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George Tarlton of Newfields was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Webb Tuesday.

Mrs. Loud, housekeeper for W.B. Tuttle, has been quite ill with symptoms of pneumonia.

Aaron Sanderson of Stratham passed a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Wiggins, at Willow Homestead.

Miss Edith Bean visited with friends in Durham a couple of days last week.

Miss Flora Wellington was ill enough last week to require the attendance of a physician.

Mrs. Ben F. Davis and daughter, Miss Grace, attended the dog show, held in Boston, a few days last week.

Mrs. George E. Chesley passed Sunday with friends at Durham.

Daniel L. Burleigh of Newfields came Thursday to make a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Burleigh.

Mrs. Elizabeth I. Stearns is in Dover at the present time, caring for an elderly invalid lady.

Daniel E. Plummer had business in Boston two days last week.

Miss Lottie Folsom, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. George DeMeritt, several weeks, returned to her home in Exeter last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Y. Durgin recently entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weeks of North Barrington, over night.

Ira B. Hill of Durham dined with Mr. and Mrs. David S. Bennett, at Maple Hill Farm, last Friday.

The Lord's supper will be commemorated next Sunday at the chapel.

John C. Bartlett, who has been restricted to the house by illness the past week, is now recovering.

Quite a number from the Sabbath school accepted the invitation to attend the Sunday school rally held at Durham Sunday evening, which was quite interesting.

We have enjoyed three consecutive weeks of ideal winter weather and delightful sleighing.

Arthur Bennett of Exeter called on several of his old friends in the Hook Sunday.

Last week D.F. Donovan of Andover, Mass., was in town looking for cows. He purchased two fine, fresh cows of Fred B. York, also two of J. True Bartlett.

Charles Furnald has been sorely afflicted by a carbuncle on his neck, but is now able to be out.

Frank Page of Dover, Loren Foss of Durham and John Pickering of Greenland were callers at Walnut Avenue Farms Thursday and Friday of last week.
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William R. Bunker, who celebrated his ninetieth anniversary, Feb. 23, at Epping, married Hannah Stilson, a native of Lee. Mr. Bunker bought and tilled "Riverside Farm," now owned by W.O. Thompson, eight years, then moved to Epping, where he was a successful landlord of the present Perkins hotel for twenty-four years.

Mr. Bunker is a democrat in politics, has served the town as representative and selectman. He is a 32d degree Mason, his affiliations being with Sullivan Lodge of Epping, St. Albans chapter of Exeter and DeWitt Clinton commandery, Knights Templars, of Portsmouth, of which he is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, member. A delegation from the commandery came to call on him and brought a beautiful birthday cake marked with dates of Mr. Bunker's birth and anniversary, also his initials. "It was eighteen inches square, weighed twelve pounds and was veritably a work of art." The very few who are left of Mr. Bunker's Lee friends extend congratulations and wish his remaining years may be passed in peace and comfort.

Mrs. Sam I. Allen and Mrs. J.H. Piper spent Wednesday of last week with Mrs. B.F. Lang.

D.B. Piper of Salem, Mass., visited his brother, John Piper, Feb. 22.


Miss Ada M. Perkins is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Perkins.

Mrs. George Strout of Brooklyn, with her two sons, Alan and Richard, came Saturday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Lang. The many friends of George D. Smith are glad to welcome him back, after his long absence.

Miss Mary A. Piper visited Miss Helene D. Harvey, in Newmarket, over Sunday, returning to her home Wednesday.

Mrs. B.F. Lang had business in Rochester Tuesday.

Mrs. George Howard of Wentworth was called to W.B. Tuttle's last week Thursday, to care for her mother, Mrs. S.E. Loud, who was ill with grip. Mrs. Loud has so far recovered as to return home with her daughter to-day, (Friday), where she will visit a few months, then she will go to Canada and make her home with her younger daughter.

William B. Tuttle celebrated his 72d birthday February 27th, having as guests Ira Bennett of Nottingham and sister, Mrs. Lydia A. Fogg, of Northwood. February 28th Mr. Bennett observed his 74th birthday by a
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Dinner party with his daughter, Mrs. E.F. Gerrish, having as guests, his younger daughter, Mrs. John Scryingeour, of Haverhill, Mass.; his sister, Mrs. Fogg, and W.B. Tuttle. It has long been the custom for Mr. Bennett and Mr. Tuttle to each assist the other in celebrating his birthday.

Mrs. R.F. Davis and daughter, Grace, spent a few days last week in Boston.

Mrs. Frank Randall recently visited with her sister, Mrs. Stephen Davis, in Newmarket. Miss Jennie Farwell closed her winter term of school in Madbury last week.

The Misses Mercy and Ethel Durgin go to Boston to receive instruction in vocal music. Irving G. Chesley recently spent a week at the old homestead with his aunt, Orah G. Chesley. Frank Sewall and wife are stopping there at the present time.

Lee was well represented at the concert and ball given by the Kappa Sigma Fraternity in Durham last Friday evening. All agreed that the decorations in the hall were the finest they had ever seen there.

Last Sunday evening about forty members of the Lee Sunday school attended the union evening service held at Durham. Rev. Roger Thompson, secretary of the N.H. Sunday School Association, gave a fine discourse. He pointed out the evils which threaten the American people as a nation, and stated in his opinion Bible study and obedience to its commands, for both old and young, was the only remedy to counteract these evils.

On Tuesday evening the Lee Grange exemplified the third degree in the presence of District Deputy Charles Foss. A large number were present from this and neighboring granges. After the work was completed, a programme was enjoyed, after which a harvest supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Durell of Newmarket visited at Plumer’s Saturday.

C. Marcotte has three teams hauling railroad ties from the foot of Patuccoway Mountain to Lee depot.

William B. Tuttle is on the sick list.

Mable Haley has returned home from Melrose.

George Smith of Lynn is visiting at his home in Wadley’s Fall. His many friends are glad to see him at Lee once more.

Benton Haley of Barrington was in Lee last week.

A sleighing party of children form Newmarket was seen at Wadley’s Falls Saturday.

Mary Piper is visiting in Newmarket this week.

Bert Thompson and his daughter, Bertha, started Wednesday morning for the West, to be absent about nine months.

Mrs. Annette Hall returned to her home in Lynn Tuesday, having visited at the home farm for several days.

Herbert Kenerson has gone to a Boston hospital for treatment for a tumor on his face.

G.D. Smith of Lynn is visiting at Fairview cottage.

Herbert Gile visited in Farmington over Sunday.

Mrs. Susan Edgerly has returned home from Swampscott.
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Mrs. William Davis of Dover and Miss Bernice Davis of Boston visited a few days this week with their mother, Mrs. Curtis Stimpson.

Mrs. Josiah D. Thompson of Exeter was the guest of Mrs. David S. Bennett at Maple Hill Farm the first of the week.

Mrs. Annette Hall of Swampscott, Mass., came Saturday to remain through March with her mother, Mrs. Hannah Tuttle, at Pine Grove Farm.

Mrs. Ben F. Davis has recently become a member of the Newmarket Woman’s Club.

Frank Page of Dover visited Tuesday at Walnut Avenue Farms.

The friends of Herbert Thompson will regret to learn he is again ill of la grippe and a very lame arm.

There was a good attendance at the annual town meeting which was held Tuesday under sunny skies, and a cool, clean air made it an ideal day. The largest vote polled was 117. Officers elected were Selectmen, Charles G. Dame, Fred B. York, William S. Caldwell, clerk, Daniel E. Plummer; treasurer, Charles A. Woodman; collector, Daniel E. Plummer; library trustees, John C. Bartlett, Ben F. Davis, auditors, Joseph W. Cate, J. True Bartlett. All democrats except one auditor, Joseph W. Cate.

David Mitchell, who has been employed several years by S. Belle Tuttle, moved to Nottingham Tuesday.

The delayed valentine party, which was held last Thursday evening at Grange Hall, was a success. Notwithstanding the wretched travelling, there were about seventy present. A well arranged programme was successfully carried out. A unique feature was the valentine band, composed of young ladies, in striking regalia, under the efficient leadership of Miss Grace Davis. The instruments used, were tumbler, combs, drum, harmonica and piano, accompanied by little Miss Marion Dudley as whistler, “who did herself proud.” The readers were Miss Adams and Miss Velma Davis, both of Dover, who were fully appreciated, especially little Miss Davis, who is just a child. About fifteen dollars was cleared.
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Mrs. Frank Dearborn and daughter, Miss Jennie Farwell, went to Rochester on Monday.

N. Frank McDaniel and family of Barrington were returning home from the entertainment in Grange Hall Thursday night, they met with quite a little accident. While crossing the railroad track the whiffletree was broken and some damage done to the harness, which caused them some delay in reaching home.

Herbert Thompson, who has been ill part of the winter, was able to be out again for a few weeks, but now is confined to the house, and is under the doctor's care.

Miss Grace Davis went to Boston Wednesday to take her weekly lesson in elocution.

Mary Hoitt, who has been visiting for a few weeks in Boston and vicinity, spent last Sunday with Rev. John Quint in Falmouth, Mass.

We are in need of some new screen frames this spring. Come up, Harry, and give us a few points.

James Johnson and Ezra Kenerson had business in Boston last week.

Miss Mollie Bartlett has returned home after spending some time in Boston.

Mrs. J.H. Piper has been confined to the house this week with tonsillitis. She was attended by Dr. Fernald.

W.A. Hunter of Worcester called on B.F. Davis last week Thursday.

Town meeting passed off very quietly, with a fair attendance.

Our snow, beautiful snow, is fast becoming unsightly and numerous bare spots are showing and it is only a matter of warm days to make the more unsightly mud
Last Sunday Rev. G. F. Kinney preached a very interesting as well as a helpful sermon from the text, “Be ye doers of the word,” James 1:22. He said in part, there were many spectator Christians, who seemed to think if they were church members of good and regular standing, and were living upright lives, they had nothing more to do, except, perhaps, to suggest some reform or good work that should be done by some one else. He also spoke of a class of men, who would not go to the polls on account of the corruption existing in politics, but he showed plainly that it were much better to assist in making clean laws, and elect officers who have the moral courage to enforce them, and in that way “be doers of the word.” As we listened our thoughts strayed to those who only possessed the gift to do common things but how faithful in all the homely, everyday duties. If it is washing dishes, they are made scrupulously clean, if sweeping the house, there is no dust left in the corners, and, as in this carefulness the happiness of those dependent upon them care is realized, they also are “doers of the word.” There are many young people to whom God has given a great and glorious gift, a voice rich in melody, and has also called them in the springtime of life to work in His vineyard. How can they better show their gratitude for this gift, than by singing those sweet, old hymns in the house of worship and thus “be doers of the word”? There are others in mind, who have the gift to speak words of helpfulness and sympathy to discouraged, sorrowful hearts, in a way that soothes and strengthens and gives fresh courage to struggle on to greater endeavor, and in that way they are “doers of the word.” And still another, whose gentle ministrations and calm, sweet presence is an inspiration to a higher life and whose smile or touch is like a benediction.

“If any little word of our
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“Take what is, trust what may be. That’s life’s true lesson.”

Miss Edith Kelsey, teaching in Amesbury, Mass., came Friday to remain over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Kelsey, at Locust Grove.

Walter Webb, accompanied by Harold Wheeler of Boston, were guests at the Webb farm over Sunday.

Deer are getting quite plenty in this vicinity. They have browsed the trees in the “Factory pasture” to a considerable extent, and there are many tracks in the snow, very near the house, at Walnut Avenue Farms.

Miss Nellie Wiggin returned Monday from a protracted visit with friends in and around Boston.

Rev. G.E. Kinney has decided to preach regularly at Madbury town hall Sunday afternoons at 3 o’clock in addition to his work in Lee.

Howard Glidden expects his daughter, Mrs. Henry Learnard, of Lynn, Mass., to pass a few days this week with him.

Col. Rufus E. Graves and Mrs. Boadway of Rockingham dined with Mr. and Mrs. John Webb Sunday.

The beauty and fragrance of the roses and hyacinths, which lent charm to the chapel last Sunday, were grateful to the senses, brightened the dull cloudiness of the day, and added to the pleasure of the services.

We have just learned that Rev. and Mrs. John Quint of Falmouth, Mass., have a little daughter, Elizabeth Sargent. Mr. Quint has passed several summers here and made many friends who wish him joy in his new possession and that she may grow into pure, sweet womanhood.

The friends of Miss Mary A. Hoitt were pleased to welcome her return from a three weeks’ visit with friends in Boston and several surrounding towns. While away she visited with Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Richardson. Mr. Richardson was for several years a pastor here but has now retired from active service and lives at New Bedford, Mass.

Charles Seavey of North Hampton called at Walnut Avenue Farms last week.

Mrs. Curtis Stimpson went to Dorchester, Mass., last Thursday to pass a few weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pendergast delightfully entertained about twenty-four of their friends at Elm Rest Saturday evening. White, sociability and a fine collation were enjoyed. Lady and gentleman who made the greatest number of points were Miss Lotta Mathes and Mrs. James Fountain, who played as gentleman. No prizes given.
Our little friends the bluebirds and robins have made their appearance and very glad are we to greet them once again.

It saddens us when we remember how often the friends of our younger days are called to pass over to "The Homeland." The death of Charles B. Doe, whom we have known many years, in the neighboring town of Newmarket, helps us to realize that if we remain many years we shall feel like a stranger in a strange land, for those who have made life pleasant will have been gathered in "One by one, to the City Beautiful."

"And while in life's late afternoon
When rood and long the shadow's grow
I walk to meet the night that soon
Shall shape and shadow overflow
I cannot feel that thou art far
Since near at hand the angels are
Not when the sunset gets a [nb]
Shall I not see thee waiting stand,
Now white against the evening star,
The welcome of thy beckoning hand."

George Lang came home last Friday for a brief visit.

Charles V. Piper visited Harry Morrison Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mabel S. Haley visited over Sunday in Fremont.

Mrs. Nellie Lewis is visiting in Freeport, Me.

Miss Bernice H. Lang is at home for a two weeks vacation from her school in Exeter.

John Hill recently visited Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Lang.

Mildred H. Gerrish arranged a dialogue for the benefit of the Baptist church in Nottingham which was given in the town hall last Saturday evening. It passed on in a satisfactory manner. Those helping her were, Helen Miles, Mary V. Piper, Ralph F. Gile and Harry Morrison. After the dialogue a bean supper was served and games were played. About fifty were present.

Mary Piper passed Saturday and Sunday with Mildred Gerrish.

The worst railroad wreck in years occurred just below the station at twelve o'clock Sunday night, when twelve loaded cars left the rails. One cause was a broken rail. A part of the cars were loaded with potatoes and as one of them caught fire, baked potatoes were very plenty. A wrecker was called from Nashua and a steam derrick came from Boston. Passengers and mail were brought to the station and then transferred.
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There is so much bad in the best of us
And so much good in the worst of us,
That it scarcely behooves any of us
To talk about the rest of us.

Simeon C. Hardy has taken the contract to erect a large house for Webster Dow at Epping.

Walter Boss, Jr., of Boston passed a few days at Walnut Avenue Farms, returning to his home Sunday evening.

Charles B. Edgerly, who has been employed at Amesbury, Mass., is at home for the present.

Mrs. Fred B. York returned Friday from a few days' visit with friends in Dover.

Bert Pray, who has been working in Ayer, Mass., the past three weeks, returned Saturday.

Jones Whitehouse, who purchased Newell Foss’ farm, has moved from Middleton to join his son-in-law, Thomas Stevens, who came the last of January.

Miss Hattie Burleigh is making a visit with friends in Newfields.

Miss Bertha Tootill had business in Dover a day last week.

Miss Nellie Wiggin passed a few days with friends in Epping the first of the week. Saturday she will go to Chester to resume her work in the Grammar school.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Webb dined with Mr. and Mrs. George Tarlton at Newfields Sunday.

The Misses Jennie and Rena Young, on the Newmarket road, went to Boston Tuesday, for a few days’ visit.

Miss Mary A. Chesley, of the N.H. College at Durham, is enjoying a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Chesley.

Mrs. David Mitchell, who has had a long, tedious illness, has fully recovered and will soon return from Boston, where she is visiting with friends. They will live on the Langmaid farm, just across the Nottingham line.

Mrs. Wilfred Hale passed a day with friends in Haverhill, Mass., this week.

Saturday George DeMeritt came from Haverhill, Mass., to remain over Sunday with his family.

Mrs. Frank Oldham visited with friends in Durham, Tuesday.

Mrs. John S. Jenkins, who has been restricted to the house three weeks by a severe grippe cold, is able to be out again.

The first thunder shower occurred during Tuesday night.
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The annual school-meeting was held Tuesday with a fair attendance. Officers elected were Moderator, Hosea B. Snell, clerk, Helen Buzzell, school board, Willys P. Tuttle, three years, Walter D. Smith, one year (to fill vacancy caused by Alfred Durgin’s resignation), treasurer, Charles A. Woodman, auditors, Joseph W. Cate, J. True Bartlett.

H. John D. Rockefeller has read the criticisms in regard to his offered gift, surely they would not add to any vanity he might possess. The ministers, who have expressed opinions, all seem to think the money “tainted,” but some think he should be allowed, as he is nearing the end of his earthly career, to give it, as a peace offering to God, to have his guilty soul shriven, while others think it would contaminate any Christian organization to use it, even to enlighten and Christianize the heathen, but, evidently, the prudential committee of the American Board of Foreign Missions think differently, as they have accepted the gift for use in mission schools in the Orient.

Under the influence of the recent rains the snow is fast disappearing, the streams, ponds and wells are adding to their water supply, the birds are nearly all here, and are happy, and are joyously making preparations to choose their mates and commence housekeeping. Soon the ground will be settled, the grass, and then the flowers, will appear and all nature will be teeming with beauty and freshness, which will be very pleasing after the long winter, during which we have seen nothing but the pure, beautiful snow.

Lewis and Olie Tuttle visited their father and brother last week.

The Misses Edna Bartlett and Mary Piper visited Mrs. Dr. Fernald last week.

Miss Pauline Bartlett, who has been in Boston for several weeks, has returned home.

Mildred Gerrish spent last week with her aunt in Haverhill, Mass.

W. A. Plumer had his wood sawed last Friday. C. B. Edgerly furnished power.

A flock of geese was heard Sunday night. They were headed toward Great Bay. It would seem they had missed their reckoning and would not find very good feeding places. Monday, a flock of five ducks was seen going in the same direction.

There was a sociable and apron sale for the benefit of the Universalist church at Nottingham town hall last Thursday evening. About seventy-five were present. They gave the laughable farce, “Joe Simpson’s Double.” Those taking part were Dr. Fernald, Walter Cilley, Harry Cilley, Ira D. Morrison and Joseph Cilley. Singing by Miss Edna Bartlett, and reading by Miss Luella Harvey. A very enjoyable evening was reported.

Alfred Fernald is quite seriously ill at his home in Nottingham. He is being cared for by his daughter, Mrs. Sam Allen, and is attended by Dr. Fernald.
April 7, 1905

Last week Jones Whitehouse passed a few days at Middleton, his former home.

Miss Gertrude Smith passed a week with friends in Rochester, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ladd have started for Oregon, where they expect to settle. Mrs. Ladd was Miss Josephine Cartland Thompson of this town. We shall miss our young friend, with her bright, attractive personality, and wish them health, prosperity and happiness in their new home.

Miss Edith Kelsey of Amesbury, Mass., is enjoying a fortnight’s vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Kelsey, at Locust Grove.

Newell Foss of Rochester has recently been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins over night.

Mrs. Charles Dore, who has been staying with her brothers and sister, Miss Nora, William and James Lee, has gone to Manchester.

Monday Miss Ethel Davis went to Dorchester, Mass., to be present at the wedding of her sister, Miss Bernice, who is a native of Lee. Her friends extend congratulations and wish them many happy, prosperous years. She will reside in the West.

Clarence Fernald went to Manchester Monday and purchased a fine driving horse.

Willys P. Tuttle, one of our most popular young men, and Miss Mamie Smith of Nottingham, were united in marriage last Thursday. The wedding was solemnized at the home of her father, Albert Smith, at high noon. After the honeymoon they will reside with Mr. Tuttle’s father, W.B. Tuttle. Their friends extend congratulations and wish them all possible blessings.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins entertained a few of their friends at their pleasant home last Thursday evening. Whist, sociability, phonograph selections and bountiful refreshments were enjoyed. Notwithstanding the gentle rain and intense darkness, all arrived safely home with the aid of lanterns. Lady and gentleman making the greatest number of points, Mrs. Fred B. York and John S. Jenkins. No prizes given.

The schools in town will commence next Monday. Fred P. Comings will teach the Center school, and Miss Helen Buzzell at the South Side. We have not learned who has the North Side school.

Reuben Osborn, who died quite suddenly a few days ago in Salem, Mass., was a native of Lee, and lived here the first half of his life. He was about seventy years old and the last of his family. Mr. Osborn was a pleasant, genial, witty man, who readily made friends, who will miss him from the onward road from the way-side of life that they have long trodden together. Now he has stepped out.

"Upon the great world’s altar-stairs
That slope thro’ darkness up to God.”
April 7, 1905 cont.

Leola Noble has been visiting friends in Dover for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Demeritt of Madbury and Miss Demeritt of Rochester, called at B.F. Lang’s one day last week.

R. Marcotte of Fremont visited his brother a few days this week.

Helen Thompson has been spending a short vacation with her grandparents at River Side Farm.

Goldie Bennett arrived at her new home, Pine Tree Avenue Farm, in fine condition, April 3d.

Grace Thurston is visiting friends in Haverhill this week.

Bernice Lang returned to her school in Exeter Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Morrison of Durham spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Lang.

We think the deer that were in Newmarket a few weeks ago have come to Lee, as four were seen in the pasture, on the Pine Tree Avenue Farm, last Friday afternoon.

Miss Irene Priest visited Pauline Bartlett the first of the week.

Mrs. Frank Morrison of Durham visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Lang, last week.

John and Bert Perkins visited in York, Me., last week.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage, on Thursday, March 30th, of Willys P. Tuttle to Mary L., daughter of Charles Albert Smith, of Nottingham. We extend congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle returned Monday from a short wedding trip.

Alfred Furnald is gaining slowly in health. His son, Walter, who has been visiting him a few days, returned to his home in Everett, Mass., last Monday. Mr. Furnald’s daughter, Mrs. L.A. May, of Lynn, Mass., is with him at the present time.
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Miss Grace Thurston recently purchased of David S. Bennett a year-old filly, "Goldie."

Last Friday Miss Mary A. Hoitt accompanied Mrs. Joseph Garrity to Boston. Mrs. Garrity will remain for surgical treatment at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Miss Bessie Thompson of Dover was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Nellie C. Thompson, at Walnut Grove over Sunday.

Perley Young, on the Newmarket road, had a fine bay filly foaled April 4. Sire, Frank Gillig.

Mrs. John W. Webb has just passed several days with friends in Boston.

Miss Evelyn Thompson, who has for several months been employed at Lewis Walker's in Newmarket, came Monday to pass the summer with her mother, Mrs. Mary V. Thompson.

Little Miss Marion Dudley was quite ill the first of the week with symptoms of fever.

Monday Miss Carrie Bartlett resumed her school duties at the North Side. This is her fourth consecutive term there.

Mr. and Mrs. George DeMeritt are quite anxious about their little daughter, Florence, who is very ill. Two physicians were in attendance Sunday.

Bert Pray, who has been at Ayer, Mass., during the winter, has returned and will be at home for the present.

Albert Durrell of Dover was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. R.P.D. Bennett at Maple Hill Farm, over Sunday.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wiggin and daughter, Miss Marion, of Epping were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Wiggin at Willow Homestead.

Thomas Stevens returned the first of the week from a few days visit with friends in Middleton.

The pure graceful calla lilies and the beautiful fragrant pinks, brought by some thoughtful friend, were appreciated by those who attended services at the chapel last Sunday.

Mrs. Eliza (Chesley) Wright, who passed her eighty-third milepost on life's pathway last Tuesday at her home in Durham, was a native of Lee. She had many beautiful flowers brought by loving friends as sweet remembrances of the day. Light refreshments were served by her niece, Miss Nellie Chesley. Her Lee friends extend congratulations and wish her many happy returns of the day, and that they may be made bright and warm by the sunshine of love and kindness.

The frogs are celebrating the release from their long, close captivity, right merrily.

"Little Bo Beep," one of the pets at Walnut Avenue Farms, has become the mother of two handsome angora kittens.

Guy Glidden has recently exchanged his "auto" for a larger and stronger machine, which he expects will arrive soon.

Miss Rose Bartlett of Dover passed Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. True Bartlett, at "The Ranch."
Miss Leola Noble commenced her school in Brentwood Monday.

Rev. G.E. Kinney gave us an interesting and instructive sermon last Sunday from the text, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God," Acts 8:37. He spoke of Faith, Hope and Charity as being prominent among the Christian graces, but dealt more especially with the word "believe," which is derived from the Latin *credo*, which is equivalent to the English word "creed". He made it very plain that, although many object to creeds as being man-written, it was very essential that all churches should have creeds, and that they were nearly all the same. The belief in God the Father Almighty, that Jesus Christ was His only begotten son. His death, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection, and the life everlasting, and had for their basis the Apostles' creed, which was written nearly twenty centuries ago. Mr. Kinney before commencing his sermon expressed his opinion in regard to accepting the Rockefeller gift. He plainly stated he did not think one should receive a gift that he could not thank one for, and be able to say, truthfully, that it was a noble deed, and after accepting a gift it was neither right nor courteous to criticize the donor, and, under the existing condition of things, it would indirectly be hush money, therefore, he thought, as he understood the situation, it were better to return the gift. We mentally said, "Amen." We believe when there is doubt we should always give the doubt the benefit, neither should we countenance wrong that good may be done, not use that which would lower the standard of Christianity, whose foundation is justice, purity and truth, no matter how great the need may appear to be, or how strong the temptation, for it there is real need, and we use earnest endeavor and wait patiently, having faith, "the Lord will provide." For is it not written, "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly?"

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hale of Bradford, Vt., visited Mrs. Hale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Lang, last week.

George W. Libby of Melrose, Mass., visited his sister, Mrs. Frank Haley, recently.

Miss Fannie Davis spent Saturday and Sunday at J. True Bartlett's.

Philip May of Lynn, Mass., visited his aunts, Mrs. J.H. Piper and Mrs. S.L. Allen, this week.

Our young lady school teachers, the Misses Mabel Haley, Grace Thurston and Leola Noble, commenced their schools last Monday. Miss Haley at Nottingham Square, Miss Thurston at West Nottingham, and Miss Noble at North Brentwood.

Donald McRae spent Saturday night and Sunday at J. True Bartlett's.

H. Parkman Haley visited his home the first of the week.
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Within the dead leaf-paven sod
Is heard a gentle murmuring,
For at the root of every clod
New life’s astir and fluttering.

There will be special Easter services at the chapel next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Webb passed Sunday with friends at Newfields.

Saturday Mrs. Susan Howe returned from a week’s visit with friends in Dover.

Miss Lottie Folsom, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. George DeMeritt, returned to her home Monday, accompanied by Mrs. DeMeritt, who will remain in Exeter for the present.

Mrs. Charles Wentworth and little daughter, Valerie, of Durham, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Young, on the Newmarket road, over night last week.

Monday Simeon C. Hardy commenced on his contract to build a house for Webster Dow at Epping.

F. Carl York went to Boston last Thursday to remain several days.

Miss Ethel Davis called on friends in Newmarket last Friday.

We had quite a flirt of snow during Friday night, which covered the earth with whiteness, it soon disappeared under the influence of the sun’s rays Saturday morning. Sunday we had two snow squalls, followed by weather which strongly savors of winter.

Miss Rena Young, on the Newmarket road, is passing this week with friends in Durham.

William Mallard, who died in Manchester last week of pneumonia, aged 31 years, once lived in Lee. The funeral services were held in Manchester, but the body was brought here for interment Saturday. Rev. G.F. Kinney conducted the committal service at the grave.

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

Harrison G. Sanborn of Epping visited at Walnut Avenue Farms last Thursday.
Little Miss Grace and Master Gilbert Wellington (twins) made their first appearance at church last Sunday. Although not quite four-and-a-half years old, their conduct was indeed creditable.

Mrs. Joseph Garrity, who is at the Massachusetts General Hospital for surgical treatment, sustained the operation nicely and is now comfortable and gaining.

It saddens us to write of the death of Florence, youngest child of George and Flora DeMeritt, who closed her eyes on all things earthly April 13.

"God stooping down from starry spheres
Did clasp her tiny hand,
And led her through a shower of tears
Into the silent land."

She was a sweet little human flower, only two years and two weeks old, the third child they have been called to lay away, with aching hearts and sweet, tender memory. The funeral Saturday was attended by neighbors and friends, who brought beautiful flowers, and dropped tears of sympathy with those who were so sorely bereaved. Rev. G.F. Kinney spoke appropriate words of comfort and hope.

"The flowers will come in Spring time
The birds will reappear,—
The crib will still be empty,
But the time is drawing near
When the Saviour who said, gently
"Let the little children come,"
Will call me to my little one
To rest with her, at home."
April 28, 1905

Fred Cox of Malden, Mass., returned to his home Sunday evening, after passing four days at the Webb farm.

Mrs. Herbert Canney of Dover was the guest of her brothers, Charles and Edward Dame, over Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah F. Colomy of Newmarket is passing this week with her daughter, Mrs. George James.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins are entertaining their brother, Joseph F. Jenkins, of Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith visited with friends in Nottingham Sunday.

Miss Edith Bean has gone to Haverhill, Mass., where she has a position, during the spring millinery season, in a department store.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Davis drove to Dover Saturday, to attend a Grange meeting.

Last Thursday Albert L. Comings, on the "Mast" road, was burning rubbish on a farm owned by him at Wednesday Hill. As the day was very windy, he lost control of the fire, which crossed the road near Aaron Corson's house, which had a narrow escape from destruction, entering Frank Dearborn's wood-lot, burning several cords of wood, the value of which has been variously estimated at from forty to ninety dollars. We understand Mrs. George Wiggin sustained a great loss by the fire scouring the large trees on her timber lot. There was a large company of men fighting the fire, who were joined by the students from the New Hampshire College at Durham, who rendered efficient aid in subduing the fire.

Miss Bessie Scales of Exeter, accompanied by a young friend, is staying with her grandfather, Edward Bartlett, this week.

Miss Flora Wellington is attending school at Durham.

The beautiful and fragrant trailing arbutus is opening its cup-like blossoms and peeping shyly out from under the thick green leaves.

"Fair white flowers of faith and trust,
Springing from spirits bruised and crushed,
Blossoms of love, rose-tinted and bright,
Touched and painted with heaven's own light,
Under the leaves."

The inventory of the town of Lee for the year 1905 is as follows:

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Rate per cent. of taxation, $1.25

After the close of the Lenten season Easter is ushered in with clear skies and cool, soft air. Instead of the usual preaching service, a pleasing programme of song and recitation by the Sunday School, under the supervision of Miss Annie Phelps, was rendered. Miss Ethel Durgin sang a solo, "Outside the Holy City," in a sweet, rich contralto voice, which was fully appreciated. The children, with their sweet voices and bright, happy faces bringing messages of joy and gladness, brought to mind this thought, "Where children are not, heaven is not, and heaven if they come not again shall be never; but the face and the voice of a child are assurance of heaven, and its promise forever."
Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. John Webb were surprised by the “Saturday Night Owls,” but the host and hostess quickly showed they were equal to the occasion. Tables were prepared and a spirited bout at whist was enjoyed, a fine collation served, and as “owls” on acquaintance are jolly birds, a very pleasant evening was passed. There were four tables in play. Mrs. Charles Mathes and Fred Cox made the greatest number of points. No prizes given. As the nest was somewhat crowded it was intimated that one of the “owls” would perch on the outside during the homeward trip. Just before the beautiful Easter morning was ushered in, they flitted away into the darkness and silence of the night, and if one were listening they might have heard floating out on the still, clear air, “Hoot! Ho-o-t! H o-o-t!”

We sincerely sympathize with the family, just over the line in Newmarket, who have been so sorely bereaved in the loss of their mother, Mrs. Alice Walker. She was a calm, sweet, gracious lady, whose face always reminded us of the pictures of “The Madonna.” No one could possess such a face unless the character was also lovely, as the emotions and the thoughts shine out and make the lines of the face which beautify or mar it. We think we can understand what it means to the daughter and sons to have such a loving, thoughtful, kindly mother to join those she had loved and had passed beyond the sunset.


Woodruff Mason is visiting at J. True Bartlett’s.

Perry Harvey, who has been quite sick, is out again.

Pauline Bartlett and Mary Piper assisted in the Easter services at the Nottingham Universalist church. Miss Edna Bartlett gave a very pleasing solo. The church was very prettily decorated in purple and white, also potted plants.
April 28, 1905 cont.

George Lang has returned to Onset, Mass., driving as far as Boston. Mr. Lang has a provision market at Onset, which he runs for the benefit of the summer residents.

Ben Lang, who attends school in Brooklyn, N.Y., spent the Easter vacation with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glidden took an automobile trip to Boston the 17th.

The sociable at Nottingham town hall April 15, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Chesley, was largely attended, about fifty being present. The evening was very pleasantly passed by whist, pit, ping-pong and music. Miss Edna Bartlett gave a solo and responded to an encore.

On a recent visit to Boston Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Davis purchased an automobile.

Miss Jennie Farwell is teaching the same school in Madbury she has taught the past year.

One of Mr. Langley’s hay presses, from Durham, has been in town and pressed about thirty tons of hay for T.B. and G.E. Chesley.

Miss Grace Davis is spending a few days in Boston the present week.

At the regular meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening there was a good attendance. The programme furnished for the evening lasted over one hour. It was voted to observe the regular children’s day in the Grange on June 17.

Several members of Jeremiah Smith Grange attended the Eastern New Hampshire Pomona Grange, which met with Dover Grange last Saturday, April 22. The closed session was held in the morning, the public session in the afternoon, and as it was the tenth anniversary of Dover Grange, the anniversary exercises were held in the evening. A fine programme was furnished, both afternoon and evening, and was listened to with pleasure.

Arrangements are being made for the installation of Rev. George F. Kinney of the Congregational church and society.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pike passed her eighty-eighth mile-stone on Tuesday, April 25.