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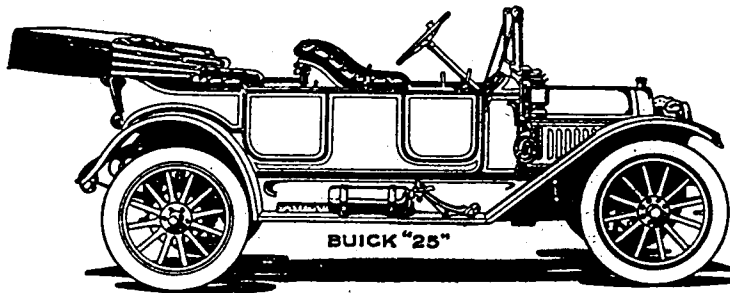
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## WESTFORD.

### Center.

One of the leading Boston dailies gives a recent sketch of the public library at Cotuit, calling it one of the most artistic libraries on the Cape, and giving a graphic account of its development from a small library in an old schoolhouse to its present fine building designed by Guy Lowell, the well-known architect. The cooperation between the summer people and the year-round residents have made it a social center and one of the best governed of public libraries. This is of interest to our readers from the fact that Miss Alice Howard, one of our Westford girls who took the special librarian's course at Simmons college, is the librarian at Cotuit, and the article quoted from speaks highly of her successful work there.

Miss Julia H. Fletcher remains very seriously ill at her home.

Miss Grace Lumbert is again serving the Congregational church as organist during Miss Atwood's absence.

Westford friends have received letters from the Misses Atwood in Jacksonville, Fla., saying they have found pleasant apartments and are enjoying their new environment. Unfortunately they report a rough sea trip going down the coast.

The little three-weeks-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dane died last week of pneumonia and the funeral service was held on Friday, Rev. David Wallace being the officiating clergyman.

Mrs. David Wallace has gone again to West Hartford, Ct., where her mother still remains very ill from paralysis.

Principal William E. Roudenbush was called to his home at Clifton Springs, N. Y., by the death of his wife's mother. Mrs. Roudenbush had been caring for her mother who had been seriously ill for a long time. Misses Smith and Hickey conducted the remaining sessions at the academy until Friday, when the school closed for the Christmas vacation.

The milk route which Henry M. Kuhn, who recently removed from town, has driven so long has been taken in charge by Henry Shorey.

Mrs. Wayland Balch is again seriously ill at her home on Boston road.

### Boy Scouts.

The Boy Scouts held a most successful supper and reunion at the Congregational vestry last week Friday evening. Supper was served at 6.30 by Misses Hazel Hartford, Marjorie Seavey, Pauline Wallace and the Misses Sullivan. It was a fine and appetizing affair and the justness to that healthy boyish appetites known how to render. After supper there was speaking by Mr. Wallace, John P. Wright, Edward Blodgett and Alfred Tuttle. Great credit is due this last speaker for the faithful work he has done in holding the organization together in helpful interest. The evening was further supplemented with an entertainment of songs and recitations and a Boy Scout drill.

### Missionary Meeting.

The Ladies' Missionary society met with the president, Miss Sarah W. Loker, Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance. Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant was a special guest of the afternoon and gave a resume of the book, "Mary Anton," the dramatic and true story of a young Russian Jewess coming to this country and the story of her Americanizing. Mrs. Conant understood well how to bring out the telling points in the narrative and make it interesting and her gracious helpfulness was much appreciated. Miss Loker also gave experiences from the teacher's view point with children of the foreign population and the attitude of helpfulness that should be used with telling results. Miss Bunce read a beautiful Christmas carol by Dean Farrar. Light refreshments were served by the hostess and busy fingers with needlework made the gathering pleasantly informal and social.

### Recital.

The first in the academy course of entertainments took place on Wednesday evening at the town hall and proved a genuine treat to the good-sized audience. Edward Brigham of New York, a dramatic reader and singer of real ability, gave an excellent performance. His groups of songs and readings were from the best composers and authors and covered a wide range from grave to gay, and in every instance were interpreted with the sympathetic insight of a real artist. His group of old ballads, his adaptation from Tennyson's "Enoch Arden," with music by Strauss, and his rendering of "Phil Blood's Leap," a story of Texas gold seekers, were especially fine.

Westford people should feel particularly grateful to Principal Roudenbush for securing Mr. Brigham for this course. The only regrettable circumstance was the rainy night and quite a few of the audience were obliged to stay at home. It is that Mr. Roudenbush, who is at Clifton Springs, N. Y., on account of death in the family, could not be present.

### Tadmuck Club.

The Christmas meeting of the Tadmuck club took place under very pleasant circumstances on Tuesday afternoon of this week. Mrs. David L. Greig and Mrs. Perley E. Wright were the hostesses of the afternoon and they arranged a most attractive program. The pretty decorations were ropes of evergreen and a quantity of red and white berries; also Christmas wreaths and bells. Mrs. Wright gave a paper on "Christmas," its origin and many interesting customs and legends relating to its observance. The remainder of the program was as follows: Piano duet, Miss Grace Lumbert and Hazel Hartford; welcome song, Miss Hazel Pond; piano trio, Master Austin Fletcher and Misses Marion and Mildred Fletcher; duet, Mrs. H. M. Seavey and Mrs. C. A. Blaney; Miss Lumbert accompanied; piano solo, Miss Gladys Fletcher.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments of fruit punch, cake, wafers and home-made candies were served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed. The setting took place in the vestry of the Congregational church.

Clipping.  
Rev. Charles P. Marshall's former Westford friends, as well as in the

Middlesex Association of Congregational churches, will be interested in the following well deserved tribute in the Congregationalist.

"Rev. Charles P. Marshall is the new pastor of Pilgrimage, Plymouth. His departure from Washington street, Quincy, has called forth expressions of deep regret from the citizens of Quincy. It is not usual for any pastor to gain such a place in the community in the short pastorate of his, less than three years, but in that time Mr. Marshall has grown steadily in the esteem of the people. His work among the men of the Fore River Ship Building Company has been very successful. His deep sympathy with the struggles and aspirations of men, and the practical application of the gospel to the conditions of life, has drawn to his ministry a body of intelligent men who, with the pastor, have made the church a power in all departments of life. In all his work he has had the able and helpful cooperation of his wife. His service to the city has extended far beyond the limit of the parish, and his appointment by Mayor Stone to the board of trustees to the public library was a recognition of his useful and unselfish citizenship. His departure leaves a splendid opportunity for some broad-minded, devoted man to work with a united, earnest people."

A fine likeness of Mr. Marshall accompanied this article.

### About Town.

The first of a series of Farmers' Institutes for the winter under the direction of Middlesex-North agricultural society, will be held on Monday, December 23, at Tewksbury Center. The morning address will be given by Prof. F. C. Sears, of Amherst Agricultural college, subject, "Renovating, and demonstration. In the afternoon, "Demonstration of apple packing," by the same speaker. Cars leave Merrimack square fifteen minutes of and fifteen minutes past the hour. Dinner at 12.30 by the ladies of Tewksbury grange.

Christmas tree exercises will be held at the Unitarian church on Monday evening.

Rev. Lyman B. Weeks will speak on Sunday morning on "The message of Easter to the twentieth century."

The Sidney Whitney house on the Lowell road is now vacant. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney moved to Brookside on Tuesday and are living in the family of Mathew Smith and the William Whitney family moved to Lowell on Saturday. Guy R. Decatur held the reins for the Lowell moving and Mathew Smith and Amos Polly were contributors towards the Brookside acquisition.

Mrs. Carrie Taylor Carr and daughter, Hazel, of Woodville, N. H., were recent visitors at the Fred A. Snow residence in West Chelmsford. They met with a warm reception, but the Snow did not disappear.

Fred L. Snow is cutting off his pine forest on the Overlook farm near Long-Sought-for pond. The lumber is being hauled to the William Proctor saw mill at North Chelmsford.

Oscar R. Spalding is cutting off the large pine lot surrounding Burgess pond near Westford station.

Daniel H. Sheehan has a large contract for sawing in contemplation under his hat for Capt. Wilson, of Carlisle.

George D. Dane, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dane, was buried in Fairview last week Friday. Rev. David Wallace conducted the service at the home.

Henry Kuhn, who has been living on the N. B. Blood farm for a few years, and recently collecting milk for the Boston market, will sell at auction his personal property, including nineteen cows and other homogenous creatures, implements and food ware.

The West Chelmsford Debating society will hold the next rally of tongues in debate on Tuesday evening, December 24. Everybody having an idea of interest and new, and bring it with them. Everybody having an old idea, who can remodel it to make a progressive hit, are requested to come and hit and be it. At the time of writing the question for debate has not been published to the world, but as some of us are prone to wander when we start, and when we stop and wander mid-way between start and stop, it may have been thought advisable to debate first and announce the subject afterwards.

The adult class in the Unitarian Sunday school will consider on Sunday "Lessons from Brook farm experiments," and Edward Everett Hale's motto, "Together."

The Westford Board of Trade will hold their annual smoke talk entertainment on Wednesday evening, January 8, at the Cavalry Association building on the Boston road. A full program of humorous variations will be advertised in season for everyone to get a scramble on for seats.

Willis Hildreth has been ill at his home on Main street. He is now gathering himself back to his duties at Sunny Slope farm, where he has made sunny success in poultry specialty.

Mark K. Morrison is ill at his home at the junction of Groton and Millstone roads. Mrs. John Warren Day has been secured as nurse. Mr. Morrison is well advanced in years and his chances have the appearance of being hopeless.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, of South Bound Brook, N. J., are planning to spend the Christmas tree at the Old Oaken Bucket farm.

Mrs. Elen Prescott attended the annual meeting of the New Hampshire state grange held at Nashua this week, and partook of the sixth degree.

Past Master W. M. Wright has been engaged to install the officers of four subordinate granges in the closely towns.

Seth W. Banister, of Amherst Agricultural college, is resting Christmas vacation under the Christmas tree at the Banister.

### All Day Meeting.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle and Brotherhood of the First Parish church, by invitation of Rev. and Mrs. Lyman B. Weeks, had an all-day meeting on Thursday at their home in Somerville with an address at eleven o'clock by Mrs. Dureya, of Boston, on "Peace." Lunch and business directly after the address. One of the delights of the meeting was the personal greetings of Mrs. B. H. Bailey, so well remembered in connection with the First Parish church of Westford in recent years. She was elected an honorary member of the Alliance and gave an entertaining talk of the work of the Alliance in Jamaica Plain, where they have 160 members with meetings once a month. Fifteen members and six guests were entertained by Mrs.

Weeks with generous hospitality. The Alliance hold their monthly meetings on the second Thursday in the month.

### Forge Village.

The benefit dance which was held in Abbot hall on Saturday evening proved to be a most successful affair, and a large sum was netted as a result. The musical program was most enjoyed by all and won hearty applause. Songs were rendered by Miss Sadie Smith, James May, Robert McCarthy and James Byrnes, and all were encored as also were the selections by the quartet composed of Joseph Riney, James May, James Byrnes and Robert McCarthy. Dancing followed to the music of the Precious orchestra and was enjoyed until a late hour. There were guests from Grantville, Lawrence, Westford, Groton, Lowell, Andover and Methuen. The affair was held for the benefit of a worthy young lady of Lowell, whose friends are anxious to see on the road to recovery soon.

A most interesting stereopticon lecture was given by Rev. A. L. Humphreys at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday evening before a large audience in Recreation hall. The lecture was on missionary work.

On last Saturday afternoon the members of the Ladies' Sewing Circle held a Christmas sale in Recreation hall. The sale proved a success in every way and was well attended. Mrs. Richard D. Prescott and Mrs. David Lord were in charge of the apron table and also of all fancy articles, and did a good business. The dressed doll table was under the direction of Mrs. Bert Corey and proved quite an attraction. Mrs. Nelson Prescott and Mrs. Henry Catchpole were kept busy selling sandwiches, cake and coffee, which had a ready sale. The proceeds of this sale will be used for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission.

Miss Ruth Furbush, of Grantville, substituted at Cameron school last week during the absence of Miss Mary Garvey, whose grandmother's death occurred the first of the week.

Mrs. Lynch and Misses Mary and Agnes Moran, of Lowell, were entertained over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith also entertained at the week-end Richard Nolan and Harry Carcroft, of Andover.

Matthew Elliott met with a very painful accident while engaged at work in the Abbot Worsted Company's mill this week. His hand became badly lacerated, and he was called and is now attending the injured member.

Mrs. Sarah Proctor and daughter, Miss Annie, arrived from Keighley, England, on the SS. Arabic on Friday afternoon after a fairly good voyage, considering the lateness of the season. They are staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James May.

Thomas Norton of East Boston spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Patrick May.

Thomas Melia of Andover was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James May for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley entertained Saturday and Sunday at their home Miss Susan Kan and Mrs. Patrick Melia of Lawrence.

Miss Bee McNulty of Lawrence and Miss Foley of Canton were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neil.

James Moffatt of Andover spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Bridget Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blodgett of Groton Ridges quietly celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage on Wednesday, December 18.

### Wedding.

A very pretty wedding occurred on Wednesday afternoon at St. Andrew's mission when Miss Della Drake and Charles Flanagan, both well known young people of this village, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony by the vicar, Rev. A. L. Humphreys. The bride was attended by Miss Helen Cherry and Wm. DeLoehn was best man. The bride wore a blue traveling suit and a white bow hat. The bridesmaid also wore a blue suit. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party left by automobile for Lowell, after which they took the train for Ellsworth, Me., the home of the bride's mother, where they will spend their honeymoon. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan will make their home in Prescott's block, Central street. They have the well wishes of their many friends in their new life.

Christmas Festivities.  
The annual Christmas tree festivities were held in St. Andrew's mission Monday evening and proved to be most enjoyable. Recreation hall, where the big tree stood, was prettily decorated and was packed to its capacity, many being obliged to stand during the A physician's special pains had been made this year to entertain Santa Claus on his visit and the children and teachers are to be congratulated as a result of their efforts. The opening number was an opera in three acts, entitled "Santa Claus at home," and was given by the younger children. The first act represented the care of Santa Claus and his little helpers, who were busily engaged making gifts for good children.

During their work they are visited by the Queen of Fairies and her staff, who come to make a report of good Sunday school children. Santa and the fairy queen are heard in a duet and are joined by the imps and fairies in chorus. This act won hearty applause and certain merit. In the last act a grand march took place of all the imps, fairies and Santa Claus, who is given three cheers as they march off the stage. This act they were obliged to repeat, as the applause was so great. The acting and singing of this opening number were excellent and the Sunday school teachers were well rewarded for their labors. Misses Sarah Precious and Emily Collins had charge.

The following is the list of characters: Santa Claus, Wm. DeLoehn; queen of fairies, Caroline Precious; imps, Ethel Collins, Lillian Baker, Mildred Precious; imps, Gladys Baker, Gertrude Baker, Adelaide Hosmer, Alice Hosmer, Dorothy Mountain, Margaret Orr.

Then followed a varied program, under the direction of Miss Theresa Lowther, given by the older members of the Sunday school: Piano trio, Mary Cherry, Edith Spinner, Lottie Farrort; readings, Beatrice Hosmer, Albert Mountain, Elmer DeLoehn, Robert Spinner, Elmer DeLoehn, Annie Orr; piano and violin duet, Edith Spinner and Wm. Davis.

The Christmas tree decorations were in charge of Miss Lowther and Emily Collins, assisted by Mr. Bemis of Groton School. Santa Claus then distributed presents to each member of the Sunday school, the gifts being donated by the Groton School teachers.

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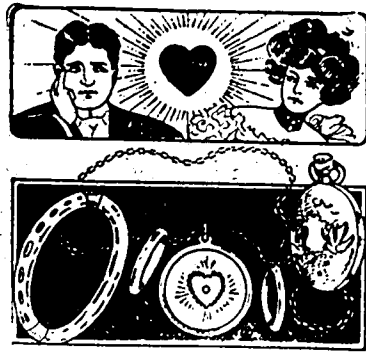
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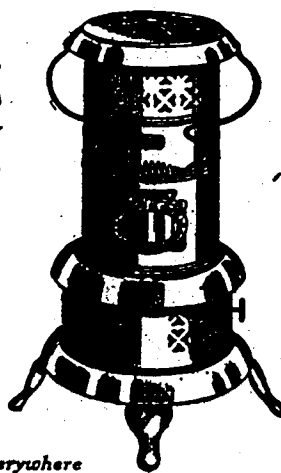
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### WESTFORD.

Grantville.

Sunday being the third Sunday of Advent, two masses were celebrated in St. Catherine's church by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, who delivered a stirring sermon on the gospel of the day, interspersed with other timely topics, which were of deep interest to the large congregations at both masses. Mr. Mitchell also announced that the Christmas tree exercises would be held in the church on Monday evening, December 23. The children of the Sunday school are now looking forward with keen anticipation to this event, and Miss Catherine Conley, who has general charge of this affair, is now drilling the children in their parts, and that means that the exercises will be up to the usual high standard.

The illustrated lecture "The crusades," which was given in the M. E. church vestry on Wednesday evening, attracted the usual large number of people. The lecture was very instructive from an educational standpoint, as well as unusually interesting.

The change from cold to warmer weather has sent the small boys' chances for skating a-glimmering once more. Some of the small boys have had great fun with a few days skating on the small "Blacksmith" pond on Bridge street.

The members of St. Catherine's Temperance society held a well attended and interesting meeting in their room on Monday night. Considerable business of importance was transacted, and during the meeting the following officers were duly elected for the year: Thomas Hughes, pres.; Alfred Hughes, v. p.; Henry LeDuc, fin. sec.; Alfred Gagnon, rec. sec.; J. A. Healy, W. L. Wall, Ralph Tonnigan, John Healy, trust. This organization is now progressing rapidly, and new names are constantly being added to the roster.

The Christmas exercises in the M. E. church will be held on Tuesday evening, December 24, and the committee in charge are now busy preparing an elaborate program for this pleasing event.

Mrs. Annie Murray, an old and highly respected resident of this village, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Wall on Monday night, December 16, after long illness, principally to her advanced years. She was eighty-three years old. She was the sister of the late Mrs. Bridget Healy, who passed away here nearly a year ago. She leaves many relatives in Grantville, Lowell and Lynn to mourn her loss. The deceased was a great lover of children and many the boy and girl that have now grown to manhood and womanhood will look back with tender memory to the kind and careful guiding hand of Mrs. Murray.

Business here appears to be good in all branches. The machine shop of C. G. Sargent's Sons Corp., is now running on full time with lots of orders.

The choir in the different churches are now busy rehearsing their special music for Christmas.

Your correspondent extends all the compliments of the season and a merry Christmas to all.

### TOWNSEND.

Center.

At the meeting of the North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: P. E. Jettis, P. M.; J. W. French, v. g.; George A. Wilder, sec.; E. A. Blood, treas.; F. B. Higgins, trustee for three years. They will be installed at the January 8 meeting by A. A. Bronson, d. d. of Shirley, and suite. The initiatory degree was also conferred upon two candidates, Rev. A. Bronson, of Shirley, was present, and addressed the company during the evening.

The Country club met last week at the home of Mrs. Albert Powell. A literary program was given and a social time enjoyed. Refreshments were served during the afternoon.

H. E. Simonds, of Lowell, is very ill with tonsillitis according to news received this week by Mrs. E. A. Flagg.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Harrison at Southington, Conn., recently. Mr. Harrison was formerly pastor of the Congregational church here.

Death.

Frederick A. Estes, aged 51 yrs. 8 mos and 10 days, passed away Saturday evening, December 14, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elven Estes, after a long illness, suffering from a long illness of tuberculosis. Mr. Estes about a year and a half ago was compelled to give up all work and came back to his home town to try the out-door cure for his disease, which has proved to be fatal. Using the little tent which was pitched in his father's yard, he has made a gallant but losing charge upon the grim old warrior death.

Mr. Estes was second lieutenant of the First Corps Coast Artillery until his ill health compelled him to resign. He was a member of the first company and served with distinction and honor in the several ranks he attained during fifteen years of enlistment.

The funeral services were public and held from his father's home on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. W. Struthers officiating. A detachment from his company arrived on the afternoon train and marched to the home to attend the services and perform the last sad rites on military service for their comrade and friend. After the services at the house those who went to the grave witnessed the firing of the three volleys and the sounding of taps, the last sad farewell given by his comrades.

Mr. Estes was born in Townsend and twenty-two years ago married Miss Maybelle M. Barrett of Boston. Their residence was in Winthrop until Mr. Estes was obliged to come to Grantville for his health, where he was tenderly cared for by his family. He was for twenty-three years in the employ of Holly-Folsom Co., Essex St., Boston, and was a member of the Winthrop yacht club.

Besides his widow, he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elven Estes, a brother in this town, Gilbert P. Estes, and one sister, Mrs. Fannie M. Street, of Waltham.

West.

The arrangements for the Christmas celebration of the Baptist Sunday school are as follows: A dinner in the vestry at noon, given under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Herman Lawrence, Mrs. Lucy Lawrence and Miss Clara Hosley, to which all the members of the school, and their families, are heartily invited, followed by the tree in the vestry and the distribution of the gifts. There will be no exercises at the tree, but a Christmas concert will be held

on the following Sunday evening in the renovated auditorium of the church.

The social committee of the West Townsend Brotherhood met with Alexander H. Root last week to make plans for the anniversary and ladies' meeting of the Brotherhood on Thursday evening, January 2. It is expected that W. W. Main, of Boston, who will be present as speaker, and special music will be provided.

Mr. Thayer, of Ayer, is supplying Mr. Rockwood's place at Stickney's coopershop in Josselynville.

Mrs. S. D. Ringrose and little son Roger are spending a few days this week with relatives in Marlboro.

Mrs. Rita Livingstone, from Greenville, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, from Colebrook, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman.

The Knights of the White Shield held their weekly social meeting in the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening under the charge of Ian Rusk.

The subject at the Baptist church on last Sunday morning was "The Church and the Home," and in the evening, "Unbound." The Brotherhood had an attendance of eighteen and was in charge of G. A. Seaver. The Y. P. S. C. E. was conducted by Miss Gladys Rawson, and twenty were present.

The public schools will close on December 20, instead of on December 13, as at first planned.

The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle held no meeting on last week Friday afternoon, and the meeting was postponed until further notice.

Miss Gladys Rawson has been on the sick list for the past week, but has been able to resume her studies at the high school this week.

Death.

J. Curtis Richards, a native and resident of this village for eighty-four years, passed away at his home in the north part of the town on last Sunday afternoon after a long illness of rheumatic trouble and the weakness of extreme old age. His funeral was held at one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. S. D. Ringrose officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgman rendered two selections, "Lead kindly light," and "Nearer my God to thee." A large delegation of friends and neighbors attended the services and the casket was covered with floral tributes. Interment was in the West Townsend cemetery, and the bearers were: Rodney and Fred Richards, John Clarke and Thomas Smith.

Mr. Richards leaves one brother, Rodney Richards, and a sister, Mrs. Lucy Harris, of Roxbury, who with her son, was present at the funeral. Two delegates from the West Townsend Brotherhood, George Adams and Justin C. Hodgman, attended the services. Mr. Richards was never married and has been cared for during the past year by a housekeeper, Mrs. Hall, of Greenville, N. H.

### LUNENBURG.

News Items.

At the Methodist church, the following list of officers has been elected for the year: Henry B. Magoon, superintendent for the sixth consecutive year; Leslie C. Eastman, asst. supt.; Lewis L. Harrington, asst. supt.; Arthur W. Adams, treas.; Miss Fannie Peabody, lib. The Epworth League held its annual banquet, social and business meeting in the Methodist chapel on Friday evening. The week-end speakers were made by invited guests and others, after which the following officers were elected: Leslie C. Eastman, pres.; Lewis L. Harrington, Mrs. Leslie C. Eastman, Miss Ruth Harrington, Miss H. Moody, vice pres.; George F. Moody, sec.; Orville Martin, treas.

Rev. Robert A. Bryant, late of Hanson, where he served as pastor for seven years, has entered upon his duties as pastor-elect of the Congregational church here, and is now occupying the parsonage.

Permission has been granted the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, by the selectmen, to pole locations on Sunny hill, and West Townsend road.

The sophomore class of Lunenburg high school gave one of their members, Merrill Fernald, living at Whalom, a surprise party on Friday evening last week. Those living at the Center and vicinity boarded the 7.20 car, arriving at the home of their intended "victim" in a body. They soon made their presence manifest and were given a hearty welcome by Mr. and Mrs. Fernald. Games were played, refreshments were served, and a copy of Sir Walter Scott's poems given their genial host to remind him of their visit. Harold Harrington making the presentation.

Horace James Lawrence, of North Brookfield, editor and proprietor of the North Brookfield Journal, visited his cousin, Mrs. Julia E. Lawrence, on Sunday.

Mrs. Lydia (Peabody) Woodward, of Boston, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Lucy E. Jones, and other friends in town, returned to her home on Tuesday.

The fair which is to be given by the senior class of the high school, has been postponed until sometime in January. A fine program for the entertainment is being prepared, and the date will be announced later.

A quiet wedding was solemnized in the chapel of Christ church, Fitchburg, by the rector, Rev. George H. Adams, when on Tuesday morning Miss Eva B. Haley became the bride of Levi D. Stevens, both of Lunenburg.

Public Meeting.

Quite a large number of voters, accompanied by several ladies, gathered in the town hall on Monday evening at a public meeting called by the electric lighting committee, which consisted of Ernest K. Proctor, Emerson W. Baker and Ernest G. Carswell. They had arranged with Harrison W. Rugg, superintendent of the electric light and power, to address the meeting and explain the business for the streets, and also of supplying consumers with electricity. Mr. Rugg said the system was established on November 1, 1911, and had given good satisfaction. He then gave a detailed account of the business for each month during the year, which showed an income of \$908.51, which is \$138.50 less than the amount necessary to meet expenses.

In Sterling they are now lighting sixty-six lamps of sixty candle power, and they are extending their lines, expecting a much larger number of consumers next year. The current is used for pumping, etc., as well as for lighting. The town buys its supply of electricity from the Connecticut River Power Co., and controls the distribution of electricity. The commercial business has in-

creased every month, and last month paid all expenses and left a surplus of fifty dollars.

Other speakers were Albert E. Heustis, a representative of the Bruce-Hibbard Company, of Fitchburg, and W. L. Hibbard, an electrician of Fitchburg, and Robert G. Fessenden, of Townsend.

Mr. Fessenden said his firm and the Spauldings of Townsend Harbor were looking into the matter and they found that they could use three hundred horsepower, or a million kilowatt hours a year, and they were talking up the matter with the Connecticut River Company and had been assured that they would come to Townsend and deliver the power.

In doing so the line must cross Lunenburg, and it was suggested that the lighting committee work with the Townsend people and see what can be done, as they might be helpful to each other. After some discussion the question was squarely put to each of the experts who had addressed the meeting: "Is it feasible for the town of Lunenburg to establish a municipal lighting plant?" All agreed in the answer that it was.

The meeting was called in order that the voters might hear the explanation and become better informed generally upon the subject before the annual town meeting. In accord with a motion of John Woodredge, a rising vote of thanks was tendered the speakers, and the meeting adjourned.

Death.

Charles E. Burnap, a very worthy citizen of Lunenburg, died at his home on Whiting street on Tuesday, December 17, at 9:30 in the morning, aged 42 yrs. 5 mos. 23 days. Mr. Burnap came to Lunenburg in 1909, and bought several acres of land from Charles Putnam, built a fine house, barn and henhouse, where himself and wife were comfortably situated. Before coming to Lunenburg, he spent two years in Idaho, for the benefit of his health, and for a time did seem stronger, but the fell disease of tuberculosis had marked him for its victim. On Friday he had a very severe hemorrhage from the lungs, which greatly weakened him, and on Sunday he suffered another, and gradually grew weaker until the end came on Tuesday morning.

He is survived by his wife and son, Cameron, eleven years old; his mother, Mrs. Edwin S. Burnap; one sister, Mrs. Hattie M. Boynton, of Leominster, and a brother, Rev. Irving A. Burnap, of Hartford, Conn.

He was a member of the C. C. church of Fitchburg, and since living in Lunenburg, he, with his family, were regular attendants at the Congregational church.

The family and relatives have the sincere sympathy of all who know them in this, their sad bereavement.

Annual Meeting.

The Congregational church, at its annual business meeting on Thursday evening of last week, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Edmund S. Francis, clerk; George E. Jewett, treas.; S. Ulmer McIntire, col.; Norman G. Bigelow, 1 yr.; Charles L. Allen 2 yrs.; Warren Lewis 3 yrs., ex. com.; Mrs. Nettie Barter 1 yr.; Mrs. Maud H. McIntire 2 yrs.; Mrs. Mary J. Bigelow 3 yrs., examining com.; Mrs. Charles Sands, Mrs. Fred Francis, Mrs. Nettie Barter, social com.; S. Ulmer McIntire, William C. Glenn, John H. Davidson, John Gilchrist, Hoyt Barter, ushers; George C. Jewett, dea. 3 yrs.; John H. Davidson, supt. Sunday school; Edmund S. Francis, asst. supt.; Mrs. William Harley, sec. and treas.; Miss Eleanor Harley, librarian.

It was voted that the pledge system be followed, and that handbooks be procured same as last year.

It was also voted that the treasurer have list of officers and financial condition of church printed as heretofore.

### BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Waldo Livermore has gone to Watertown to work in a store till after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams came to the farm to spend Sunday.

Mrs. Gartner and daughter Mildred spent the week-end with relatives in Boston.

Ella Furbush has gone to Winchester to spend the winter.

Although there are no weddings to chronicle this week the matrimonial wave that has overtaken our town has by no means subsided and further casualties are daily expected. It would be unjust to attribute all the marriages to leap year, but that there is an uneasy feeling among the gentlemen is shown by the fact that a frequent week-end visitor here from Worcester, a popular young man, declares he will not come again till after January 1.

There will be a tree and Christmas exercises at the church Tuesday evening.

Grange.

The grange conferred the third and fourth degrees last week Friday evening, after which the gentlemen furnished the supper the ladies had won in the competitive entertainments. After this the following officers were elected: Leo Cunningham, m. i.; Chas. Richardson, o. e.; Earle Katham, l. A.; Alvin Richardson, s. i.; Chas. Sherry, asst. s. i.; Mary Nelson, chap.; Mrs. Philip Cunningham, treas.; Mrs. Ada Durkee, sec.; Aleck Masters, g. k.; Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb, Ceres; Mrs. Harry Adams, Pomona; Hazel Morse, Flora; Mabel Lawrence, l. a. s.; Mrs. Mabel Robbins, planist.

A spirited discussion as to whether to have the usual Christmas tree followed. The custom has been for several years for the church and grange to alternate in giving the Christmas celebration for the children, and by this arrangement the grange should give it this year, but so many prefer to have a home Christmas gathering that those at the hall have been rather poorly attended and for that reason it was decided not to have one this year.

A number of visitors were present from the neighboring towns, among them being a number from Westford.

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| Ladies' Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, Val Lace and Point Venice   |  | Stamped Corset Covers, at.....                                 |  | Hand Bags made of Genuine Leather and Leather-lined, some        |  |
| Lace trimmed, at.....                                         |  | 29¢                                                            |  | have Sterling Silver Mounted Frames, some are fitted             |  |
| 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00                                           |  | Stamped Hand Bags, White Linen, at.....                        |  | with Purse, Mirror and Hat Brush, the styles are new             |  |
| Ladies' Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, Madeira Embroidered in      |  | 50¢                                                            |  | and popular. Prices,                                             |  |
| Modish One Corner Effects, the finest assortment we           |  | Stamped Heavy Burlap Pillows Tops, with floss complete for     |  | 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$2.98 and \$4.98      |  |
| have ever shown, at.....                                      |  | working, at.....                                               |  | Black Velvet Bags, at.....                                       |  |
| 25¢ and 50¢                                                   |  | 25¢                                                            |  | 25¢, 50¢ and 98¢                                                 |  |
| Ladies' Fine Linen Swiss Embroidered and All Linen Em-        |  | Full Line of Royal Society Embroidery Packages                 |  | Pocketbooks, at.....                                             |  |
| brodered, at.....                                             |  | Royal Society Night Robes, at.....                             |  | 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00                                              |  |
| 10¢ and 12½¢                                                  |  | 75¢ and \$1.00                                                 |  | Gentlemen's Bill Folds, at.....                                  |  |
| Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, two in a fancy       |  | Royal Society Corset Covers, at.....                           |  | 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00                                              |  |
| holiday folder, at .....                                      |  | 25¢ and 50¢                                                    |  | Change Purses, at.....                                           |  |
| 25¢                                                           |  | Royal Society Infants' Dresses, at.....                        |  | 10¢, 15¢ and 25¢                                                 |  |
| Boys' and Girls' Handkerchiefs, three in box, at.....         |  | \$1.00                                                         |  | Beauty Pins, each pair in a box, at.....                         |  |
| 15¢                                                           |  | Royal Society Shirt Waists, at.....                            |  | 25¢ and 50¢                                                      |  |
| WARD'S HOLIDAY STATIONERY                                     |  | Royal Society Aprons, at.....                                  |  | Belt Buckles, each buckle in a box.....                          |  |
| GLOVES, A PRACTICAL GIFT                                      |  | 25¢                                                            |  | 50¢ and \$1.00                                                   |  |
| Men's Heavy Spear Back Cape Gloves, at.....                   |  | Royal Society Opera Bags, at.....                              |  | Hat Pins, the new small patterns, at.....                        |  |
| \$1.50                                                        |  | 35¢ and 50¢                                                    |  | 25¢ and 50¢                                                      |  |
| Men's Heavy Paris Back Kid Gloves, at.....                    |  | Royal Society Center Pieces, at.....                           |  | Sterling Silver Veil and Jabot Pins, at.....                     |  |
| \$1.00                                                        |  | 50¢                                                            |  | 50¢                                                              |  |
| Men's Heavy Wool and Leather Gloves and Mittens of all        |  | Royal Society Infants' Jackets, at.....                        |  | Rosaries, at.....                                                |  |
| kinds, at .....                                               |  | 50¢                                                            |  | 98¢ and \$1.50                                                   |  |
| 25¢ and 50¢                                                   |  | Royal Society Infants' Bibs, at.....                           |  | Manicure and Travelling Sets in Soft Leather Folding Cases, at   |  |
| Men's Plush Gauntlet Driving Gloves, at.....                  |  | 25¢                                                            |  | 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50                      |  |
| \$1.00                                                        |  | Royal Society Necktie Racks at.....                            |  | Come and see our display of Fancy Goods. We are unable to        |  |
| Ladies' Silk lined Mocha Gloves, at.....                      |  | 50¢                                                            |  | enumerate them all                                               |  |
| \$1.50                                                        |  | Royal Society Brush Broom Holders, at.....                     |  | WARD'S HOLIDAY STATIONERY                                        |  |
| Ladies' Heavy Spear Back Cape Gloves, at.....                 |  | 35¢                                                            |  | RUGS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS                                         |  |
| \$1.00                                                        |  | Royal Society Library Scarfs, at.....                          |  | We have many handsome patterns at 98¢, \$1.25, \$1.98 and \$2.75 |  |
| Ladies' Fine Quality Paris Back Cape Gloves, at.....          |  | \$1.00                                                         |  | CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS                                              |  |
| \$1.50                                                        |  | Tico Letter Forms for Embroidering                             |  | Ladies' Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, colors, red, blue and green,     |  |
| Ladies' Golf Gloves and Silk lined Cashmere Gloves, at....    |  | All sizes Satin Covered Pin Cushions, round, square and oblong |  | Mission Handles.....                                             |  |
| 50¢                                                           |  | Christmas Seals, Tags, Booklets                                |  | Ladies' Mission and Trimmed Handles, Taffeta and Gloria          |  |
| Children's Plush Gauntlet and Indian Gloves, at.....          |  | Narrow Ribbons for Christmas Packages                          |  | covered Paragon Frame Umbrellas.....                             |  |
| 50¢                                                           |  | All Colors Crepe Paper, 8¢ Roll                                |  | \$1.00 to \$4.00                                                 |  |
| Children's Tight Wrist Cape Gloves, at.....                   |  | WARD'S HOLIDAY STATIONERY                                      |  | Ladies' Suit Case Umbrellas, at.....                             |  |
| 50¢                                                           |  | MEN'S CHRISTMAS FURNISHINGS                                    |  | \$1.50                                                           |  |
| Children's One-clasp Cape Gloves, Spear Back, at.....         |  | Negligee Shirts, new patterns, semi-bosoms and coat styles, at |  | Men's Umbrellas, Paragon Frames, Mission and Box Wood            |  |
| \$1.00                                                        |  | 95¢                                                            |  | Handles .....                                                    |  |
| Children's Wool Gloves and Mittens, at.....                   |  | Suspenders in individual boxes.....                            |  | \$1.00 up                                                        |  |
| 10¢, 15¢ and 25¢                                              |  | 50¢ and 25¢                                                    |  | LADIES' XMAS NECKWEAR AND APRONS                                 |  |
| CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD                             |  | Knitted Neckwear in boxes, all new patterns.....               |  | Bows in Silk, Velvet, large assortment of the newest styles, at  |  |
| White Spreads.....                                            |  | 25¢                                                            |  | 25¢                                                              |  |
| Damask and Huckabuck Towels.....                              |  | 25¢ and 50¢                                                    |  | Swiss Embroidered Jabots, handsome patterns, at.....             |  |
| 25¢, 50¢ and 75¢                                              |  | Silk Neckwear, in boxes, latest patterns.....                  |  | 25¢ and 50¢                                                      |  |
| Tray Cloths.....                                              |  | 25¢ and 50¢                                                    |  | Robespierre Collars in the new color combinations and styles, at |  |
| 12½¢, 25¢ and 50¢                                             |  | Silk Lisle Hose, four pair assorted colors in boxes, at        |  | 25¢ and 50¢                                                      |  |
| \$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50                                |  | \$1.00 per box                                                 |  | Lace Dutch Collars and Coat Sets in White and Ecru, at           |  |
| Cotton Blankets.....                                          |  | Hose, Necktie and Handkerchief Combinations to match, in       |  | \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.69, \$2.75 and \$2.98                        |  |
| 69¢, \$1.00, \$1.35, \$1.89, \$2.25                           |  | boxes, at.....                                                 |  | Fancy Tea Aprons.....                                            |  |
| Puffs and Comfortables.....                                   |  | 50¢ and \$1.00                                                 |  | 75¢, 50¢, 25¢                                                    |  |
| \$1.00 to \$4.00                                              |  | Suspenders and Hose Supporter Combinations, in boxes, at       |  | Medium size Fancy Aprons, hamburg and ribbon trimmed, at         |  |
| Hemstitched Table Covers, Napkins to match, at.....           |  | \$1.00 and 50¢                                                 |  | 50¢                                                              |  |
| \$5.50                                                        |  | 25¢ and 50¢                                                    |  | Large size Plain Aprons.....                                     |  |
| Mexican Work and Embroidered Sideboard Covers, Table          |  | Underwear of all kinds.....                                    |  | 25¢                                                              |  |
| Covers Shams, Etc., at.....                                   |  | 50¢ to \$1.50                                                  |  | Bungalow Aprons.....                                             |  |
| \$1.00 to \$3.00                                              |  | Cuff Links.....                                                |  | 39¢                                                              |  |
| AVIATION CAPS                                                 |  | 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00                                            |  |                                                                  |  |
| SKATING CAPS                                                  |  | Tie Clasps.....                                                |  |                                                                  |  |
| Ladies' and Girls' Aviation Caps, all colors, at....          |  | 10¢, 25¢ and 75¢                                               |  |                                                                  |  |
| 50¢ and 98¢                                                   |  | Sweaters, Heavy Shaker-knit, at.....                           |  |                                                                  |  |
| Boys' and Girls' Stocking Caps and Skating Caps, at           |  | \$2.98                                                         |  |                                                                  |  |
| 25¢ and 50¢                                                   |  | Sweaters—Cardinal, Gray and Green; others from                 |  |                                                                  |  |
| WARD'S HOLIDAY STATIONERY                                     |  | \$2.50 up                                                      |  |                                                                  |  |
| WARD'S HOLIDAY STATIONERY                                     |  | Boys' Sweaters, V-neck and Collar styles, at                   |  |                                                                  |  |
| WARD'S HOLIDAY STATIONERY                                     |  | 98¢, \$1.25 and \$1.50                                         |  |                                                                  |  |

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## AYER.

## News Items.

Rev. R. B. Lisle, of Boston university, will preach at the M. E. church on Sunday morning at 10.45 o'clock. The Christmas entertainment will be held at seven o'clock on Sunday evening with appropriate music and exercises by the children.

The barber shops will close all day Christmas day, but will be open until late the night before.

Chief Beatty was last week highly commended by Francis Rowley, president of the M. S. P. C. A. for his efficient work in bringing to justice those guilty of cruelty to animals in this vicinity. The chief is an agent for the society here.

A slight fire in the New Union house was responsible for an alarm from box 13 at nine o'clock on Monday morning. The fire was put out without the aid of the department, and was confined to a small space under the cooking range in the kitchen.

Albert C. Perkins returned on last Sunday from the Grotton hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis a short time ago.

Miss May A. Peterson, of Fitchburg, a graduate of the Ayer high school of 1912, commercial course, has a position as assistant bookkeeper for the New England Manufacturing Co., of West Fitchburg. This speaks well for the commercial course in the high school as well as for the intelligence of the young lady. Miss Peterson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Peterson, formerly of this town, but now living at Fitchburg.

The remains of James J. Desmond, of Harvard, were brought here for interment in St. Mary's cemetery on last Saturday. Mr. Desmond was well and favorably known in Ayer, and much sorrow was felt at his untimely death.

Philip R. Andrew moved on last Saturday into the house on Oak street recently vacated by A. T. Brough.

The schools closed this week Friday for the Christmas vacation, and will re-open on Monday morning, December 30.

Mrs. Charles E. Craig is confined to her house with the grippe.

Mrs. Rupert Green is assisting at the Ayer Variety store during the holiday season.

Mrs. Arthur D. Stroud and young son Dexter are visiting at the home of her parents, Mrs. S. J. Andrew. Mr. Stroud will join them Christmas day and on the Saturday following will leave for their home in Ipswich.

One of the best and neatest grocery and merchandise stores in town is that of L. G. Dwinell and he as well as the other grocery stores have a lot of new goods suitable for the holiday festivities.

Fred G. Osborne of Boston, who for years was a resident here, was in town Tuesday on business.

Poulin Bros. have arranged to give on Wednesday afternoon, Christmas day, an unusual exhibition of moving pictures and they will have an excellent singer for that special occasion. Doors open at 2.30, moving pictures at 2.15. There will not be any pictures shown Wednesday evening as customary.

Mr. McElroy, the fine tenor singer who appeared at the school on Wednesday evening, has been engaged to sing again this Saturday evening. All who have heard this young man sing will be sure to be present, as without doubt he is the best singer that has ever made his appearance at these shows. The fourth in the series of "What happened to Mary?" will be shown this Saturday evening.

Mrs. Charles Gilson, Miss Alice Teehan and Mrs. T. W. Lynch, all of Nashua, were over Sunday guests of H. H. Phillips, Grove street.

For several years there have been several bricks knocked off the southeast corner of the school house on East Main street and it would not be much of a job to have them replaced. They have been an eyesore ever since a coal team knocked them out. The door to the bulkhead needs a little attention, the building needs an excellent paint and inside a little whitewash would wipe out some of the dirt on the walls and ceilings. This building should be kept in repair.

Eugene Felch of Lowell, brother of George E. Felch, a native of this town, and son of the late Levi Felch, has lately returned to his home in that city from the hospital where he has been for some time treated for a severe liver trouble.

Mrs. H. Lillian Harrington of Arlington, who was for some time housekeeper for the late Dr. Parsons, has written to acquaintances in town that she is in very poor health and gradually failing.

Sunday, December 22, preaching services at 10.45 at the Congregational church. Sunday school Christmas concert at six o'clock. Christmas tree Tuesday evening in the vestry at seven o'clock. Supper for the children will be served at six o'clock.

At the Baptist church next Sunday the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon at 10.45 a. m. Sunday school at twelve. Song service at seven with a Christmas story by Mrs. Alta Hollis entitled, "The other wise man." Christmas tree and concert on Tuesday evening at seven o'clock.

There will be an informal special meeting of the First Unitarian parish of Ayer in the Unitarian church on Sunday, December 22, immediately after the close of the regular service. All members of the parish, and all others interested are urged to be present, as matters of importance will be presented.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lamoreaux and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lang, of Manchester, N. H., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wood.

At the meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., Wednesday evening, these officers were elected: Mrs. Maie A. Carey, w. m.; Austin E. Lawrence, v. m.; Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, a. m.; Mrs. Annie E. Filibrown, sec.; Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer, treas.; Mrs. Grace Lentz, cond.; Mrs. Margaret K. Cushing, asso. cond.

There will be a supper for the children and a Christmas entertainment and tree at the Unitarian church on Tuesday evening. All interested are invited to the entertainment.

A very interesting lecture was given before the Woman's club Wednesday evening. The speaker was Alton E. Briggs of the Fruit and Produce exchange in Boston. His talk was upon foods and especially of cold storage. It was entertaining, interesting and profitable.

Ruel P. Lougee, superintendent of the Haynes-Piper Company, left on a business trip to New York city on Monday, and returned on Thursday.

Mrs. Abner Wheeler, who has made her home with her niece, Mrs. Lizzie Day, Totten, in Reading, since Mr. Wheeler's death some years ago, has been confined to her room for several weeks with what seems to be a breaking up of nature. She is not able to talk so that she can be understood, and seems not to be fully conscious of what is said to her. She has a trained nurse and every comfort, and apparently does not suffer pain. All who knew Mrs. Wheeler, and her fine mental powers, will sympathize with Mrs. Totten at this time.

The Woman's Relief corps have been invited to attend the installation of the W. R. C. at Grotton on the afternoon of January 1. Members will leave here on the 12.54 train. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members from here.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas left Thursday for Cambridge to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Merchant.

Miss Eva Taylor has taken up her position at the Variety store after several days' absence on account of the grippe.

Mrs. C. C. Wood attended the meeting of the New Hampshire state grange at Nashua on Wednesday.

The Y. P. R. U. will meet at six o'clock Sunday evening. Miss Natalie Bigelow will be the leader.

Never were the many stores in Ayer so well prepared to meet the holiday trade than this Christmas. The two jewelry stores and the two drug stores have a beautiful assortment of holiday goods. Besides these stores there are eleven or twelve others who have on sale a large and well selected assortment suitable for Christmas gifts.

"Lo, now is come the joyfulst feast. Let every man be jolly. Each room with yule leaves is dressed. And every post with holly."

The Civic Gymnasium basketball team will open the season with a game with the Y. M. C. A. five of Fitchburg at the town hall this Saturday evening. The Junco club five, of Fitchburg, will also play the local high school team on the same evening.

The first game will be called at eight o'clock. There will be a good basketball game at the town hall on Christmas afternoon at three o'clock between the local team and a visiting team, the management being unable to announce their name before we go to press.

The following officers of Ayer Council, K. of C., were installed on Tuesday evening by Peter F. Ward, d. s. m., of Fitchburg, and suite: J. H. Burns, g. k.; P. F. Ward, v. g. k.; J. H. Hooley, c.; M. H. O'Neill, s.; J. P. Mullin, treas.; M. J. Griffin, w.; J. P. Markham, l. g.; David Walsh, o. g.; Hugh McDonald, adv.; G. L. Wilson, rec.; T. P. Mullin, sec.; J. J. McGuane, J. H. McDonald, trustees.

After the installation there were remarks by the visiting and local members of the order. An informal social hour followed, during which the members were treated to a number of vocal selections by John McElroy, of Boston, the famous tenor soloist. Light refreshments were served.

William McCarthy, of Fitchburg, commenced work as night clerk in Brown's lunch cart on Monday evening. Mr. McCarthy worked for Mr. Brown several years ago, and is an experienced man in the business.

The library was closed on Wednesday afternoon when the funeral of Miss Clara E. Blood took place. She was a sister of the librarian, Miss S. Adelaide Blood.

The following officers of Vesta Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., were chosen at the regular meeting on Wednesday evening: Mrs. Grace E. Winslow, n. g.; Mrs. Nellie F. Kellerman, v. n. g.; Ralph O. Jenkins, sec.; Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, treas.; Miss Myrtle B. Smith, trustee 3 years.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Bumpus entertained the members of St. Andrew's parish at the vicarage on last week Friday evening. Mr. Bumpus gave an illustrated lecture on "Missionary work in China." Games were played and light refreshments served.

Ayer Circle, C. O. F., elected these officers at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening: Miss Kate V. Foley, c.; Mrs. Mary C. C. C.; Mrs. Maude Sullivan, v. c.; Mrs. Katherine O'Neill, s.; Miss Minnie Murphy, treas.; Miss Jennie McGuane, r. g.; Miss Annie Hackett, l. g.; Miss Julia Murphy, l. g.; Mrs. Lottie O'Clair, o. g.; Miss Nellie Madigan, trustee 3 yrs.; Dr. L. D. Sullivan, physician.

The literature department of the Ayer Woman's club will be held on Friday afternoon, December 27, with Mrs. Clara Hill. There will be a reading from "The Iron woman."

The executive board of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Beverly on Friday evening, December 27, at 7.30 o'clock.

Attention is called to the blind workers' exhibition and sale now being held on the fourth floor of Filene's store, Boston.

George Boiesau, who has been confined to his home for three weeks with a severe cold, threatened with pneumonia, went to work on the coal train at Fitchburg, with the coal train on last Monday.

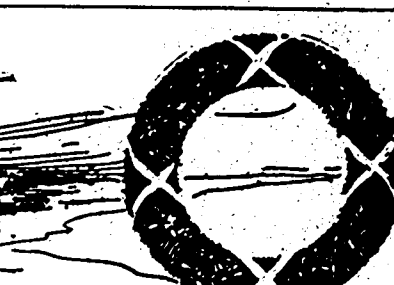
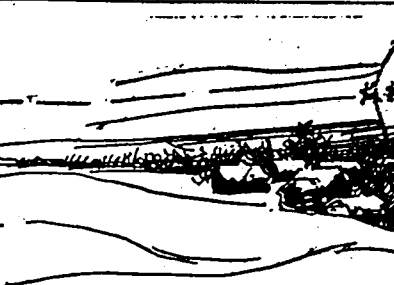
Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending December 16: Stephen J. Hogan, Oscar Lawrence, Charles E. Leslie.

Created Excitement.

Carl Richards, of Weston, Vt., caused some excitement at the railway station on last Saturday afternoon by his queer actions. D. W. Mason, assistant ticket agent, who first noticed the fellow, found him fighting the radiators, setting and every thing in sight. He called up Chief Beatty, who at once went to the station. He saw at a glance that the man was mentally unbalanced. As he approached Richards the latter made a rush for him, at the same time asking the officer if he wanted him. Mr. Beatty allowed that Richards' guess was correct and escorted him to the police station, where he remained until Monday morning.

He was brought into court, but Judge Atwood saw that he was not a fit subject for arraignment, as he was out of his mind. Upon examination he was pronounced insane and committed to the Worcester asylum, where he was taken by Chief Beatty, assisted by Daniel F. Lougee. Richards said he would not go to Worcester unless the young man, Mr. Lougee, with the little dog, went with him. The little dog, however, did not go.

Richards has been around this locality for several days. Last week Thursday he got aboard a passenger train at Fitchburg, which was leaving press, and when nearing the Lunenburg station he smashed a window in the passenger car in which he was riding because the engineer would not stop to let him off the train. Saturday he reached here at 12.25 p. m. and was in the afternoon and was at the station but a few minutes when he was arrested. Richards, although not



# Holiday Greetings

If you are worrying about the selection of some of your Christmas Presents, we can help you

## A Few Christmas Suggestions:

Men's Sweater Coats..... 50c. to \$7.00  
Boys' Sweater Coats..... 50c. to \$2.00  
Men's Umbrellas..... 50c. to \$5.00  
Ladies' Umbrellas..... \$1.00 to \$5.00  
Cuff Links and Pin to Match..... 75c. and \$1.00  
Gloves of all kinds..... 25c. to \$5.00  
Handkerchiefs, all kinds, Plain and Initial 5c. to 50c.

Men's Slippers..... 50c. to \$2.00  
Ladies' Furfelt Slippers..... \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50  
Neckwear..... 25c., 50c., \$1.00  
Cuff Links..... 25c., 50c., \$1.00  
Mufflers..... 50c., \$1.00  
Fancy Arm Bands..... 25c. and 50c.  
Suspenders in fancy boxes..... 25c. and 50c.

These are only a few suggestions, we are unable to catalogue the whole stock

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very large, possesses great strength and gave several exhibitions of his athletic prowess both in the police station and in the court room on Monday morning. He insisted upon singing at the police station all night, much to the discomfort of a prisoner who was spending the night in the next cell.

## District Court.

Marcus H. Kimball, of Townsend, withdrew his appeal from a sentence of two years on a serious offense, which was imposed on November 13, and in court on Monday pleaded guilty to an assault and was given a sentence of six months in the house of correction. He was represented by John M. Maloney.

Miss Mary Etta Putney, of Pepperell, was adjudged insane on Monday morning and committed to the Worcester insane asylum.

Silas M. Nokes, William F. Dennen, Frank R. Bennett and Frank D. Bennett, all of Pepperell, were charged on Wednesday morning with violation of the deer law, or in other words, of selling deer meat. John M. Maloney, of both the defendants, maintained that the deer were shot in the open season by a person duly licensed that the property was his and that he was legally entitled to dispose of it in any way that he desired. This view was also held by the defendants who had no intention of violating the law. The court said that as there was no sale of the meat proved within the jurisdiction of this court, that he was not called upon to rule upon the question. A motion to quash the indictment was then made by counsel for the defence which motion was allowed and the defendants discharged.

Charles McCormick, of Milford, was found guilty of vagrancy in court on Friday and his case placed on file.

## Grosses Find.

Considerable excitement was caused on last Sunday afternoon by the announcement that the skeleton of a man had been found within the limits of Ayer, but close to the Harvard line. The remains were found about one o'clock by Alfred Hobbs' aged ten, and his brother Lawrence, aged seven years, the children of Mrs. Jennie Hobbs who lives on the J. E. Sprague place on the Harvard road. The boys were out through the woods gathering evergreen for Christmas wreaths and discovered the remains. They quickly ran home and reported the matter to their mother, who called up Chief of Police Beatty, of Ayer. The chief immediately got in touch with Medical Examiner Frank S. Bulkeley, of this town, and the two officials rushed in to the scene. The doctor's auto. Led by the two Hobbs boys they went to where the body was found. An examination of the remains showed that there was no physical means of identification as the flesh was all gone. In the pockets were found fifteen dollars in bills, \$1.37 in small change, two keys, a pipe box of tobacco, jack-knife, a bank book on the Wildey Savings bank, Boston, numbered 65,474, a gold watch, the inner case bearing this inscription: "City of Boston, games, July 4, 1910. Second 440 yards."

The number of the watch case was 9,423,187, and that of the works 15-761,566, and bore the name of the American Watch Co., Waltham. The inscription on the watch plainly indicated that it was the second prize for an athletic event in Boston on the date above given. Chief Beatty got in touch with the Boston police to see if they could find the name of the winner of the prize and thereby establish a clue that might lead to the identity of the body.

Through the police of Boston and the papers of that city, it was found that the winner of the watch was Stanley Mator, a young negro athlete of the South Boston Athletic club, but who is now working in Springfield. Upon being called on the telephone, Major said that he had sold the watch and that he did not know who the present owner was.

Investigation at the Wildey Savings bank showed that the owner of the bank book found on the clothing of the remains was Joseph R. Roth, of Boston. This was further confirmed by Edward M. Roth, of Jamaica Plain, brother of the dead man, who came here on Monday afternoon.

The place where the body was found was in the thick woods about half way between the residence of Charles E. Stone and the property known as the Rural home. The dead man wore a blue serge suit, a straw hat and a pair of low cut black shoes. An empty two-ounce bottle without any label was found near the body.

Edward M. Roth, the brother of the dead man said here Monday afternoon that his brother was subject to epileptic attacks, stomach trouble and always carried medicine with him to relieve it. From this fact it is probable that he suffered a bad spell

and went into the woods to lie down and died there. The brother said he last saw him on August 5, last, and there is no knowing how long he had been in the woods where he was found.

A puzzling feature of the case, however, is why did he go out in that section. His brother says that so far as he knew, the dead man has no relatives or friends herabouts and why he should come to the place where the body was found was more than he could tell.

The brother took charge of the remains which were at Wright's undertaking rooms, and they were taken to Boston on the 4.22 train on Monday afternoon. The property found on the body was also given to the dead man's brother.

The report of Medical Examiner Bulkeley filed on Tuesday morning gives the cause of death as unknown, but the question of murder is eliminated. The report further says that from the data at hand that it seems reasonable to suppose a death from natural causes, possibly a perforating ulcer of the stomach.

Chief Beatty and Medical Examiner Bulkeley showed excellent judgment and well directed energy in handling this case and it is much to the credit of both that a solution of the mystery was found within twenty-four hours of the time the matter was first called to their attention.

According to Boston reports, the family of Roth have asked for an investigation of the case, as they say there is no reason whatever that he should commit suicide, and that there has been no reason whatever advanced why the young man should come to the place where the body was found anyway. He had no relatives or friends here so far as can be learned.

Edward M. Roth, according to a story in a Boston paper, stated that his brother was murdered, and that he was going to demand a full investigation. The brother's theory is that as the young man was a photo engraver, he may have fallen into the hands of a gang of counterfeiters, and after they had induced him to produce an engraving of a picture, they had lured him into the woods, where he was murdered. John and William Roth, brothers of the deceased, are also certain that their brother was murdered.

A further examination of the land around which the body was found was made on Friday afternoon by Chief of Police Beatty and Officer William J. Mullin at the request of the state police who are making an investigation of the case. The place where the remains were found is in the thick woods, about half a mile from the Harvard road, near the Blanchard place, and a very hard place to find unless one is familiar with the land. The officers were greatly assisted in finding the location of the body was found by Samuel Blanchard, who proved to be a good guide.

Joel E. Fletcher, one of the first assessors of the town of Ayer after it was set off from Grotton, and who is very familiar with the boundaries between the towns of Harvard and Ayer, was with the party, and also D. M. Donahue and a representative of the press. The location was so close to the line that there was some doubt as to which town the body was found in, although the majority of the party seemed to think it was found in Harvard.

## Accident.

Mrs. Boiesau, wife of George Boiesau, went out riding in an auto on last Sunday afternoon at about 3.30 with others, and met with quite a serious accident. The chauffeur was Edward Proctor, engineer on the Boston and Maine railroad, and when near the crossing of the Townsend track on the road to Woodsville, Mrs. Boiesau heard an approaching train. Becoming frightened she jumped out, fearing she might be run over. The railroad men of the train stopped and made an investigation, thinking that the auto and inmates had been injured by the passing train. Mrs. Boiesau was able to get in the auto, but soon after lost consciousness and was taken to her home. She took to her bed, remaining there until Friday. It was a narrow escape from what might have proved more serious.

## Deaths.

Miss Clara E. Blood died Sunday morning, December 15, at the Elliot hospital in Boston, where she was operated upon for appendicitis on Monday, December 11. Miss Blood was born in that part of Shirley, which was later annexed to Ayer, September 21, 1847, the fifth of the six children of Lewis and Almira Wood Hartwell Blood. She was educated in the public schools of Shirley, Lawrence academy in Grotton and Appleton academy in New Ipswich, N. H.

Her parents removed to the home on Washington street in 1871. Here her

father died in 1887 and her mother in 1893, and here Miss Blood and her sister, Miss S. Adelaide Blood, have since resided. Miss Blood has been a devoted member of the Congregational church, serving on the church committee for many years. She was a charter member of the Woman's club and its third president. She was a great lover of flowers of which she cultivated many varieties.

Rev. John Whitley, pastor of the Congregational church, officiated at the funeral Wednesday afternoon. A quartet, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Ellis B. Harlow, Holden Harlow and Edward Bliss, sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Shall we meet beyond the river." The bearers were E. D. Stone, Ellis B. Harlow, Edward A. Richardson and Holden Harlow. A wealth of beautiful floral tributes showed the regard of friends.

Miss Blood is survived by three sisters—Miss S. Adelaide Blood of this town, Mrs. Cleson Kenney and Mrs. Mary J. Clough of Leominster and six nephews and nieces.

Burial was in the family lot in Woodlawn cemetery, Ayer.

Mrs. Margaret Hurley, one of our most respected residents, died at her home on West Main street on Monday of intestinal trouble, aged sixty-seven years. Mrs. Hurley had been in poor health for some time, and during the week preceding her death her condition grew gradually worse until the end. Mrs. Hurley had lived here for twenty-nine years, having moved here from Cambridge and was a very estimable woman.

She leaves one son, Michael J. Carey, by a former marriage, and two sons by the second marriage, William J. and John F. Hurley. She was the widow of John Hurley, who died several years ago.

The funeral was held from her late home on Thursday morning. A requiem high mass was said at St. Mary's church by Rev. P. J. Sheedy at nine o'clock. The interment was at St. Mary's cemetery, where Mr. Sheedy performed the committal service. The funeral was largely attended by people from Ayer and other places, and was in charge of Edward M. Healy, undertaker. The bearers were Thomas A. Michael, Scully and Thomas F. McGuane, all of Ayer, and John Scully, of Waltham.

Fair and Entertainment.

A successful fair and entertainment was held under the auspices of St. Andrew's church in Hardy's hall on Tuesday afternoon and evening. The sale was in the afternoon, and the tables were in charge of these ladies: Fancy work, Mrs. F. S. Bennett and Mrs. Austin Peters; candy, Mrs. C. L. Farnsworth; Mrs. G. A. Sanderson, Miss Jane Barker; mystery table, Mrs. A. G. Downing; Mrs. H. M. Huntington; Mrs. Archie L. Porham; apron, Mrs. George Chauvin; Mrs. H. F. Chauvin; Mrs. Berton Williams; ice cream, Mrs. Ella F. Hovey; food, Mrs. F. P. Briggs, Mrs. Edward James.

The entertainment in the evening consisted of a vocal solo by Miss Ruth T. Fenner; march of the fairies and brownies, and the play, "The wonderful Christmas telescope. The fairies were Ethel Robbins, chief fairy, Ruth Huntington, Mildred and George P. Huntman, Sylvia Lynch, Mildred Neat, Viola Thompson. The brownies were: Fred Huntington, George A. Sanderson, Jr., Robert Sanderson and Emerson Flagg.

Those taking part in the play were Miss Dorothy Peters, June; Ruth Hill, Helen; Myrtle Flagg, Hazel; Eugene Flagg, Teddy; Mason Williams, Billy. All concluded with a recitation by Miss Sadie Ross. After the entertainment there was a social dance.

## Too Much Firewater.

Ephraim Beard and Adolph LePage, both of Nashua, N. H., came here on Thursday evening for the purpose of looking for LePage's boy, who had wandered away from home. They visited the upper railroad yard and other places, but failed to find the object of their search. Late in the evening Beard called at the police station to enlist the services of Chief of Police Beatty, who joined in the search. At one o'clock on Friday morning the chief found Beard at the railroad station in a maudlin condition, which was produced, as Beard said, by too much Nashua firewater. He was escorted to the police station, where he spent the remainder of the night.

In the mix-up LePage disappeared and could not be located until Friday forenoon, when word was received that the missing boy was safely at home, although the father was still absent.

Beard was taken into court on Friday morning, charged with drunkenness. He told Associate Justice Worcester, who heard the case, that he and LePage had bought the liquor at Nashua before coming here to begin

their search. The court told Beard that he would discharge him if he promised to go back to his work in Nashua on the first train, which Beard promised to do.

For other Ayer news see page eight.

It is said that Peter the Great borrowed the idea of the Russian flag from the Dutch, among whom he learned ship building. He simply turned the Dutch tricolor, red white and blue, upside down.

## New Advertisements.

NOTICE—Anyone wishing their trees trimmed, cut down or cleared of gypsy and brown-tail moths, will do well by applying to ALFRED SMITH, Ayer, Mass. Phone 45-5.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all the neighbors and friends who rendered assistance during the recent illness and death of our mother, also for the many beautiful flowers contributed.

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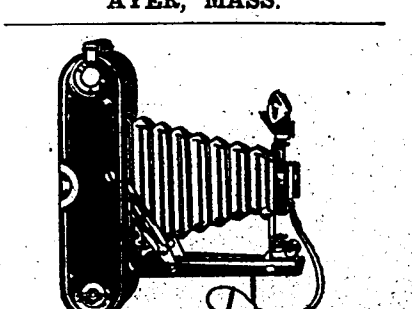
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.** Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY A. GERRISH late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to HARRY L. GERRISH of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond, and you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of December, 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 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 ninth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

3113 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**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 GEORGE HUTCHINSON late of Littleton in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JOHN W. HUTCHINSON of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond, and you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third day of December, 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 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 ninth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

3113 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

**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 BRIDGET O'CONNORS late of Shirley in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by SARAH E. HURLEY who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond, and you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of December, 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 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, 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 third day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

3113 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

## LITTLETON.

### News Items.

There will be no meeting of the Woman's club until one week from next Monday, December 30.

George C. Gardner, who resided in the Deacon Manning house at Littleton Common, died last week Thursday, December 12, at the age of seventy-seven years. Death was due to angina pectoris. Funeral services were held at his late home Sunday at five o'clock in the afternoon and Rev. Harrison L. Packard officiated. The remains were taken to Westbury, N. Y., Monday morning.

Peter McNiff, who was engaged for a year or more in the laundry business, has gone to Boston where he is working for the North Park Packing company.

A heater has been installed in the pumping station building this last week.

Principal Fred L. Sawyer, Phillips Exeter, N. H., attended the New England alumni banquet and reunion in Boston last week Wednesday evening and reports a delightful occasion.

Past master Richard T. Barrows and Mrs. Barrows attended the state grange meetings in Springfield four days last week.

Mrs. LeRoy Jewett has recently visited her parents in Lowell. Her father, Eugene Felch, has lately returned from the hospital where he went to be treated for a severe liver trouble.

Michael Keegan, who has been confined to the house on account of sickness, is gaining and able to be out of doors at time of writing.

The public schools closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation of two weeks. There were appropriate exercises by the children in the various grades with an exchange of gifts.

The weekly prayer meeting of the Congregational society was held with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. K. Houghton at the Common last evening.

Miss Virginia Sanderson of West Acton was a recent guest of Mrs. Chas. K. Houghton, coming in time for the drama Saturday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Smith, daughter of James Smith, was taken to the Eliot hospital in Boston last Saturday and operated on for appendicitis. The latest reports of her condition and prospects are favorable.

Miss Ruth Prescott substituted in the fourth and fifth grades in West Acton Friday and Monday in the absence of the regular teacher.

The auction sale last Saturday attracted one of the largest companies of men seen in town for years on such an occasion. Auctioneers Emerson, of Chelmsford, and Thacher, of Littleton, kept busy throughout the day, and the prices commanded, particularly for cows, were generally considered high.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Robbins anticipate spending a few weeks in Palm Beach, Fla., for the purpose of giving Mr. Robbins a much needed rest and change from business.

J. M. Barteaux had a very narrow escape a few days ago. He was at work with his horses in the P. C. Hartwell mill yard, when Mr. Hartwell's horses, becoming frightened, started and excited those belonging to Mr. Barteaux. The latter gentleman sprang to rescue his team and was violently thrown against some logs, fracturing one rib and sustaining other injuries which are likely to keep him housed for some time.

Harry Knights and family closed their house, The Overlook, the middle of this week and returned to Brookline for the winter.

Miss Chapman has gone to Goffstown, N. H., where she is already at work training another set of "The Little Rebel," which is to be played the third and fourth of January.

Heywood Knowlton arrives home from Worcester academy today for his Christmas vacation.

The entertainment given before the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday evening by the "Concert Company" called out the usual large audience and was thoroughly appreciated. All the artists, including musicians and readers, gave selections that were new and very much enjoyed. The Y. M. C. A. committee is again to be congratulated and commended for securing such talent for entertaining as the Baker Concert Company comprises.

The course of the 1912-13 season is proving one of the most popular in the history of the organization.

Miss Grace P. Conant, of Decatur, Ill., returns home for the Christmas vacation, which she will spend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Conant.

**Death.**  
Alvah Dadman Jewett, of Rosindale, son of Edgar H. and Lily (Dadman) Jewett, passed away on Friday, December 13, at the age of 21 years and 5 months, his death occurring just sixteen years and one day after that of his father. He had been fighting bravely against consumption for two years past, and left the Englewood high school, Boston, to take the treatment for tuberculosis in Portland. There he remained for a year and a half, receiving little, if any, benefit.

During his school vacations he was engaged in the shipping business with a firm in Boston. He was a member of the "Boys' Club" in the Episcopal church at Rosindale, and through his musical talent, school and business gained many friends. He was a young man of good habits, ambitions and energetic. He leaves a mother, a sister and two grandparents to mourn his untimely death.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Hope chapel on Sunday and the interment was at Forest Hills. Mrs. Sherman H. Jewett and Mrs. LeRoy Jewett attended the funeral, the former returning home on Monday.

**Entertainment.**  
The Woman's club drama, "The Little Rebel," was presented for the second time on Saturday evening, calling out a larger audience than received with gratifying enthusiasm and repeated applause. Only words of high commendation are heard of Miss Chapman and her cast, all of whom covered themselves with glory. The play required much study, patient, persistent work and careful attention to details, as most of the roles were very difficult. Everyone who took part in the play deserves unstinted praise for the excellent production. The public enjoyed a rare treat which will not soon be forgotten. And now the demand is for another theatrical performance by our local talent under the direction of the same efficient instructor.

**About Town.**  
The holiday dance scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 31, will be held on Friday evening, December 27,

to serve some of the committee more conveniently.

On last Monday, Rev. W. C. Brown and wife attended the funeral of his uncle, Dea. John Brown, of Concord, in the Unitarian church, of which he has been a deacon for forty years.

The Christmas frolic for the members and friends of the Unitarian Sunday school comes on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Various members of the school will have recitations or other parts of the Christmas entertainment which includes among other things the latest number of the Living Christmas Magazine, after which the gifts will be taken from the tree and the refreshments served.

Tomorrow will be observed as Christmas Sunday at the Unitarian church with service and worship appropriate to the day. Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon subject will be "Christmas and prayer; the day a symbol of the coming reign of peace and good will." All are cordially invited.

The Young People's Guild on Sunday evening will be in charge of the music committee with a program of Christmas songs and a story told by Mr. Fairfield. Why late Tuesday afternoon the meeting is to be held at 6.30 o'clock and the invitation is to all.

**Death.**  
John Brown of Concord, whose death on Friday December 13, from accidental injuries was briefly announced, had always lived in Concord. He was born on October 21, 1836, on the farm on which he was living at the time of his death. His family was among the oldest in New England.

His ancestor, Thomas Browne, 1st, was a charter member of the town of Concord. Other members of the family fought in the French and Indian and colonial wars and a number of them on both his father's and brother's side were in the fight at the old North Bridge and fought through the revolutionary war.

His father was James P. Brown, also born in Concord, and his mother was Susan E. Brown, of Littleton. Brown enlisted in the civil war and went to the front with the Concord company in 1861, and after serving for three months he enlisted again and served for three years.

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He was a deacon of the First Parish (Unitarian) church, with which his family have been connected since the foundation of the town.

Mr. Brown was never married. He leaves two nephews, Richard and Leroy Brown, of Brookline, N. Y., and Rev. William Channing Brown, of Littleton; also, four nieces, Misses Alice and Edith Brown, of Boston; Mrs. Correll C. B. Alger, of West Bridgeport, and Miss Ophelia S. Brown, of Tyngsboro.

**Why Such a Fuss?**  
Just at present there seems to be a great fuss over the business of certain enterprising young men in the book selling line, and they are getting an amount of free advertising that ought to secure them a first-class position with some brokerage firm when their present troubles arise.

Being for the most part young men, and perhaps over ambitious, they have probably violated the rules of their game and laid themselves liable to the pains and penalties supposed to be the lot of book-breakers, but if they have practised economy, as they have industry they ought to have money enough to secure themselves with the powers that be and come out with colors still flying.

In any case, in defending the performance of these enterprising swindlers, I would respectfully inquire wherein their operations differ in principle from the business methods of many so-called legitimate business enterprises. They sold books or books of books supposedly rare, or in extra elegant binding, for a great deal more than their real value and pocketed the profits. Does not every dealer in rare and costly books do the same thing? If not, what are they in business for?

If these gentlemen got out on the road and got "next" their prospective customers, and were smooth enough to get an extra big profit, wherein lies the difference except in the method of making the sales?

Take the antique furniture business for instance. What is the difference in the real value between an ancient table that came over in the Mayflower and another ancient table that was made in Grand Rapids three months ago? Not one person in a thousand could tell the difference, and that being the case, is there any real difference in the real value?

If people with a lot of money they don't know what to do with choose to buy a thousand dollars for a purely imaginary value in these things, I don't see why the general public ought to kick or envy the slick gentlemen who gather the harvest.

Using the mails to defraud is the ground on which the government proposes to prosecute the book men. Probably they may have used the mail to forward their business interests, but what about the bargain-sale ads in the Boston papers, for instance? Look them over any day and see fifteen-dollar suits advertised to sell for \$7.50, and hundreds of other things in proportion. Does anybody suppose these are all genuine bargains? Of course everybody knows they are not. Yet we hear of no kick about the papers containing bargain sale ads being sent through the mail.

I have heard considerable talk among working men about this matter and there seems to be no very great sympathy for the victims of the book swindlers. The general feeling being that for the most part they are able to pay for the experience and will get the value of their money in that way.

V. T. E.

## SHIRLEY.

**News Items.**  
Mayor-elect, Edward E. Willard of Chelsea is a cousin of Mrs. Chas. H. Bliss.

Mrs. C. H. Bliss entertained her friend, Miss Esther Hamilton of Providence, R. I., the past week.

George Marlon, of Charlestown, a former resident, was visiting relatives and friends in town last week.

Edmund Richaud, of Athol, was a visitor in town last Sunday.

At the Universalist church on Sunday morning the following musical feature will be rendered: Prelude, "Alleluia," chorus from the Messiah; anthem, "Glory to God"; solo, "Oh little town of Bethlehem," male quartet; offertory, "cello and organ; Postlude, "Gloria."

Mrs. Ida M. Warren is confined to her home with acute indigestion.

Twelve members of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge, paid a visit on Tuesday night to Pearl Hill Rebekah lodge, of Fitchburg, to witness the initiatory degree, returning home on

the late car, which left Fitchburg at eleven o'clock.

Rev. Allen A. Bronson, pastor of the Shirley Congregational church, has been extended a call to become pastor of the Congregational church at Millers Falls. This action was taken at a meeting of the church society at that place on Tuesday evening. Mr. Bronson occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church at Millers Falls on last Sunday morning. Mr. Bronson came to Shirley six years ago this month, from the Congregational church at North Attleboro.

Mrs. Eva Holden, of the Center, has sold out the ice cream business to Daniel Credit and Joseph Cassavoy, of the village. They have already taken possession.

**Bowling.**  
The third game in the series of ten games was played at the local alleys on Tuesday evening between the Ayer team and the Shirley team, each scoring two points. The visiting team won out on the first string and captured the highest total point in the game. The Shirley team, which scored 104 and 86, which gave him a total pinfall of 281. Guilford, of the visiting team, was a close second, rolling 106 on his first string and closing with a total of 278. H. Collier also rolled an even century on his first string and finished with a total of 267. The honors between the two teams so far in the contest are equally divided. The summary:

**SHIRLEY**  
B. Bodah ..... 91 104 88-281  
H. Collier ..... 106 99 86-254  
O. Sibley ..... 69 99 86-254  
H. Collier ..... 100 88 79-267  
G. Cook ..... 86 81 89-256  
Totals ..... 429 453 427-1309

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Nutting ..... 85 86 84-265  
Robbins ..... 83 88 89-240  
Guilford ..... 105 87 85-278  
Sibley ..... 82 87 82-255  
Fitzgerald ..... 99 89 77-265  
Totals ..... 453 427 418-1313

**Center.**  
Mrs. Homer P. Holden has sold her ice business in the Center and Village to Mr. Credit of the Village.

Mrs. Ruth A. Graves, who has been making a short visit at the home of her son, Norman R. Graves, returned on Sunday to the home of her daughter, Mrs. George E. Taylor, in Lunenburg, where she expects to spend the winter.

Miss Christine G. Longley, of Mt. Holyoke college, arrived on Wednesday at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley, for a Christmas vacation of two weeks.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton will be sorry to hear that they have both been confined to their home in Brookline with severe attacks of the grippe.

Mrs. Clinton J. Lovell, of Henniker, N. H., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

The meeting of the Matrons' Aid, which was to be held last week, was omitted on account of the state grange meeting at Springfield.

The meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild, which was announced for last Saturday, was omitted, the members spending the afternoon in decorating the hall for the Sunday school Christmas exercises.

David Marshall left last week for Troy, N. Y., where he has a position as foreman for the firm of Edwards & Monahan, who have the contract to construct the large round-house for the Boston and Maine railroad.

All arrangements have been made for the social dance which is to be given under the management of several young men of the Center and Village in the town hall on Saturday evening, December 28. Music for dancing will be furnished by E. Percival Coleman, of Fitchburg. A good time is assured.

Arthur E. Cummings has recently disposed of his old horse and purchased a new one.

Harley Carey, of Laconia, N. H., was a guest at the home of his brother, Merrick Carey, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Evans, Ora E. Holden, Edward Adams and Ernest Bohannon took an automobile trip to Nashua on Sunday.

**Christmas Tree.**  
The annual Christmas tree for the members of the Trinity chapel Sunday school classes was held in the town hall on last Saturday evening. The hall had been beautifully decorated with evergreen by the members of the Trinity Guild and presented a fine appearance. A large number from the Center and East assembled to hear the Christmas program, which began with stereopticon slides on biblical subjects by Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Ayer.

This was followed by songs and recitations by members of the Sunday school as follows: Hymn, by all; recitations, Olive Evans, George Boutillier and Olive Harriman; song, chorus of six girls, composed of Margaret Longley, Margaret Little, Edna Holden, Pauline Sweetser, Priscilla Sweetser and Ethel Holden; recitations, Elizabeth Sweetser and Richard Holden; song, Helen Wood and Eleanor Longley; recitations, Edna Wildman, Clara Buxton and Edna Acers; hymn, by all; recitations, Alice Graves and Edna Buxton; song, girls' chorus; recitations, Doris Wood and Mary Groun.

The entertainment closed with the reading of the poem, "The night before Christmas," by Mrs. F. F. Groun, the reading being illustrated by stereopticon slides by Rev. A. L. Bumpus.

At the close of the entertainment Santa Claus entered through the window and distributed candy and presents from a well-filled sack to the members of the Sunday school. After Santa's departure, ice cream and cake were served to all. Music for dancing was furnished by Mr. Cabot, Miss Margaret Longley and others, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

## HARVARD.

**News Items.**  
As is customary with the churches of the observed as Christmas Sunday. Both churches will observe it in a fitting manner. At the Unitarian church the choir leader, Mr. Thayer, has arranged a very attractive musical program. The regular choir will be assisted by A. T. West, tenor; A. Turner, bass; Miss H. Barnard, alto. They will sing during the morning service: "Glorious things of thee are spoken," "The sound of the Christmas chimes" and "O little town of Bethlehem." Rev. George Jones will preach a sermon on "The Kings of the East." All are cordially welcome to attend this service.

Leon Hazard was taken to the Memorial hospital Monday and operated

on for appendicitis. This is the second case in the same family in two years. Both Sumner and Leon are in the hospital at Worcester and both are getting along nicely. Mrs. Hazard is with them part of every day.

Mrs. Adeliza Turner will hold a Christmas sale of fancy work at "The Kerley," on Saturday afternoon, December 20, to accommodate her Harvard friends.

**Grange.**  
The last regular meeting of Harvard grange for 1912 was held on Tuesday evening last. The entertainment consisted of piano solo, Miss A. M. Reed; reading, Miss Elsie F. Knight; song, A. T. West; reading, Miss M. E. Tooker. This was followed by a Christmas tree presided over by Mrs. Santa Claus, Miss Reed in real life, and she certainly did her act to her credit. There were gifts for all and a great deal of merriment was provoked by the opening of some of the packages. The committee in charge were W. Kerley and A. R. Reed.

The next regular meeting will be held in January on Tuesday evening, the 7th, and the business of the evening will be the installation of the officers for 1913. That all may be prepared to meet the occasion, the officers of the Harvard grange, past overseer of the Massachusetts state grange, and one of the best orators in the state grange, will install the officers and afterwards give the grangers a short address. A luncheon will be served. Visiting patrons always welcome. Further notice will be given next week.

**Accident.**  
While out driving on Friday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Dill, with a serious accident. They attempted to turn into Mr. Houck's yard and collided with a bicycle that at the same moment was trying to pass. No one was harmed as each was entirely ignorant of what the other was to do. The horse of Mr. Dill, which was young and spirited, became frightened and jumped, overturning the buggy and throwing Mr. and Mrs. Dill out to the ground. Miss Gordon arrived at once on the scene and all were taken at once to Mr. Dill's home by auto. Dr. Royal arrived very soon and found Mr. Dill with a broken arm. Mrs. Dill escaped with minor bruises and a general shaking up.

Although confined to the house for a few days, Mr. Dill is doing as well as can be expected. The buggy in which they were riding was badly demolished. The horse, as well as the young man on the wheel, escaped without injury.

**Congregational Notes.**  
Sunday, December 22, will be observed in a manner appropriate to the Christmas season at the Congregational church. The choir has prepared an excellent program, and in addition to the usual numbers, there will be a solo by Miss Madeline Parker. The subject of the pastor's sermon will be "A small word with a great significance." The subject of the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting is "What the coming of Christ has done and will do for the world." Miss Annie Reed will lead this meeting.

The usual Christmas tree and accompanying festival for the children of the Congregational church will be held on Christmas eve, Tuesday, December 24, at 7.30 o'clock. The entertainment will consist of an exhibition of lantern slide pictures, illustrating scenes of the nativity, reproduced from the work of masters, both of the modern and older schools. The material in this field is very rich, including the masterpieces of the great artists of the world. The entertainment will be well worth seeing. Miss Madeline Parker will sing appropriate songs during the showing of the pictures. After the lantern views, which are to be given in the auditorium, those present will adjourn to the vestry, where a distribution of gifts will be made. All members of the school and families connected with the church and congregation are invited to attend this Christmas celebration.

It is expected that the new topic cards will be ready for distribution at the home of the Y. P. S. C. E. to be held on Sunday evening.

The matter of introducing the graded system of lessons into the Sunday school of the Congregational church has been under consideration this fall, but it has been finally decided to continue the international uniform series of lessons for the next year.

The lessons for the next year, taken from Old Testament, New Testament and apocrypha, will be distributed at the school on December 22.

It was voted by the Sunday school of the Congregational church at its session on December 15, that it be at least fifteen dollars of available funds to the work of the American Board in China, the amount to be applied to the building of a new hospital in one of the neediest fields.

**Books Added to the Library.**  
Bacheller, I. Charge it.  
Bailey, L. H. Farm and forest.  
Baker, R. H. Change signals.  
Barbour, R. H. Crafty chums.  
Barnett, A. An anthology of English prose.  
Bartlett, F. O. The lady of the lane.  
Beach, R. E. The net.  
Benson, A. C. Paul the minstrel.  
Brown, H. D. How Phoebe found her.  
Bruce, H. A. Woman in the making of history.  
Bryce, J. South America.  
Carnegie, J. Business.  
Clark, E. H. The camp at Sea Duck Cove.  
Collins, H. A. The wireless man.  
Cooper, C. S. Why go to college.  
Cox, K. The fine arts.  
Curtis, L. Roger of Sicily.  
Dunbar, E. W. The pressmen.  
Garfield, J. R. Public service.  
Griffin, W. E. Belgium the land of art.  
Harland, M. Home making.  
Hewlett, Mrs. Lancelot.  
Larson, L. M. Camute the Great.  
Lockman, J. M. Martha by the day.  
Locke, W. J. The joyous adventures of Aristide Fajol.  
Lynde, F. Scientific Sprague.  
Marks, J. Gallant little Wales.  
MacLaurin, R. C. The musical arts.  
McLaughlin, R. W. Washington and Lincoln.  
Nicholson, M. The provincial America.  
Nichols, H. Personal traits of Abraham Lincoln.  
Nitobe, I. The Japanese nation.  
Oppenheim, E. The tempting of Taverlake.  
Parker, H. Music and drama.  
Pryde, D. What books to read and how to read them.  
Schultz, J. W. With the Indians in the Rockies.  
Sears, L. John Hancock.  
Sheldon, C. W. The wilderness of the North Pacific coast islands.  
Vance, L. J. The destroying angel.  
Van Dyke, H. The unknown quantity.  
Washington, B. T. The man farthest down.  
Woolley, M. E. Education.

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## SEVEN ROOM COTTAGE HOUSE TO RENT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of OTIS MANNING, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, W. E. ROGERS, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the amended account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

And said executor 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, postpaid, 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 fourteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of OTIS MANNING, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, AUGUSTA E. TAYLOR of Lowell in the County of Middlesex, has presented to said Court a petition, representing that she holds in fee simple a certain undivided fourth part or share of certain real estate lying in Ayer in said County of Middlesex, and described in said petition, and that said real estate cannot be advantageously divided, praying that partition may be made among the parties to said petition according to law; and that the commissioners who may be appointed to make said partition be ordered to make said partition and conveyance of said estate and to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventh day of January A. D. 1913, 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, who can be found within the Commonwealth, with four days at least before said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, 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 fourteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH F. PEPPARD late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas, JOHN M. CAMPBELL, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the third account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of January A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executor 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, postpaid, 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 fourteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

## GROTON.

## News Items.

W. H. Fernald and family have heard of the safe arrival of Mrs. Fernald and son at San Francisco, Cal. Several neighbors were pleased to receive cards from them en route.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carlin, moving in last week, are occupying the upper tenement of W. W. Ames' house on Willow Dale street. A. J. Dugas and family have the lower tenement.

A near approaching wedding, always an interesting event, is that of Howard W. Sawyer, of the Boston road, and Miss Marion Robbins, of Pingree. This is to take place at the home of the prospective bride on Thursday evening, December 26. Mr. Sawyer, the son of Millard S. Sawyer, is an upholsterer, of this town, having all the work he can do. His shop is in the same place as Mr. Roche's paint shop on Main street. His new home is to be in the former Abbot place, of which Mrs. Kane and daughter occupy one tenement.

The Book and Thimble club met this week Friday afternoon with Mrs. William Souther. No particular subject was selected for discussion, but each member was expected to talk on some one subject which was of particular interest to her.

George H. Woods began repairs on the Red bridge this week. He finished the Squannacook bridge last week. It was found to be in a much worse condition than was thought.

Howard L. Gilson and his mother, Mrs. Mosely Gilson, enjoyed an automobile trip to Woburn on Sunday, taking dinner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wood, and made the return drive home in the afternoon.

The alarm sounded on Monday afternoon at about five o'clock was for a grass fire at Mrs. William Peabody's. The flames rolled up like a small prairie fire, but were soon extinguished by fire men arriving in autos with necessary apparatus. A smaller grass fire broke out at the same time on the hill of West and North streets. A number of men put it out, no alarm being sounded. Both fires were set by sparks from locomotives.

The public schools in grades above the primary close this week Friday for the Christmas vacation.

Clarence Hemenway, who is not yet able to resume work, went up to call on Arthur Kitchener at the Emergency hospital, Nashua, on the noon train on Monday.

Mrs. William B. Warren closed her house last week Friday for the winter, which she will spend with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin P. Williams, at West Somerville.

Mrs. John Lawrence returned from San Francisco, Cal., two weeks ago this Saturday and the family are now in Boston for the winter. The little granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fay, on November 16, is named Hester Fay. Mr. and Mrs. Fay started for a trip around the world at the middle of January, sailing from the Pacific coast.

Arthur Kitchener, brakeman, was injured on Sunday afternoon in the east yard of the Boston and Maine railroad at Nashua, N. H., and was taken to the Emergency hospital in that city. His injuries are not as serious as were at first thought and reported. He sustained scalp and face wounds and the skin was scraped off his back, thighs and legs. Although sore and bruised there were no bones broken. Mr. Kitchener worked at the Groton station as baggage master a few years ago. He has quite a number of friends here who are glad to know of his escape from very serious injury.

Mrs. H. Huebner, sr., received a letter recently from her friend, Mrs. Lillian Harrington, who went to England in November. She writes of her very poor and gradually failing health. Mrs. Harrington is well known in Ayer and West Groton, as well as Groton.

The freshman class of the high school organized on Monday, choosing the following officers: President, Freeman, pres.; Frank McClellan, v. p.; Genieve Harrington, sec.; Frances Molson, treas.

Rev. George M. Howe is one of the editors of "Church and State," published by Church and State Publishing Company of Boston. It is a very neatly gotten up publication and the price of the monthly is fifty cents a year; sixteen pages. Every number is full of very interesting reading.

Messrs. Storer, Sabine and Barker, the three young men who bought the Walker, or old Culver place, are practically becoming large orchardists. They are setting out or preparing to set out 10,000 young apple trees at the present time. As Groton is in the great apple belt of New England, they have well chosen their locality. It is understood that these young men are graduates of Harvard, and that one or more of them is within hailing distance of his college preparatory school. It is also understood that they have come to settle here, and such being the case, they cannot fail to be welcomed among Groton's most desirable class of citizens.

William A. Woods and Miss Fannie E. Boynton were married by Rev. George M. Howe at the Congregational parsonage on Wednesday evening, December 18, at seven o'clock. The bride was becomingly attired in a dark blue traveling suit with hat to match. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. George L. Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, taking the eight o'clock train at Ayer, left for a wedding trip to Washington, D. C., returning from which they will have their home at Mr. Woods' residence at the corner of Main and Peabody streets, occupying the lower tenement.

The employees of Groton School were given, with their families, a Christmas festival at the Groton School gymnasium. The gathering was a very happy one. There was music by the school orchestra, with Miss Rose Peabody as violinist. Miss Peabody also gave selections on the violin, accompanied at the piano by one of the students. Some thirty or so of the younger boys sang. There was a well laden Christmas tree and Santa Claus. Dr. Peabody made remarks to the assembly which was listened to with close attention.

The Christmas reception given annually to the Groton School boys heretofore by Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence at The Homestead, was omitted this year.

Herbert W. Taylor is having improvements in the line of repairs and additions made on his house.

Special Services.

There will be special Christmas music at the Unitarian church on Sunday, December 22. At the morning service, Miss Hazel Gibson and the Misses Gertrude and Ruth Gerish will sing a "Gloria," from a mass by Battmann and a "Christmas song" by Adam. At the five o'clock vesper

service, the music will be sung by a quintet, consisting of Mrs. David Gibson, Miss Genevieve Hodgman, Miss Hill, Mr. Gerrish and Mr. Hodgman. The program will include organ music, and Shelley's "Hark, hark my voice for far places," Gounod's "Lullaby" appear over the mountain, from the Oratorio the Redemption; a Christmas hymn by Mendelssohn, and a carol, "Bells across the snow," by Gounod. The music is directed by Miss Lowe, organist of the church. The public is invited.

Death.

Miss Caroline F. Brigham, of the Massachusetts General hospital, Alameda, died at that hospital on Saturday, December 14, at the age of sixty-seven years. The funeral was private. Miss Brigham, coming to Groton in 1901, was the district nurse here, leaving the position in 1908. She was highly esteemed by those she ministered unto as a nurse, and for kindly interest and sympathy in the lives of others whom she met. The item in this column last week brought out a number of inquiries concerning her condition. There were Groton friends who it was possible to find had sent some token of remembrance either during her illness or later as a last testimonial of respect.

West Groton.

Myra Thompson, who was reported as convalescing from a recent illness, was not so much better as was expected, and has been confined to her bed during the past week.

L. A. S. Fair.

The ladies of the Ladies' Aid society were fortunate in having pleasant weather for their two-day fair on Wednesday and Thursday last week. The various booths were tastefully arranged, red and green decorations predominating. A tastefully trimmed tree, arranged as a background to the food table, added to the general Christmas appearance of the scene. The polonetta arrangement at the toy booth was an especially attractive feature.

The program for the evening's entertainment was as follows: Piano duet, Messrs. Bertha and Ruth Bixby; humorous reading, Mrs. Wiggins; piano solo, Mrs. Carl Sleeper; vocal duet, Misses Lawrence; a monologue, Miss Ruth Lawrence; xylophone solo, with piano accompaniment, Raymond Sleeper and Mrs. Earl Sleeper; reading, Mrs. Wiggins; comedietta, Misses Sylvia Lawrence and Lillian Harrington; Mrs. C. E. Bixby, Richard Lawrence, Webster Harrington. It was an interesting program throughout, and the audience showed its appreciation by hearty applause and frequent encores.

On Thursday evening there were few vacant seats in the dining hall, where the usual good things were served. Later, in the upper hall, by special request, Miss Ruth Lawrence repeated the monologue given the previous evening, and Mrs. Trowbridge followed with the Christmas monologue which was so greatly enjoyed at a recent meeting of the society.

We are glad to report that the sale and supper were not only a social but a financial success. It is too early to give the exact net proceeds, but we may safely say that after all the labor and expense, not less than nine and quite possibly ninety-five dollars will have been realized.

## HOLLIS, N. H.

## News Items.

Several members of Hollis Grange attended the state grange at Nashua on Wednesday evening and took the sixth train. Among them were W. Worcester, Harold Hardy, Robert Leslie, Mrs. C. W. Smith and Miss Mabel Hinckley.

The first game of basketball for the season was held in Hollis town hall on last week Friday evening. The Wilton and Hollis teams. The Hollis team lost by the score of 44 to 23.

Rev. T. C. H. Bonton, of Hudson, occupied the pulpit on last Sunday forenoon and evening.

The committee for the Christmas concert on Sunday evening are progressing finely. The Sunday evening concert will be an exercise entitled "The Light of the World." On Christmas eve there will be a Christmas tree at the town hall, to which all the children in town are invited. This is in charge of Miss M. A. Bancroft, Mrs. McInnes and Mrs. Hardy. P. M. Snow has charge of the entertainment, which consists of a Christmas play, "How Santa Claus came to the home." There will be a live Santa Claus.

On Monday afternoon the Hollis Woman's club held a special meeting at the church vestry when the ladies sang a hymn in calling Rev. Mr. Palmer of Wilton Me., to become pastor of the church in Hollis. It was voted to call him at a salary of one thousand dollars and pay his moving expenses with those of his family.

An alarm of fire was sounded at about six o'clock on Monday evening. The fire was at the house of Mr. Rev. C. F. H. Crathern, of Worcester, on Tennyson. It was of great interest and held the close attention of those present.

The Evangelical society held an adjourned meeting on Monday evening to consider the matter of concurring in the church in calling Rev. Mr. Palmer of Wilton Me., to become pastor of the church in Hollis. It was voted to call him at a salary of one thousand dollars and pay his moving expenses with those of his family.

Miss Mildred Rogers is spending the holiday season in Portland, Me.

Miss Jean Baker is home from her school duties at Kimball Union academy at Meriden for the holiday season.

## BROOKLINE, N. H.

## Current Events.

A Christmas concert will be given in the morning at the Congregational church on Sunday.

The annual church meeting and dinner will be held at the Congregational church on Thursday, December 26.

The Congregational Sunday school will have a Christmas tree at the vestry on Tuesday evening, December 24.

A. T. Pierce was a visitor in Nashua last Sunday.

Arthur Bartlett and Arthur Green visited in Pepperell on last Saturday. Albert Bean, who moved to Pepperell recently, has returned and is living at the Rolfe cottage on Milford street.

William Hildreth, Victor Maxwell and Harry Campbell were recent guests in Boston.

Arthur Green had the misfortune to be thrown from a load of hay last week and striking the frozen ground so that the ligaments of his left wrist were broken.

Edward Lancy has moved to the Williams cottage on Bond street for the winter to be near his work.

Clara E. Russell entertained several friends from the village at lunch last week.

George Nye was at Sandown a few days last week hunting deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fuller left town on last Saturday to spend the winter with a daughter at Charles-town, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cady entertained guests from the city recently.

George Butterley and family attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Sarah A. Crossman, at Shirley, last week.

Mrs. Minnie Rockwood and Victor Maxwell were united in marriage last week. Many friends wish them much joy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall, of Nashua, were guests of Harry Marshall's family on Monday.

Louise Bailey was on the sick list last week.

Elwin C. Maker, humane agent, and Mr. Phelps, of East Pepperell, were in town on business on Monday.

Harry Campbell closed his milk route on Sunday, and on Monday he disposed of several of his cows.

Charles S. Dunbar, of Sandown, was in town on Tuesday on his way to Nashua to attend the state grange.

Mrs. Clara Russell, Mrs. Laura Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall attended the opening of the state grange at Nashua on Tuesday.

Grange.

The officers-elect of Brookline grange for year 1913 are as follows: Edward R. Pierce, m.; George Cady, o.; Catherine Cady, lec.; Forace Hall, stew.; James Gilson, ass. stew.; Della R. Hall, chap.; Clarence R. Russell, tress.; Hattie F. Pierce, sec.; Walter Farnsworth, g. k.; Mabel Farnsworth, kins.; Ceres; Myra; Lucretia Martin, Flora; Blanche W. Hall, l. a. s.; Louise Bragg, pianist. The grange will have a Christmas tree at Tarbell's hall on Wednesday evening, December 25, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend and have a joyous Christmas. It is hoped that every child will be able to be present. The committee, Mrs. Ella Rockwood and Mrs. Bell Hall, will be at the hall in the afternoon to receive packages for the tree from anyone who wishes to bring them.

News Items.

Quite a number of grangers attended the state grange at Nashua this week.

Miss Ethel Taylor is spending a few days with Mrs. Etta Rockwood at South Brookline.

Miss Mabel Farnsworth was a visitor in Pepperell this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown and little son were in Pepperell on last Sunday.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes is on the sick list.

DRIVES OFF A TERROR.

The chief executioner of death in the winter and spring months is pneumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In an attack of one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times writes Mrs. George W. Pierce, Pawsonville, Pa. "I have had colds, coughs and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at William Brown's, Ayer.

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Truth is stronger than fiction, hence the fiction that comes nearest to truth is the kind that makes the biggest hit. A story is "The Garments of Vengeance," which will begin in the Boston Daily Globe on Saturday, December 28.

This is one of the greatest mystery stories ever written, and will appear in New England only in the Boston Daily Globe. Read "Garments of Vengeance" in the Boston Daily Globe, Saturday, December 28.

Have a laugh whenever you can; it is good for you. You can get more hearty laughs out of the Boston Daily Globe's Comics than you can anywhere else. Get the jolly habit and watch every day for "Home Wanted by a Baby" (the latest hit in Funnymoon), "Foxy Grandpa," "Hank and Knobs," "The Economical Husband" and "Vivian and Victor." You will have the Boston Globe in your home every day in the year.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by William H. Whitehill, of said Groton, to register and confirm his title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Groton, bounded and described as follows:

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| Veil Cases                                | Tie Racks                     |
| Hat Brushes in Leather Cases              | Street Bags                   |
| Thin Model Coat Brushes                   | Stick Pin Cases               |
| Pin Cases                                 | Opera Bags                    |
| Button Bags                               | Shoe Horns in Leather Cases   |
| The latest thing in Work Bags, all prices | Tourist Slippers              |
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY A. SHERWIN late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by PAUL H. SHERWIN who prays that the 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 thirty-first day of December 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 Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, 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 eleventh day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by GEORGE F. SCOTT who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, and some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined to accept the same.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fourth day of December 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 Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, 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 third day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

Attest with Seal of said Court.  
(Seal)  
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Saturday, December 21, 1912.

## PEPPERELL.

## Current Events.

Miss Clara R. Gill, of Nashua, visited friends and relatives in town this week.

Miss Ruth Wilson is officiating as clerk at C. A. Wasey's variety store during the holidays.

H. C. Thurston has made several improvements at the Butterfield place since his purchase, but one he attempted on Monday, the felling of an old tree near the house, resulted rather disastrously. One of the large limbs fell on the roof of the ell, causing quite a little damage, and demolishing the chimney completely.

Miss Ada Whitney returned from Boston on Monday where she had been engaged in dressmaking the past two weeks.

Miss Frances Philpott, of Boston, is visiting Mrs. Lucius Wilson, of Townsend street.

The new grocery store, opened by LaCourse, corner of Mill and Nashua streets, is doing quite a little business.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson is here from the west, at her old home on Oak hill. Several valuable dogs have disappeared from town this week, one an Irish terrier belonging to little Billy Davis, who is mourning the loss of his pet.

Mr. W. Shattuck, of Groton, was the guest of Mrs. Sarah Patch on Monday.

Mrs. Eugenia Palmer, of Greenville, is acting as housekeeper for W. A. Harrod, Nashua street.

Misses Elizabeth and Minnie Garvey, of Revere, were at their home over Sunday.

Mrs. John Lund is quite ill with pneumonia at her home on Mill street.

Misses Annie and Mary McGrath were in town from Boston over Sunday.

Miss Catherine Tully, of Beachmont, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Dais, on Nashua street, recently.

A. H. Harris attended the poultry show at Nashua on Wednesday. He exhibited several fine birds of the White Plymouth Rock variety, and was awarded first and second prizes on both cock and pullets, and third prize on cockerels.

Mrs. Horace Drury has been ill with rheumatism the past week, but is now convalescent.

Frank Messer was taken into Boston on Tuesday of this week by his physician, Dr. Lovejoy, for the advice of surgeons at the Massachusetts General hospital, and to have an X-ray photograph made of his arm, which was injured by a gun shot recently. He expects to return there in about two weeks, as the surgeons gave him encouragement that his arm might be materially strengthened by the process of grafting on a bone, where the fracture took place at the time of this accident. His wound has now healed enough to make this second operation advisable.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Joseph's rectory on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. T. I. Coghlan officiating. The contracting parties were Marie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bouila, of Pleasant street, and George E. Williams, of this town. The happy couple are at present residing on Pleasant street, but it is understood they will soon begin house-keeping opposite the Pepperell Card Company.

Mrs. A. H. Harris, of Pleasant street, is entertaining relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, from Quincy, N. H. They came on Thursday after attending the state grange at Nashua.

## Obituary.

Harriet Fletcher Lawrence died at his home on Nashua street, Saturday, December 14, after an illness of more than two years with a sciatica trouble. He was the son of Rebecca and Jonathan A. Lawrence, and was born in this town on May 21, 1830. In May, 1901, he was married to Miss Maud A. Gale, of Hollis, N. H., and six children were born to them, four of whom are still living—James Lester, Jonathan Warren, Lillian Rebecca, and Harry Fletcher, Jr. He was survived by a father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. Bertha J. Reed and Mrs. Harriet E. Hall, of Nashua, N. H.; also, three brothers, James H. and John A., of Chicago, Ill., and Charles A., of New York city.

At the time of his death he was one of the town assessors, and for eight years previous to his failing health he conducted one of the largest milk routes in town. He was a member of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Warren Veteran Firemen's association, in which he was a faithful worker.

Services were conducted at his late home on Wednesday afternoon, December 18, by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, and he was laid to rest in the family cemetery nearby. The members of Beacon lodge attended in a body and conducted special services, and also officiated as bearers. The following is a list of the flowers:

Pillows, wife, mother and father; narcissus, with inscription, "Papa," from his children; standing cresscent, inscribed, "At rest," from brothers and sisters; large wreath, Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F.; cresscent, Warren Firemen's association; magnolia wreath, Mrs. and Mrs. Frank R. George; Rule; spray narcissus, Fred Pollock; spray carnations and narcissus, J. N. Chamberlain; spray carnations, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shattuck, Mrs. C. H. Lawrence, C. A. Spaulding, Harry Smith, Lyman C. Spaulding, George G. Ryle, and Mrs. W. G. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Palm-

er, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Nokes, J. P. Kerrin and Frank James; spray pink bonnias, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Blood; spray wreath, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Grenache; spray roses, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Sprague; spray pink roses, Joseph Tierney.

## Grange Notes.

At the meeting of Prescott grange on Friday evening of last week the following officers were elected: Andrew Woodward, m. r.; Lester Stevens, o. r.; George A. Shattuck, stew.; Richard Savage, asst. stew.; Ellen Miller, p. a.; Sarah Tucker, lec.; Rev. Dudley Child, chap.; Edna Kittredge, Florio; Jennie Holmes, Pomona; Jessie Flynn, Ceres; Florence Flynn, sec.; Parker J. Kemp, treas.; Albert Pillsbury, g. k.; Maud Maxwell, pianist; W. F. Dennen, Henry Gray, Winslow Parker, ex. com.

At the state grange session at Springfield on December 19, 11 and 12, C. A. Dennen was re-elected a member of the executive committee of the state grange, having already been a member of that committee for the preceding two years. On Wednesday evening he was presented with a gold headed cane.

Prescott grange was also represented by Walter L. Shattuck and wife. On Wednesday of this week quite a delegation attended the session of the New Hampshire state grange held at Nashua, N. H., several taking the sixth degree. Among the 581 applicants, those from Pepperell were Florence Kemp, Edna Kittredge, Ada Whitney, Alice Deware, Mrs. Florine Simmons, Luella Parker, Bernice Ralph, Shattuck, William Chase, George Jay, Albert Pillsbury. There were also noted Mrs. Arthur Rockwood and Andrew Callum, of Lunenburg, and Mrs. C. C. Wood, of Ayer. They report Nashua halls and streets crowded to their full capacity, but claim they had a cordial welcome and a royal good time.

Leon Whitcomb has set up a mill at Wilton, N. H., and is to start on a lot some time next week owned by Kemp & Bennett.

On Thursday evening the senior class of the high school presented a Christmas carol in Prescott hall. The entertainment was followed by dancing.

Mrs. Sarah E. Bancroft has closed her home on Townsend street for the winter.

The Pepperell Farmers' and Mechanics' club are to run a three-day bazaar in January, the date being fixed for January 21, 22, 23. There is to be a large showing of poultry by local men and outsiders. Entry blanks may be obtained on application to Leroy Shattuck, secretary.

Lester Stevens spent Wednesday in Boston doing some Christmas shopping.

Mrs. James Freeman is ill at her home on Heald street.

Many of the local poultry men sent birds to the Nashua poultry show held in Nashua City hall on December 17, 18 and 19.

Warren Wood, who has been ill at his home for some days, is resting comfortably.

It is understood that a new club is moving into the Tarbell building, opposite A. J. Saunders' store. It seems that a good many clubs are springing up in Pepperell recently.

There should be some one in Pepperell to develop and print, even if only in their home. Since Mr. Norton, our last photographer, has moved to Watertown, many people have been looking for some one to do that kind of work.

Iana Merrill is out again after a few days' illness on account of a severe cold.

On Tuesday afternoon many ladies of the town attended the lecture by Rev. C. F. H. Crathern, of Worcester, given under the direction of the Woman's club.

On Saturday afternoon, December 21, the Cheerful Letter club will hold a study and afternoon tea in the ladies' room at the Unitarian church from three to five o'clock.

Harry Hutchinson and Arthur Carter visited the Nashua poultry show on Wednesday.

A good many Pepperell young people are going to school in or near Boston this season. It is noticed that on the morning train there are quite a number of students on their way to their different schools.

Some of the Pepperell men have some pretty good poultry as shown in the Nashua poultry show. A. H. Harris won five prizes, Arthur Carter two prizes and Harry Hutchinson two prizes.

Charles Baker is at present working in Connecticut, but expects to come home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris visited the Nashua poultry show on last Wednesday.

The annual clock supper was held in the Congregational church on Thursday evening, drawing a fair-sized crowd. This supper is held every year for the purpose of maintaining the church tower.

The roof of Amos Mahony's store has been shingled recently.

On Elm street, about a mile from the Center village, is a large pine tree, and beside it is the root of an elm tree that has grown up so that it has circled the trunk of the pine. This is what we call a nature curiosity.

Miss Ella O'Rourke, Miss Annie Churchill and Miss Maynard, school teachers, who are guests at the Homestead on Main street, leave on Saturday for their respective homes to spend the two-weeks' school vacation.

The Christmas school vacation starts on Saturday. The schools will re-open on New Year's day.

Henry Grey, of Townsend, has been repairing some of his stone walls recently in town.

Everett Boynton has been visiting in town the last few days.

A new elider path has been laid on a part of Heald street recently, just beyond Henry Letenders.

Huntley S. Turner, of Ayer, has just issued from his press a pamphlet entitled "The story of Jewett's bridge," by Mary L. P. Shattuck. It is a fine specimen of the printer's art. It is dedicated to the Providence Wright chapter, D. A. R., to whom the pamphlet was read by the request of Mary L. P. Shattuck on November 25, 1899, and at whose request it was published in May, 1900. The second printing was done in December, 1912, with much more valuable historical matter added. Copies can be procured of the author.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending December 18: George Beaumier, George E. Cleary, Mrs. John Doe, Pauline Smith.

## College Students.

The writer wonders if the people of Pepperell realize what a large number of its young people are graduates or members of some of the foremost colleges of the East. It should be a matter of pride with us that so many are in these higher institutions of learning and it should not be a matter of effort with us that the number not only does not decrease but increases.

This last June four finished their courses in three different institutions. Misses Rayetta and Anna Boynton, daughters of John L. Boynton, finished their work at Radcliffe college, Cambridge. Miss Fannie F. Tower was graduated from Mt. Holyoke college, having been president of her class in her junior year. Winfred S. Boynton finished his last year at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is at present in a responsible position in Worcester.

Seven are at present in college and will return home for the holiday season. Miss Arlene Deware, daughter of Arthur S. Deware, is a freshman at Smith college, Northampton. She prepared at P. H. S. and St. Johnsbury academy.

Roger Robbins from North Pepperell is a junior in Tufts college. He was on the varsity football squad this fall and is a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. Robbins prepared at P. H. S. and Dean academy. Thomas O'Toole prepared at P. H. S. and is now a senior at Holy Cross college.

But one college has more than one representative—Dartmouth. Arthur Augustus Tower, the son of one of the members of our school committee, H. N. Tower, prepared at P. H. S. and Dartmouth last year. Boynton Merrill is also a member of the same class '15. He is a member of the varsity cross country team and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He prepared at P. H. S. and Mt. Hermon school.

Anderson, is a member of the senior class at Massachusetts Agricultural college. He is very popular at the institution, having been elected business manager of the class year book and one of the editors of the college newspaper. He is a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. He was prepared at P. H. S. and Mt. Hermon school.

Methodist Notes.

There will be special services on Christmas Sunday at the Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. C. A. Edgerton Mfg. Co., accepting the theme, "The Christmas sermon in the morning up on the subject 'Christ, the unspeakable gift.' The members of the Sunday school will give their annual Christmas concert at seven o'clock in the evening.

The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at six o'clock on Sunday evening. The meeting will be led by Mrs. John Marshall, and the subject will be "The Transfiguration."

The quiet hour service for prayer and worship will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The study hour for Sunday school workers comes at 8:30.

There will be the customary Christmas tree in the vestry on December 24, for the members of the Sunday school and also for all attendants and friends of the church. Interesting exercises have been prepared which will commence promptly at seven in the evening, and the presents will be distributed by Santa Claus at 7:45.

## Cantata.

The cantata, "Queen Esther," was given in Prescott hall on Thursday evening, December 19, at eight o'clock, under the direction of the D. A. R. soloists from out-of-town were G. H. Hinchcliffe, of Oxford, as king, and W. A. Hibbs, of Boston, as Mordecai.

A. H. Newton, of Boston, was director and gave a great credit for the excellent training shown in the chorus work; also, for his selection of artists and effective costumes. The cast: Esther, queen, Miss B. B. Wallace; Abasuerus, king, George Hinchcliffe; Haman, king's counselor, Albert C. Cook; Mordecai, the Jew, Walter A. Hibbs; Zerich, Haman's wife, Elsie D. Copp; Mordecai's daughter, Miss O'Neal; Prophets and Median Princesses, Misses Marjorie Sherwood, and Hazel Soule.

Persian Princesses, Misses Ethel Hall and Bernice Holmes; Samber, Esther's brother, W. Shattuck; Hagai, Esther's brother, G. H. Hinchcliffe; Baggas, Esther's brother, Douglas Deware; Herald and Harbinger, Misses Anna and Guss Guss; High priest, Miss Anna and Guss Guss; Maids of honor, Misses Hunt, Porter and Bethens; Cup bearers, Misses Merian, Deware and Marian.

Capra of the guard, Miss Alice M. Deware; Haman's children, Misses Ruth and John Haynes; Pianist, Mrs. May Belle Tarbell; Director, Prof. A. E. Newton.

Miss Wallace looked and acted the queen's part admirably, her sweet, high voice being well suited to the part, and was highly complimented for her work. Mr. Hinchcliffe made a dignified king, and gave heavy dramatic action in his part, showing great talent and experience. His deep, rich bass voice was heard to good advantage in the chorus performance, delighting the audience. Mr. Hibbs was thoroughly at home in the role of Mordecai, the Jew, his acting as well as singing being beyond reproach. Mrs. Copp was charming in the part of Zerich, her beautiful contralto voice shown in the chorus and contributed greatly to the success of the cantata. Mr. Cook has a fine baritone voice and did excellent work in the character of Haman. The drills between the acts added greatly to the spectacular effect of the performance.

The committee are receiving congratulations on the artistic success of their undertaking.

## HOLLIS, N. H.

## Current Events.

John E. Webster, who is employed at Walter E. Corey's store in Brookline, was a guest in town on Sunday at M. L. Richardson's.

Mrs. George Muzzey spent a few Boston this week.

A surprise party was given Miss Eunice Walsh last Saturday evening in honor of her nineteenth birthday. Several of her friends were present and enjoyed a very pleasant evening with games and refreshments.

Mrs. Ella M. Farley was in Nashua on Wednesday and Thursday of this week and while there attended the state grange meeting.

Mrs. Mary Sanford and son Ernest of Norwich, Mass., moved to town this week and are living on Proctor hill in one of Fred Campbell's cottages.

Miss Clara Smith and Silas M. Spaulding, who left town a few weeks ago for a visit with Mr. Spaulding's brother in Michigan, found in reaching there that Mr. Spaulding's brother was in the hospital and his wife

had been poorly for some time. They expected to return home about Christmas, but last reports were they should remain until Mr. Spaulding was better.

Miss Grace Hardy made a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hardy this week.

Mrs. Franklin Hayden, who has been boarding in Brookline, has returned to town and it is reported that she is going to board at Mrs. Andrew Spaulding's.

Telephones are being installed at Nathaniel Truitt's and also at Mr. Freeman's, who lives on the Locke Moore place.

Mrs. Fred Wheeler and Mrs. Frank Libby have shipped a good many laurel wreaths for the holiday season.

Worcester Bros. have purchased the David Wright woodlot and are expecting to cut it off this winter with quite a bit of other lumber to cut in the same vicinity.

A fire alarm was rung about six o'clock on Monday evening. The fire was at Herbert Spaulding's house and caught on the roof near the chimney. Several of the townspeople responded to the alarm, but the fire was put out before they reached the house. It took a couple of the ex-firemen to show some speed in hitching up a horse, taking in a load of chemicals and reaching Frank Libby's place before the word was given that the fire was out.

Rever, the beautiful shepherd dog owned by Dudley P. Lawrence, was found dead near the Perry place in North Pepperell. His life had evidently been destroyed by some malice, as he was the only proper residence where only proper residence was a very valuable dog. He was a cattle driver, but also a destroyer of woodchucks, who do a great deal of damage to the farmers, having set the very high record of getting sixty-five woodchucks in one season.

The deer season closed December 15 and very few were taken, only four being reported in this town. Those were by Fred Pierce, Frank Rule, Perley Lund and Norman Howe.

## SHIRLEY.

## News Item.

James L. Holland has re-entered the employ of the C. A. Edgerton Mfg. Co., accepting the position of foreman in the foot power press room, succeeding Burt Seymour, who has gone to work in the car shop of the Boston and Maine railroad at Fitchburg.

## Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Park, of Lowell, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth on Sunday.

Charles Boyce, of Lunenburg, has entered the employ of L. J. Farnsworth at North Shirley.

It is reported that Frank Farnsworth has leased the farm owned by Henry Dodge at the East End.

The Baker Box Company, of Worcester, has nearly completed the work of loading their lumber from the lot owned by L. J. Farnsworth.

George H. Farmer and Waldo Farnsworth are engaged in cutting off the pine timber on the West lot North Shirley owned by L. J. Farnsworth.

The old basket shop at Woodville, formerly owned by F. E. Harwood, is doing a brisk business. Mr. Bradford, the new owner, has a large number of orders on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farnsworth have recently purchased a fine upright piano.

Mr. William Wilkins made an official trip to Boston last week, returning home with a little three-year-old girl from the State Board of Charity.

The state officials are well pleased with the care and attention that the children receive at the Wilkins home and are always glad to send children there as they feel confident that they will receive excellent care.

The First Parish Branch Alliance held a delightful meeting with its president, Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth, last week. The program consisted of an address on "The new movement of religious work," by Mrs. Susan Barker, of Ayer, which was very pleasingly given. A very large number of the members were present, making it the largest meeting of the year. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Cynthia Lynch and Miss Mary Hobbs as center road.

Miss Angelina Farnsworth, of West Groton, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth.

## Grange.

At the meeting of Shirley grange on Tuesday evening the first and second degrees were conferred upon three candidates. The first degree was worked by the regular officers, the work being done in an excellent manner. The second degree was conferred by the men's degree team, under the direction of Carl E. Thompson, master. The work was nicely done and very pleasingly given. A very large number of the members were present, making it the largest meeting of the year. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Cynthia Lynch and Miss Mary Hobbs as center road.

Miss Angelina Farnsworth, of West Groton, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth.

At the next meeting of the grange, on January 1, the first and fourth degrees will be conferred upon three candidates. At this meeting the newly elected officers will also be installed in office. A harvest supper will be served under the management of the newly elected officers, and a genuine good time will be in store for all who are present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Mrs. Bessie Buxton and Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings attended the state grange session at Springfield last week. Mr. Adams was elected a member of the state grange educational committee for 1913.

## Altruism.

The Altruists met at their club room on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The president, Mrs. M. M. Nickless, called the meeting to order and the business session was then held. Mrs. Lillian A. R. Pratt was introduced by the president, who gave a very interesting reading from James L. Allen's book, "The bride of the mistletoe," a Christmas story. The papers on libraries and schools were omitted. Current events were given by Dr. Ellen F. Schenck and Mrs. Jennie S. Knowles, was admitted to membership. Mrs. M. W. Hazen announced that Mrs. H. Josephine Hayward of Woburn, would speak before the club on "Mexico as I have seen it," at the next meeting, on January 2. The meeting adjourned with singing, Mrs. Florence M. Ballou at the piano.

A death notice in a recent issue of an English newspaper terminated thus: "At rest with the Lord. Friends accept this intimation."

## HARVARD.

## News Items.

Harrison Goding, for twenty years a resident of this town and one of our most respected townsmen, died at his home in Bolton on Wednesday. He has been in failing health for several years, brought about by advancing years. He was born in Bangor, Me. When the civil war broke out he was among the first to offer his services to the country, enlisting with a volunteer regiment from Maine and served a long and honorable record. He was very proud of his military record. He was a member of the Groton G. A. R. Mr. Goding was 71 years and 3 months of age, and leaves a widow to mourn the loss of a kind and considerate companion. Burial was at Bellevue cemetery.

Kent T. Royal is home from Colby college for a two-weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Barry, from Schenectady, N. Y., are expected at the home of W. H. Fairbank on Sunday for the holiday week.

The D. R. M. K. club of young men of this town are to hold a social dance at town hall on Christmas night, December 25. McNally's orchestra of four pieces. The proceeds of this dance are to be donated to the senior class of Bromfield school fund for their proposed trip in June, 1913.

Mrs. W. I. Archer, of Lewiston, Me., is visiting for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Houch, and calling among her old friends.

The annual meeting of the Comptroller's Ball club was held on Thursday evening. The usual routine business, with the re-election of the old officers, was carried through. Eight new members were voted in. The annual ball is to be held in January. The music committee reported the performance of the band orchestra for their annual party.

## Still River.

There will be a Christmas concert at the Baptist church on Sunday evening. Tuesday evening there will be a Christmas tree in the vestry to which all are invited, and it is desired that after the presents are distributed, that all, except the smaller children, remain for a social hour together. Friday evening there will be a supper and entertainment in the chapel by the ladies of the Benevolent society.

The Tuesday club met with Mrs. Haynes and read two Christmas stories Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday evening Fred Bateman, Miss Eliza Bateman and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes went to Clinton upon invitation of the Prescott club of that town and listened to Donald L. MacMillan give his illustrated lecture, "With Peary in the Arctic," returning after the lecture in an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hunter attended a grange meeting at West Boylston Wednesday.

Last Sunday George H. Shase, who has been unwell for some time, was taken worse and Dr. Bowers of Clinton was called and found him suffering. Arrangements were made so that on Monday he was taken to the Clinton hospital, where he is being cared for, and it is hoped that he will recover and be back in his Still River home very soon. We are sure that he will receive the best possible care there for he recently gave the hospital a new building for obstetrical cases at a cost of over \$14,000, and in return for this they will surely do all they possibly can to care for him.

A representative from the State Forestry bureau was in town Thursday looking over some sprout land of Mrs. Emma J. Parker and made arrangements to buy about twelve acres which the state will set out to white pine trees next spring. The land is part of what was burned over by the '91 fire several years ago.

## LITTLETON.

## News Items.

The grange observed Christmas on Wednesday evening by having a large tree beautifully decorated and con- sidered a part of every member. Richard T. Barrows gave a full report of the state meeting held in Springfield last week. Games and a social time concluded the entertainment of the evening.

Elyde Crane moved into the tenement which he formerly occupied on Josiah P. Thacher's store, Harry Ireland, who occupied the other tenement over the store, has moved to Montague city, and Clarence Green has moved into the tenement vacated by Mr. Ireland.

## Baptist Notes.

Special Christmas services will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday. Christmas carols by the choir and a sermon by the pastor on the theme, "The beginning of peace," will be the main features of the morning service. In the evening the church choir will be assisted by Sidney V. Jordan of Boston in the rendering of the cantata, "The story of Bethlehem," prepared under the direction of Miss Emma Tenney, organist.

The rain of Wednesday afternoon did not prevent the Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church from gathering in good numbers at the parsonage for their monthly meeting. Much interest was manifested in the subject for the day, "The Chinese woman." A missionary bazaar has been filled with good things for Spelman seminary at Atlanta, and another is being packed for a needy community in New England.

The primary department of the Baptist Sunday school has been graded and supplemental lessons introduced by the superintendent, Mrs. Maud K. Caulkins.

Congregational Notes.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning the church quartet will sing, "The holy night," by Adolph Adam, and "Nearer, my God, to thee," by Gounod. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon. The opening exercises in the Sunday school will also relate to the Christmas season.

The annual Christmas tree of the Congregational Sunday school will be on Tuesday afternoon, December 24, at 2:30. There will be a short entertainment given by the children. The illustrations are being made for an illustrated lecture on Colorado by Miss Grace P. Conant, to be held in the Congregational vestry Thursday evening, January 2.

## TOWNSEND.

## Center.

A Christmas sale and entertainment was held at the M. E. church hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening. The sale opened at three o'clock, and the hall was prettily decorated for the occasion. Among the things for sale were useful and fancy articles, quilts, crochets, mystery packages, handkerchiefs at an attractive hand-

kerchief booth, canned fruit, jellies, home-made candy and ice cream. Instead of having a supper, the ladies served hot coffee with a lunch from five to seven o'clock. A fine entertainment was given in the evening under the direction of Rev. and

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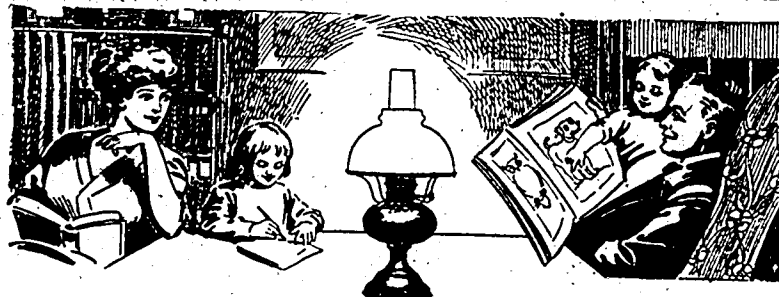
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## TOWNSEND.

Center. There was an open meeting of the Monday club at the Congregational church vestries on Monday evening in charge of Mrs. Angie Lang and Mrs. Louise Tenney. The speaker of the evening was Rev. S. P. Robertson, of the E. church, who gave the address upon "The town's contribution to city and state." This address was followed by a pleasant and interesting discussion, the following participating in it: C. T. Haynes, George Whitcomb, Supt. H. L. Knight and Rev. Alfred Struthers; also, Mr. Robertson himself. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. The following selections were also given: Piano solo, "Golden bells," Prof. A. G. Seaver; song, "At parting," Mrs. Florence Gwinn; also, encore, "Open they blue eyes."

Mrs. Kittie Flagg Irish has recently been engaged as soprano soloist at the First Congregational church, Everett.

Mrs. Clara Flarity, Mrs. Minnie Knight and Mrs. Laura Richards are among those who attended the New Hampshire state grange meeting at Nashua this week.

Will Whitcomb and family, of Newtonville, were at W. F. Rockwood's on Sunday.

A special town meeting is called for this week Saturday evening to authorize the town to borrow \$3000 in addition to the \$20,000 authorized at the March town meeting. Taxes are coming in so slowly that some such measure must be taken.

David Howard, captain of the Worcester Polytechnic football team, is very ill at a Worcester hospital with typhoid fever. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howard went over this week since Mr. Howard was first sent for.

A. H. Bumstead, who went with the Yale Peru expedition, arrived home this week after a summer's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Haynes, who have been visiting at Charles T. Haynes', have returned to New York.

Park Struthers, of Clarke college, has been quite ill with tonsillitis at Worcester.

## Birthday Party.

Mrs. Irving A. Seaver gave a birthday party in honor of Mrs. Lucy Hardy, of West Townsend, on Friday afternoon, December 13. Mrs. Seaver's pleasant home was made especially cozy and attractive for the occasion. Besides being a party in honor of Mrs. Hardy's sixtieth birthday, it was also a farewell party, as Mrs. Hardy is to leave town this week for her new home which is to be in Lawrence. Many neighbors, besides friends from the West Village, were also present.

The time was spent socially and a musical program was also given. There were songs by Mrs. Greenleaf and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, of West Townsend, and herself. Mrs. Hardy sang a song entitled "The watcher," which was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Hardy was the recipient of several nice gifts and little souvenirs which she will treasure as remembrances of the occasion and her many friends in town. Refreshments added to the afternoon's enjoyment.

## Wedding.

Levi D. Stevens, of this town, and Miss Eva Belle Hadley, of Lunenburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Adams, were married on Tuesday morning at 10:30 at Christ Episcopal church, Fitchburg, by the rector, Rev. George H. Thomas. A few friends were also present to witness the ceremony. Harry Winchester, of this town, and Miss Etta V. Merriam, of Fitchburg, were the attendants of the happy couple. Soon after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Stevens left for a wedding trip to Manchester, N. H., and vicinity. They will be at home after January 18, to their friends at their residence, corner of Highland and Chestnut streets, Lunenburg. Mr. Stevens, when in Townsend, stays with his sister, Mrs. John Spaulding, and formerly worked for the Townsend Broom Company. He has many friends in town who wish him a bright and happy future.

## West.

The meeting of the Ladies' Study club was held on Thursday evening of last week, only four being present. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. George A. Seaver, vice-pres. Current events took in the death of Rev. Robert Collyer, of New York, well-known to many of the people here, having preached from the Unitarian pulpit several times while visiting in town, being given by Mrs. Emily Lee, Mrs. Mary H. Seaver, a very interesting paper on her experiences in Great Britain during a trip abroad. It is hoped that it will be repeated before a larger audience. The next meeting will be on Thursday evening, December 25, part of the subjects "Margaret Deland" by Mrs. Fred Smith, and "The Iron woman" by Mrs. G. A. Seaver.

Miss Maud Hodson, from Reading, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville, has been spending a few days with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Preparations are under way for a Christmas concert by the Baptist Sunday school, but owing to the repairs upon the auditorium it will be held on the Sunday evening after Christmas, when it is expected the renovated room will be used for the first time.

The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting on Sunday evening at six o'clock, will be held in the Baptist vestry under the charge of Miss Alice Seaver.

Mrs. I. P. Sherwin and her little son Roger are quite ill with the measles. Mrs. Ellen Pratt is caring for them.

Mrs. Robert A. Thompson has returned from her visit to Vermont and is preparing to spend the remainder of the winter with relatives in California.

Warren Wise lost a valuable horse from an attack of the colic last week, the animal dying after only a few hours' illness.

The monthly missionary meeting of the Baptist church has been postponed until the third week in January.

Mrs. Herman Lawrence visited her son in Palmer for the day, on last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shattuck, former proprietors of the Squanncook house, have returned from the Center and moved into the furnished tenement in the Webster house recently vacated by Mr. Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Leroy Shapleigh and little daughter Clara, from Somerville, spent a few days with relatives in town last week.

Miss Alice Seaver has returned from a brief visit to her sister in Dorchester.

## THE MISTLETOE MAID



THE Spirit of the Mistletoe  
Her spell about the land throws wide,  
And eyes are bright and cheeks aglow  
Where stirs the pulse of Christmastide.

O gracious branch with berries beaded,  
What gloried green surpasses this,  
Whose magic ways the whole wide world,  
The rhythmic sweetness of a kiss?

Yet as the winter, weeping, dies  
The charm still masters Cupid, so  
Whene'er he looks in Fyche's eyes  
He sees the mirrored mistletoe.

## A CHRISTMAS A LA MODE.

IT was Rose Marie who, marking the day of my last visit on the calendar, made the discovery that I was to belong to father on Christmas day.

This may sound a bit confusing, for most little girls belong equally to their parents, but I, Willette Warrington, don't. Ever since I can remember mother has lived in our nice apartment in Central Park West, and father has lived down in the Fifties, just off the avenue. And I belong to mother year in and year out, except three days in each month, and for these three days I belong to father.

When Rose Marie made the discovery that my next visit to Fifty-something street would fall upon the 25th of December she was quite ready to cry her little black eyes out.

Father sent the brougham on the morning of the 24th.

"Billie, Billie, dear!" cried mother, clasping me tightly in her arms when she caught sight of the carriage which was to take me away.

"Don't you want me to go, mother?" I asked a little unsteadily.

"Want you to go?" she cried. Then she hesitated and added, very calm and self-possessed: "Of course I always want you with me, Billie, dear, but then so does your father want you, and for the next three days you belong to him. So I want you to go."

"But now—and tomorrow Christmas day! Oh, mother, won't I see you tomorrow—won't I see you on Christmas day?" I cried, clinging fast to her pretty gown.

"I'm afraid not, sweetheart," she said gently.

"But I want you—I want you, mother, on Christmas day of all days in the year," I said.

"But don't you want your father, too, Billie, dear?" she asked. "Oh, I know you do—you must! So run along, dear little girl, run—quickly!"

She let me go and pushed me gently from her, and I knew by the smile in her big brown eyes that the tears were very near.

Father was waiting for me on the steps of the Cordova, and when he saw the brougham halt under the marquise and just one little girl step out, his face went all a-grin, and he picked me up and kissed me.

"Well, well, well! Where's Rose Marie?" he asked, and then I told him she had stopped at home.

I wish you could see father's rooms in the Cordova. They are ever so nice, with dark walls and gay rugs and big, substantial looking furniture. There's an open fireplace and a huge old settle with no end of red cushions in his den, and it is here we sit of an evening, side by side, and talk until bedtime.

After we had gone up in the elevator to father's apartment he turned to me and asked me about the day's program.

"I'd like to go down to the shops after luncheon," I told him promptly.

"Good! Jolly! And suppose we go

down to one of the more quiet of the big hotels and lunch there," he said.

He always does think of the very nicest things! A big hotel downtown!

After luncheon we entered our hansom again and were driven away to one of the big shops, where, as father put it, one can buy everything from a collar button to a steam launch. Rose Marie says men do not like shopping, but, then, Rose Marie doesn't know everything in the world, and father and I had a beautiful time. We bought all sorts of gifts for just everybody, and father didn't look while I selected his present, and I didn't look while he selected mine.

"Now," I said, as we came out of the department store, "I want to buy mother's gift."

"Why, of course," said father hurriedly. "What do you want? Where do you want to go? I'll tell the cabby."

"I haven't decided what to get," I said slowly. "What do you think? Can't you suggest something, father?"

He shook his head. "I'm afraid I can't, Billie," he told me quietly. "Get



"OH, MOTHER," I SHOUTED.

whatever you think your mother will like. I know she will appreciate it all the more if you select it yourself."

He put me in the hansom and, jumping in himself, told the man to drive slowly up the avenue. This would give me time to decide upon the present and where it should be purchased.

I was wavering between a set of silver for her Antoinette desk and a pair of green majolica jars for her favorite dwarf pines when our hansom was caught in a block.

Directly abreast of our hansom was another one, ours going north, our neighbor's coming south, and as I turned my head I looked straight into mother's eyes! She was the sole occupant of the south coming cab.

"Mother!" I shouted. "Oh, mother, mother!"

"Billie!" she cried. We had both seen each other together, just as we always see everything together.

"What is the trouble?" began father when he, too, turned his head and looked into mother's lovely eyes.

"How-de-do, Will?" she said softly. I saw father clench his hands tightly, then, "How-de-do, Nell?" he returned. "Awful block, isn't it?"

"Oh, very bad!" said mother, but she was looking at me sitting so proudly at father's side, and presently I caught the suspicion of a tear in her eyes. Directly a big lump came in my throat. I saw how it was. Mother was thinking of Christmas and of her little girl, and I was sorry, sorry for her and for father too. The surface cars banged their bells, the policemen shouted and the cabbies swore. And all the while our hansom was jammed tightly next to mother's, and we sat staring straight at each other and saying not a word.

Just then a policeman came up to mother's hansom and shouted to the cabby. It seemed that the left wheel of mother's hansom was locked in the right wheel of another carriage in such a way as to render it unsafe to pull out. The policeman, who of course knew nothing of our affairs, said:

"Step across into the hansom next to you, ma'am. Its wheels are safe, and I'm thinking the line will be moving north first."

Poor mother flushed cruelly and said not a word, but just sat there looking with pleading eyes at father. But father didn't move, and neither did he speak, so I took the situation in my two small hands and said:

"Father, won't you help mother into our cab?"

Directly I spoke to father he was all attention and politeness. He stood up and held out his hand to mother and carefully helped her across into our hansom. I believe mother would never have come only she knew that a great many persons had heard me and were watching us, and so she yielded gracefully, as mother alone can.

When she was in our cab and sitting down with me squeezed in between father and herself, she raised her eyes and said quietly:

"Thank you, Will."

A moment later the line started, slowly moving northward, and our hansom went with the others, father and mother and I were sitting side by side. It seemed so good just to think of it, although I knew it all came of an accident alone.

After we had gone two blocks uptown, father spoke—very quietly and with tightly pressed lips.

"I'll speak to the man and tell him to stop at the next corner. Then I'll get out and you and Billie can have the cab to yourselves."

"There is no need for you to get out, Will," mother told him quickly. "It is I who am the intruder. Have him stop, please, and I will find another hansom."

"I wouldn't have you do that for the world," he returned. "I shall leave you at the next corner; that is settled."

Mother put out her hand and let it rest lightly on father's arm.

"Will," she cried, "please don't make me feel worse than I already do. I was forced in your cab, by accident it is true, but nevertheless, I did allow you to help me enter it. But that was because—people were—watching us—and I thought—it best. Now that we are out of the tangle, I must thank you and ask you to set me down—at once! Else I shall never forgive you."

And they continued to talk, and the hansom continued on its way, and nobody but myself noticed that we had got well uptown and were within two blocks of the apartment building in Central Park West, where mother and I live.

So, quite unobserved, I spoke up the tube to the cabby, and said:

"The Strathmore, and quick, please!"

We turned down a cross street into another, and before one could say "Jack Robinson" we had stopped at the door of the Strathmore.

"Oh!" cried mother.

"What is this?" frowned father.

But he leaped out on the snow covered pavement and gave mother his hand. A moment later we all hurried up the steps and—stopped in the lobby!

"Thank you," said mother. "You are very kind."

Father laughed. "Oh, not at all," he told her. "This is not a case of being kind—exactly."

"Won't you come in—for a little—a cup of tea, perhaps?" asked mother slowly.

I don't know what father would have answered, so I took no chances.

"Do come!" I cried, and looked at mother to further second my invitation.

"Yes, do," she said, without raising her eyes.

"Thanks, I will!" cried father, and we all went up in the elevator together.

When we were safely in mother's pretty sitting room and I had securely locked the door, I slipped away and left them together. Somehow it seemed as if they would get along better without me just then, and, besides, I think I had helped a lot as it was for a mere little girl, don't you?

An hour later—it seemed hours and hours later, although it really wasn't, of course—I went back and found mother in father's arms.

"Oh, won't we have a bully Christmas?" I cried joyfully. "Father and mother and I—what a lovely, lovely time we'll have together!"

"You can wager anything you own that we will," laughed father. "Why, it will be a regular Christmas a la mode, eh, Nell?"

And then he kissed mother, and mother hid her happy face in his shoulder, and I was all alone in the lobby.

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## SHIRLEY.

### Birthday Party.

A very pleasing birthday party was  
given at the home of Mr. and Mrs.  
Nathan Bonney, Munson avenue, on  
last Saturday afternoon from one un-  
til three o'clock in honor of Christine  
Farrar, of Shirley Center, and Ruth  
Whittaker, of the village. Mrs. Bon-  
ney planned this celebration very  
uniquely and with a view to making  
the event a day of special and happy  
memories for Christine, who had  
reached the eleventh milestone in life,  
and also for little Ruth, who had only  
reached her third, but without doubt  
left its impression on Ruth, who will  
now look forward to these celebra-  
tions annually with gleeful anticipa-  
tion.

Mrs. Thomas E. Whittaker was  
present and assisted Mrs. Bonney in  
the entertaining of the young guests.  
A large variety of good things, such  
as little folks like, were served as  
refreshments, and games were most  
heartily entered into and enjoyed im-  
mensely.

Christine and Ruth were the recipi-  
ents of many little tokens of remem-  
brance which will always be to them  
loving souvenirs of the occasion.  
However, the two honored little host-  
esses did not have all the gladness,  
as the little guests were delighted  
with the festivities of the afternoon.  
Christine Farrar is a sister to Mrs.  
N. Bonney, and Ruth Whittaker is  
the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas  
E. Whittaker, of Chapel street.

Those present were Robert Farrar,  
Ruth, Dolly and Doris Knowles, Ruth  
Lynch, Hazel Bennett, Walter Dad-  
mun, Percival Bennett and Helen  
Dadmun.

### Football.

On last Saturday afternoon the  
Shirley A. A. football team played its  
last game of the season at Kate E.  
Hazen's field on Lancaster road. As  
it was the last game of the year all  
of the Shirley team went into the  
game to do the best they could and  
win the game. It was surely very  
hard for the local boys to have the  
game end with the score against them  
of the tune of 13 to 10, after they  
had played such a strenuous game to  
push the ball over the Fitchburg line.  
As the game played at Fitchburg, it  
was exceptionally clean and free from  
rough and tumbling playing. It was  
the scene of hard and sure tackling  
as never before shown by the Shirley  
boys, and there were few tackles  
missed. Although the Shirley boys  
were out-weighted by the Fitchburg  
lads they completely out-played their  
opponents in every part of the game.  
First period. H. Emerson, of Shir-  
ley, kicked off to Foddy, who was  
downed on Fitchburg's thirty-yard  
line. Here Fitchburg tried line  
plunging and end runs till they had  
gained first down, but at this time  
the Shirley boys stiffened and held the  
Fitchburg boys until they were forced  
to punt. Evans receiving the ball  
ran twenty yards, and was dropped  
by Johnson on Fitchburg's forty-yard  
line. Shirley then started down the  
field, getting first down several times,  
secured by the end and line plung-  
ing, the fullback. With the ball on  
Fitchburg's twelve-yard line, Shir-  
ley fumbled and Fitchburg secured  
the ball, the first period ending with  
no score.

Second period. Fitchburg got the  
ball on their own twelve-yard line.  
After several failures in the use of  
the forward pass and line plunging  
they were forced to punt. A peculiar  
play occurred here, when the ball  
struck one of the Fitchburg lads in  
the back of the head and bounded  
over the goal posts. Wheeler, of Shir-  
ley, falling on the ball on the three-  
yard line. On the next play H. Em-  
erson made a touchdown. The ball was  
kicked out to the twenty-yard line  
by Horton, and G. Emerson made a  
fair catch. H. Emerson placed the  
ball and Horton kicked the goal. With  
five minutes more to play, Shirley  
kicked off to Howarth, who rushed  
the ball to their thirty-five yard line.  
Fitchburg began to play together  
and made first down by the use of the  
forward pass and long end runs,  
sweeping the Shirley line off its feet.  
Again the Shirley line stiffened like a  
stone wall, with Miner and Wheeler  
breaking through the line and tack-  
ling the men for a loss. They tried  
a forward pass which was received  
by a Fitchburg lad who was downed  
in his tracks by Horton. A punt then  
followed and Evans ran the ball for  
twenty yards. After a gain of eight  
yards by a line plunge the period  
ended with the score 7 to 0 in favor  
of Shirley.

Third period. Howarth, of Fitch-  
burg, deliberately kicked off so that  
the ball rolled along the ground for  
fifteen yards, and Holton, of Fitch-  
burg, picked the ball up and ran ten  
yards, being tackled by Miner. Over  
this kick a dispute arose, but was  
soon legal. The Fitchburg team then  
pulled off a forward pass in which a  
touchdown resulted, Johnson receiving  
the pass and being tackled by Horton  
behind the goal. Johnson kicked out  
to Holton, who missed the goal. How-  
arth repeated the same trick, kicking  
the ball so that it rolled along on the  
ground. This time Wheeler picked it  
up in the middle of the field and ran  
about forty-seven yards, being downed  
on Fitchburg's four-yard line. It  
was claimed that he stepped off side  
and the ball was brought back to  
Fitchburg's thirty-five yard line.

On the next play Evans went  
around left end to a touchdown, but  
was called back on account of there  
being only six men on the Shirley line  
and live in the backfield. Horton then  
dropped back for a placement kick.  
H. Emerson receiving the pass in the  
center, placing the ball perfectly,  
and Horton lifted it over the goal.  
Score, Shirley 10, Fitchburg 6.

Fourth period. H. Emerson kicked  
off to Howarth, who was dropped on  
his own forty-five yard line. After  
trying to pierce the Shirley line,  
Fitchburg punted to Horton, who ran  
the ball to the middle of the field.  
Shirley punted and later received the  
ball because Fitchburg did not make  
the required distance. With the ball  
in the middle of the field, H. Em-  
erson and Evans each gained six yards  
through the line. A forward pass was  
tried from Horton to H. Emerson.  
With a clear field in view it looked  
like a touchdown for the Shirley boys,  
but Howarth intercepted the forward  
pass after running ten yards to get it.  
Howarth going at top speed when he  
intercepted the pass, ran seventy-five  
yards for a touchdown with a clear  
field before him. Holton kicked the  
goal. Fitchburg kicked off to Evans,  
who was tackled on his own forty-  
yard line. The game soon ended with  
the ball in Shirley's possession on  
Fitchburg's thirty-five yard line, the  
score being Fitchburg 13, Shirley A.  
A. 10.

Taking into consideration that this  
was the first year for the Shirley lads  
to have a football team, practically no  
practice and no coaching at all, the  
team has had a very successful sea-  
son, and the followers of this team  
will look for a better and more suc-

cessful season next year. All of the  
members of the eleven have greatly  
appreciated the support of the towns-  
people at all of its home games and  
hope to see larger crowds present at  
the games next year.

### List of Winners.

The following were the winners of  
prizes at the St. Anthony's parish  
fair which closed on last week  
Thursday:

Photo of Cardinal O'Connell, William  
Glonet, picture, Peter Boucher; hand  
bag, Mrs. Judith Thomas; clock, Sarah  
Terrant; doll carriage, Alex. Chaisson;  
lemonade set, Frank Thomas; water set  
and a picture, Blanche Boucher; five-  
dollar gold piece, Exilda Boucher; five-  
dollar gold piece, Mrs. Gervais Glonet;  
of Athol, pair of vases, Fred Woods;  
Ayer; communion set and a combina-  
tion table and chair, Rev. J. H. Cote; five-  
dollar gold piece, Mrs. Francis Boucher;  
the picture in cash, Mrs. Mary Arch-  
all; two dollars in cash, Museum Glonet;  
wine set, Miss Rose Glonet; cushion,  
Mrs. Mary A. Joyal; pair of lard, Levi  
Devarney; table cloth, Mrs. Elsie  
organ, Mrs. Frank Pelote; five-dollar  
gold piece, Mrs. George Stebbins; tur-  
key, Mrs. Elizabeth Hach; wine set,  
Mrs. Nellie Ford; rug, Mrs. G. R. White;  
water set, Frank Pelote; razor, Miss  
Alice Cartier; boy's suit, Joseph Morin;  
umbrella, Miss Augustine Bellier;  
cushion, Miss Edith Stebbins; water-  
set, Mrs. Phileas Bolger; comforter,  
William Bolger; tea set, Wilfred Martin;  
bouquet, Charles Bodah; lady's water-  
watch, Miss Edith Stebbins; cut but-  
tons, Michael Couturier; cushion, Mrs.  
Frank Dugas; photo of R. Cote, Miss  
Courana Joyal; parlor lamp, Phileas  
Bolger.

The church netted the sum of  
\$320.18.

### Officers Elected.

At the regular meeting of the C. E.  
society of the Congregational church  
held on last Sunday evening, the fol-  
lowing officers and committees were  
elected for the first half of the year  
1913:

G. Stanley Wells, pres.; Nina M. Hol-  
brook, sec.; Mrs. Frank Brockman, pianist;  
treas.: Mrs. Alice Wright, Leslie Wells, Jo-  
seph McClellan, Bessie Elmer, Hazel  
Horton and Edith Stebbins; commit-  
tees: Mrs. Frank Brockman, Mrs. Allen A.  
Collier, Blanche Wells, Russell Miner,  
Jessie Love, Kenneth Horton, prayer  
meeting, J. Albert Deane, pastor; Har-  
rington, Lester James, Eleanor Ches-  
brough, Flora Shepard, Mrs. Herbert  
McGee, song, Charles Bodah, lady's re-  
freshments, Mrs. Edith Stebbins, Mrs.  
Harding James, Mrs. Allen A. Bron-  
son, Leonard Hooper, W. Abbott  
Bronson, missionary, Mary A. Park,  
Gladys Phelps, Sarah Stevenson, Esther  
Harris, Gladys Annis, Alice Horton,  
flower, Mrs. Richard Pomeroy, Mrs. J.  
Albert Dearden, Mrs. Andrew Phelps,  
Mrs. Henry Dugas, Mrs. Edith Stebbins,  
mrs. calling: Willard Knowles, Chester  
Hooper, Harry Annis, Leon Jones,  
ushers.

### News Items.

The C. A. Edgerton Mfg. Co., mak-  
ers of the President suspenders, will  
again give to the large number of  
employees turkeys for their Christ-  
mas dinner this year. When this fact  
was made known through the heads  
of departments at the factory it cre-  
ated much happiness among the em-  
ployees who are given the privilege  
to order the turkey from their own  
dealer.

Rev. and Mrs. Allen A. Bronson  
spent this week at Mr. Bronson's  
home in Baldwinville.

Rev. Joseph F. Fielden, of Fitch-  
burg, occupied the pulpit of the Con-  
gregational church last Sunday morn-  
ing and preached a fine sermon.

At the high school assembly held  
last week Friday afternoon, the fol-  
lowing program was given: Piano  
solo, Miss Gladys Phelps; current  
events, Miss Edna Holden; reading,  
Miss Blanche Wells; reading of school  
paper, Miss Blanche Wells; editors, Ray-  
mond Harris and Carl Badstuber.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lennox, of  
Windsor, Conn.; also, Mr. and Mrs.  
Ambrose Cotton and daughter, of Jeffer-  
son, N. H., and Mrs. Eva Wheldon,  
of Dorchester, spent a few days the  
first of the week at the home of Mr.  
and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman.

The Universalist church Sunday  
school will observe Christmas with  
exercises in the church on Tuesday  
evening, December 24, at seven  
o'clock. A pleasing program of en-  
tertainment has been prepared by the  
Sunday school, and a Christmas tree  
with the distribution of gifts by Santa  
Claus will be some of the features to  
be enjoyed, and all who may choose  
to attend will be welcome.

Miss Rheta Lennox, who has been  
staying with her aunt, Mrs. Henry W.  
Brockelman, and attending the Fitch-  
burg business college, has gone to  
Jefferson, N. H., for a two-weeks'  
visit with relatives.

The public library will be closed on  
Christmas day.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will  
hold its regular meeting on Monday  
evening, when officers for the ensuing  
year will be elected.

Court Delorme of the Union St.  
Jean Baptiste held its regular meet-  
ing of last week Friday afternoon, the  
elected these officers for the year  
1913: Joseph l'Ecuyer, pres.; Her-  
bert Gullault, v. p.; John J. Chaisson,  
fin. sec.; George Thomas, cor. sec.;  
Ernest Michaud, treas.; Michael G.  
Glonet and Marcis Heroux, aud.; Jo-  
seph T. Delorme, secretary.

The installation will be held on Sat-  
urday afternoon, January 11, at three  
o'clock.

Rev. Archibald G. Adams will oc-  
cupy his pulpit at the Baptist church  
on Sunday morning, December 22, at  
10.45 o'clock. Mr. Adams will also  
give an address in the evening at  
seven o'clock.

Miss Inez McMurray spent last Sat-  
urday and Sunday with the Love fam-  
ily, of Concord.

Sylvester Thomas was a delegate  
to the grand lodge convention of the  
Société l'Assomption held in Boston,  
last Sunday.

Felix Glonet left town last Sat-  
urday for Roxbury where he has secured  
a position.

Miss Alma Glonet has arrived at her  
home in Shirley from Windsor, Wis.,  
where she has been visiting since  
August.

The Sunday school of the Baptist  
church will observe Christmas with  
appropriate exercises in the church  
on Tuesday evening, December 24.  
The usual program of entertainment  
will be given, consisting of songs and  
recitations by the children and a  
Christmas tree with a visit from  
Santa Claus, and the distribution of  
gifts. Everyone is very cordially in-  
vited.

Ex-representative Frank Pope, of  
Leominster, will dress the Congrega-  
tional church Brotherhood on Mon-  
day evening, January 13.  
The Congregational church Sunday  
school will hold its Christmas exer-  
cises on Tuesday evening, December  
24, in the church vestry, commencing  
at seven o'clock. The program will  
consist of songs and recitations by  
pupils of the Sunday school, Christ-  
mas trees with the distribution of  
gifts, and a visit from Santa Claus.  
Parents and friends are cordially in-  
vited to be present.

## "JEST 'FORE CHRISTMAS" BY EUGENE FIELD.

FATHER calls me William, sister calls me Will,  
Mother calls me Willie, but the fellers call me Bill.  
Mighty glad I ain't a girl—ruther be a boy  
Without them sashes, curls an' things that's worn by Faunteroy!  
Love to chaw'n green apples an' go swimmin' in the lake—  
Hate to take the castor ile they give for belly ache!  
'Most all the time, the whole year round, they ain't no lies on me,  
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Got a yeller dog named Sport, sick him on the cat;  
First thing she knows she doesn't know where she's at!  
Got a clipper sled, an' when us kids go out to slide  
'Long comes the grocery cart, an' we all hook a ride!  
But sometimes when the groceryman is worried an'  
cross  
He reaches at us with his whip an' larrups up his  
hoss,  
An' then I laff an' holler, "Oh, ye never teched me!"  
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be.

Granma says she hopes that when I git to be a man  
I'll be a missionarier like her eldest brother Dan,  
As was et up by cannibals that lives on Ceylon's  
isle,  
Where every prospect pleases an' only man is vile.  
But granma she has never been to see a wild west  
show  
Nor read the life of Daniel Boone or else I guess she'd know  
That Buff'lo Bill an' cowboys is good enough for me!  
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

An' then old Sport he hangs around as solemn-like an' still;  
His eyes they seem a-sayin', "What's the matter, little Bill?"  
The old cat sneaks down off her perch an' wonders what's become  
Of them two enemies of hern that use to make things hum!  
But I'm so polite an' 'ten' so earnestly to biz  
That mother says to father, "How improved our Willie is!"  
But father, havin' been a boy himself, suspicions me  
When jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

For Christmas, with its lots and lots of candy, cakes and toys,  
Was made, they say, for proper kids and not for naughty boys;  
So wash yer face an' brush yer hair an' mind your p's an' q's,  
An' don't bust out yer pantaloons, an' don't wear out yer shoes;  
Say "yessum" to the ladies an' "yessur" to the men,  
An' when there's company don't pass your plate for pie again,  
But, thinkin' of the things yer'd like to see upon that tree,  
Jest fore Christmas be as good as yer kin be!

## CHRISTMAS AMONG THE MIKADO'S PEOPLE.

WORDS adequate to a descrip-  
tion of the festive season in  
Japan are difficult to com-  
mand. Even the camera and  
brush would fail to do justice to a  
scene of such gay activity and color.  
As Christmas approaches city, town  
and village take on a new appearance,  
and the diversions of the people a new  
turn and tone. In Japan Christmas is  
not a mere holiday. It represents a  
holiday season in the fullest sense of  
the term.  
For weeks before the dawn of Christ-  
mas day preparations elaborate in kind  
and degree are under way. Men in  
tight fitting costumes, their profes-  
sions, or the contractors' names print-  
ed on their backs, spend day after day  
decorating the streets and houses.  
Stands for the lanterns and the festive  
greening must be erected, and a thou-

be, has some sign of the New Year  
idea. Before every gate and doorway  
is placed the chief symbol of the sea-  
son, what the Japanese call the kado-  
matsu, or pine tree of the honorable  
date. At each side of the entrance to  
the house or garden three short pieces  
of bamboo tree, cut at an acute angle,  
stand tied together as a pedestal from  
which rises the ever glorious pine tree,  
in shape something like a Christmas  
tree, for the young pine is the emblem  
of a loyalty and life that are ever fresh  
and green.

In addition, over the door of each  
house is set up a lobster attached to  
an orange. These are usually the gifts  
of a friend to express the good(?) wish  
that the recipient will live till the lobes  
are bent up like a lobster. Whether  
the orange represents orange blossoms  
and plenty of weddings in the family  
is not clearly known. Above the orna-  
ments of the doorway is stretched a  
piece of artistically woven straw rope,  
the shinto sign of reverence for the  
ancestral gods. As one goes along the  
streets they seem gradually to be  
transformed into long and winding av-  
enues of trees, suggestions of the an-  
cestral hunting grounds, and at night  
the whole is lit up by innumerable  
lanterns that shed a varicolored light  
on the decorations and the crowds that  
throng the thoroughfares. The blaze  
of lantern color lends the scene a mag-  
ic touch that charms the Japanese  
mind and has no little attraction for  
the foreigner.

To tell of the endless array of gifts  
that at this season pass between friend  
and friend, neighbor and neighbor,  
would be impossible. Among the more  
common may be mentioned a basket  
containing a dozen eggs or oranges, a  
box of sponge cake, or a cake of soap,  
the latter gift being in no way intend-  
ed as a reflection on the beneficiary.—  
New York Post.

### Let Her Pass.

See the merry Christmas shopper.  
But for goodness' sake don't stop her!  
Let her hike along her pathway;  
Let her pass you with a smile.  
Though you know her, don't detain her.  
For the fact could not be plainer  
That if you two get to chatting  
You will merely block the aisle.

Do not ask her how she's feeling.  
If her sister's baby's peeling  
From that awful scarlet fever  
Or if 'twill affect her mind.  
Don't inquire about her mother  
Or her nephew or her brother.  
Can the idle gossip, lady,  
There's a crowd of us behind.

Do not ask her what's she's knitting  
Or crocheting for a fitting  
Little Christmas gift this season.  
If you get her started she  
Will relate her whole life story,  
All its tragedy and glory,  
And there's full two hundred people  
Trying hard to walk on me.

See the merry Christmas shopper.  
But for goodness' sake don't stop her!  
There's no chat that you can think of  
That is really now worth while.  
Let her go about her buying.  
Though to speak to her you're dying,  
Cut it out this Christmas season  
Let's have freedom in the aisle.

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ecutor of the will of JANE IVES Mac-  
KENZIE late of West River, in the  
Province of Nova Scotia, deceased,  
testate, and has taken upon himself  
that trust by giving bond, as the law  
directs.

All persons having demands upon the  
estate of said deceased are hereby re-  
quired to exhibit the same; and all per-  
sons indebted to said estate are called  
upon to make payment to

F. L. FRASER, Executor.  
Littleton, Mass., Nov. 7, 1912. 3114\*

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## NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stock-  
holders of the Townsend National  
Bank will be held at their Banking  
Rooms on Monday, January 6, 1913, at  
ten o'clock A. M., to choose a Board  
of Directors for the year ensuing, and  
act upon any other business that may  
legally come before said meeting.

HENRY A. HILL, Cashier.  
Townsend, Mass., Dec. 10, 1912. 414

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