

LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

WINDHAM COUNTY

PLAINFIELD

Congregational Pastor Notes Valuable Addition to Public Library in Shape of Catholic Encyclopedia.

Rev. Frederick S. Bamford of the Congregational church writes: The Benedict Library of Plainfield has recently got The Catholic Encyclopedia, an International Work of Reference on the Constitution, Doctrine, Discipline and History of the Catholic Church. It is issued in fifteen volumes, quarto, 3-4 morocco, and as a specimen of book-making is a perfect production.

The compilation of this work is stupendous. It is a work of many phases of present day problems in history, in biography, government, law, language, literature, science, religion. It is entirely different from other works of reference in that it gives to the world for the first time the inner workings of the Catholic Church which has hitherto been only surmised.

That's only one instance. The same thing is true in every direction and in all our labors. Why is a cabbage? It sounds as silly as the famous old "Why is a hen?" But it isn't. There is a reason for even a cabbage, for it's being a cabbage or a club-footed bungler. Nobody has ever yet been able to find out just why it is a cabbage and not a cucumber. But a good many things have been found out, it nevertheless, by persistent questioning of the great many genera of cabbage heads. And a good many more remain to be found out. It is one part of our business to find 'em. Why does it grow on my "old garden," and fizzle out worthless on my apparently richer Wilbur lot? One man finds that his cabbages are better when the ground is filled with stable manure. Why? The other finds that his grow better when liberally dosed with kainite or wood ashes. "Why?" There's an answer to every one of these questions, and the man who can answer 'em, raise the best and the most cabbages. Isn't the question worth asking, over and over again, till at last we get the answer?

Right here, talking about cabbages, let me tell you of a perfectly simple, easy and safe little scheme I worked last season to fight the dirty green cabbage-worms. It's nothing but strong soap-suds, freshly made and generously applied on the rows, after sunset, from a common sprinkling-pot. It kept my cabbages perfectly free, last season. What it will do, this summer, I can't tell yet. But I'm going to ask the disgusting green things if they like it, again.

As the term is commonly used, curiosity is not a wholly commendable habit. We are accustomed to apply it to those who are inquisitive about their neighbor's affairs,—who are all the time poking and peering into other people's concerns. That isn't at all the way of curiosity I'm talking about. We farmers have to do more with cattle and corn and sheep and grass and pigs and potatoes and worms and weeds than we do with human affairs. We can't afford to be too curious about these subjects and objects of our daily work. It's not only of much more importance to us to know the "why" of our crops than it is to know the "why" of Samantha Ann's sudden refusal to sing any longer in the choir. It is also a mighty sign of intelligence and worthy of our alleged intellects.

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Three Village Improvement societies gave an entertainment and fair at Wise-Acres, Hampton, on the afternoon and evening of July 4th. Mrs. Allen H. Phillips and family spent the Fourth with Mrs. Phillips' parents in Eastford.

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Abel Burdick celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage on Saturday evening, July 1st, at their home. The house was decorated with yellow daisies and ferns while Japanese lanterns across the front porch made the outside of the house very attractive. The house was full of relatives and friends. During the evening cake, lemonade, ice cream and bananas were served.

108 Degrees in the Shade. It is still intensely hot in this section, some thermometers reaching 108 degrees in the shade. Newsy Notes. Farmers are beginning to get in their hay, although in many places the crop is scarce because of the great drought. Miss Lucy Taintor is visiting friends in town. John Peale was the guest of Carl Jewett the Fourth. Russell Whitaker was the guest of his grandparents over the holiday. Miss Ethel Riley, who has been at the teachers' camp in South Coventry, has returned home. The house was decorated with yellow daisies and ferns while Japanese lanterns across the front porch made the outside of the house very attractive. The house was full of relatives and friends. During the evening cake, lemonade, ice cream and bananas were served.

WARRENVILLE

Heat Records Broken This Week—Damage from Wind and Hailstones.

Albert E. Howlett, Jr., a foreman of the Snell Manufacturing company, of Fiskdale, Mass., passed three days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Howlett, of Warrenville. He also called on Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs of Warrenville.

Mrs. Otto Hattin's Chaplin passed last Monday evening, Mrs. Mary J. Howlett, of Elmville. Miss Cora Lee of Mt. Hope spent July 4 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lee, of Westford. Harlow Scott of Warrenville spent July 4 with Miss Rosie Snow and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaylor of Elmville. Misses Willie Snow of South Coventry is passing two weeks' vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaylor, of Elmville.

Helpful Meeting. Prof. Herbert Les conducted an inspiring C. C. meeting in the Baptist church here Sunday evening, a large number being present.

George Adams, Charlie Clark, Herbert Whitehouse, Henry Copeland, Everett Cushman, William Wilson and George Jacobs were employed by First Selectman Robert Knowlton to cut his large fields of hay.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs enjoyed new potato string beans and peas from Mr. Jacobs' garden for their Fourth of July dinner.

Intense Heat. All records for hot weather were broken here last Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4, when thermometers registered in several places 102 and 109 degrees in the shade.

Damage from Storm and Hail. A severe thunder storm passed over this section July 4 about 3 p. m., breaking off a number of limbs from young trees, burning out telephones, etc., while the large hailstones did some damage to garden truck.

Decorated Car in Parade. At the July 4th celebration in Williamstown, Mass., a Buick car was one of those in the automobile parade and was prettily decorated in American flags and bunting. Mrs. Baker drove the car.

Miss Mabel Mathewson and Miss Mabel Mathewson of Ashaway, R. I., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Durkee.

Mrs. E. A. Roseler is entertaining guests from New York. Corner Crest is opened for the summer. Mrs. E. A. Durkee and family arrived last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Noel and son George spent the Fourth in Manchester and Hartford.

DAYVILLE Notes of the Holiday Week—Meeting of Ladies' Aid Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Bennett are spending the week end at Kelsey Point. The Ladies' Aid society met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. F. Bidwell.

Robert K. Bennett of Plymouth, Mass., and a friend are spending two weeks with Mrs. Fannie Bennett.

Mrs. Roy Scoulling and son, Philip, are at Dr. A. E. Darling's. Fred Ormsbee has returned from the Norwich hospital.

Dr. George Barnes spent the Fourth at Ashton, R. I. with his parents.

Guests of Hanover Friends. Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Greig spent the Fourth as guests of Hon. Angus Park and wife at Hanover.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Bidwell of Passaic, N. J. touring in their car, called at N. F. Bidwell's Wednesday.

Miss Alice P. Fish is visiting Mrs. Clinton W. Atwood.

Mrs. Lillian Eronman is a guest of friends at Pittsfield, Mass. John Jordan spent the Fourth at home.

Mrs. D. Lewis Downs is entertaining New York friends for the week. Miss Mary Kelley started Monday for the west, to be gone six months.

Harry Brearley was in Medway, Mass., on the Fourth.

Napoleon Briere entertained a party of Worcester friends over the Fourth. Wayland Elliott is the new clerk at Ladies' store.

Mrs. Ormsbee is spending a few days with Edson Ormsbee and family.

John O'Neil has entered the employ of the Assawamuck company.

RAWSON Death of Mrs. I. W. Hammond—Open House at Fuller Bungalow on the Fourth.

The death of Mrs. Emogene Hammond, wife of I. W. Hammond, occurred at the Day-Kimball hospital on Saturday, she having undergone a surgical operation from which she did not recover. The deceased was a faithful wife and mother, devoted to the interests of her family. The influence of her life was helpful and inspiring to all, and she will be missed by the community. The funeral was held by her husband and two sons, Raymond Baker and Fred Baker. Burial was in the North cemetery.

Briefs and Personal. Frank Phillips attended the celebration in Willimantic on the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Fuller kept open house at their bungalow Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Phillips spent Thursday at Hartford, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. William H. Phillips.

Henry Kenyon attended the boat race at New London.

Mrs. Berggren was a Willimantic caller Saturday.

Laura Hough was a recent visitor with relatives in Hartford and South Manchester.

William Darrow and family of New London were Sunday guests of E. A. Darrow.

Albert Knox and sister of Westfield, Mass., have been guests of George Chaffee.

Rev. C. H. W. Stocking of Langhorne Pa., has been spending a short vacation with his brother, F. B. Stocking.

Moses Kenyon has been the guest of his brother, David Kenyon of Pomfret, the past week.

CLARK'S CORNERS

Back from Camping Trip—Personal Jottings.

Miss Viola F. Jewett has returned, after a two weeks' camping trip with teachers on the shores of Lake Wausaubaug.

Miss Mary Kelly and niece, Tessie and Gertrude of New York, have arrived for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Martin and family, Misses Maude and Edna Pearl, John Graber and Otis Burnham were in Willimantic July 4.

Guests at The Maples were Mrs. M. T. Palmer and son, Ray, P. J. Palmer and Miss Beech of Springfield.

Mrs. Allen Jewett left for Boston Monday.

Mrs. F. E. Pearl was in Norwich on Wednesday.

Mr. Gray and son of Waterbury visited friends here this week.

John Navins and family were guests of Willimantic friends July 4.

POMFRET CENTER

Miss Anna P. Smith of Worcester spent Sunday at Westland.

Dr. and Mrs. Cushman have gone to Boston.

Miss Virginia Sharpe is attending the Danbury summer school.

Mrs. Courtney Hoppin is having a

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new motor and pump installed for her artesian well. A sane and quiet Fourth, but, Oh, my, how hot! Miss Mae Sharpe is at home for vacation.

TOLLAND COUNTY

STAFFORD

Supt. Claude C. Pinney Leaves Phoenix Mill—W. A. Jones Cuts an Artery in His Wrist.

Claude C. Pinney has withdrawn from the Phoenix Woolen company. He has no definite plans for the future yet, but will take a rest and do some traveling before he decides. His place as superintendent will be taken by Harold Pinney of Springfield, son of E. H. Pinney.

Park Centrally Located Favored. Since the trustees of the Hyde park fund decided that this end of the town justly deserved some benefit from the fund and set aside \$5,000 for a park extension, several places have been suggested for the same. It is the desire of the trustees that it will benefit the greatest number of the residents of the Hollow, Street, Hydeville and Staffordville.

Mrs. Lizzie Goodell was taken by Dr. S. Noel and son George to Springfield, to the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Jenkins. She has been in poor health for some time. It is hoped the change will be beneficial.

The young members of the Junior Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church held a picnic on the grounds of Rev. J. P. Booth Thursday afternoon.

Cut an Artery. While cutting meat in his market Saturday evening, W. A. Jones cut a large artery of the wrist, and but for the prompt measures taken by R. A. Booth the result might have been serious. Dr. Smith was called.

Local Notes. J. H. Larned is attending the summer school at Harvard.

Hydeville mill has shut down during July.

Mrs. Claude Harvey of New Haven has been the guest of Mrs. H. F. Cady.

Mrs. George Shepherd and daughter, Miss Alice, are guests of Mrs. Thomas Black.

The safe and sane Fourth was appreciated by all.

BOLTON

Rev. Sherrod Soule Preaches—Epidemic of Measles—Newsy Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Platt and two children of California are spending several weeks with the latter's sister, Mrs. S. M. Platt, of the Fourth.

Clifton P. Loomis and family of Hartford spent the first of the week at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Loomis.

Mrs. Mary Anthony, Carlos Ruggles and family of Springfield are at the latter's farm for the summer.

Mrs. C. E. Pomeroy of Windsor is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William C. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Whitton and Miss Lucy Whitton of East Hartford are guests of Mrs. F. Whitton of Hartford and at the Eldridge cottage for two months.

Rev. Sherrod Soule, superintendent of the Home Missionary society, conducted the services at the Congregational church Sunday morning. He had the closest attention of the audience, which greatly enjoyed listening to his interesting talk.

The pastor, Rev. Charles W. Burt, is to preach in Talcottville tomorrow in exchange with Rev. Mr. Bacheher.

Miss Minnie Engle of Hartford is visiting her friend, Miss Agnes E. Quinn.

Measles are prevalent in town. It looks as though no one living in Bolton in the summer of 1911 who has not had the disease, will escape, as men, women and children are being afflicted.

July Fourth in Bolton was unusually quiet this year.

Even Break at Baseball. The Andover-Bolton baseball nine played two games of ball in Andover with a nine from Woodland. The Andover-Bolton team won in the morning 14-3 and in the afternoon were defeated 19 to 5.

STORRS.

Summer School Opens With 40—Mercury Makes Record Ascension—A Quiet Fourth.

Summer school opened Wednesday with about forty in attendance.

Monday was the hottest day ever recorded at Storrs. The thermometer of the local weather bureau stood at 99 degrees.

The fourth was observed very quietly. There was no public gathering on account of the heat. In the evening there were several private displays of fireworks about the campus.

Mr. B. B. Birdall assistant to the Farm Superintendent, Mr. Garrius, has been appointed farm superintendent at the recently established epileptic colony at Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Corbin and two children left on Thursday for her father's home in Michigan.

Mrs. C. A. Wheeler and Children are visiting with Mrs. Carrie Knapp at Northfield.

Mr. Irving Patterson of Providence spent the Fourth with his sister Mrs. H. S. Garrigus.

STAFFORDVILLE

House Parties Over the Holiday—Rev. Miss Jones on Vacation.

Mrs. Eva Higgins and daughter Alice of Plymouth, Mass., George Monday of Northampton, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark and daughter Evelyn of Portland, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Peter Largess and children of North Brookfield, Mass., were guests over the Fourth of Mrs. Napoleon Largess.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Corbin and Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Balfour of Union, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown of Mon-

son, Mass., were in town a few days this week.

Return from Vacation. Rev. and Mrs. R. Williams arrived at the M. E. parsonage this week after two weeks' vacation.

Rev. M. H. Jones is spending two weeks' vacation with her parents in Hartford.

Miss Alice Burdick of Jewett City is the guest of her cousin, Miss Bertha Belcher.

COLUMBIA Deacon William A. Collins Resigns After 35 Years' Service—Milk Producers Claim Prices Are Too Low.

There was no public celebration of the Fourth in this place, but there were the usual number of home comers for the day.

Mrs. William Randall of Colerain, who has been spending some time with relatives here, left Thursday for New Haven to visit the family of her brother.

A Trifling Week. The drought with the intense heat of the past few days with roads and fields as dry as ashes and the mercury up to the hundred mark, is something fearful. Crops of all kinds are suffering badly and the hay crop will be light.

A ball game last Saturday afternoon by the locals and a nine from Lebanon resulted in a victory for the latter.

Raymond P. Collins and family of Hamden have been spending a few days at the home of Deacon William A. Collins on Chestnut Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Little and Mrs. Emily A. Little spent a portion of this week with relatives in Ashton, R. I.

Raymond Hunt and family of Fall River are spending their summer vacation at their home in this place. Mr. Hunt for the past year has been instructor at the Durfee school, Fall River.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bogus of Hartford have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Utley.

To Furnish New Hymns. The Ladies' Aid society is soon to furnish new hymns for use in the church. The books will also contain responsive readings.

The work of painting the church and chapel has been completed and the appearance of both is much improved.

Miss Grace Randall of Northfield school is spending the vacation season with relatives in this place and vicinity.

Camping at Lake. A party of lads from the Center church, Hartford, are camping at Columbia lake.

Thirty-five Years Deacon. Last Sunday Deacon William A. Collins resigned the office he has held so long for the past thirty-five years as deacon of the church.

Mrs. Amasa A. Hunt is visiting the family of her son, Henry D. Hunt of Providence.

Mr. Charles Hitchcock has returned from a visit of several weeks with friends in New York.

Milk Prices Too Low. The milk producers in this section are not satisfied with the price offered by the contractors for use in August, which is less than that of a year ago. Considering the present drought, and the demand for improved barns and stable conditions, the producers feel that the price is far too low.

GILEAD Concert by Schubert Quartette—The Week's Visitors.

The Schubert quartette of New York city gave an entertainment at the Hall Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Vacation Notes. Frederick Links of Hartford is visiting his mother.

Harold Post is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Post.

Mrs. G. W. Hutchinson has returned from Springfield, where she has been spending several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Banks Jones of Jones street in this place, are the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hutchinson.

Miss Mabel Gilbert is entertaining her room-mate at Northfield seminary.

Mrs. C. W. Hutchinson is entertaining her mother, Mrs. F. H. Crocker, and sister, Nina Crocker, of Springfield, Mass.

MOUNT HOPE Damage Done by Storm on Fourth of July.

Visitors in town over Fourth were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Moore at B. O. Moore's; Mrs. L. M. Knight and son and Miss Gurney at A. M. Grant's; Mr. and Mrs. George Walker at Mr. White's. It was a very quiet day here.

Dr. F. A. Young of New York joined his family here Tuesday to remain through the summer.

Mrs. C. M. Lawton and grandson, Charles are visiting at J. M. Church's.

Mount Hope was swept by a terrific storm July 4, which tore up fruit trees and did much damage.

Miss Irene Russ spent July 4 in Willimantic.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Shumway spent the holiday at Tower Hill, in Chaplin.

EAGLEVILLE

Repairs at Mills—Animals Affected by Intense Heat.

The Eagle mills recently shut down for four days to enable the firm to make necessary repairs.

Mr. Larkin proprietor of the local hotel, lost a valuable hog on Tuesday; it became overheat and died.

Rural Carrier C. H. Hopkins on returning from his route Wednesday afternoon reported that his horse became overheated on the road, near the Connecticut college, but after a refreshing bath from a nearby hydrant the horse revived so that he was able to continue on his route.

Louis Prue, an employe of the local mill for the past thirty years, is to resign, having purchased the farm of Otto Schmitt of Mansfield City.



THE FARMERS TALK TO FARMERS

WHY FARMING MAKES THE WISE FARMER

(Written specially for the Bulletin.) Out west you hear a lot about "dry" farming. Here in the east it would do no harm to have a good deal more of what might be called "why" farming.

I've forgotten whether it was "Budge" or "Toddy" who, in that immortal "Helen's Babies" was devoted to seeing "wheels go round." Whichever it was, lots of us working farmers are like him all our lives long. We see the wheels go round, but never get so far as to ask what makes them go, nor why they go. Sometimes they go fast; and sometimes they go slow; and sometimes they stop altogether; and sometimes they "skid" sideways and dump us and our apple-carts into some ditch. But many of us seem content just to watch them crank and get out of their way,—part of the time. The rest of the time we get run over or caught in the cogs, and then wonder why "Providence" moves in so "mysterious" a way.

New don't misunderstand me, at the start-off. No man, be he farmer, or philosopher, knows or is likely soon to know all the hidden springs of Nature, nor all the intangible "laws" which guide her chariot-wheels through the seasons and the centuries and the endless aeons of that incalculable eternity to which all time is less than a drop to the Atlantic. Likewise, no man among us is able to gather unto himself and guide upon his individual faculty the course of a gracious summer rain. He wouldn't know what to do with it, if he could. But that is no reason why he shouldn't do what he can to preserve for the use of his crops the kindly moisture which naturally comes upon his fields. Because he can't have all the rain which falls over six states is no reason why he shouldn't have all the rain he does get and make the most of it.

From one end of the year to another, from one end of his life to the other, the working farmer is "up against it,"—up against the every day (but every day different) conundrum of Nature. His very life depends upon his ability to guess some of these puzzles right. His success depends, in almost even measure, upon his ability to guess more and more of them right. At the same time, none but conundrums are tricky or arbitrary. They are not like the ingenious obfuscations gotten up for the puzzle corners of the papers,—deliberately tended to confound the inquirer. Nature always "plays fair" whether she plays the way we'd like her to or not. There's always and everywhere a reason for every single little thing she does,—if we could only find it out. The field of her activities is universal and the variety of them unreckonable in figures, and, as I've said, there's no prospect that any of us are going to be able to find out all her reasons, or comprehend all her processes. But that's not any sort of excuse for refusing to find out all we can and understand all we may.

On the other hand, the very size and impressiveness of the Great Conundrum ought to nerve us up to a keener curiosity about it,—its why's and wherefores, as well as its answer. When in addition we know that our very existence depends upon our knowledge of the rules of the game and that it is played as it is, then we have practical incentive for an active curiosity. If I were asked to put in one typographical figure my idea of the true spirit of the farmer,—his relations to his work and his allies and his enemies, I should do it by writing one big interrogation mark, (?). That is the real farmer's emblem, the real burton, his golden flag. It is the symbol of the spirit which should actuate him, all the day and every day.

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