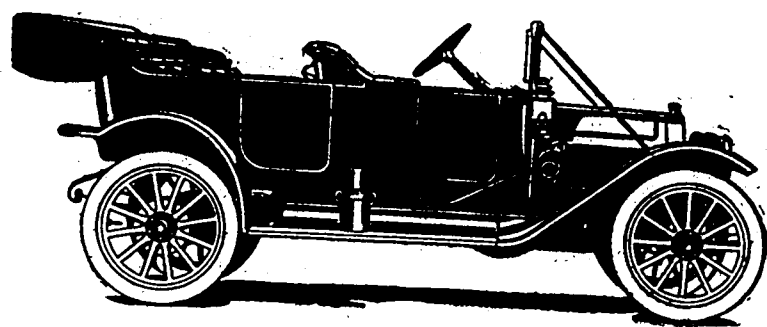


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LITTLETON.

News Items.

The junior class of the high school will hold a food sale for the benefit of the graduation fund in the Unitarian vestry Saturday afternoon, June 8, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pratt and son Ralph of Hinsdale, N. H., were entertained at the home of Wm. H. Tenney over Memorial day.

The Baptist C. E. society held a rally in the church this Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All the C. E. societies in this district are invited, also the Acton and Ayer societies and the Unitarian guild of Littleton. The president of the Massachusetts C. E. union, Miss Emma Ostrom Nichols, will make the address of the evening. Special music is planned. After the service in the church auditorium there will be a social hour in the vestry. Everyone interested in Christian Endeavor is cordially invited to attend.

A crew of Italian workmen has been employed in laying pipe, at the west end and the common. Town water has been put into the railroad station.

Mrs. H. L. Packard attended the Junior C. E. convention in Boston this week and paid a brief visit to her sister, Miss Margaret Wallace, in Chelsea.

Miss Helen Merriam spent last Sunday with relatives in Acton.

Mrs. Henry Topham of Duxbury has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Gardner W. Prouty, this week.

Miss Elizabeth Robinson of Concord, N. H., was at home a few days recently.

George A. Kimball, civil engineer of Arlington, starts next week for Seattle, Washington, to be absent about four weeks.

Mrs. Lucy Packard has been in South Chelmsford the latter half of this week.

Miss Cora Warren of Boston came home for Memorial day.

Owen McNiff, one of the older residents of Newtown, died at his son James' home on Tahattaw road last Saturday morning after a very brief illness. Funeral services and burial were held Ayer Monday morning.

Mr. McNiff left three daughters and four sisters, also three daughters and three sons to mourn his death. Besides his son James, another son Michael lives in town.

Mrs. Paul Brown has been visiting her sister, Mrs. George Gardner and family in New Bedford.

Misses Esther and Annie Dodge of Cambridge were week-end guests of their relatives in town.

The strawberry festival held at the Baptist vestry last week Thursday evening was largely attended. The supper was one of the best and the entertainment that followed was superior. Donald Hanson, baritone, of Lowell, rendered several solos of high merit, accompanied at the piano by Miss Olive Flagg, who took the place of Miss Tenney, the latter being unable to be present. Miss Naylor, the popular reader from Lowell, entertained the audience with a fine variety of selections. Misses Gladys and Beatrice Woodbury sang a duet and Miss Katherine Kimball played the violin, accompanied by Miss Evelyn Kimball, all of which gave much pleasure to the appreciative audience.

Miss Maud Mitchell, whose efficient services in the high school faculty for many years have placed her in the high esteem that she enjoys, was greatly surprised to find on her desk recently a gift from the senior class, pendant, accompanied by a note asking her to accept the present as a token of appreciation of her kind guidance during the four years of their high school life. Miss Mitchell called a meeting of the class shortly afterwards and voiced her sincere thanks for the gift and the verbal expression of good feeling so pleasantly demonstrated.

Among the many Memorial day visitors in town were Miss Jennie Bruce, of Hyde Park; Misses Lucy and Emily Adams, of Waltham and Weston; Mrs. Grace Shattuck, from Shilchester; Miss Ella Wright, from Shirley, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Brown, of Boston.

Memorial Day Exercises.

Although there were frequent showers throughout the day, the usual morning on Thursday to place flowers on the graves in our cemeteries. The grounds had received much attention from the commissioners and Davis for the noticeable neatness and many little improvements in the general appearance of the grounds.

But few members of the E. S. Clark post from Littleton attended the exercises in the morning at Groton, nine members constituting the entire number present in that town. Eight only were present to visit the graves of fallen comrades in Littleton.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the procession formed at the town hall park and proceeded to the Westlawn cemetery, escorted by the Everett drum corps, and marshalled by Chief Jacobs and his aids, Harry Barker and Richard Conant. After the dedication of soldiers' graves by the post, children, citizens and visitors, many of the town hall, where exercises of the revolutionary soldiers by Joseph Harwood, and singing by the ladies' quartet formed part of the program. The familiar songs so well rendered by the quartet were especially appreciated by the G. A. R. comrades.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield gave a brief but eloquent address, pointing out the debt of present and future generations to the men who gave their services to their country in the civil war, emulating their value as citizens upon their return home, and emphasizing the great service to which our commonwealth and our country calls us as citizens.

Wedding.
The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wright was open to many guests who witnessed the marriage of Miss Mary Harriet Wright and Ernest Henry Robinson on the afternoon of May 25. The formal decorations of the parlor were in white and green, daintily arranged.

The bride was strikingly handsome in a gown of white satin and a veil caught up with lilacs-of-the-valley. She carried a shower bouquet of the same. The bridal couple were attended by Miss Zilpha Wright, bridesmaid, who wore a becoming dress of pink and carried sweet peas, and Charles Robinson, cousin of the groom, as best man. The singing ceremony was performed by Rev. Harrison L. Packard, pastor of the Congregational church.

In receiving their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin N. Robinson. In an attractive alcove was displayed a variety of valuable gifts, cut glass, silver and linen predominating.

The scene of the festivity in a heavy shower of good wishes, not a few of the symbols accompanying them in the automobile part of their wedding trip. On Wednesday they returned to Littleton and began their new home life in the Robinson homestead. Mr. Robinson will carry on the farm recently leased of his father.

Death.

Obed Hatch Sanderson, a well-known attorney of New York city, and widely known in this town, died suddenly of apoplexy on last Saturday afternoon. The funeral services were held from the home of his only surviving brother, Hon. George W. Sanderson, of this town, on Tuesday, May 28, when relatives and friends gathered to pay their last tribute of love and respect to the deceased. Rev. A. L. Rumpus, vicar of the Episcopal church, Ayer, officiated, and Mrs. Mattie K. Priest sang with much sympathy the hymns "Oh paradise," and "The homeland." Amid a profusion of flowers and evergreen the body was laid to rest in the lot of his father, Ira Sanderson, in Westlawn cemetery.

Mr. Sanderson, who was the youngest of six sons of Ira and Asenath Hatch Sanderson, was born in Littleton on May 16, 1843, and received his early education in the public schools of Littleton. Later he took a diploma from Lawrence academy, Groton, fitting him to enter Williams college in the fall of 1863, and received from that college his bachelor's degree in 1867, with an illustrious

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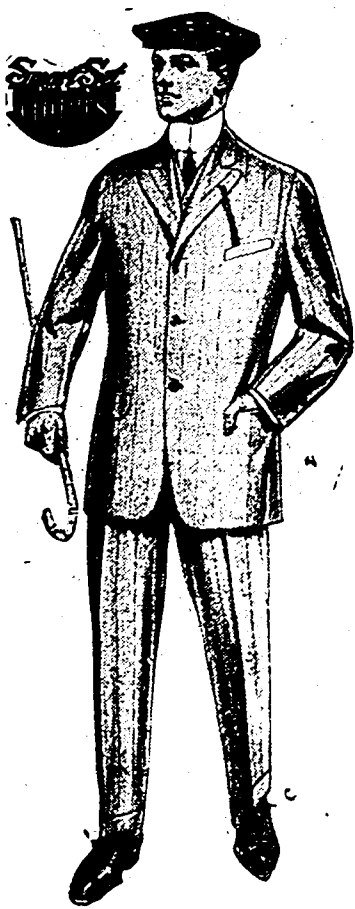
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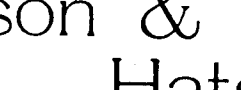
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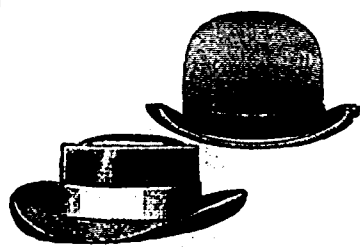
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WESTFORD.

Center.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary Abigail Wright took place from her late home on last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. There was a large gathering of relatives, neighbors and other friends. Rev. David Wallace, Mrs. Wright's pastor, was the officiating clergyman, and he paid a very sincere and tender tribute to the life and memory of the deceased. The Mendelssohn quartet of Lowell rendered beautiful selections as follows: "Lead kindly light," "Abide with me," and "The Christian's Goodnight." The floral offerings were numerous and of great beauty. The bearers were relatives of the deceased and interment was in the family lot in Fairview cemetery.

It was defeat for the Westford-Littleton high school baseball team in their game with the Harvard Bromfield school team last week on Thursday afternoon at Whitney park with a score of 12 to 4. Again Saturday afternoon in the suburban league the Red Sox crossed bats with the Y. M. C. A. Indians of Lowell, losing to the latter 14 to 5.

Miss Althea Smith, who recently underwent a serious operation for appendicitis, is now making a good convalescence at the Lowell General hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Will R. Carver, two children and maid came up to Westford on Tuesday, where Mrs. Carver and the children will spend the summer. The workmen are nearly through working on their summer home, and while it is being made ready for occupancy, they are staying with Mr. and Mrs. John Peasey. Mrs. Gertrude Carver Skidmore also came to Westford this week and opened her summer home and will be here as much as she can during the summer.

The tennis court at Whitney park has been re-surfaced and put in good order this week, and some of the best tennis players have had initial try-outs of the season.

Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding entertained the Thimble club at her home on Wednesday of this week. There was a good attendance present and it was the first very pleasant piazza party of the season.

Quite a delegation of Westford grangers went over to Acton on Tuesday evening of this week for their special meeting and report a very pleasant time.

Mrs. Emma Abbot Kebler's Westford friends regret to hear of her serious illness from pneumonia at her home in Brookline.

Resolutions Passed.

Westford friends will be interested in the recent action of the faculty of Bryn Mawr college, at which it was voted to make the following record in the minutes:

Whereas, the Faculty of Bryn Mawr college have heard with sincere regret of the death of Nettie Maria Stevens, A. B. and A. M., of Leland Stanford Junior university, graduate in biology in Bryn Mawr college 1900-01, president of the European fellow 1901-02, resident fellow in biology 1902-03, doctor of philosophy of this college, 1902, sometime research fellow in Carnegie research department, and Alice Freeman Palmer research fellow, since 1904 at Bryn Mawr, as associate in experimental morphology, a member of the teaching staff and the faculty.

Resolved, that we the faculty of Bryn Mawr college desire to record our appreciation of her talent for research, of the skill and assiduity with which she carried on different investigations, achieving a fame that placed her in the very first rank of world-wide reputation among workers in biology. No less would we recognize the faithfulness with which she responded to every call for her services in teaching or in any general work of the college.

Resolved, that copies of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of Dr. Stevens, to the board of directors, and to "Science."

Taken from the minutes
JOSEPH W. WARREN,
Secretary.

Bryn Mawr, May 5, 1912.

Social.

The "electric light social," which was the last in the season's series at the Congregational church, certainly had additional electrical features not exactly scheduled in the plans. A series of three severe thunder storms with severe lightning during the afternoon and evening was a serious drawback to the evening's success.

However, fully fifty people were present and partook of the excellent supper served from 5.30 to eight o'clock. Miss L. G. Atwood and Mrs. Ida M. Gould had charge of the supper, assisted by a group of willing helpers. The menu consisted of cold ham, rolls, coffee, egg salad, strawberries and cream, cake and pies. The tables were prettily decorated with spring flowers and runners of red, white and blue, and each place a small flag.

Owing to the storm the singer engaged from Lowell was unable to be present, but Mrs. Colburn sang with excellent effect a spring song, accompanied by Miss Grace Lumbert at the piano. Mrs. Percy E. Wright read most capably and her interpretations of the following selections were most enjoyable: "Old red cradle," "Woman's rights," "The little boat," and "Good-bye." These numbers were interspersed with graphophone selections from Miss Nellie Fletcher's graphophone loaned for the occasion. The last social of the season was in charge of H. G. Osgood, Sunday school superintendent, and other officers and members of the Sunday school.

Did a Lot of Damage.

The severe thunder storm with its accompaniment of hail and lightning on last week Friday afternoon did considerable damage, the most serious being the burning of the main telephone cable in front of the residence of William L. Woods. In spite of a good gang of workmen since, the service has been sadly crippled, the majority of the subscribers having been without the use of their machines for a number of days. The streets and sidewalks were badly gullied with the torrents of rain, and the hall did considerable

damage to the tender vegetation. Window glass was reported broken in various places and lightning struck the barn of H. L. Wright and ripped off clap-boards and tore the structure in bad shape. A coincidence about this damage is that this is the third time that this set of buildings has been the victim of lightning.

Real Estate Sales.

Real estate changes of interest in our village reported this week is the sale of the cottage house known as the Gilman Wright place, by Will R. Carver to Mr. and Mrs. John Bright, of South Royalton, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. Bright are Mrs. John P. Wright's parents and a home so near their daughter's will be very pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Bright do not expect to move to their new home until fall, and the present occupants stay where they are until then.

Although the papers have not been passed, the second sale is that of Miss Ida E. Leighton's place to George E. Gould. This last is a centrally located place, and for many years has been the most profitable small fruit farm. Mr. Gould does not expect to occupy until fall, but is storing considerable property on the place.

About Town.

Mr. Sargent, living on the Heywood place, took one of his horses to the blacksmith shop at Westford depot on Wednesday afternoon, where the animal was taken suddenly sick. Dr. Murray, of Littleton, was called and pronounced it a serious case of black water. The horse is unable to be removed from the shop.

Services will be held in the Long-Sought-for chapel on Sunday afternoon at the usual hour. The continuance of these services are encouraged by the interest shown in the large attendance two weeks ago.

All the rights and interest which John J. Sheehan, deceased, had in the home place on Stony Brook road was sold at public auction on last week Friday afternoon. His rights were bought by the remaining heirs, Judge F. A. Fisher, of Lowell, was present to look after the rights of the body, and Lawyer J. J. Enright, of Lowell, was present representing the other heirs. James P. Emerson, of Chelmsford, was auctioneer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton E. Whitney are the happy parents of their first child, a daughter, born on Friday, May 24.

Drowning Accident.

While fishing on Monday afternoon at the railroad bridge near Westford station, George W. Richardson, eight years old, fell into the water and was drowned, although the young Cut-ter boy, who was fishing with him at the time, gave the alarm and J. Herbert Fletcher, Norman Phillips and Frank W. Banister ran to the rescue. J. Herbert Fletcher was the first in the water and succeeded in locating the body, and by the help of the other two succeeded in bringing it to the surface. It was a quick response and heroic work. Drs. Wells and Blaney were hastily summoned in an effort to resuscitate, but it was too late. Life was extinct. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Richardson. Rev. David Wallace conducted the services. The bearers were schoolmates and the burial was in Fairview cemetery.

Union Memorial Service.

The usual seating capacity of the Old First Parish church was not adequate on last Sunday for the union Memorial service and extra seats were required. The day being unusually inviting in weather conditions, an audience of about three hundred was gathered, representing the Methodist, Union Congregational and Unitarian churches, and others of unaffiliated sources. The veterans, under command of J. Everett Woods, assembled at the town hall and were escorted to the church by the local branch of the Sons of Veterans.

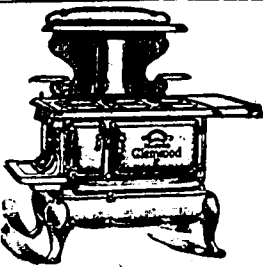
The following printed program was distributed by Edward Fisher and William L. Woods, who served as organist: Organ prelude, George R. Smith, organist of the church; "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," by the Congregation; invocation, Rev. Hugh Layton; choral, "Let us have peace," dedicated to President William H. Taft, and the singing of "The world over, peace," by the congregation; anthem, "Sing aloud unto God"; scripture, Rev. Hugh Layton; anthem, "Consider and hear me"; prayer, Rev. David Wallace; solo, "Trusting in Thee," John S. Greig; anthem, Lyman B. Weeks, "Memorials of liberty."

The sermon by Mr. Weeks was an eloquent review of the triumphs of liberty from the days of Moses down to the present time. When the Puritans could no longer endure the oppression of England, they set up their standard of liberty in our historic Plymouth. Their standard of liberty was much like the liberty they had protested in England, conform or be banished like Roger Williams. Liberty in our own country prior to the civil war was the liberty to determine who among the sons of men should be denied all personal rights. The dangers and paralyzing effects of this standard of liberty as connected by William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Abraham Lincoln and numerous other protestors against "auction block liberty." This practise led to the pitched battle between state rights and the supreme authority of the national government, and in the mixup of this contest Abraham Lincoln launched forth the liberty that gives every individual, the unabridged control of its own personality.

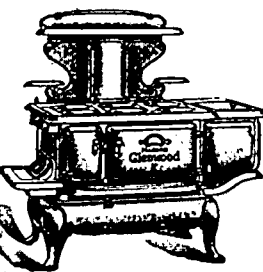
This new interpretation of liberty has built and equipped institutions of learning by the class and for the class who for so long a time had submitted to the auction sale of their natural rights. Some of the former slaves are able to give points to their former masters, "In what liberty has done for us." Booker T. Washington has no peer in the world today, all things considered, and there are many Booker T. Washingtons not quite in his class but they plainly show the effects of the new interpretation of liberty.

The choir and congregation sang four verses of the hymn, "Great God of nations now to thee," and "America" was the closing number, which made the old church ring anew with liberty as in the early days of the civil war. The singing of the united choirs was exceptional in its effect upon the spirit of the day. In duet, Mrs. Seavey and Miss Gertrude Fletcher, as at all times, charmingly blended. The new voices in solo, this church were Mrs. Charles D. Colburn and Miss Edna Ferguson. John S. Greig in his solo, "Trusting in thee," was finely rendered, as it applied to the spirit of the day. Benediction, Rev. David Wallace.

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Several of the houses in Shirley felt the effects of the electrical storm last week. Friday, the residence of Henry W. Eisner, Harvard road, was stripped of a saddle board, and a few of the shingles, and the house occupied by Fred Saboli and owned by John H. Will, also on Harvard road, had a large window pane broke. As Mr. Wheeler's sister was carrying a glass pitcher to the table in his home it was shattered and she received quite a shock. At the home of Nelson Holden, the battery of their telephone was burned out, filling the room with smoke. The effects of the shock was also felt in the home of Frank H. Wheeler, and a maple tree in front of the residence of Mrs. Heron was split completely in halves by the lightning.

Rev. Archibald G. Adams will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10.45 o'clock. This is Mr. Adams' last Sunday to preach at the Baptist church until the fall, the pulpit being supplied meanwhile with other speakers.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lindenberg have arrived at their summer home on Lancaster road to remain for the season.

Miss Liberta Kolowrat, of Littleton, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Emma Knowles.

Lloyd Allen, of Boston, spent over Sunday at his home on Harvard road.

Mrs. Irene Colburn, with son, of Cambridge, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sandlin.

An auto truck in passing the store of A. Radzwill on last week Friday frightened a horse attached to the Fitchburg Tonic team, the horse attached to the fruit team of Paulus Bros. Ayer, and the horse attached to the team belonging to Mr. Radzwill. All three horses started on the run. The Fitchburg Tonic team was overturned and considerable damage done to the stock. The teams of Radzwill and Paulus Bros. were stopped before any injury or damage was accomplished.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Shea, of Manchester, N. H., were guests over Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Annie I. Banks.

Daniel Tatroault, who formerly ran the barber shop next to the postoffice, has accepted the position of barber in the shop of James E. Richardson.

Observed Memorial Sunday.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge and Fredonian lodge, L. O. O. F., observed Memorial day last Sunday. Members of both lodges attended service at the Baptist church and listened to a very strong address on the subject of "Friendship," by Rev. Archibald G. Adams, who used as an illustration the loyal friendship of Jonathan and David. Mr. Adams, who is a natural speaker, held the close attention of his hearers and gave the Odd Fellows a good account of the main symbol upon which Odd Fellowship is based. A vocal solo, "Face to face," was delightfully rendered by Miss Gilchrist, of Fitchburg.

At the close of the church service members of both lodges marched to the village cemetery and decorated the graves of deceased members.

The Odd Fellows' memorial service was read by J. Edwin Pomfret, noble grand of Fredonian lodge, and Jacob C. Beach, vice grand. About forty Odd Fellows and twenty-five Rebekahs were in line.

Patriotic Entertainment.

The patriotic entertainment given in Odd Fellows' hall on Thursday evening of last week, under the auspices of Old Shirley Chapter, D. A. B., was very enjoyable. Each and every number had a patriotic ring to it, and the members of Old Shirley Chapter are to be congratulated on the results of their efforts.

The drill by the grammar school pupils, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Margaret McMillan, was particularly good, and the tableaux "Goddess of liberty," and the "Protection and emancipation of the slaves," by Miss Gertrude L. Conant, was very effective. The tableau by the Grand Army, "All quiet on the Potomac," a picture post on the river, represented by Oliver W. Balcom, William H. Cram, Walter E. Mellish and William Jubb was a potent reminder of the many vivid reminiscences of the civil war and was vigorously applauded. Miss Annie Park Holbrook and Miss Mabel Miner were the accompanists for the evening.

The proceeds of the entertainment added a neat little sum towards the flag pole fund. It is the intention of the members of Old Shirley Chapter to hold these entertainments annually, just previous to Memorial day. The program follows:

Song, quartet. Second primary school, song, with tableau. Mrs. Eileen Gray, reading. Mrs. Mary Herbert McCoy, song. Miss Ruby Felch, recitation. Edward Lilly, piano duet. Mrs. Leon McKett, Miss Ora Holden, tableau. A. A. quiet on the Potomac. "Picket post on the river," reading. Mrs. Edward J. Stevens, song. William J. Flynn, reading, with tableau. Mrs. Edward J. Stevens, song. William J. Flynn, song, with pantomime. Mrs. Bessie Colver, reading. Miss Marion Clapp, song. Miss Ruby Felch, piano solo. Miss Mabel Miner, reading. William Jubb, song. William Harris, industrial school for boys, reading, with tableau. Mrs. E. E. Edgarton.

To Observe Children's Sunday.

An interesting and pleasing service in Shirley on Sunday will be held at the Universalist church, the occasion being children's Sunday. The program is in charge of Miss Grace Kilburn and Miss Ruby Felch, who have given considerable thought and effort in its preparation. The special features consist of an appropriate address by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, music, songs and recitations by the children of the Sunday school. The program follows:

The public is most cordially invited to attend the service which will commence at eleven o'clock in the morning.

Voluntary: opening chorus; invocation. Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker; male quartet; joyful chorus; scripture reading; "June carries sunshine"; chorus; recitations. Hazel Ballou and Fred. Erick Lynch; song. "Golden sunbeams"; school recitations. Alfred Felch, Earl Pomfret, Freddie Wells, Everett Barlow, Raymond Chesbrough, Charlie Will, Agnes Lynch; "Living for Jesus"; chorus; recitations. Bertha Wheeler, Wendell Page, and Johnnie Will; Blanche Barnard, James Chesbrough, Carl Page; male quartet recitation; Ruth Lynch, Leonard Jubb; duet. Hazel Ballou and Agnes Lynch; recitations. Austin Fish, Barbara David, Ruth Lynch, Agnes Lynch, Alfred Felch, Barbara David, Bertha Wheeler, Hazel Ballou, James Chesbrough; address. Mr. Knickerbocker; christening; closing chorus; benediction.

AUCTIONS.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction the cows, horses, wagons, farming tools, etc. the property of Charles H. Wright, Neponset street, Norwood. The sale will be held on Monday morning, June 3, at nine o'clock.

LITTLETON.

About Town.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield exchanges pulpits on Sunday with Rev. Mr. Willis, of West Acton.

A. P. Gardner and family came on Wednesday to their remodelled summer home here.

List of Books Added to the Library:

Butterfly book. Holland. 595.H719
Moth book. Holland. 595.H719m
Stilly. Musson. 911.63M577
Little pilgrimage in Italy. Potter. 911.3.P84
Just Patty. Webster. 911.3.P84
Counsel for the defense. Scott. W393J
Voice in the rice. Morris. 595.H719
Stories from the New Testament for children. Barker. 225.B241
American woman and her home. Hills. 396.H555
My Lady Caprice. Farnol. C589G
Girl who kept up. Culter. C589G
Salvo, the canal, the country and the people. Edwards. 986.E285
The mansion. Van Dyke. 244.V28m
Mothers to men. Gale. G132m
Dr. David. Cooke. C775d
Handy farm devices and how to make them. Cobleigh. 630.C639
Immigration problem. Jenks. 325.J124
Improvement of rural schools. Cumberley. 378.C892
Pretender person. Cameron. C144P
Sharp eyes, a rambler's calendar. Gibson. 590.G35
The boy and his gang. Puffer. 331.P655
Haunted photograph. Stuart. 329.S65
Following of the star. Barclay. B255f

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To the Board of Selectmen of Harvard, Mass.

Respectfully represents Harvard Gas and Electric Light Company that it desires to construct a line of poles, wires and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures upon, along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with plans filed herewith, marked Nos. 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-11-12-13, dated May 15, 1912.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wires owned by the town and used for municipal purposes.

The following are the streets and highways above referred to:

No.	Harvard Road, as per plan	64 poles
No. 1	Harvard Road, as per plan	44 poles
No. 2	From Harvard Road via Road to Clinton, as per plan No. 4	28 poles
No. 3	From Harvard Road via Road to Harvard Depot, as per plan No. 5	29 poles
No. 4	Back Road to Clinton and Still River, as per plan No. 6	16 poles
No. 5	Harvard and Still River Road, Prospect Hill Road, as per plan No. 7	32 poles
No. 6	Still River Center extending toward Harvard and Leominster, as per plan No. 8	71 poles
No. 7	From Still River Center via Road to Clinton, as per plan No. 9	36 poles
No. 8	Harvard Center and vicinity, as per plan No. 11	23 poles
No. 9	Oak Hill section, as per plan No. 12	21 poles
No. 10	Oak Hill section, as per plan No. 13	57 poles
No. 11	Oak Hill section, as per plan No. 13	58 poles
Total		479 poles

(Signed) By L. WHITCOMB, Superintendent.

Dated the 22nd day of May, 1912.

In Board of Selectmen



Harvard, May 27, 1912.

On the foregoing petition it is ordered,

That a public hearing be held in the Lower Town Hall on Saturday June 8th, 1912, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at which time and place all parties interested will be heard.

And the petitioner is hereby ordered to give public notice of this hearing by printing the petition with this order thereon in the Harvard Hillsides, a paper published in Ayer, said publication to be seven days at least before the time of said hearing.

And the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen is ordered to send by mail, postage prepaid, notice of said hearing to all property owners abutting on said ways as determined by the last preceding assessment seven days at least before the time of said hearing.

Given under our hands the 27th day of May, 1912.

WARREN H. FAIRBANK, BENJ. J. PRIEST, CHARLES H. HASKELL, Selectmen of Harvard.

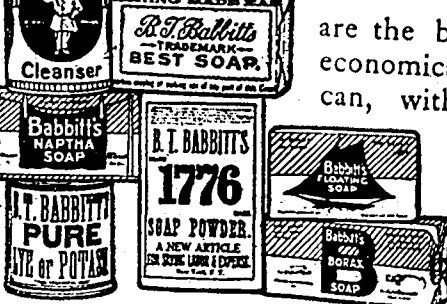
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GROTON.

News Items.

Several townspeople have expressed a wish that "Some odd characters of the past," Mrs. Eugene F. Nutting's paper read before the D. R.'s at their last meeting, might be printed in the Landmark. Many Groton readers of the paper are not D. R.'s, but would enjoy greatly reading her sketches of these persons. In the interest of history a mistake made in the item last week calls for correction. "Brinton," the English artist, had served a sentence for counterfeiting not for forgery as stated. Brinton's Groton headquarters were at the old Naomi Farwell place, now owned by Lawrence Brooks, the house near the Groton cemetery.

The Groton Improvement food sale of last week Saturday afternoon was well patronized. It yielded seventy dollars.

Frances Collier, young son of E. D. Collier of West Somerville, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Collier of the Boston road.

Miss Olive Ambler, teacher in the Malden high school, and formerly a teacher in the Groton high, was a week-end guest of Mrs. Grant Shattuck.

The extension of the electric light line in Chicopee row began Monday. Some seven or eight men are at work under Walter Dodge setting poles and doing other necessary work.

Robert F. Eichler and family from Waltham, coming in their auto, spent Sunday at Wm. H. Whitehill's.

Dr. Albert M. Shattuck and family from Worcester were the guests over Memorial day of his mother, Mrs. Milo H. Shattuck.

Seven of the E. S. Clark post and fifteen of the W. R. C. attended memorial services at the Congregational church last Sunday. They report a good patriotic sermon.

The banns of Miss Catherine Elizabeth May Dilbert and Thomas J. O'Connor were called for the first time in church last Sunday. The marriage will take place on June 12.

Born Friday, May 24, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perrin.

Rev. L. A. Freeman will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday.

Mrs. Montague Chamberlain is making an exceptionally good recovery. The nurse left Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gage, who are taking charge of Mr. Chamberlain's farm, have moved into the so-called Duren cottage, owned by Mr. Franklin on the Cross street.

Up to this time of writing the thief or thieves who entered Mr. Bigelow's house have not been discovered.

Word comes from Miss Kittie Denahy, who went to St. Elizabeth's hospital, Boston, last week, that, as yet, she is not able to undergo an operation.

The mission held by Fr. Vincent of the Passionist Fathers at the Catholic church, closed last Sunday. The meetings have had a crowded attendance and there was much feeling manifested as he bade them good bye.

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, of West Groton, exchanges pulpits with Rev. G. M. Howe on Sunday, June 2.

Mrs. Mosely Gilson goes next week to make a visit to her son, Henry E. Gilson, and family at Pittsburgh, Pa., and will be away for two or three weeks.

Miss Mildred Eichler was one of her father's family from Waltham, who visited at W. H. Whitehill's last Sunday. Miss Eichler is a talented cellist and pianist, and is planning to further perfect herself in handling the violin, in which she already has such marked ability.

The W. R. C. will decorate the graves of departed members on Sunday afternoon, June 2, meeting at the cemetery entrance at 9 o'clock. It is requested that the ladies bring flowers.

Miss Ada Bradley is at home, but is said to be in poor health.

Mrs. Charles H. Vee and son Kenneth were guests of her niece, Mrs. Thomas Altken and family, over Memorial day.

Mrs. Roberts, of Waltham, and Mr. and Mrs. James Woodley, from the summer home in Townsend, were Memorial day visitors at Mrs. Charles Woolley's.

Miss Julia McGrath, at the Lawrence farmhouse, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

A postal received in town on Wednesday morning from Miss Ellen Denahy, gives the news that the doctors at St. Elizabeth's hospital say that her sister, Kittie Denahy, will not undergo an operation as she does not need it.

Robert Fletcher acted as policeman at St. Mark's-Groton School game on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Kathleen Dunphy, of Fitchburg Normal, came home for the Memorial day, having as her guest a classmate, Miss Anna Lane, of Manchester, N. H.

Mrs. Everett G. Williams entertained her brother, Archie Hill, over Memorial day.

Automobilists and others to the number of 158 took dinner at Groton Inn on Sunday.

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Mrs. Morey and family, who have been visiting her sister and brother, Mrs. Flanders and Mr. Atwood, returned to her home at Wilmot Flats, N. H., this week. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Donovan, recently from California, who was spoken of in this column last week. She was a former teacher here, and then was Miss Alpha Rosamond Atwood.

About a dozen ladies of the Benevolent society of the Congregational church met in the church parlors on Tuesday afternoon and finished off the night garments which they had been making for use in the Groton hospital.

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At the Groton Branch Alliance business meeting last week, all the old officers were re-elected, the only change made were in some of the committees.

Mrs. Daniel Doherty, from St. Peter's Bay, F. E. I., was a recent guest

of Mrs. W. A. Moore and family. Mrs. Doherty is the mother of E. F. Doherty, who has many acquaintances and friends here in Groton.

Mrs. E. M. Needham entertained Mrs. Brigham, daughter and granddaughter of Winthrop, as guests over Memorial day.

Cards announcing the marriage of Miss Helen Tweed, daughter of Charles Harrison Tweed, to William Wadsworth at Church of the Incarnation, New York city, on May 22, have been received here. Members of the Tweed family occupied a residence near Groton School a few years ago.

St. Mark's and Groton School, old-time rivals in sports, played a rattling eleven-inning game on the Groton School grounds on Wednesday. St. Mark's winning the game after a hard battle of eleven innings by a score of 2 to 1. It was a fine game to watch and full of exciting plays throughout. Both teams were pretty evenly balanced, the winner being in doubt until the last man was out.

J. C. Shattuck and Robert Fletcher were on duty as police on Memorial day.

The following is a clipping taken from the Boston Globe of Wednesday, May 29: "Dr. Samuel Green, who has been in the City hospital for two months as a result of an injury sustained by a fall in the street, and whose life was despaired of two weeks ago, was so much improved yesterday that he left his bed and was wheeled about the ward. His gain in strength is considered unusual for one of his advanced age, according to the doctors."

Severe Storm.

An unusually fierce storm of lightning, thunder, rain and hail visited Groton on last week Friday afternoon. There were really two storms, two separate storms following each other in such close succession that they made a rainy afternoon. The lightning struck the Baptist church, tearing off clapboards and inside burning out the wires so that all the electric lights were put out of commission. Trees in different parts of the town were struck. A cow belonging to Herbert Woods, who lives on the Lowell road, was killed. She was out in the pasture and was standing near a tree when the lightning struck her.

Henry P. Shattuck, the civil war veteran, was under fire again that afternoon, though not from minie balls. He was at his home near Baddacook and in his barn milking when he was struck. It struck the east side of the roof, split the rafter that held the coving into kindling wood, ran down the main corner post and split that in two. One of the splinters, about six feet long, was carried 150 feet away. Had the lightning struck the ridgepole and run down into the hay, the barn would in all probability have been destroyed, but as it was Mr. Shattuck and his wife were able to put out the fire that had caught in the hay.

A cow, one of the best in his herd, which was not in the barn, but was standing outside near the door, reaching in for hay, was killed.

The rain fell in torrents and in places badly washed away the soil. There were two hail storms, stones on an average the size of marbles fell and hopped until the ground was well covered. Some as they hit hard substances, sounded like the explosion of Fourth of July crackers.

Had the lightning struck the heavy peals of thunder and there was an afternoon's experience that was quite nerve racking, and of which it is hoped there will not be a repetition.

Memorial Day.

Memorial day exercises on Thursday passed off successfully and according to the program. This year there were but nine of the old soldiers who mustered to keep the time honored day, and place the memorial tributes upon their comrades' graves, a small remnant of the boys in blue who after actively serving their country, joined the E. S. Clark post, and became a part of the Grand Army of the Republic, whose ranks are now rapidly thinning. The veterans were escorted to and from the cemetery by the Groton School battalion and drum corps, whose appearance and service helped much to the day's interest and success.

When the veterans had decorated about half of the number of graves a service to the unknown dead was reverently observed. This was arranged by Mrs. Maria A. Bowers, the patriotic instructor of the W. R. C., and was beautifully impressive. The graves were placed by a selected mound and around this mound, which represented the last resting place of those who fell and were buried where they fought, marched about fifty school children, carrying small flags. The mounds, which after the other they placed upon this mound to the unknown dead. Now and then some child would repeat a verse he or she had memorized. When this was finished, Miss Mary Condon, who was the daughter of one of the veterans and the granddaughter of two other civil war veterans not now living, sang, in company with Miss Florence Bywater, "Bring choicest flowers this day to deck the soldiers' graves," all guests in attendance, having as her guest a classmate, Miss Anna Lane, of Manchester, N. H.

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Neighborhood Meeting.

The Neighborhood club met with Mrs. Arthur C. Tuttle last week on Thursday afternoon. At the business meeting the program for future meetings and the constitution and by-laws were read and accepted. The object of the Neighborhood club as set forth in these writings is to secure neighborhood friendliness and sociability, to provide literary entertainment, to furnish relaxation from care, to promote the general welfare of all members. After the business meeting which was of considerable length music by a phonograph was enjoyed.

As this was the last meeting of the season a departure from the usual regulation of simple refreshments was made and the hostess had provided a bountiful and elaborate repast, which her guests did justice. The meeting then adjourned to assemble again the first Friday in October.

Deer Shot.

Harry E. Nutting and son Everett F. Nutting each shot and killed a deer Monday. Mr. Nutting immediately notified the State Game Commission in Boston and they in turn the game warden, J. I. Mills of Ayer, who was up Tuesday to view the two deer and get the circumstances of the case. Mr. Nutting has been greatly annoyed by the extensive damage done to his young orchards by deer. They have bitten off buds, twigs and blossoms and while not wholly destroying have put the trees back and injured their growth. This is true of both last year and this year's planting. The expense of getting a young orchard started is no small item, involving not only money but hard work and in Mr. Nutting's case the dynamiting for the holes to plant the trees. It seems too bad that the pretty, graceful creatures that no one wishes to harm, cannot find enough to eat in the woods and out of the way fields.

Grange.

It was patriotic night with the grange on Tuesday evening and an interesting program was carried out. Without reference to the order of their being given, the numbers were as follows: The old soldiers present who took part were Capt. M. P. Palmer, Mr. Gilson, N. H. Berry, who spoke on their war experiences, C. H. Torrey read patriotic selections, James Litchfield, another Grand Army man, who is a member of Lunenburg grange, kindly came over to help keep the patriotic night. He spoke and also sang a solo, the words of which were written by a soldier to be sung to the tune of "Maryland my Maryland." There were readings by Mrs. Spaulding, of West Groton, Mrs. Woolley and Miss Eleanor Mason. Miss Laura Bailey and Mrs. Frederick Bishop each gave a solo. The master of Pepperell grange, whose wife is past master of Fitchburg grange, said a few words as also the past master of Nashua grange. Marching through Georgia, "John Brown's body," "Old Glory," were sang by all joining in unison.

The next meeting is in charge of Pepperell grange. There will be no degree work.

Food Sale.

Bear in mind the food sale at the Ladies' room of the Congregational church, Thursday afternoon, June 6. Besides the bread, cakes, pies, etc., on sale, there will be candy, aprons and ice cream awaiting purchasers.

The sale opens at 2:30 o'clock. In the evening there will be given "Our church fair," a play by twelve characters as follows:

Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. W. A. Moore, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. A. A. Adams, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Charles Harrington, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. J. E. Adams, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. W. H. Whitehill, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. W. A. Brown, Mrs. Addison, Mrs. James Harrington, Mrs. Ridgely, Mrs. S. H. Taddin, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. G. H. Rockwood, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Gladys Mason.

Ice cream and cake will be on sale during the evening. The evening's entertainment opens at eight o'clock.

West Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brown, of Leominster, visited Mrs. Enoch Small, Mrs. Brown's mother, on Thursday.

Miss Olive Tarbell was a Sunday guest at her home here.

C. W. Trefethen, of Ayer, was in town on Thursday.

Mrs. C. R. Dudley and children visited out-of-town this week.

Miss Esther Jarvis, of Fitchburg Normal school, is spending the Memorial day recess at her home.

Willard Perrin is visiting out-of-town relatives.

Mrs. Guy Wright and little daughters are making a two-weeks' stay with friends in Lawrence.

The West Groton high school boys, nine in number, are pleased, naturally, with the baseball record maintained, so far, by their school team with eight straight games to their credit.

The foundation is completed for a barn to be erected by G. S. Webber in the near future.

Word is received that Mrs. Gerald Fowell (Amy Shattuck), has been removed from her home in Wellesley Hills, to the Leonard Morse hospital in Natick, where she is dangerously ill from blood poisoning. Many interested friends here will hope for her speedy recovery.

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge will exchange pulpits with Rev. G. M. Howe, of Groton, on Sunday, June 2. On June 11, he is scheduled to speak at the New England conference of Methodist churches to be held in Wakefield.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge returned from their stay with their daughter in Swampscott on Friday of last week. Latest reports from their little grandson are encouraging and strong hope is now entertained for his recovery.

The L. A. society will hold its next meeting on Thursday, June 5, with Mrs. L. Roy. Mrs. Roy has been elected as secretary and treasurer, to serve during the unexpired term of Mrs. Charles Bixby, who resigned from a long service in that capacity.

The relief committee, Mrs. M. E. Williams and Mrs. C. Roy, were re-elected. There has been an unusual amount of illness during the past six months and this committee has faithfully performed a noble work. Mrs. G. H. Bixby and Mrs. L. G. Strand were re-elected to serve as social committee for the following six months.

P. W. Smith has purchased the horse and democrat wagon owned by John Young. It is with regret we learn that we are to lose from among us Mr. and Mrs. Young and their family of five young people. Mr. Young has resigned his position as master mechanic in the Hollingsworth & Vose mill, where he has been employed for the past six years. Mrs. Young will be greatly missed by her many friends.

The three young people will leave vacant places in the Sunshine band, the Keystone club and the high school. The last of the series of entertainments given this season by Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., will be held on Friday evening, June 7. Pitt Parker, the "crayon wizard," will give one of his famous crayon recitals, assisted by a soprano soloist. Mr. Parker is advertised as a humorist, a lecturer, an artist and a comedy play modeler, who never fails to please his audience and produces a laugh every half minute. He draws little gems of art in ten minutes, sometimes two at once, one with each hand, and sometimes upside down; these he calls his inverted pictures. A dance will follow the entertainment. Music will be furnished by the Arlan orchestra. Ice cream will be on sale in the lower hall.

The L. A. society held its supper and sale on Friday afternoon of last week to a lively accompaniment of lightning flashes, thunder crashes and terrific dashes of rain and hail. The thunder was deafening and almost continuous, the lightning struck a nearby tree, the rain fell in blinding sheets and the hailstones, some one and one-fourth inches in diameter by actual measurement, were strewn upon the ground. Altogether it was a new experience in storms to most of our inhabitants. Nevertheless, the supper was prepared and served and the fair was carried to a successful close. The various sums taken amounted to a little more than eighty dollars. The net amount has not been ascertained.

Telephone lines and in some houses electric lights were put out of working order by the unusual storm of Friday. No wonder such a storm was followed by a double rainbow, a beautiful sight, in itself unusual.

C. L. Roy brought G. S. Webber from Clinton hospital in his automobile on Saturday morning. Mr. Webber is doing remarkably well.

Three young men, all strangers here, were delayed in an auto trip by the bursting of a tire last Tuesday afternoon, just as they had begun the ascent of the hill on Bixby street. Their making necessary repairs one of the young men received quite a severe gash on his face by the "kicking" of the engine. The wound bled profusely. Dr. Kilbourn was summoned by a nearby telephone, but was unable to respond until later and the young men went on their way without surgical aid.

Water connection has been made for the public fountain, gift of Dr. Samuel A. Green to our village. It is to be placed opposite the station on Bixby street, just before the curve joining it to Main street. It is to be a fountain, but feel sure that beauty and utility will be so combined that it will be a gift of which West Groton will be proud and for which it will be grateful to the generous giver.

WESTFORD.

Forge Village.

The feast of the Pentecost was fittingly observed in St. Andrew's mission on last Sunday. Holy communion services were held at 9:30 in the morning. Rev. A. L. Bumpus officiating. On Sunday, June 2, the feast of the holy trinity will be observed at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Sunday school will be at 3:30 in the afternoon.

What many of the older residents claim to be the worst storm which has ever struck this village, came on last week Friday afternoon. Although distant thunder was heard early in the afternoon, nothing alarming was expected until about four o'clock, when a gigantic thunder and lightning storm crashed on, followed by hailstones varying from one-half inch to two inches in diameter. The rain fell in torrents and the streets were usually poor looking roads when the storm was over.

Miss Letitia V. Ward, principal of Cameron school, played two piano selections at the 15th recital given by Prof. Edward Everett Adams at his studio in Lowell on Tuesday. Mr. Adams rendered the recital as a memorial to his first teacher, the late Mrs. George Byam.

Mrs. John Jones, of Worcester, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, of Pleasant street, on Saturday and Sunday.

The Cameron school garden is now ready for planting. Each pupil has been given a piece of ground on which to do his own gardening work, and the children will find plant growing both an interesting and pleasing addition to the school duties. Miss Ward has the charge of the classes.

Last Saturday afternoon in Cameron park the Forge Village Tigers defeated the Graniteville Busters to the tune of 9 to 2. The Tigers also defeated the Busters last week.

Mrs. John Edwards and her niece, Miss Gladys Baker, spent a few days recently as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coley of Worcester.

George B. Watson and Rep. Kearns of Lowell are enjoying the season at Oak Grove cottage.

Oak Bluff cottage is rented for the season to the Imperial campers of Lowell.

Abbot & Co. are to build three new cottages on Pine street in the early fall.

Alvin S. Bennett returned this week from Worcester, where he has been visiting relatives.

Dr. Harrison Bennett of Washington is the guest of his brother, Alvin S. Bennett.

Mrs. Lucretia Reed entertained at her home on Sunday Mrs. Susan Rad, Monroe Bennett and Miss Irene Bennett, all of Lowell.

Operetta.

On last week Friday night, in Abbot hall, the members of St. Catherine's choir, West Graniteville, presented for the first time here the pleasing musical operetta, "Sylvia." The hall was packed to the doors, standing room even being at a premium before the opening overture by the American orchestra of Lowell.

The members of the choir was certainly rewarded by the excellent way in which all took their parts and the little mission of St. Catherine's is to be congratulated on having such a talented choir to handle such an operetta in the able manner as on Friday night. James A. Murphy of Lowell directed in his usual expert manner and his earnest endeavors to bring out the most in the voices of the young people met with every success.

Joseph Hall of Graniteville was the stage manager and was also most successful in his efforts. Miss Lillian Moran in "Sylvia," the leading lady, did most excellent work. She is a young musician with a soprano voice of rare promise and was heartily en-

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cored at every appearance. Miss Clara McCoy, as "Betty," was particularly good. Her alto voice was very sweet and her acting was as well done. James Byrnes, as "Sir Bertram de Lacy," did himself credit. His tenor solo was encored heartily. "William, the farmer lad, was taken by R. J. McCarthy and as usual he made a hit with his "rubbish" talk and acting. Fred Defoe, as "Prince Tobbyton," kept the audience in roars of laughter at every appearance and was certainly a true man of consequence, as he sang the song of that name. "Arabella and Araminta," two court ladies, was ably filled by Misses Sadie and Mary Gardner. "Polly," a neat little country girl, was portrayed by Miss Carrie Prinn and Miss Katherine Ward took the part of "Milly." Both did excellently. Miss Katherine May in her part as "Dolly," a farmer's daughter, did very good and with the other members deserves to be congratulated on the work done.

After the performance ice cream and cake were served, followed by dancing. The American orchestra played for the dance.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Rev. Hollis A. Campbell of Springfield delivered the Memorial sermon on Sunday morning, May 26. It was a most comprehensive sermon, signifying with the early history of this country, touching upon the landing of the Pilgrims, the first slave ship, and the causes which led to the civil war, etc., mingling history, sense and sentiment in a very pleasing and instructive manner, much to the delight and edification of the large audience. The service was held in the Congregational church and the singing was by the united choir from both churches. In the evening he spoke in the Congregational vestry from "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Practically another memorial sermon and one which left just as good an impression upon his hearers as that of the morning. Mr. Campbell is a candidate for pastorate of the Congregational church and all were very much pleased to meet him.

Work is progressing upon E. W. Baker's new house.

The school committee have engaged the same teachers for the public schools for another year, as they have given excellent satisfaction in the past and have also engaged one new one, Mrs. Arthur O. Scott, as second assistant in the high school. The principalship is not yet decided, as Prof. Bemis, the present incumbent, is contemplating a change of business and may not care to teach in her part of the schools, except on vacation on Friday, June 7. There will be only one graduate from the high school here this year—Miss Hazel Woodward. Others entered upon the four year course with her, but have been obliged to drop out on account of illness. The graduating exercises will be held in the town hall on Friday evening, June 21, and John G. Thompson, principal of Fitchburg Normal school, will be the speaker.

HARVARD.

Still River.

Last Thursday evening Mr. Hutcherson took a load in his auto to the concert given in the town hall, Harvard, by the Harvard musical club.

At the Hosiery Department there are a few things that stand out prominently by reason of the remarkable values.

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Sunday last quite a number from here attended the memorial union service at the Congregational church in Harvard. Mr. Hutcherson took a load in his automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes went to Boston and attended services at the Park street church Sunday.

Monday morning a little daughter, Rachel Alice, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Haskell at the Clinton hospital. Mrs. Haskell hoped to be the first patient in the new obstetrical ward of the Clinton hospital, which was given by George H. Chase of Still River and which was opened for use last week Friday, but another child was born there the day before. This is one of the finest equipped obstetrical wards in the state, and was made possible by the gift of \$14,000 by Mr. Chase.

Dennis Neyland's wife and son of Readville are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neyland.

Mrs. Adella Turner has a very neat sign hanging from her tenement at 100 North Main street. Mrs. Turner is a fine hand for nice fancy sewing, etc.

Miss Edna Robinson has been visiting her sister in Hudson this week.

Mrs. Carrie Nourse is in Harvard caring for her sister, Mrs. George Harrod, who is quite ill.

Miss Emeline Evans spent last Saturday with friends in Worcester.

Willard Hudson of Winchester was at his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willard, Thursday and Friday coming upon his new motorcycle.

Mrs. Eliza Grassie of Leominster has been the guest of her niece, Mary E. Cumming, the past week, returning to her home Wednesday.

Mrs. Herbert Atherton of Holyoke and Mrs. Maude Atherton of Worcester have been guests of Mrs. Addie Turner this week.

Edna Flanders and a friend of Worcester were guests of her mother, Mrs. Anna Flanders, over Sunday.

Mrs. Emma J. Parker has been in Boston a few days this week.

Among the visitors for Memorial day, we note, Misses Minnie, Grace and Edith Farnsworth of Boston, Malden and Springfield with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Farnsworth.

John Kenney, son, and Miss Agnes Joyce of Boston with her mother, Mrs. Bridget Joyce, Warren K. Harrod of Worcester with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harrod.

Clifford Russell is circulating a petition to the Worcester Consolidated railroad company to build an electric road from Clinton to Ayer, running through Still River and Harvard.

Mrs. Adella Turner has fancy work for sale—will also take orders for the sign "Fancy Work" near the village pump.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

Current Events.

A union meeting was held at the Congregational church Sunday morning, May 26, Rev. W. L. Noyes preaching a memorial sermon to the veterans present, Rev. N. S. Beard assisting. A quartet, H. Arthur Brown, Charles Stickney, Harlan Whitcomb and Miss Marion Stiles, rendered appropriate music. At six p. m. union services were held at the Methodist church.

Mrs. Anna Riddle and Miss Bertha Herick of Huntington, L. I., are guests of their cousin, Mrs. S. E. French.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockwood have returned to their old home at South Brookline. Their many friends are glad to greet them.

Mrs. Ella Tucker has returned for the summer from Quincy, where the winter has been spent with her daughter, Mabel Badger and husband. A little nephew will spend the summer with Mrs. Tucker.

Funeral.

The funeral services of Samuel Swett took place at the Methodist church on Saturday afternoon, May 25, at 1.45 o'clock. Rev. N. S. Beard, Rev. W. L. Noyes and Rev. P. Sargent of Putnam, Conn., were the officiating clergymen. Mr. Sargent very tenderly referred to the pleasant associations with the deceased years ago when he was pastor of the Congregational church and resided here. Charles Stickney and Mrs. Jennie Boutwell sang, "Sometime we'll understand," and "We are gathering home one by one." The L. O. O. F. was represented by members of the Granite lodge, of Nashua, and other lodges of the same order were represented. Mr. Swett's nephews served as bearers. A wealth of beautiful floral tributes were on and surrounded the casket, resting there as testimonials of the love and esteem of many relatives and friends.

Those present from out-of-town were Charles Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stickney, Walter Rockwood, Elmer Wallace, Townsend, Augustus Wheeler, James H. S. Tucker, Mrs. R. S. Patch, Nashua; Dr. Patch, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Patanande, Mr. and Mrs. Garlick, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Swett, Dedham, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Donovan, Linden, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. George Needham, Mrs. Charles Needham, Mrs. Charlotte French, Milford, Conn. Only a few weeks ago Mr. Swett left town to have his eyes operated upon, feeling confident he would return again with his sight restored, but it was not to be. The operation was successful and he could see but soon failed in health and shortly passed away from a growth in the bowels, aggravated by the shock to the nervous system from the operation upon his eye.

Mr. Swett was born November 24, 1844, and spent the greater part of his life here in the grocery business, where he made it a success. Always honest he was upright in all his dealings and wishing others to be the same he made many friends. He held several town offices and faithfully performed his work. Many years ago he became affiliated with the L. O. O. F. and Golden Cross and has ever been a faithful and loyal member. Several years ago he sold out his business and retired. Many a devoted husband, a kind neighbor and friend and a friend to children also, all will miss him.

Grange Meeting.

Wednesday evening, May 22, was patriotic night at Brookline grange. The worthy lecturer gave the following program:

Singing of "America," choir; recitation, Clara E. Russell; song, "Marching through Georgia," choir; recitation, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Pierce and Forage Hall; dramatized reading, Clara E. Russell; "Reminiscences of the war," Capt. A. N. Taylor; address, Wallace Robinson, giving some of his experience while a recruiting officer; song, "Tramp, tramp, tramp," choir; "The soldier's farewell," Miss Blanche Hall; James Gilson; song, "Just before the battle mother," choir; historical story, Clara E. Russell; song, Mrs. Etta Hill, Mrs. Louise Briggs; song, "The vacant chair," with emblem on platform draped with the national colors, Miss Ethel Taylor; singing, "The star spangled banner," in honor of all the blue and the gray who gave their lives in the great rebellion; address, Clara E. Russell.

News Items.

Miss Mertie Shattuck passed away at her home in South Brookline after an illness of over nine months. The funeral was held at her home on Friday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Kennedy was the guest of Mrs. Samuel Swett on Tuesday of this week.

The Loyal Workers met with Mrs. Jennie Boutelle on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hannah Lowell, of Reed's Ferry, is the guest of Miss Josie Sawyer and Hattie Stiles.

Mrs. Charlotte French, of Milford, was a guest in town on Saturday.

Mrs. Lucy McGarth, of Nashua, was visiting in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockwood, of Orient Heights are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farnsworth.

Mrs. James Hill and son Lester were in Boston this week.

Mrs. Maud Greely and Miss Ethel Taylor were in Pepperell this week.

Mrs. Henry Bailey, of Milford, is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Frank Gilman.

Misses Rena and Edna Parker are at the Inncroft for a short vacation.

Herbert Corey and family are enjoying a new automobile.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Potter and Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Potter, of Worcester, were guests at R. G. Fessenden's on Sunday.

The E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge observed last week Friday evening as children's night and a delightful entertainment was given by the children. Refreshments were served during the evening and all greatly enjoyed the occasion. The entertainment was in charge of Miss Myrtle Gray, chairman, Mrs. Gertrude Elper and Miss Helen Dobson. Refreshments were given by Florence Lancy, Gertrude Higgins, Louise Drake, Florence Higgins and Dorothy Bliss. Miss Mildred Morgan gave a song which was much enjoyed, as was also Master Drake's. Miss Morgan also gave some piano selections.

Miss Gertrude Rockwood, of Boston, and Miss Grace Farbell were at their respective homes this week.

Miss Ethel Rockwood returned home from the John Hopkins Medical school, Baltimore, Md., last week Friday, for her summer vacation.

Townsend high school won from Milford high here last Saturday by a score of 4 to 3, after a close game.

Duncan Rusk, T. E. Flarity and A. W. Gray attended the exemplification and banquet of the Hancock Royal Arch chapter at Ayer on Tuesday evening.

Many strangers in this vicinity will learn with regret of the death this week of Dep. E. H. Cudworth, of Oxford, who inspected our grange here a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce, of West Medford, arrived in town on Wednesday to enjoy Memorial day with her father, William Bush; also Mr. and Mrs. Herbert and little daughter, of Milton, N. H., arrived the same day at John Finnegan's.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

The Cunningshams are making extensive improvements in the interior of their house.

No. 3 school was closed last week because of the illness of the teacher, Mrs. McManis.

Much sympathy is expressed for Clarence Braman's family, who were only out of quarantine for three days when Mrs. Braman was taken with scarlet fever, so that the family are once more in quarantine.

The Cobleigh and Hager children have got the whooping cough quite badly.

Miss Lillian Lovelace, from Waltham, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Porter.

Schools closed on Wednesday for the holiday and will open again on Monday.

"Education," will be the topic at the church tomorrow morning. All parents and children and those interested in school work are cordially invited.

Miss Lucy Porter has been visiting in Stow with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Stevens.

Miss Lillian Watson, of South Lincoln, spent Sunday at J. A. Walker's.

Lightning struck one of the large maple trees in front of John Coffey's house during the storm of last week Friday night. Mr. Coffey was milking the cow when the lightning struck from his hands, Mrs. Coffey and several of the children also receiving quite bad shocks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Hager spent the week-end at Bide-a-Wee cottage. Mr. Hager returned to Clinton on Sunday evening and Mrs. Hager and the children remained during the week.

The prayer meeting was held at Mrs. Dodge's on Tuesday evening. Quite a number were present.

There were not many members of the grange present at the meeting on last week Friday evening because of the weather. The following program was very well carried out: Solo, Earl Katham; solo, Martha Hale; paper, "Old Boxborough," Mrs. C. B. Robbins; solo, Mabel Lawrence; paper, "Walnut farm," Mabel Wetherbee; remarks, C. T. Wetherbee; college songs by all the members.

M. L. Wetherbee has recently received his new Hudson car.

The Middlesex North Loyal Temperance Legion will hold a county convention at West Acton on June 5. The morning session will open at 10.30, and the afternoon meeting at 2 o'clock. The members of the W. C. T. U. and the general public are cordially invited to attend.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Mr. Gilman, of West Acton, has begun his season of horse training at the Littleton Driving park. He has with him six horses of superior blood that are attracting considerable attention.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward H. Brennan and family, from Ware, came to Littleton in their automobile on Tuesday and returned the following day. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Priest.

Benjamin F. Jeffrey, ninety years of age, rode to Ayer one morning last week, and from there went to Lowell, returning in the afternoon by way of North Acton, and walking from the station to his home a distance of approximately three miles. On the next morning he declared that he was as nimble and brisk as any young fellow, and well able to repeat his journey of the previous day.

Wallace Robinson's house at the Common is progressing rapidly and nearing completion. No doubt Mr. Robinson himself is progressing well, as he is a popular and deserving young man. However, the item in last week's column has placed the emphasis on the house rather than the man.

The hydrants and hose have been used this week by a company of men who are taking the preliminary steps in fighting fire.

The new poles to be used for electric wires will be set up again further west on the electric lighting system will be started in the immediate future.

Miss Grace Needham has recently purchased a noble looking black driving horse.

Miss Jackson, a former high school teacher of this town, was a week-end and Sunday visitor at J. H. Hardy's.

Mrs. George W. Whitcomb is entertaining her sister, Mrs. George Sawyer and little girl at Cambridge.

Charles Wright and Mrs. Edward Sauler were united in matrimony last week. Four Littleton couples were married in one week, an unusual occurrence in a town of 1200 inhabitants.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Z. Cleaves and son William, from West Hinds, N. H., were auto guests of the John H. Kimball family on Memorial day.

The Backlog club will hold a shirt-waist party in the town hall on Friday evening, June 7. Thayer's orchestra, of Pepperell, will play for the dancing.

Edwin Carpenter Bosworth and Miss Lucinda Eliza Jeffrey were married at New Orleans, La., on Wednesday, May 15. Miss Jeffrey is the daughter of the late Charles L. Jeffrey, and granddaughter of Benjamin F. Jeffrey, of this town. Since her graduation from college Miss Jeffrey has been engaged in teaching school and resigned from her position in a girls' school in the south to become Mrs. Bosworth.

Mrs. John A. Kimball was agreeably surprised by her children and grandchildren on Saturday, May 25, the eighty-fourth anniversary of her death. With her family of nineteen she sat down to a substantial dinner which had been secretly prepared and brought into the home where many pleasant family gatherings have taken place. The afternoon was devoted

to the reception of friends who came informally to extend congratulations. The musical members of the family entertained the rest of the company with a few piano selections. Mrs. Kimball was the recipient of no a few tokens of affection and esteem. Flowers, confectionery, postcards and several useful gifts were received with genuine delight and gratitude.

Charles W. Houghton passed the eighty-second milestone in life's journey on Monday, May 27. He enjoyed the attentions of his family and neighbors, and among the pleasures of the day was a drive through the familiar streets of his home town.

Littleton was visited by two of the most violent thunder, wind and hail storms last week Friday evening known in this vicinity for many years. In the east part of the town many panes of glass were broken by the force of the hail. W. J. Couper and William Proctor had several windows broken, and in Parker Village greater damage was done. In the latter place had more than twenty panes of glass broken. Some of the most advanced gardens also suffered by the hail.

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The worst mistake one is likely to make in painting is wrong paint; it is easy to make this year when paint is so high.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of JAMES WILLIAM IRELAND late of Littleton in said County, deceased, interested parties are hereby notified that a petition presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to HARRY WHITOMB JEFFREY, of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of June A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

3137 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of JACOB MISNER late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, was presented to said Court, for Probate, by ROBERT S. MISNER who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, 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 tenth day of June A. D. 1912, 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 Townsend Tocsin, a 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 sixteenth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

3137 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and other persons interested in the estate of ELIZA M. HOBART late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, M. M. ARGENT administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in a certain parcel of real estate named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the estate of said deceased for the payment of debts and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the eighth day of June A. D. 1912, 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 ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person 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 Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

3136 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan have closed their home on Main street for a short time and are visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hodgman have moved from the tenement in the house on Main street, formerly occupied by Miss Mabel Patch, and Mrs. Kaddy has taken rooms in the house, moving from L. F. Woods' house where she has had rooms for the past year.

The Ladies' Mission Circle met in the Baptist vestry last week Thursday afternoon with an attendance of six members. After the regular routine business an interesting article on "The work of the chapel car," was read by Mrs. Josephine Boynton. A letter from a missionary in West Virginia was read by Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, a brief account of the work being done in Cuba and an original poem was read by Miss Alice Seaver. The next month's study will be "Mexico."

On Wednesday evening the Knights of the White Shield entertained a party of girls in the Baptist vestry with a picture postal exhibition given by an enlarging machine, which was kindly loaned for the occasion in charge, and after the exhibition a social and games were enjoyed until nine o'clock, and a most pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. James Dodds, formerly Miss Bessie Conway, of Salem, who has for a number of years made her home with her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Manchester, of Josselynville, left on last Saturday morning for her new home in Proctor, Vt., where her husband has accepted a situation with a marble firm there, and her many friends here wish them all joy in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Leroy Shapleigh, from Somerville, visited Mrs. Mary Foster and Mrs. Sarah Lawrence on last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. S. D. Ringrose was called to Marlboro on last Sunday afternoon by the dangerous illness of her mother, Earl Craig, from Providence, R. I., was a visitor at the home of his father, F. A. Craig, last Sunday.

Twenty-five were present at the meeting of the West Townsend Brotherhood in the Baptist vestry last Sunday, the president, Dr. H. E. Boynton, presiding, and the class was conducted by G. A. Seaver on the topic "Truthfulness," a very interesting discussion being enjoyed. A nominating committee, consisting of Herman L. B. Willard, George A. Seaver and Carl B. Willard, were appointed to bring in a list of officers and committees for the coming six months, at the banquet on next Thursday evening.

Preparations are being made for a children's day concert at the Baptist church on the second Sunday in June.

Miss Lillian Blanch, from Greenville, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bell over Sunday.

The regular annual election of the officers of the Baptist Sunday school occurred at the Baptist church on last Sunday. The following are to serve for the ensuing year: Arthur Smith, sup.; Perry W. Sawtelle, 1st asst.; Mervin Wares, 2nd asst.; Mrs. S. D. Ringrose, sec.; Benjamin Hodgman, cor. sec. and treas.; Ian Rusk, librarian; Milton Wilder, ass. lib.

Mrs. R. S. Ely and Mrs. Alden Sherwin accompanied John Keefe to Providence, R. I., last Monday, where he was called by the dangerous illness of his mother.

Mrs. Alden Sherwin is assisting Mrs. Andrew Shattuck at the Squannacook hotel for the present.

A party consisting of Clarence E. Streeter, Henry B. Hathaway, Fred A. Patch, of this village, and Edward Patch, of Boston, left on last Saturday morning for a fortnight's vacation, enjoying the fishing at Hardy's Lake in northern Vermont.

Mrs. A. D. Winship purchased her home which was sold at public auction on last Saturday afternoon.

G. A. Seaver has been enjoying a few days' vacation from his business in Boston at his home here this week. Stickney's mill will close on Saturday afternoon during the months of June, July and August.

Edward Patch, of Boston, arrived at his home in Josselynville on Tuesday for a three-weeks' vacation from his duties.

Miss Mildred Sanders, of Ayer, has been visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Elbridge Sanders, and the congregation at the Baptist church last Sunday morning enjoyed the privilege of hearing a beautiful solo, "Abide with me," rendered by this popular young singer.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will preach his anniversary sermon at the Baptist church on Sunday morning and the Y. P. C. E. will attend the service in a body.

The Y. P. C. E. held their missionary meeting at the vestry last Tuesday evening with nineteen present. The service was conducted by Benjamin Hodgman, and the topic was "Missions in Asia."

Mrs. Ford Reed, who has been stopping with her daughter, Mrs. E. T. Davis, has returned to Boston.

Edward A. Craig has been spending a few days with his parents in Troy, N. Y.

George Lovering, of Reed's Ferry, N. H., is a guest of his brother, Oscar Lovering.

A boy from the Lyman school is assisting in the farm work at Dr. H. R. Boynton's.

The social committee of the Brotherhood and assistants met with R. S. Ely on Monday evening and completed plans for the banquet on Thursday evening, June 6. A strawberry and salad supper will be served and this will be the last indoor meeting of the summer. The speaker will be Rev. Loren A. Cleveland, of Somerville, and solos will be rendered by Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin, Ashbel Streeter and William W. Webster will serve on the decorating committee and the invited guests are from Greenville, N. H., and the Knights of the White Shield.

Mrs. R. S. Ely, Mrs. Ellen Pratt, Mrs. W. Z. Sherwin and Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence attended the funeral of Mrs. Martha Howard, sister of Charles and Clara Howard, of this village, at Lancaster on last Saturday. Mrs. Howard was well-known here and Mr. and Mrs. Hosley have the deep sympathy of all their friends in their great loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman enjoyed a trip to Boston in their auto on Tuesday.

Center.
Miss Eva Stearns, who has been nursing her mother, has returned to her school at Lincoln, R. I. We are glad to state that Mrs. Stearns is recovering from her severe illness.

Mrs. Ella E. Pingrey, of Littleton, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Bruce, the latter part of last week.
T. J. Harvey entertained his cousin, Dr. D. F. Spinnery, of Brookline, over Sunday.

Social and Entertainment.
A free social and entertainment was given on last week Friday evening at the Congregational vestry in honor of the G. A. R. members. The affair was under the auspices of the Y. P. C. E., and was a great credit to the committee who had it, in charge, Mrs. Angie Lang, Harry Winchester, Mrs. Vernal Barber and Miss Maud Hyde. It was a public entertainment and the vestry was well filled. The vestry was decorated very artistically with flags of all sizes, and the windows were curtained in red, white and blue. The back of the stage was one solid mass of flags and the guns of the Boy Scouts were stacked upon the stage and decorated with small flags. The seats reserved for the veterans were draped with the same colors.

The first number of the program was a march played by Miss Blanche Lancy, to which the G. A. R. marched to their places. They were escorted by Master Harold Swicker, who wielded the baton, and by Stanley Fessenden. Both were dressed in Boy Scout costumes. Then followed Commander Charles W. Hildreth and the veterans, and the Scouts stood at attention while the commander seated the soldiers.

The following program was then enjoyed: "Battle hymn of the Republic," sung by all; reading, "The little bronze button," Mrs. Clement; duet, "Tenting tonight," Misses Farrah and McKenzie; song, "Just a clove of clove," but its red, white and blue; Master Orville McKenzie; recitation, "Waiting for the bugle," Ruth Haynes; piano duet, Miss Hyde and Miss Lancy; song, "Old Eastman and chorus," song, "Old Black and Robert Copeland; recitation, "Blue and the gray," Howard Eastman; selections from T. E. Flarity's phonograph, "American fantasia," and army bugle calls.

After closing the program by all singing once more, there was a short social time and the veterans were treated to ice cream and cake. It was gratifying to the committee and to outsiders as well to see so many of them present.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the nineteenth day of June A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said guardian 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 Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court, and also by delivering a copy of said citation to said State Board of Insanity seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, first judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
3135 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of FRANCES A. DAY late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons interested in said estate are called upon to make payment by the following date: ELLA FLORENCE DAY, Executrix.
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Respectfully represents John Herbert Hynes of Groton, County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that he is the owner in fee simple of a lot of land and the buildings thereon situate in said Groton and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of the premises on the Northerly side of Willow Dale Street, so called, at land late of Albert Harnden; thence running Northerly by said Harnden land about twenty one rods to a ditch; thence Easterly by said ditch about twelve rods to land now or late of Alva Wright; thence Southerly by said Wright land about twenty one rods to said Willow Dale Street; thence Westerly by said Street about twelve rods to the point of beginning, containing about one acre and one hundred forty rods.

That the record title of said real estate is encumbered by an undischarged mortgage covering the said premises given by Shelby Sawyer to Ephraim Sawtelle dated July 18, 1877 and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 1444 page 596, that said mortgagor and those having his estate in said premises have had uninterrupted possession of said real estate for more than twenty years; that no payment on account of the amount secured by said mortgage has been made and no act in recognition of its existence as a valid mortgage has been done within said twenty years, and your petitioner believes that said mortgage was long since paid, and by accident or misadventure the discharge thereof has not been recorded in said registry of deeds.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that such notice may be ordered to be given to the representatives of Ephraim Sawtelle and those interested in said estate as the Court may order; and the decree may be entered setting forth such finding of the Court in relation thereto, and ordering that from and after such decree no action shall ever be brought by any person to claim title under said mortgage and that said mortgage be released and cancelled on the records.

JOHN HERBERT HYNES.
A true copy. Attest:
CLARENCE C. SMITH, Recorder.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss. Land Court. (Seal)

Upon the foregoing petition, it is ordered that the petitioner give notice to all persons interested in said petition to appear before the Land Court, at Cambridge, within and for our said County of Middlesex (where appearances and answers may be filed with Edwin O. Childs, Register of Deeds for the South Registry District of said Middlesex County, as Assistant Recorder of said Court) on the first Monday of July next, by causing a true and attested copy of said petition and this order to be published forthwith once a week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, in said County of Middlesex, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said first Monday of July next; by serving each known respondent within the Commonwealth with a like attested copy of said petition and order fourteen days at least before said first Monday of July next; and by serving a like attested copy of said petition and order by registered mail on each known respondent without the Commonwealth as soon as may be, and in any event fourteen days at least before said first Monday of July next; that all respondents may then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

By the Court. Attest:
CLARENCE C. SMITH, Recorder.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, first judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
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