

THE PUTNEY COLUMN.

Dea. S. W. Houghton.

Death of a Long-Time Resident of Putney and a Personal Friend of Henry W. Longfellow.

Deacon Simon W. Houghton, 80, a long-time resident of Putney and one of the pillars of the Congregational church, died Saturday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Squires in Brattleboro, where his home had been for the past five years. His death was due to old age and exhaustion, and he had been ill since last October. The body was brought to Putney on the noon train Tuesday, and the funeral was held in the Congregational church at 1 o'clock, Rev. C. J. Harris officiating. Golden Rule lodge of Masons attended in a body. The burial was in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery and was under the Masonic ritual.

Mr. Houghton was born in Bolton, Mass., Nov. 12, 1812, and was a son of Timothy and Olive (Moore) Houghton. He was a direct descendant of John Houghton who bought the town of Putney, Mass., from the Indian chief Tahanto. The deed of this town was one of Mr. Houghton's most valued relics. When a young man Mr. Houghton left his childhood home and went to Cambridge, Mass., where he made many friends, one of whom was Henry W. Longfellow. This latter became the wife of Dexter Pratt, "the village blacksmith." In after years Mr. Houghton was proud of two relics of "the spreading chestnut tree," a card receiver and a napkin ring.

Mr. Houghton married Sarah Ann Meade of Bolton April 7, 1837, and they went to Marlboro, where he was engaged in the manufacture of carriages until 1849, when he came to Putney. Here he saw his eight children grow up, leave the home and go out into the world. In 1857 Mr. and Mrs. Houghton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and at that time the family circle was complete. In July, 1894, Mrs. Houghton died, and since then Mr. Houghton has lived with his daughter, Mrs. Squires.

While in Putney Mr. Houghton was a farmer and lived in the large house at the top of Kimball Hill, now owned by Homer Taft. He had held about all the town offices, and in 1870 he was a member of the constitutional convention. He was justice of the peace for nearly 40 years and was deacon of the Congregational church about 60 years. He was a prominent Mason, the oldest member of Golden Rule lodge and a charter member of Golden Rule chapter. He was the last of his father's family.

Mr. Houghton lived an honorable life, and he was true to every principle which he adopted. All of his eight children are living. They are: Mrs. Ellen H. Frost, and Edward T. Houghton of Springfield, Mass.; Geo. A. Houghton of Saluda, Col.; Mrs. Sarah L. Harding of Southwick, Mass.; Dr. S. W. Houghton of Hazardville, Conn.; Mrs. Carrie Squires of Brattleboro; Mrs. Catherine S. Morrison of Paterson, N. J.; and Mrs. Mary E. Hubbard of Hatfield. He has eight living children there are 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

John Houghton was seriously ill Sunday, but he is now improving.

Miss Clara Holt has gone to Claremont, N. H., where she has employment.

F. L. Amling cut off part of his thumb in Kendall's sausage grinder Wednesday.

Mrs. William Johnson returned Tuesday from a short visit with relatives in Springfield, Mass.

F. L. Amling has moved into Mrs. Willard Johnson's house, recently vacated by W. W. Wing.

Miss Mary Pollard of Middlebury, a teacher in the High school, is visiting her uncle, S. W. King.

H. O. Dodge was called to Charlotte by telegram Tuesday on account of the illness of his brother Frank.

Harry Howland, brother of G. H. H. Howard of Putney, succeeds E. H. Bragg at F. L. Pierce's store.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church will be held in the church building at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Ernest Heade of East Wallingford, nephew of Elwin Heade of Putney, began work at Albert Townsend's Monday.

Mrs. M. H. Burditt returned to the home of her son, F. A. Burditt, Sunday after spending six months or more in Fort Wayne, Ind.

H. P. Bailey has taken the agency for this town for the Victor bicycle, manufactured by the Overman Wheel company of Chicopee Falls, Mass.

The Congregational society will hold a sugar supper in their vestry next Monday evening. The sugar will be strictly new. Everybody is invited to participate in it.

E. H. Bragg did not go to work at the Brattleboro Retreat first week as he intended, but he went to Williamsville and secured a position in the basket factory of A. M. Merrifield.

Ralph Houghton and C. L. Booth of Goddard seminary, Barre, and Fred Pember of the University of Vermont at Burlington returned to their homes in Putney Saturday for their Easter vacation.

Many cases of cruelty have been reported, and with the appointment of a state humane officer, which will be made next week, the work will begin. Any case of cruelty to dumb animals, if reported at the meeting, will receive prompt attention.

A highly enjoyable celebration was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Huntley Monday evening, the birthday anniversary of Mr. Huntley and Mrs. F. E. Robertson. Mr. Huntley and Mrs. Robertson were the guests of honor. The celebration was in the nature of a whist party, there being three tables. E. E. Knight scored the largest number of points and Mrs. Robertson the smallest. Excellent refreshments were served. The guests of honor were the guests of honor. The celebration was in the nature of a whist party, there being three tables. E. E. Knight scored the largest number of points and Mrs. Robertson the smallest. Excellent refreshments were served. The guests of honor were the guests of honor.

The persons interested in the suit of G. P. Parker of East Putney against S. W. Hart and W. A. Martin of Marlboro, commenced before Justice A. J. Ayer Saturday with the intention of having a hearing, but had left his memorandum book in Marlboro, having changed his coat after having put the book in his coat pocket. The hearing was therefore postponed until next Monday. It is expected, however, that the case will be settled by arbitration this week. The arbitrators being Mark Ward for the plaintiff and H. P. Farr for the defendants.

EAST PUTNEY.

No maple sugar has been made here.

Frank Clay of Orford, N. H., is visiting friends in town.

Harry Cobb is to occupy F. L. Pierce's tenement April 1.

Ed Reynolds began work for F. L. Pierce last Monday.

McDonald Lynch has moved this week from Walpole, N. H., to work for W. E. Pierce.

Mrs. Albert Buxton has returned to her home here, having lived at Putney through the winter.

W. E. Pierce and G. T. Applin have put in the United States separators for separating milk.

Lila and Irving Pierce of Walpole, N. H., have been visiting their grandfather, Clark Pierce.

W. M. Ware has an Alpha DeWalt separator and is sending a large amount of cream to the creamery.

Mrs. Clara Watson, wife of Judge Watson of Bradford, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Clark Pierce.

Newell Gale, who has worked for H. P. Farr the past year, has this week moved to Walpole, N. H., where he will work on the Pinnacle farm. Harry Runnill is to occupy the tenement vacated by Mr. Gale and work for Mr. Farr.

NORTHFIELD, MASS.

Mount Hermon school closed Thursday noon to reopen April 11.

Remember the meeting of the Rod and Gun club next Wednesday evening at the usual time and place.

The Sella collection, comprising 100 photographs of Alpine scenery, will be on exhibition at the public library from April 4 to 18.

The Northfield Training school closed Thursday afternoon for the year. The address was given by Rev. James M. Gray, D. D., of Boston.

Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Crawford, who spent a number of years as missionary in Asia Minor, will conduct the services at the Congregational church. At the evening service there will be special Easter selections rendered by the children, under the leadership of Miss Jean Brown. At the Unitarian church there will be services appropriate for Easter, with special music in the morning. An Easter concert will be given by the Sunday school in the evening.

Fred Sears killed at Millers Falls.

Fred Sears, an employe on the Central Vermont railroad, living in Millers Falls, was killed Friday morning while at work shoveling out a switch just south of the railroad station. A heavy freight on the Fitchburg railroad was passing and the engine from that train was so great he did not hear the backing down of the track where he was at work. The train ran over him, crushing both legs. He was carried to his home, only a few rods away, and died very soon after.

WRITE A LETTER.

Dr. R. V. Pierce
Buffalo, N. Y.

Many women live where there is no skillful specialist in women's diseases, and many cannot afford to pay the high fees charged. These sufferers should follow the example of Mrs. Anna Willy of Northville, Spin Co., S. Dak., who writes as follows to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.:

"I am enjoying good health, thanks to your kind advice and valuable remedies. I suffered very much with female ailments for more than two years, when I wrote you for advice. After carefully following your free advice, and taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and Golden Medical Discovery, I am now a well and happy woman. I have also tried several visits of your 'Pleasant Pellets,' which did me a great deal of good."

Dr. Pierce has probably treated and cured more cases of female weakness, pains in the back, side and abdomen, nervousness, headache, irregularities, ulcerations, tumors and other female troubles, than any other living physician. His wide experience peculiarly fits him to bring about cures when every other one fails. He charges no fee whatever to those who write him for advice, and he invites all to consult him free by mail. His wonderful remedy, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, can be depended upon to overcome nearly every kind of disease that afflicts girls and women. It contains no alcohol, opium, or other narcotics, and does not create craving for injurious stimulants, as is so often the case with other medicines advertised for women's ailments.

An honest medicine dealer will give you Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and not try to persuade you to take some inferior substitute for the little added profit he can make thereon.

Those who wish may enclose at once cent stamps in their letters, and Dr. Pierce will send free his 100-page Common Sense Medical Adviser, which is the most complete and practical family doctor book ever published, containing over 700 pictures. The same book, cloth-bound, at 25 cents.

HINSDALE, N. H.

The Gayest Dance of the Season at Hinsdale Next Monday Night.

The Easter prize dance at the town hall on Monday evening of next week, for which Charles Stearns, the janitor, is sponsor, promises to be a very enjoyable affair. It ought to be considered in the light of a testimonial or benefit to the janitor, for last year was an unlucky year for him, as by one of those fatalities which sometimes overtake mankind, he suffered two serious bodily accidents in quick succession which disabled him for some months and even now he is far from recovery. Everybody knows Charles Stearns and is aware how genial and jolly he can be even under the most adverse circumstances, and it would be a very gracious thing to give him "a good send off" on this occasion.

Many Brattleboro people remember Mr. Stearns, the son of "Uncle John," as manager of the old American House away back in the 60's and it is a matter of record how popular he was in those days, polite, obliging, companionable, the model host. Of course he has grown old with the rest of us in the third of century that has elapsed since, but he still retains the same attractive, genial manner and heartiness of old. It would not be out of place for some of "the old boys" of Brattleboro to knock Charles Stearns in war-time and partook of his hospitality to "get themselves into gear," hunt up some of their "old flames," now "fair, fat and forty" (probably a trifle more) and come over to the Easter dance on Monday evening. Prizes are offered for the best waltzers. The music will be fine and the refreshments abundant and the janitor will spare no effort to give his old friends a royal good time.

Worm Two Inches Long in Her Throat.

We sometimes read in some paper of strange inhabitants of the human stomach, and wonder if it may be true. This case is local and authentic. Jane McCaugher, a daughter of J. P. McCaugher, has for some time had an unpleasant irritation in her throat, which she has complained of as "something crawling in her throat." The mother took little notice of it, thinking it at most nothing more than a little nervous trouble. A few days ago, during a severe attack of coughing and vomiting, the child threw up a flat disagreeable looking worm, about two inches in length and having 12 legs. The worm was thoroughly alive, and readily ate crumbs placed before it. The curiosity is preserved in alcohol.

Miss Jennie Taylor visited in Greenfield Friday.

Mr. S. C. Skinner of Keene is visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffords are on the sick list.

C. C. Holton has been appointed on the board of health.

The several churches are preparing for Easter concerts.

Newton Stearns is a recent victim of German measles.

Thomas Shannon is employed at Brightwood Paper mill.

Ezra B. Pike remains quite ill with the prevailing distemper.

Mrs. W. H. Lyman visited her parents in Greenfield last week.

Robert Field is the proud possessor of a new Prescott piano.

Miss Martha Fiedler is visiting friends in North Adams, Mass.

W. J. Leonard was in Springfield, Mass., with his brother over Sunday.

Miss Lucy Smith will begin work for G. M. Oaks at the bakery, Monday.

Elmer Cramer and Mrs. Annie Wellington visited in Swanzey Sunday.

S. A. Esten of Keene was in town last week looking after his interests here.

H. H. Newton and wife went to New York Tuesday to visit their daughter.

Miss Carrie B. Howe went to New York Tuesday, to remain until after Easter.

Miss Flora Appin of Keene is in town visiting friends, and former schoolmates.

Miss Ellen Purcell is making a few days' visit with friends in Turners Falls, Mass.

Mrs. E. H. Day, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is making a good recovery.

Charles Sharkey and wife left Saturday morning for their new home in Chester, Mass.

John P. McCaugher was down from Bellows Falls to spend Sunday with his family.

H. H. Day was in the village Saturday for the first time after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. David Nims returned Tuesday from a few days' visit with their son in Keene.

A. J. Brooks, who moved his family to Winchester a few weeks ago, has moved back to town.

Miss Cora Davis of Winchester is the guest of her sisters, Mrs. F. H. Fuller and Mrs. Oliver Hale.

Woodall; a concert by the Hinsdale Acolian, Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar club, and the play "She Stoops to Conquer," by the senior class of the High school.

The Pilgrim Fathers enjoyed a drive to the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Colton at the north part of the town on Thursday evening, it being the tenth anniversary of their marriage. A handsome chair was left as a reminder that visitors had been there. A delightful social evening was spent.

About 6 o'clock Saturday evening, as M. S. Leach and family were driving, they noticed smoke issuing from the roof of the building and upon investigation the fire was extinguished without any alarm, and with only slight damage.

The following from the Freeport, Ill., Daily Journal will be of local interest: "D. L. Sanderson, the veteran horseman, shipped this morning 40 horses for Worcester, Mass. This consignment, local horsemen say, is the best ever bought by Mr. Sanderson in the West. Horsemen, East and West, call Mr. Sanderson 'uncle,' as he has the honor of being the oldest man in the business, nearly as old as our 'uncle Sam.' Uncle Lyman Sanderson is, in the opinion of those who know him, one of the shrewdest buyers in the business. During the past ten years he has bought over 3000 horses in Stephenson Co., Ind. He has been a good friend to our farmers. Mr. Sanderson is now over 77 years old, but vigorous and hearty, the same shrewd, but honest, straightforward business man as ever, holding the respect of everyone in his own vicinity no less than in the West.

The ladies' missionary society held their annual reception at the Congregational parlors last week Thursday evening. About 80 were present to tea. In the evening, "The Young Stars," a little mission band, composed of young misses, rendered a very attractive program, under the leadership of Mrs. M. C. Dix. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A table of fancy articles brought a handsome sum, every article being sold. The business meeting of the senior society, which was held in the afternoon, resulted in the election of the following named officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. W. E. Benschaw; vice president, Mrs. S. K. Hildreth; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. R. S. Lewis; directors, Mrs. M. C. Dix, Mrs. H. Higgins, Mrs. A. A. Bailey, Mrs. G. S. Howe, and Miss Cora Wellman; collectors, Miss Cora Wellman and Mrs. F. H. Fuller.

The "Pink Tea" served by the ladies at the Congregational church Wednesday evening, proved a very happy affair. The dining room and tables were prettily decorated with pink. However, the chief attraction in that room was the fine supper provided. After about 70 had partaken of the good things to eat, an enjoyable entertainment was given in the audience room, under the direction of Mrs. C. H. Whitaker and Mrs. C. J. Bronson. First on the program was a guessing contest in which a large number participated. Recitations by Miss Gertrude E. Leach, who cheerfully responded to an encore. The Acolian, Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar club gave three selections to the delight of the audience. The entertainment closed with a humorous selection, finely rendered by Miss Nellie Gray. The thanks of the society are due to all who so willingly helped to make it a pleasant occasion.

The rooms occupied by G. M. Oaks, in the Hinsdale bakery, have recently been painted throughout, and otherwise improved, and a large new wall cooler has been placed in the front store. Since Mr. Oaks bought the business about 18 months ago, he has from time to time been making needed changes in the rooms, and has added many conveniences, until he has made it a pleasant place for ladies or gentlemen to go for lunch, and they may be sure of polite attention as well as an appetizing lunch. Mr. Oaks is a first class baker, and is sure everything is right, by doing his own cooking. As a general obliging caterer, he is bound to please. He is having a handsome new baker's wagon built, which will soon be put upon the road. It has been a common saying that no baker stayed with us more than one year. As Mr. Oaks has already broken the record, it is hoped he will find Hinsdale so pleasant and profitable a place, that he will be content to remain at the old stand for many years to come.

VERNON.

Miss A. F. Morse has gone to Worcester for a few weeks.

Ernest Hubbard went to Springfield for a short visit this week.

Mrs. Addison Brooks is suffering from a slight attack of paralysis.

Fred Cook of Northampton was at his father's over last Sunday.

N. H. Brooks and wife are both recovering from severe attacks of grip.

Miss Sadie Fyle is spending the Easter vacation with Mrs. C. H. Newton.

Warren and Alden French of Northampton called on some of their friends last week.

Miss Esther Campbell came from Amherst last week to spend Easter vacation with her parents.

R. A. Stebbins has returned from New York, where he visited his sister, Mrs. Gray, and family.

J. G. Weatherhead was considered critically ill with erysipelas the first of the week, but is now reported somewhat better.

Vernon grange will hold a regular meeting on Saturday evening, and District Deputy G. W. Pierce is expected to be present.

The school directors have chosen E. O. Lee, chairman and clerk of the board, and have appointed A. A. Dunklee superintendent of schools for the ensuing year.

Preaching at the Adventist chapel next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject, "What Mean Ye by These Things?" followed by communion. Sunday school at 12 M.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Stebbins are recovering from their recent sickness. Miss May Jaquith of Fitchburg is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins and caring for them.

The ladies' circle will meet next Tuesday afternoon, April 4. The sugar supper given by the ladies' circle last Friday evening was a very successful and enjoyable occasion, and about \$35 were realized for the treasury.

Excited Nerves

The ills peculiar to women act on the nerves like a firebrand. Many women become nervous through menstrual suffering. The advice and help of Mrs. Pinkham have relieved the tension in countless households and great numbers of women owe their present health and comfort to her.



Mrs. Emille Schneider, 1244 Helen Ave., Detroit, Mich., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I have been taking your Vegetable Compound, Blood Purifier and Liver Pills and feel wonderfully strengthened. Before using your remedies I was in a terrible state; felt like fainting every little while. I thought I must surely die. But now, thanks to your remedies, those feelings are all gone."

Mrs. Anna E. Hall, of Hillsdale, Conn., was all run down in health and had completely lost control of her nerves. She wrote to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for advice. Now she writes: "I wish to thank you for what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. It has helped me more than anything else. Before I wrote to you I suffered for a long time with nervousness, pains in back and limbs and falling of the womb; also had neuralgia in my head and could not sleep. I told my husband that something must be done, for I was nearly frantic with pain. Having read of the wonderful cures Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had performed, I determined to try it. I have taken it and am happy to say am cured. I recommended it to all my friends and never tire of telling the benefit I have derived from its use. I have you alone to thank for my recovery."

How Mrs. Weaver Was Helped. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I had inflammation of the womb and painful menstruation, and by your advice I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Have taken four bottles and used one package of Sanative Wash, and feel like a new woman. I thank you so much for what your medicine has done for me."—Mrs. Susie J. Weaver, 1821 Callowhill St., Philadelphia, Pa.

An Iowa Woman's Story.

"It is with pleasure that I write and tell you what your medicine has done for me. I had been doctoring for two years and no medicine ever did me so much good as yours. I tried three doctors, and the last one said nothing but an operation would help me. My trouble was profuse flowing; sometimes I would think I would flow to death. I was so weak that the least work would tire me. Reading of so many being cured by your medicine, I made up my mind to write to you for advice, and I am so glad that I did. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and followed your directions, and am now well and strong. I shall recommend your medicine to all, for it saved my life."—Miss A. P., Box 31, Abbott, Iowa.

The invitation is open to-day as it has been for a quarter of a century, write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., and receive her counsel free.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—A Woman's Remedy for Woman's Ills.

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Not one of them like any we have before—\$15 to \$35 is the range on this lot. Remember that we have also at \$10, \$12.50 and a fully silk lined at \$13.50—suits which are especially good for the price.

Today we also open three more lots of Women's wrappers. One lot \$1.50 each, another \$1.00, still another 49 cents.

Our present showing of Shirt Waists for the coming season is unusually large, varied, and attractive. It is a good time to make selections. Winty as the past week has been, we have sold many of the finer grades.

Every lady knows that when the hot day comes when she wants a fresh waists, it is not always easy to find at once the style and size wanted.

Come to us tomorrow to see more handsome New York tailor-made suits than we usually are able to show at one time. Every one different from any heretofore shown. No two alike among the finer grades, but few duplicates in any of the grade.

At \$20, \$25, \$27.50, \$29.50 and \$35 we have high class novelties of distinctive and exclusive design. At \$7.50 suits of wool serge and covert cloth similar to suits catalogued by large city stores at \$10. At \$13.50 we have both black and colored suits which are silk lined throughout.

At \$10, \$12.50, \$15 and \$18 we have many chic, up-to-date styles. In the lot to be put on sale tomorrow there are a few fetching styles to fit Misses of 12, 14 and 16 years. Separate skirts to suit fastidious buyers; few elegant ones at \$15 and \$13.50; lot of new ones to go on sale tomorrow at \$4 to \$8.50. Novelties in plaid skirts which are fashion approved in New York this season.

Our spring opening of shirt waists will be displayed in our corner window tomorrow. The assortment includes desirable novelties of "The West End," "Stanley," "Derby," "King Pin," "Griffon" and other brands. Prices range from 50 cents to \$2.95 each. In the finer grades this is the best time to find the most complete and varied assortment.

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