"How Serious Were the Mistakes of Moses?"; February 27, "Did the Whale Swallow Jonah?"; March 6, "Was Jesus Christ God or Man?"; March 13, "Is the Sermon on the Mount a Dream or a Law?"; March 20, "What Does the Bible Teach Concerning Hell and Heaven?"; March 27, "What and Where is John's New Jerusalem?"; April 3, "Is the Bible Infallible?"; April 10, Easter concert; April 17, "What Would a Christless World Be Like?"

AT a special meeting of the city council, held on Monday evening, it was voted to pay $4,000 of the bonded debt. A WATCHMAN reporter was shown the mayor's books on Tuesday from which it was learned that during the fiscal year ending February 1, six hundred and ninety-six warrants have been drawn, aggregating $138 803.33,—the cost of running the city for the past year. The principal items that go to make up this sum are: Streets, $10 539 77; sidewalks, $2,923.31; sewers, $3,172 65; repairs on old bridges, $467.50; miscellaneous, which includes appropriations for Heaton Hospital, the band, salary of city clerk, rent of office, etc., $7,989.53; police, $1,879.17; lights, $3 311.91; water, $9,554.83; schools, $10 508.75; liquor agency, $6,030.84; poor, including salary of overseer, $4,681.74; interest, $6,749.31; taxes, $7,766.64; permanent roads, $7,888 80; new bridge, $17,801 61. The receipts from the water department have been $11,522,26, showing that the water works are already a fruitful source of revenue. The city farm in Berlin has been sold for $1,350, which amount should be credited to the expense of the poor department for the past year.

FIVE of the seven Supreme Court judges went to Heaton Hospital last Thursday morning to hear the briefs and arguments of counsel in the case of Mildred Brewster, in which the defence claim that the indictment for murder found against Miss Brewster was invalidated by the presence of a stenographer in the grand jury room. Judge Tyler, the presiding judge at the September term of Washington County Court, and Judge Taft remained at the Pavilion. The hearing took place in the hospital dining-room and lasted two hours. Miss Brewster was taken to the room in a wheel chair and apparently took little interest in the proceedings. The argument from the standpoint of the State was made by Fred A. Howland, state's attorney, and Frank Plumley and W. A. Lord spoke for the respondent. Both briefs were very long and elaborate, covering many closely-printed pages. Miss Brewster became very much exhausted before the hearing was concluded, and it was a greater relief to all concerned when it was over. The court has given no intimation as to when a decision in this case may be expected, but it is probable it will be rendered when the court assembles March 3 to render its decisions on cases heard at the January term.

A REPRESENTATIVE of the WATCHMAN called on J. W. Brock on Tuesday to ascertain if he was willing to allow the use of his name for the office of mayor for the coming year, a position in which he has already been privately placed in nomination by a large number of the business men of the city. Mr. Brock courteously but emphatically stated that under no consideration would he allow the use of his name in this connection, and that he would not serve in that office were he unanimously elected. Mr. Brock was not talking through his hat, but meant every word he said. The removal from the field of this probable candidate, who, would he consent to run, could undoubtedly be elected by a large majority, and who would be sure to give the city a thoroughly businesslike administration, suggests to the voters, who view with a feeling of dismay the expenses of the year just closed, that it is their duty and privilege to canvass the city to find, if possible, a man competent to fill this important office, who would be willing to accept it. The voters have the matter in their own hands and it is a duty they owe to themselves to see to it that some competent and worthy man shall be elected to the responsible position of mayor for the year just ahead of us.

ANY enterprise, for charity or any public purpose, that involves an outlay of a large number of dollars and infinite labors for every dollar of net gain, is not commendable on any good ground. Last spring an entertainment for a public object was prepared in this city that required the participation of a large number of children, and young men and women. They were engaged for several weeks in rehearsal and were often out late at night; the studies of those who were in school were interrupted, and in many instances parents were put to a considerable personal expense for the stage outfit of their children. Some $1,200 was received at the various performances, but the institution in whose interest weeks of hard work and personal sacrifice had been made received for its share of the "gate money" somewhat less than $300. The bulk of the remainder went out of town. Weeks of hard labor, late hours, nervous strain and individual outlay had no greater reward. Another entertainment, with similar experiences, has been given recently in "sweet charity's" name. It should be the last. The cost is too great, more particularly to the devoted few upon whom the heaviest burdens invariably fall; and the damage to the public schools and the general wear and tear are beyond computation. Some more rational or equitable way of raising money should be devised, some way that will not send out of town several dollars for every dollar a good cause is benefited. Ask the city council for an appropriation. Horse trotting on the ice is a commendable public object, but there are others.

THE following books, nearly all juveniles, have been purchased recently by the Kellogg-Hubbard Library: "At the Front," "On the Staff," and "Pacific Shores," by W. T. Adams; "Adrift in the City," "Victor Vane," and "The Young Salesman," by Horatio Alger; "Miss Nina Barrow," by Francis C. Baylor; "From a Girl's Point of View," by Lilian Bell; "Great Mens' Sons," by E. S. Brooks; "Log School-house on the Columbia," "Over the Andes," and "True to His Home," Hezekiah Butterworth; "The House-boat Boys," and "The Young Game-warden," by Harry Castlemon; "Links of Gold," by Harriet Cheever; "Hannah Ann," by Amanda M. Douglas; "On Plymouth Rock," by Samuel Adams Drake; "The Beach Patrol," and "The Fast Mail," by William Drysdale; "Trif and Trixy," by John Habberton; "Nan at Camp Chicopee," and "Nan in the City," by Myra S. Hamlin; "An Old-field School-girl," by Marion Harland; "Aaron in the Wildwoods," by Joel Chandler Harris; "A March on London," "With Frederick the Great," and "With Moore at Corunna," by G. A. Henty; "Her Benny," by Silas K. Hocking; "The Exploits of Miles Standish," by Henry Johnson; "Joel; a Boy of Galilee," by Annie F. Johnston; "John Boyd's Adventure," by Thomas W. Knox; "Tales from Shakespeare," by Charles and Mary Lamb; "Queer Janet," by Grace LeBaron; "Helen Glenn," and "Ruth Endicott's Way," by Lucy C. Lillie; "Some Strange Corners of Our Country," by Charles F. Lummis; "Palace Beautiful," "Polly, a New-fashioned Girl," "World of Girls," and "Sweet Girl Graduate," by Mrs. L. T. Meade. Another list of about the same length will be given in our issue of next week. "The Commonwealth," and "Scientific American Building Edition," have been added to the papers in the reading-room, the former by James Pirie, and the latter by John E. Hubbard.

THE last regular meeting of the city council for the fiscal year ending February 1 was held in the city clerk's office last Wednesday evening. C. H. More appeared and asked that taxes paid by him under protest be abated. The matter was laid on the table for further consideration. T. J. Kelleher asked the board to appoint a referee to settle the misunderstanding between the Kelleher Brothers and the city regarding the purchase of the property just east of the new Main street bridge that has been hanging fire for eleven months. The subject was discussed at some length but no definite action was taken. It was left with City Attorney Carleton to settle the matter as he thinks best. Licences to do trucking were granted to G. H. Whitney and B. W. Sanders. The following bills were ordered paid: Corliss Butterfly, trucking, $8.10; M. W. Wheelock, work and rent on land on which the stone crusher stands, $19; J. M. Brown & Son, lumber, $39 22; T. R. Merrill, sundries, $59 44; C. S. Whittier, police service, $25; Dr. C. E. Chandler, recording births and deaths, $12.50; Dr. M. F. McGuire, same, $2.50; Dr. I. H. Fiske, same, $2 50; Dr. P. L. Templeton, $4 25; Dr. H. S. Boardman, same, $2; Dr. A. B. Bisbee, same, $1 50; Dr. H. A. Fiske, burial permits, $24; Peck Brothers, labor on hydrants, $56.62; L. C. Tewksbury, supplies, $4.40; J. R. Langdon estate, rent, $114; C. N. Laird, lumber, $68.84; E. D. Hyde, supplies, $28.62; Flanders & Pierce Company, same, $34.39; O. D. Clark, chief engineer, $20.46; W. E. Laird, assistant, $13; J. W. Peck, assistant, $15; L. H. Bixby, fire police, $7; C. F. Lowe, same, $6; W. T. Dewey, same, $4; Lane Manufacturing Company, wrenches, $2 80; Fred Blanchard, supplies, $3 22; D. A. Guptil, painting, $20; Consolidated Lighting Company, $8.10; Reuben Ring & Co., supplies for liquor agency, $19.25. Following the open meeting the board went into executive session at which it is understood the case of J. W. Caustic against the city and kindred matters were considered.

THE case of the city of Burlington against the Burlington Traction Company and the state board of railroad commissioners occupied the time of supreme court last Wednesday. J. E. Cushman and W. L. Burnap represented the plaintiff and Hon. W. P. Dillingham and A. G. Whittemore the defendants. On Thursday, after the court returned from Heaton Hospital, the following cases were heard: L. F. Hanks against the town of Chester, from Windsor county. L. M. Read appeared for the plaintiff, and Waterman, Martin & Hill for defendants. State of Vermont against W. N. Teriault, a test case regarding the validity of the law allowing owners of land through which brooks flow to post the same. State's Attorney's F. A. Howland and F. L. Fish appeared for the state and J. H. Senter for the respondent. Case given to Judge Start. In the case of State against Peach, from Windsor county, the court on Friday rendered the following decision: "Exceptions overruled and judgment that respondent takes nothing by his exceptions." Cases heard on Friday were, State against Emmons, from Washington county. Exceptions were waived and sentence of lower court was ordered executed. Respondent was taken this week to Rutland to serve his sentence of two months. State against H. F. Estabrook, from Caledonia county, in which the insufficiency of the indictment was in question was argued by State's Attorney Taylor for the state, and H. C. Bates and Alex Dunnett for the respondent. Case given to Judge Tyler. Louice E. W. Billings against Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Case assigned to Judge Thompson. Butler and Molony and W. W. Stickney for plaintiff; Dillingham, Huse & Howland for defendant. In the case of in re estate of Electa Hall from Orange county the following decision was rendered: "Judgment reversed and judgment that there is in the hands of the executor the sum of $300 belonging to the estate of Electa Hall. Neither party to recover cost in this court and ordered certified to to probate court." The Bennington county case of Joseph J. Sullivan against D. C. Haskins was heard on Saturday. O. M. Barber and C. H. Darling appeared for the plaintiff and W. B. Sheldon for the defendant. The case was given to Judge Taft. On Monday the following cases were heard: Andrew J. Morse against the estate of Edwin Bruce, from Washington county. S. C. Shurtleff for plaintiff, J. P. Lamson for defendant. Case assigned to Judge Rowell. Town of East Montpelier against J. S. Wheelock, from Washington county. A case arising over repairs to a bridge in East Montpelier. S. C. Shurtleff for plaintiff; F. L. Laird for defendant. Case given to Judge Start.

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Plainfield.

Dr. Goodrich of Randolph was in town last week.

The members of the family of Lester Abbott are all better.

Henry Bartlett is moving his family from Vershire to this village.

Berton Gale of Montpelier visited his father S. P. Gale last Thursday.

Mrs. Emily Spencer entertained a few of her friends one evening last week.

Ralph Spencer went on Monday to Williamstown to work in the stone sheds there.

Mrs. E. O. Grisbrook went last Saturday to Cowansville, P. Q., to visit her parents.

Rev. Mr. Fisk of Waitsfield will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday.

W. H. Chapin has been confined to the house for the past four weeks with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. George Houghton of Morrisville were in town over Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Fred Perrin.

Mrs. W. H. Chapin was called to Groton last Thursday to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. N. A. Whitehill.

Prentice H. Chapin died in Westfield, Mass., January 10, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bronson. He was seventy three years old and had been ill for many years with Bright's disease.

The reading circle of the Martyn district will meet at the residence of A. F. Martyn next Thursday evening. This will be the last meeting of the circle this winter as the school closes this week.

Last Friday evening a large number of friends met at the home of John Hill to greet Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hill on their return from their wedding trip. Unfortunately the big storm delayed them and they did not reach home that night, but the guests enjoyed a pleasant evening and left many valuable presents as well as good wishes.

Rev. E. O. Grisbrook closed his pastorate with the Congregational church in this place last Sunday and went the first of the week to his new charge at Deerfield, Mass. During his two years stay here he has made a great many warm friends who regret his departure. The church at Deerfield may well be congratulated on their acquisition of a very able pastor.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Pursell of Knitnerseville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy. W. E. Terrill & Co., Montpelier, Vt.

East Brookfield.

Charles Campbell of South Washington was in town the first of the week. —— Will C. Holmes of Chelsea spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Holmes. —— Miss Maude Lamson of Randolph visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. English, last week. —— J. M. Angell was in Gaysville the first of the week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Angell. —— Frank Wilcox returned last week from a week's visit among relatives in Brooklyn, N. Y. —— There will be an oyster supper at J. W. Parmenter's on Friday afternoon and evening of this week, when it is hoped that all who can will avail themselves of this opportunity of contributing to the organ fund and at the same time feel that they will get their money's worth.

Ladies, take the best. If you are troubled with constipation, sallow skin and a tired feeling, take Karl's Clover Tea, it is pleasant to take. Sold by W. E. Terrill & Co.

South Barre

The school exhibition given at Harrington's hall last Saturday evening was well attended and all were well pleased with the exercises. —— George Slicer and family have moved to Orange. —— Nora Nichols is working for her sister, Mrs. Walter LeBarron. —— The dance at Unity Temple last Friday night was well attended. There will be a masquerade there February 11.

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TOWN CORRESPONDENCE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST--PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Because of the heavy storm and delayed mails of Tuesday much of our town correspondence did not reach us this week in time for publication. It will appear on one of the inside pages next week.

Barre.

A. D. Young was in New York on business last week.

George T. Connor was in Boston on business last week.

Rev. W. R. Davenport has recovered from his recent illness.

A son was born last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. James B. Coutts.

A daughter was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Heath.

Henry Wilkins is recovering from a long illness with typhoid fever.

A daughter was born last Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brassaw.

A praise service was held at the Congregational church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. L. T. Norris is convalescent from a seven weeks' illness with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Frank J. Martin entertained the Philomathian Club on Tuesday afternoon.

The annual Bachelors' ball will be held in Armory hall on Friday evening, February 18.

Rev. E. W. Cumings preached for the Congregationalists at Waitsfield last Sunday.

L. J. Bolster was at Londonderry last week to attend the funeral of a sister-in-law.

The stone sheds were shut down last Friday and Saturday because of the intense cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gauthier have moved to the house occupied by Mrs. B. W. Jones.

A. M. Holmes was called to South Ryegate last Saturday to attend the funeral of a brother.

Mrs. M. W. Sibley of South Royalton visited last week with Mrs. C. C. Griswold, her sister.

Charles McLaughlin went last Thursday to Mary Fletcher hospital, Burlington, for treatment.

J. W. McDonald has purchased of W. N. Burnham his interest in the firm of Cutler & Burnham.

Mrs. J. G. Eastman of Natick, Mass., has been the guest of J. M. Eastman, her son, during the past week.

Miss Madine Nichols is slowly convalescing from her recent long and dangerous illness with typhoid fever.

Mrs. George Howland of East Montpelier, mother of Cashier F. G. Howland, is dangerously ill with typhoid fever.

Rev. Florence K. Crooker of Troy, N. Y., preached for the Universalists last Sunday, and will supply again next Sunday.

John Brechin, manager of the Acme Granite Company, is on a business trip through New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Miss Sadie Boutwell, who has nursed Miss Madine Nichols during her long illness, goes to-day to her home in Cambridge, Mass.

The infant child of William Frazier of Graniteville died last Wednesday. The burial was on Thursday in the Catholic cemetery.

Charles F. Stevens has been elected prelate of Vincitia Lodge, Knights of Pythias, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. B. W. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mann and daughter left on Tuesday for Santa Anna, Cal., expecting to remain there until May, and possibly longer.

During the year 1897 one hundred and ninety-seven building permits were granted in the city of Barre, fifty-four of which were for dwelling houses.

Rev. J. A. Sherburne took his Sunday-school class for a sleigh ride to Williamstown last Friday evening. Supper was served at W. H. Conner's.

H. W. Scott was at Burlington last Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the Vermont Bee Keepers' Association, of which he was president during the past year.

The pupils in the music department at Goddard Seminary gave an enjoyable recital in Seminary chapel on Monday evening. A large number from down town were present.

Enos Fuller died on Monday of pneumonia, aged eighty-one years. The funeral will be held to-day. Deceased was for many years foreman for Smith, Whitcomb & Cook.

The item in our Washington correspondence regarding Washington granite for the new city building at Barre is worthy the careful consideration of citizens of the Granite City.

The report of Chief of Police Howland for the fiscal year just closed shows that there have been 160 arrests in the city during the year ending on Monday, of which 64 were for intoxication.

The Women's Federation of Clubs will give an entertainment this evening in Armory hall, a feature of which will be George B. Williams in a recitation of "Much Ado About Nothing."

Mrs. David Comolli of East Barre was before Justice H. W. Scott last Saturday, charged with keeping intoxicating liquor with intent to sell. She was fined, with costs, $20, which she paid.

W. B. Viall was in town on Monday to settle with Mrs. C. F. Camp for her claim against the Central Vermont railroad, for a broken arm received on the Central Vermont platform last summer.

The case of Lyman A. Gale and the Village of Barre against Levi J. Bolster and Jones Brothers that was to have been heard on Monday before John H. Senter, special master, has been postponed until Thursday.

The city has settled with the insurance company for the loss on the opera house block for $14,212. Because the foundation was not injured the full sum of $16,000 for which the block was insured was not paid.

A third meeting of the creditors of the insolvent firm of Connor & Wheatley was held last Wednesday in the court of insolvency at Montpelier. Several additional claims were revised and admitted by the court.

The recently married people of the Congregational church will be entertained by the young people in the church parlors next Friday evening. A programme that will have the charm of novelty has been prepared.

The typhoid fever epidemic with which Barre has been afflicted for the past three months is surely abating. Very few new cases have been reported during the past week, and they are not, as yet, of a dangerous character.

The expected and promised support in East Barre to the *Record* did not materialize, and it is understood that Editor Scott of the *Enterprise*, from whose office the *Record* was issued, will suspend its publication after this week.

Post-office Inspector Willis was again in town last week endeavoring to find a location for the post-office. A strong effort has been put forth to have the office at North Barre but it is not probable that such a change will be made.

Box 34 was pulled last Friday for a fire in the kitchen of the residence of Henry Patterson on Washington street. An overheated stove was the cause, and the blaze was quickly extinguished on the arrival of the firemen. The damage is less than $100.

The infant daughter of Charles Booth died last Sunday of peritonitis. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, Rev. Thomas H. Mitchell officiating. The mother of this babe died at its birth eleven weeks ago. Mr. Booth has unbounded sympathy in his double affliction.

The Bible readings held last week in the Baptist church, under the direction of Evangelist Morton W. Plummer, were very largely attended. Members of almost every denomination in the city were constant in attendance, and much interest was manifested, both at the day and evening meetings.

City Attorney Swasey has brought suit against H. A. Phelps to recover what the city claims is a portion of what was once the village common and which Mr. Phelps now claims as his property. The sum of $500 is claimed and the case is returnable at the March term of Washington county court.

The contract for cutting the large mausoleum for Druid Ridge Cemetery, at Baltimore, Md., has been awarded to the Harrison Granite Company. The cost of the structure will be in the vicinity of $70,000, and it will take thirty-five cars to transport it. The work is to be in place before Memorial Day.

H. I. Johnson died last Friday at his home on Farwell street, from the effects of a fall received several days ago, in which he fractured one hip. Deceased was eighty-five years old and leaves a widow and one son in Topsham. Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning by Rev. J. A. Sherburne, and the body was taken to Topsham for burial.

Rev. W. R. Davenport has so far recovered from his recent illness, as to be able to occupy his pulpit at Hedding church last Sunday morning, when he spoke on "A Desirable Quest." In the evening the Methodists united with the Baptists in an evangelical service at the Baptist church, at which the sermon was preached by Evangelist Morton W. Plummer.

Alexander Cruickshank narrowly escaped a horrible death last Friday. His clothing caught in the shafting at the sheds of Inness & Cruickshank, and he was whirled around until every article of clothing except his undershirt was torn from his body. The machinery was stopped just in time to save Mr. Cruickshank's life. Although he was terribly bruised and shaken no bones were broken.

Postmaster McWhorter has received a communication from Perry S. Heath, first assistant postmaster-general, which states that it is impossible during the fiscal year ending June 30, next, to furnish any additional carriers for Barre. In this letter Postmaster McWhorter is instructed to rearrange the routes of the carriers in Barre, cutting down their territory so that no carrier shall be required to work more than eight hours per day.

James Mann, son of Abram Mann, was arrested in Boston last Wednesday charged with stealing railroad tickets valued at $100. His father went to Boston on Thursday to settle the matter if possible. This young man was actively engaged in Salvation Army work in Barre last summer, but when he left in July he took with him a Central Vermont mileage book from Hecker's agency, which he has never returned or paid for.

Mayor Gordon filed with the Supreme Court last Thursday his answer to the petition for a writ of mandamus compelling him to sign a warrant for the pay claimed by Alderman McFarland. The answer covers twelve typewritten pages. Mayor Gordon emphasizes the point that neither the alderman or city council have power to fix their own salaries, and secondly, even had they such authority they had not used it in a proper and legal manner.

William, son of Dennis Cleary, died last Sunday of consumption, aged fifteen years. He was a member of the senior class at the Spaulding High School and was popular with his mates and all who knew him. His funeral was held Tuesday morning from St. Monica's church, and the burial was in the Catholic cemetery. He had been ill only a few months, and followed his mother to the grave within two months. It is a peculiarly sad case and has called forth unstinted sympathy.

The special city meeting, held on Monday evening was largely attended. It was voted to table the question of salary for aldermen, until the mandamus question, now before the Supreme Court, is settled. It was voted to erect a new city building to replace the one burned, at a cost not to exceed $50,000. C. F. Camp, B. H. Wells, C. S. Currier, S. D. Allen and Alexander Gordon were appointed a committee to secure plans and specifications for such a building, they to report at a special city meeting to be held Monday evening, February 28.

The regular meeting of the board of aldermen, last week, lasted only twenty minutes. The committee on finance reported that the city owed the town of Barre $108 32 on taxes, and the same was ordered paid. L. J. Mead was given permission to finish a block on North Main street. The building inspector reported that O. G. Stickney is not finishing his block at the corner of Church and Washington streets according to the permit that was granted him. The matter was referred to City Attorney Swasey.

Deborah, widow of the late John Paine, died on Monday of pneumonia at her home on Main street, after an illness of only a week, aged eighty-eight years. Deceased was a daughter of Ephriam French, and had resided in Barre for more than eighty years. She was ever active in the Universalist society, and has left, by will, the valuable home place on Main street to that society. Her funeral will be held at two o'clock this afternoon, Rev. J. Edward Wright of Montpelier officiating.

The award of land damages by the courts commission, for indivdual damages sustained by the widening of North and South Main streets was filed last Friday with County Clerk M. E. Smilie. L. M. Averill, G. B. Durkee, A. C. Blanchard, W. A. Boyce and Mrs. F. B. Bemis received no award. A. B. Baldwin gets $15; June Reynolds, $350; A. E. Campbell, $300; Martha Childs, $51.33; F. Waters, $40; Cora Haskell, $66.16; Homer Fitts, $208 33; A. C. Slayton, $185: J. H. Ward, 150; F. Waters, home place, $325; Young & Grant, $23.32.

Editor W. F. Scott has entered the race for the post-office and those who are best acquainted with the local situation believe that his chances for securing this place are better than are those of any other candidate in the field. Indeed it is hard to see how a Grout can well turn Brother Scott down, when he asks this or any other favor. Mr. Scott also has another project on his hands, as he comtemplates bringing to life, about February 15, the daily morning *Enterprise*. Barre has been exposed to the daily newspaper epidemic that is at present sweeping over Washington county, and has taken the disease. Announcements of a daily edition of the Williamstown *Herald* and Waterbury *Record* are due about this time.

Rev. Charles H. Wells, brother of City Clerk Wells, officiated at the recent funeral of Congressman Milliken at Belfast, Me. In his eulogy pronounced in the National House of Representatives on his late colleague, Congressman Boutelle said: "I was especially impressed by the beauty and felicity of the tribute paid to his life and public services by the youthful officiating clergyman, who, blending the affection of Mr. Milliken's own generation with the esteem in which he was held by the younger portion of the community, gave feeling expression to the grief which would follow their deceased Representative to his grave." Speaking in the same vein Congressman Dinsmore of Maine said: "And one of the most touching and beautiful tributes that I have ever heard fall from the lips of any man upon a funeral occasion came from those of the young clergyman in charge of the obsequies on that day in the presence of the assembled people." Such words coming from the associates in Congress of the deceased Representative must be highly appreciated by the friends of this talented young clergyman who claims Barre as his birthplace.

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The Ladies Aid meets this afternoon and evening with Mrs. Lucian White.

Mrs. George Lewis has been confined to the house by illness the past week.

E. A. Heath and wife of Moretown were in town on Saturday, as also was Nat Carpenter.

School at the village closed last Friday with appropriate exercises, as did the school at No. 4 district.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Maynard returned from Alva, Fla., last Tuesday night after an absence of about three months.

E. S. Dana, engineer at the Viles plant, has been slightly indisposed the past few days, although nothing serious is feared.

A mistake was made in the object of Mr. Stanton's visit last week. It should have been J. R. Leonard instead of D. D. Darling. Beg pardon.

Our local merchant J. H. Daniels has been confined to the house by a serious attack of asthma the past week. George W. Steinberge acted in his capacity at the store.

The oyster supper and entertainment held at the church by the Home Circle was a grand success, financially and entertainingly. There were about 150 present and a good time was enjoyed.

The Ladies Aid will hold an oyster supper and dance at Holden's hall February 18 to which a cordial invitation is extended. It is to be an old and young folks' dance. Everybody who can be present.

W. G. Scott was the victim of quite a severe accident while attending the closing exercises of District No. 4, getting a nail stuck in his knee pan, which will compel him to remain inside for a few days.

Karl Knapp and F. A. Ward came near shuffling off this mortal coil last Friday at H. J. Taplin's crossing. It is said that the space left between the back of the sleigh and the mail train was too small for figures to describe. Better be careful.

While W. W. Chandler was drawing logs last Friday he dropped the cant hook off the load just as was passing the creamery. He stopped the team and got off to pick it up when the team started rolling Mr. Chandler along between the logs and the building, the pressure being hard enough to take the corner board off. Mr. Chandler was about midway of the load when it started and had he been any farther back death must have resulted. It was a close escape. Dr. D. G. Kemp of Montpelier was summoned and Mr. Chandler was carried home by J. W. Egan. The doctor found him badly bruised about the hips and back but apprehended no serious trouble if the spine was not hurt. Mr. Chandler is reported better.

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Marshfield.

The schools in town close next Friday except the primary in the village, which has one week longer. —— The local Knights of Pythias lodge worked the first rank Monday night and expect to work the second rank February 14. —— Wood Brothers have purchased an engine of H. S. Laird and will have it in position to work this week. —— Moody Bemis has been very sick the past two weeks but at this writing is quite a little better. —— There was a surprise party at S. H. Packer's last Wednesday night. Through some misunderstanding there were not as many present as otherwise would have been. —— The water nearly stopped in the village last Thursday, but is all right now. It appears like a leak in the pipe. —— The Thespians present the drama "Uncle Josh" at Union vestry this week Friday and Saturday evenings. —— Mr. Brockway of Williamstown visited at H. Hadlock's last week. —— Alva M. Shepard died last Friday night after an illness of almost a year. His disease was softening of the brain and he was a great care the last few months but received the best of care from his wife, assisted by relatives and friends. His funeral was held on Sunday at the Methodist church, Rev. S. G. Lewis officiating, four of the old band acting as bearers. Mr. Shepard was for many years local correspondent for the *Argus*. —— Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Meader have engaged to work for W. J. Town of Woodbury the coming year in the boarding house. —— Loren Chase and wife and Frank Pollard and wife were in town on Sunday to attend the funeral of A. M. Shepard, also Smilie Smith and wife of Plainfield and Harvey Burnham and wife of Montpelier. —— Chester Wood has bought another engine for his butter box factory. —— The Ladies' Union will meet with Mrs. Bertha Pitkin on Thursday afternoon and evening. Invitation is extended to all. —— Mrs. Tony Gaudette died at Lanesboro last week of typhoid fever. Her remains were taken to Burlington for interment. They had been married only five weeks. —— Rev. J. A. Dixon will deliver at the Methodist church his lecture, "Ups and Downs of the Briny Deep, or Fifteen Years' Experience as a Sailor," next Wednesday evening, to conclude with a chicken pie and variety supper, this being the annual supper of the church. A good time is expected and a full house is promised.

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Hardwick.

L. H. Warren has sold his entire stock of sleighs and has ordered a new supply. —— Rev. E. A. Whittier conducted meetings in the Congregational church one week, afternoons and evenings. No special interest. —— Col. Copeland lectured here last Friday evening to a large and enthusiastic audience. —— Colds, grip and fevers are prevalent. —— Rev. Mr. Drown, who was seriously hurt by a horse at Morrisville a few weeks ago has nearly recovered. —— Business in all lines has greatly improved in Hardwick during the last few weeks. No one complains now because there is no snow, not even the man who cleans the sidewalks. —— Several of our citizens attended the January session of the free Baptist quarterly meeting last week, convened in Sutton, and report a profitable session.

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Peacham.

William Hanscom and wife of South Cabot visited at J. W. Houghton's over Sunday. —— Miss Mary Caldeo is sick. She is just eighty years of age and was a popular milliner in town fifty years ago. She has always lived alone and is called one of the old land marks. —— Mr. Shepard advertises an auction February 3 to sell all his household goods. He moves to Boston next Saturday to reside with his son. —— Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ransom of East Hardwick were in town the past week, stopping with Plummer Barrett. —— Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ballaw have ceased to work at O. M. Jennison's and have gone to Lower Cabot, Porley Morgan of South Peacham, taking his place with Mr. Jennison. —— Walter Brown says he shall go south shortly and engage in some mill, where snow does not abound nine months in the year. —— The Crusaders go from here to Wheelock and Sutton. —— John Williams is at home from college on a short visit. —— A large crowd attended the Blaine auction last Thursday and saw a raft of property change ownership. Sixty-three cows were advertised, a large herd to be broken up and dispersed "hither and yon." —— A promenade concert is booked for February 4 and a good time is expected. —— Farmers' meeting Saturday, February 5, at Town Hall. Let all come and make it a success, also bring a good contribution to supply the tables as the wants of the inner man will be attended to at noon in the vestry. —— Oyster supper at the Methodist church on Friday evening, so those that attend the concert and wish for refreshments, can get them there. —— Rev. L. H. Elliott will preach next Sunday at the Congregational church union services.

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Post Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benson of Hartland have been visiting relatives in the village. —— George Johnson of North Main street has moved to Lebanon, N. H. —— Mrs. E. T. Douglass after a short visit at the Douglass homestead has returned to Groton, Conn. —— Charles Jackman of Highland avenue has moved to Orford, N. H., where he is engaged in logging. —— West Fairlee Center held its annual church roll-call at the parsonage on the evening of January 25. —— The officers of Ridley Encampment No. 12, were installed by D. D. G. P. Charles W. Spaulding of Woodstock, January 19. —— At the annual roll-call of the church John Young was re-elected to the deaconship for the year. —— Messrs. Lane and Johnson while fishing in Fairlee lake caught two fine pickerel weighing four pounds each. —— Mrs. Charles Watriss of Claremont, N. H., is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Church, at the Commodore House. —— Mrs. Harvey Batchelder is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Braley, at Piermont, N. H. —— Four degrees below zero was the highest point of the mercury on Sunday. At 7 P. M. it registered seventeen degrees below, at 8 P. M. twenty-one degrees below and at 9 P. M. thirty below.

Ricker Mills.

R. S. Hooper of Hardwick visited at A. H. Rickers' one day last week. —— George R. Brown and wife visited here last Saturday. —— Carroll Ricker was quite sick last Sunday. —— Austin Alston has improved in health so that he is at work. —— Peter Ricker was sick last week. —— Miss Bertha Boyce of Boltonville visited Grace Boyce last week. —— Ed Miller of Topsham, who was working for A. H. Ricker, went home, sick, last Saturday.

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Groton.

Mrs. Newton Whitehill died January 25 of pneumonia. The funeral was held at the Methodist church on Thursday, Rev. W. I. Todd officiating. —— Married, January 25, Solomon Anderson and Etta Clark at the home of the bride's father, A. S. Clark, by Rev. W. I. Todd. —— R. S. Hooper of Hardwick has been stopping in town for a few days. —— H. A. Wilson of Corinth was in town last Wednesday and Thursday. —— Rev. A. J. Dixon of Cabot preached in the Methodist church last Wednesday and Thursday evenings. —— Lyceum will be held at the village school hall on Thursday evening. Question, "Resolved, That virtue produces happiness and vice produces misery." Affirmative, Lee Blanchard, Blanche Page, Blanche Welch; negative, Lillian Coffrin, Florence Chalmers and Bernard Eastman. —— Principal E. H. O'Brien goes to Hinesburg next Friday for one week's vacation, when he returns to teach a select school of eight weeks. Too much praise cannot be given Mr. O'Brien for the excellent school we have had under his instruction. —— We were very much surprised to note the pedantic explosion of some of the disappointed, disheartened citizens of Ryegate, in last week's issue of the *Times*, respecting their joint debate with our High School. When our High School challenged the Ryegate High School, we expected to meet not only gentlemen, but also people, who, if defeated, had manhood sufficient to meet their defeat like men and not like idiots. I trust the public will perceive that "high standard of courtesy and manners" of which the aristocrats of Ryegate boast, after perusing their article of last week in the *Times*. Without cause or provocation, they maliciously attack, not only our High School, but the good citizens of Groton as well. They say we did not honor them. We granted the Ryegate High School the privilege of choosing the question, of choosing two of the board of decision; but we did not honor them simply because we defeated and by so doing cast embarrasment on the aristocracy of Ryegate. Those courteous Ryegate gentlemen(?) displayed their wonderful "manners" by *hissing our students* when they gave their class yell before the debate, and again gave signs of remarkably remembering their courteousness by calling our debators the devil and the angels of the devil. So much for those people, who mistake themselves for gentlemen. When the courteous and gentlemanly aristocrats of Ryegate become educated in the art of debating, our High School will arrange a joint debate with them; but in their present state of *barbarism* and, as their principal expresses it, inexperience, we can see no object in again defeating our precocious neighbors, in order that Groton people may again be insulted and maligned through the *Groton Times*.

Waits River.

Preparations are going on here for the stone cutting and polishing business. A polishing machine has been set up in Beede and Locke's mill and a stone shed sixty feet long is being built adjoining it. —— Several dwelling houses are to be erected in the spring for the accommodation of the workmen.

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