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Baccalaureate Sermon

WHAT IS LIFE FOR?

"But I am in the midst of you as he that serveth."—Luke 22:27.

Intro. Man has been well called an animated interrogation point. Children and men alike, if they are worth anything, intellectually, are ever inquiring, as they observe one thing and another about them, if it is not self explanatory, "What is it for?"

And those who are thinking in any wise deeply, are making the same inquiry as to life, and especially, of course, as to human life, "What is it for?"

It is needless to say that this is an important question; in fact, one of the most important that can possibly be asked. This is true if it has to do simply with our existence here upon the earth, much more if, as the Scriptures declare, and Jesus Christ came to reveal, it is eternal.

Beside this question, having to do with our existence, from its very beginning, as long as it shall continue, all other questions, even the most profound, save one, sink into insignificance.

It is a question of intense, and perhaps almost general interest, "How did life come to be?" It is a question of far surpassing interest, "What is life for?"

This last question, "What is life for?" is surely important enough to provoke our earnest thought and inquiry, not only this morning, but continually, until the question has been answered by us in a way that our moral judgment can approve, and in a way not out of harmony with the Word of God, our most trustworthy textbook in the school of life.

We ought, also, of course, to ask the question prayerfully. If we do not, we are liable to answer it in a way and in a spirit that may injure us forever. We need the illumination of the Holy Spirit continually, as we try to solve, with all human helps at hand the great problems of life, and to answer such vitally important questions as I have referred to, and one of which, namely, "What is life for?" we are considering this morning.

1. What is life for?

1. Is it for PLEASURE?

Let us see. Suppose one enters a home or circle whose inmates give themselves unrestrainedly to pleasure Instinctively we ask, Why should not a child, born and reared in such environment, seeing all of those about him absorbed in such things,—why should he not think that that is what life is for? And many of them do so think. I once knew of a young lady in society, born and reared by those possessed of such an ideal—having such an outlook upon life,—who, through dangerous sickness, was brought face to face with death. A spiritually minded friend, calling to see her, asked as to her preparation for the "Great Beyond." The sick girl was overwhelmed at what appeared to be her first serious thought as to the future, and as to the relation of the eternal world to this. She made little reply to her visitor; but when she had gone, she sent for her mother, and reproached her thus: "Mother, mother, when I was well and strong, why didn't you speak to me about death and the judgment, and help me to prepare for these great events; instead of teaching me, by your word and example, that pleasure, such as one can get from fashions and the amusements of life, is the chief end of life"

But not all children are so led astray by the pleasure seeking example of their elders. For instance, a

little boy of four, seeing his uncle come and go, day by day, with, apparently, no thought but that of entertainment and personal gratification, asked the question, "What is Uncle John For?"

But why should not pleasure be the chief end of life? Do we not read of the heavenly life, "At the right hand there are pleasures forever more?" Yes, Then why should not the heavenly life, in this respect, as in others, begin here on earth? It should. But we must remember that pleasure is not the chief end of the inhabitants of heaven, and it should not be of the inhabitants of earth. You see I take exception to the Westminster Catechism which reads, 'The chief end of a man is to glorify and enjoy him forever." The chief end of man IS to glorify God; to enjoy him forever is but an INCIDENT, albeit a most blessed one, of a godly life.

We know that pleasure, as mere gratification of the senses, is an unworthy end for an immortal being to live for; i. e., to make the chief end of life; for it is the degradation of his higher powers to the office of ministering to the lower. 'Nature brands such pleasure as unworthy by making it elusive to the seeker; or by transforming it into pain when the seeker thinks he has found it.'

"But even the highest pleasures often elude us when sought for their own sake." They would in heaven as truly as on earth; for the same principle is operative there. "Nature," as one has well said, "drops them silently and only into the bosoms of those whom she finds working contentedly in the sphere of duty."

However this may be, I am certain that, viewed in the light of that dying girl's experience,—going out of life unprepared, because she had given her life to pleasure, pleasure is not the chief end of life, or even a worthy end if pursued for itself alone.

2. But what shall we say of WEALTH?

Is life for the accumulation of wealth?

Often you hear it declared, "We are all after the almighty dollar." But that statement is not wholly true, in the sense that every one makes money the chief end of life. Some there are who value it as lightly, in proportion to other and higher things, as they do the dead leaves of autumn, whirling in the wind. Prof. Agassiz, for instance, when offered a most lucrative position, where his talents and acquirements would be practically available for a business firm, replied, "I haven't time to make money." And so it is with many missionaries of the cross, and with many ministers of the Gospel, and with many other workers in life's great harvest field. Only a short time since, I read of the death of a minister of Christ of whom among other things, it was said, in substance, "If he had used his wonderful talents for marshalling and organizing forces, and directing them in money making channels he would, undoubtedly, have been a very wealthy man.' But he said, practically, by his conduct, 'The chief end of life is not wealth.' So a young man who married a friend of mine, a few years since, and left a surgical practice netting him perhaps $3,500 a year in the United States, for medical missionary work abroad, under the American Board, at a salary of $1,000 a year.

But why is not the seeking of great riches a worthy aim in life? Does it not serve, in the economy of nature, to forestall individual want, and to stimulate society into countless industries? Yes, and insofar as it does that it is good. But as an inordinate desire, it contracts and shrivels the soul of man; deadens his moral sensibilities, and never becomes a dominant passion without tempting to trench on the rights and happiness of others. So doing, it is the meanest and most selfish passion that can tyrannize over the human heart.' If this is true, and I believe it is, then

wealth cannot be the chief end of life. This, even if it were not true that soon, at the longest, it must be left behind, with the cast off garment of the soul.

Those who use life as if for money getting alone, go wide of the mark which they should reach; for Christ said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesses." I often think of the poor wretch on the deck of a sinking vessel, while all others had betaken themselves to the lifeboats, pouring from hand to hand, in delirious joy, gold which a fleeing passenger had left in the cabin and which he had secured. Poor wretch, indeed! But are we not as poor as he if we heap together the things of the world, and are not rich toward God?

3. If life is not for the seeking of pleasure, or for the amassing of wealth, is it for the GAINING OF HONOR?

What is honor? Let Shakespeare answer. "A word. What is that word honor? What is that honor? Air. A trim reckoning; Who hath it? he that died O' Wednesday. Doth he feel it? No. 'Tis insensible, then. Yea, to the dead. But will it not live with the living? No. Why? Detraction will not suffer it. Therefore I'll none of it. Honor is a mere scutcheon, and so ends my catechism."

Men are fickle. What they praise to-day, they condemn to-morrow The honors which they bestow, therefore, are never secure, and, at the best, are soon gone. So, in substance, says Wolsey, in Henry the Eighth: "Farewell! a long farewell to all my greatness! This is the state of man: to-day he puts forth the tender leaves of hope; to-morrow blossoms, and bears his blushing honors thick upon him; the third day comes a frost, a killing frost, and when he thinks, good easy man, full surely his greatness is a ripening, nips the root, and then he falls, as I do."

Can honor, then, so fickle and so fleeting, and so dependent upon the caprice of men, be the chief end of life? No.

But even if it should last as long as one should live here on the earth, it is not always indicative of character and nobility. The greatest rogues and the meanest rascals sometimes sport the greatest titles and receive the greatest honor from men.

But even if that were not so, and the honor bestowed were rightfully due, yet if the one who receives it has sought it, it will never satisfy him. The only really satisfying honor is that which is unsought. Therefore life is not for the seeking of honor.

We know also that this is true from the plain teaching of Scripture. "Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not." "How can ye believe which receive honors one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?"

4. If life is not for pleasure, or wealth, or the gaining of honor, is it for devotion to the rapidly changing fashions of the day?

Some would unhesitatingly answer "Yes" So, practically answered a young lady on board a steamship, en-route for Europe, some time since.

A group of young ladies, one afternoon, were gathered on the after deck of the vessel, and were stating the why and wherefore of their trip abroad. One, in substance, said: 'I am to visit the old cathedrals and the old historical landmarks of the countries through which I pass.' Another said: 'I am going abroad to study art, and improve, as far and as fast as I can, my taste and talent along that line.' Both of these ends were eminently worthy, as you see. A third young lady said: 'Well, mama and I run over to Paris every Spring and Fall to study the newest styles, and to keep up with the latest fashions.'

Evidently, to her mind, that was what life is for.

It was of such devotees of fashion as that, mere butterflies of fashion, I should call them, that Wagner, the celebrated French preacher, in his book "The Simple Life", wrote, when, in describing the whirl of their social life for a month, he says of their

condition thus enslaved: "It is no longer possible for them to breathe, to rest a half hour, to tranquilize their thoughts. This is not living, rather, mere existence.

If what Wagner says is true, and I believe it is, then life is not for mere devotion to fashion.

5. If life is not for pleasure, or for wealth, or for honor, or for devotion to fashion, is it for the gaining of an education?

Yes, if it is of the right kind, and to be used in the right way. But we must not forget that education alone, of what sort soever it may be, and however extensive, if it is the mere informing of the mind, will not make a man morally one whit better than before, or one whit more useful to society. I recall now a man who, by reason of his abiliry and education, —the mere training of his mind,— might have occupied a high position as an educator in college or university, but who chose, rather, to devote himself to producing counterfeit money. A sad commentary upon the idea advanced by some that education is a panacea for all that is morally evil in society.

On the other hand, one so educated might not use his acquirements for criminal ends, i.e., criminal as judged by the law of men, who might, nevertheless, betray an equal amount of selfishness in his choice of a life work and the end or ends to which he would devote his talents and powers; his one idea being to acquire knowledge simply for the personal gain to which it might lead.

Still again, one highly educated might refuse (many have done so) to use his acquirements at all; being satisfied simply to get, just as a miser is to hoard up gold. He simply carries his miserliness up a step higher, into the intellectual realm, that is all.

To know the truth is well; but to do the truth is better. No true man will stop with knowing the truth when it is possible for him to do it; for he realizes that Christ, the great Teacher, has said, "For to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin."

"To know, to act, to be", one has said, "are the consequents of Knowledge. A life of thought is not a complete human life."

So then education,—I mean by the word the mere informing of the mind, —is not what life is for. The education that not only informs the mind regarding truth and duty, but conforms the will to the will Divine, and transforms the life into likeness to the perfect pattern,—that is the education that is to be earnestly desired, and patiently, prayerfully and persistently sought. To obtain such an education, I am sure you will all agree is, in goodly measure, what life is for.

6. If life is not for pleasure, or wealth, or honor, or for education which is merely the informing of the mind, is it for the formation of character?

Yes, yes, most surely, yes! This is an end eminently worthy to seek. But even this, in one sense of the word, may be but an expression of selfishness; and if it is, of course it cannot be the supreme end of life cannot be what life is for.

That is to say, a person might devote himself to spiritual culture, just as to the gaining of an education, with only himself in view in doing it, —his peace and joy here upon the earth, and an entrance to the heavenly land when life here has ended; and character for itself alone, in a needy world like ours, calling, as it does, for deeds as well as character, is not the ultimate end of life. This we can readily see by inquiring, What is character for? Is it for one's enjoyment, like a jewel which he may possess? Is it to minister comfort by the thought that it is possessed, or by the thought of its beauty and value? No.

In saying this, I would not have you for a moment suppose that I underestimate character. I do not. Character is, indeed, a jewel of priceless worth. As far as one's own well being is concerned, in this life or in the

life beyond; as far as the personal relation of the soul to God is concerned in time and in eternity; as far as one's influence for good upon others is concerned in any world, it is an essential thing. But it is not a jewel to be hoarded, or even to be gazed at with admiration, but to be used. If there is a noble character, it must express itself. 'We cannot but speak and we cannot but live, in one way and another, the things we have seen and heard, and which have made their impress upon us, moulding and inspiring us, and making us Christlike. Jesus said: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

So we see, then, that the ultimate end of life is not, or at least may not be, the formation of character. There is something lying still beyond, to which the noble character naturally leads, and which I shall now mention.

7. What, then, is life for?

I have already hinted at it, and will now plainly speak the word I have in mind. Life is for SERVICE.

Not long since I asked this question of a friend, What is life for? and the answer was, "Life is for doing good; for making others happier and better."

It is for doing, then, as well as being. Deeds, not character alone is the ultimate end of life; but deeds, of course, that are the expression of the noblest, most Christlike character which it is possible for us to possess. Character, then is a means to an end, and that end is service. We are to be children of God in doing as well as in being. We are to be "workers together with God" for the coming of his kingdom. Even heaven is not so much for the conservation and exhibition of character, as it is for service. "And his servants shall serve him."

In this work for God, whether on earth or in heaven, each Christian has his own peculiar task. The 12th chapter of Romans, and the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians show what a strong hold this idea of service had upon the minds of the inspired leaders of the early church.

The same thought, I believe, was also in the mind of Christ, as by his word and spirit, and life he trained and moulded and inspired that little band of men who companied with him during his earthly ministry; impressing himself upon them, as far as possible in that brief time; and then, in substance, saying to them, 'Express your life." 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to the whole creation." 'Go ye into all the world, and comfort the sorrowing, bind up the broken hearted, and lift up, as far as you can, the whole world to a higher level of thought and life.' 'Go ye into all the world, and by the expression of the Christ spirit within you, lead others to express their lives in deeds of usefulness and love.' Christ said, "I am in the midst of you as he that serveth. Whosoever would be great among you, shall be your servant." The path marked out by the footsteps of the blessed Master, "The lowly path of service free", is the path over which the windows of heaven are always open, for the bestowal of the largest blessing and the highest honor.

"The secret of life,—it is giving;
To minister and to serve;
Love's law binds the man and the angel;
And woe be to him who shall swerve."

"I am in the midst of you," Jesus said, "as he that serveth." Shall we follow in the Master's footsteps?

8. Again, and lastly,—a thought akin to that which I have just brought out, life is for the embodying of ideals, and especially for the embodying of the highest possible ideal which can be set before us. I mean, of course, the highest possible ideal for character and life.

If this is true, and I am sure you will agree that it is, then let me say to you,—to you, the graduates of this time-honored institution from which next Friday you are to receive your diplomas.

All through your life thus far, from your earliest reasoning years, consciously or unconsciously, you have been choosing and forming ideals,—ideals by which you felt your life should be at all times governed and inspired. And especially since becoming students of Woodstock Academy has this been true; inasmuch as the time of your entrance upon the larger duties and responsibilities of life seemed fast approaching, and you wished to be as thoroughly furnished and equipped as possible, in every way, for your life work, whatever it might be; and inasmuch also as under the wise tutelage and the compelling impulse and inspiration of your faithful and devoted teachers, you could not help choosing worthy and noble ideals by which to mould and fashion your lives:

Therefore, being thus prepared, you are now going out, eager, as I believe, to embody these high ideals in character and life. Yes, going out, by your words and deeds, and by the very spirit and atmosphere of your life, to make the world happier and better for your living in it.

You, young people, I believe, and especially during your years of preparation here, have seen visions, beautiful, wonderful, glorious visions some of them; and these visions, clarified and crystalized into ideals, you are now to work out for the good of men and the glory of God in the months and years that stretch out so invitingly before you.

Better counsel I cannot give to each of you than this: Live always an ideal life. And especially a life that shall seek to embody the highest possible ideal, as set before you in the character and life of Jesus Christ. He who is "the way the truth and the life" has said to each of us, "Follow me. Seek to embody my character, to manifest my spirit, to live my life; and your life cannot fail to be worthy and noble, and cannot fail to attain to the highest possible success."

REV. FRANK A. FULLER

A Group of Poems

Vacation

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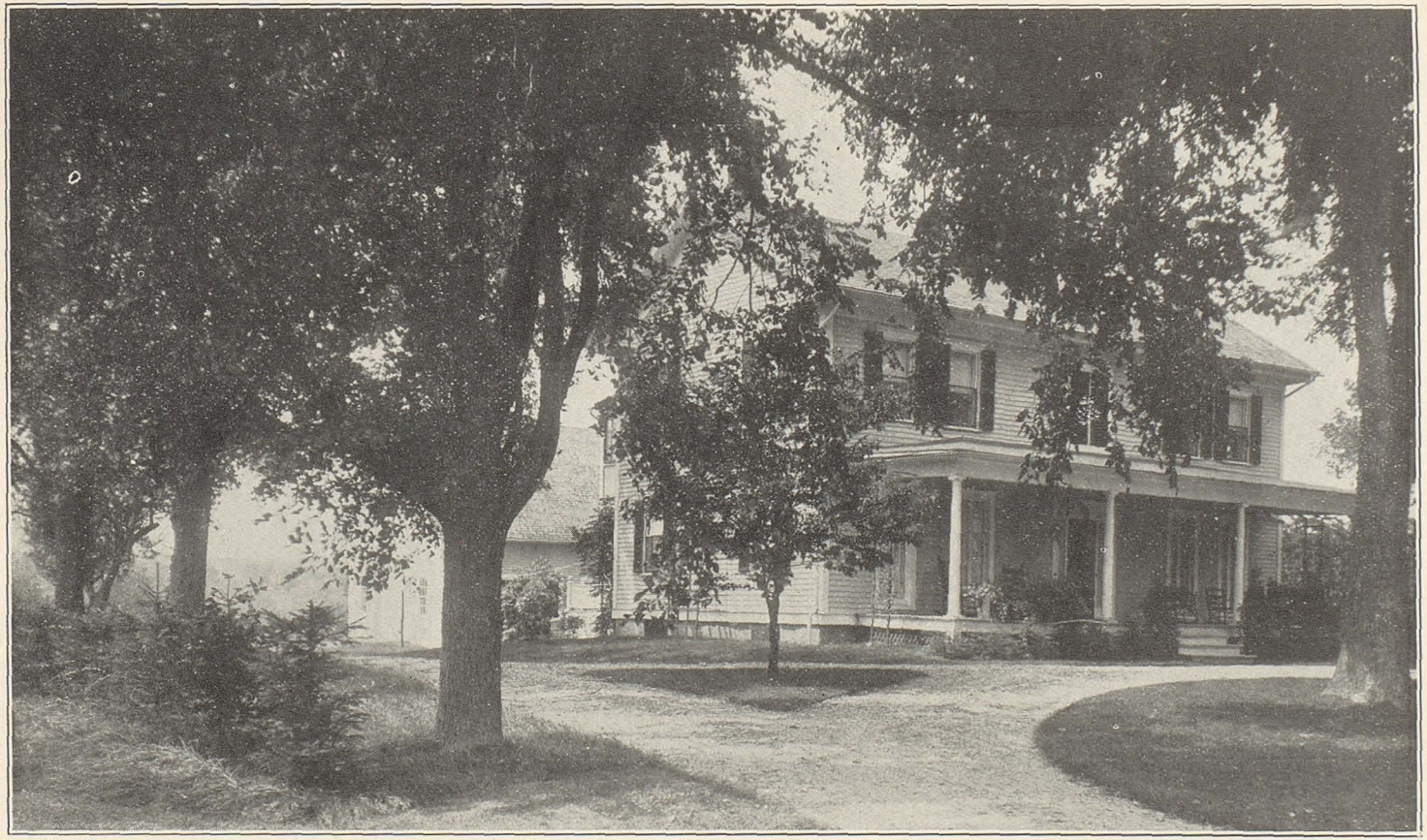
All winter I have trimmed my working days
Like formal gardens. I have put in place
Branches that straggle out of ordered ways,
Grass that aspires to something more than base
And sober background for expensive flowers
That make our gardens noticed. Now I'm done
With cultivating strangers, spending hours
Pampering the daughters of a foreign sun.
They sap the soil. I'm going to let them die.
Henceforth to native growths I'll spare the pain
Of twine and knives and clippers, only try
To fertilize them well, and pray for rain.

Ghosts

(Reprinted by permission of The New York Times)

The golden streets of London throng with ghosts,
Sniffing at nosegays, poising over tea
At Rumpelmayer's or Lyons', and there are hosts
Watch Turner sunsets out by Battersea.

They try on Carlyle's slippers, lay their neck
Upon the block in Bloody Mary's Tower.
They mount the lions and impudently fleck
Bubbles at Nelson's Column by the hour.



These happy ghosts are not the ancient dead
Who curse the earth in anger or bring fear
Down chilly corridors; these are, instead,
The unreturning tourists of last year.

Oepidus

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You killed the Sphinx. She was not hard to kill;
Harder the torment of the twisted word
That drove you reckless like a maddened herd
Of thirsty sheep toward water, your scoured will
Flashing with filial honour, saved until
You struck that haughty stranger. What occurred
To Thebes was little matter. They deferred
Their monarch's inquest, crowning your swift skill.

I am afraid of soothsayers and Sphinx.
I will not hear the riddles they invent.
Ruin is in the reading. Let me know
Nought of the spotted animal that slinks
Within the shade of proud men as they go
The blinding way that Oedipus once went.

HARRIET SAMPSON

Woodstock Academy Reunion

The academy was started in 1801, with thirty-two residents of the town donating $100 each for it. There was much enthusiastic help from the townspeople during the building of the first school building. It was incorporated in the spring of the following year by the legislature.

In 1872 a new and spacious academy building was constructed at a cost of $20,000, this amount donated by citizens. Dedicated a year later, this building is still in use, though greatly altered. On another page a picture of the old Academy may be found, showing how it looks today, the home of Miss Nellie D. Chandler.

Between two and three hundred alumni and friends of Woodstock Academy attended and participated in the reunion at the Academy Saturday, August 14, held in honor of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the school. Uncertain weather kept down the attendance and made it necessary to hold indoors many of the exercises that would have taken place on the Academy lawn.

The reunion luncheon at noon was the principal event of the day. A committee under the direction of Mrs. Myrtice Jordan had prepared an excellent meal, which was served by Academy students. The dinner was held in the basement and chapel of the Woodstock church, showers making it necessary to go indoors. Blue and gold carnival hats gave a gay appearance to the 200 diners.

Rev. Welles M. Partridge, pastor of the Little Church Around the Corner at Boston, said grace prior to the dinner. At its conclusion George M. Sampson, chairman of the general committee that had the reunion in charge, introduced Mr. Partridge as toastmaster. He said:

"Five years ago we had a man for toastmaster at the 120th Anniversary, whose family has always been connected with Woodstock, and today we have another man whose family has long been identified with Woodstock and Woodstock Academy."

"I think," Mr. Sampson continued, "that old Woodstock Academy might be classed as being unusually interesting. It was instituted 125 years ago, only 25 years after this republic became a nation. Washington was dead only two years. One of the states that has since been admitted to the Union has a population as big as the entire nation at that time. The

Mississippi River was our Western border.

Think of the progress of the country, the changes even in Woodstock in the past 125 years. It is truly surprising. The future is bright with possibilities. We look forward to the future with great hopes. At the present we are centering all our interest so far as Woodstock Academy is concerned in the building of a gymnasium."

"Woodstock is a wonderful place to come back to", said Mr. Partridge; "first, it is my old ancestral home, then the old Academy and the dear old friends. Woodstock is a place where they have the fundamentals of truth, steadfastness, righteousness and patriotism. I come out of the slums, and although I would rather live there than in a palace, but when I come from that atmosphere into this it is difficult to express the wonderful difference. Woodstock is a good place to come back to."

Eric H. Johnson of Putnam, who was to have been the first speaker, was unable to be present.

Mr. Partridge then introduced Mrs. Gaylord, better known in Woodstock as Anne Hall, daughter of Ely R. Hall, for many years the beloved principal of the Academy.

"It certainly is the greatest pleasure in the world," said Mrs. Gaylord, "to be here and to be able to say something to you all. When I was asked to speak I told them I could not make a speech but they told me to just talk, and I can do that. I feel very much like talking when I come back here for there is so much to say after the lapse of years. This is not only a reunion of Woodstock Academy to me but a reunion of the Hall family."

Rev. Mr. Partridge next introduced Clarence H. Child, former senator, former probate judge, and a universally esteemed citizen of Woodstock. The toastmaster said:

"Mr. Child today has the confidence of those who know him because he was an honest legislator and is an honest man in personal life."

Mr. Child spoke as follows: "I congratulate you that so many of you are here." My first remembrance of it takes me back to the old times when Mr. Burnett was principal."

Mr. Child then told of many incidents that occurred when he attended the Academy and particularly of the school paper which was published at that time.

Rev. Mr. Partridge then called upon William P. Dutemple, a former Principal at the Academy:

Mr. Dutemple said: "When I learned last night that I was expected to make a speech I determined I would not let that keep me from enjoying my short stay in Woodtsock. But in playing ball this morning I got all out of breath so I think that I will leave the speech-making to those who can do it better than I. I wish to extend my own and Mrs. Dutemple's best wishes to all as well as those of my two children."

James V. Perrin was next called on. He said: "In former reunions I have always been asked to play ball. This time I was not even asked to carry water. It seemed something must be wrong and when I was asked to speak about old times I decided I must be an old timer.

"But I do want to say a little bit about the Academy. I have lived in Quebec, Canada since 1908. It is a wonderful country, but in this country from the very beginning they have had schools and there they have voted against compulsory education. Education is discouraged rather than encouraged because the boys, who get an education, do not seem to want to go back to the farms. I do not think they have the proper system. Any town that has not a Woodstock Academy is out of luck."

The toastmaster next said: "We have with us a gentleman who has for a number of years been teaching our youth as the head of this Academy. We feel he has given them the essentials of a real education. Mr. Childs is leaving here; he is going to Mount

Vernon, New York, and we wish him success."

Maurice Childs, who for the past four years, has been principal of Woodstock Academy, responded as follows: "I have homesick blues when I contemplate leaving Woodstock. My talk will be short but it will be based on my sincere feeling regarding Woodstock.

"A great deal has been said this afternoon in praise of Woodstock Academy through the many long years of its history. I believe the success of the Academy in the past and as it will be in the future is due to the fact it is not half going forward and half standing still. During the past five years I have known Woodstock Academy and the last four years as principal. Woodstock Academy is moving forward as it always has because of the co-operation of the educational forces of Woodstock."

Mr. Partridge said: "The more I work among my poor the more I revere doctors. The life of a physician is a great calling and nowhere can he show it more than in a district where he is called upon to go long distances night and day. I take pleasure in introducing Dr. Robert C. Paine of Thompson.

Dr. Paine replied: "When I was asked to speak here the committee referred to me as an old timer. I resented this. I was asked to sing in the old quartette but later found this was a mistake. Another mistake was made in asking me to speak, still another in not taking the invitation back before I accepted it. But one good thing came out of it. I was so pleased I suggested to Mrs. Paine that we give more money to the Hall Memorial Fund."

"Woodstock would not be Woodstock," said the toastmaster, "without association with some of the Bowens. Their influence for public good and financial aid has gone back for many years. We hope there will always be some of the Bowens here. It gives me great pleasure to introduce someone who needs no introduction."

In reply to which Clarence W. Bowen spoke as follows: "I wish to acknowledge the obligation we are under to the committee—William C. Child, chairman; Mrs. Albert H. Hibbard, secretary, and Henry D. Baker, treasurer. They had a meeting last November, at which they determined they would wait no longer to start on the Hall Memorial Fund. A circular was sent out in January and through this they added $1,000 to the $5,000 they had. Another circular was sent out a week ago. As the result of the work that has followed that initial effort they now have $17,500 paid in as pledged. They have engaged a New York architectural firm to make plans and specifications. These plans call for an expenditure of $30,000; I am sure we will get the balance of the money that is needed.

"The number of subscriptions of one and two dollars are an inspiration; our young people in this town who cannot afford to give more but give what they can with their whole heart, are as welcome as the larger amounts. These subscriptions are sure to end in the erection of a gymnasium that will be a source of pride and gratification to the town of Woodstock and an honor to the State of Connecticut.

"We hear a lot," said Mr. Partridge, "of the sons who go forth from Woodstock Academy. Our daughters go forth as well as our sons and achieve things. We have one here today who is an influence in education, who has taught in a private school in New York, who is making a name in literature for herself; and the value of the reputation she is achieving cannot be better attested than by the fact that a poem of hers appears in the August issue of the Atlantic Monthly."

This served as a very appropriate introduction of Miss Harriet Sampson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Sampson of Woodstock, an alumnus of the Academy.

She read three of her own poems, including the following called "Freedom Considered", the one to which

Mr. Partridge had referred. The others were "Eastern Pioneer" and "In the Spare Room".

FREEDOM CONSIDERED

Freedom, considered, seems to be
Only another boundary

And liberty a picket fence
With one small gate of common sense

And pointed palings of control
Marking the meadow of the soul.

And if in time my fence and gate
Seem insolent and obdurate,

And if rebelliously I lean
Over the gate or look between

The palings and grow keen for some
Unending jaunt to Kingdom Come,

I shall remember in my wealth
I set the posts, I nailed the lath,

And built this sturdy fence to be
My own preferred austerity.

Rev. Mr. Partridge next introduced George D. Lord, who was the principal of the Academy about forty years ago. Mr. Lord is at present a member of the faculty of Dartmouth College.

Mr. Lord spoke of the people who were in Woodstock forty years ago when he first came there, especially Captain McClellan who, he said, had been exceedingly kind to him in aiding him to procure the position, which he held for two years. He mentioned Mr. Hall and spoke of the Hall Memorial Fund as an opportunity to bring the people together in a common purpose. The work that Mr. Hall did as principal of this Academy cannot, of course, be duplicated, but this gymnasium will help to perpetuate the memory of one whose influence for good as the directing head of this Academy will live through the years to come; and there is no one who came under his instruction that has not been materially benefitted as the result of it."

The toastmaster then introduced Dr. Hamilton Holt, president of Rollins College, Florida, a candidate for United States Senator two years ago, a graduate of Woodstock Academy as was his father before him.

"I will tell you," said Mr. Partridge "what we like about Hamilton Holt—that with all his prominence, when he comes back to us he is just plain Hamilton Holt."

Dr. Holt disclaimed the right to any special prominence but wherever he might be, he continued, he would always retain his interest in Woodstock and Woodstock Academy. He was patricularly pleased over the prominence that Miss Sampson was winning in the world of letters and said that this distinction like those of other Woodstock boys and girls reflected credit on the Academy.

At the conclusion of Mr. Holt's remarks Mr. Partridge said that he wished in the name of all the visitors and friends to thank those who had arranged this celebration and had given them such a wonderful reception. He suggested a rising vote of thanks and all the guests stood up.

Mr. Sampson read a cablegram of congratulations and good wishes from Miss Constance Holt, who is at Bath, England, and a letter from James H. Sawyer at Niles, Michigan.

A motion that another reunion be held in five years was adopted unanimously, and the following committee named to ararnge for it: George M. Sampson, chairman; Charles D. Tatem, Henry D. Baker, Emma Allen, Olive Paine, Anna Nelson, Marion Stahl.

A LETTER

Dear Gleaner:

With genuine pleasure I found myself able to attend the Academy Reunion this summer. The satisfaction of meeting old friends was not unmixed with other feelings—memories of days that can never be again, of

schoolmates which no reunion in Woodstock will ever bring together. These I know are feelings common to us all, as I hope are the brighter sides, too.

I was particularly impressed by the "younger generation," the youngsters in and just out of the Academy. We old timers, I am told, are inclined toward unfavorable and uncharitable comment on today's young people. I cannot bring myself to apply such to Woodstock's younger set. On the contrary, they appeared to me to be a product of which the Academy should feel proud, and are—I do not hesitate to admit—as fine as their mothers and fathers with whom I worked and played in school a few years ago.

My reaction was one of gratification that the old school is going so strong. It has been fortunate to have had Mr. Childs. Such men leave a lasting impression. It is upon its teachers that the success of a school is largely dependent.

If it is not out of place, I suggest that, after the Hall Memorial Gymnasium Fund has ben completed, that the Alumni next consider providing a suitable house for the principal. It is not enough to get good masters. It is desirable to keep them. To do this, the place must be made increasingly attractive in material respects. This is not meant as an intimation that the Academy is in danger of becoming a training school for teachers. I offer this, which I believe has already been talked of more or less, as being worth careful thought.

With best wishes for the Gleaner and the School, I am

Very sincerely yours,
J. V. PERRIN 1902

Woodstock's Quaint Epitaphs

Except for the Red Man's burying grounds, the oldest cemetery in Windham Co., Connecticut, is said to be the one located in close proximity to the First Church on Woodstock Hill.

Beautiful for situation with its gradual slope to the Eastward, this cemetery commands a view of exceptional charm. Varying touches of light and shadow often enliven the forests and fields bordering upon Woodstock lake, and serve also to enhance the glimpses of blue and purple hills on the far horizon.

A stroller through the ancient portion of this quiet resting-place, can hardly fail to be impressed with the quaint representations upon the headstones, of what appear to be crude attempts to portray faces of angels, not a few of which,—alas—wear decidedly grotesque instead of blissful expressions.

The custom of having painstakingly engraven upon the ancient stones representations of angelic beings, was due, undoubtedly to the desire to emphasize the early settlers' belief in immortality. Nor alone in pictures do we trace the touch of antiquity in the old church-yard. In quaint phraseology too, upon the stones it may be observed. Such expressions as "Who departed this life,"—"consort of", or "relict to".—are to us reminders of the fact that forms of speech, like fashions in wearing apparel, become obsolete with the passing of the years.

The inscription upon the head-stone of Doctor David Holmes,—grandfather of Oliver Wendell Holmes,—is of special interest as pertaining to a forbear of the illustrious poet. It reads as follows:

Doctor
David Holmes
Whose remains are here deposited,
fell on sleep
March ye 19th 1779
Aetatis 57

We gaze around,
We read their monuments,
We sigh and while we sigh
We sink, and are what we deplore
Lamenting or lamented all our lot

Another inscription in the old cemetery is unique in that the responsibility of selecting the sentiment used, is placed squarely upon the taste and fancy of the deceased himself and is

as follows:

Beneath this spot
Repose the remains of
John Martin Esq
who died
in Providence, R. I.,
Sept. 1, 1833
in the 71st year of his age—

The following lines were written by himself a short time previous to his death and are at his request engraved on this monument.

"Trust in the Lord for in Him is everlasting strength."
An honest man is the noblest work of God
Wherever laid beneath the sod,
One who never falsified his word
Deserves the plume of "any Bird."

Perhaps quaintest of all in the Hill cemetery is this inscription:

In memory of the Wo
Sarah Morse
Consort of Mr. John Morse Deced

She lived 99 years lacking 44 days and died March 15, 1801.

She was the longest liver in this Town. The oldest buried within these walls—

Her posterity 315

Bungee Hill Cemetery, near West Woodstock, many safely lay claims to Woodstock's most complimentary epitaph emphasing as it does a superlative degree of exemplary character In view of the fact that the rare virtues described had been attained by a young woman in the comparatively short span of thirty-one years, her record is indeed noteworthy and reads as follows:

"If boundless benevolence be the basis of beatitude and harmless humility the harbinger of a hallowed heart, ehese Christian concomitants composed her characteristics and conciliated the esteem of her contemporary acquaintances, who mean to model their manners by the mould of their meritorious monitor."

It may not be out of place to insert in connection with these Woodstock inscriptions, Oliver Wendell Holmes' tribute to his grandfather and his Woodstock monument:

"On many a field he fought
in wilds afar;
See on his swarthy cheek
the bullet's scar!
There hangs a murderous
tomahawk beneath,
Without its blade, a knife's
embroidered sheath;
Save for the stroke his trusty
weapon dealt
His scalp had dangled
at their owner's belt;
But not for him such fate;
he lived to see
The bloodier strife that made
our nation free,
To serve with willing toil,
with skilful hand,
The war-worn saviors of the
bleeding land.
His wasting life to others' needs
he gave,—
Sought rest in home and found it in
the grave—
See where the stones life's brief memorials keep,
The tablet telling where he "fell on
sleep,"—
Watched by a winged cherub's rayless eye,—
A scroll above that says we all must
die,—
Those saddening lines beneath, the
"Night Thoughts" lent;
So stands the Soldier's,
Surgeon's monument.

ELIZABETH F. BINGHAM

THE BREAK

Like the molten breath of the furnace
Is the breeze wafted over the land,
The sky seems of brass and of copper,
And stricken the parched harvests
stand.
The fields cower, withered and blackened,
'Neath the pitiless sun's cruel glare,
No clouds bring relief from the torture,
And filled with white dust is the air.

But under the western horizon
The Rain King is marshaling his men
To succor the perishing grainfields
And bear life to the thirst tortured plain.
Hark! that crash of his distant artillery
As darkly his cloud troops loom high,
See! that flashing swordblade of the lightning
That darts up the thickening sky.

His armies advance now in columns
To break the fierce heat tyrant's grasp
That has for so long undisputed
Held earth in its murderous clasp
They patter their volleying raindrops
Upon the dustladen highway
And their lifegiving breath sweeps resistless
Where long the usurper held sway.

And green once again in their pathway
Does the harvest its drooping head raise,
While loud from the forest's high galleries
The songsters chant paens of praise,
And flowers long dust-covered and drooping
Glad faces upturn once again
And the joys of new life and new beauty
Creep over the pasture and plain.

Their task is now done, and retreating
They fade once again in the west,
Leaving comfort and joy and refreshing
Where softly the sun sinks to rest.
The long drawnout torture is ended
In one short and glorious campaign,
When broke the fierce hold of the heat wave
At the storming advance of King Rain.

NELLIE T. BURLESON
Class of 1905

Extracts Fronm Graduation Address

William A. Paine, the Boston banker, in his address at the Academy Graduating Exercises in June, said:

The first settlers of Woodstock came from Roxbury, Massachusetts, where I lived for fifteen of the best years of my life—where I married my wife—where my children were born, and where my father and mother are buried. I have learned that the new settlement was first called New Roxbury. Later, the name was changed to Woodstock. The diary of Judge Sewall of Roxbury says the name Woodstock was chosen because of its nearness to Oxford and for the sake of Queen Elizabeth, who was imprisoned there, and because of the notable meetings that had been held at that place in England. John Eliot, the great apostle to the Indians, who was pastor of the Roxbury church, told his people of a wonderful country seventy miles to the southwest of them which he had visited, called the 'Nipmuck Country.' From a survey that had been made before Woodstock was settled, it appeared to be within the boundary lines of the Massachusetts Colony. In 1713, however, a new and more accurate survey established the Massachusetts Colony south boundary line six miles farther north. The new line left seven-eights of the Town of Woodstock geographically in Connecticut, and so Massachusetts at this time ceded a large tract of its own territory to Connecticut as compensation for its retaining the title to Woodstock.

"While the Paines were early settlers in Woodstock, they were not among the group of original settlers who came from Roxbury in 1686. Samuel Paine, the first one of our name who settled here, came from Rehoboth, and did not arrive until sixteen years later. To this extent the Paines lacked the distinction in the Town of Woodstock which belonged to the

names of Bacon, Sabin, Bowen, Morris, Chandler, Frizzell, Butcher, May, Griggs, Ruggles, Holmes, Smithers, Gary and others who were original settlers. The last time I came to Woodstock was to attend the funeral of my cousin, John Merrick Paine, one of the sweetest and most modest men I ever knew. Stephen Paine, Jr. son of the original Paine, who came to New England with his father from England in 1630, was an active participant in the war with King Philip in 1675. His grandson, Captain Daniel Paine, was in the French and Indian War, and his son, Captain Amos Paine, was in the War of the Revolution. It was not only in patriotism that the character of the Woodstock settlers was exhibited. In all those sterling virtues for which our Puritan ancestors were distinguished, no people in New England exhibited stronger proofs of Puritan origin than the people of Woodstock. Their severe ideas of religious observance, the holy keeping of the Sabbath, their provision for the education of their children, their great industry and frugality, were nowhere exceeded. Connecticut and Massachusetts were the leaders in the founding of Academies. The first one to be founded was Dummer Academy, founded in 1763 at Byfield in Newbury, Massachusetts, and named for the Governor of Massachusetts. Woodstock Academy was one of the early ones, founded in 1801. It is interesting in this connection to recall that John McClellan, Esquire, a lawyer of Woodstock and a Great -Uncle of General George B. McClellan, Commander of the Army of the Potomac in the War of the Rebellion, obtained the original charter for Woodstock Academy.

"But, after all, these occasions are not primarily for the purpose of reviewing the records of the past, but rather to impress upon the new generation the responsibilities resting upon them, and to inspire them to meet fully the opportunities for usefulness the present day affords. Your education is not finished—education is an unending process! It is not the Greek and Latin roots, the problems of Algebra and Science you have mastered in these years of study. If by good honest hard work you have solved these problems, you have thereby made the best possible preparation to enable you in the future to solve the more important problems which will arise in your life career."

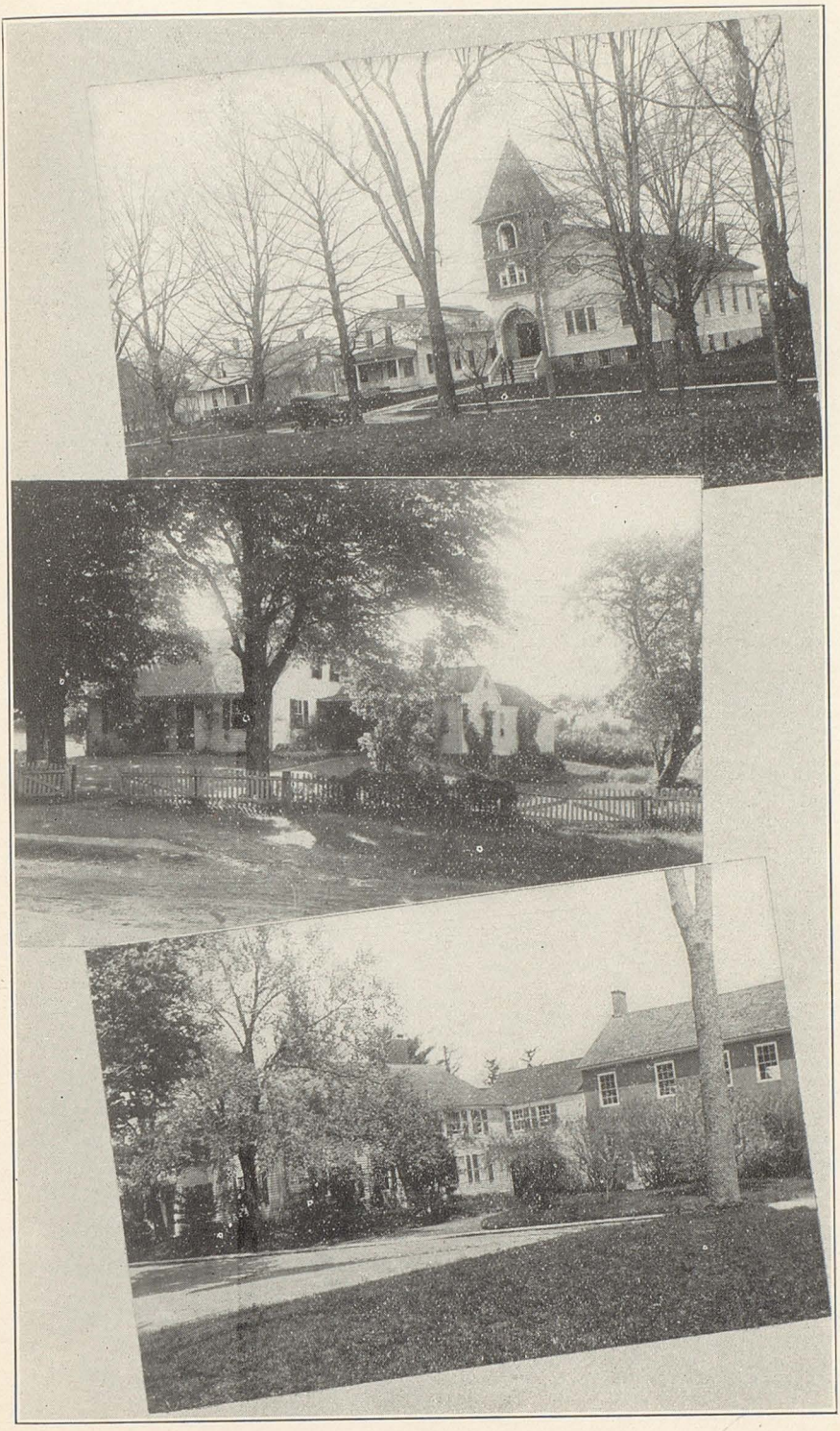
PICTURES

On the page with the single picture may be seen the home of Miss Nellie D. Chandler, situated at the south end of Woodstock street about one-half mile from the Academy. This house was the old Academy which, about 1872, was moved and made over into a dwelling house. Within a few years Miss Chandler has remodeled and added many modern conveniences making a most attractive and comfortable home. Her friends are always welcome.

On the other page in the first picture we see the Swedish Church, the parsonage and the little house on the place belonging to Dr. Gaylord then to Dr. Spalding. Many will remember the blacksmith shop of Mr. Frank W. Flynn which stood where the church now stands.

In the next picture we see the home of Miss Mary L. Flynn, daughter of the late Frank W. Flynn. This house is only a short distance from the Swedish Church, and one of the oldest houses on the hill.

If you were out for a walk and should go by these places then to the postoffice and on up towards the Academy you would soon come to the place shown in the next picture which is the summer home of Hamilton Holt and family. You older Alumni will remember when the store and postoffice were in the building to the right and it was used for a Grange Hall.



LIBRARY NOTES

The circulation of books the past year totaled three thousand two hundred and fifty-one, an increase of six hundred and fifty books over last year. The month of largest circulation was March and of the lowest, October.

Three hundred fifty one books were added through the year, of these, 269 were gifts from friends, 46 were purchased and thirty-six received through the state grant.

During November and December tea was served to patrons on Monday afternoon at four o'clock. The following ladies acting as hostesses. Mrs. Maurice Childs, Miss Constance Grigg, Miss Mary Flynn, Mrs. Louis Southworth, Mrs. George Butts, Mrs. F. U. Johnstone, Mrs. Ewart Healy, Mrs. Wallace Frink, Mrs. Oliver A. Hiscox.

A teacher's meeting was held at the library in March conducted by the Supervisor of Schools, Mr. Martin Robertson.

Later in the year a County group meeting under the auspices of the Connecticut Library Association and the Connecticut Public Library committee was held there. The program included an address of welcome by Principal Maurice F. Childs, President of the Library Association roll call of Librarians, address by Miss Brown Librarian of New Britain Institute, reading of poetry and discussing Poetry Anthologies by Miss Mary Sutliff from N. Y. Public Library and Children's books by Miss Julia B. Carter of the New Haven Public Library.

Academy Sunday Services

Woodstock, Connecticut
June 13, 1926

Processional—March Hollandaise
Scotson Clark
Holy, Holy, Holy
Invocation
Hymn No. 369—
Forward! Be Our Watchword
Responsive Reading
Gloria Patri
Aria—Hear Ye Israel Mendelssohn
Scripture Lesson
Violin Solo
Prayer
Soprano Solo with Obligato—
Ave Maria Bach-Gounod
Notices
Hymn No. 438—
The Son of God Goes Forth to War
Sermon
The Reverend Frank Averill Fuller
of Putnam, Connecticut
Hymn No. 642—
O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand
Benediction
Recessional—
March in G Henry Smart
(The Congregation Seated)
Mr. Fred C. Lawton Organist
Miss Louise M. Lawton Soloist
Miss Esther Rouse Violinist
Miss Constance E. Grigg Pianist

Graduation Exercises

Class of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-six, Woodstock Academy, Woodstock, Connecticut, Friday, June 18, 1926, at three o'clock p. m.

Program

Commencement March
Roberta Hudson
Woodstock Orchestra
Prayer
The Reverend James Fairfield English
Chorus, Mendelssohn
"But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own"
Commencement Address
Mr. William Alfred Paine
of Boston, Massachusetts
Chorus, Soldiers' Chorus Gounod
Overture, "Le Chevalier Breton"
A. Herman
Woodstock Orchestra
Presentation of Diplomas
Professor John Bates Clark, Ph.D.,
L.L.D. of Columbia University
Senior Farewell, "One More Song"
Wilson
Graduating Class
Announcements
Recessional Roberta Hudson

Class of 1926
"Forward Regardless"
Classical Course
*Irene Maud Esterbrook
Nils Sture Shenning
Latin-Scientific Course
Harold Myron Esterbrook
Sarah Estelle Healey
Stewart Leslie Morse
George Kenneth Mower
Edith Caroline Nelson
Oscar Speck
English-Scientific Course
Raymond Edward Anderson
Laura Mary Cross
Richard Johnson
Selma Amanda Johnson
Ernest Howard Peckham
Christopher Henry Williams
General Course
Jeanie Dorothy Davies
†Edith Cecile Johnson
Kathryn Elizabeth Kempf
Eleanor Edith Peterson
*Highest Honors in Scholarship
†Second Honors in Scholarship

IN LOVING MEMORY
EZRA JEWETT PIKE

"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith."

Class Day Exercises

June 17 at 2:00 P. M.
Oratorical Contest
SPEAKERS:
Sarah Comfort Pike
Nils Sture Shenning
Arnold Frederick Johnston
Stewart Leslie Morse
Helen Ruth Woodbury
Harold Myron Esterbrook

Campus Program
Senior Song
Valedictory Address
Irene Maud Esterbrook
Songs
Laura Mary Cross,
Sarah Estelle Healey,
Kathryn Elizabeth Kempf
History
Sarah Estelle Healey
Statistics
Kathryn Elizabeth Kempf
Richard Johnson
Will (Class President)
Oscar Speck
Prophecy
Laura Mary Cross
George Kenneth Mower
Announcement
Tree Oration
Edith Cecile Johnson
Fair Woodstock

Class Day Exercises

The Class Day exercises were held Thursday at two o'clock beginning with an oratorical contest. The contestants were: Harold M. Esterbrook, first prize, ten dollars in gold; Sarah C. Pike, second prize, five dollars in gold; Stewart L. Morse, honorable mention; Nils Shenning, Arnold F Johnston and Helen R. Woodbury. The judges were: Principal John D. Coombs, Tourtellotte Memorial High school, Miss Abbie Keith, Putnam High school, Miss Blanche Stoutenburg of Woodstock.

Campus program—Senior song, valedictory address, Irene Maud Esterbrook; songs, Laura M. Cross, Sarah E. Healey, Elizabeth Kempf; history, Sarah E. Healey; statistics, Elizabeth Kempf, Richard Johnson; will, Oscar Speck, class president; prophecy, Laura M. Cross and George K. Mower. Announcement was made of a gift, a pearl necklace, to Miss Dorothy Ames of Putnam for her services as coach of the girls' basketball team. Tree oration, Edith C. Johnson; Fair Woodstock.

Prizes Awarded

Those entitled to the prize offer of Judge Holt, a copy of Palgrave's "Golden Treasury" and two dollars for committing to memory the following poems, Job, Polonius, Duty, Skylark, Blenheim, Brook, Lincoln, and One Horse, were: Ellen D. Carlson, Beatrice E. Child, Cedric L. Child,

Florence A. Child, Wallace H. Child, Laura M. Cross, Vera M. Cross, Victor J. Graham, Einar Hanson, Richard Johnson, Arnold F. Johnston, John Meehan, Stewart L. Morse, Edith C. Nelson, Warren P. Peckham, Eleanor E. Peterson, Kenneth L. Pike, Robert G. Pike, Nils S. Shenning, Ruth A. Sodergren, Constance Wetherell, Christopher H. Williams.

The prize of five dollars in gold offered by Dr. Charles D. Alton of Hartford for faithful, conscientious effort were awarded to Christopher H. Williams and Laura M. Cross. These prizes were accompanied with the following quotation:

"When the hot track smokes and smothers
With the dust of the tramping feet;
When the favorites and the others
Sweep by in the final heat—
There are many to cheer for the winners
And shout for the lucky man;
But here's to those plucky devils,
The fellows that also ran."

Academy prizes in public speaking, to Harold Esterbrook, ten dollars; to Sarah C. Pike, five dollars; honorable mention, Stewart L. Morse.

Irene Esterbrook, prize of ten dollars, highest in Latin. Honorable mention, Arnold F. Johnston.

Prize in English: Five dollars, John Meehan, '29; three dollars, Irene M. Esterbrook, '26; two dollars, Walter Chrzan.

Prizes in French: Five dollars, Ellen R. Hibbard; three dollars, Ruth A. Sodergren, '27; two dollars, Walter Chrzan, '28.

Medal, bronze placque of Lincoln, Edith C. Nelson, '26.

Hall prize for English essay, five dollars in gold, Jeanie D. Davies, '26.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, ten dollars for highest scholarship for year in school, Walter Chrzan.

Announcements

The Law Scholarship

A permanent fund of one thousand dollars presented to Woodstock Academy by Mrs. Helen Law James, as a memorial to her brother, John W. Law and sister Anna E. Law, who were pupils in the Academy previous to and during the year 1870.

The fund will remain on deposit in the Putnam, Conn., Savings Bank, in the name of the trustees of Woodstock Academy. The interest only will be available.

It is proposed by the donor that the income be divided into (or in the proportion of) four prizes of ten dollars, to be offered annually as follows:

Ten dollars to that undergraduate pupil of the academy who shall during the year attain the highest rank in United States history.

Ten dollars to the pupil in his first year of secondary school work, who shall during the year attain the highest rank in English I.

Ten dollars to the pupil not yet in his third year of secondary school work, who shall attain the highest rank in English II.

Ten dollars to the pupil in his first year of secondary school work, who shall attain the highest rank in Mathematics I.

Five dollars to the winner in a spelling match which shall be open to pupils of the whole school and participated in by at least one-half of the school enrollment.

A gift of a collection of precious minerals from Prof. William A. Speck of New Haven, to be called the Oscar Speck Collection, was announced.

The Blue and Gold cup was awarded for the year to the Blue team.

The following received mention for perfect attendance for the year: Florence A. Child, Sarah E. Healey and Arnold F. Johnston, for five consecu tive years. The fifth year doing post graduate work.

Valedictory Address

What We Owe

There are few of us, in our busy, exciting lives, who ever stop to think how fortunate we are. We seem to take our happiness quite for granted, forgetting the great debts that we owe—immortal debts which we realize more and more as we grow older and which can never be paid in full if they can be paid at all.

One of our great debts is the one which we owe to our country. Having never lived elsewhere we can hardly realize all that it means to us. Because of the protection we receive, we do not live in fear of revolutions and uprisings as those in many countries do. There is peace and security. To America we are indebted for liberty that can be found nowhere else in the world. Some of its priceless gifts to all of us are freedom in action, in speech and in worship. But here our debts do not end. Opportunities for success, for wealth and for progress are offered to us. It gives us an equal chance with every one. In the Declaration of Independence it is declared that all men are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This is just what our country offers us in every way and we can never repay it by the supreme sacrifice of our lives.

But there are debts which are even nearer then those. How little can we appreciate the debts which we owe to our parents! They have loved and cared for us throughout the few years of our lives, and will continue to do so long after we have entered our different occupations. They are always willing to lend us a helping hand whenever we are in trouble and to guide us when we do wrong. All our complaints and whims of childhood they have endured with patience depriving themselves and sacrificing for our sakes. There are many parents here today who have striven beyond realization that their children might have the advantages and education which, possibly in some cases, they themselves could not enjoy. Our success in future life could be made possible chiefly through the encouragement, help and care of our parents.

However, the debts which we feel most at this time are those which we owe to our school. All our troubles and hard times fade away before pleasant memories. On looking back over the last four years we cannot but realize that they have been the happiest and most well spent of our lives. Some of the friends we have made we shall perhaps never see again. But the tender memories of these people always remain with us. Our views have been broadened since we were freshmen at Woodstock Academy. We have had certain ideals set before us to be followed which have helped by the foundations of manhood.

The part which our teachers have played in our high school life has been great. Often, without our appreciation you have urged us on when we were discouraged and ready to give up. You have striven to stimulate in us the desire for knowledge and the power to think for ourselves. It is with sincere regret and gratitude that we now part from you.

Classmates: We are now entering a new phase of our lives. Let us make the best of the great opportunities and the great problems which lie before us. Up to the present time we have only been receiving. Now is the time to begin paying our debts. Let us show our gratitude for all that has been done for us by taking up our burdens with courage and determination.

With these last words and with every wish for success on the journey of life, my Classmates, I bid you farewell.

IRENE M. ESTERBROOK

Tree Oration

We, the class of 1926, are met to bid farewell to our Alma Mater. Four years have passed since we first entered this Academy. Four short years of happiness, success and occasional failure. As we go from this place, we wish to leave some memento of our love for Woodstock Academy and for our schoolmates.

This tree which we have planted here represents the spirit of our class. As its branches grow larger and stronger day by day, so may each one of us advance step by step until his aims and ideals have been accomplished. As its leaves break forth in the Spring and grow larger as the days pass, so may we put all of our energy and goodwill into whatever vocation in life it is that we choose. As its roots grow deeper and deeper into the soil, so may each one of us become of more usefulness and service in the world.

We hope that in years to come, this tree will be remembered by all as the token of our love for our Alma Mater. We also hope that it will add to the beauty of Woodstock Academy—that school which will always have a place deep in our hearts.

EDITH JOHNSON

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Another school year is now behind us which for a few will be remembered as the last at Woodstock Academy. During these months the monotonous routine of study has been broken for both teachers and students by various kinds of excitements scattered along through the months.

We began the year's events by surprising Mr. Childs on his birthday. A lively group of pupils and teachers enjoyed the games, dancing and refreshments.

The seniors had their annual Hallowe'en social in the form of a masquerade dance. Prizes were awarded to the prettiest and funniest costumes The hall was artistically decorated in the appropriate colors orange and black.

The Athletic Association is very grateful to its friend Mr. Bowen who arranged to have Prof. Ellsworth give a most interesting illustrated lecture on Theodore Roosevelt.

The Senior Class and Athletic Association made arrangements for four entertainments to be given at different times through the year. The Smiley Brothers concert was a fine collection of different kinds of songs. Their negro dialect added much to the Dixie songs.

Those who saw the illustrated lecture that Vining Fisher presented voted it the best of the group and said they would go many miles to see it again.

The numbers on the McCord's entertainment varied between songs, jokes, funny stories and the like, making a very interesting program.

Everett Wallace showed great skill as an impersonator. His musical numbers, jokes and stories were also very good.

The Junior play, "The Little Clodhopper," was a great success. The characters had been trained to a high degree of perfection due to the drilling of their ever faithful Honorary Member, Mr. Closson and final touches by Mrs. Speck of New Haven. The play was later repeated in Abington.

The Glee Club under the direction of Miss Rouse gave an "Old Folks Concert" but to their misfortune the weather was not what they had wished for. The evening, however, was quite a success for the girls in their hoop skirts and the boys in their powdered wigs made the audience forget all else.

One of the annual outstanding events of the school year is the operetta. This year "The Pirate's Daughter" was given under the direction of Miss Rouse.

The Junior Prom was as usual a grand evening. The dimly lighted hall had been beautifully decorated in the class colors, green and white.

Instead of following the old custom of having the tree exercises and other orations out of doors following graduation we used an entire afternoon for such purposes. An oratorical contest was also held on the same day. Prizes were given by the school to the two best speakers.

A large number were present to witness the graduation of the largest class at Woodstock Academy. The commencement address was given by William Alfred Paine, and Prof. John Bates Clark, Ph. D., L. L. D. presented the diplomas.

The Reception in the evening was the finish of a grand day which will long be remembered especially by those who graduated.

SELMA A. JOHNSON

Faculty Items

In these times of changes and progression it was not surprising that our Principal, Maurice F. Childs, should accept the position of vice-principal of Mount Vernon High School of Mount Vernon, N. Y., a larger school to work in, an increase in salary and other advantages to Mr. Childs made it seem best to make the change. Both Mr. and Mrs. Childs have endeared themselves to Woodstock people as friends, also helpers in the Church, Grange and Community. We wish them success in their new home.

Our new Principal, Willard H. Wyeth, a graduate of Dartmouth College, has been principal of the Proctor, New Hampshire Academy and superintendent and principal of the Windsor, Vermont Incorporated Districts public schools. Mr. Wyeth is a veteran of the World War and was eleven months over seas. We welcome Mr. Wyeth his wife and young son to Woodstock.

Miss Ellen Macomber of Springfield, Mass., graduated at Smith College in 1924.

Miss Priscilla Drake of Hartford, Conn., graduated from Boston University in 1924.

Mr. William F. Closson has had two successful years of teaching at the Academy and we are glad he is to be with us for another year.

Miss Constance Grigg, after some years of teaching, assisting with the sports and playing the piano for the 'Operettas', has decided a change is best for her so she has a position in the Whitinsville, Mass., High school.

Miss Esther Rouse, of Putnam, Conn., our music teacher this past year has gone to Taplor, Montana, where she will teach violin in a High school. Her violin playing has been much enjoyed at entertainments in the Academy as well as at occasional church services.

Miss Mary E. McDonald of Hartford, Conn., was a graduate at Ithaca Conservatory last June. She teaches music at the Academy and in the town schools.

William P. Dutemple attended the reunion and spent a few days in town greeting old friends.

Mrs. Ely R. Hall has returned to her daughter Edith after spending the month of August in Woodstock and visiting her daughter Anne and son Clarence.

Mrs. William Perkins has been living in Boston with her daughter but they are soon moving west.

Miss Ethel Upham is needed at home but finds some time to be of help in the church and community affairs.

Mrs. William Mill, nee Mildred Foye lives in Worcester. She and her husband enjoy their vacation in Woodstock.

Miss Elizabeth J. Ross spent the month of August with her parents in Nova Scotia making the trip in her new car.

After several years we have located Miss Harriet H. Stanley in Aurora, N. Y., where for four years she has been

assistant librarian in Wells College, a school for girls. The three preceding years she was librarian in a small co-educational college in Illinois. She has been in library work since 1895. Miss Stanley writes "I have always thought myself very happy to begin my venture into the world in so pleasant and kind a spot as Woodstock."

Miss Marjorie Pease visited Sylvia May White this summer and is teaching in New Jersey this year.

Miss Lucy Reed spent nine restful weeks in Woodstock this summer, going back to her school work with good zest.

Mrs. Robert C. Paine, nee Agnes White, lives in Thompson. Her daughter Prudence teaches in the Putnam High School.

Professor George D. Lord and wife nee Annette Bowen, of Hanover N. H., attended the reunion and spent two or three days renewing old acquaintanceship.

Mrs. Elsie Bates Saunders and husband of Westfield, Mass., greeted friends at the reunion.

Student Personals

1894

Anne Hall Gaylord and husband are spending six months travelling by auto, going to Detroit, Michigan, then South to Kentucky and North Carolina. Their daughter Marjorie is a Freshman at Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland.

Bert Merwin is in the real estate business in Florida although business is not quite as rushing as last winter.

Charles G. Burd for eleven years assistant pastor of First Church, Montclair, N. J., resigned to accept the papstorate of Verona Church beginning the first of last November. See Noon.

Alfred T. Child and family occupied their camp at Port Jefferson, L. I., for the summer vacation. Late in August they made a short visit at the old home in Woodstock. On his return trip to Terre Haute, Indiana he attended the convention of the Chemical Association of America in Philadelphia a very interesting occasion celebrating the 50th anniversary of the society. Addresses were given by several of the original founders of the Association who had passed the age of four score years.

1895

NON NOBIS SOLUM

Estella Tompkins Waterbury writes "my wildest wish is to some day drive back to Woodstock with my family."

Jessie Bowen Palmer and husband entertained at dinner on the Fourth, Estella, her husband and daughter.

Edward L. Child and Everett L. Upham keep busy in the same line of work as usual.

Edith Hall Dohan, Sara Colvin Williamson, Alice Sharpe Johnson and Burton T. Fitts were at the Alumni Reunion and for about an hour one looking on would say they were having a wonderful time reminiscing.

1896

DO YE NEXT THYNGE

Friends of Clarence Weaver, formerly of this town, will be interested to hear that he has been made chief engineer on the Central Georgia Railroad, showing that his faithful service for so many years has been rewarded.

Mary Bowen Keith we sometimes meet in Putnam where she makes her home.

Ruth Cahoone Leary works for Waite Thresher Co. and has her home to care for.

Joseph S. Sheppard reports "Living and busy."

1897

ALTA PETENS

Esther Trowbridge Catlin writes "Our son Priestley has entered Choate School at Wallingford, Conn., to prepare for Princeton and Joe has an office now in N. Y. City at 547 West

23rd St., with the Wood, Nathan, Virkins Co. He is managing this subsidiary Co. while acting as Treasurer of the Wood Co. in Plainfield, N. J. When any old friends are in New York he would be glad to see them."

Howard M. Frost continues with the European General Reinsurance Co., N. Y.

A. Lloyd Cooper has not written us. We are sorry not to hear from him.

Fred J. Fitts and family took a trip to California this Summer.

Constance Holt with her sister and father are spending a year abroad.

Mowry Ross makes his annual visit with his parents.

Ralph H. Sabin had some interesting experiences while in Florida last Winter.

Arthur O. Williams and Ruth Williamson Gallup were the only ones of the class to attend the reunion.

1898

ESSE QUAM VIDERI

Maria Chandler has, up to the present date, resolutely resisted the allurements of the Florida weather. Not even the Reunion could tempt her off California soil this summer.

Sidney Upham turned the trick, however, and adjusted his vacation in order to be in Woodstock over August 14th.

Flora Steere Wetherell has a daughter now in the Academy, and two sons who have already graduated.

Dr. James H. Hutchins is still Inspector for the State Tuberculosis Commission.

Emily Ross carries on, as hitherto, at her home in West Woodstock.

Emma Elizabeth Allen received an appointment as reader in English to the College Entrance Examination Board in New York last June. She returned to North High, Worcester, in September.

Leslie Harris with his daughter attended the Reunion this summer. He has not changed any, in spite of his having a daughter graduated from High school, ready to enter the Presbyterian Hospital Training School for Nurses this fall.

Albert Williams continues his career of usefulness from his home in South Woodstock. He is first selectman of the town. His older son is a sophomore at Connecticut Agricultural college and his daughter is a senior at the Academy.

Edna Frost Tobias, her son Ellsworth, her sister Mary and two daughters spent two weeks at their old home. Edna had her car and they had a most enjoyable time calling on old friends.

1899

IN LIMINE

Ruby Sanborn resides at 45 Pleasant St., Amherst, Mass. She spent her summer's vacation climbing the rugged hills and mountains of her home state.

Bessie Barber Williams can always be found at her pleasant home in Woodstock. She is the first member of the class to have a W. A. graduate. Her son Donald commences his second year at Connecticut Agricultural College this year.

Frank Skinner's home address is Webster, Mass. (Please facts—we are interested.)

Florence Warren Lathrop lives in Eastford, Conn. Always the "busy lady of Woodstock Academy days" she continues to be the same "busy lady" of her home and three kiddies.

May Gifford Jordan has rounded out 18 years residence on Negus St., Webster, Mass. She spent the month of September at the Beach at Weekapaug, R. I.

Will Child is extremely busy keeping his all round progressive farm up to the modern standard. His specialty —apples. Will can always be found actively interested in Woodstock Academy and town affairs.

Olah Withey Whelpley is the one member of the class to travel about. With her family she spent the winter months in St. Louis, Mo., and will spend the fall months there. In May

she made a trip to Boston and Woodstock returning in June to her home in Columbus, Ohio. Her daughter Dorothy enters her second year of Junior High this year and Roger his second grade.

1900

VINCET QUI SE VINCET

Bertram C. Bugbee we hear has gone to Maine to live. Would be glad to hear where he is.

Arthur and Mary Alton Morse's son Stuart entered Williston Academy this Fall.

Dr. John C. Paine and Irving Frost just keep on in the usual way.

Where are you Fritz Rockwell? Just send us a line.

La Fayette E. Evans' older daughter entered Yale School of Music in September and the younger is in her second year in High school.

1901

ESSE QUAM VIDET

What a fine reunion for the Class of Naught One! Mary Aldrich was there in her Ford coupe and reported a busy year spent at home tending to many interests on the farm and in the town.

Herbert Slye from Stafford Springs was glad to be present. He has the agency for Buick cars in that town.

Sabin Spalding has had a successful year on his farm engaging his interests as the seasons turn in chickens and garden produce. A little fox hunting adds zest to the Fall.

Olive Paine and her Buick spent the summer in Woodstock. Olive is Principal of the James Whitcomb Riley School of Rochester, N. Y., a school of 600 pupils and 20 teachers.

Phoebe Randall Pray, husband, and son, George, enjoyed the reunion together in Woodstock. The Pray family is making their home in Rockville, Conn.

Ethel Spalding Silberberg and family, of Worcester spent a delightful summer in beautiful Woodstock. With three little girls in school and two studying music the winter promises interests.

Frank Davenport forgot the reunion and spent the day in New London. We are sorry we missed seeing him.

The following was taken from a Harrisburg paper of February 3, 1926:

Frank F. Davenport, twice admiral of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce "Goodfellowship Cruise," was today cited by the Harrisburg Kiwanis Club for distinguished service given the city in 1925. He was, accordingly, awarded the Kiwanis Medal of Honor, the presentation being made by Judge Frank B. Wickersham, today at the weekly Kiwanis luncheon in the Penn-Harris.

Judge Wickersham in presenting the medal referred not alone to Davenport's activities in 1925 but to his public service in recent years. He mentioned that Davenport was formerly manager of the old Kipona, was one of the group that brought the Penn-Harris Hotel to Harrisburg, had been active in all Liberty Loan campaigns, had charge of the programs for receptions given returning World War soldiers, was active in the Welfare Federation, is a director of the Polyclinic Hospital, is active in the Central Pennsylvania Fish and Game Association, is a Rotarian and is a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ernest Williamson motored down from Worcester for the reunion. Ernest is engaged in insurance work.

Where is Ewart Brunn, that we never hear from him.

Herman Chandler continues to reside in Holyoke, Mass., and is in the same business.

1902

NIHIL SINE LABORE

Mary Frost Ross still makes her home in Camden, New Jersey. This summer she and her daughters visited her old home in Woodstock.

Jessie Hibbard Lamb has a lovely

home in South Hadley. Mr. Lamb has a large flower farm and the acres of blossoms are a beautiful sight.

James V. Perrin with Mrs. Perrin attended the Reunion this summer, and says that things are "about the same" with him. Mr. and Mrs. Perrin and daughter, Barbara, have been visiting Mr. Perrin's parents.

Rose Lowden Gilbertson, returned from her home in Bayonne, New Jersey, for a visit to Woodstock this summer.

Florence Barber Washburn—morning.

Gertrude Taber Howard in Hartford keeps busy as usual about her home duties.

We often get a glimpse of Herbert Johnson as he works in the post office in Putnam.

Harry Child has many interesting things to tell of Florida where he is located.

Lew Cox Hibbard's two daughters are helping her keep a personal interest in Woodstock Academy, one being a Junior and one a Freshman this year.

1903

ALTIOR

Grace Church White frequently comes to Woodstock. We hear she and her husband have been looking for a farm. Her Woodstock friends wou'd be glad to have them one of their number.

Alan W. Upham remains at home.

Alice Steere Farris is busy on the ranch in Healey, Kansas.

Clarence R. Hall, hasn't changed his residence or occupation but does like to run up to Woodstock for a few days at a time.

Grace Sumner Davis and Florence Hibbard Lockwood have nothing new to report.

Frank W. Rockwell, Helen Chandler and Cornelius Haskell where are you? Would be glad to hear from you.

1904

VERITAS VINCET

Pearl Alton Gifford continues to reside in Quinebaug. She attended the Academy reunion in August.

Blanche L. Shippey remains at her home in Woodstock.

William J. Nelson has been enjoying a vacation from his duties as school supervisor in Wentworth, N. H., this summer, spending a part of his holiday at his home in Woodstock.

Bernice Leavitt has been spending the summer at her home in Woodstock. She continues teaching in West Hartford.

Florence Safford Keyes continues to reside at Long Beach, California.

George A. Whitney is gaining a reputation as a coon hunter. He pursues this vocation as a relaxation from his strenuous life as farm manager for the Grosvenordale Co.

Annie M. Shippey is at the same old stand in Traveler's Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn. She makes frequent visits to Woodstock and spent her annual vacation there.

Anna E. Nelson teaches in Hartford again this year. She enjoyed an auto trip to Norfolk, Va., visiting the Sesqui at Philadelphia, also Washington and Atlantic City.

1905

SEMPER PARATUS

Harry E. Wells is, as ever, a familiar figure in his home town, where he is a useful and popular member of society.

Frederick W. Howard is still in business at the same old stand. His address is 32 Fairview Street, West Hartford, Conn.

The class thinks seriously of employing a detective to trace the whereabouts of Edmund K. Gilbert.

Ethel Rawson Morgan has doubled the enrollment in her private kindergarten, and finds her normal training of value therein. See "Morning".

Nellie T. Burleson, on being questioned as to how she has spent the year, answers, "Same as ever."

1906

TEMPORE UTAMUR

Maude Healey is departing from her usual line of work by taking a semester of study at Columbia, specializing in mathematics and Junior High work. She expects to take a position in a Junior High School in February.

Mabel Ritch progresses in her musical career, doing much concert work. Her friends have heard her voice over the radio more than once.

Lottie Howard Spaulding spent part of the summer in Pomfret, where her husband owns a farm.

Maude Andrews Washburn writes that she is quite closely confined to her home by the care of her father-in-law.

Carl Morse has divided his time during the year between home duties and employment for the Stillwater Worsted Company in East Woodstock.

Elizabeth Carr Gross Jean, with her family, spent the entire summer at their lakeside cottage.

Ethel Upham continues to be busy with home duties, and with some share in the social life of Woodstock. In August she had a delightful motor trip to northern New York.

Sarah Herrington Froyd is evidently one of the busiest residents, of the busy town of Midwest, Wyoming. She finds time for work with Girl Scouts. with other clubs, and to teach a Sunday School class, besides caring for her home and for little John, three years old. She writes that she visited Florence Welsh Armstrong in the Spring, and that Florence is still living in Sioux City and has two lovely children.

1907

ALTA PETENS

Mabel Eddy Morse reports no change.

Herbert F. Shippey busies himself with market gardening.

Henry D. Baker continues preaching in East and West Woodstock, Conn.

Mary Myers Tracey may be found in East Haddam, Conn., busy with home duties and teaching.

Mary Nelson for the seventh year is supervisor of Home Economics work in the New Haven Visiting Nurse Association. She had a most delightful cruise last summer from New York to Quebec and up the Saguenay River, making stops at Halifax, Charlottetown and Quebec.

1908

GEDULD

Hazel Davenport Lewis and family are living in Harrisburg, Penn. The class extends their sympathy to Hazel in the loss of her mother the past year.

Mildred Brown Townsend and family have removed their home to the English Neighborhood.

Winifred Potter expects to return to Waterbury this Fall, to resume her teaching. She says she likes Waterbury very much.

Robert Whiting and wife, Gladys Wilson are happy together in their new home.

Hattie Nelson is teaching in Hartford. She visits her home occasionally.

John Healey and family visited Woodstock this summer as usual.

Louise Fitts White and family have spent the summer in Pomfret. They expect to return to Providence the last of September.

1909

NITENTES

Lyle W. Turner as far as we know has the same position as last year.

Marion Smith Watson says "Is still living."

Bernice Bates Marshall resumed her duties as teacher in a Stamford school

Louis K. Miller resides in Shrewsbury, Mass., and continues in the employ of O. M. Dean & Son, Worcester, Mass.

Edith Briggs Fitts and family spent their vacation with her parents in Pomfret, Conn.

1910

PRODEAMUS

Edith Eddy Sullivan still resides in Stafford Springs and continues to teach in West Stafford.

Herbert Nelson has left the employment of Newton Robertson but continues to work in Hartford.

Louise Howard Clark is living at Woodstock Hill and teaches the school there.

Leonard Healey is in the furniture business in New York and makes his home on Long Island.

Roxana Wilbur Slye with her children has been spending the summer and fall in Putnam.

Raymond Sheldon continues publishing The Webster Times in Webster, Mass.

Mary Flynn Blakeslee lives at Santa Maria, California.

Flora Allton Danielson moved to Hartford last winter and is living at 1478 Albany Avenue.

Lyman Fitts is living at 149 Noyes St., Portland, Maine and is connected with the "Mack Co."

We should all be pleased to hear from Wallace Armstrong.

1911

PAS A PAS

Blanche Perry Bosworth is occupied with her household duties in Pomfret.

Martin A. Nelson is busy in his store.

James Donlon remains with the Traveler's Insurance Company, Hartford.

Esther Johnson Dreher is occupied with her household duties and the care of her young daughter "Dorothy Alice."

Harris S. May lives in Waterford, Conn. He is with the same company.

Dorothy Valentine Cox will continue to teach in Miss Wheeler's school in Hartford.

Max L. Connor has nothing new to report.

Esther E. Nelson returns to Plainville for another year.

1912

EN AVANT

The class extends deep sympathy to Helen Perley for the severe operation she has undergone the past year, and wish her a speedy recovery.

Jarda Carlson Linde frequently spends a week-end in Woodstock, motoring from her home in Bridgeport, Conn.

Sophie R. Barrett has not been heard from recently. The last news was that she expected to be in Vermont during the summer months as nurse at a Girl's Camp.

Grace Myers has been enjoying a visit with her parents in Woodstock this summer.

Carrie Barrett Frink has sold her home in North Woodstock and is living in Willimantic now.

Gladys Sheldon Prescott still resides at 340 School Street, Webster, Mass., and reports being kept very busy with her five year old son.

Olive A. Whitney continues working in the office of the Belding Heminway Company. This summer she spent two weeks at Lansing, Michigan.

Rilla H. Child is still living in Woodstock, and had the honor of being the only member of our class present at the 125th Anniversary Reunion of W. A.

1913

FACTA NON VERBA

Eleanor Keith Lewis lives in North Ashford, Conn. She will teach in Eastford this year.

William Richardson has a position in the postoffice at Chicago, Illinois.

Edmund Anderson has been chemist in the City Hospital at Providence, R. I. This year he will do research work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

Ida Spalding Masters will continue her work in music at Worcester, Mass.

1914

PLUS ULTRA

Agnes White Cox has spent the summer in Woodstock Valley, but expects to be in Hartford part of the time this winter.

Carl O. Johnson remains at Flint, Michigan.

Ruth Witter Healey is still on the job at Echo Farm. See Night.

We were sorry to learn of the death last winter of one member of our class, Olive Johnson Erickson.

Susan Sumner will return to the Federal Hill School in Bristol, Conn., this fall.

Arthur Anderson continues in the employ of the American Optical Company, Southbridge, Mass.

Rolfe Lyon is in Middletown, Conn., where he lives with his sister.

Leslie Lyon Sumner reports "no change".

Grace Hawkins Healey, who has been visiting in Woodstock, tells us that Sarah Caroline will enter school in September.

Ruth Bjornberg will teach in New Haven, Conn., this year.

1915

NON NOBIS SOLUM

Clara Eddy Cox is engaged in her school duties in Stafford Springs, Conn.

Estella Frink Barrett finds herself very busy caring for her family at her home in the Chandler district.

Gretchen Rutishauser Sprenger and little son spent about three weeks in Woodstock this Spring. She enjoys her home at Port Clinton, Ohio.

Catharn Perry Goodness is in Glen Falls, New York.

Mildred L. May keeps busy at her home in East Woodstock.

Mabel Richardson Hill is in her new home in Middletown, Conn. See "Morning".

Florence Lawson Cline finds plenty to keep her busy in Los Angeles, California, both in her home and in organizations to which she belongs. She is always glad to hear from her friends in the East.

Ruth Bates Keith has moved to Northbridge, Mass., where she is busy with her home duties.

Mary E. Chamberlin has had a busy year at her home in Elmvale.

George M. Wilcox has moved to Abington, Conn.

Harriet G. Sampson has spent another winter in New York teaching at Miss Spence's school. She has also been experimenting with a small class of Spence graduates who met with her once a week for the discussion of current literature—their own attempts at creative writing. Two of her own poems have been read before The Poetry Society of America (of which she was made a member in the autumn) one of which, "Eastern Pioneer," was awarded second prize at the December meeting. The Pen and Brush Club, The Craftsmen Group, and women Poets included her among their members. The last appointed her secretary, and also their member on a committee to choose the best book of verse in 1925 for a fifty dollar award. She has found it rather fun to read her own verse before various groups in Boston, Wellesley and New York, especially perhaps at the poetry dinners at the New York Women's University Club and The Town Hall.

The summer has been spent chiefly in Woodstock, although there was a month in Petersborough, N. H., managing the most attractive Venturer Bookshop. The plans for the winter are somewhat uncertain, but will probably include some months of travel in Europe.

1916

FORWARD

Marion Perkins MacDonald is now living in Herkimer, New York. Her address is 701 Bellinger Ave. See Morning.

Bernice Sanger Graves' address is 13½ Kibbe street, Worcester, Massachusetts. See Morning.

Wentworth Johnson is still in Florida. He is assistant manager in a large coffee corncern in Miami, 29 North East 1st Street is his address.

Joseph Henries is working at his trade of plumbing in Boston. He is working with the same concern he has since he learned his trade.

Merrill Keith is now Chief of Police in Northbridge, Mass.

Lyman E. Hibbard is at home in North Woodstock, Conn.

1917

PRO PATRIA

Congratulations from the classmates to Lois Harrington Place upon the birth in January of her little son, George Luther.

Eleanor Lindeman is planning to enter the Teachers' College at Columbia University, N. Y., this fall.

Eleanor Williams Young welcomes her friends at her home in West Woodstock.

Theodore Perkins has been visiting friends in Woodstock recently. He expects to be in Cleveland, Ohio, this coming year.

Owen J. White still continues to live in Putnam. He has been engaged in surveying the road for the State Highway Commission leading from Taylor's Corner to West Woodstock this summer. See Noon.

1918

CARRY ON

Helen Bjornberg will attend the New Britain Normal School this year.

Marguerite Bosworth May is kept busy with her housework and caring for Wesley Hill at her home in East Woodstock. See Morning.

Carolyn Cox is undecided as to what she will do this winter.

Julia Johnson's address is 20 Everard St., Worcester, Mass. She spent a week in Woodstock recently.

Jean McClellan is taking a three month's Secretarial Course in New York.

Agnes Peterson attended summer school at Yale again this summer. Her plans for the coming year are indefinite.

Andrew Lowe is still to be found on his father's farm. We hope he will be an expert farmer soon.

Ellen Swenson attended summer school at Yale this summer. She taught at Stepney Depot, Conn., this past year.

Hazel Wood Coburn is still in the same business, housekeeping at West Fairlee, Vermont.

Otto Pike is doing the same line of work in Porto Rico as last year.

Paul Ringdahl reports nothing new.

George Swenson continues as usual with the Marcy Tool Works, Putnam, Conn.

1919

PLUS HAUT

Louise A. Lindeman is continuing her work as Field Agent for the New York State Commission for the Mental Defectives with her office located at Newburgh, N. Y.

Wallace L. Frink, after a long illness, is able to attend to the home duties.

Merrill Healey has the best wishes of all his classmates. See Noon.

Galen Pike last year had the highest average of his class so his name was placed on a bronze tablet in the Administration Building.

Bertha Myers Williams motored to Florida in the early Summer. She will teach in Maromus, Conn. See Noon.

Ethel Lowe is at her home in South Woodstock.

Hobart Sanger is just completing his fifth year in the accounting department of Whittal Associates, Worcester, Mass.

1920

PER GRADUS

Dorothy Bundy Healey was married this last June and is making her home in West Hartford. See Noon.

Myrtle Ware Miller taught in the Red Head District this past year and is expecting to continue this coming year.

Frank Harrington is still busy down in Pennsylvania.

Olga Ericson has finished her course at Becker's Business College. She has been at home this summer but expects to be in the city this winter again.

Signe Anderson Hagstrom was married about a year ago. She is keeping the homefires burning over in the Paine District. See Noon.

Harold Johnston is busily employed in Waterbury.

Louise M. Lawton has been studying this past year at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. She is to continue again this year.

Mabel Johnston Nelson is busy keeping house and seeing that Martin has help in the post office.

Newton Carpenter as far as we know is still in Eastford.

Sylvia May White finds no dull moments keeping house and taking care of her young son and daughter. See Morning.

Ruth D. McAllister after having spent the summer in Woodstock is back in her New Milford home.

1921

EN AVANT

Spencer P. Jordan is now in the employ of the Stillwater Worsted Co. at East Woodstock.

Marvin A. Barrett has made no definite plans for the coming year.

Annette C. May is again teaching at the Elmvale School, Woodstock. She enjoyed a very pleasant summer spending part of her vacation in Greensboro, Vermont.

John McClellan who is a junior at Yale won much praise last year for his fine playing on the baseball field. It was through his good work that Yale defeated Princeton in a close game. The class extends their best wishes to him for further success in athletics.

1922

ALLONS

Beatrice Healey returns this fall to Connecticut Agricultural College as a Junior to continue her course in Home Economics. She very much enjoyed the summer which she spent in Maine.

After a very pleasant summer in and about Woodstock Julia Swenson has returned to teach the Paine District School in Thompson. This will make her fourth year at the same place.

Edwin Wilcox is manager of the Greene Stores at Skowhegan, Maine. He surprised us by his marriage on August 22. See Noon.

Helen Johnson returns once more to her position as teacher in Hanover, Conn.

1923

SEMPER PARATUS

Elsa S. Johnson is planning to remain home for the coming winter.

Doris Lindeman has completed her course at Potsdam Normal School and will teach music and English at Chautauqua, N. Y.

Reginald Pike is with the General Electric Company in Lynn, Mass.

Luke E. White has been at home this past winter and plans to go to college next year.

Alice Cross continues working for the Concord National Bank in Concord, Mass.

Ilo L. Sullard will teach again this year in West Woodstock.

Lester W. Gallup returns as a Junior to Worcester Tech.

Judith Johnson plans to work in Worcester this Winter.

Carl G. Feiler is at his home in West Woodstock.

Meriam E. Ware returns to Brown for her last year.

Harold Carpenter is employed by Mr. Warren of Eastford, Conn.

Hazel P. Sheldon is book-keeping for the Chrysler Company in Worcester, Mass.

1924

VINCIT QUI LABORAT

Eric Erickson has entered the Connecticut Agricultural College where he is pursuing a course in Mechanical Engineering.

Quentin Sanger returned to Clark University for his third year of college life.

Reuben Swanson makes his home in Pomfret. He expects to be employed in Boston in the near future.

Vernon Wetherell is employed on his father's farm. His position as director of the East Woodstock Cornet Band occupies much of his spare time.

Charles Peckham assists with the farmwork at home.

Robert Scranton is at present working in his father's shop. His plans for the future are not as yet definitely decided.

Gladys Young is now at home in South Woodstock. Her plans for the coming year are not yet completed.

Elizabeth Rollins has resumed her studies at Adelphi College where she is now a Sophomore.

Alfred Carpenter intends to remain on his father's farm for the coming year.

Lydia Taber lives in Providence where she has accepted a position as a secretary in the Duval Rubber Co.

1925

FINIMUS UT INCIPIAMUS

Gladys Harrington returns to Brown University for her sophomore year.

Marion Stahl graduated from Becker's Business College and has a position in the Norton Co., Worcester, Mass.

Walter Anderson returns to Wesleyan for his second year.

Clara Baker Closson will continue her residence in Woodstock.

Gerald Phaneuf works in a Bank in Detroit, Michigan.

Donald Williams returns to Connecticut Agricultural College for his second year.

Harry Rutishauser is entering Miami College, Ohio.

Henry Safford continues his work in Connecticut Agricultural College as a sophomore.

Arnold Johnston is registered at Wesleyan.

Sarah Pike enters Willimantic Normal School.

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FORWARD REGARDLESS

Oscar Speck, Ernest Peckham, Eleanor Peterson, Richard Johnson, Edith Johnson, Harold Easterbrook, Edith Nelson and Raymond Anderson are at home for the present.

Selma Johnson enters Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, Connecticut where she will take a course in nursing.

Sarah Healey is taking a special course at Woodstock Academy and studies music in spare moments.

Stewart Morse enters Williston Seminary this fall.

Elizabeth Kempf is with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Childs at their home in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Irene Easterbrook entered Willimantic Normal School this fall.

Nils Shenning works in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Christopher Williams plans to enter Becker's Business College in Worcester, Massacusetts later in the fall.

Jeanie Davies is at Becker's Business College, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Laura Cross returned to Woodstock Academy for a post graduate course.

George Mower has entered the Connecticut College of Pharmacy at 150 York St., New Haven, Conn.

Our reunion was quite a success in spite of the weather which looked so threatening in the morning and when

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the sun did come out a little it was very hot and sultry. Many of the nearby Alumni were out and those from a distance were well represented.

Sara Bowen Gage and husband motore dhere from their home in Lowell, Mass. Mr. Charles Bowen came from Worcester and Prof. and Mrs. Lord nee Annette Bowen came from Hanover, N. H. A family reunion of a day or two made it a double reunion for them.

Rev. Wells M. Partridge, toastmaster of the day, remained in town over Sunday and gave a very interesting talk at an open air evening service at the Hill Church.

Daisy Amsden Chism and her granddaughter came from their home in Worcester, Mass. After an abesnce of thirty years or over Mrs. Chism had a wonderful time meeting old friends and keeping them guessing who she was.

Mrs. Johanna Lindeman Halstead of California was here for August 14 and has remained for two months visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Prudence Phillips Hyde greatly enjoyed being able to attend the reunion and also visiting Miss Nellie Chandler for a few days. Her son George is Treasurer at Smith College and he motored down taking his mother back to visit him, also he took Mrs. Anna Comings Kelton to her home in Holyoke, Mass. Mrs. Kelton having stopped in town for a few days to call on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Hardy have spent several winters in California but this winter will be in their home Casa De Campo.

Sidney Butler is an Investment Banker. He with his family spent the Summer at their home in West Woodstock.

Miss Marguerite Clemens, granddaughter of the late Henry Hibbard, graduated last June from a hospital in Weehawken, N. J., and she now has charge of the operating room.

Herbert Armes is pastor of the church at Manomet near Plymouth, Mass., where his father was pastor many years ago. The church recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of their organization.

A Jessy Trumbull McClellan memorial tea was held at the Bracken Memorial Library on August 28th. At this function a tribute of affectionate remembrance was paid Miss McClellan who gave of her best unsparingly for many years in promoting the welfare of the Woodstock Library Association.

In view of Miss McClellan's ardent love of Nature, the tribute to her memory was followed by an instructive talk on Ferns, given by Mr. Alan Upham of East Woodstock.

After the serving of tea and a social half hour, a fern-walk furnished an opportunity to recognize some of the ferns which Mr. Upham had previously described.

Mrs. Alice Hibbard Hayward's son Sidney graduated in June from Dartmouth College, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. He has returned this fall to a position in the office of President Hopkins.

Mrs. Edward H. Whitney, nee Mary Louise Taylor is President of the Rhode Island State Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Whitney's great-grandfather built the present church at Woodstock Hill.

Miss Constance Russell, daughter of Judge Frank F. Russell and Mrs. Russell sailed from New York on June 26, for Naples then visiting other places in Italy, Switzerland, parts of Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, England and Scotland sailing from Glasgow for Montreal, Canada for the homeward journey.

On March 1, 1926, Dr. Charles DeLancy Alton completed a half century of service in the medical examiners' division of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. At a special meeting of twenty members of the executive staff of the company a resolution passed by the board of directors commending the high quality of his work during fifty years was read by Vice-President James Lee Loomis.

A basket of fifty roses was given to Dr. Alton following an address by Vice President Loomis in the absence of

President Henry S. Robinson. Dr. Alton replied to the sentiments expressed and reviewed the early history of the Connecticut Mutual, recounting a number of outstanding incidents.

Dr. Alton is in his eighty-first year but is active every day in his position of medical referee of the company. As head of the medical examiners' division he has under his supervision the 6,500 medical examiners of the company and the review of all reports on examinations of applicants for insurance. Dr. Alton has maintained a continued interest in medical research and allied subjects and is a former vice-president of the American Climatological and Clinical Association.

He is a former president of the Hartford Medical Society, and the Hartford County Medical Association and is a member of the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors.

Mrs. Leslie R. Mathews nee Helen Hammond is now living at 166 Gilman Street, Bridgeport, Conn.

Dr. Harry Beckwith has a son going to Phillips Andover, Andover, Mass.

Clyde Miller has a position in Asbury Park, N. Y. He with his wife spent their vacation in Woodstock and Putnam.

Alden Adams is living in East Woodstock and his daughter is attending the Academy.

Death has claimed some of our number again this year. Miss M. Jennie Atwood of Bristol. Conn., a teacher in the seventies died in March leaving an estate of over $200,000 giving one-half to realtives, the other half to various public and religious institutions.

We extend our sympathy to Mabel Hammond Merwin. In September she came from Florida with her mother's (Mary Arnold Hammond) body to lay at rest in the Hill cemetery and in October she came on again with her uncle William H. Arnold's body.

Ernest Haskell the foremost etcher of the United States was killed in an auto accident in November while returning to his Summer home in West Point, Maine. He had been to New York to arrange for a winter exhibition of his paintings. The winter before he had spent with his family in California finding much material in his line of work.

Mary I. Lester after a long illness was taken from us in February. She is missed not only in the home but the church where she was always a faithful worker. She bore her illness cheerfully and all who visited her felt the influence of her Christian Spirit.

MORNING

October 6, 1925, a daughter Alice to Mr. and Mrs. Milton McDonald nee Marion Perkins, Peabody, Mass.

November 26, 1925, a daughter Elizabeth Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. James Aldrich, Los Angeles, California.

December 16, 1925, a son, John Rossiter, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chandler, Pasadena, California.

January 12, 1926, a son, George Luther, to Mr. and Mrs. George Place, nee Lois Harrington, Webster, Mass.

January 31, 1926, a daughter, Alice Marie to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, North Woodstock, Conn.

February 6, 1926, a daughter Sylvia Olive to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Erickson nee Olive Johnson, Woodstock, Conn.

May 19, 1926, a son William Tiffany, to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Morgan, nee Ethel Rawson, Warwick, R. I.

May 20, 1926, a son Wesley Hill to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart May, nee Marguerite Bosworth, East Woodstock. Conn.

May, 1926, a daughter, Alma to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Washburn, nee Florence Barber, Springfield, Mass.

June 5, 1926 a daughter, Phyllis Minnie to Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Graves nee Bernice Sanger, Worcester, Mass.

June 8, 1926, a daughter, Shirley Anita to Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Lindeman, Putnam, Conn.

June 23, 1926, a son George Walker to Mr. and Mrs. Windsor White nee Sylvia May, East Woodstock, Conn.

July 7, 1926, a son Frederick Hill Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hill nee Mabel Richardson, Middletown, Conn.

October 6, 1926, a daughter Elizabeth Louise to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Closson nee Clara Baker, Woodstock, Conn.

October 9, 1926, a son to Mr. and Mrs. George Harold Gildersleeve, Norwich, Conn.

NOON

December 5, 1925, Gustave Hagstrom and Signe E. Anderson, East Woodstock, Conn.

May, 1926, Charles G. Burd and Miss Rebecca Van Nuyse Treacy, Montclair, N. J.

June 26, 1926, Merrill L. Healey and Dorothy A. Bundy, Woodstock, Conn.

July 31, 1926, Harrison Cady, Jr., and Corinne I. Wauhala, Southbridge, Mass.

August 22, 1926, Edwin Wilcox and Blanche Vaillancourt, Skowhegan, Maine.

September 1, 1926, Richard F. Williams and Bertha M. Myers, Woodstock, Conn.

September 1926 Henry H. Davenport and Mrs. Cora Bates, Clearwater, Florida.

October 2, 1926, Fred Marcy and Esther Carlson, Worcester, Mass.

October 5, 1926, Owen J. White and Sarah Tackaberry, Lewiston, Maine.

NIGHT

November 1, 1925, Ernest Haskell, West Point, Maine.

November 5, 1925, Frank Meehan, Woodstock, Conn.

December 4, 1925, Henry B. Comings East Woodstock, Conn.

January 17, 1926, Mary I. Lester, Woodstock, Conn.

January 17, 1926, Frank E. Randall, Southbridge, Mass.

February 16, 1926, Olive Johnson Erickson, Woodstock, Conn.

March 4, 1926, Hezekiah Hibbard, North Woodstock, Conn.

March 18, 1926 Miss M. Jennie Atwood, Bristol, Conn.

April 21, 1926, John W. Law, Putnam, Conn.

April 23, 1926, Thomas Bradford, husband of Martha J. Spalding, Putnam, Conn.

May 10, 1926, Mrs. Lillian Hibbard, wife of Rev. George L. Hibbard, Bradford, New Hampshire.

May 12, 1926, Edward A. Bowen, Woodstock, Conn.

May 30, 1926 Fred H. Lyon, Woodstock, Conn.

June 2, 1926, Mrs. Davenport, wife of Henry H. Davenport, Harrisburg, Penn.

June 1926 Mary Weaver, Masonic Home, Wallingford, Conn.

June 24, 1926, Mrs. Morse, wife of Henry M. Morse, Lowell, Mass.

August 15, 1926, Mrs. Sarena Medbury Burns, Northville, Michigan.

September 14, 1926, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Healey nee Ruth Witter, North Woodstock, Conn.

September, 1926, Mrs. Mary A. Hammond, Jensen, Florida.

September 23, 1926, Vernon T. Wetherell Sr., East Woodstock, Conn.

September 1926, James M. Plimpton, Hartford, Conn.

September 14, 1926, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Healey nee Ruth Witter, North Woodstock, Conn.

September 30, 1926, James H. Sawyer, Niles, Michigan.

October, 1926, William H. Arnold, Jensen, Florida.

Alumni Association Report

President, Mr. Maurice F. Childs.

Vice Presidents, Ethel Upham, Helen Perley, Mrs. William Closson and Edmund Anderson.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth W. Gallup.

Executive Committee, Principal of Woodstock Academy, Rilla Child, Albert Williams and Clayton Peckham.

Editor, Mrs. Ruth W. Gallup.

Voted that the Alumni Association contribute $50 to the Hall Memorial Gymnasium Fund.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand	$102.08
Sale of Gleaners	69.88
For Advertisements	78.75
Int. on Bank Book	4.43
	$255.14

EXPENSES

Publishing Gleaners	$ 84.00
Editor	30.00
Stamps	7.65
Envelopes	3.00
Two Cuts	17.00
Mr. Rollins Photo	1.00
Rubber Stamp	.85
	$143.50
Cash on hand	$111.64

Athletic Association Report

Treasurer's Report of Woodstock Academy Athletic Association for the Year 1925-26

CASH RECEIVED

Dues	$ 68.50
Lyceum Course	225.50
Athletic Season Tickets	54.15
Receipts from Football Games	65.10
Guarantees in Foot Ball	20.00
Receipts from Basketball Games	82.05
Guarantees in Basketball	68.00
Receipts from Candy	304.62
Receipts from Ice Cream	45.55
Baseball Guarantees	8.00
Collections by School	24.52
Athletic Equipment	11.25
Sale of Magazines	71.85
Miscellaneous	33.45
	$1,082.54

CASH PAID OUT

Football Guarantees	$ 75.00
Football Referees and Umpires	55.00
Basketball Guarantees	78.00
Basketball Referees	78.00
Baseball Guarantees, 1924-25	6.00
Ice Cream and Supplies	45.90
Candy	226.14
Lyceum Course	170.00
Advertising	19.57
Transportation, Enrolling, Etc.	44.66
Gift to Worthy Coaches	22.50
Share of the Profit of Lyceum Course with Class of 1926	24.00
Lumber, Lime, Etc.	34.37
Athletic Equipment	208.46
Chewing Gum for Players	1.25
Miscellaneous	170.59
	$1,079.44
Cash on Hand	$3.10

ERNEST H. PECKHAM,
Treasurer

EDITORIALS

In order to have the Gleaner a success and on time more prompt assistance ought to be given on the part of the Alumni. We have been looking for and waiting for two articles for two months. This is why we are later than intended in getting out the Gleaner. We wish to thank all who have helped with this number. If you have something good for another year or can suggest someone who can give us something please send to the Gleaner Editor.

The Hall Memorial Gymnasium fund grows a little all the while. $18,350.64 are given and pledged at this time, October. Let us continue to keep the ball (of money) rolling (up).

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