MOST CUT UP MAN

Michael T. Durkin Operated Upon More Than 20 Times

Injured in a Railroad Accident Near Brattleboro and Struck by a Falling Tree in Marlboro.

Michael T. Durkin of 270 North street, a railroad engineer, upon whom surgeons of Vermont, Massachusetts and New York have used the scalpel more than 20 times since 1897, who has had 13 major operations, has been in the hospitals of three states 55 months, who has been a subject of two surgical clinics, who has been examined by a hundred surgeons, attended by 400 nurses, and who has no fear of the ether cone or the surgeon's knife, believes himself to be the most "cut-up" man in Massachusetts.

Today, he is selling newspapers on the streets of Pittsfield, during a period of convalescence after an operation. He is still optimistic, loves life and believes he is going to get well and strong.

"I have spent my all, more than $2600 for operations," said he, and all I ask now is patrons who will buy papers of me until I can regain my strength. I'm still game, and I shall go back upon the operating table, if it is again necessary, without flinching."

He is 35 years old. He was a spare engineer on the Central Vermont railroad, running between Brattleboro and New London, Conn., when on the night of Nov. 7, 1897, while standing on the foot board of a locomotive, there was a collision between the locomotive and a freight car. Durkin was thrown off and his right side was crushed. At a private hospital at Brattleboro he was operated on. Two ribs were broken and other ribs were splintered.

The original operation did not relieve Durkin and the side was reopened Jan. 10, 1898, the ribs scraped and particles of bone taken out. Still incapacitated Durkin was sent by the railroad company to the Burlington, Vt., hospital, where on April 16, 1898, Dr. Walter W. Wheeler of the surgical staff reopened the side and found that particles of bone, broken off from the ribs, were pressing against the flesh. These pieces were removed.

There was no apparent relief and on May 3 Dr. Wheeler again operated for the same trouble, taking out more bone. While remaining in the hospital under inspection of the surgical staff, Dr. G. W. Tinkham of New York, lecturer at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Vermont University, examined Durkin.

Another operation was decided on and Durkin went before his first clinic as a subject, Dr. Tinkham operating. One hundred students looked on this time. A rib was taken out and Durkin now looked for permanent relief. He remained in the hospital until Sept. 26, 1898.

Two years later, Feb. 3, 1900, found him at the Homeopathic hospital at Boston. He was examined at a clinic. Dr. Emerson of the surgical staff operated on Durkin this time, removing bones and putting in drainage. A recurrence of his trouble sent him back to the Homeopathic hospital again where, on Aug. 28, 1900, Dr. Smith, the house surgeon, took out a troublesome rib. This was the seventh major operation. Durkin was discharged Sept. 27, 1900.

In the spring of 1903, while working in a sugar orchard owned by Harry Hamilton at Marlboro, Vt., a tree fell on Durkin and struck him on the mutilated right side. Trouble followed and he went on the operating table at Brattleboro May 4, 1903, where Dr. Lynch was the operating surgeon.

For two years he did some work, but surgeons told him another operation was imperative and after examination in the House of Mercy in Pittsfield, at the advice of Dr. Charles Richardson, he went to the Albany hospital, where Dr. John McDonald performed the most serious operation on the engineer. Dr McDonald took out two more ribs Sept. 25, 1905. He was discharged Oct. 26.

Durkin again overtaxed his weak side by hard work and it became troublesome. Entering the North Adams hospital Dec. 17, 1908, he was twice operated on by Dr. Stafford and remained in the hospital until May 10, 1909.

He was getting fairly strong again when he was hurt in a livery stable in Hinsdale, Mass., by falling between wheels of a wagon. Serious results followed, and Dr. Walter W. Schofield of Dalton performed an operation on Durkin Sept. 17, 1910. On Dec. 17 of the same year he was back in the House of Mercy of this city. His condition was such that he was not operated on until March 13, 1911. Dr. F. S. Coolidge was the operating surgeon. On June 14, 1911, at the House of Mercy hospital, Dr. W. O. Wilder performed another operation. These latter two operations were from causes which had their origin in the crushing of his side 14 years before.

Durkin's longest confinement in a hospital was in Pittsfield, from Dec. 17, 1910, to Nov. 17, 1911. He now weighs 145 pounds. He is still under observation at the House of Mercy, where he reports twice a week.

He believes his acquaintance with the surgeon's knife is over. He says he has been attended by so many nurses he has forgotten more than half of them. Probably 400 have cared for him in different hospitals. Ether no longer makes him ill. He knows all about different methods of etherization.

Durkin, between his hospital experiences, has not been idle. He has worked hard and often overtaxed his strength. Between operations in Boston he worked in the Devine grocery store on Parker street and in the Ferguson bakery. He has worked on a farm, has operated a road roller, fired boilers, been a stationary engineer and has had the operation of a steam shovel.

He is now forbidden to do hard work and has taken a corner on North street, where he sells papers, "just to keep going until I am well again," he said this week.—[Pittsfield, Mass., despatch in Boston Sunday Globe.

Benjamin H. Burt, 81, who died from pneumonia in Rutland Friday, was engaged in the mercantile business in that city 50 years. He married Anna M. Hapgood of Bellows Falls, May 20, 1857, and in 1907 they celebrated their golden wedding. Mrs. Burt and a son and a daughter are living, B. H. Burt of New York and Mrs. E. R. Morse of Rutland.

Gov. Mead has appointed David B. Locke, superintendent of the city schools in Rutland, a member of the state board of education. He has also appointed William E. Carter of Pittsford a member of the state fair commission to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Fletcher D. Proctor. Lieut. Gov. Slack and State Tax Commissioner J. E. Cushman were appointed delegates to the conference of New England tax officers which has been in session in Boston this week.

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LIGHT ON CUNNINGHAM MURDER.

Two Letters Found in New York which Police Think Implicate Man Being Tried On Another Charge.

Two letters which are regarded as throwing light on the murder of Miss Mamie Cunningham in New York city, who was found strangled in front of a shrine in her mother's home May 30, 1896, were found by New York police Saturday night. Miss Cunningham was 12 years old, but appeared older, and was a niece of the late Rev. Father Patrick Cunningham of Brattleboro. She was a very attractive girl and while spending a part of two summers with her uncle she made many friends in this town. After the murder Joseph Ferrone, 15, said he peeked through a keyhole and saw Edward McCormack, an old man, strangle the girl. After a hearing McCormack was discharged and Ferrone was arrested for perjury, but on account of a technicality he was dismissed. A boy named Frank Farrell also was tried, but the jury disagreed and he was dismissed. Ferrone is now on trial for wife murder and in looking up evidence against him the police found two letters written by Ferrone to his father.

The first, dated June 6, 1896, said in part: "There are headquarters men come and seen me and questioned me about Mamie, but I won't give in what I have done or tell them anything about it because you know all about that yourself and I know you know enough to keep it still. If you don't I am sure I will get in trouble. Don't be afraid to come and see me because everything is all right, and if they ask you anything about the case tell them that you don't know anything about what I done to Mamie Cunningham." Elsewhere in the letter he wrote: "I can't sleep at night on account of what I done with Mamie Cunningham and the Lord knows what the finish of this case will be." The second letter, written the same day, told about the headquarters men coming to see Ferrone, and of his refusal to "give in."

FARMERS' MEETINGS.

Commissioner of Agriculture Will Visit Windham and Orange Counties with Well Known Speakers.

State Commissioner of Agriculture O. L. Martin of Plainfield has arranged to hold farmers' meetings in Windham and Orange counties as follows:

Westminster West, Monday afternoon and evening, January 22, in Grange hall.

Jacksonville, Tuesday afternoon and evening, January 23, in Grange hall.

Post Mills, Wednesday evening, January 24, in Grange hall.

Waits River, Friday afternoon and evening, January 26, in Grange hall.

The speakers chosen to deliver addresses on timely and interesting topics are Andrew W. Elliott, institute specialist, Gault, Ont.; W. F. McSparren, practical farmer and lecturer, Furnis, Pa.; E. S. Brigham, potato specialist, St. Albans; P. A. Chandler, institute in forestry, U. V. M., Burlington; O. L. Martin, state commissioner of agriculture, Plainfield.

It is hoped large gatherings will attend, as it has been demonstrated that these meetings are of great benefit to the farmers of the state.

Annual Meeting of Vermont Dairymen's Association.

The 42d annual meeting of the Vermont Dairymen's association was held in Burlington Jan. 10 and 11 with a large attendance. President F. L. Davis of Hartford in his annual address commended the work of the state agricultural college, and paid a compliment to the work of Theodore N. Vail for the agricultural interests of Vermont. After congratulating the State Grange on its action in offering four scholarships to the Randolph agricultural school, he expressed the hope that Senator Page's bill for vocational education would become a law.

The value of cow test associations, improvement in highways, conservation of Vermont resources, and the problem of bovine tuberculosis were other matters taken up by Mr. Davis.

The Dairymen's association elected these officers: Pres., W. E. Carter of Pittsford; vice pres., first congressional district, C. C. Jones of Bennington, second congressional district, J. G. Turnbull of Orleans; sec., F. H. Bickford of Bradford; treas., M. A. Adams of Derby. The Cow Testing association elected officers as follows: Pres., T. G. Bronson of East Hardwick; vice pres., E. G. Jones of Waitsfield; sec-treas., C. D. Hazen, jr., of White River Junction.

The resolutions adopted by the dairymen commended the Page vocational bill now before Congress; favored a state appropriation to the state university for agricultural work; approved of the parcels post; and requested the Vermont delegation in Congress to use all honorable means to prevent the repeal of the Grout oleomargarine law.

The annual banquet of the dairymen's association and the women's auxiliary was attended by 300 people. Congressman Foster presided. One of the speakers was Dr. Harvey Wiley, chief chemist of the United States department of agriculture and widely known as the "pure food man." He pleaded for clean milk and pure maple sugar from Vermont. "Your women folk are just as important as your cows and should have, at least, as good care," he told the dairymen. He also said that a bathtub with hot and cold running water in the house was just as important and no more expensive than a silo for the cows. The financial and hygienic side of modern dairying came in for the speaker's attention.

The gold medal and sweepstakes cup for best butter went to George Gebbie of Groton, whose sample of the dairy product scored 98 points out of a possible 100. The creamery sweepstakes cup went to B. C. Jennings of East Hardwick, with a score of 97¾. There were 91 entries of butter, the highest score being 98 and the lowest 90, with an average of 94 2-3. There were eight entries of cheese, all factory made. The highest score was 98, the lowest 92 and the average 95 1-3. The honors in both classes were carried off by F. L. Russell of Shrewsbury.

Three Deaths in the Extreme Cold.

W. J. Towle, 76, was found dead in the snow in the woods a short distance from his home in Franklin Friday. He had been missing a few hours. He was a representative in the legislature in 1896. He leaves two sons.

The body of Dell King, 40, a farm hand in North Danville, was found Sunday morning two miles from that village frozen stiff. He started to walk from St. Johnsbury to his home 10 miles away, but evidently was overcome by the cold. He fell under a fence with some vague idea, no doubt, of obtaining shelter. The thermometer registered 35 below zero at the time. King came to Caledonia county from Canada about a year ago. He leaves a wife and three children.

Adolphus Grovereau, 75, was found Sunday morning by his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Brisson, frozen to death in the yard at his home in Burlington. He was employed in the carbonizing plant in Winooski. He evidently fell in the yard during the intense cold Saturday night.

Brakeman Killed in Collision.

Brakeman Enoch Wright, 32, of St. Albans was killed, a caboose and two freight cars were burned and one engine was badly damaged in a rear-end collision of two south-bound freight trains on the Central Vermont railroad three miles north of Randolph Friday. The caboose and two freight cars caught fire and were destroyed. Wright was riding in the caboose. He leaves a wife and two small children.

If you would be a leader you must set the pace.

CENTRE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Every Organization Free From Debt—Large Benevolent Work—Gain of 31 in Church Membership.

A larger number than usual attended the annual meeting of the Congregational church Friday night, a special inducement being the presence of Miss Helen B. Calder of Boston, associate field secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. First came the reports of officers. The clerk, F. C. Adams, showed a membership of 444. During the year there were 29 additions on confession of faith and 18 by letter, making 47 in all, and there were 16 removals, 11 by death and five by letter, leaving the net gain 31. G. L. Dunham's report as treasurer showed that the church and every organization connected with it was free from debt and had a balance on hand. L. A. Whitney, treasurer of benevolences, reported receipts of $1632.84 for that work. G. H. Clapp trustee of the Chapin fund, reported the condition of $7000 of New York city bonds, also the conditions of the Salisbury bequest. The secretary of the Ladies' association, Mrs. I. G. Crosier, said that for the year ending Sept. 1 the association received $1313.50 and expended $1077.70, including $423.25 for repairs and improvements on the organ and $206.30 for oak chairs for the chapel. Some of the old chairs were given to the church in Guilford and two boxes of clothing were sent to Vermont pastors. For the Brotherhood a membership of 139 at the time of the reorganization in November was reported by W. T. Bruce, secretary. Ernest R. Bemis, secretary of the Sunday school, showed a substantial increase in membership and in average attendance. The school gave in benevolences $315, of which $170 was from the class envelopes and $145 from the children's fair. The total amount paid for home expenses by all the organizations, including the ecclesiastical society, was $5461.67. The total paid in benevolences, including home and foreign missions and local charity, was $2357.13. The expenses the past year were somewhat larger than usual on account of new chairs and repairs on the organ. The total of benevolent gifts is considered, both by itself and in comparison with the home expenses, to be an excellent record.

These officers were elected: Clerk, F. C. Adams; treasurer, G. L. Dunham; treasurer of benevolences, L. A. Whitney; assistant treasurer of benevolences, Miss Florence E. Clark; committee to solicit funds for the seven Congregational societies, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Guthrie and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bruce; church committee, the deacons and E. C. Crosby, G. C. Averill, G. L. Dunham, C. C. Fitts and H. F. Jordan; Sunday school committee, E. C. Crosby, Miss Mary R. Cabot, Miss Edith M. Stolte, H. F. Jordan, Mrs. A. M. Harlow, H. E. Bond and F. C. Adams. It was voted to support the Sunday school in order that the school might devote its funds to benevolent work, and the same plan as last year was adopted relative to apportionment of funds for the seven societies.

Rev. R. M. Houghton, after stating that the past year had been joyous and one of great encouragement, introduced Miss Calder, who spoke about half an hour on the sacrifices made by missionaries through their great love and devotion for their work.

Special Notice to Persons Selling Butter.

Your attention is respectfully called to Section 14, Act No. 161, Laws of 1910:

"Section 14: Whoever sells or offers for sale a less quantity than represented or sells in a manner contrary to law shall be guilty of fraud and shall be fined not more than $100, or in case of a second offense not more than $200."

and to Sections 37 and 39, specifications and regulations for weights and measures.

Every person selling butter, produce or other commodity, even though in the smallest quantity and only occasionally, is equally subject to the law.

Therefore you should protect yourself and your customers by verifying all articles to be sold by correct scales, weights or measures and by taking care that you deliver full weight or measure.

This department will willingly inspect your scales, weights or measures upon request.

Copies of the weights and measures laws will be forwarded to you upon request.

The sale or offer for sale of any commodity less in weight or measure than represented is not excusable because your scale, weight or measure is incorrect without your knowledge or because the same has not been inspected.

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HUGH H. HENRY,
Commissioner of Weights and Measures,
Chester, Vt.

Government Ownership of the Telegraph.

Postmaster General Hitchcock evidently believes in starting early, if his announcement of his coming recommendation for national ownership of the telegraph is an indication of his temperament. The acquisition of the telegraph system of the country by the government would involve an addition of, say, at least $500,000,000 to the public debt of the country, for the purchase would be made with bonds not cash; the addition of scores of thousands of persons to the already great army of federal employes; the assumption by the treasury of the operating costs and charges now borne by private corporations, and the possibly of a tacit censorship of news and commercial despatches. There are a crowd of objections that occur at once to those who merely read of the postmaster general's proposal. These objections are already voiced in interviews carried in the same despatches that bring the news of his advocacy of public ownership. The measure of the magnitude of the proposal is afforded by the prompt appearance of the resistance to it. Only after a long continued propaganda can the conversion of Congress to Mr. Hitchcock's doctrine that the government can give more, better and cheaper service than the existing telegraph companies furnish be possible. It is a long road upon which he has entered, and its termination is so obscure that it is today uncertain whether that termination is bog or dry ground.—[Boston Transcript.

FRANTIC WITH ECZEMA

ITCHING AND BURNING DRIVE ONE ALMOST MAD.

Try This Remedy at Our Risk.

Children, and grown persons too, are so often driven almost frantic with the intolerable itching and burning of eczema and other skin troubles, that a remedy which will not only secure their immediate comfort, but also clear away the eruption in a short time, is nothing less than a public benefit.

It is remarkable that so mild and harmless an application as our new skin remedy, Saxon Salve, can stop the itching so quickly as it does.

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If you have any itching, or burning rash or humor of the skin, any scaly or chronic old skin trouble, Saxon Salve is what you need and you should try this splendid remedy.

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Brattleboro, Vt.

JACKSONVILLE.

Officers of Fraternal Societies.

This seems to be the centre of secret societies, and many begin their new year in January. Whether there is more concord in the community by reason of these orders is a question, but by the fine suppers frequently served it is apparent that fine cooks have been developed.

Pearl chapter, No. 52, O. E. S., holds its election in April. The present officers are: W. M., Mrs. May T. Clark; W. P., Estence A. Temple; A. M., Mrs. Ethel G. Wheeler; sec., Mrs. Blanche L. Gillette; treas., Mrs. Elenor C. Waste; C., Miss Della M. Clark; A. C., Miss Alice L. Stone; chap., Mrs. Martha P. Fuller; M., Mrs. Rose V. Goodnow; O., Mrs. Clara L. Coleman; Adah, Mrs. Marcia D. Davis; Ruth, Mrs. Susie L. Stone; Esther, Mrs. Nellie T. Shippee; Martha, Mrs. Olive M. Stetson; Electa, Miss C. Mildred Corse; W., Mrs. Jennie M. Stetson; S., Elwin H. Stetson.

The youngest order among us is Washington council, No. 4, Junior Order United American Mechanics, which was organized Nov. 21, and the following officers were installed by William H. Jaffrey, state councillor: C., Frank L. Cross; V. C., George C. Cross; R. S., Alton H. Cheney; F. S., Samuel Leclair; treas., Edward T. Towne; con., Frank Sparrow; I. S., Henry Mitchell; O. S., Frank Allen; J. P. C., Derrick E. Harris; chap., Rollin D. Adams.

These officers of the Grand Army post were installed at the regular meeting Jan. 4: C., Charles A. Barker; S. V. C., Odid C. Fairbanks; J. V. C., Oscar L. Pike; adj., Selah H. Holbrook; Q. M., Ahaz P. Pike; O. D., Amos W. Pike; chap., Martin L. Fox; S. M., Albert C. Stetson; Q. M. S., Mervin M. Brown; G., Ausemus J. Warren. After making some arrangements for Memorial day they "smoked the pipe of peace."

The election and installation of officers of Unity lodge, No. 89, F. & A. M., took place Jan. 4, followed by a banquet with their families. Past Master A. A. Butterfield was installing officer, assisted by Schuyler Murdock as marshal and Mrs. Clara V. Sawyer as organist. The officers are: W. M., John E. Coleman; S. W., Wallace S. Allen; J. W., Greely A. Brown; treas., Henry M. Roberts; sec., A. Augustine Butterfield; S. D., Charles A. Faulkner; J. D., Frederick P. Robinson; S. S., Estance A. Temple; J. S., Harry E. Clark, chap., Charles H. Waste; M., Schuyler Murdock; T., Edwin S. Murdock.

On Jan. 6 the officers of Ridgley lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., were installed by Deputy George E. Shippee, assisted by W. D. Canedy as marshal. They are: P. G., Walter B. Chase; N. G., Clifton Dalrymple; V. G., Wallace S. Allen; R. S., W. D. Canedy; treas., Emery T. Reed; F. S., Clarence H. Grousbeck; W., Merton W. Plumb; C., Leroy J. Fowler; R. S. N. G., Carl T. Woodard; L. S. N. G., Fred A. Canedy; R. S. V. G., F. L. Cross; L. S. V. G., Charles Mitchell; R. S. S., Ellie Works; L. S. S., Dorr L. Sprague; I. G., Frank Phillips; O. G., John Galvin; chap., Dr. S. F. Dunn. At the close a banquet was served.

North River Grange, No. 165, installed its officers Jan. 9, Deputy Harry E. Clark being the installing officer and John E. Coleman acting as marshal. They are: M., Floyd A. Dalrymple; O., John E. Coleman; L., Mrs. Clara L. Wellman; S., Charles A. Faulkner; A. S., Dr. Leon B. Gordon; chap., Mrs. Martha Fuller; treas., Mrs. Flora A. Faulkner; sec., Wallace S. Allen; G. K., George E. Churchill; Ceres, Mrs. Amy A. Churchill; Pomona, Miss Christine Bingham; Flora, Mrs. Alice A. Faulkner; L. A. S., Mrs. Mabel Gordon; organist, Mrs. Lottie E. Thomas. The evening was concluded with a banquet.

These officers of Twilight lodge, No. 46, D. of R., were installed Jan. 12 by Deputy Mattie E. Pike, assisted by Miss Gertrude Bishop: N. G., Mrs. Janet S. Reed; V. G., Mrs. Abbie Sqrague; sec., Mrs. Mary J. Canedy; treas., Emery P. Reed; W., Mrs. Ella H. Grousbeck; C., Miss Mildred C. Corse; R. S. N. G., Mrs. Edith Bartlett; L. S. N. G., Miss Mary Nido; R. S. V. G., Mrs. Carrie A. Dalrymple; L. S. V. G., Mrs. Rose Caffrey; chap., Mrs. Alice Winn; I. G., Miss Alice Sprague; O. G., George E. Shippee. A banquet followed the installation.

William H. Hancock, grand dictator, installed these officers of Vermont lodge, No. 819, K. of H., Jan. 13: P. D., Mrs. Lillian Coleman; D., Mrs. Bertha Chase; V. D., Mrs. Mabel Gordon; A. D., Mrs. Amy A. Churchill; chap., Elwin H. Stetson; R., Halbert G. Reed; F. R., William H. Hancock; treas., George H. Coleman; guide, Adna B. Chase; guardian, George E. Churchill. A banquet followed the installation.

In a special meeting of Unity lodge, No. 89, F. & A. M., Jan. 16, C. B. Crowell of Brattleboro, D. D. G. M., made his official visit. Refreshments were served.

Several families are ill with a distemper.

Nearly every one who has an ice house is filling it. The ice is about 14 inches thick.

E. S. Allen and H. G. Porter attended the annual meeting of the Wilmington bank Tuesday.

Florence Reed will lead the Y. P. C. U. meeting Sunday at 10.45. The topic will be "Child labor."

The annual festival and dance of the Universalist society will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 6.

W. S. Bartlett is filling the creamery ice house. He bought a horse of Clifton Peebles recently.

L. J. Fowler is nursing a sore leg which he hurt recently while unloading ice for George Churchill at the meat market.

It is a curious coincidence that the boreal blast fell on the community six months to a day following the great heat of last summer.

Frank Snyder took W. A. Brown to Wilmington Tuesday with a few goods. Mrs. Brown and daughter went last week for a short stay. They are living in M. A. Brown's house.

The local Odd Fellows attended the funeral of Newton Plumb in Whitingham village. His body was brought to that place from Connecticut, where he died. He was a member of the lodge here.

The program for the Grange meeting Jan. 23, gentlemen's night, will be: Instrumental music, John Coleman; reading, Myron Allen; paper, John Gillett and Gerald Wheeler; question, "Is the tide of immigration a benefit to the farmer and country?" E. H. Stetson, W. S. Allen, U. U. Brigham; reading, Floyd Dalrymple; song, Carl Wheeler; question, "How I would keep house if I were a woman?" Charles Faulkner, Mervin Pierce, Dr. Gordon, Albert Dalrymple; question box; reading, Ulric Brigham; song.

WINDHAM.

Mr. Derry of Putney recently visited his daughter, Mrs. John Adams.

Miss Constance Upham has returned from a visit, and Mrs. Hattie Jones is at home again.

Mrs. H. S. Prentiss is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Goodnow, in Philadelphia, Pa.

The ladies' aid society enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon with Mrs. Hawks Jan. 11. The next meeting will be held Jan. 25, with Mrs. H. M. Abbott.

We have more snow which makes it much easier to get about. The snow rollers were out Jan. 10 for the first time this winter. The severe cold weather has made it hard for many to keep their cellars from freezing.

"What is this?" asked the teacher, exhibiting a picture of a zebra. "A horse in a bathing suit," answered the boy who lived near the ocean.—[Boston Transcript.

STATEMENT JANUARY 1, 1912

National Life Insurance Co.

Cash Income		Disbursements	
Premiums for Insurance	$5,953,395.71	Death Claims	$1,580,405.07
Interest and Rents	2,391,551.05	Dividends	878,870.78
Considerations for Annuities	808,659.60	Annuities	453,044.43
All other sources	2,844.26	Matured Endowments	786,211.47
		Surrender Values	1,216,694.65
		Total to Policy Holders	4,915,226.40
		All other Disbursements	1,361,118.68
		Income Saved	**$2,880,105.54**
TOTAL	**$9,156,450.62**	**TOTAL**	**$9,156,450.62**

Assets (Paid for Basis)		Liabilities (Paid for Basis)	
U. S., State and Municipal Bonds (at Market Value)	$18,384,813.84	Insurance Reserves	$40,457,486.00
Mortgages, First Liens	23,659,271.29	Annuity Reserves	4,623,457.00
Policy Loans and Premium Notes	8,180,432.53	Extra Reserves	179,823.55
Real Estate, Book Value	275,000.00	Trust Fund Reserves	171,870.00
Cash in Banks and Office	1,081,641.91	Policy Claims under adjustment	103,037.97
Interest and Rents due and accrued	1,148,699.10	Other Liabilities	165,382.00
Deferred and Unreported Premiums	714,833.97	Taxes payable in 1912	174,515.24
Due from Agents	597.17	Dividends payable in 1912	994,971.81
		Deferred Surplus	4,243,991.66
		General Surplus	**$2,330,754.58**
TOTAL	**$53,445,289.81**	**TOTAL**	**$53,445,289.81**

STATE OF VERMONT—INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

We hereby certify that under our direction Messers David Parks Fackler and Edward B. Fackler, Consulting Actuaries, of New York City, have computed the policy reserves of the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, Vermont, as of December 31, 1911, and find the amount of Insurance reserves to be $40,455,889.10; of Annuity reserves to be $4,623,308.00; a total of $45,079,097.00 on a paid for basis.

GUY W. BAILEY } Insurance
EDWARD H. DEAVITT } Commissioners

MONTPELIER, VT., JANUARY 1, 1912.

TO THE POLICYHOLDERS:

The report above rendered means that the Company during 1911 had such a favorable experience in mortality, investment and expense as to be able for the fourth time in four years to advance its dividend scales and thus to reduce its insurance service to the lowest net cost figures yet attained. It also gives a guarantee of economical results for the future.

The gains during 1911 on a paid for basis included $5,417,429.00 in outstanding insurance, $3,004,770.48 in assets, $107,616.39 in dividends paid to members, $495.144.74 in undistributed surplus and $302,443.31 in income. The gains are based upon an accounting which includes in liabilities all dividends payable or to be credited in 1912 and also every form of accrued liability, including taxes payable this year. The surplus earned has been applied to an increase of policyholders' dividends in 1912, to the maintenance of reserves and to a conservative and proper increase in the general surplus, which item is the capital of a mutual life insurance company.

There is now in preparation a report which will detail transactions and condition more minutely and which we will be pleased to send you on request. We are gratified over the opportunity to send you this statement of service, condition and results and earnestly express the hope that it may have your approval and that in the Company's future work, which is wholly mutual and which will therefore be benefited by your cooperation, it will have your endorsement of its service to your neighbors and friends.

NATIONAL LIFE INSURACE COMPANY,
By **Joseph Arend DeBoer**, President.

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NOTE 2. You are cautioned not to confuse our company, which by decision of the United States Supreme Court alone has the title of National Life Insurance Company, with any other company of somewhat similar name. If desirous of information or advice, please write the Company direct or the general agent or manager for your State.

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JAN. 1	INCOME	ASSETS	SURPLUS	INSURANCE IN FORCE	JAN. 1
1892	$2,218,360	$ 7,625,780	$ 895,421	$ 51,369,348	1892
1912	$9,156,450	$53,445,289	$6,574,746	$172,678,655	1912

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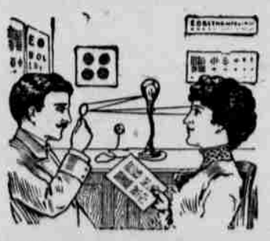

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