IN THE LOCAL FIELD.

BROOKLINE.

Guy Allbee, who has a farm in East Hardwick, has a sugar orchard of 2000 trees from which he is making sugar this spring.

There does not seem to be any prospect of more sugar weather now. Only a small percentage of the usual amount has been made.

Willie Robbins has a common-sized hen which has laid six eggs, in succession, the largest of which measured 2 inches in length and 3¾ inches in circumference, the smallest 1½ inches in length and 3½ in circumference. This will do to go with the rest of the hen stories.

WEST DOVER.

Ephraim Cary of Warren, Mass., is at his nephew's, J. B. Davis's.

Mrs. Richardson, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Kent, and her cousins, J. A. and H. C. Davis, left Wednesday morning for her home in West Brookfield, Mass.

The village school will begin the 22d with Miss Stark of West Brattleboro as teacher. The Handle district school will begin the 29th, Miss Lottie Wheeler teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Robinson and daughter are at O. L. Corse's. Mrs. Robinson is in poor health and will stay with her parents some time. Mr. Robinson will return to New Haven this week.

DUMMERSTON.

Rev. Mr. Barrett, who has been preaching very successfully for several weeks in West Dummerston, will preach next Sunday, April 14, in the Congregational church, the services to begin at 10.45 a. m., and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock at West Dummerston. Mr. Barrett is reported as a very interesting speaker and it is hoped that many will come out to hear him.

EAST DOVER.

Harry Jefts is working in the steam mill.

Mrs. Fred Randall and daughter of Boston were recent visitors at W. C. Halladay's.

Miss Mildred Jefts's eighth birthday anniversary was celebrated the 4th inst. with a party.

Merton Lazelle of Brattleboro is spending the Easter vacation with his brother, C. J. Lazelle.

Miss Tenna Allen is at Rev. Mr. Bickford's in South Newfane for a stay of several weeks.

Clarence Moore has the contract for separating the milk and carrying cream to Newfane after May 1.

George Randall has returned to Brattleboro after spending some time with his daughters, Mrs. F. L. Gould and Mrs. W. C. Halladay.

GREEN RIVER.

The rain of Saturday night and Sunday damaged the highways.

The listers made their rounds through this part of the town Tuesday.

Arthur Lynde has leased his farm to Avery Powers of Randolph, this state.

Arthur Lyle has been boarding with Mrs. Fannie Thomas since he broke up housekeeping.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Worden and daughter, Bessie, visited at H. Barden's and Fred Stowe's Tuesday and Wednesday.

Otis Johnson is at work with George Reed, making repairs on the barn, adding a new stanie and making other improvements.

A. J. Brackett has finished work for E. B. Stewart and E. Alexander of East Colrain and came home Wednesday. Mr. Stewart arrived home Saturday after spending the winter in California.

Emerson French, 47, passed away Sunday afternoon. He spent most of his life on the farm in the east part of Halifax, it being the French homestead of a generation before him. Mr. French took an active part in town affairs and was a great reader. He is survived by one son, Lawrence, who has always made his home with his father, and one daughter, the wife of Sumner Worden.

GUILFORD CENTRE.

Nelson King is assisting the farmers in working up their wood piles.

Archie Miner has been suffering with an abscess in one of his ears, but is improving.

Mrs. F. E. Ward, who has been ill several weeks, is more comfortable, but does not get strong.

Mrs. Herbert Thayer is at her father's. Mrs. John Lindsley has also been there some days.

Allen, the youngest brother of Lorenzo Haynes, has come to live with him. He will attend school in district No. 14 this summer.

Mrs. Herbert J. Richmond was taken suddenly and violently ill last Thursday night. A physician who was called at once succeeded in affording relief, and she has remained more comfortable since then.

Ransom Akeley's sugar house was found to be on fire about 3 o'clock last Friday morning. The barking of the dogs aroused the family, and but for this alarm it is thought all the buildings would have been burned. Mr. Akeley thought there was no fire in the arch when he went to bed, but the blaze probably started from smouldering sparks. The evaporator and other untensils were destroyed. A few days before Stillman Gallup's sugar house was destroyed with contents.

JACKSONVILLE.

Whitingham Academy Notes.

The spring term at the Academy will open Monday, April 15th. Circumstances have forced a change in the teaching and during the coming term the principal will conduct personally most of the courses. All the courses except Greek are open. It is not expected that the town will have interest enough to encourage its students at all which contrasts to our discredit when compared with the action of such towns as Wilmington and other progressive communities. However there yet remains an interest among the students and a good working school is assured.

Leon Chase is home on a vacation.

Mr. Burgess, the new butter maker, has returned from Granville, Mass., with his goods.

Owing to the bad going Rev. I. S. Yerkes was not present at the services at the Methodist church Sunday.

JAMAICA.

R. J. Daggett has returned from New York.

H. H. Reed has returned from Westminster.

The sugar season has been almost a failure.

Carroll Doane is very ill with pneumonia at J. B. Ricketts.

Ransel Frost of Wilmington has been in town several days.

Henry Pease, who has been working in Greenfield, is now in town.

Mrs. Calvin Harrington is seriously ill. Miss Devolve is caring for her.

Miss Jennie Day has returned from New York with a stock of millinery goods.

John Allen of Brattleboro was a guest at J. B. Muzzy's and W. L. Barnes's last week.

The ladies' industrial society met with Flora Howard Wednesday afternoon, with a full attendance.

Rev. A. A. Smith of West Brattleboro gave an interesting sermon at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Samuel Cheney, who is a teacher in college in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is at home for a vacation of a few days.

Rev. J. F. Blacklock, who is now in Rhode Island, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday.

Mrs. A. P. Carpenter has returned to her home in North Adams after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Boynton.

The missionary auxiliary will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. C. A. Allen. It will be a thank offering meeting in connection with the annual election of officers.

The new Congregational pastor and his wife moved into the parsonage last week. The sermons of the past two Sundays have been very timely, the first the work of the minister and the last the people's part.

The W. C. T. U. held a mothers' meeting last week Thursday with Mrs. J. C. Robinson, who also had charge of the program. At the close of the exercises refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

SOUTH LONDONDERRY.

Stillman Childs will work for Fred Valle again this season.

Mrs. Wesley Chase has gone to a hospital in Massachusetts for treatment.

Lyle Pierce is the latest victim of grip. He is unable to attend to his work at the store.

H. R. Darling has moved to his new home in the village and G. H. Goddard has moved to the place vacated by him.

Rev. W. A. Davison of Montpelier preached in the Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. J. W. Rice attended a funeral in Peru.

On account of the severe storm and bad traveling last Sunday the Easter concert at the Baptist church was postponed one week and at the Methodist church two weeks.

WEST TOWNSHEND.

Eleanor Cushing is visiting in Springfield, Mass.

W. D. Parkinson of Waltham, Mass., visited relatives here last week.

Will Lawrence recently visited his daughter in Farley, Mass.

Miss Minnie Livermore leaves this week for New York where she has a position as clerk.

Miss Sarah Allen has come from Noank, Conn., to spend her Easter vacation with her sister.

The highway was badly washed by the recent rains and the railroad was in such a state that we had no mail from Saturday to Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farnsworth have moved into the house recently bought of the Romanzo Boynton estate.

Forrest Hooper of Boston, the latest owner of the Wood place, has been here looking over the property. He states his intention of making many improvements when he takes possession.

The church was made attractive by many blooming plants on Sunday and those having parts in the exercises braved the heavy rain and the program was carried out with success.

Scarlet Fever Situation Worse.

Things looked more hopeful in Keene until Saturday, when three new cases of scarlet fever, all in new locations, were reported, and a young son of Horace F. Gates died of the fever. This brought the total number of new cases reported during the week up to seven, the same number being reported the week previous. Sunday a new case of varioloid was discovered by the board of health in the family of Joseph Amlaw on Myrtle street. Very little alarm is caused by the fact, however, as there has already been small-pox in the family, and the house has been kept under quarantine. Two new cases of scarlet fever were also reported Sunday. An order has been issued by the board for the fumigation of the clothing of the employes at a factory, worn by them at their work.

NEWFANE.

An Event in Congregational Church.

The date of ordination and installation of Mr. Ralph E. Danforth over the Congregational church is May 9. In addition to churches in the Windham conference Rev. J. R. Danforth, D. D., of Westfield, N. J., Rev. J. R. Danforth of St. Albans, and Rev. F. M. Wiswall of Marlboro, N. H., recently acting pastor here, will assist on the occasion. Dr. Danforth of New Jersey, who being obliged to seek temporary change of occupation on account of his health some years ago, was consul to Belgium in Harrison's administration. He is expected to spend several days with his son and will probably occupy the pulpit on the following Sunday.

Miss Gussie Grout of Cavendish is at Postmaster Grout's.

The home coming of Mrs. S. Fish from Vergennes is postponed until about May 1.

Miss Tuck of Exeter, N. H., is engaged for the village school. She will board at Mrs. Butterfield's.

Mrs. J. H. Underwood, who has been housed most of the winter, has of late been able to venture outside.

Members of the W. C. T. U. are urgently invited to be present at next Wednesday's meeting with Miss Newton.

Hugh Wellman, who has been at the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington for operation upon a tumor of the jaw, has returned to his home.

The attendance at the Easter service Sunday morning was 53 in spite of the rain. The average attendance at Sunday services for the month of March was 99.

Among the guests held over by damage to the railroad caused by Sunday's heavy rain were J. C. DeWitt and family of Brattleboro and Miss Stella Micott of Springfield, Mass.

As will be noticed by an advertisement in this issue of The Phœnix the Samuel Miller homestead and personal property will be sold by public auction on Saturday afternoon of next week.

The 10 consecutive days of rain and clouds with predominance of rain is an unusual report even for fickle April. Only five hours of sunshine up to present writing in the month, as the watchful weather man reports.

Numerous inquiries having been made as to the interests of the next "bird meeting," it should be stated that the cultivation of bird knowledge and protection is not a dropped plan here, but that date of meeting will probably soon be announced, and all will be made welcome at the place of gathering.

Landslides in two places on this side of Salmon Hole bridge necessitated temporary trestle work, and altogether with the damage further up the line there was the greatest delay of the year in receiving regular mails, the morning train being held near Jamaica from Monday morning till Tuesday afternoon.

Some of our friends in Stratton had the pleasure of breaking roads in Stratton on Monday by ploughing through snow instead of the more spring like occupation of repairing railroad damages from landslides by temporary trestle work, such as was thrust by the ravaging rain upon section men down this way. Such are the contrasts.

STRATTON.

Douglass H. Forrester has gone to New York city.

Irene Allen has finished work for the present at M. O. Johnson's.

Walter Decall has moved into the house formerly occupied by Leon Bills.

Hermon Eddy attended the road commissioners' meeting in Brattleboro Friday.

Hermon Eddy came home Thursday from Hamilton, N. Y., for the spring vacation.

The heavy rains and continued thaw have settled the snow, but we have enough for sleighing.

Mrs. Emiline Lackey of Hinsdale is at home for a visit. Mrs. Rosann M. Lackey came back from Hinsdale the 8th.

WINDHAM.

Very little sugar has been made thus far this spring.

Two men from New York city are moving on to the Stearns farm.

In the month of February 117, and in March 141 books were taken from the town library at this part of the town.

Zeno Howe has sold his farm. Next week he disposes of his household goods at auction before moving to Claremont, N. H.

SOUTH WARDSBORO.

Not more than one-fourth the average amount of maple sugar has been made in town this spring.

The roads are in very bad condition, neither sleighing nor wheeling, and the only safe way to travel is on foot.

E. S. Johnson will not put a full line of goods in the Wilbur store, as was announced three weeks ago. The people here are much disappointed at this decision.

WEST DUMMERSTON.

Superintendent F. G. Rogers has opened a general store in the Kane building, lately occupied by R. H. Knight.

After reconsidering the matter the school board have decided to have the river schools begin next Monday, as planned at first.

About 40 paving cutters are at work at the quarry. It is hoped that when the short jobs on which they are now working have been finished other orders will come in.

Sunday school will be held at the church at 1 o'clock next Sunday, and there will be preaching at 2 o'clock. E. E. Barrett will preach at Dummerston Centre in the morning and here in the afternoon and evening.

WILLIAMSVILLE.

Mrs. Herbert Pierce and daughter, Nellie, went to Amherst, Mass., this week.

Mrs. Justin Thomas and daughter are caring for her mother, Mrs. Lyman Powers.

The agent for the Universalist publishing house in Boston, Sidney Hodgkins, has been in town the past week.

Dr. Everett White of Lynn, Mass., spent Sunday with his brother, Dr. P. P. White, who, we are glad to say, is able to sit up.

Merton Adams and family are moving into the tenement recently vacated by Charles Packard. It has been thoroughly repaired.

Miss Nellie Dickinson was called to West Brattleboro to assist Mrs. Hugh Adams, whose mother, Mrs. William Lynde, is dangerously ill.

Florence Adams has entered the ninth grade in the Grammar school in Brattleboro. She is home for vacation, but returns next week.

Myra Collins, who has been living with Mrs. Lizzie Dunklee, leaves this week for her home in Marlboro, for the purpose of attending school.

Rev. A. A. Estabrook could not drive to East Dover on Sunday on account of the road. He was obliged to come back before getting through.

The high water of Saturday and Sunday carried away part of the flume of the gristmill. Mr. Williams has repaired so much of it that he is able to do all the grinding that may come to him.

Mrs. DeWitt Fisher is very low and her death seems probable at any hour. Her son, Henry Bowker of Syracuse, N. Y., and her niece, Mrs. John Howe of Brattleboro, with the assistance of Mrs. George Wheeler, are caring for her.

Rev. Elizabeth Goldthwaite, recent pastor in Feechville, will preach in the Universalist church in this place next Sunday morning at 10.45. Miss Goldthwaite will arrive at the parsonage Friday afternoon and will be glad to receive officers on Saturday.

A recent letter received from Gilbert C. Brown, a native of this place but now living in Newport, Vt., states that for the past 18 months he has suffered from a broken hip, and how he is able to care for himself at all. Now at the age of 87, he has so far recovered that he anticipates visiting Boston soon, his friends here next month.

E. A. Richardson was called to Bellows Falls Friday by the severe illness of his brother and did not return till Monday, when he walked from Brattleboro on account of the damage to the track caused by the heavy rains of the past week. He left his brother as comfortable as could be expected after undergoing an operation following appendicitis.

The Easter concert at the Universalist church on Sunday morning was well attended notwithstanding the rain. The flowers were beautiful, especially the large rose bush full of blossoms which hung over the white cross. The altar was covered with potted plants and blossoms. The children did their part without the assistance of anything but the organ, and a happy hour was spent. The younger children received each a present from W. H. Hathorne of Worcester, Mass.

The May Atlantic will open with the first installment of "Audrey," Miss Mary Johnston's new romance. Like "Prisoners of Hope" and "To Have and To Hold," it is a Virginian story, but it is laid in the eighteenth instead of the seventeenth century. The life of colonial Virginia has been growing more rich and picturesque, if less strenuous in martial enterprise. We are introduced to the stately mansions that still adorn the banks of the James River, and to the lively capital of Williamsburg. Typical figures in this complex and many-charactered story are the witty Col. Byrd (2d) of Westover, and his daughter Evelyn, the famous beauty. The orphaned girl, Audrey, whose name gives the title to the book, is said to be the most vital and fascinating personage created by Miss Johnstone's imagination.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
By the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of MARY E. MORSE late of Guilford, deceased. Greeting.
Whereas, K. Haskins has presented to this court an instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased for probate—You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the probate of said instrument at the session thereof, to be held at the probate office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the 27th day of April, A. D. 1901, when and where you may appear and contest the same, if you see cause.
15 A. F. SCHWENK, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
By the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of ALONZO WHITNEY, late of Brattleboro, deceased. Greeting.
Whereas, H. D. Holton has presented to this court an instrument purporting to be last will of said deceased, for probate—You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the probate of said instrument at the session thereof, to be held at the probate office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the 27th day of April, A. D. 1901, when and where you may appear and contest the same if you see cause.
15 A. F. SCHWENK, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
To the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of BENJAMIN BASHEL, late of Halifax, deceased. Greeting.
Whereas, Frank Warner has presented to this court an instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased, for probate. You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the probate of said instrument at the session thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the 27th day of April A. D. 1901, when and where you may appear and contest the same if you see cause.
A. F. SCHWENK, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
To the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of MARY E. MORSE of Brattleboro, deceased. Greeting.
Whereas, Frank E. Morse has presented to this court an instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased, for probate. You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the allowance of the account of Frank E. Hunt, guardian of Mary E. Morse of Brattleboro in said district, and decree distribution thereof to the persons entitled thereto, at the session thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the 27th day of April A. D. 1901, when and where you may be heard in the premises, if you see cause.
A. F. SCHWENK, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
To the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of SARAH BARNARD, late of Brattleboro, in said district. Greeting.
Whereas, you have been notified that this court will decide upon the allowance of the account of Prescott S. Lanes, administrator upon the estate of Sarah Barnard, late of Brattleboro, in said district, deceased, and decree distribution thereof to the persons entitled thereto, at the session thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the 27th day of April A. D. 1901, when and where you may be heard in the premises, if you see cause.
A. F. SCHWENK, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
To the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of THEODORE R. DEMING, late of Brattleboro, in said district, deceased. Greeting.
You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the allowance of the account of M. T. Rice, administrator upon the estate of Theodore R. Deming, late of Brattleboro, in said district, deceased, and decree distribution thereof to the persons entitled thereto, at the session thereof to be held at the Probate Office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the 27th day of April A. D. 1901, when and where you may be heard in the premises, if you see cause.
A. F. SCHWENK, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
To the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of LUTHERA T. LEONARD, late of Brattleboro, deceased. Greeting.
Whereas, Mary E. Brown has presented to this court an instrument purporting to be the last will of said deceased, for probate. You are hereby notified that this court will decide upon the probate of said instrument at the session thereof, to be held at the Probate office in Brattleboro, in said district, on the 27th day of April A. D. 1901, when and where you may appear and contest the same if you see cause.
A. F. SCHWENK, Register.

STATE OF VERMONT, Marlboro, ss.
To the Probate Court for said District.
To all persons interested in the estate of ELIZA A. KELSEY, late of Newfane, in said district, deceased. Greeting.
Whereas, William H. Bailey, administrator upon the estate of Eliza A. Kelsey, late of Newfane, in said district, deceased, has filed his petition in this court, setting forth that the sale of the whole of the real estate of said deceased will be beneficial to the heirs and all persons interested therein, and praying for license to sell the same, and at the same time fixed in this court what purports to be the consent in writing of all the heirs residing in this state to such sale. Whereupon it is ordered that the same be heard at the session of said court, to be held at the Probate office in Brattleboro, on the last Saturday of April A. D. 1901, when and where you may be heard in the premises, if you see cause.
A. F. SCHWENK, Register.