

AYES

The Board of Trade moved from its former quarters in Dickinson's block to the Civic club building on Monday. People hearing the sharp, successive blasts from locomotives about the railroad yard shortly after midnight, Monday, supposed that they were signals for a fire, but which proved to be a greeting to the new year.

The surgical dressings committee of the Special Aid society urgently asks all members and others interested in the work to meet at Hardy's hall on Monday afternoon from one to three o'clock, to make the surgical dressings which are so very much needed. These meetings are especially for work on business meetings.

Mrs. H. A. Bixby is quite ill with colic. The pastor will preach at the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10:45 on "The chief thing in life." Sunday school at two o'clock. Praying meeting at 6:45. Preaching at seven. Rev. W. Peterson expected to preach. E. Y. P. Tuesday evening at 7:30. Midweek prayer meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:30.

Burns Fisher gave a wonderfully comprehensive review of the late fascinating book, "Over the top," by Arthur Guy Empey. Mrs. Barker, with the aid of maps, then talked interestingly and instructively about some things in regard to Palestine. With another duet by the young ladies the afternoon's entertainment was brought to close, and each felt that she had received new ideas concerning some of the many events that are now transpiring.

The literature and library extension department will meet with Mrs. Clara F. Hill on Wednesday afternoon, January 23, at three o'clock. The meeting will be open to all club members. Tickets for guest night, January 16, will be on sale to club members at the Albert Perkins, January 4, 5, 8 and 12.

A New Service House. The Personal Service League of Boston, Mrs. Elizabeth H. White, secretary, has secured a house in connection with their work in the vicinity of Camp Devens. The aim of the organization is to reach girls in public places as well as in the home. The organization has secured a house, Shirley, formerly the Congregational parsonage, to be known as the Personal Service House. This house is to be used especially for girls who have no means of transport, or find themselves stranded at Ayer. Also, for girls whose further destiny may have to be investigated and to be able to assist soldiers' wives who find themselves unable to get accommodations with their limited funds.



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Nathaniel Lakin, our aged citizen on Toward road, has made a remarkable recovery from his recent illness and would be out about his place only for the severity of the weather. A. H. Harris attended the New York police show last week, Friday and Saturday. This week he took in the Nashua poultry show, being one of the officers of the Poultry association. He did not exhibit at either show.

On Tuesday from Gardner, where she has been visiting, with her little daughters, since Christmas. She reports a higher temperature there, as Gardner is at a higher altitude than most of the surrounding towns. George Attridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Attridge, Cottage street, returns to his studies at St. John's school, Danvers, next week. John Frazer is spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duffey in Putnam, Mass., during the winter.

About Town. The next meeting of Prudence Wright chapter D. A. R. will be held Monday afternoon, January 7, with Mrs. John B. Lewis in honor of Washington's wedding day. Election of delegates to the Continental Congress, payment of annual dues. Hostesses Mrs. Olive P. Lewis, Mrs. Francis E. Bennett, Miss H. Ebenezer Lawrence. Wedding. With as great simplicity as possible the arrangements were made for the wedding of Miss Edith Kirtledge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Kirtledge, was married Wednesday, December 26, to J. Edward Clement of Westford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William H. Boers, at the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal church. The bride wore a traveling suit of purple chiffon brocade, and a hat of purple and her entire costume was simple and to the point. She had no attendant.

The destruction of this historical old structure, thus depriving the town as well as the parish of a landmark dear to its heart. The frame of the church was raised in the latter part of 1767; the church completed and dedicated in 1769. In 1826 it was turned half round to face the south and entirely remodelled inside and out. About the year 1854 or 1855 the interior was frescoed and a very beautiful mahogany pulpit installed. In 1891 the church was again remodelled inside, the pews changed in location, and a large clock, the gift of Mrs. Sibley, of Grotton, placed on the right of the pulpit. Further changes and improvements were being planned for the coming year. An organ, made and presented by Leonard Blake, and used for many years by his son James, who served as organist, and a large clock, the gift of Judge Frossott, the grandfather of Mrs. Boer, were destroyed in the flames. The Sunday school library, containing many valuable books, but not attractive to the present generation, fortunately, had been removed. The two valuable old bibles were saved, and are being put in the silver and dishes belonging to the Alliance. The piano, also their property, was taken out of the church. The work of the former most arduous, but they thought to have been carefully under their own hands. Death. The death of Mrs. Robert E. Palmer, widow of the late Richard G. Palmer, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Wright, Wednesday morning, December 26, at four o'clock. In June of 1916 she underwent a severe surgical operation from which she was benefited for a time, but nevertheless, her former health, she was confined to her bed for three months and although suffering severe pain, manifested great courage. During her illness, she was cared for by her daughter with the assistance of the district nurse until the last week when Mrs. Charles Parker was called to assist. The deceased was born in Peppercell July 14, 1851, the daughter of David S. and Mary Spaulding Foster and with the exception of a few years was a life-long resident. She is survived by her aged father, David S. Foster, and daughter, Mrs. Robert Wright. The funeral took place at the home of her daughter on High street, on Friday, December 28, at two o'clock. Rev. Dudley R. Child officiated. The bearers were all friends of her young days—Robert Williams, Henry R. Lakin, Walter Lunt and Henry P. Wright. Mrs. Elsie Copp and O. M. Nash sang, "Beautiful Isles of Some-where," and "Sometime will be somewhere." The floral tributes were beautiful. The interment was in the Walton cemetery beside her late husband.













