BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.

VERMONT ODD FELLOWS.

Grand Lodge Will Meet in Brattleboro Next Year.

The report of Grand Secretary Parker, which was presented at the 52d annual session of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, I. O. O. F., at St. Albans Wednesday, shows a gain of 67 in the membership during the past year, making a total of 4956 members. Three lodges have over 200 members, and 13 have over 100 each. Wantastiquet lodge, Brattleboro, has the largest membership, which is 386. Twenty-four lodges have made gains, 30 have lost, and three just held their membership. Windsor lodge makes the largest gain, which is 26. The gain in the receipts of constituent lodges amounts to $1505.86. A gain of membership amounting to 307 is reported in the Rebekah lodges, with a total membership of 4956. The lodges have paid $5919.63, of which over $500 was paid to transient brothers, $841 to widows and families, and $2000 for burials.

Grand Treasurer E. P. Adams made a report which was approved by the financial committee, and showing a surplus of $1000 in the treasury.

The following officers were elected: J. H. Blakeley of Bellows Falls, grand master; E. M. Bartlett of Island Pond, deputy grand master; E. H. Jackson of Windsor, grand warden; E. P. Adams of Swanton, grand treasurer; H. K. Parker of Bradford, grand secretary; J. E. Farrow of Wilmington, grand chaplain; H. M. McFarland of Hyde Park, grand representative for two years.

The following trustees of the Gill Odd Fellows Home were also elected: Henry W. Hall, H. G. Stilson, L. G. Fullam, O. H. Henderson, Leopold Betting, H. E. Parker, Henry C. Farrar, H. C. Parker, C. A. Perry, and H. M. McFarland.

A tax of 50 cents was voted on each member for the support of the home. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Brattleboro.

HIGH SCHOOLS BEATEN.

Winchesters took the Game 23 to 6.

The Winchester, N. H., High school base ball team didn't Dewey thing but Schley the local High school team in the return game at Riverside park last Saturday. Their retrievement was complete, the score at the close of the game being 23 to 6.

The reason for such a one-sided score was largely because the Brattleboro boys were unable to fathom Thomson's delivery, and because the Winchester team was greatly strengthened by new men at second and third bases. Whitman began pitching for the Brattleboros, but he gave way in the second inning to Brasor. Loose playing by the Brattleboro boys lost the game for them in this inning and gave nine runs to the score of the New Hampshire boys.

The Brattleboro boys rushed from the field during the third inning to get a look at their soldier friends on their way to Chickamauga. The umpires called "time" after the field had been deserted.

The Winchesters continued to do superior work, especially at the bat, throughout the remainder of the game.

Following is the score:

WINCHESTERS.

	R.	B.	P. O.	A.	E.
Drugg, s. s.,	3	1	0	2	2
A. Thomson, p.,	3	2	2	2	0
Doucette, m.,	1	2	0	0	0
Cross, l.,	2	3	1	0	0
Hanley, c.,	4	2	11	2	0
R. Thomson, 3b.,	2	1	1	0	0
Snow, 2b.,	2	1	0	0	0
Hendrick, 2b.,	1	2	2	2	1
Partridge, 1b.,	1	1	8	0	2
S. Thomson, r.,	2	0	0	0	0
Total,	23	15	25	10	5

BRATTLEBOROS.

	R.	B.	P. O.	A.	E.
Cook, 1b.,	2	1	1	0	1
G. Tasker, ss.,	0	2	1	4	2
J. Tasker, l.,	0	1	1	0	0
Parkess, 2b.,	0	1	2	1	3
Sanders, c.,	0	1	10	3	0
Whitman, p., f.,	0	0	0	1	1
Wellman, 3b.,	0	0	1	3	1
Brasor, p.,	3	1	1	2	0
Ferriter, m.,	1	1	0	0	1
Total,	6	11	24	14	9

Score by innings:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Winchesters,	0	9	8	0	2	1	0	3		—23
Brattleboros,	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0—	6

Summary—Stolen bases, Snow, Kendrick 3, Drugg, Hanley, Partridge, G. Tasker, J. Tasker, Brasor; two base hits, R. Thomson, Partridge, Cross, Hanley, G. Tasker; three base hit, Partridge; total bases, Winchesters 21, Brattleboros 11; bases on balls, by Whitman 4, by Brasor 2, by Thomson 2; hit by pitched ball, Drugg, Whitman, Brasor; passed balls, Hanley 2, Sanders 2; double plays, Kendrick. Umpires, Whitaker and Worthington.

LIGHTNING'S FLASH.

Narrow Escape for Mrs. S. S. Hunt and Mrs. H. H. Crosby.

The thunder storm which passed over Brattleboro Thursday evening came near having disastrous results. Only one flash of lightning was especially noticeable but the bolt struck in two places and the wonder is that serious injury was not done in both instances.

The flash occurred at about 6:15. At that time Mrs. S. S. Hunt, who was on her way home from her store, stood under the large elm tree between her house and the house of Henry H. Crosby on Green street. Mrs. Crosby sat on the front piazza of her house.

Without warning they were blinded by a brilliant flash and immediately pieces of bark, branches, slate, clapboards, etc., fell on every side. The flash was accompanied by a deafening peal of thunder which added to the momentary consternation of Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Crosby.

It was all over in an instant, and when the two women realized that they were uninjured they began an investigation to see how narrow had been their escape.

The bolt struck the tree under which Mrs. Hunt was standing and tore off a quantity of bark and small limbs which were scattered promiscuously about the grounds, and many of which struck Mrs. Crosby in the face.

Fortunately the bolt did not follow the tree to the ground, otherwise Mrs. Hunt would have been seriously injured. The bolt left the tree and struck the L of Mr. Crosby's house near the ridge-pole, tearing off a few slate and clapboards and splitting one rafter.

The total damage will not amount to more than $5 or $10.

HE IS CITY ATTORNEY.

A Brattleboro Boy Confirmed in an Important Position at Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Evening Times of Ann Arbor, Mich., has an interesting story in its issue of May 17th in regard to a plea made before the city council by Lawyer Ora E. Butterfield in regard to his confirmation as city attorney. Mayor Hiscock had appointed him to this important position two weeks previous and the appointment had been doing the suspended animation act. The opposition to Mr. Butterfield was not based on personal grounds or his want of ability; but from the fact that he was attorney for the Michigan Central railroad, and some of the city council believed that he would be placed in an embarrassing position in litigation which seemed likely to come between the city and the railroad company.

The Times says: "Then Mr. Butterfield appeared before the common council and did the Robbert Emmet act to perfection. He made a plea in his own behalf that was very convincing and became a great exception to the old saying that a lawyer who pleads his own case has a fool for a lawyer and a fool for a client. He made such a decided gain around the Democratic opposition that after he had run his course victory perched upon Mayor Hiscock's party."

The threatened litigation was in regard to a bridge in the city and Mr. Butterfield presented a letter from the company agreeing to satisfy the city's demands. Mr. Butterfield said the railroad company did not employ him to give advice about crossings, but to try cases in the circuit court.

At the close of Mr. Butterfield's statement there was some discussion among the aldermen, resulting in all of the Republican and some of the Democratic members voting for Mr. Butterfield's confirmation, with the result that he is now the city attorney of Ann Arbor.

Mr. Butterfield graduated from the Brattleboro High school in '87. He took a post graduate course of one year and then entered Childs's business college at Springfield, Mass., graduating in shorter time than any student who had been there. After working for a loan company in Colorado he entered the University of Michigan law department, graduating before he was 21. He has made a marked success as a lawyer at Ann Arbor.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Unitarians of the Connecticut Valley Meet in Brattleboro June 7 and 8.

The semi-annual conference of the Unitarian and other Chistian churches of the Connecticut valley will be held at Brattleboro Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7 and 8. The exercises will open Tuesday evening with the conference sermon by Rev. Charles Fletcher Dole of Boston on "The Great Life Forces." Wednesday morning at 10:15 there will be business, which will include a proposition for the formation of a layman's league of the Connecticut valley. At 11 o'clock Rev. William Milton Brundage of Albany, N. Y., will present a paper on "Bellamy's Equality," which will be followed by discussion.

At 12:30 the conference will adjourn for lunch, which will be served by the ladies of the Brattleboro society. At 1:30 the theme, "The Relation of the Individual to the Liberal church" will be discussed by Hon. Dorman B. Eaton of New York, Miss Carrie C. Prentiss of Northampton, W. W. McClench of Holyoke. Special railroad rates will be given those who come to the conference from towns between Springfield and Brattleboro.

"Remember the Maine."

Rev A. J. Hough, formerly of Brattleboro but now pastor of the Methodist church at White River Junction, and well-known throughout Vermont, closed a patriotic discourse recently with the following original poem:

The nation may press to the goal of her glory,
Her flag lifted high without shadow or stain,
And names of renown still illumine her story,
But she will remember the men of the Maine.

Her cheer ringing clear for the brave who are leaping
Old Glory above the red standard of Spain,
Ungrateful she is not to those who are sleeping,
And she will remember the men of the Maine.

The nation bowed low with the sense of bereavement
Is glad that her dead have not perished in vain.
And high on the scroll of her grandest achievement
Shall shine the white names of the men of the Maine.

This morning the tongue of the whole world is voicing
America's triumph of valor and brain,
But, sadly, amidst the floodtide of rejoicing
We tenderly greet them—the men of the Maine.

WEST BRATTLEBORO.

Band Concerts.

A subscription paper is to be circulated soon to raise funds for band concerts here the coming summer. It has been customary to put off this matter until late in the season, and as a consequence the last of the concerts have been delayed until the evenings were too cool for comfort. The prospects of concerts at the East village this season are not good, and it is hoped that our people will respond generously. Manager Jones of the street railroad company, realizing that the road will be benefited by the concerts, has promised to do the right thing and hopes to have concerts each week. It is understood that a good band can be secured at a low figure.

Mrs. Ernest Goodenough is in Randolph, the guest of Mrs. E. L. Bass for a few days.

Dr. W. D. Otterson has moved his household goods, which he has had stored here, to Montague, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miller and daughter spent Sunday with relatives in Meriden, Conn. Mrs. Miller and daughter remained there for a week.

Geo. C. Harris has just harvested his first crop of strictly pure, Vermont grown nursery stock. George says this is guaranteed to grow and do well, and is sure to please everyone. It's a seven and three-fourths pound boy.

HONORS FOR

Our Soldier Boys On Their Way South.

Brattleboro honored her soldier boys again Saturday, and gave them a final Godspeed before they enter into the active service as United States soldiers.

Our camp correspondent tells in another column of the breaking of camp and the journey to Brattleboro. The first of the four sections reached here at 3:20, in charge of Quartermaster Sargeant H. B. Chamberlain of Bradford. There were 10 cars, carrying the ambulance equipment, 229 tents, 14 horses, and 10 days' field rations for use in camp. This section was bound to go through to Chickamauga without change. There were about 100 men on this section, including Quartermaster Sargeant Bogle, and Privates Robertson, Merber, Martin and McKee of company I.

The different sections remained in Brattleboro 10 to 15 minutes each. The railroad yard and the high rocks overlooking the railroad station were filled early in the afternoon with people anxious to see the boys, and when the last section rolled in the whole crowd numbered 3000 or 4000.

The first battalion came in eight cars, Major H. K. Fillmore of Bennington being in command. With him was his adjutant, Lieut. Merton C. Robbins of Brattleboro. The companies on this section were A of Rutland, Capt. Dyer; C of Brandon, Capt. Carr; K of Bennington, Capt. Burnham; M of Burlington, Capt. Brownell.

The companies were greeted with a cheer, and in every car were men anxious to meet Brattleboro acquaintances. Gen. Estey and Col. Bond had a salutation for the officers and for many of the men.

The third section of nine cars arrived at 4:10, with the third battalion, Major C. N. Bonett of St. Johnsbury commanding, W. H. Stirling of Wells River, adjutant. The companies were B of St. Albans, Capt. F. L. Greene; D of St. Johnsbury, Capt. Henry D. Ellis; L of Newport, Capt. Howard K. Blair; G of Bradford, Capt. H. T. Johnson. Perley Holmes of Brattleboro, a second year student in the medical department of the University of Vermont, was with this battalion, as a member of the hospital corps of Company L of Newport.

The last section came at 4:25. Major J. G. Estey was in command and with him was his adjutant, Lieut. Daniel F. Curtin. The crowd rushed forward with great eagerness, everybody being anxious to see the boys of Company I. The relatives had an opportunity for a good-bye and many of the boys were remembered with baskets of fruit, boxes of eatables, boxes of cigars, etc. A few young men anxious to see the boys, who were not allowed to leave the cars, climbed into the cars through the open windows.

The crowd surged back and forth during the stay of ten minutes, every one seeming to want the last word with the boys. Some of the boys were unable to restrain their feelings, and many eyes in the crowd were moistened. It was noticed by all, however, that the boys looked strong and hearty, the outdoor life having given them ruddy complexions. The officers, including Col. Clark, Chaplain Day, and others beside the Brattleboro boys, stepped off the train to greet friends. First Sergeant Henkel was some distance away from the cars in the crowd with relatives when the "All aboard!" cry was given. His foot ball training was used to good purpose, and he went through the crowd rapidly, and landed safely on the car steps.

Many hats were removed, many flags were waved, cheers went up on all sides as the train pulled out of Brattleboro, and the people turned toward their homes, many with sorrowful hearts.

The lunch boxes furnished by the Soldiers' Aid society were put aboard the different sections from the big Estey truck team. The soldiers in the different cars cheered for the Brattleboro ladies, for Gen. Estey, for Brattleboro and for Company I.

The people at Amherst and the college boys made up a party of 1000 to salute the boys when they went through that place. Dr. C. F. Branch, formerly surgeon of the regiment, and formerly commander of the Vermont department of the Grand Army, was a leader in the demonstration. The college boys were particularly enthusiastic, as Col. Clark graduated from that institution in '76. Members of the college faculty met Col. Clark, and the colonel and Lieut. Col. Mimms addressed the crowd briefly.

One incident in Vernon brought out cheers from the boys. An English young woman, who is a trained nurse, and a Vernon girl stood side by side, waving the stars and stripes and the Union Jack.

All along the line were people anxious to see the soldiers. There was a great crowd at Palmer, where a large picture of Admiral Dewey was displayed, surrounded by United States and Cuban flags. The special trains arrived in New London during the evening, and the boys were aboard the City of Lawrence and had started for New York before 10 o'clock.

Senator Proctor met the boys at Jersey City and traveled with them to Washington.