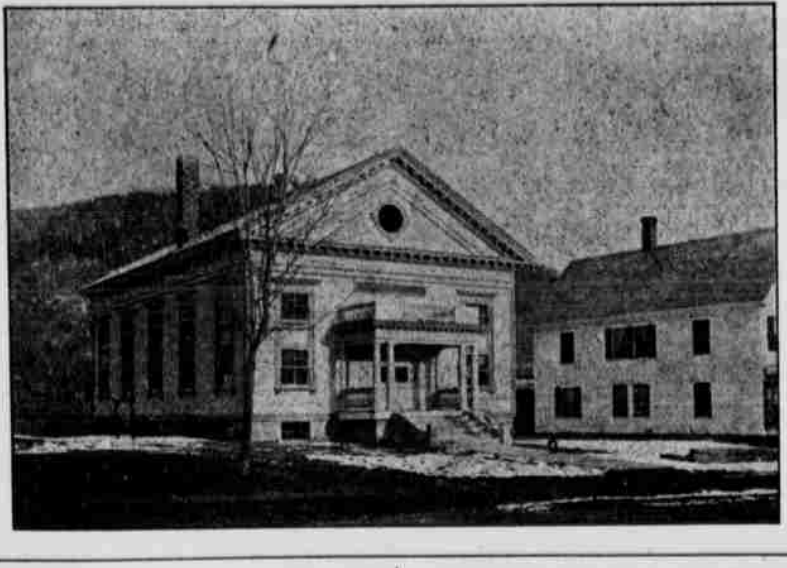


NEW TOWN HALL IN TOWNSHEND

Handsome Building Centrally Located in Enterprising Community
Is Nearly Ready for Use



In the early settlements of New England the town and parish were identical. Townshend was modeled according to the New England plan, thus a building was erected in 1790 to serve as a "meeting-house" for public worship and also as a place in which to hold the annual town meeting, as well as any gathering of a public nature, political or otherwise. In the development of the community life the secular and the religious became more clearly defined, which led to a desire on the part of the church to have a separate room for its Sunday services. Accordingly they added another story to the meeting-house and fitted up an audience room exclusively for religious purposes, thereby dissolving partnership with the town so far as the room to worship in was concerned, but not in relation to the building as a whole, the town still retaining its claim on the lower floor of the old meeting-house. This situation continued down to the present time. Many of the church people, however, had come to feel that they should have control of the entire building and not be subjected to the annoyances which must of necessity occur while part of the building was used or rented by the town to other organizations or companies for meetings or entertainments.

Many citizens had come to feel that the town could afford to have a building all its own to use for any and all purposes for which a public building stands in the community. Therefore, after much agitation and no little discussion, the town voted in its annual meeting in March, 1908, to relinquish its interests in the old meeting-house, for \$1000, to the First Congregational society, the town to retain possession for two years from that date. In the annual town meeting in March, 1909, S. Thompson, of Concord, Mass., consisting of Harrison Chamberlain and R. W. Blood to investigate as to the cost and bring in plans for a town hall. This committee reported at the annual meeting in March, 1910, when it was voted to build a town house at a cost not to exceed \$5500. The selectmen, consisting of J. H. Ware, F. H. Ward and W. W. Van Ness, were instructed to carry out the vote of the town. Harrison Chamberlain was added to the committee, but later he declined to serve, the selectmen transacting the business. After much delay a site was secured on land sold by R. D. Phillips and Dr. Parker for \$250, located between the residences of Mr. Phillips and Dr. Parker, two doors from the Inn, which is thought to be the best lot in the village for that purpose.

The contract for the cellar and founda-

tion was awarded to the late James O. Follett for \$500. He began work in October, 1910, but owing to difficulty in securing help he was overtaken by the cold weather with the foundation only about two-thirds completed. The situation was complicated further by the unexpected death of Deacon Follett in February, 1911.

In the annual town meeting in March, 1911, the town voted an additional \$1000 as it was seen that the original appropriation was insufficient to complete the building according to the plans. A contract was made with Haynes Saunders to finish the foundation and put in a cement walk and steps and grade the lawn, for \$300. The contract for the building proper was awarded to Everett W. Phillips for \$4800, to be completed Jan. 1, 1912.

The building was designed by M. R. Dyer, architect, of Greenfield, Mass. It is 40 by 60 feet with 20-foot six-inch posts. The portico is 8 by 16 feet supported by a balustrade supported by heavy columns. The hall is 40 feet from the sidewalk and is reached by a cement walk eight feet wide and a flight of five cement steps nine feet wide with 17-inch treads. There is an ante-room on each side of the hall entrance to the hall, which is 36 by 40 feet with a stage 15 by 20 feet. The hall and gallery, 14 by 40 feet, have a seating capacity of 200. The hall has a maple floor and is finished in Georgia pine, sheathed and varnished in the natural color. The ceiling is metal painted white with a border of white plaster and plastered and left white down to the window sills, where they are met by a wainscoting which extends around the hall. The ceiling is reached by a staircase on each side of the stage and a stairway leading to the basement at the rear.

Heat is supplied by a hot-air wood furnace put in by E. E. Fuller & Co. of Saxtons River and Townshend, the cost of which, with the ventilation, was greatly increased by the law requiring the conditions to meet the approval of the state board of health, though no doubt the restrictions are all in the line of progress. E. W. Phillips superintended the work in person, and was ably assisted by R. W. Blood and P. A. Blood. Architect Dyer has expressed himself as well satisfied with both the material used and the work done.

The selectmen and citizens of the town are to be congratulated on the successful completion of an undertaking of so much moment. It is an ornament to the town and a monument to the skill of their mechanics. The plans for the dedication exercises are not completed, but no doubt they will be in keeping with the whole enterprise.

TOWNSHEND

Leland and Gray Seminary Notes.

The winter term opened Tuesday with every student responding to the roll call—a good start for the winter.

Principal Powers reports a pleasant recess spent at his home in Athens. Miss Sadie Hewitt came back from Attleboro, Mass., Monday, much refreshed by her short vacation and full of enthusiasm for the winter's work. She reports a fine time, and delightful weather in that great center of the jewelry making industry.

Recent repairs have greatly helped the work in the laboratory.

The new arrangement for heating the chapel makes a great saving of fuel as well as an improvement in the temperature of the room.

S. Thompson, of Concord, Mass., will give a humorous entertainment in the hall Monday evening, Dec. 11. Mr. Blood has been here before and all who remember his ability as an entertainer will want to hear him again.

The first issue of the Messenger for the year has come to our hands. The editorials and special articles show both ability and interest in the school. There are also some sharp hits.

The band has had a group picture made which will appear in the Messenger and the catalogue. Mr. Thayer of Williamsville was the photographer.

Read the principal's article in the Messenger.

W. A. Eddy is much improved.

Leslie Wheeler lost a valuable horse this week.

Oscar Dean has been spending a few days in Athens.

Mrs. Abbie Woodward has been suffering from grip.

Miss Margaret Mills returned to Middlebury college Monday.

Miss Kate Hawkins of Brattleboro visited Mrs. Kidder this week.

George Reed's family entertained friends on Thanksgiving at their home.

Miss Irene Ingalls of Middlebury college visited in town this week.

Mrs. Millie Metcalf spent a few days recently with Mrs. Charles Hall.

Ray Cobb is working with the bridge gang on the West River railroad.

Fred Wheeler and mother returned today to Kansas, their former home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Barber has gone to Brattleboro to stay a month or more.

Col. W. H. Miles returned Saturday night from a Monday at Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. Alma Cummings has been suffering with a swollen gland in the neck.

Mrs. Charles Hall and family ate Thanksgiving dinner at William McClennings.

Lawyer and Mrs. Butler were entertained at Herbert Kidder's Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cone of Charleston, Mass., visited at Arza Benson's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lawrence entertained Mr. and Mrs. Milton Howard over Thanksgiving.

Hugh Phillips was at home Thanksgiving day. He returned to South Londonderry on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Renfrew of West Brattleboro visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Mills this week.

There was a large attendance at the

WEST TOWNSHEND.

W. H. Hamilton lost his horse Saturday.

G. T. Fales visited at J. A. Veinot's recently.

R. W. Dean was in Amherst a few days last week.

The village schools opened Monday with Miss Lottie Jones and Miss Charlotte Davies in their old places as teachers.

Roland Groat and family of Farley, Mass., spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. Ella Groat, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bruce of Brattleboro were guests at the Switzer home. Frank Giles and family were guests of Ray Jenison.

JAMAICA.

The W. C. T. U. met Wednesday with Mrs. Kellogg.

Phineas Allen picked three dandelion blossoms Monday, Nov. 27.

The Ladies' Industrial society met Tuesday with Mrs. Kellogg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Butler and Wayne visited Saturday and Sunday, at H. S. Kidder's in Townshend.

Mrs. Wellman will lead the Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening, topic, "The source of a worker's strength."

L. W. Kingsbury, H. M. Kingsbury and Lila Kingsbury attended a reunion of the Kingsbury family in Chester Thanksgiving day.

Miss Howe of Hartford, who had been visiting at A. V. D. Piper's, returned to Hartford Saturday. Mrs. Piper accompanied her to Brattleboro.

The town treasurer reports the smallest tax bill in the history of the collector, he thinks, in the history of the town, amounting to \$760.45 and containing only 41 names, of which 13 are poll tax payers only.

The Ladies' Industrial society of the Congregational church will have a baked bean supper and sale of useful and fancy articles Dec. 30. Each member of the society is expected to furnish something for the sale table.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sage and Mr. and Mrs. C. Robinson and Maynard spent Thanksgiving with J. C. Taft at Townshend. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stark and Pearl were with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Record in Brattleboro. H. H. Baker was at home from Brattleboro, returning Friday. Fanny Howard was at home from Brattleboro.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Boyden of West Townshend and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howard and daughter, Florence, of Townshend and Victor Boyden were with C. D. Boyden, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen and children of Brattleboro and Mr. and Mrs. John Peck and daughter were with Phineas Allen. George Harrington was at home. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cushman. Mrs. Della Howard dined with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Johnson. J. C. Benson was in Wilmington.

EAST JAMAICA.

W. H. Hamilton lost a good horse Saturday.

G. C. Hartshorn of Northbridge, Mass., is at N. F. Peirce's.

A. J. Pike of Stratton was a visitor at L. E. Groat's this week.

J. Valcourt of Greenfield was at G. H. Gleason's the first of the week.

Miss Nellie Underwood, who has been ill several days, is much better.

W. S. Allen and G. H. Gleason were in Windham and Londonderry Monday.

B. L. Gleason and family of West Windham were at W. S. Allen's Sunday.

Page Boynton of Londonderry was a visitor at N. F. Peirce's the first of the week.

About 60 attended the entertainment given in the River schoolhouse Friday evening.

Miss Lila Allen, Miss Lola Gleason and Prentiss Butler returned to their studies at Leland & Gray seminary this week after spending Thanksgiving week at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Peck and daughter, Sibyl, spent Thanksgiving at Phineas Allen's in Jamaica. Miss Hannah Prentiss and Mrs. Hattie Jones of Windham, Rev. George Prentiss of Florence, Mass., Charles R. Prentiss of West Brattleboro, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burgess of Washington, D. C., Paul Jones of Dartmouth college and Leon Groat and family of this place were Thanksgiving guests at E. M. Butler's.

RAWSONVILLE.

Harry Beattie is working for Frank Williams.

Ernest Coleman of Schockad Landing, N. Y., is visiting at William Coleman's.

School began Monday with Clarence Benson of South Londonderry as teacher.

Ben Bostwick cut his knee badly while cutting wood for Hoyt Sheldon Thanksgiving day.

Henry Cobb of Brattleboro and Fred Rawson of Brattleboro were at C. P. Rawson's recently.

WINDHAM.

Ora Rhoades's mother is visiting him.

John Coleman and Mrs. Torrey and Alden Torrey recently visited a week in Concord, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Emery Bills were house for them and looked after things.

The ladies' aid society gave a supper and entertainment in the vestry Friday evening which was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. H. M. Abbott Thursday, Dec. 14.

The South Windham school began Monday with Miss Westphal of Fair Haven as teacher. The West Windham school began Monday with Miss Davies of Londonderry as teacher. Miss Blake of St. Johnsbury is the principal of the center school, which opened Tuesday.

Thanksgiving guests were Mrs. Prentiss and Mrs. Jones with Mrs. E. M. Butler in East Jamaica; Lizzie Hawkes with her brother, Mr. H. E. Wood at H. M. Abbott's; Helen Gould home from Chester, accompanied by Irene Atwood of Westminster; Irene Ingalls home from Middlebury, accompanied by her roommate; Paul Jones from Dartmouth college, returning Monday.

Another Answer to Horse Problem.

Editor The Phoenix:

My answer to the horse and barn problem, viz., "How much could a horse feed over to a barn 25 feet square with a rope 100 feet long," is 29,206.22 square feet.

GEORGE A. DOWNS.

Newfane, Vt., Dec. 5, 1911.

An automobile from Jamaica Plain, in which several people were chasing a bride party en route to the South station in Boston, skidded on the muddy pavement in Roxbury Thanksgiving day and turned over. Two women were killed in the wreck, another woman was probably fatally injured, and four other occupants of the car were hurt.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

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J. L. Stockwell, Thomas Pharmacy, 100 N. Main St., Boston, Mass.

H. A. Williams, 100 N. Main St., Boston, Mass.

A. M. Muzzey, 100 N. Main St., Boston, Mass.

A. M. Merrifield, 100 N. Main St., Boston, Mass.

M. G. Williams, 100 N. Main St., Boston, Mass.

E. A. Temple & Co., 100 N. Main St., Boston, Mass.

A. M. Corser.

Dean's Rheumatic Pills for rheumatism and neuralgia. Entirely vegetable. Safe.

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FOREMOST CHRISTMAS STORE
Our Whole Store to be One Christmas Beehive of Activity
The limitless varieties of Christmas Goods we display helps to a quick solution of the gift problem.

Neckwear

Every conceit known and accepted by the leading makers. All put up in Christmas boxes.

WOMEN'S NECKWEAR—Stocks, Cascades, Pastel Jabots, Embroidered Collars, Roselud Ties, Bows and Fancy Jabots.

Price, 25¢
FANCY STOCKS, real lace trimmed Jabots, embroidered Stocks and novelty Stocks. 50¢

SIDE FRILL JABOTS, trimmed with fine laces and embroideries and made of net, batiste and marquisette.

Price, 25¢ and 50¢
EVENING SCARFS of plain and flowered crepe de chine, also novelties.

From 50¢ to \$1.50
FOUR-IN-HAND TIES made in reversible and flowing end styles, in all plain colors; also fancy cross stripes. Each 25¢

ACCORDION KNIT FOUR-IN-HANDS made in all color combinations. Each, 50¢

Umbrellas

MEN'S UMBRELLAS, made of good material with boxwood handles. Special, 98¢

MEN'S UMBRELLAS made of union taffeta and pure silk taffeta. Price, \$1.48 up to \$2.98

WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS made of union taffeta with Mission handles. Special at 98¢

WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS made of taffeta with silver and gold trimmed handles; also with carved ebony handles. Price, \$1.50 up to \$4.98

CHILDREN'S UMBRELLAS. Price, 50¢, 75¢, 98¢

Christmas Leather Goods

LADIES' SHOPPING BAGS, in black; made of good quality leather, leather lined throughout, oxidized silver frame. Special at 98¢

HAND BAGS, made of goat seal, leather lined. \$1.98 to \$2.98

REAL SEAL BAGS, made in black only. \$2.98 and \$3.98

POCKET BOOKS in several styles, black, tan and green. Price, 25¢ up to \$1.50

CARD CASES AND BILL BOOKS in several kinds. Price, 50¢ up to \$1.00

DRESS SUIT CASES, covered with leather, regular size, lined with canvass. Special, \$2.98

OAK TANNED COWHIDE CASES in several styles, canvass lined. Price, \$3.98 to \$5.98

COWHIDE ENGLISH BAGS, hand sewed French edges, heavy sewed on corners, brass trimmed, leather lined. Price, \$3.98 to \$5.00

LARGE HAND SEWED BAGS, heavy corners, brass spring catches and lock, leather lined. Price, \$6.98 to \$10.00

Holiday Stationery

All Special Values in Holiday Boxes

AUTOCRAT STATIONERY put up in red poinsettia boxes; one of the best high grade writing papers sold. Price, 25¢ up to \$1.50

HOLLY BOXED STATIONERY in a large assortment of packages. Special value, 15¢ to 98¢

Knit Goods

AUTOMOBILE HOODS for children and ladies, made in all color combinations from the best yarn. Price, 50¢, 75¢, 98¢

SKATING CAPS in all colors for either girls or boys. Price, 25¢, 50¢

TOQUES for girls or boys, made in all colors. Price, 25¢ and 50¢

GOLF GLOVES for men, women and children in nearly all colors. Price, 25¢ and 50¢



High Grade Gloves

Our Glove Department provides just the wanted style, color and size for the occasion.

TWO-CLASP OVERSEAM KID GLOVES, for dress wear, Paris point embroidery, all regular colors and sizes. Price, \$1.00 and \$1.50

ONE-CLASP MOCHA GLOVES. Kant-Rip sewn, made from imported cape skins; all colors and sizes. Price, \$1.00 and \$1.50

ONE-CLASP MOCHA GLOVES, made in grey, tan and black. Special at \$1.00

Men's Christmas Furnishings

HOSE and FOUR-IN-HAND SET, all colors. Price, 50¢

MEN'S BLACK SILK HOSE. Very Special, 50¢

MEN'S FOUR-IN-HAND TIES. Price, 25¢ and 50¢

MEN'S MUFLERS in all colors. Price, 25¢ and 50¢

SILK MUFLERS in black and white. Price, 50¢ up to \$1.50

MEN'S LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, six in Holiday Box. Special, per box, \$1.50

MEN'S SILK LISLE HOSE, six in a box. Per box, \$1.50

Bath Robes

LADIES' BATH ROBES, made of heavy blanket material, all colors, in two styles. Special, \$2.98

LADIES' BATH ROBES made of the best blanket material, trimmed with satin, made in all colors and a great variety of patterns. Price, \$3.98 to \$6.98

WOOL EIDERDOWN ROBES made in grey, rose and red. Price, \$3.98 to \$6.98

CHILDREN'S BATH ROBES, sizes 8 to 14, in all colors. Price, \$2.98

CREPE and FLANNELETTE KIMONOS in a large assortment. Price, 50¢ up to \$2.98

Ladies' Neck Furs & Muffs

BLACK FURS
BLACK BELGIAN HARE SHAWLS and MUFLERS. Special at \$4.98

BLACK RUSSILYNX SHAWLS and MUFLERS. Strictly guaranteed and as beautiful as real lynx. Price, \$7.50 to \$12.50

BLACK CHINA WOLF SHAWLS and MUFLERS. A fur that is fully satisfactory. Price, \$9.87 to \$15.00

BLACK OPOSSUM and RACCOON SHAWLS and MUFLERS. Price, \$6.50 to \$12.50

CHILDREN'S FURS
WHITE and GREY CURLY LAMB SETS, consisting of Muffs and satin lined Collar. Price, 98¢ to \$1.98

WHITE CURLY THIBET SETS, Muff and Collar to match. Price, \$2.98 to \$4.98

MISSIE GREY KRIMMER and BLUE WOLF SETS. Muffs and Collars to match. Price, \$3.98 to \$6.50

MISSIE MUFLERS in Coney, Water Mink and Opossum. Price, \$1.48 to \$4.98

Suggestions for Baby

INFANTS' HAND CROCHETED SACKS. Price, 25¢, 50¢, 75¢, 98¢

INFANTS' WHITE DRAWER LEGGINS in all sizes. Price, 50¢ up to 98¢

INFANTS' WHITE MITTENS in wool and silk and wool. Price, 25¢

INFANTS' and SMALL CHILDREN'S SWEATERS in white, red and grey, at 98¢ and \$1.50

INFANTS' BONNETS made of silk and bearskin; also beautifully knit wool bonnets. Price, 25¢ up to 98¢

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INFANTS' TOQUES in several styles, knit of fine wool. Price, 25¢ and 50¢

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Brass Novelties

for Christmas Gifts

HAMMERED BRASS FERN DISH, six inches in diameter, displayed upon eight-inch French plate glass plateau, filled with prepared moss, genuine sea grass and sprays of maidenhair.

Very special, 98¢

BRUSH BRASS BASKETS for ferns, flowers or fruits, 14 inches in height. Each, 75¢

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HAMMERED BRASS JARDINIERS, eight inches in diameter. Price, 75¢

ASH RECEIVERS in several styles; all brush brass. Price, 25¢

JEWEL CASES, gold plated in three sizes. Price, 25¢, 50¢, 98¢

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THE CAMPBELL KIDS, one of the cutest dolls ever offered to little tots. Every kid wants a "Campbell Kid."

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MUSICAL BEARS with Khaki Suit, Bears containing chimes, which sound when toy is tipped. Price, 98¢

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Popular Gifts in Jewelry

CHILDREN'S SIGNET RING—solid gold. 50¢

SIGNET RINGS, larger size—solid gold. \$1.00

LADIES' VEIL PINS, 25¢, 50¢

SIDE FRILL PINS, 25¢, 50¢

HAT PINS, 25¢, 50¢

CHILDREN'S BRACELETS, 25¢, 50¢

LADIES' BRACELETS, 25¢, 50¢

LADIES' MESH BAGS, 98¢ to \$3.98

BEADS, all colors, 25¢, 50¢

MEN'S CUFF LINKS, 25¢, 50¢

MEN'S CUFF LINKS and STICK PINS, 50¢

MEN'S LINK and TIE CLIP, 50¢

MEN'S STICK PINS, 25¢, 50¢

LADIES' COLLAR PIN SETS, 25¢, 50¢

LADIES' BELT PINS, 25¢, 50¢

LADIES' BROOCH PINS, 25¢, 50¢, 98¢

CHILDREN'S MESH BAGS, 25¢, 50¢

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