Mr. and Mrs. J. True Bartlett are entertaining, during the holidays, Fred Ferrill of Chelsea, Mass.

Mrs. Bert Pray and Mrs. Harry Hardy of Lynn, Mass., were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon C. Hardy, over Christmas.

Mrs. R.P.D. Bennett returned from a three days' visit with friends in Portsmouth Sunday evening.

Thomas J. Davis, Esq., of Duluth, Minn., is having an ice house of good size erected on Nutwood Farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Chamberlin, who are wintering with Miss Mary A. Hoitt, are passing the holiday with relatives at Franklin Falls.

J. True Bartlett is engaged in building a commodious shed for Lewis Walker, on the Newmarket road, the dimensions of which are 20x45 feet.

The Sunday school had an entertainment at the chapel last Wednesday evening, with the usual accompaniment of a Christmas tree, with presents for the children, plenty of candy and popcorn, etc. The arrangement was hastily made, therefore the programme was not as full as usual, as many had made other plans before this was thought of, but the children were happy and, consequently, so were the older ones, for who can be where dear little children—God's flowers—are, in their light-hearted, careless joyousness and not be infected? After the exercises for the evening were over, those who wished hied to the town hall, where they were met by others, and "tripped the light fantastic toe" a few hours, and the evening festivities were ended.
January 2, 1903 cont..

One of those rare events in the journey of wedded life, a fiftieth anniversary, occurred Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Burleigh. As it was rainy there were not as many present as they wished, but they received the congratulations and best wishes of thirty-five of their relatives, friends and neighbors. They were the recipients of several gifts among them a purse of money. John C. Bartlett, in a few well-chosen words, addressed Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh and wished them many more years of happiness, after which tables were arranged and whist and other games indulged in, selections of music, both vocal and instrumental, were rendered. Refreshments were served from a table handsomely set in the dining room. Mr. Burleigh is a native and life-long resident of this town, and was born Aug. 1, 1830. The maiden name of Mrs. Burleigh was Margaret A. Locke. She was born in Rye, July 8, 1834, and resided there until she was married, Dec. 29, 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh became the parents of three daughters and two sons. The sons, only, are living. Mrs. Burleigh is remarkably smart and active in her household affairs, but Mr. Burleigh is quite feeble. All their friends who met with them Monday evening, wish them many happy returns of the anniversary so pleasantly observed on this occasion.

Sunday morning the Rev. J.T. Berry preached a sermon of unusual interest and appropriateness with which to begin the new year, from the text, "Enter ye in at the strait gate. Because, strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life." He earnestly recommended us to begin the new year, not with a load of resolutions so strong we would fail to keep them, but with a clean sheet on which to record our victories in overcoming our secret faults and cleansing our lives and keeping unspotted from the world. To be honest, diligent and true, to accumulate wealth, if we can honestly, not to be miserly, but to use, as we should, all other blessings with which we are entrusted; to elevate and better the condition of all mankind. But above all, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." ANON.

Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Faelten, Miss During and Mr. Arthur P. Schmidt, the music publisher of Boston, spent Christmas week with Mr. John Webb.
Mrs. David Mitchell is suffering from a severe cold.

Willis Comings, driving from Exeter to Candia, stopped Thursday at D.E. Plummer's.

Miss Ethel Davis returned Saturday from a week’s visit with her sister in Exeter.

A cow belonging to Fred B. York’s herd dropped a pair of handsome twin bull calves last Friday.

George Scales of Dartmouth College was the guest of his grandfather, Edward Bartlett, over Sunday.

George E. Chesley has been on the sick list the past three weeks.

Miss Grace Davis of Mt. Holyoke College is passing a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis.

Mrs. Harry W. Haines and Miss Mabeth Chesley of Newmarket were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy, Sunday.

We are entertaining serious thoughts of the “O.M.”, we fear his Christmas experience was too much for him.

Representative-elect, Ben F. Davis went to Concord Tuesday.

The Strafford Whist Club met last Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oldham, at Maplewood Farm. There were nineteen present. After playing whist three hours, a delectable collation was served and the new year was ushered in, by a very jolly company, with vocal music, accompanied by piano and banjo, and at a late hour all departed, in no wise disappointed with the pleasure of the evening. First prizes were won by Mrs. A.W. Griffiths and Fred B. York, the consolation prizes fell to the lot of Miss Gertie Smith and F. Carl York.
January 16, 1903

Bert Pray and Harry Hardy of Lynn, Mass., have recently been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon C. Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorham Sawyer and Mrs. Frank Bunker and Mrs. Cate of Durham attended church in town last Sunday.

Miss Rachal Ramsdell of Dover was the guest of Misses Mary and Ethel Caldwell over Sunday.

George Joy of Rockingham called at Walnut Avenue Farms Sunday.

Master Albert Dudley is restricted to the house with measles for company.

Joseph B. Bennett and family of Newmarket called at Maple Hill Farm Sunday.

Mrs. Fred B. York visited with friends in Dover a few days last week.

Lyford Wiggin, living on the Samuel E. Demerritt place, who has been seriously ill of typhoid, is slowly regaining his health.

Mrs. David S. Bennett and Miss Mary B. York had business in Dover last Friday.

Representative Ben F. Davis is a member of the standing committee on national affairs.

Franklin McDaniel, one of our oldest residents, is recovering from a serious grip cold, of which he has been the victim two weeks.

We were sorry to hear Lewis Walker’s eldest son, Master Frank, on the Newmarket road, has diphtheria.

Our frequent little snow storms, followed by rain Sunday evening, has made capital sleighing.

Byron Plummer and Mrs. James B. C. Walker drove to Dover Friday.

There was a pleasant gathering of the younger portion of the neighborhood, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bennett Saturday evening. Dancing, games and sociability was the order of the evening.

We have just heard of the death of Mrs. Mary Davis of Farmington, who was a frequent visitor and spent several winters with the late Timothy G. Davis and wife in the years that have passed. Mrs. Davis was in her ninetieth year, a smart, bright, diligent woman, an excellent wife and mother, who made many pleasant acquaintances here.

“She has fulfilled her mission and has passed.
Set her down gently at the iron door
Eyes look on her loved image for the last,
Then cover it with earth, her earth no more.”
January 23, 1903

Thomas Pease, wintering at the Edgerly farm, recently visited with friends in Strafford and Rochester.

Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. James Fountain drove to Candia and later to Manchester, where they visited with friends several days.

H. Scott Tuttle and Irving Edgerly of Swampscott, Mass., have three teams and four men assisting in the removal of the lumber from Newell Foss’ lot to Durham depot.

Master Wilbur Burleigh and Miss Marion, and Alice Dudley, are restricted to the house by measles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Currier had business in Dover and Rochester Monday, Warren Kelsoy visited with friends in Nottingham two days last week.

John S. Jenkins took advantage of the splendid sledding last week to cut and convey a lot of lumber to the Dime brothers mill.

Several of the “Hook” farmers have harvested their ice during the past week. The ice is about fourteen inches thick and of good quality. As the roads and weather were first-class for hauling ice the labor was greatly facilitated.

Mrs. David S. Bennett is convalescing from several days’ sickness.

Last Wednesday evening the Strafford Whist Club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Newell Foss at their pleasant home at Wednesday Hill. As the evening and sleighing were perfect, there were twenty-seven present. After three hours of whist, a bountiful collation was served, and as there is no diminution in the interest manifested by the men in washing dishes, they quickly hied to the kitchen to initiate into the art, as is the custom of the club, a new member. Music was enjoyed and Mrs. James B. C. Walker, in her usual pleasant manner, rendered a recitation and an encore. First prizes were bestowed on Mrs. A. W. Griffiths and William L. Priest, consolation souvenirs were presented to Mrs. Newell Foss and Fred B. York.

Mrs. Sarah Bennett has been the guest of Mrs. H. Freeman Fogg in Durham the past week.

Last Sunday morning Rev. J. T. Berry preached another of his very interesting sermons from the text, “For the Son of Man is as a man traveling in a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods, to every man according to his several ability, and straightway took his journey.” He made it very plain that we were expected to be faithful to our trust, no matter how menial the service or how small our talent, if it is washing dishes, wash them clean, and if we, through faithful diligence, fit ourselves for higher work we will certainly be promoted. God has no use for idlers, who are standing round waiting to find out what their work is, or for some exalted position, and consequently doing nothing with their talents which were given to them. If we do the duties faithfully that come to us daily there will be a niche worthy of us found for us, or we shall be fashioned to fit into some niche already prepared for those to whom will be said, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things, enter then into the joy of thy Lord.”
January 30, 1903

Miss Ethel Davis started Monday morning for a four weeks' visit with relatives in Dorchester and Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. David S. Bennett entertained her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Durell, of Newfields, a few days last week at Maple Hill Farm.

Monday night a sheep, belonging to the Dame brothers, was severely bitten by an unknown dog.

Irving Edgerly of Swampscott, Mass., was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Susan Edgerly, the first of the week.

Edward Bartlett, one of our oldest residents, is somewhat indisposed at the present time.

Charles B. Edgerly, with two helpers, ploughed and floated thirteen hundred and sixty cases of ice Monday in three-fourths of the day. The men who understand say "Charles is a hustler."

James Lee, who was so severely scalded several days ago, by the stopper flying from a can of boiling water which he was carrying, is getting along as well as could be expected from the serious nature of his burns. Although the skin literally all came off his hands, arms, face and chest and he is still helpless, his attending physician thinks he will escape serious scars.

The people residing at Lee Hill and on the Mast road were busily engaged Tuesday harvesting ice.

Michael Lee is quite ill, not being able to sit up.

On account of the storm last Sabbath no services were held in the morning.

On Tuesday two ladies from Concord spent the day at George E. Chesley's, while their father, W.W. Critchett, a representative from the State Legislature, attended the meeting of the committee on the Agricultural College at Durham.

On Monday a serious accident occurred at a crossing in Lee on the Worcester & Nashua division of the Boston & Maine Railroad. While returning home, Albert Guppy, a fish peddler from Dover, was struck by the train and instantly killed. It is supposed he did not hear the approaching train coming around the curve near the crossing. The horse escaped uninjured.

The newly-elected officers of the Grange officiated for the first time on Tuesday evening, when the third and fourth degrees were conferred upon one candidate.
February 13, 1903

The jurors to serve at the February term of the superior court have been drawn. Grand Juror, J. True Bartlett, petit, first and second weeks, Lewis H. Snell, third and fourth weeks, Frank Oldham.

Mrs. Guy Durell went Saturday to spend several weeks with her parents at Massabesic.

Warren Kelsey visited a few days last week with friends in Exeter.

Walter H. Boss, Jr. passed a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York, at Walnut Avenue Farms.

Simeon C. Hardy has recently been restricted to the house by a severe cold.

Rev. J. T. Berry was taken suddenly ill Sunday morning, consequently, there was no preaching service at the chapel.

Town treasurer Haines, while attending to his duties at Lee Hill last Saturday, had a severe attack of colic. After reaching home a physician was called, whereby relief was obtained.

Charles Hardy of Ayer, Mass., came Friday to visit a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon C. Hardy, at Oak Cottage.

Mrs. Flora Davis is greatly enjoying the winter in Concord, with her husband, Representative Ben F. Davis.

James Lee, who was so fearfully scalded, is able to be out again.

Daniel E. Plummer went to Boston, Tuesday, for a day or two.

Miss Nellie Wiggin has closed her school in Hopkinton and is passing her spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Wiggin.

Mrs. Frank P. Plummer and niece of Dover were in town, Tuesday.

The schools in town closed last Friday.

February 7 the stork brought to Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. York a little daughter, Nathalie Imilda. Their many friends rejoice with them in their happiness and may the

"Little hands with their rosebud hue,
   Ever keep firm their hold
On the things above till life shall end,
   Till the little hand be cold,
And the unseen hand lies all before,
   As the gates of pearl unfold."

Marriages

Schurman-Gardner

Girard-Carrol

Deaths

Gilman—in Dover

Gouch—in Exeter

Shillaber—in Portsmouth

McCarthy—in Portsmouth

Hunter—in Portsmouth

Ellis—in Newfields

Tewhill—in Exeter
February 20, 1903

Miss Mary A. Hoitt was the guest of Representative and Mrs. Ben F. David, in Concord last week.

Irving Edgerly of Swampscott, Mass., was in town a few days last week.

George Whipp of Dover was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bartlett, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Walker, on the Newmarket road, are happy over the birth of a son, which came to them February. Their friends extend congratulations.

The selectmen were in session last Saturday and Monday, to settle bills and adjust the town accounts.

Miss MacRae of Madbury passed Sunday with her brother, Donald J. True Bartlett.

Miss Mary B. York went to Malden, Mass., Saturday for a protracted visit with friends.

Arthur Palmer and Miss Elizabeth Nealley of Newmarket were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy at Oak Cottage over Sunday.

The violent snow storm Monday and Tuesday made us realize that winter had not departed, and made it possible to use runners again.

Last Wednesday evening the Strafford Whist Club met at the home of the Griffiths brothers. Although it was quite rainy, there were nineteen present. After three hours of whist, light refreshments were served and social intercourse, interspersed with music, both vocal and instrumental, was enjoyed until the "wee small hours" were well advanced. The rain through which we returned home, had no power to dispel the warmth and brightness with which the pleasure of the evening had permeated us. Lady and gentleman who won first prizes, Mrs. Newell Foss and John S. Jenkins; Mrs. Fred B. York and Arioch W. Griffiths were presented consolation souvenirs.
February 30, 1903

The Lee Dramatic Club will present the comedy in three acts, A Gilded Youth, at Grange Hall, Lee Hill, Thursday evening, March 5. Admission, 25 and 15 cents. Refreshments free, after the play.

Mrs. Frank Morrison of Durham visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Lang, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Wiggin entertained Frank Chandler of Hopkinton over Sunday at Willow Homestead.

Rev. J.T. Berry was taken very ill last Friday. His physician, Dr. Grant of Durham, feared he would have pneumonia, consequently there was no service at the chapel Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Haines and Miss Mabeth Chesley of Newmarket recently called on Mrs. George Hardy at Oak Cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Comings and two children of Durham called Friday, and Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Cilley of Northwood visited Saturday at Daniel E. Plummer's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Currier took a trip to Boston Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon C. Hardy started Tuesday to visit with friends in Ayer and Lynn, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Kelsey are entertaining Mr. Kelsey's sister, of Manchester, this week at Locust Grove.

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A light case of varicellia is reported in a logging camp at Wadley's Falls. The camp is in quarantine and all necessary precaution is taken to avoid spreading the disease.
Miss Nellie Wiggin is passing this week with Mrs. Edward Hancock in Durham.

Mrs. George Allen of Concord visited with Mrs. John Currier over Thursday.

David Mitchell returned home from a brief visit at Lebanon last Sunday.

Miss Mary A. Hoitt was quite ill Sunday with a severe cold.

Miss Victoria Novelle, who has been at D.E. Plummer's nine weeks, returned to her home in Exeter Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Davis spent a few days last week with friends in Epping.

Guy Durell returned Monday from a few days' visit with his wife and little daughter, who are at Massabesic.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haines of Newmarket are quarantined at Elmwood, Mrs. Haines being afflicted with diphtheria in a mild form.

Mr. and Mrs. Manly P. Barber of Newmarket passed Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Webb.

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Mrs. B.F. Lang is visiting her daughter Mrs. Hale, of Bradford, Vermont.

Alice John of Rockingham Junction spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson.

Walter Thurston visited relatives in Portsmouth, Thursday.

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S. Cass, who has been sick for a long time, is now able to be out once more.

Grace Thurston of Rockingham Spent Sunday at her home.

An unusual amount of freight is being hauled over the Rochester & Nashua division of the Boston & Maine Railroad.
Miss Nancy Foss passed last week with friends in Boston.

Frank McCammon recently spent two days with his mother in West Newbury, Mass., and also had business in Portsmouth last Friday.

Charles Edgerly was the guest of relatives in Swampscott, Mass., over Sunday.

Newell Foss has sold the lumber lot, which he bought of Alphonso Jones, to the Felker Bros. of Rochester, who are operating at the present time. Benton Layne is doing the sawing.

Granville Thompson, who was very ill last week, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Harry Haines has recovered from diphtheria, and returned to Newmarket last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Priest returned from Derry and stayed with Mrs. Priest's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins, a few days last week.

Mrs. Frank Tyler and two children, Miss Elizabeth and mast Lee Cartland, of Marlow, came Saturday for a fortnight's visit with their aunt, Miss Phoebe Cartland, at Walnut Grove.

Daniel Ladd of Epping called at Walnut Avenue Farms, Monday.

Miss Mary A. Hoitt is passing a few weeks with friends in Boston and vicinity.

The inspector was in town Friday looking over part of the route for the expected rural mail delivery.

Mrs. George James entertained her mother, Mrs. S. F. Colomy, of Newmarket, two weeks recently.

Bert Pray will move from Lynn, Mass., to his new home in the Hook as soon as the road are dry enough for the present tenant, H. Foss, to move his family to Rochester. Mrs. Pray are son are already here, staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon C. Hardy, at Oak Cottage.

The many friends of Miss Edna Bartlett will be pleased to learn she is recovering from her dangerous illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCammon will close their home and move to Portsmouth as soon as they can dispose of their live stock.

The three-act comedy, "A Gilded Youth," was presented last Wednesday evening in the grange hall. Cast of characters was

Sammy Gilder William O. Thompson
Moses Margu Frank Caldwell
Col. Culpepper George Dudley
Aunt Sadie Helen Buzzell
Sadie Mrs. J.B.C. Walker

The parts were admirably taken, and there were as many present as could reasonably be expected, considering the traveling. It is hoped it may be repeated in the near future.
March 20, 1903 cont.

Last Wednesday evening the Strafford Whist Club met at the spacious farmhouse of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins. There were twenty-one present. After three hours of whist and a bountiful collation had been served, and the smoke talk (which is a prominent feature) was over, music and sociability were enjoyed until “we got our courage up to plunge into the mud, through which we waded home, in so ways sorry we started out. First prizes were won by Miss Mamie Bennett and A.W. Griffiths, those needing consolation were Mrs. Fred B. York and David Griffiths.

Arthur and Walter McDaniel were at church last Sunday. They have spent two weeks’ vacation with their parents and returned to their school at New Hampton on Monday.

Mrs. Samuel E. DeMeritt lies very ill and is not expected to live many days.

Miss Jennie Farwell, who was on the sick list last week, is somewhat better.

Mrs. George E. Chesley returned last Friday from a week’s visit to Haverhill and Merrimac, Mass.

Considering the traveling, a good number attended the entertainment given last Wednesday evening by the Lee Dramatic Club. It was very amusing and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Some that listened to it said they would gladly hear it repeated.

Last Thursday a party of the younger members of Jeremiah Smith Grange attended the Eastern N.H. Pomona Grange, which has held at Rochester. They reported a very pleasant time.

Eastern New Hampshire Pomona Grange has accepted the invitation to meet April ninth with Jeremiah Smith Grange of Lee.
March 27, 1903

Fred D. Cox of Boston spent a few days recently at the Webb farm.

Guy Durell spent a part of last week with his family at Massabesic.

John Currier and wife drove to Epping last Friday.

Irving Chesley of Malden, Mass., passed a few days last week with his aunts, Mrs. Elizabeth Pike and Miss Orah Chesley, at the Elms.

Harry Haines of Newmarket has diphtheria and is quarantined at Elmwood.

Charles Sinclair, the new foreman at Nutwood Farms has got well settled in his new home.

Mrs. David S. Bennett visited with relatives in Haverhill, Mass., a few days last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pike will go to Newburyport, Mass., to visit with friends, some time this week.

Mrs. Burnham Buzzell, accompanied by her grandson, Master George A. Bennett, is visiting with relatives in Boston and Wilmington, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb were the guests of friends in Newfields, Wednesday.

Miss Mary A. Hoitt, visiting in Boston, fell down several steps a few days ago, striking heavily on the sidewalk, badly bruising and cutting her face. Although she sustained a severe shaking up, fortunately no bones were broken.

Master Robert Bennett of Newmarket is the guest of his grandfather, Burnham Buzzell, at the present time.

Since the beautiful rain of the first of the week, the grass has taken on an added greenness, the birds are so busy and seem so happy, and the frogs, released from their winter captivity, are merrily celebrating the occasion, and all nature seems to have awakened from its winter sleep with renewed activity.

Rev. J.T. Berry preached a very interesting sermon last Sunday from the text, “And Jacob sent out from Beer-Sheba, and went toward Haran” — Genesis 28:10. It was a strong lesson in obedience and faith, and his magnetic personality and earnestness held the attention of his audience very closely. He said in part, if we, like Jacob, start to obey, without question, and do whatever we are commanded to do, having faith we shall, like him, find “a ladder set up on earth with the top reaching to heaven and the angels of God ascending and descending on it,” and through this heavenly communication, behold the face of the Lord above it and hear the promise, “I and the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac, and of Jacob, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.”
April 3, 1903

Fred P. Comings has closed his school in South Yarmouth, Mass., and came home Saturday.

Mrs. Frank McCammon recently passed a couple of days with friends in Dover.

Miss Nellie Wiggin returned Saturday from a fortnight’s visit with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Plummer of Dover were the guests of Daniel E. Plummer Sunday.

Saturday it snowed nearly all day and during the night. Sunday morning everything appeared to be new-born, without speck or stain. The earth was covered with a carpet of snow, so white one feared to sully its purity by treading on it. Every tree and shrub was completely covered with the pure whiteness, and on the still, clear air the wood smoke from the chimneys became a delicate blue veil against the vivid purple of the sky, which, in the golden light of the rising sun, made a picture as beautiful as fairy-land.

The Strafford Whist Club was entertained last Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York at Walnut Avenue Farms. There were twenty-five present. After three hours of whist, and refreshments had been served, social intercourse, interspersed with music, was enjoyed until the clock was striking small numbers. If the guests enjoyed the evening as much as the host and hostess did, all were satisfied. Lady and gentleman who won first prizes, Miss Mamie Bennett and Daniel E. Plummer. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oldham were presented with consolation souvenirs.

Harry W. Haines has recovered from diphtheria, and returned to Newmarket Monday.

H. Foss moved his family to Rochester last Thursday and Bert Pray and family are domiciled in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Meader of Durham Point have recently been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCammon.

Miss Edith Kelsey, who has been
April 3, 1903 cont.

Miss Edith Kelsey, who has been teaching in Amesbury, Mass., is enjoying a two weeks’ vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Kelsey, at Locust Grove.

At her house on the North Side, Feb. 22, occurred the death of Mrs. Lucy (Dockum) Demeritt. Although she has been an invalid for several years she was at the last sick only a short time with influenza, which was the immediate cause of her death. Mrs. Demeritt was born in Wolfeborough seventy-three years, nine months and thirteen days ago, and has lived in this town about thirty-five years. She has gained the love and respect of all who knew her in her quiet life. She leaves a husband, Samuel E. Demeritt, and many other relatives, but no children. The funeral at her late home, last Wednesday afternoon, was attended by Rev. J. T. Berry, who spoke beautiful words of hope to the bereaved friends. In the family burial-place, near her late home, situated on a high mound, where the sun shines brightly all the day and the purple shadows from the nearby hill falls softly at eventide, the quiet, gentle lady, the kind neighbor, the loyal friend, the loving wife was laid to rest.

“In a clime where lilies eternally bloom
And palms shade the rivers of life
Where the tideless sea sleeps and never a moon
Comes to tell of this earth and its strife,
Where the captive is free and the weary at rest,
And their glad songs forevermore roll,
On, there we shall find our loved and our lost
In the beautiful home of the Soul!”

Mr. and Mrs. Malloy, with their two children, of Boston are at Mr. James Johnson’s.

Florence Sanborn has returned to her home in Nashua, having spent several days with Mabel Haley.

Mrs. Jane Plummer has returned from Lynn, where she visited relatives, and last Friday she made calls at Rockingham, Newmarket and Dover.

Ben Lang is at his home in Lee for a short vacation. Will return to Ashburnham Monday.

Station agent, Mr. Walker, and wife spent Sunday at their home in Maine. Austin Malloy of Fremont substituting for Mr. Walker.

Stephen Davis of Newmarket was in town Sunday.

Dan Watson and H. Gile of Wadley’s Falls spent Sunday in Haverhill.

Bernice Lang went to Mr. Holyoke to attend an opera, and from there to visit her sister, Mrs. Strout, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Lee’s popular auctioneer, William Plummer, has all the business he can attend to, especially for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Walter Thurston and daughter went Tuesday to visit relatives in Dover, Somersworth and Berwick.

Miss White of Massachusetts is visiting friend Joshua at Wadley’s Falls.
April 10, 1903
The schools in town commenced Monday, under the instruction of Miss Florence Furnald at the North Side, Miss Ethel Durgin at the South Side, and Miss Bernice Lang at the Center.

Guy W. Durell has secured a position with the Swift Beef Co., in Pawtucket, R.I.

Miss Mary A. Hoitt has returned from her visit in Boston, apparently none the worse for her fall.

Charles Edgerly sawed thirty-six cords of wood at Nutwood, Maple Hill and Walnut Avenue farms in two days last week. There is no doubt about Charles being a hustler!

Miss Nellie Wiggin went to East Candia last Saturday, to be in readiness to begin her school Monday.

Mrs. Charles Sinclair entertained her mother, Mrs. George Hodgdon, and sister, Miss Lizzie Hodgdon, of Newmarket, a few days last week at Nutwood.

Miss Nancy Foss is attending school in Epping.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Chamberlain, who passed the winter with Miss Mary A. Hoitt, have gone to Duxbury, Mass., to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oldham entertained their cousin, Samuel Andrews, of Plymouth, Mass., a few days last week at Maplewood Farm.

Newell Foss was in Strafford, his old home, several days last week.

Fred P. Comings went to Dover last Thursday for a week’s visit with relatives.

Miss Grace Davis, of Mt. Holyoke college, is passing the spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Demeritt, former residents, now of Derry, welcomed to their home a little stranger, Florence Bernice, March 30.

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Notwithstanding the charmingly pleasant weather we have had, it is cold, raw and gray enough now.

Arthur Bennett is engaged in painting Hiram Kelsey's house at Locust Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lang and little son of Newmarket visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinclair at Nutwood, Sunday.

Miss Carrie Buzzell of Durham, a former resident, attended Easter services in Town Sunday.

Bessie M., the bay mare at Walnut Avenue Farms, foaled a handsome chestnut colt April 13.

Daniel Mahoney, employed at Nutwood, has been somewhat under the weather the past week.

Monday Miss Rose Bartlett went to Haverhill, Mass., for a three weeks' stay with friends.

Frank Page of Dover visited Fred B. York Thursday and purchased three cows Saturday. Harrison Burley of Newmarket also purchased three.

Miss Nellie Chesley and Miss Leola Noble are teaching in Alton, Mass., Edna E. Bartlett at Nottingham Square and Miss Mollie Bartlett at Rye.

Mrs. Ada Frost of Lynn, Mass., came last Wednesday for a few days' visit at Daniel E. Plummer's Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Plummer and Mrs. Charles Weeden, son, Bert, and daughter, Miss Ernestine, of Dover, also Dr. and Mrs. Fisk of Northwood were guests for the day.

Sunday a spark from an engine on the Worcester, Rochester and Nashua R.R. set fire to the grass, which spread and burned the buildings, house, barn and shed, which were unoccupied, on the Deacon John Thompson place, now owned by Mrs. Ben F. Davis. There was a year's hay in the barn, the loss was partially covered by insurance.

Daniel L. Plummer had business in Nashua Monday.

Walter H. Boss, Jr., of Pawtucket, R.I., passed several days at Walnut Avenue Farms with Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York this week.
April 17, 1903 cont.

The Eastern New Hampshire Pomona Grange met with the Jeremiah Smith Grange at Lee Hill last Thursday. The day was ideal and a large number listened to a fine programme prepared by the lecturer, Grace M. Clements, composed of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc. John C. Bartlett of Lee, Bard Plummer of Milton, Dr. Smith of Rochester and Mr. Weld of Durham spoke on the question, "Does the silo pay, and what is the best variety of corn to plant for a silo?" They all spoke in the affirmative and it was unanimously conceded that the silo was a great thing. Albert F. Conrad of Durham College spoke very interestingly of bugs, their life, transformation, habits and how to combat them. Dr. Lamson, also of the college, spoke on his favorite topic, fungus growth on plants and the remedy. Mrs. Martha Y. Kay of Dover read in a pleasing manner a number of the Cornucopia, which was very entertaining. Mrs. Flora A. Davis of Lee read a paper on "Spring! Styles in dress of men," which was listened to with a great deal of interest, especially by the men. Dinner and supper were served by the ladies of Jeremiah Smith Grange. There was a closed session in the evening. We think, the whole thing was a success and the visitors from the several subordinate granges carried away a favorable impression of the cordial hospitality extended by the people of our fair little town.

Easter was ushered in by matins conducted by a choir of birds, the robin being chorister. The whole sky was ablending of soft blue and grey, and the earth was bathed in golden sunshine. There was no preaching service at the chapel, but instead, the Sunday school gave an Easter concert consisting of singing, recitations, and a reading. The decoration was tasteful and delicate. The remarks by the pastor were appropriate, helpful and encouraging. The lessons the children taught by their trust and joy, the inspiration of their happy smiling faces and the pleasure they brought with their fresh, sweet voices will linger long as a sweet refrain of some rare melody, "Surely a little child shall lead them."

Albert Tebbetts, Jr. of Newmarket was a guest Sunday at J. True Bartlett's.

The Misses Edna and Pauline Bartlett each sang a solo at the Easter concert given at the Methodist church in Newmarket last Sunday evening.

We are expecting rural mail delivery about May 1. The people on the proposed route have ordered their boxes.
April 24, 1903

Mrs. James B.C. Walker went last Friday to visit with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Frank Morrison of Durham was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Lang, Sunday.

Harry Tasker of Dover visited friends in town Sunday.

J. True Bartlett is engaged in making extensive repairs on the barn at Nutwood Farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lee, two of our oldest residents, are both confined to their beds by serious illnesses.

Friday, Mrs. Harold E. York and little daughter, Nathalie, accompanied by their uncle, Fred P. Comings, started to join her husband in Tacoma, Wash. They will stay with friends in New York until Monday morning and, barring accidents, will arrive in Tacoma the following Sunday.

Last Wednesday evening the Strafford Whist Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Newell Foss and although it was dark, cold and rainy there were eighteen present. We played whist three hours, partook of a delectable collation and after passing two hours in pleasant, genial intercourse, in the light and warmth of their pleasant home, we started out in the rain, which had no power to dispel the pleasure we had enjoyed during the whole evening. Lady and gentleman who won first prizes, Mrs. John S. Jenkins and Walter H. Foss, Jr., those needing consolation were Mrs. Frank Oldham and F. Carl York.

Mrs. Sarah A. Pierce died April 17, after a brief illness of pneumonia, at the home of Otis E. Woodman, at the North Side, aged eighty-one years. The funeral services were held Monday at 10 o’clock at her late home and the body was taken to Somersworth for interment. Although Mrs. Pierce was not a native of this town, she has kept house for Mr. Woodman many years and gained the love, respect and esteem of all who knew her.

“She had a sunny nature that sought like a flower in a dark place for the light.”
April 24, 1903 cont.

Rev. J.T. Berry took for his subject last Sunday, “Giving, in its broadest sense.” He preached from the text, “And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts.”—Malachi 1:8. He said giving was not giving until it became a sacrifice. If we give away what we do not want, just to get it out of our way, we get no reward for such giving, neither must we give just because our neighbor gave, nor be particular to give just the same amount, for perhaps we could give more, and perhaps we are not able to give as much, but are ashamed to do less and wish to be thought well of, but to give what we can honestly afford, because we think it right, regardless of how much any one else gives. Neither is money the only thing that we can give, some have none to give, but we must give of our time, kind encouraging words when needed, a sympathetic pressure of the hand, a song, a smile, care of the sick or anything we see is needed that we can spare, but be sure it is the best, for it is the heart, and the motive and our willingness that the Father of all our mercies looks at instead of the act. Mr. Berry made his sermon intensely interesting, and by his earnestness, held the closest attention of his hearers.

Morrill S. Vittum, who died in Haverhill Saturday afternoon, was well and favorably known in this vicinity, having spent several summers with his wife’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Marston. He leaves a widow and one son, Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Tuttle, and little son, of Nahant, Mass., spent Sunday with W.B. Tuttle.

Quite a little excitement was caused last week with the antics of an apparently insane man, who called at several places. One lady took him in and fed him, he appeared all right then.

Mabel Haley attended a reception in Nashua Monday evening.
May 1, 1903

Irving Chesley of Malden, Mass., was the guest of his aunt, Miss Orah Chesley, at the Elms last week.

April 21st, Mr. and Mrs. James McDaniel were made happy by the birth of a son, James Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hodgdon and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Newmarket and Mr. Vennard of Portsmouth were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinclair at Nutwood, Sunday.

Mrs. Cosden of Boston has finished a week's visit at the Webb farm.

Mrs. Harry Hardy of Lynn, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pray a few days last week.

Richard Edgerly of Durham Point made calls in the Hook last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oldham entertained Miss Edna Baker of Waltham, Mass., over Sunday at Maplewood.

Ira B. Hill of Durham has been appointed overseer of the poor in both Durham and Lee.

Mrs. Simeon C. Hardy went last Friday to Ayer, Mass., to visit with her son.

Miss Nellie Chesley and Miss Leola Noble, teaching in Alton, were at their homes over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Foss were called to Strafford last Wednesday to attend the funeral of a friend.

Mrs. John W. Webb and son, Walter, passed a few days with friends in Manchester last week.

There will be a “Peddler’s Parade” at the Christian Endeavor hall, at Lee Hill May 8. Ice cream and cake will be on sale.

A few days ago the chimney in the residence of Franklin McDaniel caught fire and it was supposed to have burned out a few hours later a fire was discovered in one of the chambers fortunately, it was extinguished before serious damage had resulted. Mr. McDaniel, while making an attempt to blow water from his mouth into a crack in the hot chimney, had his face badly scalded by the steam.

It is past our comprehension how intelligent, moral, rightminded men can advocate “Liscense.” The plea seems to us exceedingly weak, that because the prohibition law has not been enforced, on account of inefficient officers, who do not seem to understand the sacredness of the oath they have taken, with God’s help, to perform all duties devolving upon them faithfully and impartially, and because of impure politics and an inordinate desire for office, the higher officials allow this neglect of duty, it is best to license an evil that good may come. Why not use as strenuous measures to enforce the present clean law as to pretend to try and enforce a rotten law that is ruinous to all the best there is in men? We feel positive that the license law would be no better enforced than the prohibition law has been, and we feel so sorry for the retrograde step that our legislators have taken, and earnestly hope the voters of our fair little state will rally around the standard of purity that our forefathers set, and show to the world that the majority will not follow the example set for them, but that their motto is “Excelsior.”
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If we knew the little losses,
Sorely grieved, day by day,
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Let us reach into our bosom
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Miss Mamie Smith of Nottingham accompanied by Miss Bertha Shannon of Epping, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Kate Smith, last Wednesday.

Curtis Stimpson has got his home ready for the plasterers. Mr. Colcord of Nottingham, with two helpers, is doing the job.

Old Home Week Association will meet on the evening of May 21, at 7:30, in Grange Hall, to elect officers and transact any business that may come before the organization at that time.

Rev. and Mrs. James T. Berry are entertaining Mrs. Berry's mother, Mrs. Minton, of New York City, a few weeks.

Daniel E. Plummer, went to Nashua last Wednesday on business. Mr. Plummer also had business in Dover this week, Tuesday.

Miss Carrie Bartlett has been quite ill the past week, but is getting better now.

Miss Nellie Wiggin's school, in East Candia, has been interrupted by scarlet fever and she is passing this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Wiggin, at Willow Homestead.

Remember the "Peddlar's Parade" Friday evening at Christian Endeavor hall. Those who are not present at 8 o'clock sharp will miss the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York passed last Thursday in Dover.

There will be a preaching service in the chapel next Sunday evening, assisted by a chorus choir, instead of the regular young people's meeting. It is hoped there will be a goodly number present.

Miss Pauline Bartlett has been staying in Newmarket several days this week.

Mrs. Griffiths of Durham visited Mrs. Griffiths' father, Franklin McDaniel, last Friday, and also called on other friends in the Hook.

The repairs at Nutwood are nearing completion. Mr. Bartlett expects to finish Thursday.
May 8, 1903 cont.

The Strafford Whist Club was entertained last Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith at their pleasant home, close to the foot of dear old Wednesday Hill. It was a typical summer evening and there were twenty-two present. After a bout at whist and a bountiful collation had been partaken of, smoke talk and dishes had been attended to, sociability and music were enjoyed until there was no excuse for staying longer. Miss Mamie Smith won first ladies' prize. There being a tie between Fred B. York and Frank Oldham for gentleman's first prize, it was decided by cutting the cards. Mr. York cut the lucky card. Consolation souvenirs were bestowed on Mrs. Fred B. York and F. Carl York.

Rev. J.T. Berry preached last Sunday from the text, "O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit"—Isaiah, 18:16. He dwelt more particularly on the clause, "BY these things men live." He showed us very plainly what a wonderful lesson it was to give us courage to bear our trials, temptations and losses, and used many illustrations to show how they all refined and made us strong. If we only stood firm and depended on God for guidance, he would never allow us to be vanquished, but we would grow like the tree, which stands in the open, to be buffeted by the wind and storms, the roots grow deep, the branches spread wide, and the leaves grow thick and it becomes strong and useful, while the tree, which grows in the center of a thicket, protected from all blasts, will be weak and barren of all usefulness. And as I listened to the sermon, my mind wandered to a lesson once received from a bird. And why not, since He has said not one sparrow shall fall to the ground unnoticed? Once, after a violent storm, a nest all battered and torn lay on the ground with nestlings and the mother bird cold and dead. I then the one bereft showed his superiority to some of the human family, he mounted a limb above all that was dear to his heart and commenced singing. First the notes were sad,

"Wailing and thrilling and low,
Trembling thro' all the listening trees,
With the sweetness of their woe
But lo' there struck a grander key,
With an impulse to dare and do,
The bird had left his anguish here
And soarest away to the blue."

And to finish, Mr. Berry admonished us to so live, that when the end came we should be able to say with Paul—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."
May 15, 1903

Rev. J.T. Berry attended the ninety-fourth Congregational convention at Newport last week. While there he was taken suddenly and violently ill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, drove to Barnstead last Thursday, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Burnham Buzzell went to Candia Monday and extended her visit to Manchester Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hodgdon of Newmarket passed Sunday, and Mrs. George Hodgdon spent Monday at Nutwood Farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stimpson expect to move into their new home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Currier drove to Epping Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace of Arizona and the Misses Alice and Bessie Leavitt of Newmarket visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Fountain at Burnham Buzzell’s Saturday.

The “Peddlar’s Parade” proved to be quite a unique affair. There were all kinds of peddlars present, from those selling tin ware to the little vender of boutonnieres, they were also very successful in disposing of their wares, their [..] was a financial success.

Dr. and Mrs. Russell of Newtonville, Mass., are passing a few weeks at Mrs. Russell’s old home, the Samuel Demeritt place.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fountain started to drive to Jackson Thursday, they expect to be two days on the road. Mr. Fountain will remain during the summer at Wentworth Hall, where he has a situation. Mrs. Fountain will return by rail and join her husband later.

On account of illness Miss Edith Kelsey, teaching in Amesbury, Mass., was obliged to close her school and pass several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Kelsey, at Locust Grove last week.

As Rev. J.T. Berry was not able to preach last Sunday evening, the preaching and song service was postponed to next Sunday evening. It is hoped there will be a full house.

We were glad to note last Sunday evening from Rev. J.T. Berry did not hesitate to join with many other ministers in the state and express his opinion of the license law, and was also glad he was on the right side. He preached from the text, “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong”—1st Cor. 16:17, and “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Eph. 6:12. He said we were in a measure our brother’s keeper, and if a man through weakness and an uncontrollable desire, was addicted to the rum habit, we, by voting on the right side, could prevent him from having it with our consent. He told us how the rum habit and its association and influence if continued for years destroyed all the best there was in man, and how men violating a law by an illegal traffic, cannot do as much harm as they can when protected by the law. It was a strong sermon, which held the close attention of his audience.
May 22, 1903

Master George A. Bennett of Newmarket was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Charles Edgerly, over Sunday.

Mrs. David Mitchell is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Chapman, of Worcester, Mass., at the present time.

Harry Tasker of Dover called on friends in town, Sunday.

Mrs. John O. Sinclair and daughter, Miss Susie, of Exeter, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinclair at Nutwood, Sunday.

Austin Doeg, on the Wiswall road, is treating his barn to a new coat of paint.

Miss Bernice Lang entertained a young lady friend over Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Edgerly visited with relatives in Haverhill, Mass., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fernald have recently taken into their family a young nephew of Mrs. Fernald's, Shirley Randall, of Worcester, Mass., who has just been bereft of his mother, his father having died a few years ago. "And who shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me."

Mrs. Josiah D. Thompson of Exeter came Monday to pass a few days at Pine Row.

A quiet home wedding took place at the residence of John Cook, at Wadley's Falls, April 26, when Joshua Cook of this town and Miss Marion White of Cambridge, Mass., were united in matrimony. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J.T. Berry. The bride was handsomely gowned and the wedding was followed by an informal reception. Mr. and Mrs. Cook will reside at Wadley's Falls, and their friends wish them many years of happiness.

Arthur Bennett purchased a driving horse last week.

Harrison G. Burley of Newmarket Grant called at Walnut Avenue Farms Wednesday.

The Hardy crew hied to Epping Monday morning, where they have employment for the week.
Our Dover store will be closed on all holidays hereafter, commencing May 30. Lothrop's, Farnham & Co.

Died, at his home at Wadley's Falls, May 14, of senile decay, Levi Wilson, Lee's oldest male resident, aged ninety years and three days. Surviving him is a widow, who is in feeble health. The funeral occurred at his late home Sunday, conducted by the Epping undertaker. The Congregational minister of Epping took charge of the religious part of the exercises. The musical selections were rendered by a female choir and a solo was beautifully sung by Mrs. Guy Glidden. Interment was in the family lot near his late home, where all his kindred sleep, he being the last of his family. Mr. Wilson was stricken with blindness a few years ago, and recently with mental aberration, therefore none could wish him to linger and it was a relief for him to be at rest, he lived a quiet, peaceful life and has stepped out "On the great world's altar stairs, that slope through darkness up to God ."

Last Sunday Rev. J.T. Berry preached a very helpful sermon from the text, "The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice, let the multitude of isles be glad thereof." Ps. 97:1. He made it very plain that we were too often apt to indulge in hero-worship and in our nearer vision lose sight of the fact that God is above all others, our friends and those whom we love and admire act all too often as smoked glass and obscure our vision. Then we often think those who have been accustomed to perform certain duties are indispensable, but often they are doing their work weakly, and God removes them and puts the work in stronger and more efficient hands. Sometimes we are so worshipful of our children that we forget the command, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols," then perhaps they are taken from us. "God keeps a niche in heaven to hold our idols. Albiet He break them to our faces, lest our close kisses impair their white." He admonished us to remember that through the sorrows and vicissitudes of life, as well as its joys and blessings, "The Lord reigneth."

"I know not where His islands lift Their fronded palms in air, I only know I cannot drift Beyond His love and care."
May 29, 1903

Dr. Frank A. Davis of Boston passed a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis, last week.

Mrs. Frank McCammon of Newmarket was the guest of Mrs. Fred B. York at Walnut Avenue Farms over Sunday.

There was a heavy white frost both Friday and Saturday nights, killing nearly everything that had come out of the ground. Friday night it was cold enough to form ice on water standing in vessels out of doors. Quite a contrast to the hot weather the first few days of the week! Monday it was 95 in the shade. The farmers who had corn up are harrowing the ground over and planting it again.

Miss Nellie Wiggan, teaching in East Candia, accompanied by one of her pupils, Miss Malverda Bass, passed Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Wiggan.

Mrs. Susan Howe is taking a few days' vacation this week, which she is spending with friends in Waltham, Mass.

Miss Nellie Chesley, teaching at Alton, was home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wentworth of Newmarket, accompanied by their daughter and grandson, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinclair at Nutwood Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins of Lincoln, Mass., and Mrs. William L. Priest of Newmarket are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bunker of Durham attended church at the chapel Sunday.

Rev. James T. Berry attended the ministers meeting in Dover Monday.

Joseph B. Bennett and family of Newmarket were callers at Maple Hill Farm Sunday.

There was not a very large attendance at the meeting of the Old Home Week Association last Thursday evening, but nevertheless it was unanimously voted to celebrate Wednesday, Aug. 19, by inviting the absent sons and daughters of Lee to return to the fair little town that gave them birth and renew their acquaintance with the old familiar scenes and clasp again the hands of the friends of the days of yore. Only the principal officers were elected, they were the same that served last year. The meeting was adjourned until the first of June.
May 29, 1903 cont.

"Let poets sing the praises
Of brighter summer climes,
I'll give to dear New Hampshire
The tribute of my rhymes,
And may her sons and daughters,
In every land relate
The majesty and beauty
Of the old Granite State.

The last meeting of the Strafford Whist Club occurred at Daniel E. Plummer's last Friday evening. The evening was cool and delightful and there were twenty-five present. After the usual bout at whist, a delectable collation was served and music and sociability reigned supreme a couple of hours. Lady and gentleman who won first prizes, Mrs. John S. Jenkins and Fred B. York, those who needed consolation were Miss Bernice Lang, Miss Gertie Smith and John S. Jenkins. A cut of the cards gave the souvenir to Miss Lang. At the commencement of the whist parties it was decided to give, at its last meeting, souvenirs to those making the largest and smallest number of points. Mrs. John S. Jenkins and Arioch Griffiths had the largest scores. Miss Nancy Foss and William Priest had the smallest. Each was presented with handsome souvenirs. There has been fourteen meetings, all of which were exceedingly pleasant. The friendliest feelings have been manifested, the conversation kindly, the music pleasing, the recitations entertaining, but of the stories told we cannot judge, as they existed exclusively with the male portion of the company. But judging from the laughter they evoked, we should say they were without doubt pleasing. The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the president, after extending a vote of thanks to the officers and all those who had entertained, for their courtesy and hospitality.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinclair and two sons passed Saturday with friends in Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardy of Lynn, Mass., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pray over Memorial Day. They also visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon C. Hardy, at Oak Cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Palmer of Concord were the recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pendergast at Elm Rest.

Warren Kelsey is enjoying a vacation of a few days.

Mrs. Albert D. Wiggin and Mrs. Fred B. York made a very enjoyable call of Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Meader at their cozy little home at Durham Point last Thursday.

Daniel E. Plummer has recently purchased a driving horse.

Walter Welch has recently sustained a severe sprain of the ankle, which incapacitates him for his usual labor.

George Demeritt and family of Derry came Friday evening to remain over Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Frances Kaulback, and grandmother, Mrs. Jane Furber.

Mrs. Arthur Hale, two children and nurse, from Vermont are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Lang.

Edwin Wiggin of Lynn, Mass., and Miss Nellie Wiggin of East Candia, accompanied by Miss Bertha Dunn, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Wiggin, at Willow Homestead over Memorial Day.

Miss Nora Whitehouse spent a few days last week with friends at Alton Bay, returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis and daughter, Etta, of Nottingham visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Currier at Crystal Spring Farm Sunday.

Perley Young, on the Newmarket road, was quite severely shaken up and somewhat bruised about his face and his arm, injured so he cannot use it, by jumping from an express train while in motion, near Rockingham Junction Saturday evening. He was fortunate that it was no worse.

Irving Thompson and family of Manchester have been passing a few days with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Bennett and sons, Masters George A. and Robert, Jr., of Newmarket, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burnham Buzzell, Sunday.

Ora Howard and family, consisting of eight members, including the servants, of White Plains, N.Y., came last Friday to pass the summer at Fred P. Comings' place on Lee Hill.
Memorial Day was ushered in wrapped in gray shadows, and the
cloud-dropped tears of sorrow for those
who have, during the past year,
answered to the last roll-call and obeyed the
order of the Great Commander, to
march to the eternal camp, where the
majority of their comrades now have
their perpetual bivouac. As thirty-eight years have passed since the
close of the Civil War, the most of the
veterans are nearing the afternoon of life,
consequently, each succeeding year a
greater number report to the Supreme
Commander, and the bugle that once
blew the blasts of wrath and hate has
for many years been hanging on the wall.

"Yes, not it hangs there peacefully, and sings
but when the gaps
in thinning ranks call for the[...

Time and age have softened the hearts
of those who fought on different sides,
and when President McKinley, in a
speech delivered at Atlanta, Ga., uttered
these words, "Every soldier's grave made
during the Civil War is a tribute
to American valor, and while when these graves were made we
differed widely about the future of our
government, those differences were long ago
tertified by the arbitrament of arms, and the time has now
come in the evolution of sentiment and feeling, under the providence
of God, when in the spirit of fraternity we should share with you in the care
of the graves of the Confederate soldiers," they found a response in every
loyal heart in the North, and the united family now join hands and scatter
flowers on the graves of their common dead. In the years to come, when
the last veteran who bore arms in the Civil War has passed to the grand
army above, the ranks of blue and gray will march shoulder to shoulder in
the land now indeed the "home of the free," hereafter to follow that leader
whose nate is Love. After the morning the sun came out and the earth
looked brand-new after its baptism. The trees in their many shades
of green, blending with the soft green carpet sprinkled with blossoms, the
song of birds floating on the fresh, cool air, made it an ideal day in which
to perform their labor of love.

"Bring your fairest flowers to softly lay
Above your dead, in their beauty sleep;
And the ritual of love, for remembrance say,
As you kneel in the sunshine at their feet.

Brothers are they of another clime,
In the long, sweet June of eternity;
And it may be the beautiful things of time
Are part of the endless memory.

But we'll leave the flory of the unknown
As beyond the grasping of thought or dream,
And we'll linger where love's soft radiance shone
In the roseate bowers and lillied stream.

So we come, sweet dead, with fresh flowers for you,
Such as graced the bridal and wreathed the bier,
The fair old roses that sweetly grew
By the altars of home, when you were here.

We lay down our roses with reverent hand,
Here, where the cypress shadows fall,
Brothers are ye in the summer land,
And the same sweet love is over all."
June 12, 1903

Mrs. Josiah D. Thompson and friend of Exeter passed a day at Pine Row last week.

Charles Drew of Merrimac has recently been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lyford Wiggin.

The Rev. B.A. Wilmot of Townsend, Mass., passed a few days with friends in town last week.

Next Sunday being Children’s Day, there will be no sermon in the morning, as the children will take charge of the exercises, excepting a few remarks by the pastor.

Frank Page of Dover, visited with Fred B. York at Walnut Avenue Farms, Monday.

Miss Mary Abbie Chesley, who is attending school at the Robinson Seminary in Exeter, won the first prize for a declamation, in the Merrill prize speaking contest, June 24.

Sunday, June 21, will be observed by the Jeremiah Smith Grange as Memorial Day.

Next Sunday evening will be the regular monthly preaching and song service in the chapel at 7:00. A cordial invitation is extended to all and it is hoped many will respond.

Last Sunday morning the sermon delivered by Rev. J.T. Berry from the text, “Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines, the labor of the olive shall fail, and the corn shall yield no fruit, the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my Strength.”—Hab. 1:17, 18 was especially appropriate, and all those who had become somewhat discouraged by the frosts and droughts, must have gained fresh courage by listening to the hopeful words. He made us understand, although sometimes it may seem to us the God has forgotten us and all our efforts are for nought, it is never the case. We should do well to remember the words of the Psalmist, “I have been young, and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” He admonished us to sow our seed in faith, then wait and trust, remembering, “The Lord God is our strength,” and the harvest will never fail.

John E. Chesley of Amesbury, Mass., recently spent a few days visiting relatives in town, returning home on Monday last.

Mrs. B.F. Davis is expecting he leave home the last of the week, to attend commencement exercises next week at Mr. Holyoke College, Miss Grace Davis graduating at that time.

Soon we shall be able to welcome our young people, as they will soon return from their several schools and colleges. We understand there are sixteen young ladies of Lee teaching school this season.

A large number of Lee people attended the prize speaking and commencement exercises last week at Durham College.

T.B. Chesley and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Chesley drove to Exeter Monday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Rev. Jacob Chapman, who died Friday, June fifth, aged 93 years.

The ladies of Jeremiah Smith Grange furnished the programme for Tuesday evening, it being ladies night. After the literary exercises, refreshments were served. It was voted to hold memorial services for deceased members of the Grange, June 21. Children’s night at the Grange is to be observed Saturday evening, June 27.
June 19, 1903

Wayne Rawson, on his way from Hebron, Me., to his home in Boston, stopped a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Webb.

James Manning of Manchester passed a couple of days at Maple Hill Farm recently.

Miss Florence Sanborn of Nashua was the guest of Miss Mabel Haley over Sunday.

Mrs. George Hardy entertained her brother, Arthur Palmer, over Sunday.

Mrs. Lawrence Rankin of Brockton, Mass., is visiting with Mrs. James B.C. Walker.

Joseph B. Bennett and family of Newmarket called on friends in the Hook Sunday.

The Misses Ophelia and May Critcherson of Boston were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Howard over Sunday.

Daniel E. Plummer recently had business in Boston.

M. and Mrs. George Tarlton of Newfields dined at the Webb farm last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prescott of Raymond were the guests of Mrs. Prescott’s mother, Mrs. Curtis Stimpson, Sunday and Monday.

George Dudley returned Saturday from a brief visit with friends in Townsend, Mass.

Rev. J.T. Berry has the sympathy of his friends in his bereavement in the loss of his mother, whose death occurred last week.

Masters George A. and Robert Bennett, Jr., of Newmarket visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Burnham Buzzell, Saturday and Sunday.

On account of the rain the children were unable to meet Saturday for rehearsal, consequently Children’s Day exercises were postponed until next Sunday.

Mrs. Ben F. Davis will go to South Hadley, Mass., Saturday to attend the commencement exercises at Mt. Holyoke College, her daughter, Miss Grace, being one of the graduates.

Rev. J.T. Berry, preached last Sunday morning from the text, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart also.”—Matt. 6:21. He told us it behooves us to be very careful what our treasure was and where we placed it. In the evening he preached from the text, “Do thyself no harm”—Acts 16:38. He earnestly admonished us to take nothing into our lives and hearts that would do us harm, or by our acts or example injure others. His manner was impassioned and his sermons helpful in teaching his hearers to be wise in selecting their amusements and associates and in keeping our hearts pure, our words true and our lives clean.

Anon.
Mrs. John W. Webb entertained her cousin, Mrs. Ralph Wilbur, of Portland, Or., and Miss Louie Dewing of Boston a couple of days last week. Mrs. Selina McDaniel of Dover is also a visitor at the Webb farm.

F. Carl York passed Saturday and Sunday in Amesbury, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wiggin and daughter, Marion, of Epping visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wiggin last Thursday.

Children's night will be observed by Jeremiah Smith Grange at Grange Hall, Lee Hill, Saturday evening, June 27, weather permitting.

Simeon C. Hardy commenced on the contract to build a barn 40x60 for a party in Newington last Monday.

Quite a number of our townspeople attended the reception and ball given by the Newmarket High School Monday evening and report a very enjoyable evening.

Miss Bertha Tootill of Providence, R.I., is passing this week with Mrs. Fred B. York at Walnut Avenue Farms.

Summer guests are beginning to arrive at Elm Rest. Miss Nancy Pendergast of Charlestown, Mass., and Mrs. West of Revere, Mass., came last Saturday.

Mrs. Jennie Webb of Manchester and Mr. Cox of Boston came to be present at the graduation of Walter Webb, who as a member of the class of 1903, Newmarket High School, graduated last Monday.

Rev. J.T. Berry read a letter of resignation June 7. As the people are very much opposed to his leaving town, there will be a meeting of the church, society and parish Monday afternoon, July 6, at the chapel to see if he can be induced to reconsider his decision and remain.

The Misses Ethel and Lillian Foss of Strafford are the guests of their uncle, Newell Foss, this week.

Mrs. Newman Durell of Pittsfield and Mrs. Frank Durell of Newmarket were the guests of Mrs. David S. Bennett at Maple Hill Farm, Tuesday.

Those people who were so anxious concerning the drought, have without doubt changed their minds, as it has rained sixteen consecutive days and there are no signs as yet of clearing weather.
June 26, 1903 cont.

The schools in town close this week.

Miss Mercy Durgin, Miss Helen Buzzell and Miss Jennie Farwell, who have been teaching in Madbury, close their schools Friday.

Tuesday evening was the regular meeting of the Grange. Children's night will be observed next Saturday evening. An invitation has been extended to all the children in town to be present and partake of the good things provided.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Lulu Walker attended the graduating exercises of the grammar school in Dover, from which her cousin, Miss Ernestine Weeden, graduated.

Miss Mary Caldwell graduates from the Dover high school on Thursday.

Irving Chesley has spent several days this week at the farm.

Miss Gertrude Eaton of Nebraska, a student at Wellesley College, has recently passed a few days at the former home of her grandfather, the late Jefferson Sawyer.

Nancy Foss has returned home, after graduating from the grammar school in Epping.

Preparations are being made for the raising of the flag-staff for the flag-raising on July 4th. Suitable exercises are to be held in Grange Hall in the evening of that day.

On Wednesday evening, July 1, there is to be a flower festival and entertainment at Grange Hall for the benefit of the Congregational society. The programme will consist of vocal and instrumental music, readings and a farce. Lee orchestra will be in attendance. There will be floral decorations and potted plants, which will be for sale. Ice cream and cake. Admission, 15 cents. Doors open at 7, commence at 8 o'clock. See posters.
July 3, 1903

Mrs. Charles Edgerly had business in Exeter, Monday.

Mrs. Kate Smith has just returned from a two weeks' visit with her sons in Nottingham.

Miss Rena Young, on the Newmarket road, passed a few days in Durham last week.

Frank Page of Dover spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York at Walnut Avenue Farms.

Mrs. Wilfred Hale returned Saturday evening from a few days' visit with friends in Haverhill, Mass.

Harry Tasker of Dover called on friends in town Sunday.

Mrs. George Hardy and daughter, Elizabeth, went Tuesday for a few days' visit with friends in Derry.

We understand Daniel E. Plummer went to Barrington Saturday to try his luck as a fisherman. The catch was phenomenally large.

Edward Bartlett has been somewhat indisposed the past two or three weeks.

Elmer Fogg of Durham did a very satisfactory job of papering at Walnut Avenue Farms, Monday.

Jeremiah O. Randall of Amesbury, Mass., a former resident, passed a few days last week with friends in the Hook.

Mrs. George E. Chesley is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Robinson, of Merriman, Mass.

Monday, Miss Mary B. York returned from a protracted visit with friends in Malden and Reading, Mass. Mrs. Rebecca Green of Malden, Mass., accompanied her for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whipp and son of Dover were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bartlett over Sunday.

Little Miss Gladys Poore of Exeter is staying with her aunt, Miss Ethel Davis, for the present.

Fred Carl York had business in Dover Saturday.

Miss Mollie Bartlett closed her school at Rye last Friday and is passing the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. True Bartlett, at the "Ranch."

Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Lane of Revere, Mass., came to Elm Rest last Tuesday.

Last week Mrs. James Fountain went to Jackson, to join her husband, where they have situations for the summer at Wentworth Hall.
July 3, 1903 cont...

John C. Bartlett returned from a four days’ visit with his brother in Canton, Mass., Friday.

Miss Gladys Hoitt of California, Mr. and Mrs. George Chamberlin of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hoitt, Jr., of Taftsville, Vt., were the guests of their aunt, Miss Mary A. Hoitt, last week.

Mrs. Albert D. Wiggin is visiting with friends in Epping this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chesley of Lynn, Mass., and Mrs. S. F. Colony of Newmarket have been recent guests at George James’.

The Misses Rose and Edna Bartlett attended the commencement exercises at Harvard College, their friend, John Williams, being a graduate of the class of 1903.

Miss Bertha Tootill, visiting at Walnut Avenue Farms, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins.

Mrs. George O. Hodgdon and Mrs. Ellen Caswell of Newmarket passed the day, last Thursday, with Mrs. Charles Sinclair at Nutwood.

There will be a flag raising with appropriate exercises, also a display of pyrotechnics, etc., at Lee Hill in the evening, July 4.

On account of a mistake in dating the notice posted for the parish meeting, which was called July 6, it was held last Monday, instead. The vote was unanimous, to ask Rev. J.T. Berry to reconsider his decision to resign his pastorate here. A committee of five was chosen to wait upon Mr. Berry, and after presenting the case to him in the light, that in the opinion of said committee, it was for the best interest of the church and community for him to remain, he consented to withdraw his resignation for the present.

John Jones, for many years a resident of Lee, dropped dead Wednesday in the mill of the Dame brothers, heart disease being the cause. He leaves a son and two daughters.

Children’s Day was observed by the Grange last Saturday evening in Grange Hall. After the entertainment, consisting of music and recitations, the children were served with ice cream and cake. The children were happy and joyous, and the older people had a pleasant, social meeting, after the entertainment rendered by the children, who acquitted themselves in a creditable manner.
July 10, 1903

Next Sunday evening at 7:30 the regular monthly preaching service assisted by a chorus choir, will be held in the chapel. A full house is hoped for.

Miss Nellie Wiggin closed her school in East Candia last Friday and will pass the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Wiggin. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wiggin and two children of Roxbury, Mass., and Edwin Wiggin of Lynn, Mass., were also visitors at Willow Homestead Saturday and Sunday.

Walter H. Boss, Jr., of Pawtucket, R.I., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York at Walnut Avenue Farms over the Fourth.

Charles W. Bartlett, attorney, of Boston and daughter, Miss Mary, were in town Sunday. Mr. Bartlett was a resident during his young manhood and his many friends were glad to greet him as of yore.

Albert Durrell of Boston came Saturday for a week’s stay with his aunt, Mrs. R.P.D. Bennett. Miss Olive Manning of Haverhill, Mass., is also a visitor for the summer at Maple Hill Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. True Bartlett are entertaining Walter Benoit, who came with an automobile from Lowell, Mass., for a fortnight’s visit. Miss Jeanne Arnold of Boston came Sunday evening for a visit at the “Ranch,” also.

Mrs. Charles Sinclair and two sons, Harold and Earle, spent the Fourth with relatives in Newmarket.

There will be a meeting of the several committees appointed by the Old Home Week Association on the evening of July 30, at Grange Hall, to perfect the arrangements for celebrating August 19.

John Currier is engaged in harvesting Mrs. Belle Mathes’ hay at Durham Point.

Last Sunday the choir at the chapel was ably assisted by Walter Benoit of Lowell, Mass, tenor, and Miss Edna Bartlett, who sang a solo with her usual sweetness.

Summer visitors who have already arrived at the Webb farm are: F.C. Cox and family of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paul and child of Brookline, Mass.

Mrs. William Davis and daughter, Miss Velma, and Miss Edith Davis of Dover, were the guests of their mother, Mrs. Curtis Stimpson, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Blanchard of Malden, Mass., passed several days recently with Miss Mary B. York at Meadowbrook Farm.

Miss Norah Whitehouse returned Monday from a few days’ visit with friends at Alton.

The “Flower Festival” last Wednesday evening was a success every way. A fine programme, which was presented by local talent, was made more pleasing by the assistance of Warren Hayes of Durham, who kindly gave a recitation in a pleasing manner, and Miss Foss, also of Durham, rendered a musical selection and an encore, which were highly appreciated.
Commander James H. Currier had a flag, five by eight feet, presented to him July 4th, by Mrs. Ora Howard, of White Plains, N. Y., now sojourning at the Comings place on Lee Hill. Said flag to be kept for the sacred purpose of draping the caskets of any soldiers hereafter deceased, in this town, and in behalf of the surviving veterans Mr. Currier wishes to extend a vote of thanks to Mrs. Howard for her kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. George McGuire of Manchester were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon C. Hardy at Oak Cottage over Sunday.

Mrs. Eliza Wright of Durham attended services at the chapel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins and Mrs. William L. Priest were called to Lawrence, Mass., last week to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah D. Thompson of Exeter passed a couple of days at Pine Row last week.

The raising of the flag—the red, white and blue, emblems of justice, purity and truth, which means so much to every loyal American citizen—on July 4th, was a very pretty exercise and there was quite a company present. Rev. J.T. Berry made appropriate remarks and Miss Edna Bartlett sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" in an inspiring manner, and the exercises ended by all present singing "America." Then followed quite a fine display of fireworks in front of Grange Hall, Mrs. Howard's and Daniel Plummer's grounds being beautifully illuminated by Japanese lanterns, which was witnessed by a large company, after which the younger portion of the company hied to the town hall and "tripped the light fantastic toe" until near the Sabbath; then all went home happy that no accident had occurred to mar the pleasure of the whole day.

July 1, John Jones, a native and lifelong resident of Lee, died of heart failure, aged seventy years and ten months. Surviving him are two daughters, one son, one brother and several sisters. Mr. Jones had been in excellent health and was the only soldier from Lee who was still living in loading lumber, when without a sigh or a groan he fell. The funeral, which occurred Friday at the chapel, was attended by Rev. J.T. Berry, who spoke beautiful words. Musical selections were rendered by the choir. The bearers were Albert Davis, Curtis Stimpson, Charles Fernald and Charles Miller. Interment was in the family lot near by. Mr. Jones served faithfully in the Civil War three years, being the only soldier from Lee who took part in the "battle above the clouds" at Lookout Mountain. There were ten comrades present, who escorted the remains to their last resting place.

"He has fought his last battle and has been called to the eternal bivouac of peace."

Miss Edna Lang Hale, with Miss Danforth and two sons, have returned to their home in Bradford, Vt., having spent several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Lang.

Leola Noble, teacher at Alton, is at home.

John McAlavey of Nashua, formerly of Lee, was a visitor in town Monday.

Mrs. Frank Morrison and son, Charlie, visited Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Lang Sunday.
Grace Thurston was home Sunday from Rockingham Junction.

Misses Johnson and Young were visitors at James Johnson’s Sunday.

The ball game at Lee Hill Saturday between the Madburys and Lees resulted in a tie.

Richard Hilton of Newmarket was in town Sunday.

Drama at Nottingham Center Friday evening, the 10th. Dancing follows.

Mable Haley has returned to her home in Lee, having spent several days in Nashua with the Misses Sanborn, Lund and Boden.

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July 17, 1903 cont.

Miss Marie L. Ambrose is passing a few weeks with Mrs. Joseph Harvey.

Miss Sanborn of Nashua and H. P. Haley were visitors at Frank Haley’s last week.

Gaston Taylor of Lynn, Mass., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tuttle of Rochester spent Sunday at W. B. Tuttle’s.

Emma Tebbettts of Dover will pass the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Tebbettts.

Carl Cartland of Dover is visiting at the Cartland farm.

Ezra Kenerson has returned to his work in Portland, Me., having spent several days with his brother, Frank.

Mrs. George Strout and two sons, of New York, are spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lang.

The luscious raspberries are quite plentiful this season. Many growing by the roadside tempt the passers-by to alight and feast upon them.

Mrs. Lizzie Stearns and daughter of Dover are spending their summer vacation at the home of Mrs. Stearn’s father, Mr. Samuel Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckminster and son of Haverhill, Mass., are staying for the present with Mrs. Wiggins, at the S. F. DeMerritt farm.

Mrs. G. Y. Durgin and family took a trip to Boston Tuesday. Mrs. Durgin and Miss Mercy are to remain until Friday.

We were pleased to see Mr. Edward Bartlett was able to attend church last Sabbath. His health has not permitted him to do so for several weeks.

Rev. J. T. Berry and family visited with Mrs. Isaiah Edgerly on Thursday last and on Friday at Geo. E. Chesley’s.

Mrs. Weston and daughter of Hyde Park, Mass., are boarding for a short time with Mrs. Frank Dearborn.

Mrs. Carrie Ellison is entertaining relatives this week.

A considerable number from this town attended the circus at Dover on Tuesday.

Mrs. Cummings, who is suffering from nervous prostration, is able to ride out, but is in very poor health.

Greenleaf C. Kenerson, who has long been a sufferer from an incurable disease, died at his home Wednesday evening, aged 66 years. Deceased was a veteran of the rebellion, being a member of the 8th N. H. regiment and was also a member of the G. A. R. Post of Newmarket. The funeral will be held at his late home Saturday, at 1 o’clock P.M.