Williamstown.

ELLIOT B. WATSON is spending his vacation in Jefferson, N. H.

CHARLEY EDSON is about to enter the store of J. K. Lynde, as clerk.

CHARLES BARNES is canvassing in Canada, making Montreal his headquarters.

MRS. CHARLES F. WARD of Burlington is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chester Martin.

OUR "Gulf Springs" are a favorite resort this season for picnicers from adjoining towns.

MARION J. STEVENSON, a teacher in the Lowell, Mass., schools, is spending her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Witherell.

Too many of our farmers had hay down during the rainy days of last week, thus suffering quite a good deal of damage.

MR. TEMPLETON of Barre, owner of the Hibbard house here, is making repairs about the building, and may newly coat it with paint.

MRS. DR. GEORGE DUTTON, with her daughter, of Springfield, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Dwight Abbott. Mrs. Dutton is in poor health.

THE heavily laden apple trees that we see occasionally hereabouts, must settle the question that an abundance of good fruit can be raised here.

REV. MR. SYKES, now supplying the Universalist pulpit, will preach a sermon in memory of the late Professor Moses Marston, next Sunday afternoon.

GEORGE SMITH, son of Deacon Ira Smith, is just returning from Europe to his home in Philadelphia. He is said to be amassing a fortune in Philadelphia.

ARTHUR RALPH, traveling man for George Smith of White River Junction, is making his last trip preparatory to engaging with a brother in the lumber business.

GEORGE WOOD, wife and son of Topeka, Kansas, are visiting his sister, Mrs. Chester Martin. Mr. Wood is one of the large number of Vermonters engaged in business in the West.

A QUARTERLY meeting was held at the Methodist church last Sunday. Presiding Elder Spencer was present. There were several additions to the church by letter and upon profession.

DEACON ORCUTT ABBOTT and Asa S. Simonds have the pleasure of the memory of having rendered the late Professor Moses Marston valuable pecuniary assistance in educating himself.

HENRY L. FIELD, son of the late Rev. Daniel Field, and connected with a wholesale house in Boston, has been visiting at his home here. We conclude he is a successful salesman from what we hear.

MRS. ENOCH HOWE, now past four-score years of age, is weaving a web of flannel in one of the old-fashioned hand looms. She has many of the virtues of the true woman, Proverbially sketched in the Good Book.

MRS. PROFESSOR FRANCIS D. HEMENWAY of Evanston, Illinois, is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. S. Walker of this place, and friends in Chelsea. Professor Hemenway is stopping, meanwhile, at Saratoga Springs.

ED POOR recently lost a good cow, the first symptoms of illness being a stiffness of the legs. This grew worse till she lost the use of them wholly. Her appetite continued good, however, till she died, after ailing a number of days.

THOUGH our town was chartered earlier, next year will be the one hundreth anniversary of the first settlement here. Why should we not have a grand celebration of the event in '84, and every living ex-Williamstownian come back to join in it?

REV. WILLIAM SCHOFIELD, pastor of the Congregational church, preached at East Arlington last Sunday. Deacon George Beckett officiated as reader in his absence, and gave a good sermon. Rev. Mr. Schofield will preach next Sunday at East Arlington.

FLORA BENEDICT closed her school in the Follensby Goodrich district last Friday with a picnic. Upon her roll of nine scholars not a tardy mark during the term is to be found. One of her pupils, Alice Covel, has not in nine terms had an absent, tardy or dismissal mark. Misses Ellen Waldo and Rose Cole gave readings at the picnic.

JOHN WALKER starts back for Washington, D. C., this week. He will pay his compliments to the black bass about Grand Isle, on the way. The family of his uncle, editor of the Plattsburgh *Republican*, own and occupy a small island at this season, near Grand Isle, and the location offers fine fishing, which Mr. Walker will surely improve.

DR. CORNELIUS LYNDE, youngest son of Hon. John Lynde, has arranged to settle in Waterbury, for the practice of homeopathy, and will go there about the 20th of this month. Dr. Lynde is a brother-in-law of Dr. Mayo of Northfield, homeopathist. We hope his success in Waterbury may be in inverse proportion to the size of his doses.

THROUGH one of our former residents, now living in Chicago, we have just heard an interesting incident of the great fire of years ago there. In the basement of a large private dwelling-house, burned at the time, there had been stored the coming winter's stock of coal. One year after the fire, there was heat enough in this basement to roast potatoes, as was shown by actual trial, it having been kept up by the coal, and debris.

"THE foxes are eating up the churches of Williamstown," eh? So quoth the WATCHMAN last week. Not so. They have not degenerated into fox timber, yet, if some one may think he discovers, now and again, streaks of foxiness in them. When that item started on its telephonic journey to the WATCHMAN office, it was "turkeys," and not "churches" that were the victims of the foxes.

MRS. ADA E. MARTIN has finished her eighth term of teaching in the Jacob Flint district, and one of her most successful and pleasant ones. Little Misses Nora M. Norris, Clara B. Norris and Masters Henry M. Slack, Bert B. Slack, Arthur G. Smith and Bertie C. Norris, passed the term with neither absent nor tardy marks. Laura E. Lasell was absent but two days, and A. Wallace Robinson absent but three days, and had but two tardy marks.

IT has before been itemized that one of our townsmen willed his farm and some other property to the church and society to which he belonged. They were to come into possession of it upon the death of his wife, and by the terms of his will, are to hold the farm perpetually for the benefit of the society. It is supposed that these conditions were imposed after mature deliberation on the part of the donor. It is now currently reported here that our probate judge, now that the wife is dead, insists that the farm can be sold, and the money therefor be invested for the society's use, without any violation of the *spirit* of the will, and that it *ought* to be done for the *best* interests of the society. Of course, the only justification for such proceeding would be that the donor had at least the highest good of the society, but failed to choose the wisest way in which to minister to it. It is said that the consent of our supreme court to such a course would make it duly valid, in law. There may be a suggestion in all this to persons thinking of similar wills, when much wisdom surely is needed. In this case the donor was a liberal giver in his lifetime. But are there not too few who are giving as they ought while living, and who better be the "executors" of their own wills, if they are cherishing generous purposes in the line of giving *some*time?

OUR Episcopal brethren will surely enjoy the following genuine occurrence, with the rest of us. Among our acquaintances is a Congregational widow, the mother of a fair sized family of children, the oldest of whom was married to the Episcopal clergyman of the place. Rather naturally, perhaps, the young rector's wife was desirous of getting a brother, a lad of twelve or fourteen years, into the Episcopal fold. Johnnie had been persuaded into the Sunday-school, and was getting somewhat familiar with a term not heard in the Congregational service, but constantly in the Episcopal services, viz., "the collect," which the dictionary defines as "a short prayer; a prayer adapted to a particular day or occasion, and read together with other parts of the church service." Now it happened one day, in the boy's school of which Johnnie was a pupil, that the word "colic" was given his spelling class, every boy of which failed to spell it correctly. Astonished, the teacher exclaimed, "Why, boys, not one of you able to spell 'colic'! Do you know what it is?" Thereupon Johnnie's arm was extended and set to wagging vigorously, and at the same time he began to whisper loudly, "*I* know what it is, teacher, I know what it is." "Well, Johnnie," said the teacher, "what is it?" to which he replied, "It is what the Episcopals have," of course confounding the words "collect" and "colic."

THE use of oil stoves has greatly diminished the consumption of coal among the poorer classes in New York. Before they became common the corner grocers got at the rate of $15 per ton for coal. That cheating has largely been stopped.

Waterbury.

MISS MIRIAM KIMBALL has recalled her application for the primary school and the committee are out in the cold in consequence.

DR. CORNELIUS LYNDE, son of Hon. John Lynde of Williamstown, has bought the practice of Dr. Sanborn and will begin the practice of medicine here.

MRS. L. L. STERLING of Melrose, Mass., better known here by her girlhood name of Emogene Mussey, is visiting her former home with her two daughters.

REAL estate must be on the rise in this village. Mr. Elisha Moody refused for a small building spot last week, a price which was at the rate of $16,000 per acre.

EDWARD SHEPLE has returned from Philadelphia where he has been to buy pipe for his new water works. He will commence operations on the reservoir and ditch at once.

ONE Ed Sweeney, who has been at work at Randall's mills for some months, hired a team of George N. Gove, Saturday, to go the mills and get his trunk. He was gone all day and Mr. Gove charged for the team accordingly. Mr. Sweeney was drunk and refused to pay. Officer Bates arrested him and held him in custody in Mr. Gove's stable office. When the afternoon train north came in, the prisoner wanted to go, but Mr. Bates urged him to stay. In the hospitable encounter the door was smashed and things turned topsy turvey. Mr. Sweeney went before Judge Lease and paid about $7 for his circus and was allowed to depart in peace, straightly admonished by the magistrate to sin no more.

INTELLIGENCE has been received of the death in California, July 24th, of Mr. George J. Colby, formerly a resident and prominent citizen of this village. Mr. Colby was born in Richmond, Vermont, in May, 1835, the son of Arnold and Phebe Jewell Colby. In 1857 Mr. Colby came to Waterbury and with his brother Edwin engaged in a modest way in manufacturing. They began in the locality now known as Colbyville, to make children's carriages of willows, a business which ultimately developed into large proportions. Mr. Colby invented and perfected the first practicable clothes wringer which, known as the "Colby wringer," with improvements, still maintains its ascendency over its numerous rivals. The Colby brothers manufactured the wringer in connection with children's carriages, and through various fortunes their business increased till they formed the stock company known as Colby Brothers & Company, built extensive shops, employed a large force of workmen and sold their goods all over the world. Their wares were of conceded merit, and the brothers displayed skill and enterprise in devising, manufacturing and trading. In 1863 Mr. Colby after a long sickness suffered complete paralysis of his lower limbs. His mind retained its vigor and as president of the company he directed its affairs till the business passed into other hands. He made frequent but unavailing efforts for the recovery of the use of his paralyzed limbs. His later life was a long conflict with suffering and misfortunes. He moved to Michigan in 1875 where in feeble health he lived till, after a short residence near Chicago, in November last he went to California where his sisters are residing. Mr. Colby was a large-hearted man, of a kind and genial nature, enthusiastic in his enterprises and liberal in the bestowal of his means. He has many friends in Vermont who will hear of his death with unfeigned sadness.

Waterbury Center.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH G. SMITH of Newbury are visiting at W. E. Marshall's.

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR FOSTER, who have been visiting friends here this summer, expect to return to their home in Wisconsin the first of next week.

REV. MR. BRUCE preached a very interesting sermon in the Baptist church last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Church, the pastor, having been called to attend the funeral of Mr. Jasper Ayers.

DR. E. J. FOSTER has finally concluded to remain here and practice his profession. The age of his father makes it seem necessary that one of the children should remain at home, and the doctor has consented to defer his return to the West, and will stay with his father. The doctor is a skillful physician of the homeopathic school, and a gentleman whom all will be glad to retain among us.

"I WROTE my nephew in New Hampshire," said farmer Hoegood, "that he better come and attend the Green Mountain seminary next fall. I told him that the institution had been struck by a cyclone, which knocked a great hole in the ground, and a three-story boarding house sprang right up out of the hole." It was suggested that he meant a boom instead of a cyclone. "Well," replied Hoegood, "mebbe it was a boom, I know it was something powerful, and they say that a cyclone has a heap of power." It is a fact that the Green Mountain seminary at Waterbury Center is beginning to experience the effects of a genuine boom. Sometimes a boom comes with the beginning of an enterprise, sometimes not at all, but more frequently after years of waiting. The latter is the case with the seminary. The new boarding house is not by any means the boom; it is only one of the many effects of the boom. The boom is manifest in the largely increased demand for accommodations, and the prospect is that all the rooms in the new boarding house will be occupied the coming term. As further evidence of the boom it is gratifying to chronicle a gift from Hon. W. S. Hobart of San Francisco, a native of Waterbury, who has just sent his check for $1000 towards the completion of the boarding house. This generous gift is highly appreciated by Miss Colley, the principal, and by the citizens at large. It is refreshing to find a man of wealth like Mr. Hobart who has the disposition to honor his native town in this manner. The corps of instructors has been augmented, and in addition to the usual college preparatory course, thorough instruction will be given in vocal and instrumental music, also in painting. The commercial department is a special feature, and is regarded with increasing favor. That its instruction is thorough and practical is attested by the success with which its graduates meet in procuring situations. It is hoped that the boom will not cease until it has carried the Green Mountain seminary high above the waves of adversity.

Stowe.—Mrs. Inez Gorton came to town Monday of this week.

SEVERAL of the Bigelow relatives from Salem and vicinity are visiting in town.

REV. W. L. ANDERSON has gone to Ohio this week, and Madame Rumor says that after his return there will be a mistress to reign over the Congregational parsonage.

QUITE a large party, composed of people from Waterbury Center and Stowe, visited the "Notch" last week Wednesday. It looked rather dubious in the morning for a picnic party, but it proved to be a nice day.

GEORGE TADFORD died very suddenly last Friday morning. After a post mortem examination the physicians pronounced it a case of an eruption of the stomach. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon.

A LARGE number of the friends of James E. Houston and family made them a call last Friday evening to remind them that they had been married just fifteen years. Previous to the departure of the friends the family were presented with several valuable and useful gifts, Rev. D. Kilburn making the presentation speech.

THE death of Mrs. Jasper Ayers occurred last Friday afternoon and the funeral services were held Sunday, at the house. Rev. Mr. Church of Waterbury Center officiated. Mrs. Ayers had been sick about two years with consumption, and her wasted form indicated the greatest of suffering, yet everything was borne with Christian fortitude. Two sisters—one from New York and the other from Massachusetts—were with her during her last days.

THE "Waddington Family" gave an entertainment at the town hall last Saturday evening, which was really a fine thing. The programme consisted mostly of vocal and instrumental music, and there was nothing objectionable in the whole entertainment. One attractive part was the playing on the flower vases by the little miss, and the rapidity with which Clarence Percival made an entire change of costumes was truly wonderful.

Roxbury.—Billings Spalding is building an addition to the building occupied by A. N. Tilden & Son.

GEORGE EATON has moved to the tenement recently vacated by F. W. Hall.

C. M. JOHNSTON, ESQ., of Dakota passed Sunday in town, the guest of his brother, Robert.

THE selectmen let the building of the bridge on the Warren road to N. C. Green, the price being one hundred dollars.

MR. AND MRS. BROWN of Worcester, Mass., and a lady named Snow of Oxford, Mass., are at F. T. Snow's and Mrs. Mary Bradley of Malden, Mass., is at A. N. Tilden's.

Barre.

SAMUEL H. NYE is sick with typhoid fever.

REV. AND MRS. W. M. KIMMELL returned home Monday night.

CHARLES Q. REED has so far recovered from his sickness as to be out again.

H. C. LEONARD has nearly completed his barn, and moved his teams and family to the farm last week.

W. H. GLADDING, D. W. Mower and A. B. Averill, with their wives, have returned home from York Beach.

THERE were some four hundred persons who went on the excursion to Willsboro Point, last Wednesday, and a general good time was had.

A. W. DANA, a former graduate of Goddard seminary, now of Tuft's college, has been secured as principal of Goddard seminary for the year to come.

THE wrestle announced to come off at the town hall last Saturday night failed to take place, some hitch in regard to the price of the hall stopping the show.

MRS. GEORGE W. TILDEN is very low, having been unconscious since Sunday night at midnight and probably cannot live long, unless there should be a change for the better soon.

PROFESSOR HENRY PRIEST and wife left here on the Monday night train for their new field of labor, Canton, N. Y. They have the best wishes of our community for their prosperity.

THERE was a lawsuit at the office of W. A. & O. B. Boyce last Thursday. Charles E. Smith sued George W. Bishop for non-payment of rent and to obtain possession of the premises. A jury was called for by the defendant, and after hearing both sides a verdict was given for Smith. Bishop took an appeal and furnished security for rent. O. B. Boyce for Smith; E. W. Bisbee for Bishop.

THE Barre drum corps marched up and down the street Saturday night with lots of drum-drum-drumming. We did not at first know but there was another "Vermont War," but learned later that they were out on the word of Calvin E. Stowe, who told them that there was to be a Grand Army Post organized here, and somebody would pay them. No post was organized, and now the boys want Cal. to rise up and explain.

THERE was a trial last Saturday at a room in A. M. Jackman's block of the case State *vs.* Ira Bradford, A. S. Parkhurst, complainant. The complaint alleged was breach of the peace, uttering threats, etc. The case came before Justice Fifield. The defendant called for a jury. After hearing the case, the jury returned a verdict of guilty and Bradford was fined $10 and costs. G. W. Bassett for state, and J. A. Wing for defendant.

L. J. BOLSTER met with a serious accident last Saturday. About ten A. M. he had driven his team up to a car standing on the track, to get a load of goods out of the car, and was standing on the wheel and body of his wagon, when his horse started, throwing him to the ground, he striking on his head and shoulders. The result was a dislocation of one shoulder, and bruising and shaking him up a good deal. Dr. J. H. Jackson was immediately called and soon succeeded in reducing the dislocations, and Mr. Bolster is now doing well.

R. A. BALL, who left town about a year ago, leaving a wife and child in destitute circumstances, put in an appearance here last Thursday, and from the reception he has met with here we should conclude when he goes away again it might be some time before he comes this way again. Quite a party went up there the other evening and called for Mr. Ball, but he did not respond, and quite a racket was made. The next morning feathers were found scattered around and tar sticking to fences and trees, showing that they intended to present him a new suit, if they had got hold of him. Within a few days his wife has filed a bill for a divorce, and Constable A. M. Jackman called on him Monday with a body writ for debt, which he settled rather than take a ride to Montpelier.

Waitsfield.—Among the visitors who worshiped at the Congregational church last Sunday we noticed Mrs. Mary (Prentiss) Ladd, Mrs. Fanny (Newcomb) Eddy, Etta Thompson, Mary J. McAllister and Frank Thayer, former residents of this locality, and Miss Lizzie Knapp of Northfield.

A PARTY consisting of about forty men, women and children with seven canvas-covered wagons camped on the premises of W. G. McAlister last week. The women sold lace and the men were ready to trade horses. They claimed to be Irish, but acted like gypsies with the exception that they did not steal.

THE former members of the Waitsfield cornet band with their wives and sweethearts made a post nuptial visit to Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Bisbee last Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Bisbee who has long been a member of the band. The enjoyment of the evening will long be remembered by the party as one of the bright spots in the history of their lives. After leaving tokens of esteem, among which was a beautiful fruit basket upon which was handsomely engraved the names of Mr. and Mrs. Bisbee, the company retired in good order with many wishes of long life and prosperity to the newly married couple.

THE Good Templars held a protracted meeting last Friday night. A candidate was initiated, the officers presented their quarterly reports, and after several elections to fill vacancies, Deputy Grand Worthy Chief Templar D. A. Kneeland installed the following officers: W. C. T., Willard Long; W. R. S., Jennie Barnard; W. L. S., Betsey McAllister; W. V. T., S. A. H. Bates; W. S., Addie Long; W. A. S., John Ramsay; W. F. S., Will Bragg; W. T., Rufus Barnard; W. C., A. D. Bragg; W. M., Fred Lewis; W. D. M., Ella McAllister; W. G., Wesley McAllister; W. Sent., George Boyce. The record of membership showed an increase of six during the quarter.

Washington.—Mr Hodgeman of Ely has arrived in town.

THE mite society meets with Mrs. L. P. Barron this week.

FLORENCE POWERS has been at Williamstown visiting Anna Benedict.

NORA CALEF has been spending a few days with relatives in Barre the past week.

THE school in district No. 6, taught by Katie Bowles closes this week Friday.

MR. DARLING, and Irene and Mabel Calef, daughters of George Calef, arrived Saturday morning.

MRS. BYRON DWINELL of Taunton, Mass., arrived Saturday, to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Barron.

MRS. IDA HENRY, who has been for several months at Taunton, came to Bradford Saturday and will be in town in a few days.

Orange.—Charles Morrill and wife of Randolph have been visiting at Francis Curtis'.

AUGUST 6th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Royal Stevens.

AGGIE CURTIS spent Sunday with friends at Waits River.

J. C. NOYES has sold his working oxen to William Howard for $148.

H. L. KEITH and sister were guests at S. M. Curtis' last Monday and Tuesday.

MRS. LEROY SLEEPER of Vershire visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs Milo Towner, last week.

THE friends of Alvah Bugbee will be rejoiced to learn that he is in a fair way to recover. His wound is so far healed as to admit of his taking an airing nearly every day.

MRS. E. W. LORD, who has been stopping for a few weeks with Mrs. Charles Averill of Barre, has returned home. Her daughter Marion is intending to commence a course of study this fall at the Randolph normal school.

Warren.—Flora Williams has gone to Danvers, Mass.

ALMOND WORCESTER is visiting his sons in East Montpelier and St. Johnsbury.

MRS. L. L. NICHOLS and her daughter Frank, are spending a few weeks in Middlebury.

HIRA WOOD, who has been sick some nine months, died Monday, July 23th. The funeral services were held at the church on East Hill, on Wednesday, Rev. John Buzzell officiating. Mr. Wood has been strangely sick and a great sufferer. At a post-mortem examination on Tuesday, in which six doctors participated, it was decided he had a cancer, caused by a fall received while at work on the mountain last fall. Mr. Wood was forty-seven years old.

Fayston.—Mrs. Willie (Somerville) Henry is very sick with consumption.

FARMERS are complaining about poor hay weather, many having heavy grass in the field which has been cut seven days.

THE school in district No. 3, Della A. Thompson, teacher, closed a successful term on Friday of last week.

G. O. BOYCE has sold his farm to A. D. and F. A. Bragg and takes A. D. Bragg's farm in part payment. It is understood that Mr. Boyce will sell the Bragg farm and leave town.

Northfield.

KITTIE BROOKS was last week presented by her sister, Miss Cora, with a fine upright piano.

M. J. CLOUGH, night operator, who has been for a few weeks at Swanton, returned to his old post last week.

AFTER this week the outside of the *News* will be printed at its office. We are glad to notice this evidence of its prosperity.

ON account of the absence of the pastor, there was no preaching at the Congregational church Sunday. Services will be held as usual next Sunday.

WASHINGTON FORD, an old and respected resident of this village, died in Braintree July 26, after a long and painful illness. Rev. W. J. Kidder officiated at his funeral July 28.

THE Methodist and Universalist societies hold sociables at their respective churches to-day and the ladies of St. Mary's parish will have a lawn party at Dr. Bradford's to-morrow afternoon and evening.

THE report that Miss Kimball was to teach at Waterbury has proved incorrect we are happy to say. She has finally decided to retain her old position in the primary department of our graded school.

THE cantata "Cinderella" will be presented next month by members of the school assisted by other musicians of the town. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used for the benefit of the school in various ways.

MISS MARIAN MORGAN, a sister of Mrs. C. A. White, died at Mr. White's residence Sunday. She has been sick there for a long time. The funeral was attended Monday afternoon at four o'clock and the body taken to Fayston yesterday for burial.

THE public-spirited editor of the *News* has placed in front of his office a lamp post. It is designed to give light in a place where it is needed and also to prevent teams being driven upon the sidewalk and left there to the annoyance of passers-by.

PETER BORDO's horse was frightened by an engine while crossing the track south of the station last Wednesday and ran, breaking the wagon and throwing out the occupants. No serious damage was done, except to the wagon, which was pretty well used up.

MRS. FANNY ADAMS, a sister of Mrs. Dr. Claggett, died at Dr. Claggett's residence at the Center Friday evening. Her funeral was attended at the Center church Sunday afternoon at half-past three o'clock, Rev. F. C. Cowper of the Episcopal church officiating.

A READING room for the teachers and scholars of the graded school is Principal Hitt's latest scheme for the benefit of the school. Room number 6 will be used, being provided with tables and chairs, and quite a number of daily and weekly papers have already been secured.

WORK on the bridge is progressing slowly, but it seems now that it will be ready to cross this week. One of the local assistants after dropping about all the tools into the river managed to fall in himself. Will did not drown, but he was not quite so numerous as usual on the street for a day or two.

F. PLUMLEY was at Waitsfield last Friday and Saturday sitting as special master with W. P. Dillingham of Waterbury in the chancery case, Daniel H. Downing *vs.* H. W. Lyford and J. H. Senter. Another hearing will be held at Warren the 22d. Mr. Plumley goes to Plainfield the last of this week as commissioner in a road case.

AT a meeting of the trustees of Lewis college at George M. Fisk's office, last Thursday, Colonel C. H. Lewis was re-elected president, Colonel F. V. Randall was elected vice president in place of Dr. C. L. Hathaway, resigned, and Rev. I. P. Booth was added to the faculty as professor of Latin and Greek. The school will continue at Northfield another year, and a few new students are expected.

THE officers of the Good Templars' lodge were installed by Deputy Grand Worthy Chief Templar Gilbert, and the drama, "My Brother's Keeper," was played and very well rendered. In the competition of the past quarter F. T. Egerton's side won by the small margin of eighty points. H. L. Clark's side will furnish refreshments this week, consisting of cake and ice cream.

No one is idle in our village at present, the bridge, the savings bank building and the band stand on the common requiring a large force of skilled overseers. Owing to the careful and unwearied attention given, all three are progressing finely. Some of these supervisors, by taking a position at Boynton & Moseley's corner are enabled to put in triple work by superintending all three enterprises at once.

ALICE COX, who has for some time been employed as proof-reader and assistant at the *News* office, has closed her connection with the office and will enter the Methodist seminary at Montpelier this fall. Her courtesy and agreeable manner have won many friends for Miss Cox, all of whom, while they regret her departure, will wish her success. Her place is taken by Ellen Hayden, formerly a resident of this place.

E. L. FIELD and Mary McClearn have been visiting in Randolph and in the north part of the county....Rev. I. P. Booth will be at Morrisville next Sunday. ...Alice Thayer visited at Hartland from Wednesday to Saturday of last week.....Rev. F. W. Bartlett stopped in town a few days last week on his return from Narragansett Pier.....Abbie and Hattie Carpenter left Saturday for Plymouth, N. H. Dr. and Mrs. Porter accompanied them, returning Monday.....Dr. Nichols was in Boston from Monday to Thursday of last week attending a meeting of the Central railroad directors..... Maiverd A. Howe has entered the Thayer school of civil engineering at Hanover.... Dr. and Mrs. Mayo spent last Thursday at Berlin Pond.....Colonel G. N. Carpenter is expected in town to-morrow.....Mrs W. W. Prescott and Miss Belle, visited at O. D. Edgerton's a couple of days last week.....Denny and Evie Whittemore visited at Waterbury Friday and Saturday.....Edward Denny and family of Worcester, Mass., are expected this week..... Mrs. Frank O'Neill and her family went to White River Junction last week to be gone two or three weeks.....Rev. George Winch and wife of Enfield, Conn., have been in town, the guests of Dr. J. H. Winch.....Nellie Wilder is making a fortnight's visit at Montpelier..... Miss Rennie Fletcher is expected in town this week.....Lucy Braley is visiting in Burlington for a few days.

Brookfield.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Abbott are spending a few weeks in town previous to going to Florida.

CHARLES FULLAM is at home for a short time.

MRS. APHTHA CHAM is in very feeble health.

MARTHA BENEDICT is spending a few weeks with her mother.

MR. AND MRS. SHANKS, who have been visiting Mrs. Clark at the "Travelers' Home," have returned to Concord.

MRS. PERRY, widow of Rev. David Perry, former pastor of the Second church, is in town and has engaged board for a few weeks at Eri Batchelder's.

MISS RAYMOND afforded the singers and young people a very pleasant time by inviting them to spend last Friday evening with her at her cottage. Friday is her reception day.

IT is expected that the services at the Second church will be held at the rooms formerly occupied by the young men's christian association, until the vestry is prepared for use again.

AMONG the visitors the past week have been Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Davis of Marshfield, guests of Deacon Peck, and Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Frink of Montpelier, Mrs. Frink having spent a few days with friends and relatives here while Mr. Frink only remained over Sunday.

North Tunbridge.—Mr. McDougal owns two very fine horses. They seem to be perfect both in build and step.

D. B. GILES is repairing his saw mill dam.

MR. ROBERTS left Monday for Hanover to have his eyes examined.

THE flowers at the Baptist church each Sunday add much to the attractiveness of the place of worship.

E. HADLEY and wife and H. Adams and Ella Adams of Morristown are visiting their friends, Rev. R. L. D. Preston and wife.

J. S. GAY exhibited a beautiful pictorial illustration of the Sunday-school lesson last Sunday and made some very appropriate remarks.

Granville.—Jennie Wise, who has lived with L. J. Clough's family, died Sunday, July 22d, aged about sixteen years.

MR. TINKHAM has delivered the engine at Ralph's mill.

TUESDAY, the 31st of July, a gypsy band passed through town, consisting of seven teams and some spare horses.

THE soldiers are talking of having a reunion in this town with the Grand Army posts in adjoining towns, and our citizens to unite with them.

Marshfield.

MINNIE DAVISON and Ida Taylor are visiting friends in this vicinity.

CALL on James Hickie, the artist, if you want pictures or picture frames of any kind.

THE promenade was attended by a crowd, the hall being too small for convenience, and all enjoyed it to the best.

THE sociable connected with the Universalist church meet with Mrs. George Wooster to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon.

REV. MRS. TABOR preached at the Universalist church last Sunday and left a very favorable impression as a speaker.

REV. J. D. BAILEY preaches at East Calais next Sunday in exchange with Albert Bliss who will fill the desk of the Congregational church here.

O. H. SMITH and wife spend a couple of weeks at Old Orchard, starting last Monday. They go with their team and accompany Henry Martin's folks of Williamstown.

THE band attend the excursion to Wiers, N. H., next Saturday where a good time will be expected and the boys will try to add their mite to the enjoyment of the occasion.

THE band met with a royal reception at L. D. Nute's last Wednesday, being treated to cake, coffee and cigars besides a welcome that Lucius is capable of extending to his friends at any time. Thanks.

GEORGE BLAKELEY is arranging the old paint shop over the shed to the hotel barn, and will soon be ready for business. It will be much better than it ever has been and the painter will not be behind the times any in regard to work.

BART SHEPARD, John English, Clarence Wilson and Arthur Blake spent part of last week at the summit camping out and report a right good time. They were on the grounds with the East Montpelier people and wish to acknowled many favors shown to them.

East Hardwick.—The repairs on the Congregational church are so nearly completed that services will be held in it next Sunday.

G. L. JOHNSON is repairing his mill and raising it up three or four feet.

MRS. J. C. STAFFORD, who has been very sick for several weeks, is gaining slowly.

HERMS DUVELL BARBER from Greensboro Bend stops at Whitcher's hotel Friday of each week.

DR. SANBORN was taken violently ill Friday night, and, being alone in his house, was obliged to go to his neighbors and call for help. He is somewhat better at present.

COLONEL FAIRBANKS of St. Johnsbury will deliver his lecture on "Our Birds," at the chapel on Tuesday evening, for the benefit of the young ladies' missionary society.

P. S. PAINE had a narrow escape from a serious accident recently at Greensboro Bend. While the train stopped for wood and water, the cars were uncoupled to leave the crossing free for teams, and as he drove upon the track, the cars came together, crushing the carriage to splinters and throwing himself and lady beyond the track, with no injuries excepting a terrible fright.

LEVI STEVENS returns to his home in Iowa this week. Etta P. Stevens will accompany him and spend a few weeks with friends in the West....B. B. Prentice from Canada is spending a few days with his family in town. ....Harris, of the *Index*, with his family, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Foote....Inez Worthen, from Melrose, is stopping at J. M. Hancock's and Edith Fisher, from St. Johnsbury has been spending a few days at J. H. George's.

Craftsbury.—The most of our farmers have finished haying, notwithstanding the great amount of rainy weather.

HORACE RAWSON is slowly but surely improving.

MISS PADDOCK'S school in district No. 12 closed August 20th.

REV. H. W. WORTHEN preached last Sunday at seven P. M., in district No. 12.

THE grasshoppers are very thick in pasture land and in some of the cultivated fields.

SHERIFF I. T. PATTERSON has been quite sick the past week, but is now convalescent.

NELSON RAND has shingled and painted his residence, and will soon shingle and paint his store.

AMASA SCOTT has returned from Canada and New Hampshire, where he has been visiting friends.

BENJAMIN HOYT, who went West last spring, has returned and will stop with his father, Charles Hoyt, for the present.

DR. BEMIS has bought the Orange Hovey place, and is putting on quite extensive repairs, with the intention of making it his future home.

Elmore.—Our people were greatly shocked last week at the announcement of the sudden death of Elder C. W. Stone. His labors here in the past, and in trying to build up a church, won for him the greatest esteem of every one. By his death the society loses one of its best preachers, and the community a true friend and wise counselor. Great sympathy is felt here for the widow by hosts of friends.

FRIENDS from Massachusetts are visiting Mrs. Abel Camp.

MRS. NOYES has returned home after a two weeks sojourn with her parents.

CADY AVERILL of Montpelier is making a flying visit to his aunt Mrs. N. Camp.

THE widow of the late David Cook, formerly of this place, but now of Barre, is in town visiting her two sons.

CHARLEY TIFT sprang from his carriage and stopped a runaway team belonging to Henry Vigeant, thereby preventing what might have been a serious accident, as they were just on the point of decending the Pierce hill.

Hardwick.—A pound party was held at the church vestry on the evening of August 1st, for the benefit of Rev. G. B. Houston.

WE hear that B. K. Cross and family are coming back here soon to reside at their home near the church.

HARVEY PARKER, recently married, has rented H. R. Mack's tenant house near his marble shop, and is now occupying it for a residence.

THE potato crop in this section is very promising, especially early varieties which are coming into general use. They are of good size and yield well.

A. W. DAVISON and wife returned home on Saturday last from their western tour. Mrs. I. V. Edwards and Mrs. Emma (Drew) Lamson of Chicago came East with them for a brief visit among their friends in this vicinity.

ON Saturday last Mrs. C. W. Goss returned home from St. Albans Bay, where she has been treated for a cancer at Dr. Burbank's infirmary. The tumor was pronounced a rose cancer of a most dangerous type, but was successfully removed. Time and continued treatment can alone determine the completeness of the cure.

Danville.—George Stocker has been laid up a few weeks with a sore hand.

WALTER HAVILAND talks of letting his farm a year to Silas Bover.

MRS. B. F. BOYNTON and daughter of Lowell, Mass., are visiting friends in this village.

Two persons broke into the Congregational church last Thursday night, at midnight, and rang the bell.

MR. AND MRS. URI KITTREDGE start Tuesday for Woodstock, N. H., to visit her mother, Mrs. Charles Gifford.

QUARTERLY meeting was held at the Methodist church last Sunday. Presiding Elder P. N. Granger presided.

THE Fresh Air children, from New York, forty in number, arrived here last Thursday night, to stay two weeks.

BLISS N., son of the late C. H. Davis, goes to Burlington next Tuesday, where he is to make his home with his brother-in-law, Dr. E. P. Marshall.

West Topsham.—Farmers are getting extremely cross because of the poor hay weather. There is yet a good deal of grass to cut.

MRS. O. L. WATSON has been spending a few days at Plainfield Springs.

MRS. BURTON has gone to Burlington to visit her niece, Mrs. Calvin Blodgett.

THERE are several boarders at Wallace's hotel, and yet there is room for more; any one seeking retirement and desiring rest and comfort without paying exorbitant prices can find just such a place at West Topsham hotel.

R. M. HARVEY brought his wife and children home from Bradford last Sunday, where they went on a visit two or three weeks ago and were unable to come home before on account of the little girl being taken sick with brain fever.

Chelsea.

ALVAN H. BIXBY and wife of Boston were visiting friends here Saturday.

REV. E. E. HERRICK and wife visited his father at West Randolph last week.

JOHN WALKER of Washington, D. C., made a flying visit to friends here Saturday.

HARLAN A. FLANDERS and wife have returned to their home at Concord, N. H.

THE Methodist church is being newly shingled and some other repairs being made on it.

H. L. AND HARRIET BIXBY have a sister, Mrs. Francis D. Hemenway from Evanston, Ill., visiting them.

J. B. ATWOOD and son Johnnie, and Mrs. A. E. Mills left for Saratoga Monday to be absent about two weeks.

MRS. S. A. HILL and little daughter Lora of Manchester, N. H., are visiting her father, Archibald Mills.

D. J. FOSTER, city clerk of Burlington, who has been stopping a few weeks in town, returned home Saturday.

MRS. A. P. BRALEY of Barre and son, George H. Braley of Tufts college, Boston, were visiting friends here last week.

EMMA DICKINSON starts Thursday, August 9th, for Orangeburg, S. C., where she intends to spend the coming winter.

FRANK M. KENDALL and his sister Myra, of Montpelier, made a short visit last week to their aunt, Mrs. I. H. Merrill.

NATHANIEL AUSTIN and Orcutt Bixby took in about two hundred lambs Saturday, paying four and one-half cents per pound.

QUITE a company of our townspeople visited the Forepaugh show at West Randolph July 31st and reported a fair entertainment.

J. A. R. CORWIN'S house is closed for a time, Mr. Corwin and wife having gone on a three weeks trip to northern Vermont and New York.

WE would suggest a telephone between here and South Royalton, if the telegraph line does not work better than it has for the past two weeks.

SIDNEY ALLEN has moved his shoe shop from over Calder's harness shop to the basement in Tarbell's block, under E. R. Hyde & Co.'s store.

L. H. SANBORN'S people have visiting them Mrs. A. L. Finne of Saratoga county, N. Y., and Mrs. C. L. Gates of Waco, Texas, both sisters of Mrs. Sanborn.

W. P. TOWNSEND and wife and A. H. Powers and wife left Monday for Plainfield Springs. Mr. Powers' people after spending a few days there will go to Saratoga.

PERLEY C. WILLS' brother, Aaron P. Wills, and wife of Fort Edward, N. Y., and his nephew, John W. Wills, and wife of Warrens