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FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22-5 to 8 o'clock

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Mrs. Addie Loring and Miss Mary E. Hager went to Boston on Wednesday for a week's visit with friends. They are both planning to leave on Sunday, and Miss Hager is to attend the State Grange meetings.

Miss E. May Hastings, of Brighton, was the guest of Mrs. Anna Page for the week-end.

Mrs. C. A. Hemenway and Mrs. Albert Littlefield attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cloyes, of Framingham, Wednesday.

The Woman's Missionary society will hold its next meeting with Mrs. Lewis W. Richardson in her new home on Wednesday afternoon, December 13, at three o'clock.

Burpee F. Steele has resumed his studies at Burdett's college.

Mrs. Porter has returned from a pleasant visit with her daughters in Winchester and Waltham.

On last week Friday afternoon Mrs. Florence E. Salmon entertained the West Acton Whist club, of which she is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Nelson have moved their house and are to spend the winter months with their son Arthur.

Winn Freeman, of Spencer, is visiting his uncle, J. A. Walker.

Miss Maria Steele is visiting her uncle in North Brookfield, where her brother Wilbur joined her for the Thanksgiving festivities.

The many friends of Rev. Nathan Thompson, of Laurel, Md., will be pleased to hear that a letter has recently been received from him in which he says his health is much improved and he again enjoys taking short walks around his home.

The Benedict family has left the Emerson Whitecomb farm, where Mr. Benedict has been working as overseer for the past two years.

Mr. Fierra is building an addition to his house.

The Handcraft club will hold an exhibition and sale at the library on Saturday afternoon and evening, December 9. If stormy, the sale will be held the next Wednesday.

Henry Wheeler is visiting his sister, Mrs. Norman Wetherbee, in helping care for Mrs. Louisa Priest, who is very sick.

Mrs. Fairfield, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Olive F. Poland, left for home Tuesday night. She is expected to stop over Wednesday night in Montreal with Mrs. F. E. Parker, who is spending the winter there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Furbush entertained a family gathering of twenty-one on Thanksgiving day. Alfred "Old" and Frank Davidson, with their families, were at William Withington's; J. A. Walker spent the day in Harvard with his daughter, Mrs. H. E. Veast; Miss Nellie Plimick came home, remaining until Tuesday; Mrs. George Wait and Horton were at C. H. Wait's; Arthur and George Goodcard were home from college, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Norris, Miss Mabel and Lucy Wetherbee represented Boxborough Grange at Littleton Wednesday evening, when the third and fourth degrees were conferred.

The following, taken from an article in the Boston Post of December 6, is very gratifying to the apple raisers in this town. "The town of Boxborough in Middlesex county is reputed to be the greatest producer of its size in the world of large sized and well flavored apples. Boxborough folks says this is because of a peculiar quality of the soil and its position on the southern slope of the hills."

Mr. Whitcomb, who has been in ill health for some time, has gone to a hospital in Boston to stay awhile for observation and treatment, hoping a cure may be effected.

Church Notes.
Sunday services: Morning worship at eleven o'clock; preaching, Rev. M. M. Merrill, subject, "Bible—the living book." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

According to the report of Mrs. G. W. Burroughs, president of the Ladies' Social circle, the clear profit at the annual church fair has amounted to a little over seventy dollars.

The pastor will be at home at the parsonage on Saturday, December 9, from 10 to 12, to receive and to talk with all the people who are considering joining the church fellowship, whether by confession or by letter. Mr. Missirian will also be willing to make special calls in the families to talk over the question of church membership on the following three Sundays in case he is asked to do so.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Elmer Canney and family, of Arlington Heights, were at George W. Canney's during the week-end.

Boston's wholesale avalanche of plain talk will be the subject of the morning sermon at the Baptist church. Miss Linette Steward of Portland, Me., is a guest at the Baptist parsonage.

Supt. F. H. Hill and members of the school board were present Friday at a meeting held in Lowell. This was one of a series of meetings designed by the state board of education for the special benefit of school committees throughout the state. Our people are finding them very helpful in the way suggestions and in the exchange of good ideas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Chase have had a very busy season making wreaths for the market. They have completed 1500 wreaths, most of which are being shipped to Waltham, where they have a ready sale.

L. W. Chase will fill orders for Christmas wreaths until December 14. Price reasonable. 34-13

The Catholic mission will hold a whist party in the lower town hall Saturday evening for the benefit of St. Anne's church.

Miss M. Loola Wright of the Northampton High school faculty, was a guest of Miss M. H. Kimball last Saturday. Miss Wright and Miss Kimball were room-mates in college and at Ware, where they were fellow-teachers for many years.

C. F. Flagg and daughter entertained the Burton S. Flagg of Andover and the C. K. Houghtons at their home on Foster street last Sunday.



Useful Christmas Gifts

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

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

HANDKERCHIEFS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Men's Linen Hemstitched, plain.....	15¢, 25¢ and 50¢
Men's Embroidered, Initial.....	10¢ and 15¢ each
Men's Initial, Linen.....	25¢ and 50¢ each
Men's Initial, Silk.....	25¢ and 50¢ each
Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, plain	
6 in Handsome Christmas Box.....	\$1.50 to \$3.00
4 in Handsome Christmas Box.....	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Men's Fine Cambrie Handkerchiefs, 6 in Handsome Christmas Box.....	75¢ and \$1.00
Boys' Handkerchiefs, plain white, or fancy bordered, 3 in pretty Christmas Box.....	10¢ and 20¢ per box

GLOVES FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Men's Kid Gloves, unlined, for dress wear....	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Men's Kid Gloves, lined, for dress wear.....	\$1.15 to \$2.50
Men's Mocha Gloves, fleece-lined.....	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Men's Mocha Gloves, silk or knit-lined.....	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Men's Mocha Gloves, Hare or Squirrel lined....	\$4.00 to \$6.00
Men's Working Gloves and Mittens.....	50¢ and \$1.00
Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens.....	25¢ to 75¢
Boys' Woolen Gloves and Mittens.....	25¢ and 50¢
Boys' Mocha Gloves and Mittens.....	50¢ and \$1.00
Children's Mocha Gloves and Mittens.....	50¢ and \$1.00
Children's Woolen Gloves and Mittens.....	25¢ and 50¢

SWEATERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Nothing could be more acceptable for a gift than a good Sweater. We have Sweaters for every member of the family. They come in Gray, Navy, Crimson and Brown colors. Some are plain Coat style, and some have a collar and some have pockets.

Men's Coat Sweaters, all colors.....	\$1.25 to \$7.00
Boys' Coat Sweaters, all colors.....	98¢ to \$3.00
Women's Coat Sweaters.....	\$3.00 to \$6.00
Girls' Coat Sweaters.....	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Children's Sweaters.....	50¢ to \$1.50



MEN'S HOSIERY FOR CHRISTMAS

Fine Cotton Hose—4 pair in Christmas Box.....	50¢ box
Tripletote and Shawknit Hose, in Black or Colors, fine quality, four pair in Christmas Box.....	25¢ pair \$1.00 box
Everwear Hose, guaranteed for six months—six pair in box, for.....	\$2.00 box
Silk Hose, in Black or Colors.....	50¢ pair
Children's Hose, "Black Cat" make.....	15¢ to 35¢
Men's Woolen Hose, fine grade.....	25¢ to 75¢

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FROM OUR FURNISHING GOODS DEPARTMENT

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

25¢ and 50¢

ARM BANDS—Fancy Arm Bands, each pair in handsome Christmas Box.....

25¢ and 50¢

COMBINATION SETS—In a Handsome Christmas Box

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

MUFFLERS—In Mercerized Cotton, Wool or Silk, in great variety of colorings and fabrics.....

75¢ to \$4.50

BELTS—Buy a Leather Belt in a pretty Christmas Box....

50¢

BATH ROBES—Make a most appropriate Christmas Gift, and one that is always appreciated. A good assortment of colorings.....

\$3.50 to \$6.50

NIGHT ROBES—For Men, made of a good quality of Domet Flannel.....

50¢ to \$1.25	
For Boys, made of Domet Flannel.....	50¢ to \$1.00

PAJAMAS—Men's and Boys', made of Domet Flannel—good quality, fancy trimmed.....

\$1.00 to \$1.50

SUSPENDERS—A great variety of styles, each pair in a Handsome Christmas Box.....

25¢ and 50¢

JEWELRY—Cuff Buttons and Scarf Pin, each in a Handsome Christmas Box.....

25¢ to \$1.50	
Cuff Buttons.....	25¢ to \$1.25
Scarf Pins.....	25¢ to \$1.25
A Watch for the Boy, in Nickel or Gold, guaranteed for one year.....	\$1.25

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

25¢

CAPS AND TOQUES

Men's Cloth Caps.....	50¢ to \$1.25
Men's Fur Caps.....	\$2.50 to \$5.50
Boys' Cloth Caps.....	25¢ and 50¢
Boys' Toques.....	50¢
Misses' and Children's Toques.....	25¢ and 50¢

Scarf and Toque Sets—

For Girls.....	50¢ and \$1.00
For Women.....	\$1.00 and \$2.00

UMBRELLAS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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

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

LEATHER BAGS AND SUIT CASES

Suit Cases, made of Fibre Board.....	\$1.25 to \$3.50
Suit Cases, made of Leather.....	\$6.00 to \$8.00
Suit Cases, made of Japanese Matting.....	\$1.25 to \$3.00
Hand Bags, Leather.....	\$3.00 to \$5.00
School Lunch Boxes for Children.....	25¢

Holiday Footwear for Every Member of the Family

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

75¢ to \$1.75

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR GIRLS AND CHILDREN. In Patent Leathers and also in warm Felt Goods in fancy colors.....

50¢ to \$1.25

High Buckle Arctics for Men and Boys
High Buckle Arctics for Women and Children
Rubber Boots for Boys and Children



CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS FOR WOMEN.

In a great variety of warm Felt Goods, in fancy colors, some with Fur Trimmings; also, Kid and Patent Leathers.....

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High Cut Skating Shoes for Men

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Deware entertained as Thanksgiving guests Dr. and Mrs. Weaver, of New Boston, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, of New York city, in addition to their sons and daughters at home from their schools and colleges.

Miss Hattie Kendall returned here on Monday from her position as companion and housekeeper in Greenfield. She is at present with Mrs. L. P. Blood, and will probably spend the winter with Mrs. Catherine Pierce.

Ray Soule came from Worcester to spend the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Soule. Miss Hazel Soule did not come home from Bradford, N. H., as the time was so short, but is expected home on the fifteenth of this month for a two-weeks' Christmas vacation.

Extra assistants are needed at the store of W. E. Muzzey as the holiday goods appear. Miss Grace Haggerty has been there for a few weeks already, and Miss Marie Robinson entered the store last week as clerk.

Mrs. G. Francis Martin and little daughter Frances came from Shrewsbury on Tuesday last week for the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant street. Mr. Martin, who was on a business trip in Vermont, joined the party on Thanksgiving, returning with them on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Annis spent Thanksgiving day with relatives in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Perry, from Winthrop, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Perry, from Arlington, spent the holiday and the remainder of the week with the guests, Mrs. William Hobart and at the home of their aged grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond Williams, whose combined ages of ninety-one and eighty-nine years, make them the oldest couple in town.

Earl Parker, from Boston, spent Thanksgiving day with his parents in town.

The clerk of the weather seems to have joined forces with those who are governing the coal situation, judging by the weather of the past week.

Francis Lawrence spent Thanksgiving with his family in town, returning to his work in Bridgeport, Conn., Saturday.

Bert Stoddard and friend motored here from Greenfield on Sunday, calling on his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Parker.

Mrs. Walter E. Jewett passed her ninety-second birthday in life's fourteenth year on Monday, December 4, and is a remarkable example of correct, simple living to the younger generation. She enjoyed the surprise given her by thirteen of her nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and grandnieces, who came up by autos from Lexington, Bedford and Somerville, to help celebrate the occasion. Mrs. Jewett also received many town callers and messages from distant friends, and was presented with two decorated birthday cakes, several boxes of fine chocolates and other remembrances. She called upon our oldest townsman, William Taylor, not long ago, and announced that she intended to live until she was a hundred years old. Being so careful and guarded and cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Spencer, she may reach that age.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wright and daughters motored to Shirley Thanksgiving day, as guests at the home of her brother, Albert Woods. Miss Harriet and Gertrude remained over Sunday.

Mrs. George Winch and Miss Lizzie Tucker spent their Thanksgiving holiday with their friend, Miss Harriet Parker, and her brother at East Village.

Mrs. William Hanna and two children, from Greenville, N. H., have been visiting at her old home in town.

Mrs. P. J. McDonald has had her three nephews with her over Thanksgiving and this week, from Cliftondale.

Miss Gladys Williams spent part of Saturday and Sunday at her home in town. Her new stenographer, Miss Harriet, did not allow a Thanksgiving vacation long enough to come home.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pierce entertained at Woodside over Thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. George V. Herzig and daughter Rachel, from Somerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Kelley, from Taftsville.

Among those who returned home from their duties as teachers, to enjoy the Thanksgiving vacation, were Miss Anna Boynton, from New York; Miss Ethel Wells, from Everett; the Misses Lydia and Gertrude Sullivan, from Wakefield; Miss Marion Ames, from Brockton.

Rev. and Mrs. John B. Lewis entertained a Thanksgiving dinner party of relatives from Reading, including Mrs. Lewis' father and sister and family. Mrs. Lewis' sister, Miss Mary Pearson, from North Adams, was also a guest.

Miss Mae Merriman, instructor of music at Mt. Ida seminary, Newton, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with her father and brother on Townsend street.

Rosecoe Hayes, from Dartmouth, and Miss Helen, accompanied by a friend from Dean, and full of the Thanksgiving and the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hayes. The party motored to Milford, N. H., on Thanksgiving eve, and dined with Mr. Hayes' brother, G. A. Jennison, and family.

Miss Margaret Boynton, from Mt. Holyoke college, spent Thanksgiving and the remainder of the week with her mother and sister.

Bernard Shattuck came from Boston to spend Thanksgiving at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shattuck. He was accompanied by Miss Pierce, of Melrose.

Miss Kathryn Carter, of Hingham, and Gertrude Carter, from Worcester, were at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Carter, over the holiday.

Howard Denham, of Lowell, spent the holiday last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Denham.

The Forward club held a pleasant social on Friday evening of last week, although the attendance was not as large as usual. The program and games for entertainment were in charge of the Misses Rouse and Durant. During the business session a committee from the club were appointed to attend to the decoration of the church each Sunday. The January committee for the club social are Miss Ellen Miller, Zilpha Woodworth and Gerald Willett.

Mrs. Lucy B. Page went to Pawtucket, R. I., last week to enjoy Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mrs. George Greenhalgh, and family.

Miss Elizabeth Hall left town Monday for Warren, N. H., where she has accepted a position as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck and

son Gerald spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Shattuck's aged mother, and his brother and wife in Brookline, N. H.

Among the students returning home for the Thanksgiving vacation were Marguerite Donnelly, from Dean academy; Elizabeth Shattuck, from the Worcester School of Domestic Science; Lloyd Tower, from the Worcester Polytechnic; Walter Sullivan, from Holy Cross college; Joseph Thomas, from Dartmouth; Karl and Robert Deware, from the Preparatory school at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fuller, who have been residing with their parents on Tucker avenue since their marriage last summer, have gone to housekeeping in Mr. Rowell's cottage house on Tucker street.

Miss Anna French has closed her house on Heald street and gone to live with Mrs. F. D. Bolles for the winter.

Mrs. Forrest Winch is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Morse, of Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Maude Parker, Mrs. Alice Bartlett and Miss Anna Peabody went to Graniteville on Tuesday evening to assist in a concert program, given under the auspices of the Methodist church of that place. Mrs. Parker gave three readings, Mrs. Bartlett two solos and Miss Peabody two piano solos and one selection on the harp.

Miss Margaret Anderson came from Northborough on Wednesday to enjoy her holiday with her parents on Oak Hill.

L. Adelbert Boynton and son Winfred came from Boston, and Miss Ada Gray from New York, to spend Thanksgiving at their home on Oak street. Mrs. E. A. Phelps and her household, with other members of the family, and the Misses Lawrence, of Park street, as their guests, made up a pleasantly large dinner party.

Miss Florence Flynn, from Erving, and Miss Jessie, from Carlisle, were at home for the Thanksgiving holiday from their school teaching.

Friends of Miss Margaret Blood received cards from her at Fort Totten, Long Island, where she and her sister, Miss Anna, passed Thanksgiving day with their nephew, Lieut. Kenneth Blood, and family.

Charles E. Boynton, who has been at the grocery store of H. W. Hutchinson for some years, has discontinued his work there.

Misses Susie and Lena Thompson left town Tuesday for South Boston, where they have relatives.

William Thayer, from Rochester, N. H., and Miss Kathryn, from Brookfield, spent their Thanksgiving holiday with their parents, Pleasant street.

Albert Pillsbury from Middleboro spent this week in town working about their home place to put it in condition to leave for the winter. His latest work on the farm at Middleboro is running a tractor engine for plowing.

Mrs. Fannie Lawrence spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. Flora Wheeler, in Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. Alfred Blood came from Milton, N. H., to attend the funeral services of her aunt, Mrs. Harriet White, on Monday.

Frank Fitzpatrick returned to Bellows Falls, Vt., on Monday, after spending the holiday and week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dowling of Worcester were also guests of Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

W. A. Shephardson came from Maplewood for Thanksgiving with his family, having been employed in a machine shop in that city since the closing of the garage on Grotton street.

Miss Alice Marshall came from Middletown, Conn., to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday, returning to her work on Monday.

Joseph Mahoney has been in town from Middleboro for a week past.

Samuel E. Marshall, who has been employed in Hartford, Conn., for some months, came here on Wednesday last week to spend the holiday and to move. Their goods were put on the cars for Hartford on Monday. While they are in transit Mrs. Marshall and family will reside at her mother, Mrs. Comery, and sister, Mrs. Caldwell, at Concord Junction. The E. M. Comery place on Elm street, where Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have lived twenty years, will be closed.

Miss Doris Hartwell, now teaching in Bridgewater, spent her holiday vacation with her parents and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conant entertained Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Conant's father, from Barnstead, N. H., over Thanksgiving.

The real estate deal which was in process of business between Lyman Robbins and Charles Jewett last week has been completed and Mr. Robbins has acquired the title to his home on Pleasant street. Mr. Jewett takes in exchange a wood lot in New Hampshire, given to Mr. Robbins by his father, George Robbins.

There is considerable sickness in town, and the household of E. T. Wilson is particularly afflicted. Mrs. Wilson has been confined to her bed since Thanksgiving, and Mrs. Markham, who boards with her, is recently, sustaining such serious injuries as to confine her to her bed, also. The daughter, Miss Ruth Wilson, has her hands full with the care of the invalids and the household duties.

A woman by the name of Mrs. Francis, who is seventy-four years of age and suffering from an incurable disease, was taken from the house where she has been living in North Pepperell to the town farm for care on Monday. Mrs. Francis, with her husband, who died there, were inmates of the farm about thirty years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shattuck entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gray, from Townsend Harbor, Thanksgiving; also, Miss Myrtle and Ellis Gray, her sister and brother.

The campaign for Red Cross Christmas seals is now in full swing, and will continue up to January 1. It is but nine years ago that the idea of making it a national institution originated with a Delaware woman, although the seals under the name of "Charity stamps," date back to the time of the civil war. This particular use for tuberculosis work was first tried in Norway. Over \$2,500,000 has been raised through the sale of these seals in the past eight years in the United States, and many public men, like Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, are enthusiastic in their support. Secretary Stone of the Boston association for the relief and prevention of the disease, states that in that city the newspapers, merchants and post-office notices are making it every way possible toward the success of the campaign.

Mrs. John Marshall returned on Wednesday last week from a few days' stay at the home of her son Charles Marshall, of Fitchburg, whose wife has been so ill. She has now recovered sufficiently to return to her home, but is not strong yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Cook spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Lancaster.

The usual large dinner party was enjoyed Thanksgiving this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, who reside in Westover, the Grotton line. Those present from Pepperell were: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Raymond and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nokes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, and three children. Miss Helen Taylor and Ralph Robinson were also present from Fitchburg and Ernest Hazard. These, with the host and hostess, and their sons, the Willard family, who live on the old home place, made up a jolly party of twenty-two to fill the long tables which were so well spread with Thanksgiving viands.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Andrews had as their Thanksgiving guests Mr. and Mrs. Forest Andrews and son of Nashua, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farnsworth and daughter of Ayer.

Coon hunters have had good luck for some time past in capturing game in the vicinity of the old "coon tree," on the Townsend road, but the past week, it seems, it did not require much hunting to secure one in that locality.

The old boys' club, Messrs. Gray and Gray, ferreted out two coons from a culvert on the Jewell farm and both were shot. On Wednesday as Charlie Wood, of fourteenth street, and Mr. Gray discovered two young coons among the pines opposite Miss Jewett's place. The boys drove them up a tree and the younger one was set to watch them while the older one secured a shot gun and managed to capture both of them. He weighed them, one 9 and 11 pounds and made good Thanksgiving eating when properly prepared and cooked. The young lad disposed of the pelts to Mr. Hendon, who will have them properly cured and he feels rather well satisfied with his first attempt at hunting the animals.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Withrow entertained the daughter, Mrs. William Gelweld and husband from Roxbury and Miss Edith Hatherly of Newton, Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey D. Sullivan had as their Thanksgiving guests, Miss Anna, Miss Gertrude, and his bride, from Westbrook, Me.

Mrs. Joseph Davis entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Tully, Thanksgiving, from Bennington.

A family party of fourteen gathered with Mr. and Mrs. W. Parker, Oak Hill, Thanksgiving day. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Parker and three children, Clayton, Gwen and Albert, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. E. Eastall and sons, Raymond and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carlin and daughters, Ellen and Cora Curtis of Ayer. Mr. and Mrs. Mignault from Plymouth, N. H., were unable to be present.

Mrs. Paul Maxwell returned to Middleboro last week with her small daughter Elizabeth. She was accompanied into Boston by Miss Molly Frazer, where she was met by Mr. Maxwell.

Mrs. S. J. Dauphinee of Amesbury, a niece of Mrs. Frank Hamilton, with her daughter Gertrude, were entertained at the Homestead on Thanksgiving.

Ernest Baker, from Boston, spent the holiday at his old home in town.

Prof. C. N. Pollard of Harvard was met by a large gathering of the members and guests at the meeting of the Woman's club held at Oddfellows' banquet hall on Friday afternoon. From his many trips abroad and residence in the various countries, the data for his lecture, "Incidents in life abroad," was personally collected by his proficiency as musician enabled him to give illustrations of the music of the various lands, including Russia, Italy, France and Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Shattuck spent Thanksgiving with her relatives in Fitchburg.

The condition of Miss Fannie Shattuck, whose hip was fractured several weeks ago, is not changed materially from the preceding weeks, except that the patient is becoming tired of the one enforced position. She is still under the care of Miss Kemp with calls from the nurse, Miss Hamilton, and her son and his mother, Mrs. Comery, and sister, Mrs. Caldwell, at Concord Junction. The E. M. Comery place on Elm street, where Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have lived twenty years, will be closed.

Miss Ethel Hall and friend from Lawrence spent Tuesday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hall.

At the J. A. Lawrence farm there was a Thanksgiving dinner party of seventeen relatives and friends, who gathered to justice to the beautiful menu. John A. Lawrence, the son, came from Bridgeport, Conn., remaining until Sunday. Mrs. Harriet Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Reed, with their son and his mother, Mrs. Comery, came from Nashua and Mr. and Mrs. Sprague from Worcester, these with the members of the family making up the goodly number.

Helena Heikman is seriously ill of pleuro-pneumonia at her home here. A cold of some weeks assumed alarming conditions on Monday and a physician was summoned. Later a trained nurse, Mrs. Charles Goff, was called through her cousin, Mrs. Fred Benner, and at this time of writing (Thursday) the patient is reported as benefited by the remedies and treatment, so she is said to be comfortable, although not out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Parker went to Littleton on Tuesday to attend the funeral services of Mr. Clark, Mrs. Parker's father. Mr. Parker is recalled by those who have met him at the time of his visits to his daughter here in town.

Mrs. Amos Grenier is in town on Thanksgiving day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Attridge. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gagnon and three children, from Nashua, were also guests for the day.

The East Village club held an unusually large, pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Goff on Wednesday afternoon. There were twelve members and two guests present. Christmas seemed to be the popular theme in the short selections read by Mrs. John Pierce, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Swasey, Mrs. Nutting, Mrs. Albert Lewis, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Harmon. Delicate refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Thanksgiving guests at Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocomb's were her two sisters, Mrs. F. A. Seelye of Boston and Mrs. Fred Jones of Wilton, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Kennedy had only a small dinner party at Thanksgiving, owing to Mrs. Kennedy's indisposition from a recent attack of laryngitis. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Attridge were guests there and Orrin Savage of Brighton.

The two little daughters of Thomas Malley at the Jewett tenement on Main street are quite ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Georgianna Kimball spent the holiday and remainder of the week

with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kimball, of Greenwood and with them went into Boston on Sunday to hear Billy Sunday.

Mrs. N. W. Appleton was called to Roxbury Monday morning by the death of Mrs. Helen Tower, cousin of the late Mr. Henry Blake. Mrs. Appleton has had much of the care of her aged relative recently and was notified of her death on Saturday, making arrangements and accompanying the remains to their final resting place at Greenville, N. H.

A Thanksgiving party of nineteen were the guests of Misses Eleanor and Sarah Tucker at Beales' pond. They were nearly all the descendants of the Ball-Weston families, down to the youngest member, four months' old Elizabeth Maxwell. The guests included the families of C. C. Tucker and Edmund Blood, Miss Clara Shattuck and other relatives in town. Miss Molly Frazer, a student of Fitchburg Normal school, was among the guests and Charles Hartwell, assistant at the Pepperell Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and children have moved from the house near the Fitchburg bridge on Main street to the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Williams.

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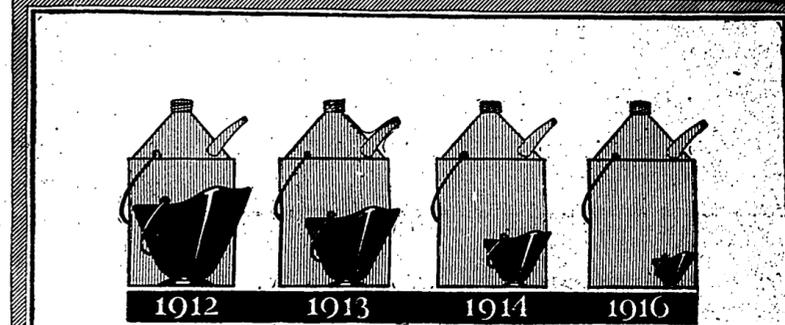
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Some of the holiday visitors noted in town were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barnaby with two daughters at the home of Clark Barnaby, Mrs. Fannie Evans of Boston and Brother, Alfred Cox, of New York, at the home of their mother, Mrs. Mary Cox; Misses Frances, Esther and Jessie Farnsworth at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farnsworth; Mrs. Wil-

Jennie Sheridan of West Newton, Mass., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Fessenden; Ernest Nye and family of Sandown at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Nye; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Willey and son, J. G. Willey of Pepperell, at the home of Mrs. Percy Beterley and Miss Walter G. Young and daughter Evelyn of Fall River and Miss Mary Brown of Waltham at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown; Theo-

dore Bridges of Atlantic, Mass., at the home of her mother, Mrs. Joseph Sibley; Miss Mary Pease at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pease; Ola Palmquist at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell; John Palmquist, Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott of New York and Mrs. Wilma Abbott at the home of her mother, Mrs. Misses Frances, Esther and Jessie Farnsworth of Boston at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farnsworth; Mrs. Wil-

Saturday, December 9, 1916.

GROTON

News Items. The following additional subscribers have contributed to the fund for the improvement of the Groton Corner band: A. Friend \$2, Mrs. E. Barrows \$1, James F. Culver \$1; previously acknowledged \$307.50—total, \$312.50. A concert and dance is to be held at an early date.

Phineas Harrington has returned to Groton after a two-weeks' visit to Mrs. Annie A. Smith, where he was called. Mrs. Smith being very ill at the home of her nephew, Thomas J. Terrell, in East Boston. As soon as the table to be moved she will be taken to the home of her son, Frederick D. Goodall, of Winthrop.

John H. Folkins, from Millstream, N. B., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Herman Frazee, and family of Elm street.

The Alliance will meet with Miss Georgianna Boutwell on next week Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. John M. Moore and her little granddaughter were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mrs. C. H. Berry.

The officers-elect of the W. R. C. for 1917 are Mrs. Dora Putnam, pres.; Mrs. Sarah Lucy, v. p.; Mrs. Alice Gilson, J. v. p.; Mrs. Mary Boynton, Secy.; Mrs. M. G. Gleason, chap.; Mrs. Emie Harrington, con.; Mrs. Mary Messenger, guard; delegate, Mrs. Sarah Lucy; alternate, Mrs. Alice Gilson. The secretary and other officers are approved by the president.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown, C. H. Berry, Mrs. Osher Folkins, J. E. Messenger, Mrs. F. C. Bishop, and Mrs. Palmer plan to visit at Pomona at Fitchburg on Thursday. Probably others will attend from Groton.

The second in the Luther Blood free lectures was given on Tuesday evening. The hall was well filled, also Jones, official photographer for the Boston and Maine railroad, proved a very pleasant and entertaining speaker. His talk was profusely illustrated with the most up-to-date pictures, largely of the White Mountain section of New England. The next in the course will be a musical by the Royal male quartet of Boston, on Thursday evening, December 21.

Miss Alice Kemp is a new telephone operator at the central station on Station avenue.

Ayer Grange will present "Clover farm" in the town hall on Monday evening, the play to be followed by a dance. This entertainment is to be given for the benefit of Groton Grange. William Gay, from Manchester, N. H., was at home for the military ball and Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Withbrook, of Boston, and Mrs. Richardson and her daughter, Miss Dorothy, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crowley, Pleasant street.

Mrs. Nathaniel Anderson, Jr., is at the Groton hospital for observation of her case.

Mrs. H. H. Gay went to Brockton last week Friday to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Simmons, and family, which now includes a little daughter, born on November 18, and has been named Elizabeth Gay Simmons.

John Bradley, from Melrose, and his brother, William Bradley, from Amherst Agricultural college, accompanied by Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Ada and Selma Bradley, were at home for the military ball and the holiday recess last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Gauthier, from Concord, N. H., were here for the ball and for Thanksgiving at her father's, F. M. Blood, of Hollis street.

Miss Edith Stockwell, of New York city, and Miss Pauline Thesever, of Gardner, came to attend the military ball and spend the week-end with Miss Ruth Blood. All three young ladies are teachers in Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Harrington and family spent Thanksgiving at the home of her sister, Miss Florence Folkins, Topic, "Defy evil." There were sixty present at the meeting last Sunday and there is an increasing interest shown in these meetings.

There was a family reunion of four in all at Warner H. Souther's on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Whiting entertained relatives and friends from Westford and Groton, as is their custom, Thanksgiving day, twelve being present.

The following are the officers-elect of E. S. Clark post for the year 1917: Charles H. Berry, com.; Warner H. Souther, senior vice; John Condon, junior vice; Thos. G. Gleason, officer of the day; James F. Moore, chap.; Moses P. Palmer, om.; Dr. Samuel A. Green, surg.; Charles H. Torrey, adj.; representatives to the department: J. F. Moore, alternate. It was voted to have a joint installation with the W. R. C., the date to be left to the decision of the corps.

The subject of the Sunday morning service at the Baptist church will be "The greatest of all books." Sunday school at twelve. Evening praise service at seven o'clock, subject, "Life's conquering vision." Billy Sunday hymn books will be used at this service. Regular prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

The Ladies' circle of the Baptist church are planning to hold a sale at the lower town hall on Thursday afternoon, December 14, from two to six o'clock. There will be aprons of many different designs, useful and fancy articles and home cooking. A good opportunity to secure gifts for Christmas.

The Boy Scouts held their regular meeting on last Saturday evening, being called to order by the senior patrol leader, Roy Bennett. The following have completed the tests required for a second-class scout: Roy Bennett, Harold Burton, Fred Gale, Wendell Cook and Lester Coakley. The scouts will attend the reunion of Camp Idlewild to be held at the Linden Methodist church, Malden, Thursday evening, December 28.

Arrangements are being made for a party to attend the evangelistic services which are being conducted under the direction of Billy Sunday at the tabernacle on Huntington avenue grounds, Boston. All who wish to go

with the party are requested to give their names to Rev. B. E. Tucker, Mrs. Alice Peabody or Mrs. Wallace Brown. As soon as a sufficient number of names are received arrangements will be made for reserved seats at the tabernacle.

Owing to the paralysis law which forbids schoolboys to leave the state, the parents of the pupils at the Groton School, Mr. and Mrs. St. Paul, came over from New York and other cities to spend Thanksgiving day with a dinner at the Copley-Plaza, Boston. It was one of the largest and most interesting of young people with parents and relatives ever gathered there, some 2500 in all. There were the usual Thanksgiving features with various novelties, altogether a hilarious time.

Miss Gertrude Forbes, from Worcester, and Miss Helen Forbes, from Fitzwilliam, N. H., were at home with their mother Thanksgiving. Mrs. Helen, having next week's vacation, remained until Sunday.

The good fellowship feeling which pervades the Chicopee row neighborhood was strongly in evidence last Saturday evening when about the oldest gave response to an invitation of H. S. Wheelock and family and gathered at their beautiful bungalow home for an evening's pleasure. Games were played, music from the Victrola was enjoyed as also were the refreshments. Toward the latter part of the evening there was dancing. That Mr. Wheelock and his family are good entertainers is testified to by the success of this pleasant party.

A real old-time Thanksgiving was enjoyed at Joseph B. Raddin's last week Thursday when a twenty-eight pound turkey and everything else good in the same generous proportions was spread for the holiday dinner. Twenty-six sat down to the bountiful feast, the out-of-town guests being Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Raddin, from Holden; Mrs. Nellie Raddin Elliott, from Greenfield, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Black, from Everett. The children were grand and happy. The children came from the homes in Groton, all joining in a real Thanksgiving social gathering.

The selection request that all bills against the town be brought in by December 14. From the Beverly Evening Times of Saturday, December 2: "Mr. and Mrs. George A. Herron, of 26 Federal street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Francis Eliza Herron, to Eric Elsworth Hodgman, of Groton."

The current events department of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. F. F. Waters on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Marion Breckenridge left on Monday afternoon for a short stay with Mr. and Mrs. Trask at North Cambridge.

Born on Friday morning, December 2, a son to Mr. and Mrs. James P. Fitch, Harlan, Pratt Fitch.

Owing to the lack of space the History of Groton Band had to be omitted this week.

Oldest Alumnus. Dr. Edward Page, D. M. D., Harvard '69, and M. D., '70, the Harvard dental school's oldest alumnus, observed his nineteenth birthday Monday at the Home for Aged Men on West Springfield street, Boston, where he has lived for the past two years. Dr. Page is still in good health and his mind is perfectly clear.

Dr. Page was born in Groton, his father being a farmer. After a course at the old Groton academy he worked ten years in the comb-making trade in Leominster. Afterward he worked as a machinist and at odd factory jobs. When the authorities at Harvard university established the dental school Mr. Page was forty-two, but was anxious to be a pioneer in the new profession and received degrees from both the dental and medical schools. After years of practice he retired and put his time into experiments designed to increase the efficiency of the profession. Fifteen years ago he invented a filling which has been widely adopted. Until a few years ago he had a dental office in Groton.

He was married on August 14, 1850, to Rebecca J. Wright, of Ashby, who died only a few years ago. Their son, Dr. Washburn Eddy Page, of Dorchester, was born on August 2, 1854.

Venison Dinner. Frank H. Woods, of Common street, gave a venison dinner on Tuesday to a number of his neighbors and other friends, and a merry party it was that sat down at 7.30 that evening to a five-course feast of good things. The venison was pronounced especially toothsome. Decorations in the hunters' colors of red and green streamers, extended from the chandelier to the centerpiece, which was a miniature pool surrounded with greens in imitation of shrubbery. Place cards were used and seventeen sat down to the dinner. At about 9.30 the company enjoyed music and dancing.

The dinner was the outcome of the dare or command of the young people to Mr. Woods when he went out in the open season to get a deer. The agreement was that if he got one he should give a venison dinner; if he was not successful, he was to give a codfish dinner. As his brother William also shot a deer, and there was the good mother and her other children, there was really without question a good time coming.

Mr. and Mrs. Barz and two little girls came home from Greenfield to spend the Thanksgiving holiday season at the oldest little girl, a mix of three or four, was one of the most tireless of the dancers, claiming her Uncle Frank as a partner whenever she could get him.

Requests. Among the \$300,000 bequests made in the will of the late Mrs. Josephine Haskins, of Peterham, formerly of New York, is that of \$1000 to the Louthorpe School of Landscape Architecture and Gardening of this town. Another bequest to Miss Elizabeth Caryl of Chicago.

Some fifty years ago John Haskins lived in Groton on Main street (south), near and opposite the Stuart Park place, and near the Louthorpe school building located nearby. Mr. Haskins was associated with the late A. H. Caryl in his horseshoe manufactory in Forge Village. The Haskins and Caryl families were in Groton for many years after the breaking up of their business and with his family went to England. It was there that his daughter, Miss Josephine Haskins, met and married George J. Haskins, a Scotchman, an American, who was in business in England. After his death Mrs. Dickman returned to this country.

The estate is said to be upward of \$1,000,000 and after the public and private legacies the residue goes to her nephew, Caryl Parker Haskins, of Schenectady, N. Y.

Miss Elizabeth Caryl, of Chicago, her cousin, who is willed \$1000, is the

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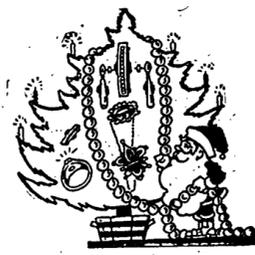
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same whom so many remember here in town. She was associated as assistant to her sister, Mrs. Fosdick, post-mistress here many years. Her home is now with her brother, A. H. Caryl, in Chicago, and she is said to be in poor health.

Groton Military Training School. The drill of the Provisional Company on Wednesday evening consisted of review of the principles of close-order work as applied to the school of the company. The company is hereafter to be fallen in as individuals rather than by squads and the roll will be called at each drill instead of receiving reports from the corporals.

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their great sense of direction. On clear nights the birds fly very high; but on stormy nights they come nearer the earth. Then are they confused by the lights of cities and lighthouses. So many birds have been killed by flying against lighthouses that in England there have been placed around lighthouses perches for the birds.

But why do they migrate? They go south in the fall because their supply of food is fast running out. This does not explain why they go north in the spring. The explanation offered for this is the natural secretiveness of animals during the period of rearing young. Birds come north to the regions where there is more room and so greater seclusion and greater protection. They go year after year to the same places and over the same routes. This can be explained by their homing instinct and by the heredity of habit. In England a nest in the same spot was occupied by blue titmouse for ninety-eight years.

West Groton. George McCurdy, of Dorchester, has been a recent guest of Dr. Samuel Bowthorpe.

Clarence Thompson, leaving on Wednesday of last week for the holiday at the home of his aunt in Mattapan.

Mrs. M. J. Shepley, of Waltham, arrived on Thursday evening of last week and spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. W. F. Law. She was accompanied by two granddaughters, the Misses Lorraine and Marjorie Stone, who visited their mother, Mrs. George Strachan, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley left for their winter home on Monday, going by direct Pullman train. Their southern home is in Lantana, nine miles from Palm Beach.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, Rev. W. F. Trowbridge was unable to attend the Thanksgiving dinner to which they were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence.

The Ladies' Aid society have decided to hold their Christmas fair on December 14 and 15.

Mrs. Humphrey and son Amos are visiting out of town and expect to be absent for several weeks.

Going on last week Wednesday, Provost Thompson spent the week-end at the Sedley home in Dorchester. A dandelion bloom was brought to us last week by Alfred Durant, who has sharp eyes for the unusual.

Mrs. M. E. Williams, going for Thanksgiving, is remaining for a time with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Worcester, of Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cottrell, Jr., spent Thanksgiving with his relatives in Tiverton, R. I.

Mrs. Joshua Bixby visited relatives in Ayer over the holiday.

Little Thomas, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Malley, has been quite ill with bronchitis. He is now reported better.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold its Christmas fair and supper on Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday evening, December 14 and 15. Christmas articles will be found at the various booths on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. Also, a lunch table will serve those desiring to remain for the evening. At eight o'clock an entertainment will be given by the children, consisting of short plays and dialogues, recitations, music, etc. On Friday evening a supper will be served in the usual hall in the lower hall. A social hour will follow, during which the previous evening's sale will be continued. All are cordially invited.

The executive board of the Improvement society will meet with the president on Monday evening.

Some items mailed last week were waylaid between here and Ayer and failed to reach the publication office until after the paper had been printed. They are used this week.

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A COMPLETE STORY IN TWO REELS WILL BE SHOWN IN THIS SERIES ON SATURDAY EVENINGS The First will be "THE STORY OF THE MISSING WATCHMAN"

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK NANCY O'NEIL, the Celebrated Dramatic Artist, will be seen in a Five-act Superb Metro Wonderplay, entitled

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As a tragedienne, Miss O'Neil ranks very high, but she has also the versatility which enables her to portray all the phases of human emotion. In "The Iron Woman" she has a part which will live long in the minds of those who see it.

The Shielding Shadow

"VANISHING MANTLE" is the title of the tenth episode in 2—SPECIAL SHOWS ON CHRISTMAS DAY—2

SHIRLEY

News Items. Miss Madeline Logue arrived at her home in town on Wednesday from North Waterford, Me., where she is teaching school, for a vacation of five weeks.

Miss Marion L. Holden, of Templeton, spent Thanksgiving and the remainder of last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

Raymond Farnsworth, at Woodville, leaves soon for Florida, where he is to spend the winter with an uncle.

Miss Evelyn Snow, of Halifax, spent Thanksgiving at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lyman Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. David Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Adams spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Evans, in Franconstown, N. H.

Miss Edna Holden, of Lancaster, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

The Natrons Aid society held a pleasant meeting last week with Mrs. Horace C. Harris. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. David Marsh on Tuesday afternoon, December 12.

LITTLETON

The attraction at the lyceum next Tuesday evening is in some respects the best of the entire course.

The Alliance will meet next week Friday afternoon for their December meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Hopkins at the center.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield is giving a series of sermons for the month of December setting forth the gospel as it was given him to preach as a herald for these times.

The Board of Trade have secured a speaker at the next meeting, Monday evening, December 11, Henry N. Andrews, of the income tax division of the state tax commission.

Miss Hannah Gorman, who had lived alone on Taylor street for many years, having become so infirm that she could no longer care for herself,

A neighborhood meeting of the people living very near the station was held with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hill on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Hill.

James E. Smith will be in Washington, D. C., this winter and represent the Railway Maintenance Employees Brotherhood. He will be absent for several weeks, and James Ivetts will succeed Mr. Smith as section foreman in Littleton.

HOLLIS, N. H.

Miss Ruth Goodwin was at home from Salem Business college for the holiday and week-end.

Nelson Parkhurst returned on Tuesday from a week's visit with his aunt in Falmouth, Mass.

Harry Bell has returned to his studies at Boston university after a short vacation.

Miss Lillian Keyes spent the holidays at home, returning Monday morning to Keene Normal school.

Arnold Coolen left here on Tuesday for Pittsburg, Pa., where he has secured a good position.

George Ladd has George Bellmore for him at present. Mr. Bellmore boards with Norman Bennett.

Harvey Powers was at home from Tufts college for Thanksgiving.

Annual Sale.

The Ladies Aid society of the Universalist church will hold their annual sale at the church vestry on Wednesday evening, December 13.

Miss Mildred French was at home from Wheaton college. She returned on Sunday, accompanied by her father, Rev. H. M. French, who went to hear Billy Sunday that evening.

Miss Ruth Hazard was home from Wheaton college for Thanksgiving.

Miss Lorraine Bell was at home for the week-end from Thompsonville, Conn., where she is teaching.

Ralph Powers spent Thanksgiving in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Greenleaf, of Pepperell, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Charles West.

Ralph Lovejoy and Sidney Wentworth were at home from Durham a few days last week.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lovell, of Henniker, N. H., spent the latter part of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
 —OF—
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the power of sale con-
 tained in a mortgage given by the
 Peppereil Shoe Company, a corpora-
 tion duly established under the laws
 of the Commonwealth of Massachu-
 setts and having a usual place of busi-
 ness in Peppereil, Middlesex County,
 Massachusetts, to the Tremont Trust
 Company, a corporation established
 under the laws of the Commonwealth
 of Massachusetts dated July 21, 1914,
 and recorded in the Middlesex Regis-
 try of Deeds, South District, Book
 4072, Page 295, and duly assigned to
 the subscriber, and for breach of the
 conditions of said mortgage, will be
 sold on Saturday, December 30, 1916,
 at three o'clock P. M., at public auc-
 tion held on the premises, viz:
 The land in that part of Peppereil
 called East Peppereil with the build-
 ings thereon, excepting the bicycle
 house, so-called, which is to be treat-
 ed as personal property and to be re-
 moved by the grantors, situated in the
 Easterly part of said Peppereil and
 bounded and described as follows:
 Beginning at a point on the Easterly
 and Southerly side of Hollis and
 Nashua Streets, respectively; thence
 Easterly on said Nashua Street about
 three hundred and fifty (350) feet to
 an iron pipe set in the ground to land
 of H. A. Parker; thence Southerly in
 a straight line about one hundred and
 thirty (130) feet by land of said Park-
 er to the Nashua River; thence West-
 erly by said Nashua River to said
 Hollis Street; thence Northerly by
 said Hollis Street about one hundred
 and twenty (120) feet to the point of
 beginning, together with the water-
 power from the dam on the premises
 of the said grantors, excepting ten
 (10) horse-power from said dam
 which is reserved for the use of the
 grantors, their heirs and assigns for-
 ever.

Terms: Cash. Other terms an-
 nounced at time and place of sale.
EVERETT L. TURNER,
 Assignee of Mortgage.
 3114
 Boston, Mass., Dec. 5, 1916.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-
SETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
 To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and
 all other persons interested in the
 estate of JOHN H. WHITCOMB late of
 Ayer in said County, deceased.
 Whereas a certain instrument pur-
 porting to be the last will and testa-
 ment of said deceased has been pre-
 sented to said Court for Probate,
 and said instrument is hereby certified
 to be the last will and testa-
 ment of said deceased, and the same
 is hereby admitted to be such, and
 letters testamentary may be issued
 thereon, the executor thereof being
 without giving a surety on his official
 bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a
 Probate Court to be held at Cambridge
 in said County of Middlesex, on the
 twenty-seventh day of December A. D.
 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon,
 to show cause, if any you have, why
 the same should not be granted.
 And said petitioner is hereby directed
 to give public notice thereof, by pub-
 lishing this citation once in each week,
 for three successive weeks, in Turner's
 Public Spirit, a newspaper published in
 Ayer, the last publication to be one
 day at least before said Court, and by
 mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy
 of this citation to all known persons in-
 terested in the estate, seven days, at
 least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
 First Judge of said Court, this sixth
 day of December in the year one thou-
 sand nine hundred and sixteen.
 3114 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-
SETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
 To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and
 all other persons interested in the
 estate of MARY LILLIAN BROWN late of
 Ayer in said County, deceased.
 Whereas a certain instrument pur-
 porting to be the last will and testa-
 ment of said deceased has been pre-
 sented to said Court for Probate,
 and said instrument is hereby certified
 to be the last will and testa-
 ment of said deceased, and the same
 is hereby admitted to be such, and
 letters of administration with the will
 annexed may be issued to him or
 to some other suitable person, the ex-
 ecutor named in said will having de-
 ceased.

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 least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
 First Judge of said Court, this fifth
 day of December in the year one thou-
 sand nine hundred and sixteen.
 3114 F. M. ESTY, Register.

TOWNSEND
 Center.

At a meeting of the Brotherhood
 held in the Methodist church vestry
 on Tuesday evening the following of-
 ficers were elected for a term of six
 months: George A. Wilder, pres.;
 Walter D. Farrar, v. p.; Albert L.
 Dow, sec.; George L. Eastman, treas.;
 chairman of committees: T. Good-
 win, devotional; Ernest Wood, social;
 Walter D. Farrar, social; G. A.
 Wilder, G. L. Eastman, A. L. Dow,
 printing and publicity; G. A. Wilder,
 T. E. Flarity, A. L. Dow, William T.
 MacMaster, committee to investigate
 advisability of revising the by-laws
 and report at the next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland, of
 Townsend, were receiving congratula-
 tions upon the birth of a daughter,
 Wednesday, December 6, weighing nine
 pounds.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Morse entertained
 Thanksgiving dinner, their son and
 wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morse,
 of Fitchburg; their son, Harold Morse,
 of Springfield, and the Misses Billerick,
 of New York.

At the recent meeting of the Town-
 send Hill Improvement society, the fol-
 lowing officers and committees were
 elected: President, Mrs. George Hart-
 ford, v. p. Mrs. Stanley
 McNear, sec. and treas. Miss Alberta
 D. Barber, library com.; Miss Carrie
 Walker, Librarian; Miss Ruth Morse,
 assistant.

Miss Alberta D. Barber and her
 mother, Mrs. Abbie A. Barber, with
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Greenleaf as auto
 guests, motored to Boston Wednesday
 to hear Rev. William A. Sunday attend
 the Rev. William A. Sunday meeting in
 Boston.

Miss Lillian Ware, of Malden, is en-
 joying a several-weeks' visit as guest
 of Mr. and Mrs. George Upham.
 At the second meeting of the com-
 munity Christmas tree committee the
 following officers and committees were
 chosen: Herman C. Knight, chair-
 man; Mrs. Harry Whitcomb, sec.; T.
 J. Harvey, treas.; A. N. Fessenden,
 Elmer Wallace, committee to procure
 tree; Oliver Wilson, electrical de-
 corations com.; George L. Whitcomb,
 with assistants appointed by him, so-
 licitor.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational
 church announced the Christmas
 to be held on Wednesday afternoon and
 evening, December 13, in Memorial
 hall. The following chairmen have
 been appointed: Mrs. Annie Bliss,
 Alice Taylor, Mrs. Livingston, table;
 Mrs. Mary Davis, candy table;
 Mrs. Mary Norris, flowers and plants;
 Mrs. Joshua Swicker in charge of the
 tree; Mrs. Emma Seaver, children's
 booth. Supper served in ban-
 quet hall at six o'clock. Mrs. Lilla
 Estes chairman of supper committee;
 entertainment at eight, in charge of
 Mrs. Herbert Spaulding.

Frederick lodge, I. O. O. F., is to
 entertain the Townsend, Groton and
 Peppereil lodges on Tuesday evening,
 December 12.

Successful Concert and Dance.
 A large number were present at the
 concert and dance given by the Town-
 send band in Memorial hall on Thurs-
 day evening. A fine concert pro-
 gram was given, which included a solo
 by G. V. Powell on the trombone, an
 alto horn solo by John J. Piper, which
 were heartily enjoyed. Following the
 concert, dancing was enjoyed with ap-
 propriate music by the band. The
 made candy and ice cream tables re-
 ceived liberal patronage. The prize of
 a guess cake was awarded Harold
 Morse for guessing within half an
 ounce of the weight of the cake.
 Guessing the number of yards of ribbon
 wound on a whip proved a tie be-
 tween Roy Wright and Joshua Swick-
 er. The whip was given by Mrs. Over-
 gett & Co. Richard Rusk won first
 prize in the ring pitching contest with
 a score of 8 out of 14. The prize was
 a \$5.50 sweater given by George H.
 Ayres. St. J. C. W. won second prize
 and Charles Richards tied with seven
 each for second prize, a gold-filled watch
 chain, given by C. W. Hildreth.
 Temple on the prize was the by pitch-
 ing and of the attendance and
 liberal patronage of the townspeople
 was appreciated by the band, and it is
 estimated that the proceeds will
 amount to over seventy-five dollars.

Rodney Lacey, of New Haven, Conn.,
 with R. A. Lacey, Miss Eva Whit-
 comb, of Sanford, Me., with G. L.
 Whitcomb; Miss Hattie Smith, of Fair-
 haven, with C. W. Smith; Bertram
 Gurley, of Winchester, with W. O.
 Gurley; Miss Alice B. Eastman, of
 Dover, and Arthur G. Eastman, of Co-
 husset, with T. J. Harvey; Charles
 Atwood and Charles W. Atwood;
 Polytechnic, with A. S. Howard; Mr.
 and Mrs. Notonen and Miss Alma
 Johnson, with Mathew Johnson; Miss
 Adelaide Well and childie Sims, of My-
 nard, with H. Brackett; Frank Dodge
 and Ray Woodward, of Malden, with
 George Upham; Miss Harriet Miller, of
 Attleboro and Harold Miller, of Need-
 ham, with H. J. Miller; Walter Smith
 and family, of Providence, with J. R.
 Smith; Burton Bruce, of Boston, with
 Mrs. Abbie Bruce; Everett Higgins
 and daughter Mary, and Mr. and Mrs.
 Berke Higgins, of Dorchester, with M.
 T. Higgins; Miss Hazel Marshall, of
 Needham, with Irving Marshall. There
 were also several large family gather-
 ings at Irving A. Seaver's, South row,
 at A. N. Fessenden's and Mrs. George
 Powell's, Old City, and many towns-
 people enjoyed the Thanksgiving sea-
 son with relatives and friends in other
 towns.

West.
 Plans are being made for a different
 arrangement of the Brotherhood serv-
 ices and for a Christmas concert to be
 held on December 13, at the home of
 for the annual Sunday school tree will
 be announced later.

Ernest Kaddy and family, from Bos-
 ton, have been recent guests at the
 home of Mr. and Mrs. William W.
 Webster.
 Amos Jodery, who has charge of the
 Frank Hamilton farm, had an acci-
 dent with his team while driving down
 the steep Stevens' hill on last Saturday
 afternoon and the driver, Walter Smith,
 broke or became unfastened and the
 horse ran, overturning the wagon and
 throwing out the occupants, Mr. and
 Mrs. Jodery and their children. Fortunately
 they escaped serious injury, being badly
 shaken up and somewhat bruised.
 The horse was caught upon the river
 road and returned to the farm, the
 animal being quite badly smashed.
 The household goods of Mrs. Mary
 Davis, which have been at the home
 of Augustus Bruce, have been removed
 to the Center, where she will make her
 home.

Miss Freda Jodery, of Concord, has
 been visiting her father, Amos Jodery,
 of Stevens' hill.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dwinell and chil-
 dren, of North Easton, have made a
 brief visit to the home of Mr. and
 Mrs. Alexander Reed.
 Rev. Joseph MacKean attended the
 meeting of the Ministers' association in
 Fitchburg on Monday.

Miss Ruth Bennett has been visiting
 relatives in Worcester this week.
 Albert Adams, of Providence, R. I.,
 the week-end guest of his parents,
 Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.
 Miss Myrtle Hobart, who has been
 spending a six-weeks' vacation with
 her mother, Mrs. William Robbins, has
 returned to her work in Waltham.

The annual sale of fancy work,
 quilts, aprons and needle cases, under
 the auspices of the L. B. S., will be
 held at the reading-room on Tues-
 day afternoon and evening, and in the
 evening a social time with the exhibi-
 tion of the Societies' work, accom-
 panied by music upon the Victrola.
 Mildred Moulton, of the Center, is
 quite ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
 Roy Brown, where she is employed.

Mrs. Mary Welch and daughter
 Alice, returned to their home
 here for the present.
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 Worcester, were guests of Mr. and
 Mrs. Jodery on Stevens' hill last week.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent so-
 ciety, and held a social monthly
 meeting at the vestry on Wednesday,
 an all-day session, with dinner served
 at noon, to which there was a large
 attendance. At the business meeting
 in the afternoon reports of various
 committees were heard and votes of
 thanks were given the orchestra and
 those who took part in the farce at
 the recent fair. It was also voted to
 purchase new singing books for the
 vestry.

Andrew Jodery, who was thrown
 out of the team in the runaway acci-
 dent on Stevens' hill, found when he
 returned home that he had broken two
 bones in his ankle.
 Mrs. Warren Elliott has been called
 to her home in Deerfield, N. H., by
 the severe illness of her mother.
 Word has been received here of the
 illness of both Mr. and Mrs. Edward
 Pratt, and their little son in Leon-
 ard, and Mrs. Pratt's mother is also
 quite ill.
 Rev. Joseph MacKean will preach
 on Sunday at the Baptist church on
 "The making of a modern minister,"
 and in the evening his topic will be
 "Seven essentials in the christian life."
 The Y. P. S. C. E. topic will be "Defy
 evil." Leader, Miss Gladys Rawson.
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 ing of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held on
 Wednesday evening with a good at-
 tendance. Besides the regular rou-
 tine business it was voted to assist in
 purchasing new song books for the
 vestry.

where they will make their home for
 the present. Mr. Tenney is employ-
 ed at the Belgrade Rug factory and has
 the best wishes and congratulations of
 a host of friends, both here and at the
 Center.

Mrs. Cora Marr, of Boston, has been
 a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and
 Mrs. Elbridge Haggood.
 Mrs. Charles Patch has returned
 from a recent visit to friends in Som-
 erville.

Holiday Guests.
 Among the guests in town for
 Thanksgiving were S. Leroy Shap-
 loch and little daughter, from Somer-
 ville, with Mrs. Mary Foster; Albert
 Adams, of Providence, with his par-
 ents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams; Miss
 Lena Thompson, of Norwood, with her
 parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomp-
 son; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright and
 children, from the Center, and Miss
 Agnes Wilson, from Waltham, at Er-
 nest G. Wilson's; Miss Grace Thomp-
 son, of Attleboro, with her mother,
 Mrs. Charles Patch; Mr. and Mrs.
 Fred Howard, of Stoneham, and Mr.
 and Mrs. Tebbetts, of Wakefield, with
 Mrs. Charles E. Morgan.
 Among those spending the holiday
 out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Mervin
 Hodgman, who went to Greenville, N.
 H.; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook to Spring-
 field; Mrs. Lucy Lawrence to the home
 of her brother in Ashby; Dr. and Mrs.
 Boynton to Worcester; Mr. and Mrs.
 Fred A. Patch, Mr. and Mrs. George
 Epton and Mrs. Marie Willard and son
 to Boston; Warren Elliott and family
 to Mason, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. A. J.
 Manchester to Franklin, N. H.; W. A.
 Boutwell and family to Barre; Mr. and
 Mrs. I. P. Sherwin and son Roger to
 Nashua, N. H.; Mrs. A. D. Winship and
 son Adron to Ayer; Rev. and Mrs. Jo-
 seph MacKean to Winchendon; Mr.
 and Mrs. Powers and Mr. and Mrs. C.
 L. Webster to Fitchburg.

NOTICE.
 The Annual Meeting of the Stock-
 holders of the Townsend National
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 estate of said deceased are hereby
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News Items.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Poye Brown was taken to St. Joseph's hospital on Tuesday for an operation for adenoids and enlarged tonsils, which was successful.

Dr. H. H. Cleveland and children, from Westley, spent Friday of last week at their summer home on Hollis road. Mrs. Cleveland joined them on Sunday, and all returned home in the afternoon by auto.

Mrs. W. J. House has been confined to her home with an attack of rheumatism.

The O. H. S. held a social at their hall on Monday evening, November 27, with a short program, music and games. On Friday evening, December 15, the December committee of the society are planning to hold an entertainment for the benefit of the Christmas festivities and the Sunday school. The two pieces, "The modern English" and "Jumbo Jim" will be given and there will also be music and readings. A liberal patronage is anticipated considering the object for which it is given.

Miss Ada Whitney attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange in Fitchburg on Thursday.

Ernest O. Nash has severed his connection with the American Caseine Company and re-enters the employ of the Forbes Lithograph Company in Chelsea. His goods went from here by auto truck on Tuesday and his family left to join him this week.

Miss Mabel Hinckley, with her mother, of Hollis, N. H., spent Thanksgiving with Miss Mary Wilson at the Peck farm.

Mrs. Alfred Hill and son spent Monday and Tuesday at the Hill place on South road.

Mrs. Bessie Allen is preparing to leave for her winter home in St. Louis, Mo., next week, closing her Elm street home.

The regular meeting of the Boy Scouts will be held on Wednesday evening, December 13.

Miss Carrie Shattuck came from Laconia, N. H., last week to spend the holiday and week-end with her mother, Mrs. G. W. Parker. Leslie Parker was also at home from Dean academy for the holiday vacation.

The marriage of Lindsay Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Perry of this town, now residing in Winthrop, to Miss Ada Barron, of Beachmont, was solemnized at the Congregational parsonage on Thanksgiving eve. The ceremony followed at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Barron. Mr. and Mrs. Perry included a trip to Pepperell by auto on Thanksgiving day as part of their wedding trip. They will reside in Beachmont.

Leo Thayer was at home the first of this week, returning to Worcester on Wednesday.

Mrs. Anna Nutting came from Shirley to spend Thanksgiving with her son, Leroy Nutting, and family. Gerry Nutting, from Boston was also at the home of his parents for the day.

Edgar Blake returned from his trip to St. Louis, Mo., and Akron, Ohio, on Sunday evening.

More Pepperell news will be found on page three.

Deaths.

The death of Mrs. Hattie F. White occurred on Friday, December 2, at her home, 107 Province street, after patient suffering for ten years from an incurable disease. For the past three years she had been confined to her bed for four weeks. Mrs. White was the daughter of Henry and Augusta Chase and was born in Nashua, N. H., August 29, 1870. Her marriage to George White of this town occurred in 1887. They resided in town for several years and later in Nashua.

Mrs. White survived by one sister, Mrs. Flood, also by two brothers, Edgar F. Chase and Willis J. Chase, both of this town. There were many beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends at the services which were held Monday afternoon at two o'clock, from her late home. The services were in charge of Rev. W. H. Beers of the Methodist church, assisted by Messrs. C. H. Beers, conducted by Mrs. Copp and Mr. Beers. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Augustan Millette died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lessor, Province street, on Wednesday after an illness of some weeks. He was a native of Three Rivers, Province of Quebec, having been born there in 1823. He has been a resident of this town for some time, living with his brother, Peter Millette, up to the time of his death, about two years ago. He is survived by the sister above mentioned, Mrs. Lessor. Services will be held from St. Joseph's church this Saturday morning, and burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Church Notes.

At the Congregational church on Sunday is the appointed time for the every-member canvass. The pastor will preach an appropriate sermon at 10:45, outlining the work. Early in the afternoon a company of twenty-five men, in groups of twos, will start out and attempt to cover all the territory where the families of the church reside. All friends of the church are invited to be present at the morning service and to be at home in the afternoon to receive the canvassers. A supper will be served at the canvassers at six o'clock and they will report at the evening service. A little co-operation will make this a great success, and it is coming to be the approved method of church support.

A special offering will be taken at the morning service for the Christmas celebration of the Sunday school. A committee consisting of the Misses Flora Boynton and Dorothy Dennen and Edna Nutting were appointed for the Christmas tree and entertainment.

The committee for the Christmas concert to be held Sunday evening, December 24, are the superintendent of the Sunday school, George H. Shattuck, Rev. J. B. Lewis and Miss Anna Peckbody.

The Sunday school recently sent a dry goods box filled with Thanksgiving supplies to the Little Wanderers' Home, Boston; also five dollars was sent to the Waldron of the City Missionary society. The Sunday school has remembered these two charities for many years.

The Woman's Missionary society will meet at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon, December 13, at three o'clock for a study of the first chapter of World's Missions and World Peace. This is an open meeting and all women are invited.

The Men's club of Pepperell, recently organized, will hold their next meeting on Friday evening, December 15, at the vestry. The club is open to any man over sixteen years of age who cares to join.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "The divinity of Christ and the divinity of man." At the vesper service at seven o'clock Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, of Cambridge, will preach. All persons are cordially invited. Sunday school will meet at noon as usual. Preparations are being made for a Christmas celebration for the church and Sunday school, with religious tableaux on Sunday evening, December 24.

Following the vesper service last Sunday evening Rev. Edward Cummings addressed a large congregation. In the course of his address he referred to Billy Sunday's statement, "that the Unitarian belief in the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man was heresy and a lie." He controverted Sunday's idea of God as a father, and also to the Lord's prayer, which says, "Our father, the fatherhood of God is a central feature of Christ's teaching. Much interest was aroused by his powerful discourse.

The Men's club of the First Parish will hold its regular meeting in the vestry of this church on Tuesday evening, December 19. J. W. Smith will address the club on the characteristics of the English people and their attitude as affected by the war.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the subject, "Jesus, the carpenter." In the evening, at 7:30, his subject will be "Jesus, the lawyer and statesman."

At the Epworth league service at 6:45 the subject will be "The mission of the religious newspaper." Leader, Ralph Luck.

The thank offering received at the recent Federation service was turned over to the Red Cross and the Epworth league and several dinners were sent out to shut-ins at Thanksgiving time, and other little remembrances.

In the Sunday school at Thanksgiving a box full of fruit and vegetables was collected and sent to the Little Wanderers' Home, Boston.

Committees for the Christmas celebration are planning to have a tree with Christmas exercises on Saturday evening, December 23, and a concert for the church are in charge of the Pennequin Camp-fire circle, under the direction of Mrs. Beers.

The Junior Camp-fire circle, the Babtassets, are busy at work making scrapbooks for the children of the war countries which are to be forwarded through the home of her brother, James March.

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Interested in the coming of the Swafford Players, which opens a week's engagement at Tarbell opera house, commencing Monday. Bearing in mind that old and true rule, "the play is the thing," the company offers their patrons this season some of the best class of plays obtainable for stock production. As with the Swafford Players, it is high-grade in every respect, and to make the attraction complete the management includes some extra good vaudeville between the acts. No attraction playing at popular prices offers to the Swafford Players more for their money than does the Swafford Players. The opening play, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," is not a lurid melodrama, but an excellent presentation of a modern theme, dear to the hearts of all intelligent and cultured people. The play is replete with "good comedy—the kind you feel delighted to laugh, and the sentiment is so harmoniously blended with it that people are heard to remark upon leaving the theatre, "I am glad that I saw what you are going to see to play tomorrow."

HARVARD

The next meeting of the music study class will be held on Thursday afternoon, December 14, at 2:15 at the home of Miss Annie Reed. The meeting will be devoted to the study of two early compositions, Handel and Haydn. Rev. H. C. Merrill will conduct Sunday evening services at the Unitarian church throughout December at seven o'clock.

The annual concert and ball given by the choral and instrumental troupes proved to be very successful despite the very disagreeable weather, upwards of eighty couples attending. The concert given by the Salem Cadet orchestra was the best ever given here, the trombone solos by Chester W. Howard being exceptionally well given. Mr. Howard played "O, dry those tears," and "Somewhere a voice is calling." The music was in charge of A. T. West. The decorations in charge of I. E. Morse added much to the general effect. National colors with lace window curtains and evergreen boughs made up the color scheme. Refreshments were served by the Nashaway Camp-fire Girls. The boys cleaned up about twenty dollars to be added to their reserve fund.

On last week Wednesday the seventh and eighth grades gave an entertainment appropriate to the holiday season to the rest of the grammar school pupils and their friends. The entertainment consisted of a play recalling the Puritan days, readings, violin duet by Kenneth West and Mrs. Harlow, and music on the school Victrola.

Corp. William J. McNamara of the coast artillery stationed at Fort Greble, Newport, R. I., was here with his mother, Mrs. Bessie Goldsmith, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barry for the week-end and over Sunday.

There will be an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. W. P. Farwell on Thursday, December 14, for members of the Unitarian church parish. Messrs. Dadmum & Maynard will give a special motion picture show for the benefit of the children on Monday evening, December 25, Christmas night. All children under fifteen years of age will be admitted free.

Miss Bessie Goldsmith has taken a position in Boston. Mrs. Maria Harrod went to East Lexington on Wednesday for a few weeks' stay with her son, Edgar Harrod. She made the journey by auto, Mrs. H. Emma Whitney going down with her and visiting a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. Harrod.

On last Saturday evening Orlando Cutler Doe, of Hawley, Grand Old Bay, was united in marriage to Miss Olive Locke, of Lexington, at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Locke was a student of Wellesley college, and Miss Doe is a graduate of Dartmouth college. They will make their home in Harvard.

Miss Lillian Hesolon visited a few days this week with her uncle, I. E. Morse, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bryant have moved into the Atherton house on Harvard campus.

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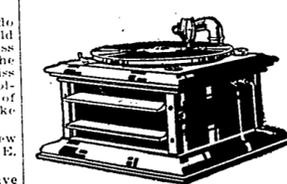
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The L. I. S. of the Methodist church will hold their annual Christmas sale in the church hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening, December 20. The sale opens at 2:30 with aprons, candy, fancy and food tables; also, other attractions.

The regular meeting of the Parents' Teachers' Association has been postponed from next Tuesday to the second Tuesday in January, when the entertainment committee are in hopes to have an illustrated lecture.

George L. Eastman has returned from New York State, where he has been visiting his sons, Percy Eastman, of Albany, and Jasper Eastman, of Binghamton. Mr. Eastman will be in town for the winter at the home of George H. Kendall, Elm street.

Mrs. William Greeley and little son have been spending this week at C. F. Butterfield's, Ashby.

At the C. E. business meeting held Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Alice Davis the following officers and committees were elected: Miss Maude Donnell, pres.; Ralph Walt, vice pres.; Alice Davis, cor. sec.; Amy Whitcomb,

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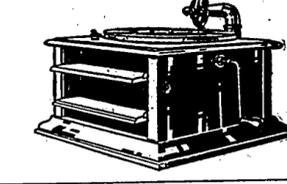
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