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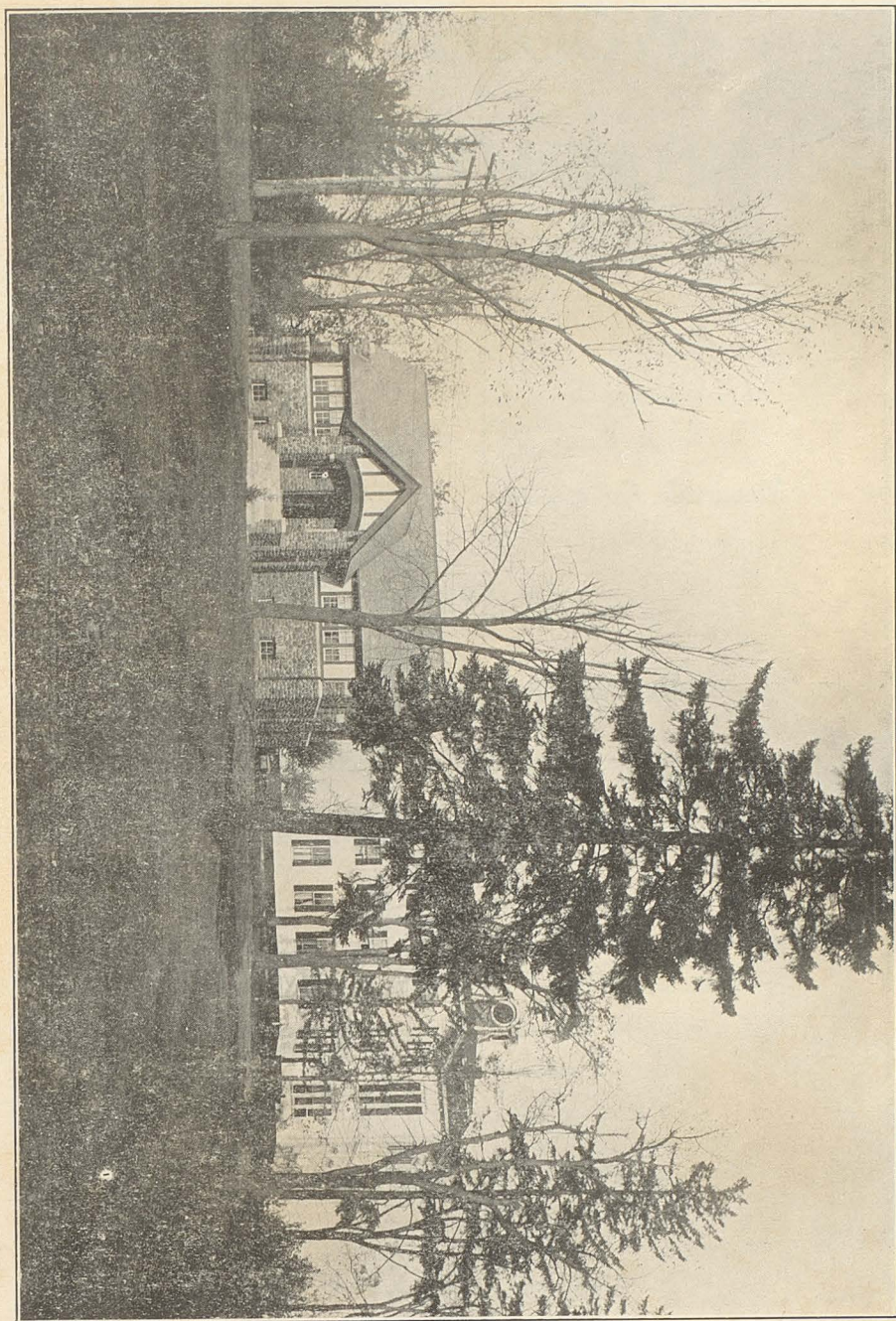
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Rosemary

That's For Remembrance

When Mrs. Gallup wrote me that it "had been suggested that it would be pleasant to hear from some of the older Alumni" and asked me if I would be willing to write something of my remembrances of Woodstock Academy I thought it quite improbable that I could add anything of interest to the columns of "The Gleaner" but I am glad to pay a tribute of gratitude and affection to the Academy.

We, of the '70s assuredly belong to the "older alumnae." In the matter of years, mayhap, seem to youth to belong in that barren region above timber line (above timber line is a "sightly place," I've been told) Be that as it may to comply with Mrs. Gallup's request I turned to a volume of memories, in book II, page one. There is a picture of the Old Academy, on its threshold, in letters of gold, is inscribed "Remembrance." As I turn the leaves there is a shining page on which are writ the names of teachers. There are characteristic signs and symbols made by the girls and boys, many faces stand out distinctly, undimmed by the passing of time.

One page presents a composite, grotesque face and figure with cap and bells, along the margins of the page in quaint characters are many jests, humorous quips and turns—some of which found their way to the Gleaner of old days. We linger long as we scan the page on which are sketched measures and bars of music—we catch a faint, far off echo of voices raised in even-song. There are etchings of

the homes in the Valley and on the Hill, of the beautiful old church with its skyward pointing spire.

There are splashes of gorgeous colors of sunset splendor; and the flaming tints and hues of Autumn's glory as she flaunts the banners to which she has given her magic touch.

The lake shimmers under a summer sun, sketches white and still under a winter sky.

Here and there between the leaves are "pansies" of fadeless hue, "for thoughts" for those who went away in the first flush of youth.

I would that I could show to you, especially the friends of the '70s, these pages in which are bound friendships and experiences of schooldays; they are too immaterial to be transferred to the pages of the Gleaner, and only in the most general way can I summarize the few out of the many pages. All had their part in the Academy life.

In "those days" the old Academy stood, as it had done in the days of our fathers and mothers, (tho' the new Academy was built during that period, and we felt that its completion, and its dedication was an event) and in memory it remains a symbol of the life of the time and the place, simple, plain, unpretentious and substantial.

Woodstock and the Academy were almost interchangeable terms, for the community, the church and the homes of the community contributed in full measure their part to the life of the Academy. We were few in numbers.

A young Englishman, a graduate of Christ Church College, in talking with my husband of his life at Oxford said: "There was such an opportunity for a good time at Oxford that it seemed a waste of time to study." Without making comparisons, be it said that Woodstock in its way afforded so happy an

opportunity for a "good time", that some of us, I fear, often forgot just why we were there. There were those with understanding minds who knew well for what purpose they were passing those years at the Academy. They "saw the sign and heard the call."

Here I would like to enroach upon a time later than the Academy period to say: great praise and honor to those who held to the high vision vouchsafed them, translated it into clear seeing, straight thinking and fine living; in all circumstances and conditions giving the best that was in them in thought and service to their fellow beings. For those with whom the battle has gone hard, who have yet kept the valiant spirit of no retreat, and no surrender, in this have given inspiration and cheer, there is no word or phrase that can adequately express our feeling for their manners and their spirit of Life!

The temperamental traits, the mental twists of some of the teachers who found their way to Woodstock Academy might have opened a field for psychological study—or investigation; looking backward one wonders how, or for what reason the teaching profession could have made an appeal to them. Most of the members of the teaching staff were well qualified for their business of teaching, and were successful in it. Of those with whom I come in contact Miss Beach was pre-eminent. As teacher she was inspirer to the best in whatever subject she presented; as woman she transcended all women I have ever known. Her teaching was clear. She maintained the nice balance between the things of the head and the heart; life a principle, not a feeling; her soul crystal clear. Such a personality could not fail to carry a great weight of influence. I marvelled at the beauty and strength of her character. I cherish the memory of her, who lived so fully, "the human life of God."

The homes in the community the doors of which were open to us were a happy feature of life; the genuine

hospitality extended to us by the gracious women who presided over their households is not to be forgotten, the memory of the spirit and atmosphere of those dwelling places is one that will linger. The philosopher, who lived in "a house by the side of the road" or at the end of the road, was guided by a system that gave spice to his conversations, and added zest to life. He never obtruded himself.

I doubt if a single soul upon whom the obligation was laid to attend service in the lovely, quaint old church, can recall so much as a text, or spoken word to which we listened during many a wearisome hour. After all these years there are vague recollections of suppressed merriment at bobbing and bumping heads and open mouths, as slumber overtook the would-be hearers of the Word. We were not more seriously troubled by rigid theology than were the sleepers.

There was, in spite of expressions of irreverence on the part of some of the members of the younger generation a spirit and power in and of the place that was felt by them. The earnest conviction and faith of the souls of those assembled within those walls from Sunday to Sunday, and for mid-week service did leave its impress on the minds of frivolous youth—like many another experience it struck in.

Elmwood Hall, for those of us who made our home there was a part of Academy life; under its roof were pleasant social gatherings, and happy celebrations of holidays. There is vivid recollection of Mrs. Chandler, who ministered to our physical wants, administered just reproof as occasion demanded. Hers was a strong nature! She was a lover of mirth. Her spirit outsoared the weariness and limitations of the body, often so heavily taxed by them. Her energy of soul was tireless; at the very last there was the vision of "clipping rays from the sun."

Mrs. Davidson, the wife of our principal who lived at Elmwood was an influence that is held in tender and lov-

ing remembrance.

I realize, as must any one who has taken the trouble to read, the wide gaps and omissions in this sketching fragment, it may seem that the real business of Woodstock Academy has received scant notice; that business went on with regularity! Discipline was not severe. Our pastimes did not have special supervision; they were of a mild sort. In that time, at least at Woodstock and the Academy there was no fashion in follies, they were of the individual variety—if any!

The greatest strength, the finest influence, the fairest memory of Academy life rests on Personality.

I count it a piece of my good fortune that my lot was cast for a time in that school and that community. The years that lie between have brought a large sense and understanding of the problems that perplexed, and the difficulties that beset principal and teachers, and with it a deeper appreciation of our great obligation and indebtedness to them.

In a health to the Academy I would say: The Old Academy, yet never old because always young, now and forever, coming to the realization of truest prosperity and success, and the fulfillment of highest ideals; growing and ever outgrowing.

The ranks of the company of the '70s grow smaller year by year. To those who have gone we would * *

"Cry speed—fight on, forever
There as here.

For those who still tarry the
prayer of Tiny Tim:

"God bless us, every one."

PRUDENCE M. HYDE

From The Magic City

Everybody in the United States knows that there is a Palm Beach, Florida. Almost everybody knows also, that a few miles south of it, at well-nigh the last rail before the Key

West Extension, on the longest single track railway in the country, is Miami, the twelve year old fishing village, now dressed in Fifth Avenue gown and gift shops, and scarce able to believe its own growth.—a growth like its Australian pines, uninterrupted and amazing.

With a population of 50,000, a winter influx of 100,000 and more visitors, the "Magic City" has enacted its living drama before the astonished eyes of its "first families". It is something of an adventure to just live here. There is a saying common among us that the man who stays at home for a week must ask his way about when later he emerges into town. For instance, Miami's fall building program arranges for 15,000 more visitors this season than last. The building permits for the last eight months total nearly twelve and a half millions and for the month of August alone over three and a half millions of dollars.

With such conditions it is inevitable that among the hotels and business demands, there should be many working girls to be housed and protected. Five years ago the present property of the Y. W. C. A. was purchased, a hotel in the heart of the down town business district and each winter season sees the building crowded to its limit.

Besides the Y. W. C. A. residence, every one of the Y. departments, business office, information desk, housing bureau, employment bureau, are run at high pressure from early fall to late spring, all free to the women and girls who apply for aid. Fathers and brothers, too, come with the anxious procession to our housing bureau, from the teeming streets, seeking a temporary roof tree.

Our cafeteria during the season takes care of a patronage of twelve hundred per day, often running far beyond that, since it is found "a good place to eat" by the whole tourist family. The business girl is given a 15% discount on her meals which means much where living conditions keep

pace with soaring land values.

Our Girl Reserves are coming up to a fine womanhood with their enthusiastic young secretary. A Recreation secretary plans fun for the leisure time of the business girls of the city. All summer she has been hostess at our camp overlooking the Gulf Stream and that intense blending of ambers, blues and greens that is the Atlantic at Miami Beach. There you dip at sunrise, before whizzing over the two and a half mile Causeway across Biscayne Bay, and dip again before the dinner gong strikes at night.

The writer's humble part in the Y. W. program is too varied for detailed description, but its sum total is girls and more girls. Her September is mainly concerned with the preparation of a large building for the nearing "season". Her next problem is to sort from a probable two hundred or more applicants for residence, the sixty five girls who actually need the home most, her biggest work the mothering of the sixty-five, far away from home, with here a bit of petting, there a bit of scolding, all tuned to the one key of sympathetic understanding and love. Each girl is met as a separate entity, to be studied, encouraged, and counseled. It is a fascinating task, filling life with untold richness.

Come to Miami and see its "magic". See also what we are trying to do for young womanhood in this town of sport and play. The beauty of palm shadows, the revitalizing sunshine, the soft sea winds, cannot compare in interest with adventurous girlhood, peering out of her castle at all the city's gayety. We are here to stand by this girl, helping her to maintain her poise, strengthen her standards, to separate true happiness from false, literally to "see her through."

CLARA E. MAYNARD

Work of Goodhue's Brother From Putnam Patriot

While reading recently of the death of Mr. Bertram Goodhue I recalled the two stained glass windows in the rear of Woodstock Academy hall which were designed by his brother, Mr. Harry Goodhue. Miss Jessie McClellan, herself an artist, as well as a teacher in the Academy was ever ready to create a love for good pictures among her pupils, as well as to make the Academy more attractive—her advice was often sought by the graduating classes in their choice of a parting gift to the school, with the result that an unusual number of good pictures are found on the walls of the school rooms. Through Miss McClellan the help of Mr. Goodhue was enlisted and through his kindness the designs, one representing science and one philosophy were made possible for the windows. One window was the gift of a graduating class and one was given by friends of the Academy.

It may be fitting to recall these gifts sometimes, "lest we forget."

MRS. E. R. HALL,
Philadelphia, Penn.

The Old House and The Lilacs

It is ancient and weather-beaten
Battered, and crumbling, and gray,
Yet it keeps its post on the hillside
As the seasons glide away.
Summer and autumn and winter,
Each in their turn roll around,
And the springtime brings it its glory
When with purple lilacs 'tis crowned.

Its doors stand open and sagging,
Its windows are empty and bare,
Its halls lie wide to the careless view
Of whoever may journey there.
On the rotting shingles the tempest
And the hurricane hurl their wrath,
Yet still undismayed, unforsaking,
Stands the lilac hedge by the path.

And I cannot but wonder, gazing
On that wreck of by gone days,

If the spirit of that old dwelling
Still lingers and comes to gaze
On scenes of joys long since departed,
And for voices hushed in the tomb
Still listens and yearns for vainly
When the purple lilacs shall bloom.

If the forms that in years long
vanished
Were joyously wont to stray
Thro' these empty rooms and
pathways—
Now mouldering in dust away—
Could have left an undying message
To be breathed in the air of spring
Thro' the scent of the budding lilacs
As the swift passing years shall wing.

Does the old house long for their
blooming?
Do they whisper a message of cheer
From the depths of the shadowy ages
Unheard by the human ear?
A bright ray of light in the darkness
That no human mind can know,
For to me the heart of the old house
Is breaking in sadness and woe.

Then look on the old house gently,
And speak in a pitying tone
Of its dark, gloomy desolation
As it falls into ruin alone,
Deserted, unheeded, forsaken,
To life it shall waken no more,
Its only friend, faithful and loyal,
The lilacs that bloom by the door.

NELLIE T. BURLESON
Class of 1905

My Idea of Woodrow Wilson

Prize Essay

A prize of \$5.00 is offered annually
by Mrs. Ely R. Hall for the best essay
submitted.

Perhaps no other man has ever
commanded such world wide attention
and interest as has the late president,
Woodrow Wilson. In the days since
his death virtually all mankind has
passed judgment on his life and work.
He has been subjected to a great va-

riety of favorable and severe criticism
from prominent men of all nations.
There has been much speculation as
to his place among the great men of
the ages, but it seems to be universally
conceded that he will rise in the pop-
ular eye as the years elapse. Just and
full recognition may not, rarely does,
come at once. But time renders true
appraisal. Only after the tumult and
the bitterness of partisan controversy
have been left behind can a just esti-
mate be made of the man about whom
it raged.

In order to depict the figure of
Woodrow Wilson in history we must
look to the accomplishments and
achievements of his life. His record
of achievement is really an enviable
one, and also one in which a few hu-
man mistakes were made. As a sen-
ior at Princeton University he com-
menced to formulate ideas concerning
governmental reforms. He believed
that the President should have a re-
sponsible Cabinet which should sit in
Congress, take over the direction of
legislative policy and be answerable
at all times to the people's representa-
tives. He protested against the vir-
tual direction of all legislation by the
standing committees of the two hous-
es. As President of Princeton he
showed that he was a man who had
high ideals which he could usually
put into effect. He brought about
several changes in the college curric-
ulum which made it necessary for
undergraduates to take less elective
courses. Some of his other attempted
reforms were stoutly opposed by
alumni of the institution and he was
eventually almost driven from the
presidential chair by the enmity of
the Dean. After his resignation from
this office he took up greater tasks
which were stepping stones to higher
achievements.

Dr. Wilson was already being con-
sidered as a possible future President.
His theories about practical reforms
in the government were bringing him
to the attention of politicians. So it was
partly because of the incidental weak-

ness of the Republican party and more especially on account of his own capabilities as a statesman that he was elected Governor of New Jersey in 1911. His very creditable administration was deemed only a "big league" tryout. It will suffice to say here, that this "scholar in politics" broke up the "republican machine" in New Jersey, and discharged his official duties in a manner highly commended by the legislature and the people.

With such glorious prospects for a successful political career Mr. Wilson was elected President in 1912. His attainment to the highest post in the nation was little expected years in advance. Yet after only two years in active political life he became the masterful leader of his party and showed a capacity for leadership unequalled by any contemporary statesman at home or abroad. Wilson's conception of the Presidency was, that as chief executive, he was the leader of, and the unembarrassed spokesman for the people in affairs foreign and domestic. His was a great popular trust. These facts will account for the manner in which he conducted himself while he was President. People were somewhat pessimistic as to his ability to manage men. They said he would find Washington a far different place from Trenton. But in six months this "schoolmaster" made himself the most complete master of Congress since the days of Thomas Jefferson. He did not adhere to the custom of his predecessors but addressed his messages to Congress in person. With the aid of his well chosen Cabinet he carried out a strenuous program of legislation which made the sixty-third Congress perhaps the most remarkable ever held. Wilson kept the United States from a war with Mexico by his then criticised policy of watchful waiting. The recent developments in Mexico have shown this policy to have been justifiable. But the President's achievements at home were cut short by the disturbing interests

of Europe. His other intended reforms were never brought about.

Wilson's foreign policy was of a pacific nature and was censured by Roosevelt as sacrificing American rights to maintain peace. Wilson won several diplomatic victories by subtle diplomacy and prevented an open declaration of war on Germany until such a course was absolutely necessary. It was fortunate that we were guided at such a critical time by so capable a man as was Woodrow Wilson. Some less prudent man such as Roosevelt would have thrust America thoughtlessly into the war before it was prepared.

Thus in the 1917 Presidential campaign Wilson was applauded for keeping his fatherland out of war. But in the midst of the campaign in August, the railway unions took advantage of the situation of impending war, and declared that they would strike unless immediately granted an eight hour working day. The President of necessity, complied with their request. The Republicans insisted that this act was performed for the purpose of Wilson's getting the railway unions' vote, but Hughes, their own candidate, could give no satisfactory alternative to Wilson's course in the case cited, and so he lost the election. Wilson was faced by a difficult problem. Just at the time when he was sure of the success of his foreign policy of neutrality his hopes were shattered. The German military leaders overruled their government and commenced unrestricted submarine warfare, forcing Wilson to break off diplomatic relations with Germany, and eventually to declare war, to "make the world safe for democracy". During the war the President was the great leader of the United States and the most outstanding world figure of all. When the Germans saw that they were almost subdued they decided to seek peace on the basis of the Fourteen Points which, with one reservation, the Allies had hitherto favored. But Wilson thought that the German gov-

ernment was not yet democratic enough to suit his ideas and intimated that a treaty to prevent the continuation of war must be made. Therefore no one was more happy than he, when on Nov. 11, 1918 he succeeded in getting Germany to sign the Armistice, which ended the war. Wilson had thus played the leading part in bringing the war to an end.

Although his praises were now sung loudly in Europe he was not so generally exalted at home. He made an unlucky mistake. In view of the fact that Congress would have to be Democratic to ratify the peace treaty and League of Nations which he had already conceived in his mind, Mr. Wilson had, on Oct. 25, issued an appeal to his countrymen to elect a new Congress which would be pro-Administrative, provided they had approved of his leadership. Previously he had said, "Politics is adjourned." His appeal, unfortunately was taken as showing partisanship, and consequently Republican majorities were returned to both Houses of Congress. As has been said, "To err is human," so it was no unusual occurrence that President Wilson erred in some way.

In accordance with the wishes of Lloyd George and Clemenceau, President Wilson sailed to Europe with a few military friends and retired diplomats to attend the Peace Conference. His failure to place any senatorial leaders in this peace commission brought upon Wilson an underserved amount of ridicule and political enmity. The sober element of the country, however, gave him its good wishes, fully realizing the importance of his errand. In Europe his journey from city to city was one continuous ovation. All the honors which European nations could bestow on any man were accorded to this great war hero. He was even a popular hero in Germany whose people hailed him as the man who had led them out of the wilderness of war into the promised land of peace. His reception by Europe was obviously in sharp contrast to his egress from America. His in-

fluence at the Peace Conference was great but diminished by degrees. He became less conspicuous than he had been hitherto. The idealistic thought of the world which had placed so much confidence in his Fourteen Points was rudely shocked when the weaker and less influential nations failed to gain even a measure of their desires and claims. The feeling was insistent in many circles that the President had yielded to the subtler diplomats of France and Italy in order to preserve his dominating ideal of a league of nations.

On Feb. 14, Wilson submitted his great masterpiece, the League Covenant to the Conference which adopted it. He then sailed home to discuss the treaty with those Republicans who had expressed opposition. Slight modifications were made to partly suit their suggestions. He returned to Paris, where on June 28, the Treaty was signed, much to his satisfaction. Upon his return to the United States he took up the fight for ratification which promised to be long and bitter. On account of the purely political opposition of the Republicans, it at first appeared that the League could not possibly be ratified. Confident that the decision of Congress concerning the League, did not coincide with the views of the people, Wilson started a tour through the country, attempting by his eloquence to persuade the nation to cooperate with the other powers of the world in effecting lasting peace. He showed how like a well-oiled machine the League would work if the United States was a member thereof. Those nations that wisely joined the League of Nations have profited thereby; eight achievements of importance have been brought about. An untimely illness forced our President to return to Washington. His spokesman in the Senate continued to carry on the fight for the League according to instructions given by the President from his sick bed. Desirous of compromising, the Republicans offered to ratify the League with fourteen reservations but to this

Wilson would not agree, and neither party could get the necessary two-thirds vote for ratification with or without reservations. The final vote showed that the League was not favored. It was sent back to the President rejected. The latter declared that if there was any doubt as to the opinion of the people on the matter, the next presidential campaign should be in the form of a great and solemn referendum. Wilson was confident that Cox, the democratic candidate would win on this issue. But when the election revealed that the nation did not apparently favor the League of Nations as it was, this great idealist must have felt that his life work was a failure. But was it? After his retirement from public life he remained fixed in the idea that the United States must ultimately enter the League. On Nov. 11, 1923, he delivered a speech, broadcasted by radio, in which he harshly censured the American nation for refusing to play a responsible part in promoting world peace, and in which he declared that the affairs of the world can be set straight only by the firmest and most determined exhibition of the will to lead and make right prevail.

Since his retirement from public life Mr. Wilson's admirers have ever increased. There are some things about him concerning which there will never be any dispute. He was not a politician but a statesman who never surrendered ideals for the sake of gaining a mere political advantage. He was remarkably adept in his use of language. One cannot fail to perceive this desirable characteristic in all of his public utterances. His second inaugural address shows him to be unsurpassed as an orator, even by Webster or Lincoln. Wilson's possible failing was his failure to understand men. He did not realize that men do better work if patted on the back and given a few words of encouragement. But our estimate of every man during his lifetime is vitiated by the reactions of his personality. Our enthusiastic affection for

him may exalt him more than he deserves; our intense aversion to him may lead us to do him an injustice. His death sponges away our likes and dislikes and leaves the figure standing true.

Woodrow Wilson will rank with Washington and Lincoln as one of the three greatest Presidents of the United States. Each of these embodied a great national idea. Washington stood for the integrity of American independence; Lincoln for the indissolubility of the union and the abolition of human slavery. Woodrow Wilson will forever be identified with America's organic union with the other nations of the earth. He stood for an international agreement which substituted law for arms. There have been two ideas of world government: one, that of Empire, which Alexander, Caesar and the Kaiser tried and which invariably failed; the other the idea of Federation, which programme, largely through the efforts of Wilson, the world started upon at the end of the great war. Like every other forward movement in human progress this idea was assailed with ridicule, and was denounced just as the Constitution and the abolition of human slavery were at first denounced. To this great idea of world federation, Woodrow Wilson gave himself utterly. He belongs with Socrates, Paul and Savonarola, and the others of that noble company who made the great sacrifice.

And now let us gather up the threads of these ideas and sum up our estimate of Woodrow Wilson as he will stand in history and in the memory of the future generations. When the names of those wise and prudent ones, who mocked this Joseph and his dreams, who sneered at the greatest plan ever conceived for the redemption of humanity from war, and who broke the spirit and crushed the body of its chief protagonist, shall have gone to the portion of weeds and forgotten faces, the fame of Woodrow Wilson, whose clear mind saw the logic of human destiny and whose

strong heart dared to follow, shall bloom ever green in the garden of the world's memory.

His was

"The divine insanity of noble minds
That never falters or abates
But labors and endures and waits."

QUINTIN MARCELLUS SANGER

Early Woodstock Libraries and Their Romance

Woodstock seems always to have had high average culture, as evidenced by its love of books. The History of Windham County (Richard M. Bayles, Editor, 1889) tells of an institution of a literary character in Woodstock, early in the eighteenth century. Books were then scarce. The newspaper, even in its infancy, was hardly known. Not until 1729, for example, did Franklin establish himself in Philadelphia as editor and proprietor of the "Pennsylvania Gazette." He founded the Philadelphia Library in 1731. Whether his action was the result of a widespread thirst for knowledge, or whether it was one of the potent causes of that thirst, is open to speculation. Certain it is, that our Woodstock felt the urge which, under Franklin's guidance, had manifested itself in Philadelphia. On September 25th, 1738, a meeting was held, at which the ministers and leading men of the northern towns of Windham County were present. A library organization was formed under the name of "The United Society or Company for Propagating Christian and Useful Knowledge." "Its field of operation," says the chronicler, "was to be the towns of Woodstock, Pomfret, Mortlake and Killingly, and the west part of Thompson parish."

In keeping with the love of theological discussion of the time, amongst the first books acquired were "Dr. Guise's

Paraphrase of Ye Four Evangelists," a gift of the author, and Stackhouse's "Body of Divinity." Neither name of these authors appears in the Century Dictionary Volume of Proper Names, and yet it may well be that they were mighty men in their day and generation, even though their names were "writ in water." Only forty books were obtained for this cultural enterprise, and all but the two mentioned were imported from England. The classics could not then be bought, as they can be today, fairly well bound and printed, for ten cents a volume. The forty books represent a generous investment of literary enthusiasm, at that early day of American Colonial life. George II of the House of Hanover, German-born, was then on the English throne. It is interesting to note further that the foundation of the Library was laid in the very year of the birth of George III, whose foolish demands on the colonies led to our independence from the mother country.

In 1741, we are told, the Library had grown, but still counted less than one hundred volumes. After what appears to have been a fitful career, in its attempts to cater to so large a field,—and after an existence of but seven years,—the books were divided and the Library made its quietus.

What ventures, if any, in the library field, were, immediately thereafter, made by Woodstock, I have not been able to discover. The French and Indian War arose. This lasted, in some form, from 1753 to the Peace of Paris in 1763. Only twelve years after this event, the Revolution broke out. The colonies were in a turmoil, in want and in distress, therefore, for many years after the dissolution in 1745 of the library above described.

Perhaps the people of Woodstock had neither the means nor the ambition for general reading, during those disturbed periods. But this we know, that about 1800 there was the birth of a new library at Woodstock. Only recently, through the thoughtfulness of Agnes Bowen, the sister of our lament-

ed fellow-townsmen, Dr. George Bowen,—the present Woodstock Library Association became possessed of five books which belonged to the Woodstock libraries of the early years of the nineteenth century. Books seem to have been made of better material then, than most of those of the present day, and the bindings of these recent gifts, although some of them date back at least to 1797 to 1799, are in good condition today, after the handling of more than a century and a quarter.

The books are as follows:

First: "A Complete History of Connecticut, civil and ecclesiastical, from the Emigration of its first Planters from England in 1630 to 1713," by Benjamin Trumbull D. D., published at Hartford in 1797. On the fly-leaf, in fine engrossed penmanship, appears the legend: "George Bowen's Library, Woodstock 1st Society, A. D. 1799."

The next three books are: "Plutarch's Lives (Volumes 4, 5, and 6), Printed for Mundell & Son, Edinburgh, and J. Mundell, College, Glasgow, 1798." These three volumes bear engrossed memoranda such as the following, taken from Volume 4: "This book belongs to the Society Library at Woodstock Academy, August 1802, No. 18:" "George Bowen's Book."

The other two volumes of Plutarch's Lives contain similar inscriptions.

The fifth of Miss Bowen's gifts is "Holmes' American Annals or a Chronological History of America from its discovery in 1492 to 1806, by Abiel Holmes D. D., A. A. S., S. H. S., Minister of the First Church in Cambridge." This book was printed in Cambridge in 1805. Here the inscription on the fly-leaf shows a change as to the Library, at least in name, as follows: "This book belongs to the Library of the Society of Columbian Brothers, at Woodstock Academy, September 1806, No. 60."

Sufficient has been shown, I think, to prove that Woodstock, from its earliest history, represented literary strivings, and that it always has been

a center of refinement and intellectual activity.

May it continue to grow in these qualities, now that the new Library Building stands before us as a symbol of the love of books,—a love which cannot fail to elevate and refine the community to which we belong.

FREDERIC W. HINRICHS

A Brief Outline of Our Library History

Upon January 29, 1878 the organization was formed which resulted in the starting of the Woodstock Circulating Library as it was then called.

The demand for this effort was stimulated by a desire among a group of young women to engage in some form of service beneficial to the community. For the two years previous to that date, these young women with their still younger sisters and friends had diligently worked as a society termed "The Busy Bees." In this capacity they had accomplished the purpose, with their earnings, of replacing the melodeon—then used in the church choir—with a more modern instrument in the form of a cabinet organ. This ambition having been achieved the desire was awakened to champion some fresh cause for the uplift or improvement of the village life.

An ancient notebook, still in existence, contains the list of names of those who gathered on that activity to which their efforts should be dedicated. The suggestion offered and recommended by two older ladies present that the need of a village library should receive attention, was favorably received. A vote was taken that the cause of a village library should be championed.

The motion was carried and election of officers for the new library organization followed. It was decided to call the name of the new organiza-

tion "The Woodstock Circulating Library."

For the first five years of its existence the infant library was kept at Centuryold Cottage. For the privilege of taking out one of the few books at first contributed, a patron paid five cents. That was considered a red letter day in the library history when enough coins had collected to make possible the purchase of the first book and a careful selection was made,—the choice resulting in "The Life and Times of Sir Philip Sidney."

Each Autumn before her return to the city a loyal friend of the library cause gladdened the hearts of the young people with a generous contribution of books, and little by little the old book-case and its antique niche became too small—even with supplementary shelves—for the expanding collection of books acquired.

In 1883 it was deemed best to transfer the library to a room in the Academy building in which there had been previously placed a rather small collection of books which had been given to the institution for the use of students. These two libraries were kept distinctly separate until in 1899, largely through the influence of the able Principal of the Academy it was thought wise to merge them and the consent of Academy trustees was given for the consolidation of the two libraries under the name of The Woodstock Library Association.

It is interesting to note from the different library reports contained in Academy Gleaners the growth and development of the library movement from year to year. Like the bubbling forth of a little spring among the hills the tiny stream of influence steadily widened and deepened, imparting more and more, with each new decade, its valued contribution of service to the community.

Starting in 1878 with a mere handful of books, the fact is recorded that in 1899 "nearly three thousand volumes" were in the possession of the Library Association. In 1907 there

was an accumulation of "four thousand and three hundred and thirty-two" volumes, while in 1917 the library was credited with "five thousand and ninety" books.

Since then a careful weeding out of worn and less desirable publications has taken place. While today our library shelves contain fewer volumes—"four thousand eight hundred and thirty-one"—they represent a collection so choice that it has received special commendation from a State officer, because of its quality of selection. To the State for a period of years we have been indebted—each twelve month—for valued additions to this collection of books.

Largely through the influence of Hon. A. S. Hardy—a former President of the Library Association,—the long cherished desire for a library building has been realized and through the exceeding kindness and generosity of Mrs. Pratt a new era of usefulness is granted the Association in the fine new structure to be known as The Howard Webster Bracken Memorial Library.

"The true University of these days is a collection of books" says Carlyle.

With the widened opportunity for service afforded the library, upon the memorable year, it is the earnest desire of the writer that this "true University" in our midst may become increasingly a vital factor in the enrichment of our village life.

ELIZABETH F. BINGHAM

Woodstock Library of Today

Woodstock Library can report a full year's work for 1923 and 1924 as no storms prevented it being opened on the usual days and the circulation of which has been larger than any previous year. From four loyal supporters of the Library have been received 86 books as gifts which in addition to those purchased have

added 132 books during the year. The chief topic of thought and interest has been the new Library Building which was begun in the Spring and was watched with increasing eagerness until on Oct. 29 it was completed and formally dedicated an account of which follows:

"The new Library Building is the gift of Mrs. Frank Wright Pratt of Richmond, Virginia, in memory of Howard Webster Bracken, formerly of Woodstock and once a student in the Academy. The Building, located near the Academy, which is also the Town High School, contains, besides the main room, a children's room, a room for the Board meetings, a kitchenette, a basement with furnace, toilets and room for the storage of books and is complete in all its equipment.

While ownership and administration is vested in the Trustees of the Academy, in all its privileges and benefits it is also the Public Library of the entire Town of Woodstock for whose free use and enjoyment it is given.

The dedication exercises were held in the building on the afternoon of Oct. 29, the donor being present and the President of the Board of Trustees presiding. After the opening prayer by the Rev. Mr. Pratt it was announced that, by wish of the donor, the first book to be placed on the shelves would be the Bible. For this purpose a Bible printed in 1770, the gift of Mr. Hamilton Holt, was formally placed on the shelf by Rev. Mr. Hatch of the Hill Church with appropriate remarks. The Rev. Mr. Baker of East Woodstock then acknowledged the gift of the Library on behalf of the Town and was followed by Mr. Hinrichs, formerly President of the Library Association, who gave interesting details of the early beginnings of the library movement in the Town. Mr. C. W. Bowen, whose History of Woodstock will shortly be published, traced Mr. Bracken's ancestry back to two of New England's colonial governors, and

after which Mrs. Pratt formally turned over the Keys of the Building to the Trustees with brief remarks expressive of her pleasure in making this gift and her hope and belief that in its usefulness it would be all that he to whose memory it was dedicated would desire.

Finally, on behalf of and in the name of the Town; and especially of the residents of Woodstock Hill for whom this center of community interest had been provided; of those to whose early efforts the beginning of the present collection of books was due, and who first gave shelter to it in their own homes; and of all those who in the future would cross this threshold—Mr. Hardy wished for the donor, in this, the accomplishment of her purpose, a satisfaction as genuine and as lasting as was the gratitude and appreciation of all present. The closing benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Hatch."

At the time of writing the books have been placed on the shelves of the large reading room and in those around the walls of the children's room. Therefore in a short time Woodstock Circulating Library will be ready to welcome its patrons to its new home.

A LETTER

Philadelphia,

November 4, 1924

Dear Gleaner:

On a sunny afternoon last June the writer was enjoying the genial hospitality of the Henry Child family on the veranda of their bungalow, when the question was put to her, why she did not help raise money for the Hall Memorial Gymnasium. I replied that it seemed to me unfitting that I should beg money for a memorial to my father. The general opinion of those present was, however, to the contrary, so I laid aside my scruples and my consciousness of how my

father would dislike to have money to find ten donors. If a leader can asked for a memorial to him, and find a donor of fifty, that, of course, kept my mind on the needs of the will count for five donors of ten. pupils of Woodstock Academy.

I undertook to find ten people to give one hundred dollars each, and as another thousand to the fund before I prophesied that afternoon, I found next summer, and by that time we I had undertaken a very simple task. will have our plans and estimate ready and go outside the Alumni to Dr. Albert G. Paine, of Los Angeles, secure larger gifts. These outside sent by return mail the first check gifts will not come, however, till the for a hundred. Mrs. Armin Brunn Alumni have done their utmost. followed promptly with a second At a luncheon held here last week check for one hundred in spite of the to launch the annual drive for the fact (of which I was ignorant) that Associated Charities of this city, the she had already contributed one hun- question was asked if money given to dred to the fund. Mr. Edward Bow- a worthy cause was ever missed. The en, Mr. William Mathewson and Mr. answer was a unanimous no. Frank Davenport sent each a hun- So—will some generous and pros- dred within the next week or so, Bob perous Alumnus send me \$100. At and Gladys Whiting promised fifty once, will a multitude send me checks which fitted very neatly with the fifty for \$10., and we will have this fund I had induced my husband to give. completed before any critic of Wood- Miss Mary Perley brought unsolicited stock can say Jack Robinson. a check for a hundred to my door, Yours ever,
and Joe and Esther Catlin promised
another hundred in 1925.

Now if the reader will pause an! count he will find that eight hundred dollars had now been subscribed. A rice question of ethics arose at this point. Mr. Clarence Bowen had promised the last hundred if I raised a thousand. My brother-in-law, Mr. Paul Gaylord, had promised a hundred when the fund should reach \$2,500. These gifts brought the total well beyond this sum and Mr. Gaylord's pledge was paid. The question was—had I a right to count Mr. Gaylord's pledge of the last hundred? I decided that I should not, since this hundred would have been given any- way, so, dear Reader, you who have money in your pocket please send me (check payable to Henry Baker, Treasurer) that last hundred immedi- ately.

And now what next? The fund stands at \$718 in pledges and \$2,678.52 cash, making a total of \$3,396.52.

My suggestion is that we at once go about the business of raising another thousand by getting one hundred people to give ten dollars each; that ten leaders be appointed each

to find ten donors. If a leader can find a donor of fifty, that, of course, will count for five donors of ten.

We should thus be able to add another thousand to the fund before next summer, and by that time we will have our plans and estimate ready and go outside the Alumni to secure larger gifts. These outside gifts will not come, however, till the Alumni have done their utmost.

At a luncheon held here last week to launch the annual drive for the Associated Charities of this city, the question was asked if money given to a worthy cause was ever missed. The answer was a unanimous no.

So—will some generous and prosperous Alumnus send me \$100. At once, will a multitude send me checks for \$10., and we will have this fund completed before any critic of Woodstock can say Jack Robinson.

Yours ever,

EDITH HALL DOHAN

Academy Sunday Service

Woodstock, Connecticut

June 8, 1924

Processional—March Romaine

Gounod

Doxology

Invocation

Hymn No. 399—Hail to the Brightness

of Zion's Glad Morning

Responsive Reading

Gloria Patri

Solo—O Lord Most Holy

Franck

Scripture Lesson

Trio—Song Celestial

Severn

Prayer

Response

Trio—Adagio Pathetique

Goddard

Notices

Hymn No. 346—Jesus, Savior, Pilot

Me

Solo—O Divine Redeemer Gounod

Sermon—Bridges and Ships. II Tim.

2: 15.

The Reverend John C. Stoddard

Hymn No. 469—O God, Beneath Thy

Guiding Hand

Benediction

Recessional—March in B Flat

Henry Farmer Tree Oration

(The Congregation Seated)

Mr. Fred C. Lawton

Organist

Mrs. Ida Spalding Masters Soloist

Mrs. Marion Sargent

Pianist

Mr. William Sargent

Violinist

Chorus, "Clickety Click March"

F. T. Baker

Charles Peckham

Class Songs

Alma Mater, "Fair Woodstock"

Music by Agnes Child

Words by A. H. Hall

Class of 1924

Motto

"Vincit Qui Laborat"

Graduation Exercises

Class of Nineteen Hundred and
Twenty-four, Woodstock Academy,
Woodstock, Connecticut, Friday, June
13, 1924, at two-thirty o'clock p. m.

Program

Commencement March

Roberta Hudson

Woodstock Orchestra

Prayer

The Reverend Henry D. Baker

Chorus

(a) "Old Ironsides" Bruno Klein

(b) "Softly My Heart Unfolds"

Saint-Saens

Address, "The Highest Trail"

The Reverend J. Lee Mitchell, Ph. D.
of Attleboro, MassachusettsChoral Cycle, "May the Maiden," from
Faust Charles Gounod

Overture, "The Golden Sceptre"

Schlepegrell

Woodstock Orchestra

Presentation of Diplomas

Edith Hall Dohan, Ph. D.

Cantata, "Our First Flag"

E. S. Hosner

Announcements

Recessional

Selected

Tree Exercises

Song, "Woodstock Academy"

Music by B. E. Leavitt

Words by F. F. Rockwell

Class Oration

Robert Scranton

Chorus, "Anchored"

Arr. from M. Watson

Class Poem

Elisabeth Rollins

Classical Course—

Eric Gideon Ericson

Elisabeth Rollins

Quintin Marcellus Sanger

Lydia Chamberlain Taber

Latin Scientific Course—

Gladys Belle Young

English Scientific Course—

Alfred James Carpenter

Charles Longworth Peckham

Asa Robert Scranton, 3rd

Reuben Theodore Swanson

Vernon Trumbull Wetherell

*Highest Honors in Scholarship

Charles Longworth Peckham*

†Second Honors in Scholarship

Lydia Chamberlain Taber†

A prize of \$10.00 offered by the La-
dies' Benevolent Society for excel-
lence in scholarship was awarded to
Vera Cross a member of the freshman
class.

Class Poem

A crown upon this hilltop,
Since eighteen hundred-one,
Thou hast stood, dear old Academy,
Famed for thy work well done.

For four short years we've lived
Within thine ancient halls;
We've learned to love the grounds
without,
The rooms within thy walls.

Best of all we've learned from thee
Our faithful teachers, too,
Knowledge, strength, and faith in
God,
To live, our work to do.

We've followed the Blue, the Gold
Led by thy guiding hand;
Thy precepts true have been for us
Ideals for which we stand.

We've found within thy walls
The flame of friendship bright;
A joy our mates have been to us,
Teachers, a guiding light.

The four short years are o'er,
Our brief high school career,
Their end today unfolds the view
Of greater tasks now near.

Before us opportunity,
Has still a fast closed door.
Its key is wrought in a marvellous
way,
The key to this fast closed door.

'Tis made of truth, and strength,
Knowledge, work, and strife.
So labor we with all our might
To unlock this door of life.

As roots of this tree we've planted
Will spread in the ground about
So may the class of twetny-four
Gain strength from the world without!

As every root, deep down,
Finds lodgement in the soil,
Each one of us his place will seek,
His place will earn, through toil,

Wherever that may be,
Whate'er the work to do,
We'll fill that place and do that work
With the zest of a Gold or Blue.

And now, Alma Mater, we leave thee,
Pledging to thee, as we part
That we, thy children, will loyal be
To the love within each heart.

ELISABETH ROLLINS

Tree Oration

Classmates: As we meet to say
farewell to this school, consecrated by
self-sacrificing founders, hallowed by
the traditions of almost a century and

a quarter, and for four bright years
endeared to us, it is fitting that we
leave a memento.

Our choice of a tree was suggested
by these words of Oliver Wendell
Holmes, a man in whose blood coursed
an inspiration derived from the trees
of Woodstock:

"When we plant a tree we are do-
ing what we can to make our planet
a more wholesome and happier dwell-
ing-place for those who come after
us."

We hope this tree will be an addi-
tion to the beauty of Woodstock Acad-
emy. We hope it will be a constant
reminder to the class of 1924. We
hope it will inspire us, as being em-
blematical of our class. Just, as with
the help of God the roots of this map-
le will seek and gain nourishment in
the ground, so have we sought knowl-
edge and attainment within these
walls.

As its branches stretch forth to-
wards the sky, let it be an inspiration
to us to go higher in life, to seek high-
er ideals, to live to serve and through
service make our lives those of hap-
piness and love.

This tree will be a further inspira-
tion to us, for, as it broadens out and
substantially roots itself in the
ground, that it may withstand the
winds and storms, so may we broaden
our lives that we may serve the
world, and with the ideals of pure
living rooted in our hearts may we
withstand the temptations before us.
As it furnishes shade for those who
may play beneath its branches so may
we be inspired to be useful and to
make life, for others, better worth
living.

The planting of this tree marks the
first act of love that we, as graduates
of Woodstock Academy, can perform.
It is also a division between our past
and future. This old, noted building,
and its broad, green campus, every
inch of which suggests pleasant mem-
ories, belongs no longer to us as stu-
dents here, but our love is here, our
loyalty is here, and here abides our
faith in Woodstock Academy.

You, oh tree, may spend and end your days in this ground which you will grow to love. We, who love this spot so dearly, must seek different scenes. But we leave you ont alone. With you we leave our hope for Woodstock's glorious future. With you we leave our sincerest wishes for blessings on those who play beneath your branches. With us we take our recollections of the days spent here, our fond memories, our education, and an inspiration.

Years and years hence may it be our great joy to return here, and with William Cullent Bryant, to utter this prayer:

"Father, Thy hand
Hath reared this venerable column,
Thou didst weave its verdant roof.
This fair tree, in Thy sun,
Budded, and shook her green leaves
in Thy breeze,
And shot towards heaven."

So farewell, Alma Mater! Farewell to thy cares, and thy hearty joys. Farewell to our instructors of the past four years. And last of all, Class-mates farewell.

These words of parting we have uttered in your presence, oh tree of 1924. Hear them, store them in thy branches, and may the recollections of this day and of this tree help us all to keep faith.

CHARLES PECKHAM

A Review of The Year

On September fourth, 1923, Woodstock Academy commenced her one hundred twenty-second year of service. Factors contributing to make the start an auspicious one included equipment, personnel, and evidences of loyalty from without the school. Mention of these with a few observations on matters of educational policy will comprise my review of the year.

During the summer thirty frail and noisy chairs had been replaced by the installation of pedestal, tablet-

arm chairs of the college type. The change proved effective in elimination of noise and provision of comfort for the eye and for the body.

An increase in faculty, to four members giving full-time service, made it possible to add Bookkeeping and Public Speaking to the curriculum, and to provide additional supervision of study hours. A proffer of further assistance from Mrs. Childs during one period each day eliminated, for a long time it is hoped, the use of any class room for study and recitation simultaneously.

Student personnel as regards numbers remained practically the same as that of the previous year. The paucity of graduates from the elementary grades, which would have resulted in the enrollment of a small freshman class, had been offset by the effects of a personal canvas made in the summer months. During the course of these visitations personal schedules were made out in consultation with pupils and their parents. An incidental benefit of this procedure was realized in the possibility of commencing regular class work on the first hour of the opening day.

Among the year's events none was of greater pleasure and profit than the visit of Mr. Arthur S. Hardy. His discourse on mathematics gave proof that the subject may be made not only interesting, but inspiring.

Another friend of the Academy appeared in the person of Mr. Frederic W. Hinrichs. In a two-fold series of lectures he succeeded in carrying his hearers to distant times by readings from the English classics, and to distant places by reminiscences of personal travel. At the close of Mr. Hinrich's series of lectures, it was voted that he be invited to become an honorary member of the student group. Represented by their four class presidents, who bore certain gifts as a token of friendship, the pupils made known their desires to Mr. Hinrichs and were honored by his acceptance.

Among evidences, apparent throughout the year, of the loyalty and support of Woodstock alumni, none seems more worthy of note than the generous interest of The Reverend Henry D. Baker, who came week by week to conduct chapel exercises. His remarks, sincere and capable of practical application in youth, have done a great deal to raise the spirit of the school.

The afternoon of Monday, May twenty-eighth, was set aside for the activities of rake day. The designation was changed to Academy Day with the thought that the spirit would be better described. For four hours, of which more than one-half was a contribution of the pupils own time, there was evident an intensity of purpose which must preclude mention of Academy day among social events.

Foremost among the years questions in regard to educational policy were those concerned with a project to improve scholarship for the school as a whole. It was voted to raise the passing grade from sixty to seventy. Not wishing to appear in the light of those who would improve the quality of goods by raising the price only, the faculty made an earnest effort to see to it that pupils met the increased demands. The policy of raising scholarship by hard work rather than by legislation alone was based on the faith that a large number of failures among pupils does not infallibly attest excellency in classroom instruction. A consistent effort has been made to ascertain causes of failure and remove them. Worthy pupils have received gratis many hours of individual assistance. At the same time there has been kept in mind the necessity for maintenance of morale by extra-curricular activities pending readjustment to the new scholastic requirements.

A basis for studying the effect of participation in athletics is afforded by the year's records in school work. Of the twenty-nine who took part at all in athletic activities, the scholas-

tic average is 80 plus a small fraction. This includes those who through low grades in studies were rendered ineligible for the first, but played on the second or third team. The corresponding average for the thirty-three non-athletes is 77. This is divided as follows: boys, athletes 78, non-athletes 74; girls, athletes 86, non-athletes 78. Of the nine pupils who dropped out of school during the year none had participated in athletics. This would tend to prove, for at least the one school and year, the beneficial effect of athletics on both scholarship and morale.

If the review of this year may be extended to include the work of Woodstock students in other institutions, it will be a source of satisfaction to bring before the alumni the excellent work of Dorothy Bundy and Miriam Ware at Brown University and Galen Pike with almost straight A at the University of Idaho. Equally encouraging are the informal reports, of this fall, from Luke White at Annapolis, Quintin Sanger who has received an admission prize at Clark University, and Lester Gallup who with high honors in entrance examinations has been granted a matriculation scholarship at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

MAURICE F. CHILDS

Social Activities

No school year at Woodstock Academy would be complete without its social activities intermingled with its studies.

The first social event of the year was early in October when the Sophomores gave the Freshmen a reception. All members of the school were invited and everyone had a fine time enjoying the short program arranged by the Sophomore class and the dancing participated in by all.

On the last Friday in October the Seniors gave their first social with

a program appropriate for Hallowe'en.

One of the marked events of the year was the Cape Cod play "Way Down Along" staged by the Juniors, and ably coached by Miss Grigg. All in the play proved their ability as actors, and the realistic thunder shower added to the success of the performance.

As has been the custom at the Academy for the last few years, the last afternoon before the Christmas vacation was one of fun and frolic for all. The peanut hunt with which it started caused much enjoyment for all, and as the day was exceptionally warm the games and contests which followed were held on the common, rather an unusual occurrence for that season of the year. On this same evening a second Senior social was held, consisting of a comic sketch, a "take-off" on Grand Opera, a reading from Dickens's "Christmas Carol," the singing of some Christmas carols, and the presence of Santa Claus, himself, to distribute gifts from the Christmas tree.

In the latter part of March a reception was given to the Sophomores by the Freshman class in return for the reception given them early in the season. With the program arranged by the Freshmen themselves, and the dancing following it, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The annual operetta has come to be one of the Academy's most predominant social events. This year "Princess Chrysanthemum", a Japanese operetta, given on April eleventh proved to be most successful. Wisteria, Chrysanthemums, Japanese lanterns and colored Japanese costumes helped to make the operetta a pretty one. Much of the success of the performance is due to Miss Burns for the time and effort she put into training the soloists and directing the whole affair.

Another prominent event of the year was the "Junior Night", held on May sixteenth. A lower ceiling of evergreen boughs was made in the hall, and with the soft light given from the Japanese lanterns the affair

was exceedingly attractive, and one that might be recorded as a great success.

Shortly before the close of school the annual Field Day was held at Roseland Park. This day was, of course, one of great anxiety for the Blues and Golds, but at the end of the day's events the anxiety came to an end by the awarding of the silver cup to the Golds.

The Commencement exercises were held on Friday, June thirteenth. The address of the afternoon was delivered by the Reverend J. Lee Mitchell, Ph. D. of Attleboro, Massachusetts. Mrs. Edith Hall Dohan Ph. D. presented the diplomas to the graduating class. The tree planting exercises by the class, followed by singing of class songs, took place near the Elmwood Hall site.

The Senior Reception, held on the evening of Commencement proved a fitting climax to the social events of the year.

ELISABETH ROLLINS

ATHLETICS

This year marks the beginning of a new era in athletics, here, for, after twenty years of inactivity during the autumn months, a football team came forth to represent our Academy. With George Mower as captain and fullback, and ten other, determined players behind him (or rather, before him), a very creditable season was enjoyed. With no coach, and with great odds against them as to weight, seasoned players and practice field, they played the best teams in this vicinity, and, in each case, won the admiration of their opponents for their spirit and determination. Though they did not "bring home the bacon" after any game this year, they scored twice, once against their ancient rival, Putnam, and the other time against Mary E. Wells H. S. at Southbridge, in a never-to-be-forgotten game. The boys lost 21-7, but the score stood 14-7, un-

til, with our captain and fullback out of the game, the opponents got across another touchdown.

The lineup was as follows:—Wm. Hughes, r. e.; Gerald Phaneuf, r. t.; Henry Safford, r. g.; Reuben Swanson, c.; Kenneth Andrews, l. g.; Robert Scranton, l. t.; Eric Ericson, l. e.; Stewart Morse, q. b.; Vernon Wetherell, r. h. b.; Arnold Johnston, l. h. b.; George Mower (captain) f. b.

Basketball was the most brilliant, exciting and successful of the sports of the year. Every game was marked by the spirit of the players on the floor, and the other members of the school were behind the players as one great unit of spirit and enthusiasm. Of the fourteen games played, nine were won. Two of the defeats were at the hands of their strongest rival, Plainfield. Two others were the results of games with Tourtellotte. The games were clean, fast, and well-played, and very close throughout, and the final scores were 22-18 and 21-20. The fifth defeat was administered by Putnam in their gym, 13-11, but later the Academy boys more than evened things up by sending P. H. S. home to the tune of 36-17. Most of Woodstock's victorious games ended with such scores as 38-13, 25-9 and 26-15.

Captain Vernon Wetherell was the high point getter of the season. He scored 152 points in the 560 minutes he played. Walter Anderson and Richard Johnson took second and third place respectively.

The lineup was as follows:—Harry Safford, r. f.; Walter Anderson, l. f.; Vernon Wetherell (captain) c.; Robert Scranton, Reuben Swanson, r. g.; Richard Johnson, l. g.

The boys had an opportunity to take part in a three-county basketball tournament at our state college at Storrs. In the second series of games, our team met one of the champion teams of the tournament, and lost only after a fast and close game, which brought much favorable criticism from the five hundred spectators.

The Academy had a second team

this year. The scrubs, captained by Charles Peckham, played several games and made a very creditable showing.

The girls had a rather short season, but, with Marion Stahl as their captain, they presented a brand of basketball that was a credit to the Academy. They played such schools as Bartlett and Stafford Springs, and their record of three victories out of eight games is a good one.

Their lineup was as follows: Gladys Harrington, r. f.; Irene Esterbrook, l. f.; Edith Nelson, c.; Edith Johnson, r. g.; Marion Stahl (captain) l. g.

The baseball season opened with Woodstock's famous spirit in complete control of the team. But the fact remained that the boys were very much handicapped by a lack of experienced players and a coach. One victory was chalked up, and the boys deserve great credit for scoring in every game of the season. Robert Scranton was the captain of baseball.

The lineup was as follows:—Robert Scranton (captain), c.; Kenneth Andrews, p.; Vernon Wetherell, 1b.; Nils Shennings, 2b.; Walter Anderson, 3b.; Harry Rutishauser, s.s.; Kenneth Hicks, r. f.; Quintin Sanger, c. f.; Reuben Swanson, l. f.; Charles Peckham, Eric Ericson, subs.

Track held a prominent position in the athletics of this school year. The season opened with a meet on the Fair Grounds at South Woodstock, where a large percentage of the boys took part with very satisfactory results.

On May 29th, the annual field day was held at Roseland Park. Nearly everyone took part, and everyone enjoyed the great event, but the Golds, particularly, declare the day was a huge success. The final score was 88-66½.

Several representatives from Woodstock Academy took part in the county track meet at Brooklyn, and many laurels were brought home to the Alma Mater. Arnold Johnston captured first place in the three mile run and gave us five of our twelve points. Oth-

er point getters were Richard Johnson, Joseph Kelly, Stewart Morse, Ezra Pike, George Smith, Reuben Swanson and Vernon Wetherell. The Academy had the privilege of being represented at the state meet at Middletown, but, due to an accident to our best runner, we did not place.

Good work was done in track this year with pleasing results. But, with the experience of this year, and the fourth national champion broad jump and first state champion 100 yard man enrolled in the school, much higher hopes are held for next season.

The year 1923-1924 has been a successful year for athletics at Woodstock Academy. All throughout the season, in defeat, as well as in victory, the teams have shown that admirable spirit for which Woodstock Academy has become famous. And half the story would be left untold if mention was not made of the spirit of the school, which urged the teams ever onward, and stood solidly behind them throughout the season.

WILLIAM F. CLOSSON

Faculty Items

Principal and Mrs. Maurice F. Childs have spent most of the summer vacation in Woodstock. Mr. Childs was an instructor at Camp Woodstock for two weeks. For another item of interest see morning.

Miss Constance E. Grigg was counselor at a girls' camp for two weeks, also was at Storrs for ten days and Northfield for a week.

Miss Ethel E. Upham returns for another year's work at W. A. Most of her vacation was spent at her home in East Woodstock.

Mr. William F. Closson was Rural Mail Carrier in Branford, Conn. during the summer.

Miss Marguerite C. Burns attended summer school for one month in Hartwell, Maine, then went on a concert tour through the Berkshires with the Sterling Trio.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Perry have been living in Acworth, New Hampshire but are now located at 74 Buckingham street, Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Dutemple are the happy parents of another little daughter. Mr. Dutemple again came to Camp Woodstock as swimming instructor.

Mrs. Ely R. Hall spent some weeks in Woodstock this summer, then went to Wellesley Hills, Mass. to visit her daughter Anne.

Mrs. Wm. A. Perkins and son Theodore continue to reside in Waltham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mill, nee Mildred Foye, are frequent visitors in Woodstock.

Miss Elizabeth J. Ross took a course at Columbia College this summer and returns to West Hartford for the fourth year.

Miss Margaret Cochrane attended a sorority convention in Maine in the early part of the summer. In the Fall she returned to her school duties at Somerville, Mass.

Miss Aleta Prescott is supervising in the Portland, Middletown schools and the Mt. Vernon Private schools.

Miss Beulah P. Johnson will remain this year in Lynn, Mass. where she teaches English in the English High School.

Mrs. Carl Smith, nee Bertha Page, lives in Portland, Maine.

Miss Caro Stowell, when last heard from, was living in Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Lucy D. Reed spent August with the Healeys' at their new home on Woodstock Hill. She went back to her old position in Watertown, Mass.

Mrs. Agnes Childe Paine lives in Thompson, Conn. Her daughter Prudence is taking her Junior year at the University of Wisconsin, returning to Holyoke next year.

Miss Emma Elizabeth Allen went back to her teaching in Worcester, Mass. this Fall.

Miss Marjorie Pease is teaching English in Westfield, Mass. This summer she spent a week with Sylvia

May White.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Kenny are in the South. Mr. Kenny is engaged in doing fine wood work.

Student Personals

1894

Alfred T. Child and wife spent some time at their camp on Long Island, also visited Alfred's parents. Three of their children entered college this fall, Thurston at Harvard, Margaret at Radcliffe, Eunice at the University of Michigan.

Anne Hall Gaylord writes "I have no news of myself but Warner graduated from Amherst in June and has spent the summer touring the United States in a Ford. He and another Amherst boy have reached Seattle by way of Washington, D. C., Atlanta, New Orleans, San Antonio, El Paso, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland, and will return through the Yellowstone, Omaha, Chicago and Cleveland. They have camped and slept in the Ford which was built for that purpose and we have counted the trip as good as a post graduate course."

Charles G. Burd has not been heard from this year.

Albert Merwin and family live in Florida. Mabel and son were in Providence, R. I. this Summer with her mother.

1895

"NON NOBIS SOLUM"

Edith Hall Dohan spent the month of June in Woodstock to her great joy. She presented the diplomas to the class of 1924.

Alice Sharpe Johnson is Secretary of the Pomfret School Board, also keeps up her interest in the Arts and Crafts Shop.

Everett L. Upham reports "there is nothing new to say". He occasionally visits Woodstock and enjoys hearing

from his friends through the Gleaner.

Estella Thompkins Waterbury and family spent several days this Summer at Avalon, Catalina Island, Cal. She hopes sometime they can motor to Connecticut.

Edward L. Child frequently comes from Worcester to spend a week-end with his parents.

Jessie Bowen Palmer writes "that we have again had sickness in the family, Carolyn has been confined to her bed or wheeled chair all Summer. She had expected to enter college and may be able to enter at mid-year."

Sara Colvin Williamson spent some time at Buttonwoods, R. I. this Summer. She is always glad to see or hear from her schoolmates at W. A.

Burton T. Fitts wishes to extend greetings to the members of his class and all whom he knew in W. A. He has two children who have just started their last year in High School.

1896

"DO YE NEXT THYNGE"

Clarence Weaver is more than busy at the same position as last year. His wife and daughter visited in Woodstock this summer.

Mary Bowen Keith has the sympathy of all her school friends in the death of her son who was taken sick not long before he would have graduated from Putnam High School.

Joseph Sheppard makes himself a handy man at any work he finds to do when he isn't working on his own place in Putnam, Conn. He has just been remodelling his house.

Ruth A. Cahoon continues at her same work with the Waite Thresher Co. In June she attended the graduation of her niece from Woodstock Academy.

1897

"ALTA PETENS"

Ralph H. Sabin spent a few days in Pomfret this summer. We wish he

would come home oftener.

Louise Grosvenor van der Laan and husband spent four months in Europe, travelling extensively in Italy, Switzerland and Holland. On the return trip Louise was taken seriously ill and died at sea. See night.

Lloyd Cooper's son Derwin graduated from the Central High School, Washington, D. C. in June with a high standing in his class. As he is only sixteen he will take another year there before going to college.

Howard Frost and family spent the month of August in Enfield, N. H. A part of the summer Howard made week-end trips to West Woodstock to be with his family who were at the old homestead.

Nothing new has been heard from Fred Fitts and Lloyd Cooper. They are presumably at their respective homes in Ashford, Conn. and Alexandria, Va.

Mowry Ross and family visited his old home in West Woodstock in August.

Constance Holt sailed for Europe on September 4th to be gone about two months.

Ruth Williamson Gallup and husband attended the graduation of her son in June from Williston Academy, Easthampton, Mass.

Arthur O. Williams is holding the same position and living at the same address as reported in the Gleaner of last year.

Joseph and Esther Catlin spent four weeks on a motor trip to Maine and Canada for their summer outing. They are always glad to welcome their friends at 210 W. 8th St., Plainfield, N. J.

1898

"ESSE QUAM VIDERE"

Leslie Harris is doing a prosperous business in New Rochelle, N. Y. He occasionally comes to West Woodstock to visit his parents.

Edna Frost Tobias' son Ellsworth was at the Y. M. C. A. camp, Gard-

ner's Lake, again this summer.

Dr. James Hutchins is busy with his veterinary work and as a pastime hunts and attends fairs.

Flora Steere Wetherell is lending a helping hand at the Academy during Mrs. Child's absence.

Maria Elizabeth Chandler continues to teach in Glendale, California.

Albert Williams may be found here and there attending to home, town and church duties.

Emily Burlingame Ross keeps the market well supplied from her garden.

Emma Elizabeth Allen at the close of the school year took, with a friend, a seventy mile hike over the Green Mountains in Vermont.

Sidney Upham and wife spent a three weeks' vacation visiting their parents in Ogdensburg, N. Y. and Woodstock making the trip in their new Nash car.

1899

"IN LIMINE"

Ruby Sanborn continues her work at the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

May Gifford Jordan attended the graduation exercises at Woodstock Academy. She continues to reside in Webster, Mass.

William C. Child is gaining a reputation as a grower of prize apples. His exhibit at the Woodstock Fair was worthy of special notice.

The class express their sympathy for Florence Warren Latham in the death of her husband. Florence and her three children continue to live at their home in Eastford.

Frank D. Skinner's home is located in Webster, Mass.

Olah Withey Whelpley has moved from Grand Rapids, Michigan to Columbus, Ohio.

Woodstock still claims two of the class as residence—namely William C. Child and Bessie Barber Williams. Both have representatives in Woodstock Academy.

1900

"VINCET QUI SE VINCET"

Dr. John C. Paine is in Exeter, Cal. but writes that he is coming east for a visit sometime in the near future.

Irving Frost is still with the Queen's County Trust Company. He did not visit in Woodstock this year.

Bertram C. Bugbee is rounding out another year of preaching in Warrenville.

No word has been heard from Fritz Rockwell or LaFayette Evans.

Arthur and Mary Morse have a son going to the Academy.

1901

"ESSE QUAM VIDET"

Every year there appears in the columns of the Gleaner short articles telling what the members of the different classes are doing. There have been few if any changes reported for "naughty one" the past year.

We find Ethel Spalding Silberberg and Phoebe Randall Pray leading busy and useful lives caring for their homes and families. Phoebe writes that she is planning to rent a furnished apartment in Hartford for two or three months this winter. Mr. Pray is taking a much needed rest. Ethel continues to live in Worcester. See morning.

Olive Paine, although principal of a grammar school in Rochester, N. Y. finds time to run her tea-room in North Woodstock during the summer and a "Teachers' Home" in Rochester during the winter.

This spring Frank Davenport, while on a visit to his parents, addressed "The Rotary Club" in Putnam. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Harrisburg, Pa., where he conducts a successful restaurant business.

If any member of the class is considering taking out a Life Insurance Policy, consult Ernest Williamson, Park Building, Worcester, Mass. He and his wife enjoyed a trip to the

White Mountains recently. They also spend some time each summer at their place in Buttonwoods, R. I.

Why the long silence from Ewart Brunn. "No news is good news" so we trust everything is "as usual" with him.

Herbert Slye and family live at Stafford Springs, where he conducts a garage.

Sabin Spalding is carrying on a successful business as a market gardener. He supplies many R. I. markets with fresh produce.

Mary Aldrich Hopkins lives at her old home in No. Woodstock. She interests herself in home and civic duties. She was elected a delegate by the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter D. A. R. to the state convention held in New Haven last spring.

Herman B. Chandler continues to live in Holyoke, Mass.

1902

"NIHIL SINE LABORE"

Harry Child holds the same position as last year. Most of this summer he has spent in Vermont.

Mary Frost Ross and family spent their summer vacation at the Frost home in West Woodstock, Conn.

Ermond Brunn we would like to hear from if anyone can give us any information.

Gertrude Taber Howard lives in Hartford. We extend our sympathy in the death of her oldest son Warner.

Herbert Johnson can be found at the Putnam Post Office, continuing to work for Uncle Sam.

Rose Lowden Gilbertson and her two children spent two weeks this summer with her aunt in South Woodstock, Conn.

James V. Perrin lives in the city of Quebec.

Jessie M. Hibbard is School and Community nurse in South Hadley, Mass.

Florence Barber Washburn continues to live in New Bedford, Mass.

although she has recently been towns. obliged to move.

Lew Cox Hibbard's oldest daughter entered the Academy this Fall.

Anna Nelson is teaching in Hartford.

Florence Safford Keyes enjoys her home in California.

1903

"ALTIOR"

Cornelius Haskell continues to farm it.

Helen Chandler furnishes us nothing new to report.

Alice Steere Farrar writes that last winter the storms were so severe it was impossible to get to town for fuel and they had to burn the corn to keep warm.

Frank W. Rockwell as last year is commander of the U. S. S. Tennessee in Pacific waters but probably will be on land in about six months.

Grace Sumner Davis finds her time full in caring for her family.

Florence Hibbard Lockwood since the death of her mother divides her time between her home and that of her father.

Alan W. Upham spent several weeks in North Woodstock, N. H., the mountain air greatly benefiting him. At present he is at home.

Clarence R. Hall substituted as Judge of the Common Pleas Court in the early summer.

Grace Church White occasionally visits Woodstock so keeps in touch with old friends.

1904

"VERITAS VINCET"

Annie Shippey is in the office of the Travellers Insurance, Hartford.

Bernice Leavitt teaches in West Hartford.

Blanche Shippey remained at home the past year.

Pearle (Alton) Gifford lives in Quinebaug, Conn.

George Whitney is boss farmer for the Grosvenordale Co., Grosvenordale, Conn.

Wm. Nelson is living in Wentworth, N. H. He is supervisor of the schools in Wentworth and four adjoining

1905

"SEMPER PARATUS"

At last reports, Edmund K. Gilbert continues in the hardware business in New Haven.

The sympathy of the class is extended to Frederick W. Howard and wife (Gertrude Taber, 1902) in the loss of their son, Warner Taber, who was drowned July 16, 1924.

Whenever a helping hand is needed in any form of community work in South Woodstock, the first remark is "Get Harry", for Harry E. Wells proves himself yearly the reliable member of society in Woodstock.

Ethel Rawson Morgan has returned from her European trip and is at her home in Rhode Island. For further items of interest, see "Morning". The class extends hearty congratulations on the arrival of little Miss Shirley Rawson Morgan.

Nellie T. Burleson leads a busy but uneventful life in her home in South Woodstock. Gardening and chicken raising, combined with having a hand in nearly all church activities, furnish her with protection against ennui.

1906

"TEMPORE ULTAMUR"

Maude Healey spent her summer with her folks at their new home on Woodstock Hill. Some of her family

accompanied her in August on trips through the White Mts. to Lake George, along the Mohawk Trail and Long Island. She motored back to Bridgeport in her new car to resume work in the sixth grade. Her address is 329 Maplewood Ave. where she and three others are keeping house. Last

winter she completed a course in psychology with Dr. Scott of Mt. Holyoke.

Ethel Upham spent a quiet summer at her home in East Woodstock with the exception of a short but pleasant vacation at North Woodstock, New Hampshire. She returns to the Academy this fall as teacher of English, French and advanced Latin.

The report from Carl Morse, another classmate from East Woodstock, is the same as last year.

Mabel Ritch goes south for a two weeks' concert trip the first of October and then has several operatic engagements until Christmas. The first of the new year she expects to go to Canada and the Middle West.

Instead of coming to Woodstock this year Elizabeth Carr Gros Jean and husband spent their vacation in Washington, D. C. Bess wishes some W. A. Alumnus would spend a vacation in Watkins.

Maude Andrews Washburn spent three weeks' vacation with her mother here in Woodstock during the month of August.

Lottie Howard Spaulding and family have returned to the "Gordon Place" which they have named "Beechcrest". Her two oldest children are in school.

We are sorry to report that no news has been received from Saran Herrington Froyd.

For news of Florence Welch Armstrong see "Morning". She writes—"My little family occupies my whole time.—Wish it were possible to see Woodstock again and would dearly love to renew old friendships. Kindly remember me to all of my friends."

1907

"ALTA PETENS"

Mary Nelson took a course at Columbia this summer, resuming her same work in the fall.

Mabel Eddy Morse keeps busy caring for her family at her home in East Woodstock.

Herbert F. Shippey finds nothing new about farming, just plenty of work.

Henry Baker reports nothing new,

preaching in the same parishes as last year.

Mary Myers Graham Tracy will continue her work as principal and teacher in the Landing School of East Haddam where her home is. See noon.

1908

"GEDULD"

John Healey and family spent their vacation in Woodstock. Insurance business continues to be his line of work.

Louise Fitts White reports nothing new. Her home is in Pawtucket, R. I.

Hazel Davenport Lewis spent the summer at Crescent Beach, with her parents.

Mildred Brown Townsend finds many things to do on a farm and caring for her three little girls.

Hattie Nelson is doing school nursing in Hartford.

Robert Whiting and wife Gladys Wilson are interested in Woodstock although they did not make their usual visit this Summer.

Winifred Potter invited friends to go with her in her auto on several trips this summer, one trip being over the Mohawk Trail.

1909

"NITENTES"

Lyle W. Turner holds a very responsible position with the Lord and Taylor Stores, Buffalo, N. Y.

Marion Smith Watson is always glad to see her friends at her home in Pomfret Center, Conn.

Bernice Bates Marshall reports nothing new, just busy caring for her family.

Louis K. Miller has charge of a farm in Shrewsbury, Mass.

1910

"PRODEAMUS"

Louise Howard Clark is living in Harrisville.

Edith Eddy Sullivan teaches in West Stafford.

Roxana Wilbur Slye may be found on Grant Ave., Stafford Springs.

Mary Flynn Blakeslee remains in California.

For news of Raymond Sheldon see icon.

Leonard Healy still resides in Richmond Hill, New York.

Lyman Fitts is connected with the Mack Motor Co. and lives in Portland, Maine.

Wallace Armstrong is still in the Custom House, Boston.

Herbert Nelson continues his work in Hartford, Conn.

Flora Alton Danielson busies herself with her home duties.

1911

"PAS A PAS"

We are saddened by the death of one of our classmates, Maude Milligan, who passed away after a long illness, April 14th.

Esther E. Nelson continues her school work in Plainville, Conn.

Esther Johnson Draker is living at Westfield, Conn.

Dorothy V. Cox is still teaching at the Miss Wheeler's school in Hartford, Conn.

Blanche Perry Bosworth at her home in Pomfret Center is always glad to see and hear from her Academy friends.

Martin A. Nelson is very busy with his new store and Post Office work at South Woodstock. See night.

Harris S. May continues with the Ship and Building Co., in New London, Conn.

Max L. Connor's address is, Arnold and Co., 21-24 State St., New York City. His business is the same as last year.

James P. Donlon's address is 451 Franklin Ave., Hartford, Conn. He is with the Traveler's Insurance Company.

1912

"EN AVANT"

Helen Perley and her parents en-

joyed an auto trip to Maine this summer.

Glady's Sheldon Prescott continues to reside in Webster, Mass.

Olive Whitney is still with the H. K. H. Silk Co. in Putnam.

Jarda Carlson Linde lives in Bridgeport, Conn., coming occasionally for a visit to Woodstock.

Rilla Child has given up teaching for the ensuing year. Home duties and the family auto claim her attention.

Sophia Barrett's home is in Maplewood, N. J. This Fall she spent a week with Helen Perley, her first visit to Woodstock for ten years.

Carrie Barrett Frink is enjoying her new home in North Woodstock.

Grace Myers and family are making their home at present in Fair Hope, Alabama.

1913

"FACTA NON VERBA"

Edmund Anderson is teaching at Brown, Providence, R. I., also doing Post Graduate work and Laboratory work at the City Hospital.

Ida Spalding Masters has been soloist in the church in Holden, Mass. the past year and during the winter held the position of choir director.

Eleanor Keith Lewis lives in North Ashford, Conn., where she and her husband have a store. Eleanor sometimes substitutes in the schools near her home.

William Richardson is accountant for Swift & Co., Chicago, Illinois.

1914

"PLUS ULTRA"

The class doesn't seem to have much "news" to report. All seem to be doing about as they were last year.

Ruth E. Bjornberg is teaching the Primary grades in Rocky Hill.

Grace Hawkins Healey's home is in Queens, N. Y. She with her husband and little daughter, Sarah Car-

oline, made their annual visit to Woodstock this summer.

Carl O. Johnson is employed by the Buick Co., Flint, Michigan. He is married, as was reported last year, and now business, home and the "twins" keep him from returning to Woodstock very often.

The class extends much sympathy to Agnes White Cox, because of the illness which has befallen herself and her family.

Arthur R. Anderson is with the American Optical Company of Southbridge, Mass. and doesn't anticipate any change of plans for the coming year.

Susan S. Sumner is in Bristol, Connecticut, teaching Fourth Grade in the Federal Hill School.

Ruth Witter Healey was married last fall. She and her husband have established their home at Echo Farm, and find much to keep them busy.

Olive A. Johnson is at home most of the time, keeping house for her father.

Leslie L. Sumner is another member of the class who remains at home, though during the fall she is kept busy packing apples at home and elsewhere.

This year Rolfe N. Lyon is teaching in a rural school in the northern part of the state.

1915

"NON NOBIS SOLUM"

Ruth Bates Keith is teaching school again in Danielson this year.

Mildred T. May reports that she expects to be at home in East Woodstock.

Mabel Richardson Hill is busy at her home in Middletown, Conn.

Florence Lawson Cline has joined the married ranks. Her home is in Los Angeles, Cal. See noon.

Harriet G. Sampson has spent the summer in Woodstock. She is returning to New York City this fall to teach in Miss Spence's school for girls.

Catharn Perry Goodness makes her home in Glens Falls, N. Y.

For news of Gretchen Rutishauser Sprenger, see morning.

Estella Frink Barrett welcomes her friends at her home in the Chandler district. See morning.

Clara Eddy Cox is busy with home and school duties again this year in Stafford Springs.

Mary E. Chamberlin has been very busy at home this year.

George M. Wilcox is busy farming in Pomfret, Conn. See morning.

1916

"FORWARD"

Merrill R. Keith is located in Danielson, Conn., and is a member of the State Police, 5th Barracks.

Joseph Henries is employed as a plumber in Boston, Mass.

Wentworth A. Johnson has been employed in Miami, Florida the past few months and expects to enjoy Florida the coming winter. He spent a vacation at his home in Woodstock this summer.

Lyman E. Hibbard assists his father at their home in North Woodstock. He planned an enjoyable trip to the White Mountains this summer.

Marion Perkins McDonald writes that she enjoys housekeeping at her home in Peabody, Mass. She resides at 6 Ellsworth Road. For further news see morning.

Bernice A. Sanger has been employed the past two years as assistant bookkeeper and typist at Perkins & Butler, Inc., Worcester, Mass. Her present address is 20 Newtown Road, Ithaca, Pennsylvania. See noon.

1917

"PRO PATRIA"

Owen White is now principal of the Israel Putnam School, Putnam Conn., 2nd Lieutenant in the local National Guard, and as a side issue has relegated to himself the golf championships of Woodstock and Putnam.

Eleanor Lindeman has recently been chosen principal of the Oak Street School, Wilimantic, Conn. spending her vacations at her home in East Woodstock. Rico. He will be at home around the first of October for a visit, and will bring a bride with him. See noon.

Hazel Wood Coburn lives in West Fairlee, Vermont. She motored down for a couple of days' visit recently.

Theodore Perkins is the only member of this class who has taken unto himself a mechanical mind, being particularly interested in the automobile trade in Waltham, Mass. He studied during the year at a school of mechanics in the West, to which place he anticipates to return.

Lois (Harrington) Place enjoys herself in Webster, Mass., where her husband is agent for the renowned Ford.

Eleanor (Williams) Young is also being carried away with the West (Woodstock). Here she occupies her time in caring for the Young ones of the village.

1918

"CARRY ON"

Marguerite Bosworth was married to Stuart May on October 17, 1923. She makes her home in East Woodstock.

Helen Bjornberg will teach in Cromwell, Conn. this year.

Carolyn Cox is to be at home as usual.

Julia Johnson continues her work in Worcester, at the Royal Worcester Co.

Andrew Lowe is located in Rochester, New York at the present.

Jean McClellan graduated from Smith's College in June. She is now working in the Princeton Theological Seminary Library, Princeton, N. J.

Agnes Peterson has taught in Eastford the past two years. Her plans as to next year are undecided.

Ellen Swenson expects to be at home. She taught in Eastford this past year.

George Swenson continues to work in Putnam, at the Marcy Tool Works.

Paul Ringdahl will be at home.

Otto Pike is still located in Porto at home.

1919

"PLUS HAUT"

We are glad to be able to report that Ethel Lowe shows some improvement in health.

Bertha Myers took a course for experienced teachers at Yale Summer Normal School and will continue teaching the coming year in Higganum, Connecticut.

Louise Lindeman is a Field Agent for The New York State Commission for Mental Defectives with her office at Salamanca, New York.

Merrill Healey is engaged as a builder and contractor in Hartford. He lives in the Y. M. C. A. there.

Walker White lives at his home in East Woodstock.

Wallace Frink continues his work on the farm, specializing in poultry.

Hobart Sanger remains in the employ of the Whittall Associates, manufacturers of rugs in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Galen Pike is registered as a Junior in the University of Idaho.

1920

"PER GRADUS"

Eastford still has its charms for Newton Carpenter. We hope to see him once in Woodstock, anyway.

Harold Johnston is still in Waterbury and would be glad to hear from any of his classmates. His address is 22 Arch St., Waterbury, Conn.

Ruth Sheppard announced her engagement this summer, and expects to be married this winter sometime. We, of the married ones, will welcome her to our ranks.

Louise Lawton is studying music

Mabelle Nelson is busy with the Post Office and helping at "Havacone".

Signe Anderson continues her teaching in North Woodstock.

Last year Olga Erikson took a secretarial course at Becker's Business College. She also continued her music at the Worcester County School of Music. She hopes to return to Becker's this year.

Sylvia May White will be glad to see any of her old friends at her home in East Woodstock.

The class wishes Myrtle Ware Miller the best of success at Simmons College this year.

Dorothy Bundy is teaching Mathematics at the Senior High School in West Hartford. She graduated from Brown University last year.

Frank C. Harrington graduated from Northeastern University as Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. He is doing experimental work on an instrument called the Electro-Cardiograph which photographs the heart beat. The heart beat is obtained by measuring the electric current generated by the heart with a very delicate galvanometer. Frank is working for Sanborn Co., 1048 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. His address is 24 Aldie St., Allston, Mass.

1921

"EN AVANT"

John McClellan completed his Post Graduate course at Andover in June. He is now a member of the freshman class at Yale.

Marvin Barrett taught in the Red-White school last year. His plans for this year are not completed.

Spencer Jordan has made no definite plans for the coming year.

Annette May, having completed a third summer school course at the Yale Summer Normal School is now teaching her second year at Elmvale.

1922

"ALLONS"

Helen Johnson graduated from Willimantic Normal School last spring. After spending a delightful summer in Woodstock she has started teaching in Hanover, Conn.

Julia Swenson spent her third summer at New Haven Summer School. This fall she returns to the Paine District to teach.

Edwin Wilcox is working for the Phoenix Life Insurance in Hartford, boarding in the Y. M. C. A. He spends his week-ends in Woodstock at his home.

Beatrice Healey taught in town the past year. This fall she expects to enter Connecticut Agricultural College to start a course in Domestic Science.

1923

"SEMPER PARATUS"

Elsa Johnson is teaching the Westminster school in Canterbury after attending Yale Summer School.

Harold Carpenter continues to work in Eastford.

Hazel P. Sheldon is a bookkeeper in an envelope factory in Worcester.

Miriam E. Ware returns for her second year at Brown.

Luke White has entered the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., as a midshipman.

Judith Johnson is attending Becker's Business College in Worcester. She was with Mrs. Herbert Bowel during the summer.

Lester Gallup after a successful year at Williston has entered Worcester Tech.

Reginald Pike is employed in the General Electric Co. in Lynn.

Doris Lindeman continues her work at Potsdam Normal School, N. Y.

Alice Cross is in the employ of the Concord Bakery.

Ilo L. Sullard has returned for her senior year at Willimantic Normal.

Carl G. Feiler finished his course at her home in Pomfret Center. Becker's Business College and has been working in Lynn, Mass.

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Elisabeth Rollins is enrolled as a student at the Mount Ida School in Newton, Mass.

Lydia Taber is attending the Bryant and Stratton Business College in Providence, R. I.

Robert Scranton's plans for the winter are, as yet, uncertain.

Quinten Sanger is attending Clark University in Worcester, Mass.

Gladys Young has returned to Woodstock Academy for a Post Graduate course.

Eric Erickson is attending Becker's Business College in Worcester and is also continuing his vocal lessons.

Charles Peckham is spending the winter at home.

Alfred Carpenter is undecided in his plans for the coming year, but expects to be home for the present.

Vernon Wetherell is uncertain in his plans, for the coming year.

John J. Holmes of Providence makes an annual visit to "Bresh Hut", Woodstock, to see Andrew L. Lyon, they being among the oldest alumni of W. A.

Miss Lucy A. Towne 1873, is living in Putnam.

Mrs. Josephine Ross Law who used to thrill us with her recitations, in the days when rhetorical exercises were in order every Wednesday, has a pleasant home on Bolles St., Putnam, Conn.

In 1871 when W. E. Davidson was principal with Miss Sara Palmer and W. H. Backus as his assistant teachers, Misses Mary A. Scrogy and M. Ida Byron were pupils. We would like to learn if they are still among us or have joined the number who have passed over the river.

Addie Chandler Wright spends her winters in the south and the summer

Mrs. Prudence Phillips Hyde spent some time last winter in Northampton, Mass. An article in this number by Mrs. Hyde will be of interest to her schoolmates.

Lois, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bannister, nee Bertha Hibbard, Webster, Mass., graduated Cum Laude from Smith College last June. She majored in history and received the Departmental Honors, this year she will teach in Concord, New Hampshire.

Clara E. Maynard leads a busy life in the Y. W. C. A., Miami, Florida. Read her letter on another page.

Florence J. Chase is assisting at The Rectory School, Pomfret, Conn.

Mrs. Alice Hibbard Hayward has moved to Hartford where her daughter has a position with the Aetna Life Insurance Co.

Carrie Bosworth for twenty-three years has been in the office of the American Optical Works, Southbridge, Mass.

Howard Clarke lives in White Plains, N. Y. His daughter Muriel graduated from Smith in June and he has a son Norman in Dartmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hosmer live in Cambridge, Mass. In June their daughter Lois was married to Mr. Lewis R. Frazier.

Florence J. Evans didn't feel she could give us an article for the Gleaner but she did write, "I was delighted to see upon my visit to Woodstock in 1921—that the young people are given a little more freedom—that their pleasures are not so restricted as they were many years ago. It seemed to me the general atmosphere of Woodstock very much improved, and I am sure the young people will be happier and more contented. I love Woodstock, it is such a beautiful little village! and there are some few friends whose memory I still hold dear."

Mrs. Elizabeth Flynn Bingham as usual spent her vacation at home and is back teaching in Springfield.

Dorothy, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Welles Partridge of Braintree, Mass., and much beloved by all who knew her.

graduated in June from Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., In March she was awarded a fellowship which means a year of residence, study and practical experience at the South End House in Boston, which has been called "one of the first sociological laboratories of the world."

Henry Johnson, who for several years has been in Bellingham, Washington, is visiting his father, Jonas Johnson, and probably will be home most of the winter.

Mrs. Myrtice Chaffee Jordan's son Robert is a Senior at Worcester Tech.

S. Howard Peckham is interested in town and school improvement. He has just been chosen a trustee of W. A.

Ernest Haskell and family spent a few days at "Lakeside", South Woodstock this summer. There are some old school friends left who were disappointed not to see him. If he did not graduate from W. A., the Academy is proud to have had such a famous man as one of her students. Mr. Haskell ranks first among the etchers of America.

Dorothy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Dartt, nee Florence Morse, is a senior at Holyoke and their son Stanley entered Williston Seminary this fall.

Mrs. Alice Child White teaches the Hill school this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carpenter, nee Nellie Child, attended the funeral of Alice Hosmer, a dear friend and schoolmate at W. A. of Mrs. Carpenter.

Mrs. Agnes Wood of Putnam visited her cousins, Miss Nellie Chandler and Miss Charlotte May, at Miss Chandler's home.

We are glad to report that Clarence H. Child is again elected State Senator from this district.

Alice L. Hosmer after an illness of about a year died at her home in Sudbury, Mass., November 3, 1924. She was for many years the princi-

pal of the graded school in Westor.

MORNING

October 22, 1923, a son, LeRoy Haskell Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. Davenport, Harrisburg, Penn.

Dec. 26, 1923, a son, Lucius Elreton, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnold, nee Hattie Fitts, Putnam, Conn.

February 12, 1924, a daughter, Shirley Rawson, to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Morgan, nee Ethel Rawson, Warwick Neck, R. I.

February 14, 1924, a daughter Beatrice Estelle, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Townsend, nee Mildred Brown, North Woodstock, Conn.

March 13, 1924, a son, Robert Anson, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Armstrong, nee Florence Welch, Sioux City, Iowa.

March 17, 1924, a daughter, Phyllis, to Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Racine, nee Lillian Milligan, North Woodstock, Conn.

March 20, 1924, a daughter, Virginia Brown, to Mr. and Mrs. William P. Dutemple, Charlotte, N. C.

May 10, 1924, twin daughters, Mary Bowen and Susanna Aspinwall, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Holt, Brooklyn, N. Y.

May 27, 1924, a daughter, Esther, to Mr. and Mrs. James Meehan, Woodstock, Conn.

June 21, 1924, a son, Richard Charles, to Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Sprenger, nee Gretchen Rutishauser, Romeo, Michigan.

June 24, 1924, a son, William Perkins, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton McDonald, nee Marion Perkins, Peabody, Mass.

July 11, 1924, twin boys, Martin and Harold, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nelson, nee Mabelle Johnston, South Woodstock, Conn.

July 28, 1924, a son, Robert Wesley, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, nee Anna Johnson, North Woodstock, Conn.

August 8, 1924, a daughter, Sylvia May, to Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox, Jr., nee Mildred Wells, Pomfret, Conn.

August 11, 1924, a son, Carlton Clifford, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hibbard, North Woodstock, Conn.

September 6, 1924, a son, George William, to Mr. and Mrs. Ethal Barrett, nee Estella Frink, East Woodstock, Conn.

September 28, 1924, a son, George Gallup, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Silberberg, nee Ethel Spalding, Worcester, Mass.

October 6, 1924, a son, Russell Perry, to Mr. and Mrs. Byron R. Barber, Rochester, Penn.

October 30, 1924, a daughter, Lois Hildegard, to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice F. Childs.

NOON

September, 1923, Florence Lawson and Edward Cline, Los Angeles, California.

October 18, 1923, Dr. George Harold Gildersleeve and Eleanor Shumway, Newton Highlands, Mass.

November 24, 1923, Gardiner Richardson and Mrs. Dorothea Boyd, Vienna, Austria.

November 26, 1923, Cyril Paine and Isabel Herindeen, Southbridge, Mass.

November, 1924, Thomas Mangan and Annie Milligan, Quinebaug, Conn.

December 1, 1923, Walter R. Lindeman and Imogene Smith, Hanover, Conn.

January 7, 1924, William McGregor and Grace Barrett Bugbee, East Woodstock, Conn.

February 7, 1924, Freeman Spalding and Katherine Hartwell, Woodstock, Conn.

February 23, 1924, Oliver D. Bowen and Gertrude Leavitt, Albany, N. Y.

May 10, 1924, Frederick H. Tracy and Mrs. Mary Myers Graham, East Haddam, Conn.

June 28, 1924, Raymond W. Sheldon and Prudence M. Hinckley, Stonington, Conn.

August 20, 1924, Clyde W. Miller and Bertha A. Farrows, Putnam, Conn.

September 3, 1924, Gilman L. Graves and Bernice A. Sanger, Philadelphia, Penn.

October 9, 1924, Otto Pike and Dorothy Woodson, Porto Rico.

NIGHT

November 4, 1923, DeWitt H. Miller, Hartford, Conn.

November 9, 1923, Mrs. Sarah A. Woodward, Woodstock, Conn.

December, 1923, Miss Edna Dean Proctor, Framingham, Mass.

December 10, 1923, Miss Emma Spalding, Woodstock, Conn.

February 12, 1924, Carrie Wadsworth, widow of James Gordon, Zanesville, Ohio.

March 5, 1924, Mary Crandall, wife of Charles E. Chandler, Norwich, Conn.

April 5, 1924, Calvin Rawson, husband of Clara Rawson, North Woodstock, Conn.

April 14, 1924, Miss Maude Milligan, North Woodstock, Conn.

May 23, 1924, Oliver A. Hiscox, Woodstock Valley, Conn.

June 2, 1924, Oliver H. Latham, husband of Florence Warren, Eastford, Conn.

June 14, 1924, Mrs. Belle Lyon Miller, Woodstock, Conn.

July 9, 1924, William M. Barrett, husband of Lucy Lombard, North Woodstock, Conn.

July 13, 1924, twin boys of Martin and Mabel Johnston Nelson, South Woodstock, Conn.

July 16, 1924, Warner T. Howard, son of Fred and Gertrude Taber Howard, Glastonbury, Conn.

July 17, 1924, Herbert D. Keith, son of Edward and Mary Bowen Keith, Putnam, Conn.

July 28, 1924, Ezra Pike, East Woodstock, Conn.

September 29, 1924, Mrs. Louise Grosvenor van der Laan, Pomfret, Connecticut.

November 3, 1924, Miss Alice L. Hosmer, Sudbury, Mass.

Nov. 12, 1924, Geo. Walker White, East Woodstock, Conn.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Sarah Fisher Woodward

The record of her life covers a long period of time over 98 years. Those years witnessed great discoveries and inventions making her life story a very interesting one.

Mrs. Woodward was born in Woodstock October, 1825. She was a pupil in the Academy in its prosperous days after it had been "refitted and remodeled" largely through the generosity of Mr. Henry C. Bowen.

From a catalogue dated 1844 we gather the following interesting facts. The school was opened in the fall of 1843 with John P. Averill as Principal. We find the name of Sarah Fisher along with many other familiar names in the "Female Department" but of that long list not one was living as far as known at the time of her death.

The Academical year was divided into four terms of eleven weeks each. For the fall of 1843 and year of 1844 the pupils numbered two hundred and eighty-four.

After the education of Miss Fisher she became a successful teacher in New Jersey where later she married.

Years afterwards, upon the death of her husband, she returned to the home of her early years. At once she was interested in the life of the community. Her ability was acknowledged by her appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy in March, 1884. Miss Mary Carroll received the appointment at the same time. She was actually interested in the work of the school and particularly in the struggling small library. She continued in office until 1897.

One by one her early friends passed away until only one remained. Miss Sarah Lyon. Many happy hours were spent by them rehearsing their school life in the Academy. Four years ago she was left alone. Her interest in others however had made many friends. When universal suffrage was declared, with characteristic energy she expressed her patriotism by "casting her vote" though long past ninety years of age.

With unclouded mind her life was an ideal one of cheer and usefulness.

A precious heritage that will long be cherished by old and young.

Edna Dean Proctor

Edna Dean Proctor, poetess of a generation ago, a friend of Whittier, Beecher and Longfellow and at one time a teacher in Woodstock Academy died at her home in Framingham, Mass. on Dec. 18, 1923 in her ninety-fifth year.

Her first book of poems was published in 1867, and she followed progressively the train of events from the Civil War through the recent European struggle.

Her poems appeared in the school books of a generation ago and in these she championed the cause of freedom and democracy. She wrote with particular zest of the Indians, of patriotism, of a new Russia and of "The Glory of Toil" as she entitled her latest book of poems published only recently.

Alumnt Association Report

President, Maurice F. Childs.

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Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth W. Gallup.

Executive Committee, Principal of Woodstock Academy, Rilla Child, Albert Williams and Edwin Wilcox.

Editor, Mrs. Ruth W. Gallup.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

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Editorials

The editor is grateful to all who gave any assistance towards the 1924 Gleaner. We would be glad to know more about distant Alumni so if anyone reads this please just write a few lines for the Student Personals for another year so we may hear from many who have not been heard from in years. Write to Mrs. Wm. M. Gallup, Woodstock, Conn.

On another page you have seen the picture of the Howard Bracken Memorial Library, a beautiful and useful gift to Woodstock and the Academy, also you have read an account of it. One reason why this number is so late, we waited that an account of it might be given in this number.

On another page you have read Edith Hall Dohan's letter. Now let us hustle so the 1925 Gleaner may have a picture and an account of the Ely R. Hall Memorial Gymnasium in it.

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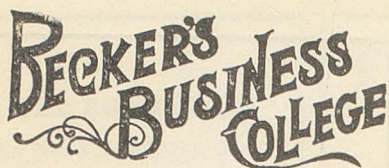
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