

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL

WON NATIONAL INSTITUTE MEDAL.

Notable Honor for W. R. Mead, Famous New York Architect, Who is a Native of Brattleboro.

William Rutherford Mead, architect, was named last night as the winner of the gold medal of honor awarded annually by the National Institute of Arts and Letters to the American of either sex, who has done the most distinguished original work in arts and letters in the year.

Formal presentation of the medal to Mr. Mead will take place this morning at the close of the opening exercises of the National Institute and the American Academy of Arts and Letters in the assembly hall of the New York Historical Society, Central Park West and Seventy-seventh street.

The medal won by Mr. Mead is regarded as one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon an American citizen in literary or artistic work. It is offered for a different branch of work each year. The first award was to the late Augustus Saint-Gaudens for sculpture in 1887, and received the medal, was designed by Adolph A. Weinman, a member of the institute, and is unusually handsome.

John W. Alexander, president of the institute, presided. After dinner addresses on various subjects in art, music and literature were made by Dr. Arthur Twining Hadley, president of Yale university; Messrs. Victor Herbert, Hamlin Garland, Bliss Perry, Daniel Chester French, Robert Grant, Walter Damrosch and others.

Mr. Mead was born in Brattleboro, Vt., August 20, 1846. He was graduated from Amherst in 1867, and received the degree of LL. D. in 1902. He studied architecture first with the late Russell Sturgis, and then abroad for two years. He is a member of the firm of McKim, Mead & White. He belongs to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, president of the American Academy in Rome and a National Academician.—(New York Herald, Dec. 13.)

The Diphtheria Outbreak.

Editor of The Phoenix:

Dear Sir:—It seems to me that some statement in regard to the present epidemic of diphtheria would not be out of place. We have had this contagious disease present all of the time since June. Notwithstanding constant efforts to detect and isolate every case, the disease continues to spread. The evidence obtainable seems to show that the infection is communicated from the person developing diphtheria to others who are susceptible, before the disease has been fully developed in the one already infected. There has not been a secondary case in any family that has been quarantined and properly treated.

Medical inspection of the schools would be of some value in detecting incipient cases, but would not reach all. There is ample reason for assuming that there are from one to three days before the infected individual develops positive evidence of the disease, during which time he or she may transmit the infection to others. Parents can do more to control the spread of this infection than they are doing; in the presence of an epidemic, every child of school age who shows any indisposition whatever should be kept home until the cause can be determined. One case of undeposited diphtheria infection in a school-room or moving picture show may be the cause of a dozen more.

My object in this statement is to secure greater co-operation on the part of the parents in the control of this disease. The remark is frequently made to me that this epidemic is a mild one. It is mild only because of the prompt and efficient use of antitoxine by all of the physicians. Without antitoxine there doubtless would have been a considerable number of fatal cases. The state of Vermont never did a wiser thing of more valuable act for the good of the whole population of the state, than it did in furnishing free antitoxine.

HENRY TICKLER, Health Officer of Brattleboro.

Bequests to Many Vermont Institutions.

As the result of a decree just entered in probate court in Lamoille county in the estate of Carrie P. Underwood of St. Johnsbury, the home for destitute children in Burlington will receive between \$6000 and \$10,000 and other Vermont institutions will be beneficiaries to the amount of many thousands more out of the estate of more than \$100,000.

Miss Underwood died about a year ago and the residue of the estate was to go to the home for destitute children. The delay in placing the money to the credit of the Universalist general convention; the income of \$10,000 to the Universalist state convention of Vermont and Quebec; \$10,000 in trust of the Universalist publishing house; the income of \$10,000 to the Universalist church of St. Johnsbury; \$5000 for the Kurn Hattin home; \$5000 for the home for aged women in St. Johnsbury; \$1000 to St. Johnsbury academy; \$10,000 to Lawrence university at Canton, N. Y., and to Abbie F. McCarthy the income of \$10,000.

BANQUET TO FOOTBALL SQUAD.

Manager Sherman of Brooks House Entertained Southern Vermont Champions—Ballroom Talk by N. H. Arnold.

The 1912 high school football squad was tendered a banquet Friday evening by George E. Sherman, manager of the Brooks House, in the hotel dining room and for more than two hours the players and a few guests enjoyed themselves. Mr. Sherman had shown an active interest in the games of the interscholastic champions of southern Vermont the past season and the banquet came as an appreciation of the good record of the team. When the guests marched into the banquet hall they were ushered to a long table, decorated with chrysanthemums and at which a sumptuous feast was served in full football regalia. His football team was surrounded by a professor and his shoulders were well padded with a leather protector and across his chest a "Brattleboro" pennant proclaimed his sympathies. It did not require a careful inspection to discover that the jersey he wore had been seen in every game the year around in the uniform of the quarterback. Twenty guests were served an excellent repast, the only member of the football squad who was absent, formerly Benjamin F. Hinham who was confined to his home with mumps. Principal E. Burr Smith sat at the head of the table, Captain Godfrey Crosby sat at the opposite end and Coach Delidrich Stolte sat in the center at one side. The other guests were: Lawrence G. Sherman, Gerald L. Rice, Ray D. Adams, Paul and Leonard Wheeler, Ray Sanders, Verne Adams, Stanley A. Wilson, Forrest A. Wentworth, Henry M. Harlow, Harold L. Cook, Robert E. Angier, Raymond White, William E. Haskell, N. H. Arnold, Charles E. Mann and Louis D. Rowland.

Following the banquet N. H. Arnold of this town, formerly of the team, gave a very interesting account of the international balloon race from Berlin, Germany, in 1909, in which he was a contestant. He told of the explosion in the air of one of the American balloons, of his trip with William Hewatt of North Adams as an aid, and finally of his terrible experiences when they dropped in the darkness of night into the North sea. He told of their rescue by the crew of a lightship, of the hospitality of their rescuers and of his separation from his return to Berlin. It was a very interesting tale and was greatly enjoyed by the listeners. At the conclusion of the talk a rousing vote of thanks was tendered Manager Sherman and the speaker of the evening.

Groping for Groper.

Sheriff C. E. Mann did not bring Isadore Groper from Pittsfield to the New-fane jail as he had expected to do last week, as Groper could not be found, although when the sheriff left Boston for Pittsfield with extradition papers, following a hearing in the office of the attorney general of Massachusetts, he thought he would find the man closely confined behind the bars of the Pittsfield jail. Groper and his friends "put one over" on the local officer, and by a foxy move the respondent, who is wanted here for the alleged passing of fraudulent checks, was admitted to bail, whereupon he quickly disappeared from the ken of the police with further ado.

Attorney C. M. Miller and Sheriff C. E. Mann went to Boston last week, and Wednesday morning a hearing was held before Assistant Attorney General Marshall. Mr. Miller asked for extradition papers for Groper, who was indicted at the last session of the grand jury on the charge of giving bad checks in payment for produce bought from farmers in the western part of the county. Attorney Birckwitz of Boston and Attorney J. P. Moore of Pittsfield, in which city Groper lived with his wife and two children, opposed the petition for extradition. Mr. Miller was armed with legal documents and decisions on previous cases of a similar nature and fought two hours against petty technicalities and all the tricks known to lawyers who are willing to go to extremes to protect their client. The assistant attorney general, at the end of the hearing, complimented Mr. Miller on the way he conducted the case and said it would be a pleasure if all attorneys were as well prepared when they came before him. The papers were issued and the governor's signature was obtained Thursday. Mr. Mann went to Pittsfield Friday, but Mann went to the man he wanted had disappeared.

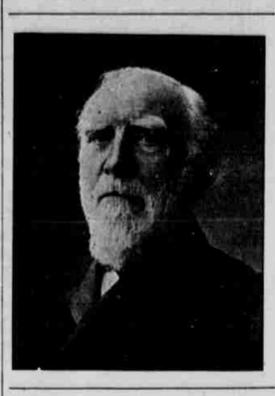
Groper was arrested by the Pittsfield officers four weeks ago for the Vermont offense and was released on \$500 bail, furnished by members of the synagogue of which he is a member. Two weeks ago his bondsman surrendered him to the police and he was returned to jail. By a strange coincidence, immediately after Attorney General Marshall made known his decision that he would have the extradition papers issued, Groper's friends got together, raised \$500, went before a bail commissioner in North Adams and had the prisoner released on bail again. That was done Wednesday afternoon and as Sheriff Mann had to wait until late Thursday to get the extradition papers Groper had more than a day's start.

Killed While Crawling for Help.

While crawling along the Rutland railroad track seeking aid for himself and a young woman after they had been in a carriage accident, Harry Young, 18, was killed by another train early Saturday morning in Arlington. Young and Miss Martha Hulet were driving home from a dance when their horse was frightened as they were nearing Arlington and ran on a railroad crossing, colliding with a passing freight train. Both the occupants of the carriage were rendered unconscious. Young was the first to regain his senses and although badly hurt he started crawling up the track for assistance. He had been about 200 yards when a second train overtook him, the engineer failing to see him in the darkness and the train ran over him.

STEPHEN W. KIMBALL.

Stephen W. Kimball, 85, retired, who years ago conducted a tanning business in West Brattleboro, but who will be best remembered by the present generation through his service as clerk of the incorporated school district, died of neuritis shortly before 8 o'clock Saturday evening in his home at 36 North Main street. He had been confined to his home a little less than three weeks, and while his condition was serious, he showed improvement at times and it



was thought until a few days before the end came that he would recover. Stephen W. Kimball was born in Salem, Mass., May 16, 1827, and was a direct descendant of Richard Kimball, who came from England and settled in Ipswich, Mass., in 1634. His father was John Kimball and his mother was Hannah Potter. He was one of a family of four boys—Jacob, a sailing master; Stephen W., a tanner; Joseph, a ship caulker; and John Henry, who was killed in California. At the age of 12 years he was put to work in a rope walk in Salem, his hours of labor in the summer months being from 6 a. m. until dark. He remained at this work about a year and a half, until he had an attack of scarlet fever. Just before he was 14 years old he became an apprentice to a tanner in Braintree, Mass., serving until he was 21. Six months later he went to East Concord, N. H., where he remained three years. Then, in 1851, he came to West Brattleboro and bought, with a Mr. Potter, the tannery owned by Jeremiah and Benjamin Beals, later owning the entire property. He carried on a tanning and currying business there until the tannery was destroyed by a fire in 1869. The building stood on the site of the Knight & Walker mill, which was burned a few years ago.

In 1872 Mr. Kimball moved to this village, buying of P. B. Francis an interest in the Lawrence water cure establishment on the north side of Elliot street, once a noted health resort. The property included what are now known as the water cure, Van Doorn, Russell and Bushnell buildings. He had charge of the work of converting the buildings into tenements and occupied one of them until 1882. Then he sold his interest to Mr. Francis and in the summer of 1882 bought and moved into the old Tyler homestead on North Main street, once owned by the late Chief Justice Royall Tyler, afterwards repairing and improving the property. While in West Brattleboro he built the house now occupied by B. S. Miller.

For a time Mr. Kimball sojourned life insurance and acquired a wide knowledge of the people of Windham county. He united with the Centre Congregational church in 1872. For 25 years he served as clerk of the church, and in the annual meeting of the church, and he would have been re-elected had he not expressed a desire to retire from the office with the completion of a quarter of a century of service. During his clerkship 384 persons became members of the church. His statistical reports were interesting features of the annual church meetings. In his last report he reviewed the whole church history, showing that in the first 45 years of the church's existence 15 persons were excommunicated, while in the period of his clerkship only one was thus stricken from the list. For 20 years he was the efficient clerk of the incorporated school district, No. 2, which includes the high school, and in the work of that position, which included the enumeration of children of school age, he had experience and acquired information which formed the basis of many an interesting reminiscence. One of the more occasions in the later years of his life was a surprise visit of neighbors, 75th birthday anniversary, when 29 or more sat down to supper.

Mr. Kimball married Lizzie Atwood of Chester in 1872. Besides his wife he leaves a son by a former marriage, P. Kimball of Greenfield, Mass. He leaves four grandchildren, Henry Kimball of Springfield, Mass., and Mrs. Nellie Staples of New York children of E. P. Kimball, and Ernest Vaughan and Robert Vaughan of Whitman, Mass., children of E. P. Kimball's sister, Mrs. Ellen Vaughan, who died about two years ago; also three grandchildren, Paul and Mildred, children of Henry Kimball, and Ruth, daughter of Mrs. Staples.

While Mr. Kimball's early days at his trade, both as apprentice and journeyman, were laborious ones with long hours, and human muscle performed all the work now so largely done by machinery, he always recalled those days with pleasure, and in his later years of leisure described with zest and evident enjoyment the scenes and incidents of the primitive life amid which he grew up. His predominant personal characteristics were his unalloyed kindness of heart and his unguessed friendly and helpful interest in all community affairs, and the life and welfare of those about him. In 1880 Mr. Kimball administered the estate of his long-time friend, the Rev. Augustus Chandler, then the editor and publisher of the Vermont Record and Farmer of this village. He had charge of that paper's editorial and business management for some months, and it was by his good services that its list was finally merged with that of The Phoenix. Through this connection he became a member of "The Phoenix family," as he was wont to say, and in all the years since his visits to the office to bring items of news, or for a few minutes' chat on current events, he had been of almost daily occurrence. He was a man of simple and sustaining religious faith. He found his greatest pleasure in his home, and his domestic life in the well-known homestead on North Main street was ideal.

His final illness, from neuritis, may probably have been induced by a fall which he sustained several weeks ago, though no serious results were apparent at the time. He suffered severely in the early part of his illness, but it was his great comfort that he could be cared for by his wife and his son from Greenfield, and at the last his long life faded away peacefully and almost imperceptibly.

The funeral was held in the home at 2 o'clock Tuesday, Rev. Roy M. Houghton, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. Many beautiful flowers were sent by relatives and friends. The burial took place in the West Brattleboro cemetery, and the bearers were E. P. Kimball, Henry Kimball, Frank Waite, of Chester and Irving G. Crosier of Brattleboro. Among those who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Kimball and children, Henry Kimball and

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O. J. PRATT

The Banner Savings Bank Town of Vermont

On the 4th day of October, 1912, there were 703 depositors in the Hyde Park Savings Bank who resided in Hyde Park and the aggregate of their deposits was more than a quarter of a million dollars—or, to be exact, \$251,081.59—and the population of Hyde Park at the last census was only 1453.

If there is another town in the state of its size that can make such a wonderful showing we would like to know it, and we will cheerfully give that town a free notice commending its thrift. Think of it! This means that nearly every other, or second, man, woman and child, infant, youth, middle age and aged person in Hyde Park, 703 out of 1453, has an average deposit in the Hyde Park Savings Bank of \$357.66.

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These home depositors know that safety, and not high rates of interest obtained at far away points, is the uniform and unvarying motto of their home bank and believing its managers to be absolutely trustworthy and safe they make this bank the custodian of their spare dollars. Of course the fact that the bank pays four per cent and pays all taxes is very tempting, but no more so than to depositors in other towns.

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