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#### HARVARD.

##### News Items.

Among the sick ones about the village Miss Annie Reed, though still confined to her home, is much better. W. H. Fairbank is also over his attack of bronchitis and able to be about town again.

Richard V. Kinsman went to the hospital in Nashua this week for the removal of one of his eyes in which the sight has been destroyed for some time. This operation was deemed necessary for the preservation of the sight in the other eye. Mr. Kinsman is still at the hospital and doing well.

Mrs. Emma J. Bryant, who has been with Mrs. Kavanagh, caring for Mrs. William H. Savage for several months

past, received a telegram from Mrs. F. H. Burdett, of Burdett's college, Boston, now at Eustis, Fla., asking her to come out there at once to care for her daughter who is critically ill. Mrs. Bryant starts for Florida early next week.

Mrs. F. H. Gale, of Pawtucket, R. I., is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gale.

Mrs. George R. Houghton writes to us from San Diego, Cal., as follows: "While you are enjoying the old New England winter we are basking in the sunshine of San Diego. The exposition was opened new year's eve and is certainly a surprise and joy to all who witness it. While the size of the buildings and expense may not be as great as the ones at San Francisco, yet the architectural beauty and surroundings are far ahead. We only hope that many of our eastern friends may be able to take a trip to California during the year 1915, taking in both fairs which may be included in a round trip ticket."

##### Proves Its Worth.

The Extension School given by the Agricultural college during this week at the town hall has proven to be one of the very best affairs of its kind ever held in Harvard. Its popularity can be gauged by the sale of tickets for the week which up to Thursday morning was 196, nearly double the amount the committee thought it possible to sell. The ladies proved to be particularly attracted and gave their speakers a fine attendance every day. Without exception it can be said that every lecture and demonstration for the course was in itself worth many times more than the cost for the entire course. The idea of a school coming to this town had its inception in the Grange and later was broadened and a committee consisting of A. C. Fuller, chairman, Mrs. E. H. Maynard, secretary, Dr. Peters, J. E. Maynard and A. T. West, as general committee, was chosen.

These people who have worked tirelessly for the success of the school much credit is due and they in turn are more than gratified that their efforts have been so successful. In next week's issue it will be possible to give a detailed and correct-to-date account of the credit and debit standing of the school. The electric stove installed for the occasion by Robt. Murphy's Sons Co., of Ayer, proved a novel feature in the kitchen demonstrations.

##### Still River.

The event of the season, the annual men's supper and entertainment, will be at the vestry on next week Friday evening. The supper, of course, will be ample and good. The entertainment, arranged by Chester P. Willard and Warren K. Harrod, is to consist of "Artimus Ward's wax figures" and will doubtless be the cause of much enjoyment.

We are pleased to report that Miss Katherine L. Lawrence seems to be on the gain, while still a very sick woman. She is more comfortable and can take a little nourishing food. Miss Hartwell, from Ayer, is keeping house and aiding the nurse in caring for Miss Lawrence.

Nomination papers are being circulated for James L. Whitney to run as a candidate for assessor against Edward McLaughlin, the regular caucus nominee, and also for William Hanna as candidate for constable and overseer of the poor against George Hardy, the regular nominee for both positions. We understand that all of the papers have many more names than are required.

Mrs. John William, of Worcester, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. H. Morse.

Quite a number from Still River have been attending the Extension Agricultural School at the town hall this week.

Modern toilet conveniences have this week been completed at the railroad station. They have been under way for a long time and are a great improvement over the antiquated apparatus which they replace.

A. A. Hutchinson attended a Masonic meeting in Hudson on Wednesday evening.

#### SHIRLEY.

Miss Nellie Ryme of Lunenburg was a guest Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Carey.

The Alliance will hold its regular meeting February 4 at the home of Mrs. Mary M. Nickless. Mrs. Lydia R. Binney will assist Mrs. Nickless in the entertaining.

The next meeting of the Matron's Aid society will be held on Tuesday, January 26, at the home of Mrs. Luther E. Holden instead of meeting with Mrs. Dunn. Every member is requested to be present as the annual election of officers will be held.

Mrs. George Holden is spending a few days in Littleton at the home of her sister, Mrs. Moore.

Despite the bad traveling, there was a good attendance at the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening. During the lecturer's hour three short papers were read: "What can we do to make our grange better the coming year?" Charles E. Bradford; "What can this grange do to help the farmers?" A. A. Adams; "What constitutes a successful grange?" George F. Buxton.

These papers were followed by suggestions by Harry N. Brown, N. R. Graves, Thomas H. Evans, William Jubb, Merrick W. Carey, Mrs. G. F. Buxton, Mrs. A. A. Adams and Mrs. N. R. Graves. The hour closed with a solo by Mrs. G. F. Buxton, after which a short social hour was enjoyed.

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OUR HALF-YEARLY COUNTER CLEARING

## Mark-Down Sale

WILL START ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd

In accordance with our fixed and well-known policy of disposing of our stock during the season for which it is made, and never carry goods over from one season to the next season, we will make some radical and genuine price reductions on the balance of our Fall and Winter Goods.

On Saturday, January 23, we will begin our regular Mid-Winter Sale in order to dispose of the balance of our regular high-grade stock of Fall and Winter CLOTHING, CAPS and FURNISHINGS.

Please remember that these price reductions are from our former low prices and that the goods offered are our regular high-grade merchandise of known quality. Many of the Suits and Overcoats are from the well-known house of A. Shuman & Co., of Boston. Look over the items carefully as you will be sure to find something that interests you.

## Mid-Winter Mark-Down Sale

WILL BEGIN SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 23

It's our time for clearance; the goods we bought for Fall and Winter are now to be closed out in preparation for the Spring stocks already ordered. We hold this Mid-Winter Mark-Down Sale annually, in order to dispose of the balance of our regular Fall and Winter

### Clothing, Caps and Furnishings

We believe in closing out each season's merchandise in its season. A clean stock and new friends is our double purpose—you get the benefit. In HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX Suits and Overcoats, you can be sure: first, of perfect style; all wool fabrics; long wear; high quality; a good, big money's worth; finally, guaranteed satisfaction. Not all sizes in every pattern, but there is sure to be something you'll like, and at a price we cannot duplicate. Look over the following list of goods and prices, and come in while the assortment is good.

MEN'S SUITS	
The balance of our stock of Men's and Boys' Fall and Winter Suits. The new models and patterns in fancy mixtures and worsteds, all sizes.	
\$10.00 and \$12.00 Suits, Fancy Mixtures	\$7.47
\$12.00 Suits, Fancy Mixtures	\$8.47
\$18.00 Suits, Fancy Worsteds	\$13.47
\$20.00 and \$22.00 Suits, Fancy Worsteds	\$15.47
\$23.00 to \$25.00 Suits, Fancy Worsteds	\$17.47

MEN'S TROUSERS	
Broken lots of our famous "Dutchess," all sizes and patterns, to close out for the following prices:	
\$1.50 Trousers marked down to	\$1.15
\$2.00 Trousers marked down to	\$1.65
\$2.50 Trousers marked down to	\$2.00
\$3.00 Trousers marked down to	\$2.45
\$3.50 Trousers marked down to	\$2.85
\$4.00 Trousers marked down to	\$3.15
\$5.00 Trousers marked down to	\$4.15

FURNISHINGS	
Underwear	
Fleece-lined Underwear in single and double breasted, 50c. value, now	39¢
Derby Ribbed Underwear, in ceru and black colors, 50c. value, now	39¢
Wright's Health Underwear, \$1.00 value, now	79¢
Boys' Wright's Health Underwear, 50c. value, now	39¢
Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear, 25c. value, now	19¢
Shirts	
One lot of Men's Fancy Shirts, coat style, 50c. value, now	39¢
One lot of Men's Fancy Shirts, coat style, \$1.00 value, now	79¢
One lot of Men's Fancy Shirts, coat style, \$1.50 value, now	\$1.15
One lot of Men's Outing, Flannel and Work Shirts, 50c. value, now	39¢
Gloves	
One lot of Men's and Boys' Woolen Gloves and Mittens, 25c. value, now	19¢
One lot of Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens, 50c. value, now	39¢
One lot of Pigskin Lined Gloves, 50c. value, now	39¢
One lot of Sheepskin Gauntlet Gloves, 75c. value, now	49¢

WINTER CAPS	
All Winter Caps at reduced prices	
25c. Caps marked down to	19¢
50c. Caps marked down to	39¢
\$1.00 Caps marked down to	79¢
\$1.50 Caps marked down to	\$1.00
One lot of 20 Caps, small sizes, regular prices 25c. and 50c., for	15¢

MEN'S OVERCOATS	
All Overcoats now go at a mark down price. New, up-to-date styles in Hart, Schaffner & Marx and Thompson Davis makes.	
\$10.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$7.47
\$12.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$8.47
\$15.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$10.47
\$18.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$13.47
\$20 and \$22 Overcoats marked down to	\$15.47

MEN'S FUR COATS	
\$18.00 Fur Coats marked down to	\$13.47
\$23.00 Fur Coats marked down to	\$18.47
\$24.00 Fur Coats marked down to	\$19.47

MEN'S MACKINAW COATS	
\$5.00 Mackinaws marked down to	\$4.00
\$6.00 Mackinaws marked down to	\$5.00
\$8.00 Mackinaws marked down to	\$6.25
\$8.50 Mackinaws marked down to	\$6.75

BOYS' MACKINAW COATS	
\$5.00 Boys' Mackinaws marked down to	\$3.98
\$6.50 Boys' Mackinaws marked down to	\$4.98

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' OVERCOATS	
\$3.50 Overcoats marked down to	\$2.47
\$4.50 Overcoats marked down to	\$3.75
\$5.50 Overcoats marked down to	\$4.00
\$6.50 Overcoats marked down to	\$4.75
One lot of Boys' and Youths' Overcoats, broken sizes, old styles, sold from \$3.50 to \$8.00, to close out for	\$1.50

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' SUITS	
Ages 8 to 16	
\$5.00 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits	\$3.47
\$4.00 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits	\$2.89
\$3.50 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits	\$2.47
Few Straight Pant Suits, Ages 8 to 16, One-half Price	

MEN'S CANVAS COATS, SHEEPSKIN LINED	
\$5.00 values, marked down to	\$3.98
\$6.00 values, marked down to	\$4.75

SHOE BARGAINS	
One lot of Men's Patent Leather Shoes, Walk-Over and Foss-Packard makes, \$3.50 and \$4.00 values	\$2.50
One lot of Ladies' Tan Button Shoes, \$3.00 and \$3.50 values	\$2.25
One lot of Ladies' Shoes, broken lots of \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 values	\$1.00
Special Sales on for Children's and Misses' Shoes	

NECKWEAR BARGAINS	
One lot of 15c. Boys	7¢
One lot of 25c. Four-in-hands	17¢
One lot of 50c. Four-in-hands	35¢

A FEW SPECIALS	
One lot of Men's \$4.00 Sweaters	\$2.98
One lot of Men's Police Braces	15¢
One lot of Men's President Braces	35¢
One lot of Men's White Handkerchiefs	3¢

MEN'S SUITS BARGAINS	
Balance of our stock of Men's and Youths' Fancy Mixture Suits. Many Shuman Suits among the lot.	
\$10.00 Suits marked down to	\$7.47
\$12.00 Suits marked down to	\$8.47
\$15.00 Suits marked down to	\$10.47
\$18.00 Suits marked down to	\$13.47
\$20.00 Suits marked down to	\$14.47

MEN'S BLACK KERSEY OVERCOATS	
\$10.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$7.47
\$15.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$11.47
\$20.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$15.47

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS	
Every Overcoat at a Cut Price	
Ages 12 to 16	
\$5.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$3.47
\$7.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$5.00
\$8.50 Overcoats marked down to	\$6.47
Ages 4 to 12	
\$3.50 and \$4.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$2.89
\$5.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$3.47
\$6.50 and \$7.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$5.00

CHILDREN'S SUITS	
Ages 6 to 17	
\$3.00 Suits marked down to	\$2.25
\$3.50 Suits marked down to	\$2.75
\$5.00 Suits marked down to	\$3.47
Odd Trousers—Ages 6 to 17	
50c. Trousers marked down to	39¢
\$1.00 Trousers marked down to	69¢

SHOE DEPARTMENT	
We have many broken lines and odd pairs of Shoes for Women, Misses and Children which we have placed upon the bargain counter.	
One lot of Queen Quality, Mayfair and Cushion Sole makes, in Kid, Gun-Metal and Patents, regular \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 grades, now	\$1.48
Misses' high cut Storm Boots, in Tan or Black, in Button or Lace, regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 quality, now	\$1.69
One lot of Women's Tan Button Boots, a regular \$3.00 quality, now	\$1.98
One lot of Women's Felt Slippers, the \$1.00 kind, now marked	79¢
One lot of Men's Tan Calf Buttons, our regular \$4.00 and \$5.00 grades	\$3.00
Men's Felt Combinations, with 2-buckle Rubber, our \$3.00 kind, now	\$2.39
Children's Felt Slippers, worth 75c., now marked down for this sale to	45¢

MEN'S HATS	
\$2.00 Black Stiff Hats now	\$1.47
\$3.00 L. & H. Black Stiff Hats now	\$1.98
\$3.00 L. & H. Velour Hats now	\$1.98
\$2.00 Plush or Velvet Hats now	\$1.00
All our Men's \$2.00 grade of Stiff Hats	\$1.47
All our Men's \$3.00 grade of Black Stiff Hats, Lamson & Hubbard make	\$1.98

A FEW SPECIAL BARGAINS	
Men's White Handkerchiefs	3¢
Men's Police Braces	15¢
Men's 50c. Police Braces	35¢
President Suspenders	35¢
Boys' and Men's Yarn Toggles, 50c. quality, all colors	25¢

WINTER CAPS	
Every Cap Marked Down	
25c. Caps for Boys now	19¢
50c. Caps for Men now	39¢
\$1.00 Caps for Men now	79¢
\$1.50 Caps for Men now	\$1.00
Fur Caps at Reduced Prices	

NECKWEAR BARGAINS	
Poplin Four-in-hands now	13¢
25c. Bow Ties now	15¢
25c. Button-on-Ticks now	15¢
25c. Silk Four-in-Hands	17¢
50c. Silk Four-in-Hands	35¢

MEN'S AND YOUTHS' FANCY OVERCOATS	
Every Overcoat now at a reduced price. All new and good style, including the popular Chincheilla.	
\$10.00 and \$12.00 Overcoats now	\$7.47
\$15.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$10.47
\$18.00 Overcoats marked down to	\$12.47
\$22.50 Overcoats marked down to	\$16.47

MEN'S FUR COATS	
\$20.00 Fur Coats marked down to	\$15.47
\$25.00 Fur Coats marked down to	\$20.00
\$30.00 Fur Coats marked down to	\$25.00
Also, all our stock of Fur Lined Overcoats at a big reduction from the regular price.	

MEN'S WORKING TROUSERS	
One lot Trousers, regular price \$1.75, for	\$1.39
One lot Trousers, regular price \$2.00, for	\$1.69
One lot Trousers, \$2.50 and \$3.00, for	\$1.98
One lot Trousers, \$3.50 and \$4.00, for	\$2.98
One lot Trousers, regular \$5.00 grade, for	\$3.47

FURNISHING GOODS DEPARTMENT	
Underwear Bargains	
All our Double Breasted Fleece-lined, High Rock make, a bargain at 50c., now	39¢
Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, our regular 50c. quality, for this sale	39¢
Wright's Health Underwear for Men:	
The 75c. grade, now for	59¢
The \$1.00 grade, now for	79¢
Men's Double Breasted Camel's Hair Underwear, our regular \$1.00 garments	79¢
Boys' Fleece and Derby-ribbed Underwear, 25c. and 29c. regular price, now	21¢
Boys' Wright's Fleece, 50c. grade, now	39¢
Shirt Bargains	
One lot of Fancy Coat Shirts, regular \$1.00 grade, now	79¢
One lot of our regular 50c. Fancy Shirts, now	39¢
One lot of Working Shirts, Domet Flannel, the regular 50c. grade, now	39¢
One lot of Working Shirts, in Chambray and Khaki, the regular 50c. grade, now	39¢
Hosiery Bargains	
25c. Heavy Wool Shaker Knit, now	17¢
15c. Heavy Cotton Hose, Black or Tan, now	9¢
Cotton and Wool Hose	2 pairs for 25¢
Glove Bargains	
One lot of Men's Working Gloves, 50c. grade, now	39¢
One lot of Men's Working Gloves and Mittens, a regular \$1.00 grade, now	75¢
One lot of Men's 50c. Worsteds Gloves now	25¢
Sweater Bargains	
Men's and Boys' Coat Sweaters, a regular 75c. quality, now for	43¢
Men's Coat Sweaters, heavy and with collar, a regular \$3.50 quality, now	\$2.69
Men's Shaker Knit Coat Sweaters, all colors, our regular \$6.00 grade, now	\$5.00
Men's \$1.50 Heavy Coat Sweaters for	\$1.00

Also, you will find reductions on the following lines of goods running from 20% to 25% off from our regular price:

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Saturday, January 23, 1915.

WESTFORD.

Center. Mr. and Mrs. William L. Woods came up from Somerville Sunday in their automobile and attended services at the Congregational church.

The John Perkins family have moved from the Frank Miller house into the house next the Congregational church, recently vacated by W. A. Mills and family.

Miss Adith Carter is convalescing from an attack of tonsillitis.

The last of the Academy entertainment course took place at the town hall last Friday evening. Miss Elvira Rhind gave a fine entertainment of readings and folk dances. Miss Rhind gave her various impersonations and dances in different costumes appropriate to the selection given. This entertainment closes the course for this season.

Miss Edith Forster and Miss Mary B. Raynes were in attendance two days at the Boston Poultry Show last week.

Mrs. Fred A. Hildreth of Malden has been a guest at her son's home this week and among those present at the Tadmuck club, Tuesday afternoon.

Captain Sherman H. Fletcher fell on some ice while going from his barn to his house Monday of this week. He got a bad shaking up and one wrist seemed pretty lame, but at first did not think it serious, later on going to the doctor, found some of the smaller bones fractured and as a result will have to go with his arm in a sling for awhile.

Mrs. George A. Kimball entertained the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church at her home in the Littleton road last week. Thursday. It was good sledding and Charles D. Colburn carried a two-horse sled of passengers from the Center and others went in single sleighs, making about thirty-five in all. Everybody enjoyed a very social good time. Work was given out by the directress and tentative plans made for a sale later in the year. Mrs. Kimball served most attractive and beautiful refreshments of sandwiches, cake and cocoa.

The serious illness of Miss Edna F. Currier of Carlisle is reported. Miss Currier teaches at Brimfield and is well known in Westford, being a frequent visitor at her grandfather's, Mr. Wayland F. Balch.

The time of starting of the first car in the morning is changed, beginning last Monday morning, from 6.55 to 6.50, five minutes earlier. In case of icy rails or other bad traveling or any little delay, the allowance of time is not enough to connect with the trains at Brookside.

Mrs. George E. Jenkins of Marblehead has been a recent guest at Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher's.

Forty dollars was realized for the church treasury from the old folks' concert and supper, Wednesday evening.

One of the garments worn at the concert Wednesday evening was an old vest 150 years old, tiny daguerreotypes of members of its past owner's family set as buttons, adorning the front.

Tadmuck Club.

The second meeting for January of the Tadmuck club was held at the usual time and place with a good representation of the members present. The subject for the afternoon was a lecture by Mrs. G. F. Hubbard. Subject: "Old time flowers and gardens" and proved most attractive to all who love flowers and who do not. Mrs. Hubbard referred to the cherished flowers of the early settlers of oftentimes the plant, shrub or such being brought from across the sea and proceeded to enumerate many of the old-fashioned flowers and herbs, told of the place of the sun dial in old gardens and described old gardens of our grandmothers' times. Not the least charming feature of the lecture were some beautiful pictures of old gardens. The speaker's husband is director of art at the Fitchburg Normal school and had made many beautiful colored drawings which were used to illustrate the subject. Mrs. Hubbard gave many quaint legends and anecdotes of these various old time favorites of the front yard and closed with well chosen thoughts on the influence and place of flowers in people's lives. Preceding the lecture Miss Marguerite Young recited most appropriately "In an old garden." At the next meeting of the club, February 2, Miss Alice Howard will give a "Talk on American folk lore" at the Unitarian church. Club tea will be served with Mrs. John P. Wright as hostess.

Annual Report. The Westford Water company has just issued its annual report and shows the construction account to be \$84,260, and shows the cash receipts from water rates \$8,057.83, and from service connection \$63.83, making the total income \$8,121.66. Capt. S. H. Fletcher, manager, submits the following report for 1914: One hydrant, as authorized by vote of the town, has been installed in Forge Village, making the total number of hydrants being paid for by the town, 48; 240 feet of six-inch main has been laid under the railroad track and

Stony Brook near depot in Graniteville to supply houses south of the brook. A few mains were frozen last winter in Graniteville, and thawed out by the Lowell Electric Light corporation, and in December, the main under the culvert, at the foot of the hill on the Graniteville road, near the center of the town, was frozen, which required the digging up and lowering twenty-two feet of pipe. This place has occasioned more or less trouble every winter. I think hereafter there will be no more complaints.

A fire proof safe has been purchased for the keeping of the plans and records of the water company, and electric lights have been installed at the power house. The power has been so satisfactory furnished by the Lowell Electric Light corporation, it would seem advisable to dispose of the gas engine and produce and use the space for a duplicate pump.

Although we have had an exceedingly dry season, the water supply has been ample and the driven mills have not been affected. One of the articles in the town warrant of great interest to the voters will be relative to the town taking over the Westford water works at an approximate value of \$88,000. The arguments for and against are sure to cause much interest.

Old Folks' Concert.

The mild, clear winter's night with good traveling made it possible for a large attendance at the old folks' concert and supper at the Congregational church, Wednesday evening. Many were present who do not usually go to evening services, and the whole, too, must have felt rewarded with the good supper, the social good cheer, and the good entertainment.

Supper was served at 6.30 and the long tables were filled and some resetting necessary. The menu consisted of meat pies, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, pies, coffee, rolls, doughnuts, and relishes. Those in charge of the supper were Mrs. C. H. Wright, Miss Edith A. Wright, Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth, Mrs. Huga Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Day and other willing helpers.

Shortly after eight Miss Edith A. Wright at the organ and Walter Steele accompanying with violin, played the opening march and Mrs. Charles H. Wright, who had charge of the concert and John P. Wright, general announcer, marched in followed by all ye singers, thirty in number and took their places with many a courtesy. The costumes were by no means the least attractive feature of the occasion. Familiar friends were transformed for the time being into quaint pictures of old time belles and beaux, the former with voluminous skirts, high back combs, mantillas, kerchiefs and other old-time finery. The latter with swallow tail coats, old silk hats, high dickeys and cravats, etc.

Special features of the concert were the solos of Miss Moreland, Mrs. Colburn, Mrs. Blaney, Francis Wright and Charles Roby. The violin playing of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Steele, and the quartet selections by Messrs. Burland, Ericson, Colburn, and Walters, and last, by no means least, the readings by Miss Marguerite Young.

The program included the wisely chosen list of old-time favorites, with all their charm and appeal. Those in the choir were Stella Whitner, Rachael Wallace, Mabel Prescott, Grace Robinson, Mrs. Bert Walker, Lillian Roby, Bertha McCoy, Jennie Kimball, Francis Wright, Miss Young, Mrs. Colburn, Mrs. Blaney, Miss Moreland, Edith Wright, Florence Wilson, Hazel Hartford, Mrs. Wright, Charles Roby, Harry Ericson, Henry Colburn, Arthur Walker, Leonard Burland, Alfred Sutherland, Bertram Sutherland, Fred Burnham, John Wright, Mrs. Wallace, Walter Steele, James Hartford, Leon Hildreth and Arthur Whitney.

To Mrs. Charles H. Wright and Miss Edith A. Wright is due the credit for the success of the affair, who have worked so efficiently with the music and the supper. Many thanks are due to those who have helped to express the wish that the affair might be repeated at some future time.

About Town.

The Young People's Social clubs held their regular meeting in the vestry of the village school, West Chelmsford, last Saturday evening. The Misses Clara Anderson and Marion Marshall played piano duets. Mrs. J. Smith and Clarence Burns also gave some music. Miss Esther Reid read for which she has quite a talent. Theodore Robarge and Clarence and Albert Burne, in a sketch skit, took well their turn. Miss Janet Brown played piano all the time, making music like a chime. At games everybody played, win or lose, it was a crowd that stayed. Misses Janet Brown, Hilda Quessy and Marganus Nelson, and Clarence Burns, as committee, did those present and absent a good turn.

Another Bell chime in the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, at Westford Corner, Friday, and James A. Walkden at Chamberlain's Corner is grandfather again to a little girl. Mr. and Mrs. George Billson entertained Whidden's Corner and the Groton road suburbs of Whidden's Corner in what last Saturday evening. Mrs. Frank Ingalls and Charles Byard were awarded first prizes and two other or somebody won something else. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saxon, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Whidden, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingalls, Mr. and Mrs. George Rudkin, Mrs. Norman Ritchie. The next party will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claus Johnson, on the Groton road, Whidden's Corner.

The next meeting of West Chelmsford Grange will be held at Historic hall next Thursday evening, January 28. Westford patrons always invited. Mr. and Mrs. James Byard of Chester, N. H., are being visited by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byard of Whidden's Corner.

The recent rain went to the roots of dust and wells, making some recent wells on Francis Hill look like ten

feet of water in a nine-foot excavation.

In caucus session is upon us and with this in view the republican caucus for the nomination of town officers will be held at the town hall on Monday evening, January 25, to be followed by the democratic caucus on Tuesday evening, January 26. The following town officers are reported as having declined renomination: Edward Fisher, town clerk; Charles L. Hildreth and Arthur H. Burnham, overseers of the poor.

The selectmen have appointed Florence J. Sullivan, of Graniteville, to the board of registrars of voters in place of J. Herbert Fletcher, resigned. The board of registrars held a meeting on Monday evening. The only person to register was Everett Miller. The following dates were arranged for the next meetings of the board: Friday evening, January 22, Brookside; Monday evening, January 25, Graniteville, at the firehouse; Wednesday evening, January 27, Forge Village, Abbot's hall; meetings from 7.30 to nine o'clock. Last meeting at Westford Center on Saturday, January 30, from noon to ten in the evening.

For once your correspondent at the Old Oaken Bucket farm has the inquiring mind to agree with "T. E." in his last communication—it was all wheat, "full measure, pressed down and running over." As a nation we must use everybody's personal effects in our search for revenue. England desires to muss up personal property in search of "neutrality" and we cry "Hand off American property." Indeed, what about our Mexican policy? "Yes, to strain at a gnat and swallow a camel!"

Rev. Julian R. Pennington is giving a series of talks to an adult Sunday school class on "The religion of Bramah." The second talk in the series will be given at the session of the Sunday school on Sunday.

Henry A. Fletcher, none other than our Oak Hill Henry, recently captured two foxes, the largest and best of the season. They were captured after an exciting chase. Henry is exceptionally handy with the gun and the fox has to be exterminated handily with the foot to side-step the aim.

The first monthly social of the new year was held on Wednesday evening of last week under the management of the Village Benevolent society of the West Chelmsford church. Lowell, Graniteville, Westford, North Westford, Oak Hill and Westford Corner were all on the spot. Supper and entertainment in charge of Mrs. Thomas Brown left satisfied impressions. Serving on the committee were Mrs. Annie Edwards, Mrs. William Edwards, Mrs. G. H. McGregor, Mrs. M. McNaughton, Mrs. E. A. Carlson, Mrs. Frank Bickford, Mrs. J. Anderson, Mrs. George Billson.

Farmers' Institute.

At the farmers' institute which meets at Westford Center on Friday, January 29, P. M. Harry Good, of Massachusetts Dairy Bureau, will speak in the forenoon on "Milk," and will continue in the afternoon on "Agriculture and dairying in the British Isles." Dinner at the noon hour by the ladies of the Congregational church, vocal and instrumental music. The following gentlemen have been invited to after-dinner speeches: Hon. Edward Fisher, Revs. A. E. Kernahan, David Wallace, Julian R. Pennington, William A. Bartlett and Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher. Electric cars will run hourly from Lowell, North Chelmsford and Brookside for Westford Center, leaving Merrimack square, Lowell, eighteen minutes past the hour for Westford Center. The speaker is one of the large dairy farmers in Western Massachusetts, and is known as a clear speaker and hard hitter against over meddling with none of your business inspection and advice.

Forge Village.

A business meeting was held at St. Andrew's mission on last Tuesday evening. Several committees were appointed and other work done. Rev. Williston M. Ford presided.

It is reported that several of the camps at Forge Pond have been broken into by some unknown persons. Mr. Titcomb's cottage is one of the losers, about \$100 worth of tools being stolen and camp rummaged. It is not known how heavy the other camps are, as the owners reside out of town. Mr. Titcomb lives in Boston.

John Kavanaugh is still confined to his home by illness.

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The members are already laying plans for a Grange fair to be held in the fall, including an exhibit of poultry and fruit; also, of fancy work, canned goods, etc. This will be conducted along the same lines as the fruit and poultry show given last year, but will be on wider lines and will give opportunity for more extensive exhibits. The committee on public entertainment have in mind a strong drama to be given in the early spring.

Littleton High and Westford academy was postponed. If the present cold spell continues, the ice will be in excellent condition again for skating.

The Ladies' Sewing club are preparing to hold a baked bean supper and social in Recreation hall in the near future.

Graniteville.

Many people from this village attended the firemen's ball in Groton last week and had a very enjoyable time.

William L. Wall visited friends in Fitchburg recently.

F. G. Sullivan, who was recently appointed on the board of registrars, began his new duties last week.

Dr. C. E. Simpson, of the State Board of Health, made an official visit to this village recently.

The Sargent school, which was closed for a few days last week as a result of the many cases of scarlet fever in this village, resumed the usual sessions on last Monday after having the building fumigated.

The recent heavy rains and the spring-like weather has caused the snow and ice to disappear and the youngsters are wondering when they will have plenty of skating and coasting again.

Office Shy.

The political situation in town affairs has assumed a rather queer aspect at present time. It appears that several of the town officers, some term of office will expire this year, signify no willingness to stand for another term, among them being the positions of town clerk, overseer of the poor and selectmen. The Graniteville citizens do not appear to be anxious for any of these positions, and it looks this year as though the office holders will seek the man, which has been the reverse in former years. Joseph Wall has been approached as to his attitude in becoming a candidate and it is thought likely that his friends will prevail on him to stand. This is the question that will confront the voters at the different caucuses to be held shortly, and it looks as though it will be a hunt for the leading political parties to get the right man to stand as candidates for the different town officers. In a word the Graniteville men are shy, as those who have held office find it inconvenient to attend the meetings, while those who have not, do not care to take a chance.

HARVARD.

News Items. Mrs. Maude L. K. Morse, of Southboro was a week-end and over Sunday guest in town, visiting with Mrs. A. T. West and Mrs. F. O. Ryan.

The annual town meeting is to be held on Monday, February 1. As usual the Ladies' Benevolent society will furnish a dinner in the upper hall and will also have a special table for the ladies who attend.

The King's Daughters will hold a meeting on Thursday afternoon, January 28, at 2.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Philip Dickson. This is a special meeting and a full attendance is desired.

The Woman's club are very glad to state that they have engaged for their next meeting, January 25, Ansel Richards, principal of the Bromfield school, as speaker for the afternoon. He will speak on "Education."

Death.

Abraham B. Gale, familiar to every citizen of Harvard for more than half a century, has passed beyond his death occurring at the farm home of his youngest son on Saturday, January 16, at the age of 100 years, 1 mo. 16 days. Born in Jamaica, Vt., December 1, 1814, he early in life went to Warwick, Mass., where he lived until he passed his majority. He was one of the best of the old stage drivers, his trips running from Keene, N. H., to Ware, and later driving from Boston to Fitchburg on the line that ran through Lancaster and his remembrance of the old stage days were very interesting topics with him in his later life. He was married on November 27, 1849, to Louisa F. Atherton, and during his early life he lived on the farm now owned by John H. Claves.

Two sons survive him by this union, Henry H. Gale and George T. Gale, both of the firm of Gale, Dickson & Co. Fifty years ago he moved out to the farm on the Hill River road where he has since lived, the place now owned by his son.

Mr. Gale was a man of remarkable vitality, both physical and mental, retaining his powers until within a few months of his death. By nature he was of a genial disposition, and everyone, friend and stranger alike, his broad hand was extended and to all a friendly greeting. His residence in Harvard covered a period of over sixty-five years and his going brings to mind his honesty and integrity in his dealings with his fellow-men. He has been for several years the holder of the Boston Post card.

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Church Notes.

The usual morning service for public worship will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday morning. The theme of the pastor's sermon will be "Seeing is believing." The quartet choir will sing "Hear us O Father." Oscar Schuitz will sing the bass solo.

The bible school meets promptly at twelve o'clock each Sunday. There are already suitable classes for all ages of children and young people and it is confidently expected that plans now being considered will result in an adult class for the study of a course of lessons similar to those used in the other grades. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

On Sunday evening the subject of the C. E. prayer meeting will be "Favorite characters of the bible and why." Mrs. Mason will have charge. There will be special music. Owing to the stormy weather and treacherous travelling there was no meeting of the Monday class this week. All assignments previously made will hold good for next Monday.

At the morning service in the Unitarian church on Sunday the pastor will preach and Mr. Thayer will sing "Consider and hear me," by Haeker. The Sunday school will meet at twelve o'clock and it is hoped that last Sunday's large attendance will be repeated. Mrs. Herbert Claves, the assistant superintendent, will tell the children of the school a story. New study material, based on an ancient Hebrew or modern American scripture found helpful, has been provided. Special invitation to men and young men to attend Mr. Richard's class in present day problems.

The Worcester Conference meets in Fitchburg next week Wednesday evening and all day Thursday. Rev. William Sullivan, of New York city, preaches on Wednesday evening.

The moving picture entertainment under the auspices of the Unitarian Men's club is to be given on Friday evening, February 5.

At the next regular meeting of the Men's club Dr. Sanborn, of Tufts School of Engineering, who made the sanitary survey for the city of Lawrence, will speak about milk producing.

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SHIRLEY.

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The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon of next week with Mrs. Frank W. Snell at three o'clock.

Mrs. Inez Sawyer, who is confined to her home with sickness, is no better.

The King's Daughters met on Tuesday evening with Miss Nina Holbrook. The evening was spent in rolling bandages for the leper hospital in India.

The Altruistic club will hold its regular meeting at the club rooms on Thursday afternoon, January 23, at three o'clock.

Wilbur Nelson, son of I. B. Nelson, seems to be gradually failing, his chances of recovery being remote.

At the high school assembly held this week Friday, the following program was given: Reading, Hazel Ballou; debate, Resolved "Washington is greater than Lincoln," Harry Annis, Hazel Brill, affirm; Helen Bradford, Mildred Day, neg.

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George Thomas, nineteen years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Thomas, of Front street, who has been ill for a long time with tuberculosis, is rapidly failing.

William G. Lyon, of Ayer, a former well-known resident of this town, was taken to the Clinton hospital on Wednesday to be operated upon for a serious stomach trouble.

Mrs. Sarah Hazen seems to be gradually sinking, her vitality being very low.

The Matrons' Aid society will hold its regular meeting on next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Luther Holden at Elm cottage at two o'clock.

Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman arrived home on Tuesday after a month's visit with relatives and friends in Windsor, Conn., and Holyoke.

The Church Debt society held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening with Mrs. F. S. Brown at the Brookside.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Neylan, of Somerville, well-known in Ayer and Shirley, are entertaining a daughter, Dorothy, born on January 15.

Joseph Allen's telephone call has been changed from 41-12 to 12-12.

Coming—a minstrel show to be staged in Odd Fellows' hall about the first week in February, given by J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., under the direction of Mrs. Charles R. White.

The ladies of the Baptist church will serve a baked bean supper with brown bread, fancy pies and coffee in the church vestry on Wednesday evening, January 27, followed by an entertainment.

Willard Knowles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, has accepted a position with the Fitchburg Drug Co., Main street, Fitchburg.

A goodly number were present at the C. E. social held in the vestry of the Baptist church last Saturday evening. Various games and music were enjoyed by old and young.

Edwin R. Smith of Plainfield, N. J., has accepted a position with the Fitchburg Machine Company of Fitchburg.

There will be a special feature of interest at the Congregational church this Sunday morning, January 24, commencing at 10.45 o'clock.

The following is a list of those who are making a contest for town office and have filed their nomination papers for town clerk: Charles H. Wear, Jr., selectman; Arthur H. Jubb, tax collector; Gilbert M. Ballou, road commissioner; Frank Pelote and George Stebbins, for constables.

Summary of Receipts and Payments. Cash balance Dec. 31, 1913 - \$1,250.20. Notes payable No. 5 loan of 500.00.

Receipts: Main pipe from town and state, none; From individuals, 3.23; Service pipes for pipe sold, .90; Installed, .90; Taxes account 1913, \$2.00; Taxes account 1914, \$7.42; By the town, 4,283.32; Hydrant rentals, 1,235.62; Repair of meters, 8.75.

Deaths.

Mrs. Clementine Averill McMichael died on Tuesday night at 11.20 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, Harvard road, of pneumonia, after a brief illness covering a period of about ten days.

The deceased was the widow of Ephraim McMichael and until her last illness had apparently enjoyed the best of health. She was born in Adams, Me., and at the time of her death was 89 yrs. 1 mo. 2 days old.

The greater part of her life was spent in Boston, her husband following the business of shipbuilding, being one of the partners of a well-known firm.

Mrs. McMichael was always of a cheerful and happy disposition, with no pretensions or frills. A prayer service was held at the home where she passed away at eleven o'clock on Thursday morning, Rev. G. E. Woodman officiating.

The immediate survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Elmer H. Allen; three grandchildren, Atty. W. Lloyd Allen of Malden, and Dr. Earl McMichael of Boston; also two great-grandchildren, Nancy and Priscilla Sones.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the voters of the Shirley Village Water District was held in Engine hall on Monday evening, only ten of the citizens being present.

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Table with columns for Payments, Notes payable, and Balances December 31, 1914. Total: \$8,395.36.

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The investment account consists of: Total operating surplus, \$21,803.35; Net cost of work to date, \$22,556.32; Bonded debt at date, \$3,999.99; Average rate of interest, 3.53 percent.

Estimated total population of district, 1,500; Estimated population on lines of pipes, 1,500; Estimated population supplied, 1,520; Total consumption for year, 22,256,000 gallons.

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Those from here who attended the Pomona meeting in Hollis last week Thursday were Battle Pierce, Katherine Cady, Edward Pierce, Mrs. Mrs. Arthur Goss, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shattuck and Mr. and Mrs. Payson Burge.

While the driver for Mr. Cheyne, the Milford fishman, was returning home after his day's business here last Tuesday he was held up and robbed of a sum of money.

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HOW EFFECTIVELY TO PRE-SERVE THE BRIDE'S BOUQUET.

Many years ago it was quite the fashion to save a part of the bride's bouquet, press the flowers and arrange them carefully, frame and hang them on the wall.

The wax flowers were somewhat more natural looking than the dried ones, as they did not fade or lose their color, but it was necessary to use extreme care in moving either the frame of dried flowers or the case of wax ones, as they were easily broken.

The twentieth century has introduced a custom much more lovely than those of the past. If the bride's bouquet is of roses take several and plant them in cut roses are used for decorations at the wedding or reception.

One method of slipping roses is: Place the stems in water for a day or two; then plant in rather sandy soil. Place a glass jar over the little slip and press it down in the soil, so that it will be quite firm.

FOR THE COOK. How to Carry Out These Recipes For an Economical Meal.

Wash two dozen clams thoroughly and put them in a stewpan with half a cup of cold water.

Cold roast lamb, beef, veal, chicken, kidneys, etc., may be heated up deliciously in the casserole.

Season two cupfuls of baked sweet potatoes that have been pressed through a colander with salt and pepper, and add a beaten egg and a little hot cream.

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A Business Romance. The Story of a Berry and a Brand In Seven Chapters.

Relating How Theories Based on the Foundation-Stone of Right Merchandizing Have Made Good.

CHAPTER THREE. THE METHOD.

Last week we told you that we were going to take you into our full confidence and tell you how and why we distribute La Touraine Coffee as we do.

Let us discuss a moment the needless cost of several cents per pound to pack coffee which includes the cost of tin cans, beautiful labels, manual labor or packing machinery all of which is expensive.

Probably the majority of coffee dealers would argue that this several cents per pound cost of packing coffee should be called "Business Insurance" or their "safeguard" or some other such thing.

Our way is distinctly different—we send with each pound of La Touraine Coffee shipped to any of our thousands of dealers its corresponding La Touraine Bag in which the pound of La Touraine Coffee, freshly ground, should be delivered to you.

We will tell you in this paper next week how this works out.

In the meantime please insist that your La Touraine Coffee be delivered in its corresponding La Touraine Bag. This is your privilege.

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How to Clean Soiled Wall Paper. The following mixture is more easily applied and does the work more effectively than any of the baked preparations that are sold at a good price for a small quantity, one generally paying the sum for the label and tin to box it up for sale.

Take one part sal ammoniac, four parts dry flour and water enough to form a dough; then use on the soiled parts as if the mixture was a sponge.

How to Use Empty Baking Powder Cans. If the empty baking powder cans are saved and the lids pierced with holes they may be utilized for a number of household purposes.

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Saturday, January 23, 1915.

GROTON.

News Items. On last week Wednesday evening the Groton Board of Trade met in the selectmen's room and elected the following officers: Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, pres.; Wallace A. Brown, v. p.; Frank A. Torrey, sec.; Everett B. Gerlich, treas.; George E. Hodgman, James B. Harrington, John H. Sheedy, Joseph F. Peabody, Dr. W. A. Goble, board of directors. A committee was appointed to see if the state highway commission will complete the unfinished part of state road between Groton and Littleton.

Adelbert B. Messer, d. d. g. m., of Concord Junction, spent the night at Wallace A. Brown's and attended the installation of the officers of Groton Lodge, I. O. O. F., on Monday, January 18.

This clipping is from last Sunday's Boston Post: "A small party of family and friends went to New York last week for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peabody (Polly Jacob), which took place at the home of the bride's aunt at Mamaroneck, L. I. It included Mr. Peabody's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. R. Peabody, of The Linden, Danvers, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wheatland, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Warren and others. Rev. Dr. Peabody, of Groton, tied the nuptial knot and intimates of the groom in the senior class at Harvard were well represented."

The committee chosen to provide the entertainment for the Unitarian church social on Thursday night, February 4, being unable to serve, Mrs. George H. Woods, Mrs. Fanny Sampson and Mrs. E. A. Sherman, will be the entertainment committee for that evening. Miss Helen Barrows will provide the music. This is the annual "gentlemen's night."

Charles H. Berry, of the old Massachusetts 24th regiment attended its forty-seventh reunion at the American house in Boston on Wednesday. He reports a fine time with thirty comrades present. The old blue line of the 24th is thinning fast, two in the vicinity of Boston passing on last week. Dr. S. A. Green, surgeon of the regiment, suffering from a cold, was unable to be present, but sent a letter to them and they in turn responded with flowers and good wishes. It was on January 20, 1866, just forty-nine years ago, that the regiment was mustered out at Richmond, Va. Discharged, they went by boat to Baltimore, then took the cars for home. Mr. Berry, seventy-five years old, was voted the youngest-looking man present at the reunion on Wednesday.

At the Baptist church on Sunday Rev. William Breckenridge, pastor, will preach at 10:30 in the morning on "Cain and Abel," and at seven in the evening on "The great mercy and love of God," preceded by a bright praise service.

Nomination papers for school committee have been taken out for Mrs. Fred W. Mansur.

The annual firemen's ball of last week Thursday evening passed off with an attendance making a very pleasant party. The orchestra gave a fine concert and music for the dances. There were over ninety couples in the grand march which was led by Foreman and Mrs. Arthur A. Wood. The excellent supper was given a large patronage.

Nomination papers are out for Dr. A. G. Kilbourn and Walter Powers as candidates for school committee. Fred G. Carpenter is running for electric light commissioner.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held at the Baptist vestry on this week Friday afternoon. Prof. E. H. Higley, under the department of literature, spoke on Shakespeare.

Maitland A. Johnson has been appointed inspector of slaughtered cattle, sheep and swine. Any person going to butcher will please let him know the day before.

Nomination papers are out for John H. Sheedy for selectman and assessor of taxes and overseer of the poor.

Three new telephones have been installed—Charles R. Earle, 41-5; Maitland A. Johnson, 62-5; James P. Fitch, 19-3.

Mrs. J. R. Hawkes is the guest of Mrs. Frank Patterson, of Champey street.

Miss Mildred Brown's picture was one in the group of Simmons college girls that appeared in the Boston American of last Sunday. These, with other Simmons girls, are asking that the college day close at 4:30 during these short winter days and also ask for better police protection. These measures seem very important since the attempted hold-up and attack on a young lady going to the college one afternoon last month.

The Book and Thimble club met this week Friday afternoon with Mrs. Thomas Gilson.

This week Saturday evening the board of registrars will meet in the selectmen's room. Those who wish to register for voting at the annual town meeting on February 1, will have the opportunity to do so.

lor. The same invitation is again given to all women of the town to come and help in the good work.

James F. Shattuck, of Boston, was up with his family to stay over Sunday at the home of his brother, G. W. Shattuck.

There were thirty women who braved the downpour of rain on Monday afternoon and attended the Red Cross sewing meeting at the Baptist church parlor. It was a good attendance considering the weather and much was accomplished. One hundred yards of cloth was cut up into different garments for sewing.

The next dance to be given by the Odd Fellows association will be held on Thursday evening, January 28.

Dr. Holmes was called to Brunswick, Me., Monday evening by the illness of his brother. He returned home on Wednesday.

Nomination papers are out for Marshall Swallow as school committee, to take the place of Rev. G. M. Howe, whose term is expiring, and who will not be a candidate for that office.

Nomination papers are being circulated for Walter Powers as candidate for the school committee on which committee there are two members whose term expires. It is reported that the members whose term expire are not candidates for re-election. Mr. Powers purchased the Motley place, so-called, in Groton some two years ago and goes to and from Boston daily, being a member of the law firm of Powers, Folsom & Powers.

Mr. Powers was born in Hyde Park in 1885, attending the public schools there until 1897, when he entered the Volkman school, where he prepared for college, entering Dartmouth in 1902. He received his A. B. in 1906, and L. L. B. from Harvard in 1909. He is a member of the Boston Bar association, Boston Chamber of Commerce, 1st Lieutenant ordinance department, M. V. M. council for Retail Trade Board of Chamber of Commerce, Advertising Vigilance association, trustee Street Manual Training school, Ala.

It is believed that he will prove a valuable and efficient member of the committee and the suggestion of his candidacy is meeting with hearty approval.

Bird Club. The regular January meeting of the Bird club was held in the lower town hall on Monday evening at eight o'clock, about thirty persons being in attendance. The records of the December meeting were read and approved. The president announced that Miss Susan P. Hill had sent in her resignation as chairman of the feeding committee, and on motion of Mr. Sturges it was voted that this matter of filling the vacancy be filled by the president.

The president made a brief statement regarding two important bills now pending in the legislature, the first of these providing a system of licensing cats, the adoption of which is left to the various cities and towns; the other prohibiting all hunting by aliens and even forbidding possession of shot guns and rifles by them.

Miss Hutchins, who recently had the sparrow trap in operation on her premises, reported that about eleven sparrows had been caught at first, but none recently. In view of this fact it was thought advisable that some other members should have an opportunity to use it and it was decided that Mr. Sturges would have the next chance.

Miss Hutchins concluded. Frederick H. Kennard was introduced and gave a thrilling account of his recent hunting and collecting trip in the big cypress swamp of Southern Florida. Besides describing his experiences with the birds he told of alligator and deer hunts, and meeting with bears, panthers and other denizens of the wilderness. The meeting adjourned at about ten o'clock.

Two Interesting Speakers. No Groton woman who can attend should neglect to hear these noted speakers and the message they bring. The story of the white slave trafficking in New York's Chinatown and death-defying attempts to rescue young girls from the "red-light" district, by Miss Rose Livingston, a New York social worker, at a meeting for women only to be held in the lower town hall on January 25. Another speaker will be Mrs. Myron B. Vorce, of Cleveland, Ohio, a forceful speaker on social problems as affecting women.

Miss Livingston is a picturesque character. For many years she has been known as the "Angel of Chinatown" in New York, the result of her splendid work during seven years among the unfortunate victims of commercialized vice. During the course of her investigations she has been brutally attacked and suffered broken bones and multiple injuries, in addition to which she lives under constant threats of death. Her story is intensely interesting and the meeting should be largely attended, as it is open and free to women.

Mourn Her Death. The brief notice of the death of Mrs. Sarah Frances Eaton Cooke at her home in North Brookfield, which appeared in a recent issue of the Landmark, turned the memories of many backward and was read by all who had known her with regret and tender interest. Miss Fanny Eaton—as she was the best and longest known in Groton—was, when she lived here, a young woman prominent in the social and musical life of the town. She was active in church work and the skillful organist for many years in the church of her affiliation. Whether in these functions of the town life or as a pupil and afterward a teacher at Lawrence academy, she was faithful and well beloved, always maintaining that quiet, lady-like dignity that marked her in all her ways in all circumstances. Mrs. Cooke was one of those who came to the 25th anniversary of Groton a number of years ago and was lovingly greeted by many old friends.

Entertaining Lecture. The fourth in the Luther Bled free lecture series was given on Tuesday evening before a good sized, but not crowded house. The lecture on Porto Rico by Byron William Reed, A. B., L. L. B., was well liked. The lecturer had his subject well in hand and it was delivered in a manner and voice that was easily followed and pleasing to his audience. The illustrations were fine, showing the habitations of the rich and poor, the schoolhouses and other public buildings. The scenery and the various products showed the island to be resourceful. The lecturer was also very entertaining in a musical line, the songs being in Spanish as well as in English. He also translated English words into that language, all being very interesting. The next in the course will be by the Pilgrim male quartet.

Woman Suffrage. There will be an equal suffrage meeting held in the town hall on Friday evening, January 29, at eight o'clock. Miss Georgianna Boutwell will preside and the speakers of the evening will be Mrs. Marion Booth Kelley and Irving Tomlinson. Mr. Tomlinson is an editor on the Christian Science Monitor and a prominent advocate of universal suffrage.

Mrs. Kelley, state lecturer for the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage association, is regarded as one of the ablest woman speakers in this section of the country. A cool, convincing, easy talker, she is a distinctly womanly woman who believes that women can help make the right kind of government. Mrs. Kelley has travelled extensively and has made a deep study of the suffrage movement, its causes, reasons and probable results. She is a member of the Professional Woman's club, the Woman's City club of Boston, the Grange, the Woman's Trade Union league and the Colonial Dames of New Jersey, and is an ex-president and an honorary member of the Salem, N. J., Woman's club. Mrs. Kelley, who employs some of her spare time in lecturing upon civics, is the great-great-granddaughter of Dr. Abraham Pierson, the first president of Yale, and is the great-granddaughter of Dr. Samuel Finley, one of the colonial presidents of Princeton.

Mrs. Griffin is the wife of Joseph Foster Kelley, of Boston; their son is now a student at Phillips-Exeter academy.

Mrs. Kelley has become known throughout the country for her brilliant speeches and untiring efforts in behalf of this cause.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public. A large attendance of both men and women is hoped for.

"Under Two Flags." The stirring drama in five acts, "Under two flags," will be presented by the Groton Woman's club in the town hall on Friday and Saturday evenings, February 5 and 6, by one of the most competent casts of local talent ever presented for a dramatic entertainment in this town. The entire production will be staged under the personal direction of Alice Eudora Chapman. Everyone is familiar with the fact that this drama has been one of the most popular ever staged, as it holds the unflinching attention of the audience from the rise of the curtain until the final scene.

It has always been a record-breaker in attendance, and many times it has been impossible to accommodate the crowds after the first performance and "standing room only" sign is often used.

Not long ago Miss Chapman's production of the play packed a large opera house for two consecutive evenings, every seat being sold and ninety by actual count stood up during the second evening's performance. There has always been the same interest shown wherever it has been presented. No effort will be spared to make this the dramatic event of the season for Groton.

To the Editor: An article has been inserted in the town warrant so that if the town will request the school building committee to cause the name "Boutwell" to be in the stone for the main entrance to the building. The committee are without authority to officially name the building.

The proposed action meets with the approval of our citizens who since Gov. Boutwell's death have been desirous of perpetuating his memory in some suitable manner.

Gov. Boutwell's interest in the cause of education is well known, never has Groton had a more able or eloquent champion for her public schools. A member of the school committee at four different periods of his long and useful life, it has been said of him that he was responsible for the establishing of our high school.

He was a member of the State Board of Education for many years and for five years secretary of the board. During this period he visited nearly every city and town in the State, making over three hundred addresses on educational topics.

Groton's distinguished son, Dr. Samuel A. Green, in his recently published Volume II, 1914, "Facts relating to the history of Groton," says of Gov. Boutwell: "In after life he filled more distinguished public positions than ever fell to the lot of any other citizen of Groton."

The building is of modest design, constructed of tapistry and red brick, with lime-stone trimmings and contains six rooms. Citizen.

Baseball Schedule. Groton's baseball schedule, which contains fifteen games, has been completed by Manager Thomas R. Coward of Bronxville, N. Y. The list differs greatly from last year's, games being arranged so that more experienced pitchers will be faced. It is felt that this will give the boys a better opportunity to improve in batting, which is perhaps the most important part of the development of a schoolboy baseball team. The probability of defeat has been taken into consideration together with the possibility of discouraging the players, but the authorities believe this danger will be more than offset by the fact that the boys will be keyed up while playing better teams.

The freshmen teams of Harvard and Holy Cross, Powder Point, Country Day and Boston English High are among the new comers to the list, while among those teams which have been dropped are Boston Latin, Worcester North and Worcester Classical. The most radical change is the shifting of the St. Mark's game to the last Saturday in May, instead of the final Wednesday of the month. This change will be welcomed by the parents of many of the boys, while others will be disappointed, especially if the finals of the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. classic are held at the Harvard Stadium on that day. The schedule follows:

April 10, Noble & Greenough, at Groton. April 11, English High, at Groton. April 17, Lowell Textile, at Groton. April 23, Worcester South High, at Groton. April 24, Powder Point, at Groton. May 1, Harvard Second, at Groton. May 7, Harvard 1915, at Groton. May 13, Holy Cross 1915, at Groton. May 13, Cambridge Theoreticians, at Groton. May 13, Lawrence Academy, at Groton. May 19, Middlesex, at Groton. May 22, State, at Groton. May 22, Country Day, at Groton. May 28, St. Mark's, at Southboro.

Under the direction of Charles Fuller, captain-elect and catcher, baseball work will be continued in the cage throughout the term, the new boys reporting two weeks before the vacation starts.

Interest in winter sports has not deteriorated by the warm weather. The lack of ice has just caused the boys to shift from hockey to the gymnasium. Three thousand five balls arrived from England recently, just as the supply was nearly exhausted. A five-man team will be formed to play St. Mark's in March. Candidates for the interform series will be called out early next week. A tournament for the Upper and Lower schools in singles and doubles is being arranged.

The rapid strides made in hockey this year lead to the belief that within a few years this game will be on a firm footing here. Eight organized teams are playing a series, and although the ice has been scarce it is expected that there will be plenty after today. R. Enmons is captain of the Nashuas, while T. Robins is leading the Squannacook teams. This method of dividing the players into clubs has stimulated interest in the Canadian sport.

Sentenced. Mrs. Clara H. Griffin, who was jointly indicted with her husband, Francis Hoyt Griffin, a lawyer, charged with having swindled prominent men in Massachusetts and other parts of the country out of nearly \$500,000, shouldered responsibility for the crime by pleading guilty Monday in the United States district court in New York to using the mails to defraud. Griffin entered a similar plea. Mrs. Griffin was sentenced Thursday to serve six years in the state prison for women at Auburn, N. Y., and Mr. Griffin was given a seven-year term in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

Last May Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were arrested in Groton, charged with swindling by means of false representations in regard to contracts they asserted they had secured for government stenographic work. The indictment was issued in New York.

At that time it was charged that many prominent Massachusetts citizens had been involved in the Griffin scheme. It is said that one victim in Massachusetts lost \$100,000 and two others \$40,000 each.

According to the police, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin secured loans from their friends, asserting that the contracts were so secret—having to do with trust investigations—that they did not dare to ask banks for the necessary funds.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were released in \$7,000 bail, which they forfeited and left New York. They were taken to Chicago, then to Le Roy and Karlsruhe, finally they were arrested the day before Christmas in Colorado Springs, where they were living under an assumed name.

Griffin is a graduate of Yale and a brother-in-law of the Comtesse de Rochefoucauld. Before her marriage, Mrs. Griffin was proprietor of a large stenographic business and handled many important contracts.

West Groton. Mrs. G. I. Woodard and two young children spent Wednesday in Boston.

The boxes used as receptacles for the Christmas tree will offering of the Christian Union parish for the benefit of the Red Cross have been collected by the pastor, and were found to contain \$21.10.

On Sunday evening a collection will be taken for the suffering Belgians.

Born, on Saturday, at Groton hospital, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pierce.

The Five Hundred club will meet with Mrs. C. K. Dudley on Wednesday afternoon.

The January meeting of the Improvement society was in charge of the Citizen's committee who made arrangements with G. H. Brown of Ayer, to give a talk on Panama, illustrated with views taken by himself. It was found necessary to change the date from Tuesday to Wednesday evening, but arrangements were not completed in time for publication of a correct notice. Nevertheless, a sufficient number to form a good sized audience assembled and listened with close attention to the speaker, Mr. Brown, who has twice visited Panama, is very familiar with his subject and presents it to his hearers in a very pleasing manner. The stereopticon views, though small, were extremely good illustrating very clearly the various descriptions of the speaker. Mr. Pierce kindly answered all questions and gave to his audience a very pleasant and worthwhile evening.

A supper will be given under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society on Thursday evening at 6:45 in the supper room of Squannacook hall, Miss Bertha Bixby, chairman. The public is cordially invited. Following the supper, an entertainment program will be presented, the chief feature of which will be a debate on the following question: "Resolved, that the present war shows that universal peace is impossible." Lee Bixby, Richard Lawrence, Miss Sylvia Lawrence, affirmative; Earl White, Miss May Clark, Mr. Hough, negative; G. H. Bixby, Francis Hayes, Mrs. Spaulding, judges.

The L. A. society met with Mrs. Straloud on Thursday afternoon, with seventeen active members and one associate member present, also two guests, Mrs. Trask and Miss Spaulding. Delicious ice cream, cake and wafers were served by the hostess and all passed a very pleasant and profitable afternoon.

News Items. A pleasant social affair of the week was a party given by the sophomore class of the High school at the home of Rev. W. C. Brown, on Foster street, in honor of the class officers, Eugene Esten, pres.; Margaret Conant, vice pres.; Myra Dodge, sec. and Jack Hardy, treas. In addition to the social hour, there were games for which prizes were awarded to the winners, and refreshments were served by Miss Margaret Brown. Miss Sears acted as chaperon and Principal Cummings and Miss Lovejoy were special guests.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hubbard of Foster street are receiving congratulations on the birth of an eight-pound baby.

Mrs. Chism of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting her Littleton relatives, Mrs. George Bonnell, and Mrs. A. H. Gregory.

The Backlog club which met Thursday evening enjoyed the following program, prepared by the Newtown committee: Singing by Miss Hale of Acton, accompanied at the piano by Miss Grace Needham; reading, Mrs. W. H. Titcomb; Rev. O. J. Fairfield, Miss Cornwall, Ivo Russell; music by Miss Sears, violinist, and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, pianist; singing by Karlton K. Priest, accompanied at piano by Miss Lucy Houghton; singing by audience, verses written by Rev. O. J. Fairfield and sung to tune of "Fair Harvard." Miss Needham accompanying. A cordial social concluded the entertainment.

The body of Oral Higgins, aged fourteen years, was recovered in the Mill Pond, near Hartwell and Hosmer ice house, Thursday night after a long search for the lad. He had drowned in six feet of water.

Miss Eunice Priest of Fitchburg Normal school is substituting in a third grade school in Ayer.

Littleton people who attended the banquet, installation and entertainment of the Royal Arch chapter of Masons at Ayer, last Tuesday evening, are loud in praise of every feature of the program. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnson and son, Frederick, Mrs. C. A. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hill, Chas. Cummings, Raymond Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith enjoyed the evening very much. Mr. Johnson installed the officers, winning new laurels for his efficiency. The turkey supper and the entertainment by the Weber-Maile quartet with readings by Grace Sanborn Cole, of Boston, were certainly beyond criticism, and constituted a program not soon to be forgotten.

Hon. C. A. Kimball was present at the American House banquet given by the Republican State committee Tuesday evening in honor of the Senators and Representatives.

The hockey game between Westford Academy and Littleton High was called off for want of good skating.

You are reminded of the dancing class that opens in town hall this week, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Louise Whitney of Lexington will be the guest of her aunt, Miss Ewings, at Hon. F. A. Patch's, the coming week.

Mrs. J. C. Alvord will give the third of her talks on "Tramping" in the Congregational vestry next Sunday evening, and her subject will be "Old Paths."

Grange Party. The costume party at the grange last Wednesday evening was most successful in every way. The party numbered about a hundred, and Westford, Acton, Boxboro and Shirley granges were represented, the guests appearing in costume. Acton visitors were in Indian attire. Other costumes brought the company in touch with Puritans, Colonial people, the policeman, the fireman, the farmer, the tambourine girl, the Japanese the English gentleman of a few years past, George Washington and other interesting characters. Those not in costume were fined ten cents each, and from this \$1.50 was realized. A brief business meeting was held when it was voted to contribute \$10 towards the High school Edison phonograph. An entertainment was given consisting of the minut which was very nicely danced by a number of the young people. Miss Sears, violinist, and Mrs. Prouty, pianist, playing. Recitations by Miss Katherine Connell, songs by George A. Cook, readings by Miss Cornwall and "The quilting bee" acted by several ladies, with singing of "The quilting party" by a group of men, completed the first part of the program. All in costume joined in a grand march led by master of the grange, F. H. Hill and Miss Needham. The evening closed with dancing the old-time figures followed by the modern steps, Mrs. G. H. Kimball, Mrs. Prouty and Mrs. Chism playing for the same time. Bartholomew Foley calling off. All entered heartily into the spirit of the evening and had a jolly good time. Ice cream, home-made candy and fruitade were sold and the proceeds went into the educational fund.

Boxborough. News Items. Samuel Toombs died on Thursday night of last week after an illness of several months at the age of sixty-seven years. Mr. Toombs was a native

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of North Carolina, where he was born a slave. When very young he came north with the 25th Massachusetts regiment on its return from the civil war. When a young man he worked at mechanical pursuits, but later applied himself to poultry and market gardening in which he was quite successful. He was an honest, upright man, well liked by his neighbors. Funeral services were at his late home and the burial was in Mt. Hope cemetery, West Acton.

Frank Page, of Brookline, N. Y., is making his annual mid-winter visit with Mrs. Anna Page.

Ed. Bramon, Mrs. Ada Durkee and Mrs. C. B. Robbins represented the Grange at the costume party held by Littleton Grange on Wednesday evening.

Several of our enterprising farmers have attended the agricultural school in Harvard this week. C. T. Wetherbee attended every session, others going part of the time, but all unanimous in its praise.

Harbor. Mrs. Sophia Burdett is gradually recovering from her fall on the ice last week.

The Sunday school has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Harold F. Gray, sup't; N. G. Proctor, asst. sup't; Mr. Jacobs, sec.; Mrs. James Bennett, treas.

Owing to illness the Social club will not give a supper at the Old Homestead as previously voted, but will hold its meeting for the election of officers on Saturday evening of this week at its rooms in the mansion.

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DON'T BREAK HER WORD. "Maud married! Why only last June she told me she wouldn't marry the best man that she walks the earth!" "That's all right; the man she married rides in an automobile."

THE COP'S SUGGESTION. Woman (separated from husband in crowd)—I'm looking for a small man with one eye. Policeman—If he's a very small man, may be you'd better use both eyes.

A WAR VICTIM. "Do you really mean to tell me that you are an European war sufferer?" "Yes, lady; folks has been sending so much grub at 'Clings across de water' they'd had ter neglect us deservin' grub at home."

WHERE THE TROUBLE LIES. Wife—I wish you would realize, John, that there is something in the world besides money. Husband—I do; the trouble is that when I want anything done I can't get the other fellow to realize it.

ECONOMY OF LANGUAGE. Passenger (entering car)—Fire morning, conductor. Conductor—Fare.

HEARD IN A BOOKSTORE. "I want one of Mr. Poe's works." "Yes, madam; any special title?" "Oh, give me something he's just written."

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LITTLETON.

News Items.

The lyceum entertainment on Tuesday evening will be given by Ernest Wright, of Boston, a character impersonator, who not only excels as a professional "make-up" man, but is a character delineator and dialectician who stands among the first. In addition he possesses a good singing voice and has a song or two for each character portrayed, so the evening's entertainment of clean mirth will not lack in variety.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon subject on Sunday morning will be a continuation of the series of the religious ideals of the nations engaged in the great war and will deal with "Austria, of whom glorious things were spoken, but which continues to be a ramshackle empire." There will be no evening meeting.

February 15 and 16 are the dates selected for the presentation of the Woman's club play, "Mid-summer night's dream." On Monday evening of the first date it will be an invitation affair so far as the admittance of men is concerned. The second performance, which is to be given on Tuesday afternoon, February 16, will be open to women only. Rehearsals are well under way and present indications are very favorable.

Rev. James C. Alvord attended the Middlesex Union of Congregational Ministers in Ayer on Tuesday and spoke on "The Italian emigrant seen at home."

Miss Ella Schnair, who is taking the nurses' course in Biddford, Me., hospital, has spent part of her vacation with the C. K. Houghtons at the Common. She is a very welcome visitor among the many friends she made during her long residence in town.

Welcome back on the telephone map Newtown after an absence of a long week.

Miss Mary Marshall, Mrs. Alice Prouty and Mrs. Mary Brown, from Littleton Woman's club, attended the Pepperell Woman's club at the reciprocity meeting on Tuesday. Mrs. Prouty contributed a piano solo to the program. Our ladies were presented with badges of lavender ribbon as representative of each club wore a color whose initial letter was the same as that of the club—Littleton lavender, Groton green, etc. Delegates report delightful hospitality and a fine program.

Among those guests to enjoy the hospitality of the Harvard Complimentary Ball club from Littleton last week Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Woodbury, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Ercroft, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis W. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton and daughter Lucy, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb and son Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ames, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Priest, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shedd, Mrs. L. A. Hager, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, and from Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwell.

Dean Cooper, of Wooming, has visited his brother, H. J. Cooper, two weeks, returning to his home in the west last week Friday. The brothers had not met for nearly ten years.

Mrs. J. W. Ireland has been spending the past week at Haywood Hartwell's in Norwell, and Mrs. Hartwell has taken advantage of the opportunity to visit her son Oliver and family in Albany, N. Y., and incidentally to make the acquaintance of her new grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Brown gave a luncheon party to several of their neighbors at their home on Foster street last week Thursday evening.

Rev. J. C. Alvord has felt some anxiety for his aunt, Mrs. Charles A. Dewey, of Milford, and a cousin, Miss Sarah Hopkins, of Northampton, who were in Rome at the time of the earthquake disaster in Italy.

Nashobah and Harwood farms exhibited at the poultry show in Boston last week and the former captured prizes. Among the Littleton visitors at the show were Harold Whitcomb, K. H. Whitehead, C. P. Johnson, R. Harrow, Miss F. A. Sanderson and Miss Margaret Thacher.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton was a weekend visitor with relatives in Woburn.

Miss Edith Merriam went to Freeburg last Saturday for a brief visit with her home people.

Philip Prescott, of West Rindge, N. H., visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Kimball, on his way to and from the Boston poultry show.

Howard Kimball has recovered from tonsillitis and other children in the family have been housed with the same disease.

Town meeting is but little more than a week ahead—Monday, February 1. The citizens' caucus was held last week Saturday night and C. A. Kimball presided, C. P. Johnson acting as secretary. Nominations were as follows: Charles F. Johnson, town clerk; F. A. Patch, treasurer and collector; selectmen, George W. Whitcomb 3 yrs., Harry S. Barker 2 yrs., Charles D. Smith 1 yr.; E. P. Sheehan, assessor; A. B. Conant, school board; Charles A. Hartwell, highway commissioner; J. N. Murray, board of health; A. E. Hopkins, tree warden; F. Priest, electric light and water commissioner.

The Unitarian Sunday school class No. 5 will give an entertainment in the vestry on Friday evening, January 29. The program will consist of vocal and instrumental music, a monologue and "Her uncle's boots," a farce in one act. The following constitute the cast of characters: Elizabeth Brown, Marion Drew, Marjorie Proctor, Charlotte Woodbury, Marcia Wilcox, Margaret Brown, Evelyn Woodbury. Home-made candy will be on sale. The proceeds are to be used for supplying flowers at the morning church service during the winter months.

At the meeting of the Choral society last week Friday night several new members were added to the class. The course for the season was decided upon and the class took up the work with much interest and enthusiasm.

Director Dane emphasized the need of attending the early lessons as well as the latter ones. The officers also urge all in the class to be prompt in getting to "home talent night" as the first lessons are as important as the last. Littleton enjoys a good musical reputation and many music lovers hope that the name may continue. Although the class has increased in numbers there are many more young people who could help and be helped by joining the ranks.

Annual Meeting.

The annual parish dinner of the Congregational society was held in the vestry on Saturday, January 16. The numbers were good, probably reaching seventy-five or more, the dinner was superb, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Conant and the rest of the committee in charge, and the spirit of sociability, which is never wanting at any of the Littleton churches, was at its best. One after-dinner speech was made and that by Rev. J. C. Alvord, in few but well chosen words, presenting in behalf of Mrs. V. T. Esten and her brother, William Whitcomb, of New York city, a neat and attractive announcement board to be placed outside the church door. At the parish meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the donors.

Frank Gregory, clerk of the parish, read the warrant, and George A. Cook was chosen moderator. Rev. J. C. Alvord offered prayer and the business of the day proceeded. Reports of the several officers showed that the parish is in a prosperous condition and progressing on a sound financial basis. Former officers were generally re-elected. The new year begins with the following: Frank Gregory, clerk; N. B. Conant, C. K. Houghton, C. V. Flagg, parish com.; N. B. Conant, C. K. Houghton and J. P. Thacher, trustees of funds; F. H. Hill, Miss F. A. Sanderson, Mrs. C. A. Kimball, music com.; C. A. Kimball, J. P. Thacher, collectors; George H. Kimball, Goldsmith H. Conant, alternates; Frank Gregory, George A. Cook, Harold Conant, Stanley Conant, ushers; Charles F. Flagg, auditor.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alvord for their contribution to parsonage improvements. A vote of thanks was extended also to Miss Sanderson for services as organist, and to F. H. Hill, choir director, and all members of the choir for their services of the past year. Several persons were voted into parish membership.

The church meeting followed, Rev. J. C. Alvord presiding. Dea. J. W. Thacher opened the meeting with prayer. J. W. Dodds, clerk read his seventh annual report and declined reelection. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Dodds for his long and faithful services in that capacity, and Miss Elizabeth Thacher was elected his successor. Other officers chosen are as follows: Miss Thacher, treasurer; C. A. Kimball, S. S. Supt.; Deas. W. E. Conant and J. W. Thacher, C. A. Kimball, Miss F. A. Sanderson, church com.; Dea. J. W. Thacher, dea. 2 yrs.; music committee same as for parish; benevolent committee same as church committee; church manual committee, elected; trustees of church funds same as those for parish.

Reports of the church treasurer, the C. C. club, United Workers, Sunday school and Y. P. S. C. E. were read and presented the work of the various organizations in a favorable light. Every feature of the day was most satisfactory and the meeting dissolved with a feeling of fellowship and hearty co-operation.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Miss Louise Hardy, who is teaching domestic science in Amherst, came home to attend the Woman's club reception.

Mrs. Lougee was called to Dracut to care for her aunt who was thrown out of a carriage and broke her arm.

Charles J. Bell returned from New York last week Friday evening, where he attended the annual meeting of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association of America.

Reception.

The Hollis Woman's club held their reception for guest night at the town hall on Friday evening, January 15. The hall was tastefully decorated with green trees, and by eight o'clock a large company of people had assembled and the officers of the club stood in line to receive. The ushers were Mrs. Ralph Herick, Miss Mildred Rogers, Mrs. William Dean, Mrs. Stella Hardy. The company was furnished with Robbins' orchestra from Pepperell, which rendered some fine music during all the reception. At nine o'clock Mrs. Gorton, from Manchester, N. H., in a glowing address entertained the audience with recitations. Her first recitation, "Through the Union Lines" was very pleasing and interesting and showed her good talent. Her last recitation, "Home is the best where the heart is," was very fine. Refreshments were served and a social hour followed.

At twelve o'clock the company dispersed with pleasant memories and not forgetting that to "Fame point mind to mirth and merriment hath a thousand charms, and lengthens life."

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

The dinner by the Ladies' Sewing circle held in the Congregational vestry last week Thursday, was well patronized, nearly one hundred people attending, and netted a neat little sum for their treasury.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson, Flat Hill, on Monday morning, January 11.

Mrs. Mary E. Ewing has been chosen and has accepted the office of trustee of the Ritter Memorial library in place of Miss Annie Jennison, who has removed from town and is now living in Connecticut.

On last week Friday the High School Improvement league entertainment was given by the sophomore class. The paper was read by Willard Adams and included in its contents original poems, story, local jokes and hits.

Two basketball games at the town hall last Saturday evening resulted as follows: The Lunenburg A. A. against the Five Associates of Freeburg, 16 to 17 in favor of the home team. The high school team were also the winners in the game with the Y. M. C. A. Intermediates of Freeburg by the score of 25 to 11.

The drama "Uncle Remus" presented by the Lunenburg High School Alumni on Friday evening, January 16, drew a household of people who showed their appreciation and enjoyment of the play by frequent and hearty applause. The play was a good one, abounding in sense and sentiment, business and fun all the way through, and everyone in the cast acted their parts well.

Another new telephone has been added to the Lunenburg circuit and is located at the beautiful new home of Arnold C. Dickinson on the Northfield road—411.

Rev. Fred Noon took for the title of his last Sunday morning sermon "Looking inward." H. B. Mason conducted the Epworth league service in the evening. At the Congregational church Rev. Robert A. Bryant presided on "St. Paul's interpretation of perfect peace." Misses Elizabeth Bryant and Ruth Gierston conducted the singing service for the C. P. E. club at seven o'clock. Subject, "Making hold beginnings."

The Goodrichville club met January 14 with Mrs. Weston. The day was so pleasant there was a good attendance and a pleasant social afternoon was spent with readings and music by the different members. Mrs. A. J. Cullum has charge of the program for the next meeting, which will be with Mrs. Frank Brackett, January 25.

Mr. Samuel Smith has been quite poorly the past week.

L. W. C.

A very interesting meeting of the Woman's club was held at the home of Mrs. F. L. Francis on last week Friday afternoon and was attended by thirty-five members. Miss Helen G. Jones had a very fine essay upon Tennyson, interspersed by selections sung by Miss Ethel Emerson, with Mrs. Ellen S. Parker as accompanist. "Sweet and low" "The brook" and "Crossing the bar," sung as a duet by Miss Emerson and Mrs. Parker. All were delighted with the music. Mrs. Bryant was to give an essay on Nathaniel Hawthorne, but as she was out of town her very interesting paper was ably presented by her husband, Rev. Robert A. Bryant. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be on Wednesday night and will be held in the town hall on February 5. The committee who have the matter in charge are Mrs. E. E. Spencer and Mrs. E. C. Smith. Every lady is expected to invite her husband, son or gentleman friend. If she is so unfortunate as to have neither she may bring a lady friend.

Town Meetings.

A petition bearing the requisite number of names was presented to the selectmen on Monday asking for a special town meeting. The petition has been granted and the town meeting appointed for Monday evening, January 25. There will be two articles at least for consideration, to see if the town will vote to abolish the road commission and to establish two highway districts, each in charge of a highway surveyor. One article for consideration which will be presented at the annual town meeting in regard to renaming or restoring Wading street to its original name of "Two Rod road," by which it was known until 1902. At that time it was voted to name all the streets in town and this short piece of road was called Wading street. The old name was known as the Benjamin Whiting place and one smaller house were the only houses then on this street, and as Whiting was a name of historic interest in the town it was thought quite appropriate to call the street by this name. Within a few years several new houses have been built along this road and their owners are anxious to see it like the old name. The hope although they are new-comers in town.

In the early history of this town this road was laid out for the convenience of teamsters with heavy loads as it made a short cut across the land between what is now known as Lunenburg and Massachusetts avenues and saved climbing the long hill in the center of the town, and being by way of the Groton road it was said that thirty-three feet wide, now its name, "the two rod road" as all other roads were made sixty feet wide or more.

Many people seem to prefer that it remain as Whiting street, but that will be decided at the annual town meeting.

FOR SALE—A second-hand baby carriage, No. 2 Typewriter, cheap. Inquire at Public Spirit office, Ayer.

LOST BOOK—In accordance with Chapter 506, Section 16 of the Acts of 1912, Massachusetts Legislature, notice is hereby given that Book No. 239 has been lost and the owner, MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK, Sarah T. Tutin, Treasurer, 215

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DARED DEATH TO SAVE LOVER An Intended Sacrifice Happily Averted.

Vera was a young Russian girl who if she did not belong to the peasant class was not far above it. Alexis Demidoff, the son of a wealthy gentleman who lived in the same province as Vera, met her one day while he was hunting, and an intimacy sprang up between the two young people which ended in love. When Alexis' father heard of the attachment he forbade his son ever to speak to the girl again under pain of being disinherited. This naturally led to clandestine meetings, and for fear of discovery the lovers met in the heart of the forest.

One afternoon Vera went to the woods to meet Alexis by appointment. She waited a long while at the trying place, but her lover did not come. Fearing some misfortune, she walked toward the Demidoff home. She had gone but a short distance when she saw Alexis' horse beside the road. Then her eye rested on his master lying near by. The horse had thrown him, giving him a broken arm and a sprained ankle.

As soon as Vera came up the two consulted as to what should be done. Vera proposed to mount the horse and ride for help, but the animal refused to be caught and ran back toward the Demidoff estate.

Presently she heard a distant bark. Vera, who was holding her lover in her arms, with his hand in hers, gave a convulsive clutching of her fingers. Both knew the sound to be the baying of a wolf.

It was far distant, but it reminded them that there were other wolves scattered through the woods. Indeed, it was not long before they saw within a stone's throw two glaring eyes.

Vera had had time to prepare herself for this. She knew that Alexis could neither stand on his feet nor hold a gun, except with one hand, and that the left. Disengaging herself from him, she seized his rifle, which she had taken the precaution to recover, and waited for the wolf to draw nearer. When he had come within proper range she raised the rifle to her shoulder and fired, aiming between the eyes. The wolf, whose head was only cut by the ball, gave a yelp and dashed away.

"Draw the shell quick," said Alexis. "He will be back presently."

Vera drew the shell and, taking a cartridge from Alexis' belt, fixed it in the rifle and waited. Alexis, who was a splendid shot, begged her if the wolf returned to hold the rifle for him and let him fire with the gun against his left shoulder. Vera consented, and they took the position required to see how it would work, but Alexis was obliged to sit up and was so faint that he did not dare try the experiment.

When the wolf came back there were four pairs of glaring eyes instead of one. Vera had lived all her life in a country infested with wolves and knew that when one was killed the others would eat the carcass before pushing on. Selecting one pair of eyes, for she could see nothing else of the wolves, she fired and a wolf dropped dead.

While its fellows were scrambling for the carcass Vera drew the shell of the exploded cartridge and inserted another. But this unequal contest could not last. The four wolves were joined by half a dozen others, and the lovers knew that as soon as the dead wolf had been devoured there would be another rush which it was hopeless that they could withstand. Vera to gain distance took hold of Alexis under the arms and dragged him back as far as she was able, then, taking the rifle, she stood before him, waiting for the wolves to finish their meal.

Most of the carcass was consumed. She could hear a few wolves still picking at the bones, while one or two, she fancied, were licking their chops. One pair of eyes appeared in the middle of the road glaring at her, and in a moment she was sure they were drawing nearer. She raised her rifle, aimed and pulled the trigger.

The cartridge did not explode. Vera realized that the end was at hand. Throwing down her rifle, she deliberately advanced to offer herself a sacrifice to delay a little longer her lover's death.

At the moment there were a clatter of horses' hoofs before her and a shot. In an instant the wolves had vanished. Horsemen came up and found Vera standing in the road some distance before Alexis. In the darkness they would have run her down had she not stepped aside. They were a party of the Lunenburgs. Alexis' horse had gone home without his rider, and they had come out to search for him.

Alexis was taken home and insisted that Vera should go with him. Demidoff, the father of Alexis, questioned Vera, who told the story, leaving out her intended sacrifice.

"Why were you so far in advance of my son, unarmed, when you were found?" he asked.

Vera hesitated, then replied: "It was plain that one must die. If I could delay the wolves there was a chance of help coming for Alexis. It was also possible that their hunger would be appeased with my body and leave Alexis untouched."

Demidoff, who was a great huntsman and a brave man, could not withstand this heroic devotion. He consented to Alexis' union with Vera, and never tired of telling the story of how she had saved his son and offered herself to the wolves in his stead.

DAIRY POINTERS.

If milk is at too low a temperature at the process of separating there is sure to be a loss of cream, and cream is too valuable to waste.

Sludge is the very best winter pasture for the dairy herd. It produces more nearly than anything else summer conditions in the winter stable.

This is the time to pick up good heifer calves to re-enforce the dairy. Never buy a calf from a grade sire.

When the cream breaks and the butter begins to form cold water should be used carefully to assist in the separation.

A churn that is not perfectly clean will taint and spoil the butter.

PREPARING CREAM FOR MAKING BUTTER

There are two systems of preparing cream for buttermaking. The first is to churn sweet cream and the second sour or ripened cream. There are many advantages of the latter over the former, the most important being that, first, it churns quicker and more easily. Second, it produces the finest flavor and aroma obtainable, and also these characters are uniform. By this is meant that different churnings, all equally ripe, will produce a more uniform good butter than they would have done if they had been sweet cream, because the variation is less in ripened cream. Third, there is much less loss of fat in the buttermilk.

Butter made from ripened cream keeps better on the average than sweet cream butter. In well ripened cream there is practically a pure culture of lactic bacteria, and it is found, where so many of this species are present, that they prevent the growth of those bacteria which produce the bad flavors and aromas.

The temperature influences the ripening, for different organisms have different optimum (best) temperatures. So, unless the cream is set at the optimum temperature of the lactic bacteria, other organisms which are harmful will develop.

It has been found that below 60 degrees ripening is slow and the butter produced is rather bad flavored and churns with difficulty. The best temperature is about 75 degrees. There are three methods of ripening cream—namely, first, allowing it to stand until sour; second, adding homemade starter; third, by using a pure culture starter.

It is found that excellent butter is made by allowing the cream to sour itself; but, like sweet cream, it does not give uniform results. The second method is often practiced. Some clean, good buttermilk or sour milk is taken and strained through a muslin cloth into the cream. The quantity depends on the amount of cream to be ripened and the length of the ripening period, but the flavor is often impaired because of the number of putrefactive bacteria present, and the butter does not keep so well. The third system produces by far the most uniform butter. The cream is first pasteurized between 165 and 170 degrees and then cooled to about 70 degrees, and then the starter is added at the rate of about 2 1/2 to 5 per cent of the cream, but it is better to use less starter and give a longer ripening period. Although this method is considered best, excellent butter has been made by allowing the cream to sour itself, and the only advantage that can be seen is that it produces a more uniform quality at each churning.

Improvement of Dairy Cows. It is poor policy to try to improve upon any breed of dairy cattle by crossing one breed upon another. This has been done in some cases, but it never gets on anywhere. There may be exceptional instances where individuals have proved good, but for each of these there will be hundreds that will be worthless.



The Holstein cow as we see her today is the result of centuries of earnest thought and careful development on the part of those who have been breeding her, writes A. A. Hartshorn in Kimball's Dairy Farmer. She has become such a great producer that those who are now breeding Holsteins have a difficult task to perform if they expect to continue this improvement. If they do not breed wisely our breed will become less rather than more valuable as dairy animals. The illustration shows the udder of a Holstein that produced 1,164.31 pounds of butter fat in a year.

Getting at A Secret

By DWIGHT NORWOOD

Jim Hathaway and I were not only chums, but occupied rooms in the same bachelor apartment house. Jim was a secretive chap and especially fond of making a mystery of what was an ordinary happening. I poked fun at him for doing so, but this seemed to have no effect in stopping him from continually trying to impress me with his ability to do things without my having any knowledge of them. Then when the denouement came he would assume an air of superiority as much as to say, "I don't go about blabbing of my affairs."

There came a time when I believed that Jim had an affair on hand with a girl. The reason why I came to this conclusion was that he began to show a contempt for work. "The best thing a fellow can do with a girl," he would say, "is to let her alone. By doing so he avoids the expense of theater tickets and flowers, only to find out later that she's encouraging some other fellow." I was not interested in Jim's love affairs, but I saw no reason why he should take pains to deceive me in the matter. However, it did not trouble me that he thought proper to do so. I was very fond of him and considered his idiosyncrasy of no real importance, not doubting that I had others myself just as absurd.

Jim and I occupied a common living room, and one evening when we were about to go out to dinner together Jim picked up an envelope that had been left by the postman during the day, unsealed, and took out a booklet advertising some kind of goods. I noticed him looking at it, or some part of it, with apparent interest; then he tossed it in the wastebasket.

The next morning I happened to go to that same wastebasket to recover a bit of paper I had thrown in it containing an address. I stumbled on the envelope containing the advertisement and noticed that it was addressed in a feminine hand. I thought nothing of this, since girls are usually employed to address advertising matter, and was hunting on for my paper when I raked up the advertisement. It gave a list of articles that would alone interest a woman. This set me to thinking why it should have been addressed to a man. While meditating on this I noticed some lead pencil marks on the booklet. They were 8 1/2 7 1/2.

Now, had it not been for what I have said about Jim and his mysteries I would not have occurred to me that these figures were not merely something put there by some unknown person for some very ordinary purpose, but intended for a cipher. First, advertisements of special interest to women are not usually mailed to men. This suggested that the booklet had been received by a woman and had been used for cipher purposes by the recipient. What better method for communication could there be? Whether the figures had a meaning or not, I resolved that if I ever got a girl whose parents would not permit me to visit her I would use this plan of communication.

I tried hard not to pry into Jim's affairs, but the puzzle was too fascinating for me to let alone. Besides, there was the temptation to beat Jim at his own game. What 8 1/2 7 1/2 meant haunted me till I hit upon the fact that the present month was August, the eighth month in the year. The present day was the 12th. Did not the figures contain an appointment? If so, it was for Aug. 10 at half past 7 (probably in the evening).

I could not quite bring myself to shadow my friend on that evening, but during the next month or so I noticed that he received a number of advertisements on which there were lead pencil marks. I did not try to decipher any of them. Indeed, I had not deliberately tried to decipher the first one. I had come upon it by accident. It had got into my head and I couldn't get it out till I had solved it. What I did was to buy a wedding present and leave it where Jim could see it. He was above asking me what it was for, so I told him that it was for a friend who was about to be married, adding that I could not name the person since the engagement was a secret.

The reason why I counted on Jim's coming marriage was that it is difficult if not impossible for two men to live together one of whom is engaged without the other knowing it. Jim never told me of his engagement till a couple of weeks before the wedding. There had been no reason whatever for the secrecy attending the affair except such as influences young couples in similar cases and Jim's idiosyncrasy. The girl's parents were much pleased with the match, and Jim's parents were not living. Jim probably would have kept the secret from me longer, but he wished me to be his best man, and it was proper that he should give me timely notice.

The evening before the wedding I carried the wedding gift I had procured to the bride's home. Jim was there, and when I opened the box in which it was contained Jim started as if he had been shot. I laughed, explained the joke to the bride, and we all laughed together. But I kept them wondering for many months before I told them how I had got on to their secret.

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About Town.

A special meeting of the L. S. C. Branch Alliance Unitarian church will be held in the ladies' room on Tuesday afternoon, January 26, at 2:30 o'clock. As this meeting is important all are requested to be present.

About thirty-five members of Beacon lodge attended a meeting at Hollis, N. H., on Wednesday evening, the occasion being the regular meeting of District No. 7, of New Hampshire lodges. The first degree was exemplified, followed by remarks by the grand officers of the jurisdiction of New Hampshire. Supper was served at 12 o'clock, being enjoyed by a large company.

Mrs. Jerry Annis was seized very suddenly on Wednesday noon with an acute attack of indigestion, causing much alarm in her home. A physician was summoned in haste, and by prompt action the patient was relieved although it was fully an hour before the attack passed.

Little Edna Cotton, who was in the hospital last winter for spinal trouble, has a renewal of the same trouble, and is unable to use her lower limbs.

Marion Thompson celebrated her fifteenth birthday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Martha Thompson, on Main street, on Wednesday evening, about fifteen guests being present. They all report an especially jolly evening with the various amusements of games and dancing. One of the pleasant features of the evening was the presentation to Miss Marion of a fine bracelet. Clifford Bailey, in behalf of his schoolmates and friends interested in the gift, made a most fitting presentation speech, in a peculiarly apt manner, Miss Marion expressed her pleasure in her response. Delicious refreshments were offered the guests by the mother of the hostess. On the whole it was an evening to remember by the young folks with pleasure.

Mrs. G. Wardell Parker was quite ill last week from a four-days' attack of pleurisy.

Mrs. Addison Woodward visited at the home of Mrs. Sumner Lawrence at Fitchburg, last week.

Rev. Alfred Woods, a former pastor of the Methodist church in town, but now at East Seagus, came here on Wednesday, having been summoned to attend the funeral services of the late Mrs. William Marshall. He was able to call on many of his former parishioners in the short time he was in town, all of whom were glad to greet him.

Thomas Parker, of Nashua, was at the home of his parents in town, Wednesday.

Mrs. Michael Drumm went to the Nashua hospital the last of last week for the removal of a membranous growth on the lower jaw. Dr. Smith performed the operation.

Miss Carrie Shattuck came from Merrimack, N. H., to spend the week-end with her mother, Mrs. G. W. Parker.

Little Malcolm Sartelle, the six-year-old son of John Sartelle, fell on the ice near his home, Saturday, breaking his collar bone.

Boynton Merrill recovered from his attack of pneumonia so that he returned to his studies at Dartmouth on Saturday last week, although his strength had not been fully regained.

Miss Gertrude Nokes went to Fitchburg on Thursday for a week-end visit with her cousins, Florence and Jessie Flynn, who are teaching there.

Miss Lillian Harrington is missed from the East Pepperell postoffice, having been assistant there for twenty-five years. Her absence, which was at first thought to be merely temporary, it is now understood is permanent.

Mrs. Harriet Guterson, who has been in ill health and under medical care for some time, went to the hospital at Nashua on Thursday for treatment and a probable operation.

An enthusiastic meeting of the L. A. S. was held with the president, Mrs. Jerry Annis, on Wednesday afternoon, seventeen ladies being present. Various committees were appointed for the work of the coming months, the aprons being in charge of Mrs. Frank Farley and Mrs. W. G. Smalley, and quilts in charge of Mrs. Fredericks. The committee for January, Mrs. Jas. MacMurray, held a food sale at her home this Friday afternoon. A committee, consisting of Miss H. L. Lawrence, Mrs. J. N. Andrews and Mrs. Farley, are planning a pop-corn social for February 13. At the close of the business the hostess served delicious refreshments.

The annual firemen's hall will take place this year at Prescott hall, on Friday evening, January 29. Music will be furnished by Dyer's orchestra, eight pieces, of Worcester. As usual there will be a banquet served in the lower hall.

The committee for January of the O. H. I. society are to serve an oyster supper at Oak Hill hall on Monday evening, January 25, from six to 7:30 o'clock. Supper will be followed by a stereopticon lecture by Rev. J. B. Lewis. Subject, "Africa."

Mrs. Mary Thorpe from Hartford,

Conn., and King McFarland from Cumberland Mills, Me., came Wednesday to attend the funeral services of their mother, the late Mrs. William Marshall.

Ice operations on the Niasittisett River, in Blake's Pond, will begin again as soon as the ice is thick enough as Charles and Frank Messer have orders for more than a thousand cakes now. It was about nine inches thick in the old field, just previous to the rain. The young fellow who was working with them during the last few days of their cutting, Hugh Murphy, took a rather cold bath, by sliding off a floating cake into the channel. He got into the current, but was luckily pulled out by Charles Messer, onto solid ice.

The Oak Hill society begins its year under very favorable conditions. The hall has been greatly improved as to its lighting apparatus, by a fine gasolene lamp, which was presented the society by Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Maxwell. At the recent election of officers, Edmund S. Blood was chosen president; L. C. Blood, vice president; Rupert Blood, sec.; Eugene Fletcher, treas. The social committee for January are Mrs. Rupert Blood, Mrs. Carl Lawrence and Mrs. Ivan Parker.

Mrs. C. A. Willis, who was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Stratton at the Methodist parsonage, returned to her home at Leominster last week, Friday. In company with her brother, P. R. Stratton, she recently returned from Meriden, Conn., from attending the funeral of an older brother, Osman Stratton.

Miss Blanche Surprenant visited with her parents in Townsend, last week during the shut-down at the Pepperell card shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford, nee Helen Messer, surprised their friends by announcing their recent marriage, on returning to town from Nashua, last week. In return their friends gave them a surprise party at their new home on Groton street, on Thursday evening of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are both employees at the Pepperell card shop, and their associates on this occasion joined in making the evening a merry one.

F. E. Dudley, of Nashua street, attended the Poultry Show at Boston last week.

Mrs. Francis Lawrence and her two children returned to their home at Ashliet, N. H., last week, as the condition of her father, John Marshall, seemed a trifle more favorable for recovery.

Miss Grace Parker and Carrie Walker of Fitchburg are the guests of Miss Rose Alden, West street, this week.

Frances Gage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gage, is convalescent from an attack of tonsillitis which she suffered last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woods, of Fitchburg, were week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Whitrow, Park street.

Miss Edith Hatherly has been quite ill the past week, and unable to attend to her duties in the manicure rooms at Groton.

Miss Nellie Errington is recovering very slowly from an attack of tonsillitis a few weeks ago. She is still confined to her home.

Frank Bennett has been at the private hospital of Dr. Ayers, at Groton, for treatment the past week.

Carl Drew spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Frank Bennett, returning to Boston, Monday.

Miss Mary Hynes, who has been acting as pianist at the moving pictures at the Opera House, has resigned that position.

The Sunday school classes of Mrs. J. B. Lewis and Miss Martha Swinerton met at the Congregational parsonage on Friday evening of last week. Mrs. Lewis acting as hostess. The young ladies and young matrons who are members of these classes, passed a very pleasant evening, with games and music. The hostess, assisted by Miss Swinerton, served delicate refreshments.

Mrs. George Willett, of Lynn, has been the guest of her sister and relatives in town the past week.

Melvin Alden, who has been at the home of his aunt, Miss Rose Alden, recently left town for his new home, at Grand Rapids, Mich., where he has a good business opening. Her other nephew, Charles Hardy, went to Milan, N. H., last week, where he is engaged on a route as milk carrier.

Mrs. A. D. Reed, of Nashua, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. A. Pillsbury, the first of this week.

Mrs. Ray Maxwell is recovering from an attack of appendicitis. This is the third attack, the two former ones being less severe. This attack was acute, and at one time an operation seemed inevitable, and was advised by her physician. The symptoms decreased, however, under his treatment, and the danger seems past for the time. If there should be a recurrence it is feared there might be worse results.

Among the members of Prescott Grange, who attended the Hillsboro County Pomona meeting held at Hollis on Thursday of last week, were Mrs. Minnie Green, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stewart, Mrs. Lucy Perry, Mrs. George Tucker, Mrs. Jennie McDonald, Miss Muriel Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blood, and Mrs. George Stewart. They all report a pleasant day, which includes the hospitality of the Hollis neighbors, the fine bountiful dinner, and an entertaining program in the afternoon.

Mrs. John Fiske went to St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua on Tuesday, for a slight operation for nasal trouble. Dr. Kittredge performed the operation, which was very successful, and she is recovering nicely from the effects of the same.

John Marshall, whose condition became a trifle more encouraging last week as he rallied and seemed stronger Friday and Saturday, is again very weak and low. His physician now can only say that his fine constitution is all that can depend upon.

Chester A. Mills, who purchased the Charles Jewett farm last year, coming here from Cambridge to reside, is at present taking ten-weeks' course at Amherst Agricultural college. Mr.

Mills is much interested in potato growing and experimenting successfully with the same on his new farm last year, having been connected with some of the large potato growers in Maine, previous to removing here.

District Deputy Mrs. Kate Dunlap, accompanied by her suite, 29 to Townsend this (Friday) evening to install the officers of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge.

Mrs. Alfred Hill is critically ill at her home, Mr. Lebanon street, peritonitis being apprehended the first of the week. Her mother, Mrs. Dow, is caring for her, and the two youngest Hill children are with their aunt, Mrs. Nell McWilliams.

The meeting of the East Village Social club, which was to have been held with Mrs. James Attridge on the fourteenth was postponed on account of the Congregational church meeting. It will be held on Wednesday afternoon, the twenty-seventh, at the same place and the subject will be the same as announced for that meeting, "Suffrage."

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shaw are receiving congratulations as grandparents, as Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Martin welcomed a little daughter into their home in Worcester, Saturday, the ninth.

Miss Bernice Holmes is working as operator in the telephone office at Hollis, N. H., entering upon her new duties last week.

Mrs. George Arthur Shattuck son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Shattuck, Nashua street, is attending the Agricultural college at Amherst.

Mrs. M. A. Henry, who has been assisting in the home of William Marshall is at present caring for Mrs. Jane Fletcher at the home of Eugene Fletcher, Oak Hill.

Nine members of the Ready Workers circle held a social meeting with Mrs. John Frederick on Thursday evening, the fourteenth. Considerable sewing was also accomplished, and refreshments were enjoyed. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. E. E. Handley, Main street, on Thursday evening, the twenty-eighth.

Mrs. Fred Brown is at Carney hospital, East Boston, under treatment for trouble with the joints and spine, being under the care of Dr. MacAusland, the specialist.

Mrs. William Marshall.

Mrs. Elizabeth Martha Marshall, wife of William Marshall, died at her home on Pleasant street, Monday noon, January 18, as the result of a fall, although she had been in poor health for some time.

The deceased was born in Alma, Albert county, New Brunswick, August 2, 1840, making her age seventy-four years. After her marriage with Mr. Marshall at Sussex, N. B., they removed to this state, living for some years at Forge Village and removing to this town about twenty-five years ago.

Mrs. Marshall was highly esteemed by all who had come to know her in these years of her residence among them. She was a model of thrift and a most capable, economical housewife before the days of her failing health. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a regular attendant there as long as she was able.

She is survived by a husband, by two sons by a former marriage—John McFarland of Sussex, N. B., and King McFarland of Cumberland Mills, Me.; also, by a daughter by this former marriage, Mrs. Mary Thorpe of Hartford, Conn. Also, by two sons who reside in town, Charles I. Marshall and Samuel Marshall, and four daughters—Mrs. Robert Sherwood of this town, Mrs. Angus Cuthbertson of Fitchburg, Mrs. William Lacey of Groton and Mrs. H. Arthur Brown of Brookline, N. H. Also, by twenty-seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were held at her late home on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Alfred Woods of Saugus, a former pastor and friend, officiating. Two selections were rendered by Mrs. G. B. Perry, Mrs. H. H. Bartlett, "My heavenly home" and "Rock of ages," the former being a favorite with the deceased. The bearers were her four sons-in-law, R. W. Sherwood, Angus Cuthbertson, Wm. Lacey and H. Arthur Brown. Friends and relatives were present from Hartford, Conn., Cumberland Mills, Me., Worcester, Clinton, Concord and Forge Village, showing their respect and esteem for her deceased.

There was a profusion of beautiful flowers, including a

Sheaf of wheat from husband, pillow with word "Mother," from family; pillow with word "Mother," from Mrs. and Mrs. Kline McFarland, and family; spray roses and carnations, Mrs. Bessie McFarland and family, Cumberland Mills, Me.; spray carnations, Mrs. E. H. Jones and Mrs. E. H. Thorpe, and family; Hartford, spray white roses, Mrs. Mary Thorpe, Hartford; spray carnations, Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Steadman and family, Clinton; wreath magnolia leaves, Mrs. A. J. Fairbanks and Mrs. Elton Strong, East Hartford; spray snap dragons, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hart, Worcester; Mrs. Anna Buck and Mrs. Elton Strong, East Hartford; spray snap dragons, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. David Weston, Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw, Mrs. Anna Buck and Ralph Buck, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Prescott, Brookline, N. H.; Mrs. D. O'Neil, Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kennedy.

Officers Installed.

The installation of the officers of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., which occurred on the evening of the seventh, was overlooked in our issue of last week. They were as follows: Wm. E. Chapman, n. g.; J. E. Andrews, v. g.; J. Gardner Wiley, rec. sec.; Lincoln A. Johnson, fin. sec.; L. G. Robbins, treas.; G. H. Tower, warden; Ray Maxwell, cond.; Elmer Mason, chap.; W. H. Parker, r. s.; Lambert Melendy, l. s.; Louis P. Shattuck, r. s. n. g.; Chester A. Parker, l. s. n. g.; Donald Rivers, r. s. to v. g.; William Reed, l. s. to v. g.; Ernest Melendy, l. g.; Elias B. Soule, o. g.

The officers were installed by Dist. Deputy Grand Master Charles F. Marshall and suite, from Fitchburg. Visitors were present from many surrounding towns, an auto truck bringing more than twenty from Fitchburg. There were about ninety in all,

to enjoy the banquet served at the close of the installation. Speeches being made by the district deputy and many of the members of his suite, also by several members of the home lodge. The Mr. Robinson orchestra, of Fitchburg, rendered fine music during the evening.

Temperance Rally.

The temperance rally held in the Odd Fellows' rooms at Saunders' block on Sunday evening last, was very well attended, although, as usual, the ones most needing to benefit by the address, were not present.

The Rev. D. R. Child was present and offered prayer. Rev. J. B. Lewis addressed the meeting, introducing the speaker, Warren D. Landers, of Boston, secretary of the Total Abstinence society of Massachusetts. Rev. P. R. Stratton was unable to be present, being indisposed.

The music was furnished by the whole assembly, with Mrs. E. L. Tall, as pianist, assisted by Howard Shattuck on the violin, the selections being from the regular temperance leaflet.

In his subject "Our war at home," Mr. Landers was forceful and eloquent, showing himself to be thoroughly acquainted with his subject, and possessed of certain vital facts, and statistics. He held the attention of his audience during the entire length of his discourse.

If, as has been suggested, there is any danger that the citizens of this town will become so lax as to allow a license vote at the next town meeting, there should be many more gatherings of this nature.

News Items.

Edward P. McCord, former tax collector of this town, pleaded not guilty on Wednesday to an indictment charging the larceny from the town of \$4891. He furnished \$2000 bonds for his appearance for trial next month. The indictment was returned secretly last week.

The attention of the women of Pepperell is called to a meeting being arranged in the interest of equal suffrage to be held on Wednesday, February 3, with Mrs. Heald on Main street. Mrs. Winona Pinkham, of Boston, a prominent speaker and worker, will be present and all women are invited to attend.

The 168th anniversary of the First February will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 9, by a parish gathering at the Unitarian church. Rev. Charles F. Dole, D. D., of Boston, president of the Twentieth Century club, will be present and speak on "The chief business of life."

There will be an important meeting of the Pepperell high school alumni at the residence of the president, G. Harold Tower, on Monday evening, January 25, at seven o'clock sharp, to make arrangements for the alumni banquet. A record attendance is desired.

The Wideawake Whist club met last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Jordan. The prizes were awarded as follows: Mrs. Henry Tarbell 1st, Mrs. Albert Dewar 2d, Mrs. Walter Lunt 3d, and Mrs. Jordan 4th; Mrs. Charles Goffs consolation.

The Cheerful Letter club will hold a food and candy sale in the ladies' room of the Unitarian church on Saturday afternoon, January 23, from two to five o'clock. Miss Audrey Burkinshaw, chairman of the club, asks for contributions to the sale from members of the Alliance and also for the patronage of the public.

Reciprocity day was observed by the Pepperell Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon at Saunders' hall. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. John Boynton. There were guests from Westford, Littleton, Shirley, Ayer, Groton and Hollis and Oak Hill clubs. A fine program was rendered by the visiting clubs, consisting of a piano solo, Mrs. Prouty, of Littleton; reading, Mrs. Lilly, Shirley; two solos, Miss Holmes, Groton; two duets, Misses Holmes, with Mrs. Holmes, accompanist, Westford; paper, Mrs. Maud Maxwell, Oak Hill; piano solo, Miss Madolin Whitney, Ayer. After the program a social hour was enjoyed, and club tea served by the hospitality committee.

District Nurse Association.

The fifth annual meeting will be held at the Main street grammar school on Monday evening, January 25, at eight o'clock. Officers will be elected and reports of the year's work presented. The nurse's record shows a very busy year. The calls have been made, including 200 at the schools, and 120 patients have been attended. For those who cannot afford to pay the calls are free. For others, the very small charge of twenty-five cents an hour is made. In the face of the figures given it is difficult to see how any one can deny the need of such nursing in Pepperell or fail to support it by effort if not by money. The treasurer has received \$385 and expended \$369 in the first week in January. Of this amount \$242 was from membership fees and donations. If the nurse's January salary is to be paid more money must be obtained during this month.

The time has come for the people of this town to decide if district nursing shall be adequately supported or fall for lack of public interest. Times have grown hard, but the best authorities agree that the worst is passed and improvement is at hand, with an era of prosperity ahead. The officers of the association believe that this work can be carried on, but this will depend on the number of membership fees or donations received in the next month or so. All persons, whether members or not, are asked to come to this meeting and help by their presence and advice.

Congregational Church Notes.

The annual meeting of the 129th school of the Congregational church was held last Tuesday night with good attendance. Reports were given from all departments: showing faithful work, good interest and growing attendance. The average attendance for the year past seventy-nine, the average for the past three months 105. There is a home department of eighty-eight mem-

bers which has paid its bills with a small surplus left over. There are fifty-two children on the Cradle roll. The use of books from the S. S. library has doubled, over one hundred new books have been added and new catalogue issued.

The following officers were elected: Lester Feas, sec.; Sidney S. Tower, treas.; Mrs. George H. Shattuck, supervising dept.; Mrs. William M. Denison, intermediate and junior dept.; Mrs. H. N. Tower, cradle roll; Mrs. A. A. Pelton, home dept.; Miss Josephine Lawrence, librarian; John W. Pierce, Luther Boynton, auditors. Unfinished business will be taken up next Tuesday night.

The annual business meeting of the Evangelical Congregational church was held on January 14. Edw. F. Harmon acted as moderator of the meeting. The trustees reported having raised and expended nearly \$1300 the past year. The benevolences of the church have been nearly \$400. The superintendent of the Sunday school reported a gain of about thirty per cent in attendance during the last three months. Several new classes have been started, but the great need of the school is teachers. The music committee's report showed faithful work, and recommended the purchase of a new organ. The Woman's Missionary society has twenty-four new members and has held eleven meetings. The library committee reported 497 books in the library, with twice as many books taken out as during the previous year. A new catalogue has been prepared and thirty Bibles added to the Sunday school supply. The Ladies' Benevolent society has raised nearly \$400 and has been a strong helper socially and financially of the church. The clerk reports nine new members received by letter, with a loss of five, three by death and two by dismission. The present membership is 220.

The following officers were chosen: Rev. John B. Lewis, moderator; John L. Boynton, clerk; George H. Shattuck, deacon for four years; Mrs. H. N. Tower, Mrs. C. H. Miller, extra members of church committee; Matthew S. Lane, treas.; C. H. Jewett, C. H. Miller, auditors; H. S. Walpole, A. P. Parker, Waldo Spaulding, trustees; A. B. Paul, Miss Mary Woods, Mrs. J. B. Lewis, music committee.

The annual church supper and roll call will be held on Thursday evening, January 28. The attendance was larger than usual and a spirit of harmony prevailed.

The pastor, Rev. John B. Lewis, will preach in the Congregational church next Sunday morning. At seven p. m. there will be a stereopticon lecture, the second on Africa describing the recent visit of Secretary Patton entitled, "Through Gazaland and Mashonaland." It will be illustrated by seventy-five slides. The 168th anniversary of the church will be held in the vestry next Thursday night, January 23. Supper will be served at 7 o'clock. Immediately after supper there will be a brief report, other business left over from the annual meeting and the roll call. It is important that every member of the church should respond to this roll call.

Methodist Church Notes.

I bore the cross for thee, what hast thou done for me? will be the subject for the Methodist Church next Sunday morning.

At seven in the evening there will be a praise service and preaching upon the subject, "What in the dry?"

The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at six o'clock. Subject, "Moses; from passion to self-mastery." Leader, Miss Bessie Farley.

If the weather is favorable, there will be a meeting of the finance committee next Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

The service for prayer and worship will be held Tuesday evening at seven thirty o'clock.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.

Mrs. Lucy Perry, of Pepperell, attended the Pomona Grange meeting on last week Thursday.

Miss Bernice Holmes, of Pepperell, is employed by A. F. Hildreth and is boarding at George W. Hardy's.

The Pomona Grange meeting was held in Grange hall on last week Thursday. There was an attendance of nearly one hundred, several coming from out-of-town. A most bountiful dinner was served at noon by Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Powers with assistants. After dinner a very fine literary program was given.

An orchard school will be held in Grange hall next week Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in charge of professors from the New Hampshire college. There will be three sessions and every one is welcome to attend them. There will be no fee charged and it is hoped that a large number will take advantage of this and they who do so will not doubt receive instructions from men who are authority along these lines of work. Demonstrations in tree surgery, grafting, pruning, etc., will be shown.

District Deputy Grand F. Leo McEnnis and staff went to Reed's Ferry on Tuesday evening and installed the Odd Fellows of that lodge. They made the trip in two Ford machines by William T. MacMaster of this town and Irving Farnell of Nashua. The evening's work passed off very pleasantly. The Rebekahs also held their installation and both installations were public. A most bountiful supper was served.

Several members of the Whist club went to Pepperell recently and spent a pleasant evening playing whist at the home of Miss Bernice Holmes. The club meets on Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flanders.

Mrs. Stanley Flagg, of Mason, spent a few days last week with Waldo A. Flagg and family, returning home on Sunday.

William T. MacMaster and Francis K. Sweetser were among those who attended the Grange installation in Milford last week Thursday evening.

Spring-time -is- Coming

Several new fabrics, exhibited but once during the season, are here for the inspection of early buyers.

Low Prices

continue to be made on certain lines of Merchandise to be closed.

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There were over 300 present, nearly 100 coming from Nashua and Hudson Granges. The fourth degree was worked on a class of candidates, the officers were installed and a very bountiful supper served. The tables had to be set twice to accommodate them all. Grangers were present from Wilton, Mt. Vernon, Amherst, Lyndeboro, Brookline, Bedford, Hudson, Nashua and Hollis.

G. B. Spring, of Newton Lower Falls, Mass., was in town on Friday of last week.

Edward S. Cave, selectman, is in Manchester, serving as petit juror. One night last week while there he was taken quite ill and it was necessary to call in a physician.

Work started in again on the brown-tail moth work. It had been at a standstill since the driving snowstorm of a week ago which covered some parts of the trees and made it difficult to hunt the gypsies. The brown-tail nests do not seem to be as plentiful as in previous years, but it is thought that the gypsies are more plentiful than previously.

The item seen in last week's issue of this paper that John H. Rideout had broken his leg should have read that a bone in his ankle had been broken. He is living with his sister, Mrs. Horace Rideout, on the Nashua road.

Ralph Bascom, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Bascom, has been quite ill and restricted to his home with an attack of appendicitis. He is reported better at this writing. Dr. Wallace, the family physician, hopes that an operation can be avoided for the present. This is the second attack the little fellow has had.

Fred Dudley, of Reed's Ferry, attended the district meeting of the Odd Fellows on Wednesday evening.

Mary Florence Coburn, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Milton Coburn, of East Hollis, gave a birthday party to several of her little friends on last Saturday afternoon in honor of her sixth birthday. The afternoon was spent in playing games, etc. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served and a pretty little birthday cake, adorned with candles, was enjoyed by the little guests.

Miss Katherine Rannels and F. D. Rannels, of Nashua, have taken a trip to Florida.

Mrs. Bert Farley, of Ponemah, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Edward S. Cave, who has been confined to the house with a broken ankle. Mrs. Farley returned home on Sunday and was accompanied by her mother, who will remain with her for awhile. They made the trip in Mr. Farley's new car.

The ladies of the Reading and Charitable society will hold the first of their series of supper and socials in the church vestry on Monday evening, January 25. Supper from six to eight o'clock. Social following.

Funeral.

The funeral of D. Fred Pierce, who committed suicide on Friday, January 8, by hanging himself in the barn, was held from his late home on Monday afternoon, January 11. The services were largely attended by relatives, friends and neighbors. The Odd Fellows, of which he was a prominent member, attended in a body. Services were conducted by Rev. Robert M. French. Appropriate selections were rendered by Miss Bertha M. Hayden, Mrs. C. A. Colburn, Francis A. Lovejoy and Carl Brown. The bearers were Charles Drake, Emerson Pineo, Robert W. Leslie, Fred W. Holden, Charles J. Hills and Mr. Millett. Burial was in the family lot at the South cemetery. Many beautiful floral tributes were silent reminders of the respect and esteem in which the deceased was held.

Mr. Pierce was born in Hollis forty-eight years ago, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Warner Pierce. He has always made his home here, and he, with his brother William, who died about three months ago, were in the grain business and farming together. He had deeply mourned his brother's death, as they were very devoted to each other, and since that time had been under a heavy strain with business affairs. He was a very active member of both the Aurora

lodge, I. O. O. F., and Hollis Grange. He will be greatly missed as he always had a cheery word for everyone.

The deceased never married, and he leaves a sister, Mrs. Addie Gale, with whom he lived, and a brother Franklin, who is out west.

Annual District Meeting.

The fourteenth annual district meeting of Nashua district No. 7, jurisdiction of New Hampshire, I. O. O. F., was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. The program for the evening was as follows: Opening, first degree by Pennelchuck lodge; Brother Morrison, suggestions; un- written work, G. W. Pike, grand warden; ritual, Walter H. Trip, grand master; remarks on "Good of the order," Frank L. Way, grand secretary; C. S. Emerson, grand representative. Rev. Louis E. Perry, Rev. W. H. Morrison. A fine supper was served in the banquet hall at the close of the work by Aurora lodge. There were about 250 present from the surrounding towns.

The lodges included in District No. 7 are as follows: Granite and Pennelchuck, Nashua; Custos Morum, Milford; Aurora, Hollis; Dunster Hill, Greenville; Laurel, Wilton; Hudson, Hudson; Souhegan, Reed's Ferry.

The officers of the district meeting were F. L. McEnnis, D. D., G. M.; Charles Hale, P. M.; D. T. T. S., v. g.; F. W. Dudley, rec. sec.; J. R. Spring, fin. sec.;