November 3, 1905

“Aim high! God’s wind shall waft your arrow to the stars.”

Next Sunday the Lord’s supper will be commemorated at the chapel.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Richardson of Bedford, Mass., came last Friday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Y. Durgin; they have also called on and visited with other friends this week. Miss Josephine Durgin of Watertown, Mass., is also a guest at Glenmere.

Miss Nettie Cohen has been restricted to the house the past two weeks by a severe bilious attack.

Mrs. Mary A. Locke of Rye and Mrs. Thomas Parsons and daughter, Miss Dorothy, of Portsmouth have just finished a week’s visit with Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins.

Mrs. Susan Howe has this week gone to Dover to pass part of the winter with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hoitt of Woodstock, Vt., are the guests of their aunt, Miss Mary A. Hoitt.

Miss Nora Whitehouse had business in Boston and visited with friends in Brockton, Mass., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Breed of North Weare made a week-end visit with Miss Elizabeth Cartland and Mrs. Nellie C. Thompson at Walnut Grove.

Mrs. Sophia Boyden of Dover passed last Thursday with her niece, Mrs. A.D. Wiggin, at Willow Homestead.

Joseph B. Bennett and family of Newmarket called at D.S. Bennett’s Sunday.

Mrs. William Davis of Dover passed a day last week with her mother, Mrs. Curtis Stimpson.

Saturday Mrs. Josiah D. Thompson went to Exeter to remain over Sunday.

Mrs. Fred B. York took a trip to Boston, Cambridge and Brighton, Mass., Monday.

Charles Cartland has, at Walnut Grove, a very fine bred Scotch collie, the “Duke of Kincardine,” whose ancestors came from the kennels of J. Pierpont Morgan.
Willis Comings of Exeter, a former resident of Lee, who had his horse, harness, wagon and an overcoat stolen the last of September at Islesboro, Me., where he is engaged in sawing lumber, recovered it last Friday through the instrumentality of D.E. Plummer, who saw the horse being driven past his house at Lee Hill, and recognized the animal. It was being driven by Mrs. William Davis, whose husband keeps a livery stable in Dover and who traded for the whole outfit, not knowing it was stolen, the last day of the Rochester fair, only four days after it was taken from Islesboro, which is fifty miles below Portland. Mr. Davis says he knows the man with whom he traded and an arrest is likely to be made. It was quite fortunate for Mr. Comings that the thief did not know that he lived in the vicinity of Dover and was a frequent visitor at Mr. Plummer’s, who was familiar with the appearance of the horse.

By the courtesy of Rev. George E. Kinney, Rev. Daniel Richardson, a former pastor, preached a very interesting sermon last Sunday at the chapel from the text, “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”—2d Timothy, 4-6,7. Time has dealt kindly with Mr. Richardson during the years since he left us, and his former parishioners were very glad to see and hear him once again, and also to meet and greet Mrs. Richardson, who was a native of this town.

Master Donald Learnd of Derry visited with his relatives in Wadley’s Saturday.

Ambrose Hill and friend of Lynn, who are up on a hunting trip, are guests at the Edgerly farm.

Master Charles and Miss Susie Hobbs, two of our bright, hustling young people, are making a success in canvassing for various periodicals.

The larger of the Wadley’s bridges is worn threadbare. The holes being thickly patched with slabs, gives it the appearance of a spill from wood teams. There’ll be broken limbs to pay for, if it isn’t replanked soon.

Com. has a number of pullets laying, one of whom is wasting her strength on double yolk eggs, she having already laid a dozen.

Miss Mary Conner dressed fourteen chickens for market in a few hours one day this week, doing all but the decapitating. Then harnessed and drove five miles to carry the birds to her customer. We consider her the champion lady farmer in these parts. She keeps hustling, and manages her farm in good shape.

Fred Higgins of Newmarket has finished piping the Dudley greenhouses, and has other jobs engaged in this vicinity.

I hate a liar as badly as some of our citizens hate the road machine, yet I sometimes get drawn into the vortex, through carelessness. Apple juice is expressed at Wadley’s Monday and Thursday, (not Friday) of each week.

Irving Chesley’s substantial home-
stead is being made very attractive, with all city conven-
ences added, except lighting power, which may come, if the spirit of progression in Wad-
ley’s vicinity continues as vigorously as it has begun.

H.F. Smith is having a furnace put in his house.

The river is running low again. As the demand for leather board always exceeds the supply, it isn’t very pleasant to see the water power going back on the mill firm.

Two good foxes (because they were dead) passed our dwelling the other day in care of Cott. Bennett, who is a skillful trapper.

If you would have friends, be deceitful,
Or foes, be outspoken and plain.
Be subservient, suave and guileful,
And great is your social gain.

Miss Helen Buzzell spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Joseph P. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Tuttle visited a few days with William B. Tuttle last week.

Miss Maurine Johnson is enjoying a week’s vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson.

Mrs. Fred L. Allen and little daughter, Mary, visited in Haverhill the first of the week.

The Hallowe’en social at Nottingham tow hall was a great success, about 60 being present. The hall looked very effective with jack-o’lantern decorations. On one side was a gypsy tent, in which Mrs. Joseph A. Edgerly, dressed as a gypsy, told fortunes. Mrs. Harry Rome of Hampstead and Miss Caldwell of Epping gave readings, and several jokes were played on the unsuspecting men. A very jolly evening was enjoyed. Mrs. F. H. Butler will have the next social at her house, Nov. 10.

It has been brought to my notice that the late George F. Smith was not a native of Nottingham, but was born in South Boston, Mass., Aug. 5, 1837. Later his parents resided in Newmarket and Barrington, moving to Nottingham about sixty years ago. Mr. Smith married Mary E. Allen in April 1863, and from April, 1870, to June 1871, they resided in Newmarket. Since then he has lived in Nottingham.
November 10, 1905

“Mental work of a congenial kind is a great stimulus to bodily vigor, to think good thoughts, work them out like nuggets of gold and then coin them into words, is a splendid joy.”

A Miss Garland of Farmington was the guest of Miss Helen Buzzell over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb visited with friends at Newfields Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Dore and daughter, little Miss Jemima, of Tuftonboro Neck made a week-end visit with James Lee and Mrs. Harry Tasker.

Miss Rhoda J. Davis and Mrs. Josiah D. Thompson have closed Pine Row for the winter and returned to their home in Exeter.

Miss Elizabeth Cartland is somewhat under the weather just now.

John P. Lane of Northport, Me., will divide the winter between his sisters, Mrs. Clarence and Mrs. Oscar Pendergast.

Walter Jones recently passed a couple of days in Boston.

Albert DeMerritt of Durham was a guest at Walnut Avenue Farms Tuesday.

Lewis Ellison moved his mill from the Timothy Davis lot to the William T. Demerritt lot, which was purchased of Cyrus Cummings by Charles S. Otis of Dover, who is operating the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvinza Hanson of Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy and little daughter, Elizabeth, Mrs. Harry Haines and Miss Kate Griffin of Newmarket and Wilfred Hale of Haverhill, Mass., dines with Mr. and Mrs. Simeon C. Hardy at Oak Cottage Sunday.

A Mr. Keyes of Hampstead has been the guest of Miss Laurette Langley recently.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glidden took the Misses Jennie and Rena Young of Newmarket Plains to an auto ride.

J. Irving Davis of Providence, R.I., came Saturday to visit his wife, who has for several weeks been ill at Willow Homestead. Mrs. Davis is not as well as she has been, having submitted to two surgical operations last Tuesday. Drs. Grant of Durham and Berwick, Me., removed a fibrous tumor from her chest, and also inserted a tube to relieve her lung of water, which had collected from the effect of acute pleurisy.

About twenty-five of the young friends of Maurice Buzzell surprised him by their unexpected presence in his home at the North Side Saturday evening. Games were played, refreshments served and a pleasant, enjoyable evening reported.
There will be a meeting of the cemetery committee at Grange Hall (this) Friday evening, Nov. 10, to make arrangements to improve the appearance of the cemetery and to devise means hereafter keep it in repair. All who have lots, or are in any way interested, are requested to be present.

Hosea Snell, on the North Side, who fell from a load of corn, recently, fracturing his shoulder-blade and breaking three ribs, has so far recovered as to be able to sit up.

The annual harvest supper will be held at Grange Hall Friday evening, Nov. 17. A literary and musical programme will be presented and supper served. All are cordially invited, as a large attendance is desired.

John Davis, who died Nov. 2, at his home near Wadley's Falls, just in the edge of Newmarket, came to this vicinity a few years ago from Moultonborough, started a home and family and was an industrious, hard working man, whose loss must be keenly felt by his wife, Miss Susie Cate, of this town, as she, by sickness in childhood was deprived of speech and hearing. It is a sad death, as he was in the prime of manhood and seems to be very much needed. We are all brothers and sisters, and God is our Father, and we must believe that He deals justly, wisely, lovingly, with all the children of men, although we in our nearer vision, sometimes fail to see and understand.

"Ol' Nutmeg" says (in Green's Fruit Grower). "You can't kick milk out of a cow."

One of Mrs. Cook's hens is in the contest for the blue ribbon, having laid an egg that measures seven inches in circumference, four inches length, and weighs a trifle over five ounces.

H. Smith and J. Cook went Sunday on a little recreation trip to the bay, (No piscatorial returns).

C.B. Edgerly and his mother went Friday on a brief visit to Swampscott and other places, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bean of Newfields were visitors at Fairview cottage Sunday.

Miss Annie Connor has returned from a few days' outing in Haverhill.

Our beautiful river is expanding again; the water running over the dam, and everything lovely at the mill in consequence, where they seem to be developing poets as well as leather board.

A whist party and graphophone entertainment was given at James Johnson's home Tuesday evening in lieu of a sociable. It was gotten up...
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In the interests of the church (Nottingham). Mr. Johnson and family are charming entertainers, and everybody likes to attend their parties, be there storm or shine.

There will be a meeting at the old Union church Sunday at 3 p.m. This will be the last until April next, and a good attendance is desired. A collection will be taken up for Mr. Parker, who has kindly given his services for the series of meetings held there.

Great is the hen and her products! If the Boston Globe can make them almost a daily subject, why not others? "Editorial Points" seems to be gone on the theme. We quote a few of his jottings, "two eggs yesterday", "three eggs today and a hen on" "eggs 55 cents a dozen, we long to hear a 'cut-da-cut'," and so on. We imagine said editor to be a suburban resident, with a dry goods box henney packed full of the feathered angels, which are the apple of his eye.
November 17, 1905

"Honestly honest in every deed,
Faithfully faithful to every trust,
Righteously righteous, and justly just,
This is the whole of the good man's creed."

At the meeting of the cemetery association last Friday evening the committee chosen were Fred F. Comings, Rev. G. E. Kinney and Arthur Thompson. It was decided to meet Saturday morning, Nov. 18, to make a beginning in the removal of all shrubs and trees not needed to beautify. All those who have lots, or are interested in improving, or are willing to "lend a hand," are requested to be there.

Miss Edna Bartlett, who has for several weeks been staying in Newmarket, is now at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. True Bartlett. Miss Mollie, who is teaching in Stratham, was also at the Ranche over Sunday.

Don't forget the Harvest Supper at Grange Hall this (Friday) evening. The mandolin club of Durham will give several selections.

Mrs. Guy W. Durell and two children of Pawtucket, R.I., are passing this week with Mr. and Mrs. Davis S. Bennett.

Last Saturday Miss Mary A. Chesley witnessed the ball game between Harvard and Penn., returning Sunday morning, accompanied by Miss Bessie Taylor of Dorchester, Mass., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Chesley a few days this week.

Mrs. Ivory Chamberlain of Stratham was the guest of her sister, Miss Mary A. Hoitt, over Sunday.

Carl Miller, who is a member of the senior class of the Dover high school, and is soon to accompany his parents to Virginia, was given a farewell by his classmates at the school Friday noon, who presented him with a handsome gold stick-pin.

Miss Helen H.J. Thompson of Wolfeboro Academy is passing this week with her mother, Mrs. Nellie C. Thompson, and Miss Bessie of Dover was also a guest at Walnut Grove over Sunday.

Tuesday, Mrs. John W. Webb returned from a four days' visit with friends in Boston.
Albert Gleason and George Cook of Newmarket called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York at Walnut Avenue Farms Sunday.

George W. Davis of Providence, R.I., came Saturday to visit his mother, who is still very ill at Willow Homestead, he was accompanied by an aunt, Miss Silena Davis, who will make a longer visit.

Miss Bertha Tootill went Wednesday to spend a week with relatives in North Attleboro, Mass.

The friends of Deacon Frank McDaniel will regret his illness of typhoid fever. Mr. McDaniel lives in Barrington, but is identified with Lee in all church and social functions.

The friends of Miss Nettie Coben were pleased to see her at church Sunday, after an enforced absence of a few weeks by illness.

The first meeting of the Strafford Whist Club was with Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York at Walnut Avenue Farms last Thursday evening. It was a glorious evening and there were twenty-five present. After three hours of whist, refreshments were served. During the social hour, which was interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, Mrs. Edward B. Griffiths kindly rendered a selection in her usual pleasing manner, which was fully appreciated. If the guests enjoyed the evening as much as the host and hostess did, all were satisfied. Mrs. Frank Oldham and Arioch W. Griffiths won first prizes, Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York received the consolation prizes.

"If one has no aim in life he’d better not shoot." Ol’ Nutmeg.

Mrs. Lena Higgins of Cambridge visited Mrs. John Cook, Saturday and Sunday, also with Mrs. Burley Kenerson.

Miss Kate Morse of Haverhill was the guest last week of her aunt, Mrs. Annie Edgerly.

J.A. Eaton of Rochester visited relatives in Wadley’s Saturday.

Miss S.B. Tuttle and her protégé, Miss Edith Sparrow, went Wednesday to their winter home in Lynn.

It is a matter of regret that Charles Miller and family are about to leave town for their former home in the west. They have resided here a number of years, long enough for the people to know and appreciate their worth. Mr. Miller is an ideal farmer, and his place has been kept in fine order. An auction will be held on the premises Tuesday.

If there’s one thing more than another that disturbs my mental digestion it is to read paragraphs like this. “Thirty hunters were out, two of them women.” Out to kill something, generally the point in view being the cont....
Bushy tail of a half-starved, frightened little fox. Pity 'tis true.

The many Lee patrons of O.V. Jones, oculist, were grieved to read of his sad death in Boston Monday evening. He was lunching with a friend at a restaurant, and was strangled to death by a piece of meat lodging in his throat. He, with his wife and daughter, passed a part of each summer at Hedding. He was a skillful optician and will be greatly missed in this vicinity.

There, I told you the Boston Globe's subluminaries are dizzy on the hen subject. They pick up every little thing our backwoods papers happen to mention concerning biddy and her fruit.

Mrs. B.F. Lang has been visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Jane Plumer visited relatives and friends in Lynn, Mass., last week.

Miss Ada M. Perkins was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, in Brentwood, over Sunday.

Mrs. J.H. Piper had business in Rochester Monday.

John and Bert Perkins spent Tuesday night with their uncle, Charles Watson, in Pittsfield.

Miss Vienna Smith spent Wednesday night of last week in Dover.

The fine evening of Nov. 9 called out a large company to the social at F.H. Butler's. The evening was pleasantly passed by music on the graphophone, whist, and a guessing contest.

A pleasant phonograph and whist party was held at Marcus Taylor's last Saturday evening for his son Gaston, who was married Oct. 4 to Miss Anna Lang of Deerfield.
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Mrs. Paulina Durell of Lynn, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Bennett last week.

It was deemed advisable to close the school at the North Side last week on account of whooping cough, with which many of the pupils were afflicted.

Bert White of Haverhill, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edgerly several days last week.

Edwin Davis of Dorchester, Mass., was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Curtis Stimpson, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Webb had business in Durham last Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Wiggin has closed her school in Candia two weeks and is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Wiggin. Irving Davis and two sons, Dexter and George, of Providence, R.I., came Saturday to remain until after Thanksgiving, and Charles F. Davis of Lynn, Mass., and Leigh Wiggin of Epping were also visitors at Willow Homestead Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie C. Thompson returned Saturday evening from a three days' visit with friends in Dover.

The reception given to Miss Annie Phelps and Charles Miller and family Friday evening was a very pleasant social gathering. Rev. G.E. Kinney in a few well chosen words presented to Miss Phelps, in behalf of her friends, a purse of twenty-four dollars as a slight token of their appreciation of her faithful services as organist and in training the children of the Sabbath school in singing, during the few years she has made Lee her home. Miss Phelps feelingly responded. The young people of the grange also remembered Bennie Miller by presenting a memento of their friendship. Refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Carl and Miss Phelps started Wednesday for their new home in Richmond, Va. Bennie will remain in Quincy, Mass., where he has secured employment.

Miss Elizabeth Rollins, one of our oldest residents, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. James Rollins, at Lee Hill, Nov. 21. Miss Rollins, has had a long, tedious illness, from which she was released by a merciful Father, who touched her eyelids with that slumber which knows no earthly awakening.
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Sunday morning Rev. G.E. Kinney, after reading the Thanksgiving proclamation, preached a very appropriate and helpful sermon from the text "Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Ps. 103,1. Among the things for which we should be thankful, he spoke of the bountiful harvest and the manifold blessings that have been vouchsafed to us during the year and of the many opportunities that are available for those who desire an education compared with those our forefathers enjoyed, also of the peace and prosperity of our great and glorious republic of the breaking down of the barriers that have existed between religious denominations, and especially to those of us who have "the vacant chair," and perhaps might think we have nothing left for which to be thankful, and as he reminded us of the love they brought into our lives, the pleasant memories and the warmth and sunlight that still linger, though dimmed by the heartache that has always remained since they went away, a beautiful old legend we once read came to mind.

"At creation's dawn an angel came down to earth seeking something to take back with it to heaven. It returned with a bouquet of flowers, a baby's smile and a mother's love. When it reached the pearly gates of paradise again, the flowers had withered, the baby's smiles had vanished, but the mother's love was found to be as pure and eternal as the waters that flowed by the Heavenly throne, and all the angels exclaimed, 'There is nothing on earth pure enough for Heaven but a mother's love'. Next akin to a mother's love is the spirit of helpfulness for those in sorrow and distress, let us all contribute something to show our thankfulness for the blessings bestowed upon our unworthiness.

"If any little word of ours
Can make one life the brighter,
If any little song of our
Can make one heart the lighter,
God help us speak that little word
And take our lit of singing
And drop it in some lonely vale
To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of ours,
Can make one life the sweeter,
If any little care of ours,
Can make one step the fleeter,
If any little help may aid
A sister or a brother
God gives us love and care and strength
To help along each other.

If any watchful thought of ours
Can make some work the stronger,
If any cheery smile of ours
Can make the brightness longer,
Then let us speak that word to-day
With tender eyes all glowing,
So God may grant some weary one
Shall reap from our glad sowing.'

James H. Kelsey, 2d, went Saturday to Portland, and after staying a few days with relatives is going to Florida for the winter.

The schools in town closed Friday for one week.

Will Lee purchased a new horse, recently, to use on his mail route.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tasker of Northwood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Allen.

Miss Pauline E. Bartlett visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Jones in Fremont.

Charles H. Allen is putting up a building, 14x42, to be used as a wagon house and woodshed.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Rollins died Nov. 22, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. James Rollins, aged 76. Funeral services were held Friday, burial at Lee Hill.

The reception to Charles Miller and family and Miss Annie Phelps was largely attended. The evening was pleasantly passed with games, etc. Rev. Mr. Kinney made a few remarks and presented Miss Phelps with a purse of money, to which she feelingly responded. Albert Dudley, in behalf of the younger people, then presented Ben Miller with a fountain pen and box of writing paper, which he thought very suggestive. Mr. Miller expects to leave for his new home this week Wednesday, staying over night in Washington and arriving in Richmond, Virginia, Thursday. Ben Miller will not accompany his father to Virginia, but intends to work at the Fore River ship-yards, in Quincy.
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Webb dined with friends in Newfields Thanksgiving day. Walter Webb of Boston was at home over Sunday.

William Ryan of Nashua was in town a few days last week.

Miss Mary B. York has been visiting with friends in Newmarket two weeks.

George Demeritt has moved his family to Haverhill, Mass., for the winter.

Albert Durell of Dover passed Thanksgiving day with his aunt, Mrs. D. S. Bennett, and Guy W. Durell of Pawtucket, R.I., also visited Friday and Saturday at Hill Crest.

Mrs. Frank P. Plummer of Dover was a guest at D.E. Plummer’s several days last week.

George Hardy drove from Lynn, Mass., Saturday. After passing Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon C. Hardy, at Oak Cottage, he returned by rail.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roberts of Dover passed last Thursday with Mrs. Robert’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lane, at Clearfield.

The Strafford Whist Club was entertained last Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith at Harmony Dale. Although the evening was dark and damp there were about twenty present. The bout at whist was spirited and the score ran high, delectable refreshments were served and the social hour was enlivened by music and recitations by Mrs. Edward Griffiths and Fred P. Comings, which were very much enjoyed. Mrs. Fred B. York and Fred P. Comings won first prizes. Miss Della Hamilton and Frank Oldham received consolation souvenirs.

Edward Bartlett and daughter, Miss Emma, went to Exeter Wednesday with the intention of passing the remainder of the winter. Mr. Bartlett is one of our oldest native residents, and will be very much missed by his many friends, who will be pleased to welcome him home in the spring.

The deer must be quite numerous in this vicinity to have made such havoc in the young orchard set by Thomas J. Davis, Esq., of Duluth, Minn., in the so called, “Factory pasture.” Many of the smaller trees are greatly damaged by being browsed and peeled, and a number are broken off. Although they are beautiful, graceful creatures one hardly likes to have their crops and orchards destroyed by them.

Rev. G.E. Kinney braved the cold wind and drove to Madbury, to attend the entertainment given by his “branch parish,” last Friday evening. The object was to raise money toward paying for the organ they have recently purchased. As there were mystery boxes on sale the native curiosity, which is said to characterize “Yankees,” made the sales rapid and there was nearly seventeen dollars realized.
Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Piper entertained Mr. and Mrs. William H. Marden of Marblehead, Mass., for a week-end visit at Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving visitors at William B. Tuttle's were Mr. and Mrs. Olie A. Tuttle and son, Warner, of Nahant, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Tuttle of Rochester, Charles and Miss Laurette Langley of this town and Albert Smith of Nottingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Jones of Fremont and Ed. Palmer of Salem, Mass., were guests at J. True Bartlett's, Nov. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Lee were in Dover last week Thursday.

Miss O. Beatrice Roma returned home from New Durham, where she has been teaching, last week.

Ben Harvey of Boston visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harvey, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davis and three sons and Dr. Frank Davis spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis.

Frank Atwood has returned to William O. Thompson's, quite recovered from his severe illness.

Miss Helen H. Thompson has returned to her school in Wolfeboro.

Mrs. Lang and son, George, of Deerfield, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Edgerly and daughter, Marion, spent Thanksgiving at Marcus Taylor's.

Miss Bernice H. Lang was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Morrison, in Durham, recently.

Miss Mildred E. Gerrish, who is attending school in Haverhill, Mass., spent her Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Frank Gerrish.

William Ryan was in town last week.

Daniel L. Coffin of Wadley's Falls spent Thanksgiving with his family in Epping.

Daniel W. Shannon of Wadley's Falls has been confined to the house with a lame foot.

Fred Coffin of Epping had business in Newmarket last Saturday.
“The robin poised on russet wing,
Turns southward. All the woods are brown
and sore,
The skies are coldly blue and piping clear,
Hear down the vale the north wind heralding
King Winter, clad in trailing robes of white.”

Mrs. James B.C. Walker had business in Dover Monday.

Albert DeMeritte and son, Master Stephen, of Durham were callers at Walnut Avenue Farms Saturday.

The snow-storm which commenced Saturday evening and lasted until afternoon Sunday, yielded about six inches of snow.

Monday Miss Nellie Wiggin resumed her duties as school-dame in Candia.

Mrs. Harry Tasker of Dover passed the time from Friday until Monday with her brother, James Lee, at the old home.

Nehemiah Randall, who died last week in Dover, and whose funeral occurred at his late residence on Locust street, Sunday, was a native of Lee and resided here until manhood. He was the son of Richard and Betsey Randall, on the “Mast” road. “Mr. Randall drove the landau for President Roosevelt when he visited Dover in 1903, and was complimented by the President as the best looking driver he had on his tour.” He was past grand of Mt Pleasant Lodge, I.O.O.F., a member of Sawyer Post, G A R, Wanalanse Tribe of Red Men, Olive Branch Lodge, K. of P., and the Garrison Lodge, A.O.U.W. He has for many years been associated in business with John A Glidden. He was about fifty-eight years old, an industrious, honest man, who had a host of friends.

There have been no services at the chapel the last two Sundays, on account of storms.

George Davis of Providence, R.I. who has been staying with his mother at Willow Homestead a few weeks, resumed his studies at Brown University Monday. Mrs. Davis is very low and failing rapidly.
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Mrs. Rogers, who was hanged in Vermont last Friday, has excited a great deal of comment by individuals as well as by the press. Within a few days we saw this statement in a Boston daily paper, "The theory upon which the state proceeds in its assumption of the right to inflict capital punishment upon certain malefactors is that this penalty is necessary in order that criminals may be deterred from crime. If this theory were sound, we should expect to find that the execution of a murderer would excite a wholesome sense of respect for the law." Then the question: "But does anybody's observation confirm this expectation? On the contrary, the most conspicuous sentiment which the infliction of capital punishment excites is that of morbid curiosity, mingled sometimes with a public sense of satisfied revenge, and sometimes with a pronounced resentment against the law.

We think the writer had a wrong conception of the effect that enforced laws have on people who believe in justice. What is true of one's self is true of others. One person stands alone in their conception of right and justice. Any kind of punishment is unpleasant to the onlooker, but we think all persons who believe in justice are willing wrongdoers should be punished, and although, to some of us, it may sometimes seem harsh it is not always wise to interfere lest we do harm. Laws are made by the majority of a body of men, not by one individual, and while we were very sorry for Mrs. Rogers and do not believe in capital punishment, we have a wholesome respect for the majesty of the law and believe the decree of our courts should be executed unless good reason is shown for not doing so. Theodore Roosevelt said, while Governor of New York, when importuned to save the life of a murderess because she was a woman, "While we deplore the necessity of hanging a woman, murder is a crime just the same in a woman as in a man, and seems more heinous, and deserves just the same punishment, therefore, I shall not interfere to prevent the laws of the state from being executed." He not only had the courage of his conviction, but the firmness to defy public opinion when conflicting with his duty, which gained for him the respect and confidence of a great people.

All men who accept public offices should feel a realizing sense of the solemnity of an oath and be sure that they will be able to perform all duties incumbent upon them regardless of sympathetic appeals or political influence. Only a few years ago it was an unheard-of thing for one to dare to send a threatening letter to an official to deter him from performing his duty, and we have no patience with the mawkish sentimentality brought into existence through the anarchical element that is demoralizing our citizens and tainting our laws. When the majority of the right-minded thinking people of any state decide the laws are too stringent, they will be changed, until then let us be patient and help in the only ways we are permitted to, by precept and example, to hold up the hands of those who are more fortunate, and try to hasten the day of reform. We have no argument to offer, why women should not be punished equally with men for the same offence, yet we believe,
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"That woman in her deepest degradation,
Holds something sacred, something undefiled,
Some pledge and keepsake of the higher nature,
And, like the diamond in the dark, retains
Some quenchless gleam of the celestial light."

"It pays to be polite, even to dumb animals."—O'N

Miss Nellie Leach of Hallsville, Manchester, is one of the contestants for Globe free scholarship. She is the daughter of a former Wadley's Falls girl, (Myra Davis), and a promising young musician. Who will help her?

Herbert Gile and J. M. Cook were visitors in Lawrence last Friday.

Miss Mary Connor of Attleboro, Mass., visited her friends at the Connor farm last week.

Mrs. A G. Glidden was the guest of friends in Lawrence early in the present week.

Mrs. John Cook has been suffering for weeks with an afflictive abscess on the ankle.

Our star boarder lost a part of his hair and an eyebrow or two, Monday, from an explosion of gas from his furnace.

We congratulate Miss Ida M. Small, a young Wadley's Falls musician, on her new acquisition of a piano. She has been taking lessons for some time, but was hampered in not having an instrument for practice. Miss Small, like her father, is also a nice accordion player.

Bert Thompson arrived from Dakota Monday night, to remain for the winter. Miss Bertha (his daughter) did not come with him, as she has a fine position there as stenographer, and prefers her western home.

Edward Lane, a life-long resident of Lee, died at his home the first of the week. The funeral is to be held Dec. 14.

Miss Frank H. Dearborn is stopping for a short time in Portland.

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Several in town, both old and young, are having the whooping cough this season. Master Nelson Kinney has been confined to the house two weeks with it.

Miss Mary Caldwell is to return to Chester to teach the winter term.


George E. Chesley has several horses to board for the winter. Last week a pair was driven down from the White Mountains to remain until spring.
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Miss Lewis of Biddeford, Me., is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Granville Thompson.

Albert Durell of Dover is enjoying a much needed vacation with his aunt, Mrs. David S. Bennett.

Miss Mary A Hoitt has secured the services of George Goodrich of Derry for the winter.

Miss Mercy Durgin is organist at the chapel since Miss Annie Phelps left town.

The whooping cough is quite prevalent among the children just now.

Miss Nellie Wiggin, teaching in Candia, was home at Willow Homestead over Sunday.

John Randall has been chosen by Professor Sanderson of the New Hampshire College, Durham, to visit Holderness and surrounding towns to make war on the brown-tail moth.

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Mrs. George E. Kinney and Miss Nellie Chesley became members of the Durham’s Woman’s Club at its last meeting.

Newell B. Foss of Rochester, a former resident, was in town Friday.

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Mrs. Guy Glidden has been somewhat ill the past week.

The true Christmas spirit never grows old. In the individual life, as in Christendom, it should be ever new.

The special jurors drawn are John H. Piper and George E. Hill.

Nellie Wiggin of Candia came Friday evening to remain over Christmas with her parents at Willow Homestead.

The Misses Nellie and Mary A. Chesley passed two days this week in Nashua and two days in Groton, Mass.

Walter Webb of Boston, accompanied by a young friend, Arnold Cox, of Medford Hillside, Mass., came Saturday and remained until Tuesday at the Webb farm.

Miss Della Hamilton visited a few days last week with friends in Dover. Tuesday she went to Somerville, Mass., to remain with friends several weeks.

Harry Dudley of Manchester was the guest of his brother, George Dudley, over Sunday.

Miss Mary A. Hoitt went to Franklin Falls Saturday for a Christmastide visit with relatives.

Frank Hill of Boston came Saturday to pass a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Hill, who reside just in the edge of Durham.

Saturday Fred B. York drove home a herd of ten cows and heifers, and two pigs, which he had purchased of Bert P. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bartlett went to Exeter Tuesday to visit with relatives.

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And daughter, Miss Nellie, and Miss Ethel Davis visited with friends in Epping Sunday.

Wilfred Hale has recently passed a few days with his family at Oak Cottage.

T.H. Tattersall of Haverhill, Mass., dined at Walnut Avenue Farms Tuesday.

The Sunday school unloaded a Christmas tree Saturday evening in Grange hall. Notwithstanding there are many children afflicted with whooping cough, there was a good attendance. There was singing and recitations, and Mrs. George E. Kinney entertained the children by telling them a Christmas story, which was duly appreciated. The tree looked beautifully and the children were happy.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Webb and visitors dined with friends at Newfields Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon C. Hardy are visiting with friends in Lynn, and Ayer, Mass., this week.

The Strafford Whist Club met Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oldham at Maplewood. There were twenty-seven present. After nearly three hours of whist, a delectable collation was served. During the social hour vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed, also recitations by Mrs. Edward Griffiths and Fred P. Comings. There were several visitors present, which greatly added to the pleasure of the evening. First prizes were won by Miss Gertrude Smith and Fred P. Comings. Miss Della A. Hamilton and Harry Haydock were presented with consolation souvenirs.
Several young people attended the whist party at Newfields last Friday evening and report a good time.

Ben Harvey and sister, May, of Boston spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Lang entertained Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hale and sons, of Bradford, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrison and son, Charles, of Durham, George H. Lang, of Boston, and Benjamin Lang, who attends Dartmouth College, over Christmas.

W.B. Tuttle and Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Tuttle took their Christmas dinner with Charles Langley and sister.

The following is the programme given at the Christmas tree at the hill on Saturday evening. Recitation, Beatrice Brooks, recitation, Lilian Rollins, singing, Theresa and Elsie Fernald, recitation, Joe Pendergast, recitation, Marion Dudley, singing, Charlie Mathes, recitation, Eva Burleigh, singing, Pauline Bartlett, Mary Piper and Ida Small, harp solo, Charles Stackpole. Although the day and evening were stormy, there was a good attendance and a pleasant evening was passed. Santa Claus was represented by Arthur Thompson.

Rev. Ira D. Morrison has special services, on Sunday, at the Universalist church, Nottingham. The organ voluntary was played by Miss Nannie Merrill. Miss Edna E. Bartlett sang two solos in her usual pleasing manner and Mr. Morrison read an original poem written by Rev. Leon O. Williams, of Whitman, Mass. Mr. Williams was a former Nottingham boy. Mr. Morrison took his text from Matthew 2:11.

The Misses Mabel Haley, of the Square school, and Clara Brown, of the Center school, Nottingham, united in a Christmas tree for the two districts, and the children were made happy by several gifts.