement league on Friday afternoon of last week six new members were accepted. All others wishing to join should make application as soon as possible.

The Lunenburg girls' basketball team went to Ashburnham last week Friday afternoon, where they played the Cushing academy girls and were defeated by the score of 14 to 7.

Rev. E. B. Marshall, of Fitchburg, preached in the Methodist church last Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. Alfred Noon. The observance of C. E. week throughout the country began on Sunday. It will also be known as "Go-to-church" Sunday, and the Boy Scouts will attend in a body.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman G. Nims visited their brother, Henry L. Cass, and family last week. Mrs. Nims, as Miss Elizabeth Cass, was formerly one of the successful teachers in the schools of this town, and now resides in Yonkers, N. Y.

After the Grange orchestra. After the reception, Dea. S. E. Hager introduced Rev. Wm. C. Martyn of Milbury, Rev. Mr. Pierce and Edgar Hall of West Acton, who responded in words of welcome and encouragement to the newcomers. Several of our own townspeople were then called upon and letters were read from friends who were unable to be present. Cake, ice cream and fruit were served. Among the out-of-town guests present were Mrs. George Hager and Mrs. E. O. Hager of Clinton, Mrs. Henry Lawrence of Silver Hill, Miss Maud Katchan of Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hall, Misses North and Freeman, Wetherbee, Mrs. Richardson and Alfred Richardson of West Acton.

The new officers were in their places at the regular Grange meeting January 28 and the program which was distributed gave promise of a good year's work ahead of us. "Some natural wonders of our country" was the subject for the evening. A piano duet was given by Mrs. Maud Katchan, Mead and Mrs. Frank W. Dodge and a vocal solo by Miss Hazel Morse.

Mrs. Albert Hartwell entertained the Neighborhood club Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Maria Steele has been visiting in Clinton this week.

Mrs. C. A. Hemenway went to Winchester Monday for a short visit with relatives.

Harold Orendorf, one of our former residents, now has a position in the Concord National bank.

Mrs. Charles Little and Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Littlefield attended the auction whist party given by the West Acton Tennis club at the home of Miss Helen Knowlton last Saturday evening.

The dancing school conducted by Warren Green at Library hall every Saturday evening is meeting with popular approval and the attendance increases at each meeting.

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TOWN MEETING The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, February 7th, 1916, in the Lower Town Hall at 10 o'clock A. M.

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JOHN H. KANSANNIVA, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

Superior Court, January 19, 1916. Upon the foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of March next, by causing an attested copy of said libel to be filed in said court, and that the libellant may be decreed by your libellant and the said Maria Kansanniva and for family last week. Mrs. Nims, as Miss Elizabeth Cass, was formerly one of the successful teachers in the schools of this town, and now resides in Yonkers, N. Y.

The High School Athletic association met on last week Thursday afternoon for their annual meeting. Four new members were elected, J. A. Harwood, Clyde Barter, Gordon Brown and Miss Irene Price. The following officers were elected: Otto Elliott, pres.; Margaret Grant, v. p.; Hazel Martin, sec.; J. A. Harwood, treas.

The Old Home Week association have planned to hold the winter festival and annual meeting on Friday evening, February 25. The program of entertainment is practically in the hands of the teachers of the town. A. A. Cooke and John Woodbridge are the committee on collation, and Frank E. Lavey on music.

Great preparations are being made for a dance which is to be held in the town hall on February 12. Lunenburg has gained a reputation of giving all their good times and it surely will hold it this time.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk. A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon. Attest: WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

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And said conservator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate, fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, in the last publication to be made at least before said court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to any persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court.

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Saturday, February 5, 1916.

GROTON

News Items.

Phineas Harrington has been confined to the house for the last three weeks with rheumatism. He is now somewhat better, but not out of doors yet.

Mrs. Fred H. Torrey and little daughter are in quarantine, having scarlet fever. They have a trained nurse and physician. It seems a light case—like all the others.

The presentation of Hon. George S. Boutwell's picture to the Groton school has been of necessity, postponed indefinitely.

A number from Groton Grange attended the Pomona Grange meeting in Ayer on Thursday, going down on the train. The storm kept many at home. Dates to be remembered: February 4, Mrs. Sturges' readings at the library; February 6, churches, morning and evening and vesper service at five o'clock at the Unitarian church; February 7, town meeting, hospital relief work in the afternoon at Mrs. Shaw's; February 8, Grange, conferring third and fourth degrees; February 9, evening church meeting and E. E. Moore's lecture, "The Olden Days"; February 11, guest night of Woman's club.

Another shipment of goods made for the hospital relief work at Mrs. Shaw's has been for the use of the yarn to be knitted is now on sale at the Moore's store. This can be sold, however, only for this hospital work.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Hinckman on Friday, January 21—two weeks ago this week Friday.

Miss Neta Huebner will spend the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Stewart, in Clinton.

Mrs. Fannie Forbes returned to her home on Tuesday after spending three months at her sister's home in Sharon and Allston. Her daughter, Miss Gertrude, came from Worcester on Thursday and will make a month's stay at her home for a much needed rest and change after a recent sickness with the grippe.

On Tuesday of last week some of the Camp-fire Girls received their rings for the first degree. They also elected officers for the ensuing year.

Miss Edith Waters is teaching at Lawrence academy, taking Mr. Ellender's place.

Mrs. J. E. Adams was called to Athol by the death and funeral of her father, J. H. Corwin. He died on Wednesday, January 26, at the age of eighty-seven years and the funeral was on Sunday. Mrs. Adams is expected home next week.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. E. B. Gerish Thursday afternoon, February 10, at 3.30 o'clock.

Belle Patterson, daughter of Allan Patterson of Hollis street, has the scarlet fever.

The Luther Blood free lecture last week Friday evening called out a large attendance. Lectures by Mrs. U. S. Navy gave an interesting and instructive talk on Submarines, although all the details of the construction of those made by the United States were not fully heard.

Among the illustrations was a snap shot of the submarine that destroyed the Lusitania. This snap shot was taken by someone on a ship near by. Those who followed the lecture must have gotten a much better idea of submarines after listening to the officer. Probably some who always prefer to be armed with a gun.

The trustees certainly use fine taste and excellent judgment in selecting the lectures and subjects. Mrs. Jane Clark is ill and under the care of her physician at her rooms at Mr. Frazer's on Elm street.

The W. R. C. met in regular session Tuesday afternoon. There were some readings in observation of McKinley day.

Fred J. Beaulieu, who has been working for J. E. Adams, has bought out the fish market.

The name of Frank H. Palmer is a newcomer into local politics and is received very favorably. He is one of the three candidates for the office of tax collector.

The monthly vesper service will be held in the Unitarian meeting house Sunday, February 6, at five p. m. Rev. Charles T. Baldwin will be the preacher and there will be special music by the choir with Mrs. Ames as soloist.

Dr. and Mrs. Eversole have returned from their month's trip to the Bahama Islands, Havana and other places South.

Carl A. P. Lawrence is a candidate for trustee of the Dalmatian fund.

Sidney Davis was taken sick and had a doctor Tuesday. It is the prevailing grippe cold.

Mrs. Harold Woods has had the doctor for the same grippe cold.

The Woman's club will hold its guest night in the town hall, February 11, at eight o'clock. An unusually attractive program has been planned by Mrs. H. H. Richards, the chairman of the entertainment committee, and equally attractive refreshments will be served by the refreshment committee.

In charge of Mrs. Eversole's guest tickets can be obtained from the club today. Mrs. V. G. Ferris will be present Saturday night, February 5. Each member is entitled to one guest ticket free and more may be had by paying twenty-five cents for each ticket. The club ticket admits the members.

The February meeting of the Groton Bird club will consist of a public lecture with moving pictures by Herbert K. Job, head of the department of applied ornithology of the National association of Audubon societies. It will be held on Monday, February 14, at eight p. m. in the upper town hall. In order to hold off the expenses of the meeting the Bird club has found it necessary to ask ten cents admission. Tickets are on sale at Bruce's and will be on sale at the door. The title of the lecture is "Bird Exploration in the South with Col. Roosevelt."

Home-made candy at Marion Farnsworth's, Washington street, Ayer. Telephone 25.

Back-Log drama in Littleton town hall, February 10 and 11.

Promising among the June weddings will be that of Miss Edith Timmins, formerly of this town, and Joseph Alvah Locke, Jr., of Portland, Me. Miss Timmins is a niece of Mrs. Roger Wolcott, with whom she spent much of her time and who presented her three years ago at a dinner dance at the Copley-Plaza, Boston. Mr. Locke graduated from Harvard in 1909 and from the law school three years later.

Born on Monday morning, January 31, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clay E. MacKean, at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Osher Folkens Station avenue.

Dennis Coughlin, off Mill street, is sick in bed with the grippe and complications, under the doctor's care.

Remember the date, Friday evening, February 4, at the public library. Readings by Mrs. S. W. Sturges, to which the public is invited. The next readings by Mrs. Sturges at the library will be on Friday evening, February 18, instead of February 11, as given last week. The date is changed so as not to conflict with the guest night of the Woman's club.

Miss Boutwell, who is one of the many grippe victims in town, is able this week to sit up. Her cousin, Miss M. E. Woods, another sufferer, is not making so good a recovery.

The household goods of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas were moved over to West Groton last week, where he is employed in the paper mill. There has been a little delay in their getting settled over there on account of her father's (Mr. Coughlin) illness.

Papers were signed this week completing the sale of the Moore's Store Company to Mrs. W. M. Miner, who has leased the buildings. Mrs. M. E. Moore will go early in March to keep house for her brother, Erving Davis, in Acworth, N. H., their mother, Mrs. Davis, living there.

The C. E. society meets as usual on Sunday evening, Miss Ella Vickery, leader; subject, "Christian Endeavor fidelity and force." This being the anniversary of the formation of the first society it is planned to vary the service by the use of the C. E. program issued by the United society.

M. A. Abbott and family moved on Tuesday from Groton to New Haven, Conn., where he has a position at Yale.

The following is the concert program at the eighth annual concert and ball of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., to be held in town hall, Thursday evening, February 10.

March—Naval Parade Allen Oviatt—Raymond Thomas Xylophone solo—Nemo Andrews Descriptive—Hunt in the Black Forest Voelker Canard—For Thee Flinale—American Fantasia Herbert G. W. C.

The Woman's club met last week Friday afternoon. Mrs. Marion Torrey, first vice president, in the chair, as Miss Boutwell, the president, was ill. There was not a large attendance.

Mr. Hinckman of Groton School, gave a most interesting talk on "The English lake district," speaking from personal observations made when on a tramp through that region. He drew a map on the blackboard showing the ground travelled over and also having pictures, which showed the great beauty of the lake scenery. These pictures the speaker had taken from a large album he had mounted there. They were passed around among his audience and their beauty admired.

Mr. Hinckman spoke of Wordsworth and thought the poet could never be fully understood and appreciated until one had passed through this district. The talk was greatly enjoyed. The prevailing illness in town prevented a larger gathering.

Nomination papers have been filed by candidates for town officers as follows: Town clerk, Appleton H. Torrey; town treasurer, Grant W. Shattuck; selectman, overseer, assessors one to be elected, Frank A. Torrey, Arthur W. Lamb; tax collector, Frank H. Palmer, Myron P. Swallow, Wallace A. Brown; school committee, the C. E. box lunch society on Friday evening of last week. The few, however, enjoyed both lunches and the merry games that followed. Cobena was served by the C. E. box lunch society. The proceeds amounted to ten dollars.

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AYER

News Items.

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Valdo Sprague, East Main street, on Tuesday afternoon, February 8, at two o'clock.

Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood, who are traveling in the west, were at Groton in Pasadena, Cal., for several days. Under date of January 24, Mr. Atwood, in a letter to this office, says that they were unable to travel east or south from Pasadena on account of a snowstorm which destroyed bridges and seriously disorganized

ferred to the physical, mental and moral sides of the boy's life, leading the boys to see that the spiritual side of the boy's life is the most important and that the boy who can have the best influence in life is the christian boy and thus the best boy in Groton is the christian boy. Mr. Mason sang, "Oh, where's my boy tonight," and "Yield not to temptation," the boys uniting on the chorus. The subject of the next meeting will be "How much are you worth."

West Groton.

The funeral services for the late Michael Moran were held at the Sacred Heart church in Groton instead of in the house as given last week; also the large set piece, which we understood was sent by the Groton Leatherboard Co., was a tribute from the employees of the paper mill, where the younger son, James, is employed.

All scarlet fever patients are doing well and no new cases have been reported.

Grippe and severe colds are prevailing throughout the community. Mrs. W. V. Bixby is quite ill with a combination of grippe and a bad throat. Little Harvey Bixby is suffering from bronchitis and grippe, while baby Malcolm is ill with a severe cold. Mr. Bixby has been taking a rest, ordered some time ago by his physician, and his sufferings from a very troublesome cough have been considerably lessened in consequence.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson and her son Provost are grippe sufferers this week.

The Misses Elizabeth and Nellie Hill have recently suffered severe attacks of the prevailing influenza.

Miss Mildred Dodge is assisting Mrs. G. W. Webb in the convalescence of the children.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington, who is still unable to use her right arm since her unfortunate fall, is assisted by Miss Ethel Robinson, of Fitchburg.

Miss Robinson has returned to her position at the paper mill and his family are expected to join him soon. Latest reports give one of the Kane cottages as the future residence of the family.

Miss Bertha Bixby arrived from Radcliffe college on Thursday for a ten-days' vacation at her home.

Mrs. Ralph Webster, with her baby daughter, has returned from Groton hospital and is boarding with Mrs. W. M. Kimball, as usual. The funeral of the late Mrs. Blood family, where she boarded previously, Little Marguerite Webster, who is with relatives, is suffering from the same trouble.

Whenever a high wind strikes West Groton, Bixby hill never fails to receive its share and on Friday of last week it was no exception. A. W. Lamb's garage, built without floor, was pushed over the hill and landed on one side. Mr. Lamb removed his car, and with the assistance of neighbors, so anchored the building that it was able to remain stationary. On Saturday the garage was placed in its former position.

On Tuesday evening, about eight o'clock, an alarm of fire startled the village. Many of the fire company were called out to the fire, but the date of their monthly meeting. The fire proved to be at the paper mill in the gun cotton, caused by a hot box. It was quickly extinguished and work was resumed at about eleven o'clock.

The L. A. society will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. L. Harrington.

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traffic. He says that he will glad to be again in Ayer, even though it is hard to imagine and the flowers and trees that at home you are under frost and snow. Mr. and Mrs. Atwood were at the Maryland hotel, Pasadena, at the time of writing the above letter.

Holy communion service will be held in St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The choir are asked to come for rehearsal at 10.15.

Mrs. Charles E. Perrin is getting along well after her recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Farnsworth will leave this Saturday morning for Orlando, Fla., where they will remain until April 10, and perhaps longer than that date. The change is made in the interest of Mr. Farnsworth's health which has been quite poor of late.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Jackson on Monday.

William O'Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. O'Connell, has the scarlet fever in a mild form.

W. E. Murphy left for New York on Tuesday on a few days' business trip.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lamoreaux in Cambridge on January 20. Mr. and Mrs. Lamoreaux were former residents of Ayer.

Mrs. John C. Normand, of Worcester, mother of Charles A. Normand, cashier of the First National bank, died in that city on Wednesday. She was 70 years of age. Her funeral took place this week Friday afternoon in Worcester.

Marjorie Gleason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason, who has been very ill with stomach trouble, is much improved. Her funeral home in Boston is in attendance. Mrs. Gooding, of Somerville, Mrs. Gleason's mother, came Thursday night.

The father of J. J. Barry, our well-known business man, died recently in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Henry C. Sherwin's house has been wired and fixtures installed by J. W. Wallace, electrician.

Mrs. Mary Hume is ill with a severe cold and has been confined to her bed for the past three or four days.

Miss Beulah Hassam is ill with the grippe, but is on the gain.

A large and representative gathering of the citizens of Ayer assembled in the auditorium of the Unitarian church on Thursday to pay the last tribute to the late Mrs. Blood family. Rev. Dr. Fisk. The fine tribute paid to him in the eulogy of Rev. Mr. Grant found an answering chord in the minds of those present. Mr. Grant was the life of the church and the admiration and esteem felt by so many for this remarkable man. The town met with a great loss in the death of Dr. Fisk. His family have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Mrs. Lyman Clark, who has been ill for ten days with the grippe, is on the gain.

George Pierce Smith of Wollaston, a former Ayer boy, was installed noble grand of John Hancock lodge, I. O. O. F., of Wollaston, last week.

A flock of pheasants have made their home for several years in the woodland of Wm. H. Landry at the farm near the village. The birds are by Mr. and Mrs. Landry and have become quite tame. It is hoped no hunter will disturb these pretty birds who are such welcome guests on the Landry place.

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Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted by Court Napoleon Bonaparte No. 147, F. of A., Tuesday, February 1.

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Being to remove from our midst, our late brother, Michael McNiff, and

Resolved, that the death of Michael McNiff this society loses a brother who was ever willing and ready to do his duty for the good of his order, and whose life was a model of honesty and upright man, whose virtues endeared him not only to his brothers of this society, but to all his fellow citizens.

Resolved, that this Court tender its heartfelt sympathy to the family and relatives of our deceased member in their bereavement.

Resolved, that the resolutions be spread upon record, a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother and a copy published in Turner's Public Spirit.

Oscar E. Carlson, William J. Mullin, David Hubbard, Committee.

Rails Stripped of Copper Bonds.

Copper bonds valued at close to \$200 were stolen from the Fitchburg, Ayer and Lowell street railway roadbed, between midnight Sunday and early Monday morning, and valued at \$297.50. In addition to the money value of the bonds the operations of the street railway was seriously interfered with as the copper bonds are used to carry the electricity from one rail to the other.

The bonds are fastened to the rails in such a manner that it was necessary to use a chisel and a sledge to remove them and that the thieves took their time and worked in an open manner. They selected a lonely stretch of track between Shirley and Ayer and confined their work until they had stripped 175 of the bonds from their position. It was one of the most daring thefts reported in this vicinity for some time as it was impossible to find the bonds in plenty of noise and the use of lights.

Although the scene of the robbery is in the neighboring towns the Fitchburg police were notified and Inspector Flaherty is looking into it to see whether or not any attempt will be made to dispose of the copper in that city. It is believed the copper was stolen by people who intend to dispose of it as old copper. An effort will be made by the police of Shirley and this town to get a line on the robbers and recover the booty.

The Fitchburg and Leominster street railway Monday morning was closed by the police of Shirley and this town to get a line on the robbers and recover the booty.

Obituary.

Mrs. Ellen Eliza (Wright) Blood, beloved wife of Calvin Blood, who

passed to the "homeland" on January 22 of heart disease at her late home on Washington street, aged 77 years. 22 days was born in Pepperell on January 1, 1839, the daughter of Noah Franklin and Amanda (Ames) Wright. Her early life was spent in Boston, Waterville, Me., and her native town, where she attended school, graduating from the Pepperell academy. She was a family of six children, Charles, William, Albert, Thirza (Mrs. Levi Blood), who are deceased, and Joseph, of Brookline, N. H., who survives her.

Mrs. Blood was united in marriage with Calvin Blood, of Groton, on November 22, 1858, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Calvin Cutler in New Ipswich, N. H. Two children were born to this union, Julia H., deceased, and Grace W., of Lowell, who survives her mother with the bereaved husband. In 1914 Mr. and Mrs. Blood quietly observed their golden wedding at their home.

Forty-nine years ago Mrs. Blood joined the Baptist church with her husband during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Upham. The older members will remember her as a Sunday school teacher.

In the passing of this good and noble character "the angel of death" has drawn the curtain on a life filled with christian goodness and loyalty, kindly and generous, and one who made friends with all who knew her. While her physical power was not equal to all the home duties she found equal in her devotion to others. Fond of her home, her garden, and books which she had schooled herself to, the poets, literature and travel. Among the leaves of her books are found many of her poems which had occupied her thoughts during her quiet life.

In her early life she sustained a fall which she never recovered from and her fragile life was more or less an invalid. The last of October she had another fall, which up to the time of her death, rendered her practically helpless. During that time she was a great sufferer and for the past two years has only been able to be about her home, patient and persevering to assist with her helpmate, who gave her his devoted attention, until the end came "when the morning light was breaking at 6.30, January 22, she entered the life beyond the shadow."

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, January 25, at two o'clock, from her late home on Washington street, Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church officiating. "Abide with me," "Face forward" and "The christian's good night" were rendered by Mrs. Holly and Miss Mizdolan. The bearers were three nephews, Albert Phelps, Waldo Blood, and George W. Libby of Boston.

The love and esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends and relatives was manifested by the beautiful floral tributes which covered her casket. Among them were: "Sleeping," spray of tube roses with pink and white carnations, spray of pink and white carnations and ferns, wreath of roses and maiden-hair ferns, spray of white carnations and mignonette, spray of carnations with white and pink flowers, spray of pink and white carnations and ferns, bunch of violets and cut flowers.

The remains were entombed at Woodlawn cemetery and later will be laid at rest in the family lot in Woodlawn cemetery in Pepperell.

G. W. B.

K. P. Smoke Fest.

Harbinger lodge, K. P., had a very enjoyable smoke fest and lunch in their quarters Monday evening. Chas. E. Force was the presiding officer. A feature was the "Face book" which is in charge of Charles A. Stevens of Washington lodge. This pipe was used by Justus H. Rathbone, of the order of the Grange, who was invited to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts by Sarah Dwight Andrews, his daughter, at the Grand Lodge convention held in Boston in May, 1915. It is the only pipe in existence that day that was used by Mr. Rathbone and we feel that many of his inspirations may have been conceived when he was smoking it.

The pipe was passed around and each one smoked it through souvenir moustaches.

The next speaker was Dr. Roger S. York, grand chancellor of the grand domain of Massachusetts, who gave the best speech in regard to Pythianism ever heard in Harbinger lodge. He held the close attention of his hearers and was given a grand ovation. George E. Howe, grand keeper of records and seals, was next called upon and gave a thorough explanation of the several branches of the order, the principles and the duties of the personnel of the order, in making sires of the supreme lodge to raise various changes in the laws of the order. He gave illustrations of the work of the grand lodge in holding in members of the order who were liable for suspension. Many of the letters were touching in the extreme. These letters were of great interest to the members of the order.

Past Chancellors Eigenbaum and Shreder of Columbia lodge, Leominster, also gave very interesting remarks. Each speaker was given a grand ovation. The tobacco was furnished by A. E. Oikie, past chancellor. Walter E. Winslow made a few remarks. It was voted to send letters of sympathy to brothers Spencer, Briggs and Kidder, who are ill. It was also voted that a rousing vote of thanks be given the speakers. Lunch was served. A social hour followed, cards being the principal entertainment.

Unitarian Church Notes.

Divine worship at 10.45. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The dignified contract." At twelve, church school.

Miss Ethel V. Littlebridge, the parish worker, has completed her preliminary work and gone for a week's service at Pepperell.

An additional number of copies of the new hymnal have been demanded by the growing attendance. The money for these has been pledged.

The Girls' club met Monday evening. Caille Murphy and Marion Froster entertaining.

The Alliance met on Thursday at Mrs. John Kittredge's. The minister gave an address on "Our ambitions."

The attendance last Sunday marked another gain.

A. W. C.

Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead of Boston will speak on "Preparedness" before the Woman's club Thursday evening, February 17, at 7.45 o'clock, at Herod's hall. Everybody is invited, especially men. Admission free.

The Literature section will meet with Mrs. Clara Hill on Wednesday, February 9, at three p. m. Readings

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from "The modest immigrant," by Agnes Repplier and "To the poor immigrant," by Frances Keller. Members having copies of Atlantic Monthly for September, 1915, and January, 1916, are requested to bring them. The Music section will meet with Mrs. Blanche Whitney on Thursday, February 10, at 2.30 p. m. The subject for the afternoon will be Hungarian and Scandinavian music. The regular meeting of the club was held Wednesday afternoon in Hardy hall. The program was in charge of the music section of which Mrs. Avis Burns Fisher is chairman. The afternoon was devoted to American music and the club was very pleasantly entertained by local talent that presented a program including four brief papers: Folk music as related to art music by Miss Esther Stone; "Study in Folk Music," Mrs. Rachel O. Barry; "Edward A. McDowell," Mrs. Harriet H. Bixby. The second part included selections by the Mandolin club, who were given the opportunity of playing "Stars and stripes forever" at the close; the club chorus that gave "Swing low, sweet chariot," "I'll Jive you," "Swanee river," "Old oaken bucket" and "A perfect day." There were also piano solos by Mrs. Blanche D. Whitney and Miss Flora Cole; a piano duet by Mrs. Lena B. Graydon and Mrs. Sara B. Bennett; a group of songs by Miss Helen Hardy. Nearly every number received an encore.

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Saturday, February 5, 1916.

AYER

News Items.

Mrs. Alice E. Gerrold, d.d.g.w., assisted by Mrs. Bailey, g. c., and Mrs. Matthews, g. g., all of East Boston, installed these officers...

The following names were added to the voting list at the meeting of the registrars last Saturday: Robert J. McElride, Joseph O. Keegan, Albert Dion, William J. Fairo, James D. Wilson, Oren H. Murray, Robert Burns, Edmund E. Letellier, Henry H. Watson, Charles N. Towne, Francis H. Houston, William H. Hart, Timothy J. McAuliffe, Thomas P. McGinn, J. Sheldon Strong, Linlirre Beaudette; two were dropped...

James I. Mills, night officer, returned to his duties Monday morning after being laid up three weeks with sickness.

The Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company uniform men were granted a raise in wages beginning last Sunday.

There was considerable excitement here last Sunday night when several guards from the Industrial school in Shirley, assisted by the local police, tried to capture three boys who had earlier in the evening escaped from that institution.

Cards are out announcing the engagement of Miss Helen Mae Barker, daughter of Louis Barker, to John Fleming Wilson, of Portland, Ore., Cornell and University of California, 1914.

Frank E. Harlow has returned to his duties at Sherwin's store after several days' absence on account of a sprained foot.

Mrs. Fred A. Wyman is in the hospital at Clinton, where she was taken a week ago as she was suffering from an attack of bronchitis which threatened to become pneumonia.

Mrs. Ethel Fletcher Dwinell is in the hospital at Clinton, where she was taken a few days ago for treatment and observation. She has been ill for some weeks.

Harold Cushing had an attack of the grippe, but returned to school too early and has had a relapse.

The schools were closed Thursday on account of the storm.

Preaching in the Baptist church on Sunday at 10.45 a. m. subject, "The pure foundation." Sunday school at twelve. No service in the evening on account of the union temperance meeting in the Congregational church.

Federated church services—Sunday morning worship at 10.45. Sunday school at noon. Meeting of the C. E. society at six p. m. Topic, "Fidelity and force." February 6 is E. A. day.

Evening service at seven o'clock. This will be a union temperance meeting and will be addressed by Rev. James C. Alvord of Littleton on the subject, "The light wins the darkness of the world." Mr. Alvord has spent several years in Europe and has travelled extensively. He speaks from personal observation. It will be worth your while to come and hear him.

Mid-week service on Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Miss Bertha Stone was pleasantly surprised at the home of Mrs. Thomas Miller, Pleasant street, Thursday evening by twelve of Miss Stone's Sunday school class, gathered to tender her a kitchen shower on the approach of her marriage.

For other Ayer news see pages 3, 4 and 5.

The friends of Mrs. Rose Ellen Sherlock, wife of John E. Sherlock, were shocked at the news of her sudden death, which occurred at three o'clock last Sunday morning.

She was apparently well until within a few minutes of the end. Feeling ill, she called to her husband to get her a glass of water, and when he returned with it she was breathing her last. The cause of death was acute myocarditis.

Mrs. Sherlock was a native of Ireland, where she was born on May 14, 1870. She came here with her husband, John E. Sherlock, a well-known and popular motorman on the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway, several years ago, and but for a short time they have lived here since. Two weeks before her death Mrs. Sherlock fell on the ice near her home and broke her ankle, from the effects of which she had not recovered when death came.

The deceased was a most estimable woman, one who was always ready to assist in sickness or distress, and who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her.

She leaves, besides her husband, three sisters, Miss Annie Clark of Newbury, Miss Ellen Clark of Graniteville and Mrs. Felix Hinckley of Auburn.

The funeral took place on Wednesday morning at 10.30 a. m. in the church where a requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Francis H. Houston. The bearers were Patrick Kiernan, George Nawn and John Ward, all of Lowell, John C. Daffel, Ayer, Owen Byrnes, Brock of North Chelmsford, and Felix Hinckley of Worcester.

The remains were taken to Lowell on the 12.50 p. m. train for interment in St. Patrick's cemetery in that city.

Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on last Sunday at his home on Grove street of bronchial pneumonia.

Mr. McNiff was born in Ireland and was sixty years of age. He came to this country forty-six years ago and for many years lived in Ayer. He married Miss Bridget E. Gilday, of Ayer, over thirty years ago. For many years he was employed as a currier in the tinners. He leaves his widow, a brother, John McNiff, of Ashland, and five children, William H. of Boston, John F., Edward, Harry H., and Miss Nellie McNiff, of Ayer.

The deceased was a member of Court Napoleon Bonaparte, F. of A., a delegation of which attended the funeral. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning, a high mass of requiem being said at nine o'clock in St. Mary's church by Rev. Francis H. Houston. The bearers were six nephews of the deceased, Peter McNiff of Salem, Robert McNiff of Marlboro, James McNiff of Hudson, John W. McNiff of Acton, William McNiff of Quincy and Cornelius Sullivan of Worcester. The interment took place in St. Mary's cemetery.

Girls' Club Dance. The Girls' club of the Unitarian church gave on Tuesday evening, February 1, at the town hall, a dancing party that was an eminent social success.

About one hundred couples enjoyed the inspiring music furnished by Wilson's orchestra of Fitchburg. A large company of out-of-town guests were present, Mrs. Robert Murphy, Mrs. E. O. Proctor and Mrs. Herbert Farnsworth rendered notable service on this committee. Mrs. Geo. O. Filibrown, Mrs. Carl Proctor and Miss Evelyn Sanderson are to be congratulated for the attractive decorations.

The decorations of the orchestra's platform won special appreciation. Mrs. William H. Beckford was chairman of the committee on refreshments. Mrs. Robert Murphy, Miss Maud Whitecomb and Miss Grace Murphy served with her on the committee. Mr. Carley catered.

During the evening whist was played at five tables. Mrs. Tenie Bulkeley received the first souvenir for ladies and Mrs. Edward Wynant the consolation souvenir. E. O. Proctor received the first souvenir for the gentlemen and James Lapointe the consolation souvenir.

The dancing and cards were so genuinely and abundantly enjoyed by all present that this event remains a pleasant memory and the club's next dance, whenever it may be, a most attractive prospect.

Auto Accident. O. Hartwell Kidder was the victim of a most unfortunate accident early this Sunday morning when his automobile owned and driven by Alfred Maynard, in which Mr. and Mrs. Kidder and Mrs. Maynard were riding, ran into a telephone pole a short distance east of White's bridge, scudded into the Woods Village state road. Mr. Kidder was thrown forcibly forward, his head going through the windshield. He received severe lacerations about the face and forehead, the most serious cut requiring seventeen stitches to close.

When the car struck it was so wreathed by the force of the impact that the doors on the right side of the car were forced open, throwing out both ladies and Mr. Kidder. Mrs. Maynard was thrown against the back of the rear seat with such force as to break the heavy oak frame enclosing the back of the seat. She and Mrs. Kidder and Mr. Maynard escaped injury. Mr. Maynard, who was running the car, was badly damaged with such force against the steering wheel as to bend it over at nearly right angles with the floor of the car. Mr. Kidder was taken to the office of Dr. Sargent and later to his home. He is getting along as well as could be expected.

The car, a 1916 Buick, was purchased by Mr. Maynard some time ago and was recently damaged in a collision later taken to Proctor's garage for repairs. It will cost about \$500 to repair it.

The party was returning from Fitchburg, where they had gone to witness a basketball game. The road in the vicinity of the accident was very rough and cut up with ruts. In endeavoring to pass a large truck, the front wheels of the machine were moving. Mr. Maynard steered the car to the right to get on another ground. The front wheels got out of the rut while the rear wheels were still in it. At the time they jumped on to the same level with the forward part of the car. When the rear wheels reached the smoother surface the car jumped forward and which anything could be done to avert the accident the machine plunged into the pole.

Pomona Grange Meeting. The meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange took place in the town hall Thursday. The morning session was devoted to business and to a first-class entertainment given by Mr. Henry, of Boston, a dramatic reader.

At the afternoon session Willard White, master of Ayer Grange, extended a welcome to the local Pomona Grange in behalf of Ayer Grange. The response was given by Mrs. A. J. Gibson, master of Middlesex-Central Pomona Grange. A pleasing feature of the afternoon session was the presentation of a handsome sash to Richard Barrow, of Littleton, past master of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange. The presentation was made by Herbert Hill of Fitchburg, the treasurer of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange, who took occasion to pay a tribute to Mr. Barrow's good work for the Grange. Mr. Barrow thanked fully responding.

Then came the entertainment in charge of Mrs. Maude Moore Clark, lecturer of Middlesex-Central Grange, of Sudbury. The program consisted of readings by James B. Tuttle of Acton Grange, vocal duets by Charles Laimar of Marlboro and F. W. Taylor, past master of Concord Grange, vocal duets by Mrs. Edna Helmer and Miss Olson of Concord. Mr. Lamar proved a very versatile and interesting entertainer. His repertoire included songs, readings and piano solos which were received with much applause. The remainder of the program was also very good and much applause was given it. A rising vote of thanks was given Ayer Grange for the courtesies extended to the visiting Grangers.

A first-class dinner was served to over 175 people in the lower hall. The committee in charge were Mrs. Borton Williams, chairman, Mrs. J. M. Boutwell, Mrs. E. W. Byrnes, Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks, Mrs. Byron Murphy, Mrs. A. M. Winslow, Mrs. Lois Porter, Mrs. William Leahy.

Although the heavy snowstorm kept many from attending there was a good sized number of Grangers present from Ayer and the many towns in the district.

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AYER News Items. Edward E. Sawyer attended the annual banquet of the Square Deal club in the Quincy house, Boston, on last week Thursday evening. The club is composed of members of the Middlesex county jury, which served in the spring of 1909. With the exception of one winter the annual banquets have been held in the Quincy house, while each summer Mr. Sawyer has given the club a banquet at his camp at Sandy pond. Out of a list of thirty-two jurors, so far as is known, only two have died. These officers were chosen: Alanson Gray, foreman; E. N. Kimball, clerk; the foreman, clerk, A. D. Hamilton, J. G. Hill, A. M. Pattee and R. J. Shepherd, all of Lowell, ex. com. So far as is known this club is the only one of its kind in existence. P. V. J. Mullin, officer for the United States navy, was in town this week posting advertising literature setting forth the advantages offered to young Americans by enlisting in the navy, which was formerly in the employ of the United States navy. H. C. Tucker, chief yeoman of the United States navy, who is now in charge of the recruiting station at 7 Merrimack square, Lowell, was formerly in the employ of Huntley S. Turner, of Ayer, as printer. The two weeks or more of spring-like weather was rudely broken Wednesday by one of the biggest snowstorms of the season, which began on Wednesday morning and lasted until well into the forenoon of Thursday. No damage has been reported. Incidentally it may be said the storm broke on candlemas day, the day when the groundhog makes his annual weather prediction. The animal, however, did not see his shadow. William J. Pelletier moved Tuesday from the Valencourt Stone place on upper Washington street to his new home on Highland avenue. There are several counterfeit 25-cent pieces about town this week. One of our merchants had one passed on him. From the Lowell Courier-Citizen of February 2: "George Stone, of Ayer, went to Fitchburg a day or so ago to purchase a supply of stockings. On the street he met two strangers who asked him to change a new silver dollar for them. He did so, and when, later, he tried to pay for his new socks with the new silver dollar, he discovered that a counterfeit had passed off on him." Free Bible lecture will be held on Sunday, February 6, at 3.15 p. m. at Hardy's hall by the Associated Bible Students, who have shown the photo drama of creation. J. R. Hughes of Boston will speak on a very interesting subject. Seats free. No collection. H. E. Evans, who for several years has been employed in the office of Davis, King Co., West Acton, has given up his position and is now employed as a mechanical draughtsman in Boston. "Inheritance." In three parts, is the Saturday feature at the moving picture show. The rest of the bill will include "The girl and the mail bag," "The silent accused," "Willie stayed late" and others of fun and interest. On next Wednesday evening will be shown "The vendetta," a powerful, five-reel play, as a headliner; also, "Patsy Weekly News, showing the world in motion."

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HARVARD

News Items. Mrs. and Mrs. George F. Cobb left on Wednesday evening for New York city and they sailed on Thursday forenoon on a two-weeks' trip to Bermuda.

The Unitarian Men's club will hold its regular monthly meeting and supper Sunday evening, February 6, at 7.30 o'clock, in the lower town hall. After supper the Rev. Harvey C. Merrill, our new pastor, will give us a plain talk on "Selection of a problem one of our most interesting lectures of a future life." This should prove and we hope to see the usual large number in attendance.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will hold an all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. W. F. Dickson on Thursday, February 10.

Miss Susan P. Hill, supervisor of school gardening at Lancaster, gave a lecture before Harvard Grange on Tuesday evening, illustrating her talk with lantern slides.

Bronfield school closed on Wednesday on account of the prevalent sickness among the pupils and teachers.

Town meeting will be held on Monday next at the town hall to hear the reports of the several town committees and to elect town officers for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The ladies of the Congregational church will serve a box dinner at twelve o'clock in the upper hall, which all are invited to patronize.

Beginning February 1 rural route No. 1 from Harvard postoffice was amended as follows: Leaving D. W. Sheehan's residence the rural carrier now goes to the house of John Sherry, thence to the house of John Whitcomb, thence south by Philip Cunningham's and back by Swanson's and Ball's hill to Mrs. W. H. Whitney's, making an addition of one mile to the route beyond this point will necessarily receive their mail about one hour later than usual.

By their generous generosity we are fortunate in having this Sunday at the Unitarian church, Prof. and Mrs. John Craig Kelley of Boston, Prof. Kelley, who is a member of the Boston Opera Co., is an organist and pianist and a very able violinist.

The Ladies' Picnic club will hold its mid-winter meeting in the Hapgood committee room on Wednesday, February 9, at three o'clock. Dues should be paid on or before this date.

Back-Log drama in Littleton town hall, February 10 and 11.

Clipping. The following is taken from the Boston Transcript of January 27:

"J. L. Peters, Harvard '12, will leave for Santo Domingo, where he will collect birds, mammals and reptiles for the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology. He will be gone about three months and will make a thorough study of the avian-fauna of the island. Many of the birds to be collected there for the university are found in no other part of the world and several available species are also unknown to science. Mr. Peters has had a great deal of experience in making collections. In his senior year at Harvard he made a trip for the Museum of Comparative Zoology to the British Honduras. Since graduating he has been connected with the Biological survey at Washington."

Congregational Notes. The morning service on Sunday will be in charge of the pastor, who will take as the theme of his sermon another of the Genesis stories. Miss Parker and Mr. West will sing a duet.

The Bible school will begin with a prayer service on Sunday evening. The lessons for the year, taken from the book of Acts, and covering the early years of the Christian church, offer excellent opportunities for discussion of timely topics as well as historical questions.

The anniversary of the organization of C. E. work will be celebrated this coming week the world over. The Y. P. S. C. E. of this church will hold an anniversary exercise on Sunday evening, Feb. 7, at seven o'clock. The subject will be "Christian Endeavor—fidelity and force." Mrs. Mason will be leader. There will be special music.

To the Editor:

It hardly seems possible that any one could say that the road from the Ayer line to McLaughlin's corner is not the worst piece of highway possible to imagine. That it can be remedied without a state road is little short of folly. Why should not this part of the town have its share of good roads as well as other parts? Are not the people taxed to pay for something they seldom see much use of? The rest of the town has not had state road cannot be claimed. We have now three pieces of state road, one toward the depot, one from the center running toward Still River and one from the Center past the school off toward Eoboro.

Why not do something for the Ayer road now? Almost \$12,000 was expended on the Still River road this last year. Does it not seem right to use at least an equal amount on the Ayer road this year? The Ayer road is certainly used more by the people of the town in general than the Still River road, which is more for the benefit of non-resident pleasure seekers. The argument of appointing a committee to look into the matter, of course, is a mere device to delay. To see what the state will do is about exhausted, having been tried now for two years with no results.

TOWNSEND

The recent meeting of the Townsend Hill Improvement society held at the "brick college" on the hill was one of especial interest and pleasure. Mrs. Starr, of Pepperell, gave a talk on "Florida," portraying in a realistic and lifelike manner the surroundings, fruit and flower growing in the sunny south. Mrs. Starr is a very easy and entertaining speaker, and having recently spent the winter in Florida her talk was especially interesting, containing personal experiences and pleasing incidents. About forty were present to hear for the first time the new piano purchased by the Improvement society. Miss Alberta Barber rendered piano solos efficiently and Robert Copeland, the popular bass soloist, entertained with pleasing selections. The meeting closed with the singing of "America."

The verdict of the three-act comedy-drama, "The Dutch detective," given in Memorial hall by the Townsend dramatic club last week Friday evening was one of universal approval. The characters were well assigned and well impersonated. At the close of act two Miss Stella Farrar, the talented soprano soloist, sang in her usual sweet voice two pleasing selections. The hall was well filled for the drama, nearly every seat being taken, and after the play many enjoyed dancing to the music of the orchestra. The ice cream booth, in charge of Mrs. Frank Higgins, and Master Marshall Higgins, received liberal patronage. The amount received from the sale of tickets was about \$85, proceeds for the Townsend A. A.

It may be of interest to know that at the recent supper and entertainment in charge of the men of the Congregational church over twenty-three dollars was netted for the motor power fund for the church organ.

Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence has been confined to the house for the past week with a bad cold.

Mrs. E. J. Lees entertained the Ladies' Whist club at her home last week Thursday.

Miss Helen Plummer, who teaches in Fitchburg, spent the week-end at her home at Dr. R. S. Bly's.

Mrs. Sarah Hodges is visiting relatives in Ayer and vicinity.

Miss Emma Adams will have charge of the regular meeting of the Study club at her home next Monday evening at eight o'clock, assisted by Mrs. Charles B. Stickney, in a musical program.

Miss Bertha Reid, teacher of the intermediate school, spent the week-end at her home in North Reading.

Priscilla Welch, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Welch, has been sick with the grippe for the past week.

The body of little Lois, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bowen, of Fitchburg, who died of diphtheria after only a week's illness, was brought here for burial last Saturday morning. Rev. Joseph MacKean officiated at a prayer service at the grave.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville, returned last Saturday from a visit with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

An invitation has been accepted by the Y. P. S. C. E. to join with the society at the Congregational church at the Center in an union service on Sunday evening. The president, Ian Rusk, and Miss Alice Seaver were appointed a committee on transportation.

Mrs. Lizzie Glazier has been confined to the house for the past week, suffering from a severe cold.

Miss Emily Austin, who has been caring for Mrs. Austin, has returned to her home, where she has been quite ill with the grippe.

The new topic cards of the Y. P. S. C. E. for the year 1916 were distributed last Sunday evening. They contain the list of topics and leaders for the coming year, and the following list of officers and committees for the ensuing six months:

Jan Bask, pres.; Mrs. Fred A. Patch, v. p.; Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, sec.; Warren Elliott, treas.; Miss Alice Seaver, pianist; committees—Warren Elliott, Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Gladys Rawson, Marion Boutelle, lookout; Mervin Wilcox, Alices Seaver, Estelle Tucker, Charles Hodgman, Mr. and Mrs. Rusk, B. Hathaway, prayer meeting; Mrs. R. S. Bly, Agnes Thompson, Abbott Hodgman, Mrs. Alden Sherwin, Kenneth Reed, secretary; Joseph MacKean, Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, Mrs. Warren Elliott, Mrs. Charles Hodgman, Mrs. Herman Lawrence, misters; Mrs. Alice Seaver, Miss Lena Thompson, Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin, Mrs. Alden Sherwin, Jan Sunday, L. Stickney, Main Tucker, James and Richard Rusk, Mrs. Amos Jodery and Clarence Jodery, flowers.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch returned last Saturday from a visit of several days with relatives in Boston.

Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle is quite ill again at her home.

Mrs. James Dodds and little daughter returned last week from a visit to relatives in Salem.

Miss Bertha Reid returned Sunday from her home in North Reading.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday in the form of an all-day session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle, 107 Main street. There was a fair attendance for such a stormy day and a sumptuous dinner was served at noon which

was heartily appreciated by all present. The business meeting was opened by scripture reading by Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, followed by prayer by Rev. Joseph MacKean. The necessary repairs for the improvement were discussed by all present and after an interesting discussion it was voted to leave the matter in the hands of a committee composed of Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. George Hayward and Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, to report at a meeting at a nearby date.

Mrs. Thomas Martin, from Ayer, spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Winship.

John Keefe, who for several years has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely, has gone to Quincy, where he has entered a training school.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the West Townsend Brotherhood met at the Baptist parsonage on Monday evening and held their regular monthly business meeting, appointing their committees and arranging other details of the work.

Dorothy, the daughter of Mrs. Harry Hobart, who has been making her home with relatives in East Westmoreland, has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hobart in Josselynville.

Mrs. Josephine Boynton is on the sick list, suffering from an attack of the grippe.

Rev. Joseph MacKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, giving an analysis of the character of Judas, and holding their regular monthly business meeting, appointing their committees and arranging other details of the work.

The members of the Y. P. S. C. E. and all friends interested are invited to attend the union rally meeting at the Congregational church at 6.45. Mr. Hathaway's conveyance will leave the vestry at the Baptist church at six o'clock for transportation free.

The Baptist church was well filled on Sunday evening when a large audience gathered to greet Rev. S. D. Ringrose of the Highland Baptist church of Fitchburg, who, assisted by members of the Highland Concert Co., gave a very pleasing program which was heartily enjoyed and while no admission was charged a collection amounting to seven dollars was taken toward the fund for raising the mortgage of the Highland Baptist church. Rev. and Mrs. Ringrose were given a hearty greeting by their many friends here and the party was hospitably entertained in the vestry by a light lunch of sandwiches, doughnuts, coffee and coffee before starting upon their long ride home.

Mrs. William Webster, of Josselynville, is at present caring for an invalid at the home of Mrs. Irving Seaver in the south part of the town.

Warren Elliott, of Tufts college, was in town on Sunday.

J. Warren Fletcher has been all night and is happy to report his convalescence.

The supper scheduled for March in the Congregational club calendar will be held in the vestry on the evening of February 15. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kimball are chairman of the committee in charge.

Doris Goddard is obliged to be out of school on account of sickness.

Miss Ruth Thatcher is staying with her cousin, Miss Virginia Sanderson, in Westmoreland, where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blanchard.

J. H. D. Whitecomb is one of a number of cattle dealers who enjoyed the week-end hospitality of Mr. Knowles in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gardner of North Reading, spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartwell Whitecomb.

Mrs. Augustus Cleaves and son, shepherds of Gardner, were week-end guests of the J. H. Kimball family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant, of Concord, were in town on Sunday evening in celebration of Mr. Conant's church loyalty day, and an afternoon session, partly in the open air, if weather permits, for the children on "rumor" day, Saturday.

The February union meeting of the protestant churches of this town will be held on Sunday evening at seven o'clock in the Baptist church. The resident pastors will take part in the service, or in the absence of one of them, C. Alvord at a similar meeting, in Ayer, his place will be taken by Rev. J. S. Strong of Ayer. As this meeting comes just before our annual town meeting matters of local interest and community welfare will be treated in the addresses under the business part of the evening. Town meetings will be held by Rev. J. S. Strong, the dean of the local ministers.

Josephine Holbrook, who was taken to Lowell General hospital with a broken hip last week, is reported as comfortable. She has been very happy to receive the attention from church and other friends here and greatly appreciates the kindness so generally showered upon her. Scarcely a day goes by that has not some remembrance for her.

Senator Kimball and other members of the Agricultural committee spent three days at Amherst Agricultural college last week inspecting the college, its equipment and conditions requiring state supervision, anticipatory of the recommendation of certain appropriations for buildings, etc.

Mr. Kimball enjoyed an interview with our superintendent of schools, Thompson, who was recently appointed to the professorship of agriculture and vegetable gardening in the State Agricultural college.

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The King's Daughters re-organized their office Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. N. H. Whitecomb, pres.; Mrs. V. T. Estlin, vice-pres.; Mrs. Chas. F. Watters, sec.; Mrs. M. C. Knapp, treas.; Mrs. Geo. A. Cook was admitted into membership of the circle. Several communications and acknowledgments of remittances were read and plans for the Easter sale were discussed.

Mrs. A. H. Gregory visited relatives in Danvers last week.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be on February 14.

The round hog did not venture out of his hole in Littleton Wednesday.

Cornelia F., wife of Henry W. Coe, passed away February 3, at her late home on King street. She was born in Leominster September 20, 1840, daughter of Thomas and Mary Carter. Besides her husband she leaves two sisters, Miss Mary A. Carter of Roxbury and Mrs. Sibelle E. Dodge of Leominster. The funeral service, which was private, was held at her late home Thursday morning, taking place at 10 o'clock. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery, Leominster. Although a resident of this town but a few months she had many friends and her death has been a great loss to her. Her illness of several months' duration she bore with remarkable fortitude and patience and it was only when she became extremely weak that she yielded to the inevitable.

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Marion Smith celebrated her thirtieth birthday by giving a party to eleven of her young girl associates last Monday afternoon. Parents and other sisters assisted in making the event memorable, and all joined heartily in the games and general good time. A very pleasant feature of the celebration was an impromptu musical program in which each of the guests gave a piano selection. Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. Marion was generally remembered by all of her friends and showed much appreciation of the gifts left as a token of affection.

Warren Elliott, of Tufts college, was in town on Sunday.

J. Warren Fletcher has been all night and is happy to report his convalescence.

The supper scheduled for March in the Congregational club calendar will be held in the vestry on the evening of February 15. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kimball are chairman of the committee in charge.

Doris Goddard is obliged to be out of school on account of sickness.

Miss Ruth Thatcher is staying with her cousin, Miss Virginia Sanderson, in Westmoreland, where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blanchard.

J. H. D. Whitecomb is one of a number of cattle dealers who enjoyed the week-end hospitality of Mr. Knowles in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gardner of North Reading, spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartwell Whitecomb.

Mrs. Augustus Cleaves and son, shepherds of Gardner, were week-end guests of the J. H. Kimball family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant, of Concord, were in town on Sunday evening in celebration of Mr. Conant's church loyalty day, and an afternoon session, partly in the open air, if weather permits, for the children on "rumor" day, Saturday.

The February union meeting of the protestant churches of this town will be held on Sunday evening at seven o'clock in the Baptist church. The resident pastors will take part in the service, or in the absence of one of them, C. Alvord at a similar meeting, in Ayer, his place will be taken by Rev. J. S. Strong of Ayer. As this meeting comes just before our annual town meeting matters of local interest and community welfare will be treated in the addresses under the business part of the evening. Town meetings will be held by Rev. J. S. Strong, the dean of the local ministers.

Josephine Holbrook, who was taken to Lowell General hospital with a broken hip last week, is reported as comfortable. She has been very happy to receive the attention from church and other friends here and greatly appreciates the kindness so generally showered upon her. Scarcely a day goes by that has not some remembrance for her.

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Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by THERESA A. O'BRIEN, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her without giving a surety on her official bond, and you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the ninth 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 said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton town newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. 3120 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Dr. and Mrs. Bryant are planning to spend a few days next week at Chester, Vermont. Miss Grace Tewksbury has completed her course in millinery and has just commenced a course in dress-making. The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church will meet on next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Wells at three o'clock. It is hoped all the ladies of the circle will make an effort to be present. The Ladies' Aid of the Universalist church will hold a pound party next Tuesday evening in the church vestry at 7:30 o'clock. The admission fee will be a pound of anything not worth less than five cents. The annual town meeting takes place on Monday. The polls will open at 11:30 in the morning and close at three in the afternoon. There are thirty articles in the warrant to be acted upon by the citizens. Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., will present a mock trial under the direction of Col. Newton, of Worcester, in the Odd Fellows' hall on Saturday evening, September 19—a breach of promise suit. This entertainment will be one of the finest of the year. A large cost of local people will constitute the character of the suit and will be thoroughly high-class in every respect. The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evening in the church vestry. Supper will be served at 6:45, followed by the usual entertainment which will be open to the public. The program will consist of a brief address by Lewis W. Parsons on the subject of "California," and also musical numbers. Frank Daley, formerly teamster for Fred D. Weeks, and George Huskins have left town and secured positions in Worcester. Harriet Adams is confined to her home with the gripple. John W. Farrar is building an ice house at Robbins' pond and intends filling same with ice before the winter closes. Mrs. Charles A. Miner left this week Friday for a visit at the home of her sister in Allston. Mrs. Hattie Shearer and her sister, Mrs. Laura Ware, who are both seriously ill at the home of the former, seem to remain about the same. J. Fred Brown confined to his home this week with an attack of the gripple. Alfred Rivers and daughter Julia spent the week-end and Sunday with Mrs. Rivers' mother in Keene, N. H. At the high school assembly on last week Friday the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Ruth Day, pres.; Everett Buxton, V. P.; Harry Annis, sec.; Vera Day, Sarah Stevenson, James Stevenson, ex. com. The following program was rendered: Reading contest, Vera Day and Laura Sideleau. Miss Madeline Logue is this week teaching the fifth and sixth grades, substituting for Miss Nellie McKim, who is absent owing to the death of her father, who passed away at his home in Ayer last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, of Pennacook, N. H., spent last Sunday with Joseph H. McChesin. Miss Gertrude L. Conant returned home last Sunday evening from a month's visit at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Manning, in Upper Montclair, N. J. George H. B. Clark, who is confined to his home with diphtheria, is recovering nicely. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Clemenz last Sunday. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanislas Franck last Saturday. A number of high school pupils are confined to their homes with the prevailing epidemic of the gripple. Mrs. John F. Murphy passed away at her home in Littleton last Saturday. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon with services in St. Mary's church, Ayer. Mrs. Murphy was formerly Miss Annie Russell, of this town, where she worked for a number of years in the warping department of the President Suspend Co. Mrs. William Daley, of Ayer, is substituting as teacher for the seventh and eighth grades for Mrs. Collins the regular teacher, who is confined to her home in Forge Village with sickness. Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will hold a whist party on February 13 at the Altrurian club rooms. Leona Lee is confined to her home with sickness. The funeral of Marie, the nineteen-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Clemenz was held on last week Friday afternoon at three o'clock with the service in St. Anthony's church, Rev. Rosario Richard officiating. A large number of relatives and friends attended the service. The burials were Masters Bolger, Thomp and Glonet. Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery. Many beautiful floral tributes were displayed. The little child died on last week Thursday morning from the effects of a shock sustained by falling into a tub of hot water on last week Wednesday morning. The child's mother had placed the child in the kitchen floor, intending to wash the floor and had left it unguarded for a moment, when the child backed into it. The grief-stricken parents have the sympathy of all the townspeople in their bereavement. Back-Log drama in Littleton town hall, February 10 and 11. Rekekah Installation. Mrs. A. Livermore Rekekah lodge installed its officers elect last week Friday evening, about fifty being present. The installing officers were Grace E. Winslow, d. d. pres. of Ayer, and suite, consisting of Mrs. Minnie Brown, Groton, d. d. g. s.; Emma K. Dudley, Ayer, d. d. g. s.; Nora T. Folkins, Ayer, d. d. g. s.; Juliette L. Kidder, Ayer, d. d. g. s.; Jennie E. Thayer, Fitchburg, d. d. g. s., and Myrtle Smith, Ayer, d. d. g. s. At the close of the installation a chicken pie supper was served and brief addresses made by the deputy and suite. The retiring noble grand, Gertrude M. Harris, was presented with a past noble grand collar, the gift of the lodge, for service rendered in passing through the several chairs. The resignation was made by the deputy president, who spoke of the faithful service Mrs. Harris had rendered the lodge. Mrs. Harris responded gracefully, thanking the members for the gift. 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sie M. Dammun, con.; Helen McCoy, chap.; Margaret J. Brockelmann, r. s. g.; Agnes L. Hoover, l. s. g.; Mary M. Nickless, r. s. v. g.; Inez H. Lynch, l. s. v. g.; Ida M. Warren, 4. g.; Harlan B. Howe, o. g.; Lottie A. Greenleaf and Ella F. Lawrence, altar bearers. The Washington Memorial. Through the efforts of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., an article has been placed in the town warrant asking for an appropriation of \$150 for the George Washington Memorial building at Washington, D. C. The dimensions of the building will be 350x350 and will cost about \$2,500,000. On the face of the building which will be of colonial design will be engraved the motto, "Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest will repair. The rest is in hands of God." The advisory council of the George Washington Memorial association consists of the leading manufacturers and businessmen of the town. The George Washington Memorial association has secured from the government a magnificent site in Washington of several acres facing the mall next to the new National museum. This site is worth \$500,000. The governors of forty-one states are working for the successful termination of the plan. Supper and Entertainment. The social supper and entertainment at the Congregational church Wednesday evening was a banner one from a social standpoint and the committee in charge most assuredly scored a triumph. The tables were prettily decorated and at each place were placed tiny favors appropriate to Washington's birthday. The menu was bountiful and varied with appetizing dishes and notwithstanding the fact that the night was rather stormy a large number were present to enjoy the many good things the ladies had provided. Supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. Hooper, chairman, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Whitaker, Miss Ella Wright and Miss Alice Horton. The waiters and waitresses were Chester Hooper, Lester James, Leslie Wells, and the Misses Gladys, Phelps, Grace Tewksbury and Alice Horton. At the close of the supper hour the following delightful program of entertainment was given under the direction of Miss Annie Park, Hobrook and Lester James. Piano duet, Misses Sarah L. Stevenson and Doris White; songs, Lester James; reading, Miss Grace Tewksbury; song, William J. Flynn; reading, Mrs. McKim; talk on Lincoln by Conrad W. Kim; piano solo, Miss Gladys Phelps. Annual Celebration. The annual birthday celebration of W. C. Conant, of Littleton, and John G. and Edwin H. Conant, of Shirley, was observed on Friday of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant. Dinner was served at one o'clock and the day as a whole was an usual one of pleasant memories. Flowers were received from Mrs. F. H. Washburn, of Pomona, Tenn., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Conant. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Conant, Miss Julia S. Conant and Mrs. Della M. Parker, all of Littleton; Mrs. I. M. Damon, of Gardner; Mrs. Leslie J. Mossman, of Fitchburg; Mrs. and Mr. John G. Conant and their daughter, Miss Gertrude L. Conant, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant. The birthday of the Conant brothers is on February 1, but owing to the fact that some of the party were confined to their homes with colds the birthday festivities were postponed until Friday. A fitting birthday anniversary observance is held each year. To the Editor: I would like to say a few words in your columns concerning Article 18 of the town warrant. In reading over that article I could not but be amazed at what extravagant people will let themselves go in their expenses. There are a small town with a population of 2251 in 1915 expected to appropriate \$50,000 for a school building, such as large city requires, with no money to help pay for it. The plans submitted are a small town like Shirley going to do with expenditures like this. We are already burdened with heavy taxes. Would you put up a \$50,000 bill to graduate two pupils a year? Mr. Voter, vote No! If we really need a building, one costing eight or ten thousand dollars would meet every present need and future growth. Mrs. C. A. Harris.

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At this meeting Mrs. Hattie Stiles gave a pleasant reading. Many members were absent on account of a cold, gripple or sickness in the family. Sunday is to be observed as church Sunday. Everyone is urged to make a special effort to attend. Mr. Dockrill had the misfortune to cut his leg quite badly last week Friday which necessitated a doctor to dress the injury. Although suffering some pain and inconvenience he conducted the services as usual on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bouchard entertained their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bouchard, of Pepperell, over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown went to Pepperell last week Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Brown's father, William Marshall.

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While it is doubtful whether such a system as has been suggested could be profitably maintained by the people of the Center alone, the matter should not be dropped without further investigation. BROOKLINE, N. H. News Items. Last week Wednesday evening the Grange held a most interesting meeting with every one of the new officers present at their station, thereby making a splendid start for the new year. The following program was presented by members: Piano duet, Grace and Alice Whitecomb; reading, George Cady; vocal solo, Delbert Porter; readings, James Gilson and Clara Russell. The next meeting will be on February 9. Fine weather favored the two church sewing societies last week, seven of the Ladies' Aid, and the Ladies' Aid, meeting with the Ladies' Aid at her home. Mrs. Albert Pierce favored them with two readings in the course of the afternoon. At the home of Mrs. George Cady nine members of the Loyal Workers met for work and a social time. At this meeting Mrs. Hattie Stiles gave a pleasant reading. Many members were absent on account of a cold, gripple or sickness in the family. Sunday is to be observed as church Sunday. Everyone is urged to make a special effort to attend. Mr. Dockrill had the misfortune to cut his leg quite badly last week Friday which necessitated a doctor to dress the injury. Although suffering some pain and inconvenience he conducted the services as usual on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bouchard entertained their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bouchard, of Pepperell, over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown went to Pepperell last week Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Brown's father, William Marshall.

Jessie Farnsworth was home from her school in Merrimack for a few days last week, as her mother is not well. Her mother and good, has been employed to stay with Mrs. Farnsworth for a few weeks. Owing to the extreme warm spell of last week the ice company has been obliged to lay off a large force of men. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rickard, of Cambridge, Mass. Rev. George L. Bennett, a former pastor here, was a visitor in town last week Wednesday and Thursday. While hauling logs one day last week Clark Barnaby had a narrow escape from serious injury by falling logs when the whiffletree broke while coming down an incline, allowing the rear end to slew and causing one of the axles to break, dumping his load. Mr. Barnaby escaped by jumping. Among the sick folks the past week were Capt. Alexander Taylor, Edward Pierce, Mrs. Frank Austin and baby, Mrs. Webster and good, has been employed to stay with Mrs. Farnsworth for a few weeks. 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PEPPERELL

News Items. Mrs. O. D. Clark of Sanford, Me., and Carl Drew of Boston were week-end guests with their sister, Mrs. Frank Bennett of Pepperell. On her return home on Monday, Mrs. Clark took her little niece, Dorothy Bennett, to Maine with her for a two weeks' stay.

old New England is all right just at present. W. A. Shephardson spent Sunday with his family on High street, as usual coming from Milford, N. H., where he has a position in a machine shop.

W. T. Hobart has been at work about his newly-purchased residence, the Wilson house, on Elm street. One of the greenhouses was blown down by the recent gale and he has had quite a task picking up glass.

tion followed, the president, Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, presiding. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Tarbell. Reports of the past year's work were given, the report of Mr. Richardson, the treasurer, being as follows:

well, pastor of the Second church (Unitarian), Boston, will be the guest of the evening. All who are interested in the society are cordially invited to attend this gathering which will be informal and social, and commemo-

license they have made for many years. So far as the leaders could control the license vote, it was cast for Mr. Carney and Mr. Smith only, with the exception of the "double headers" who

can bemoan the other \$118.71 overlooked because he didn't know the difference between the corporation tax and the street railway excise tax.

HARVARD

News Items. A guest at "Sunnyside" last week was Miss Mary Hildreth, who visited her father, Miss Elizabeth Hildreth.

SHIRLEY

Center. Miss Mildred Evans spent the week-end at Princeton with Miss Emma Hubbard.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items. Miss Mabel Lawrence has gone to Northampton to take the two months' trial course of training at the hospital.

Receipts: Membership fees \$239 00, Donations 237 38, Town, for school calls 200 00, Metropolitan L. L. Co. 102 40, Collected by nurse 115 65. Total \$955 43.

Expenditures: Salary of nurse 54 00, Incidentals 25 25, Total 79 25. Balance \$876 18.

This balance on hand February 1, 1916, was \$1,000.00. The donations mentioned include the following: Woman's club \$25.00, Ladies' Social circle \$5.00, Ladies' Social circle May party 15.25, etc.

Annual Roll-Call Supper

The annual supper and roll-call of the Unitarian church was held at the home of Mrs. O. D. Clark on Friday evening last week.

Funeral Services

The following is a list of the flowers at the service for the late William Marshall on last week Thursday, which was not received in season for publication last week.

Church Notes

The theme of the sermon by the pastor at the Methodist church on Sunday morning will be, "Has the church a message for today?"

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