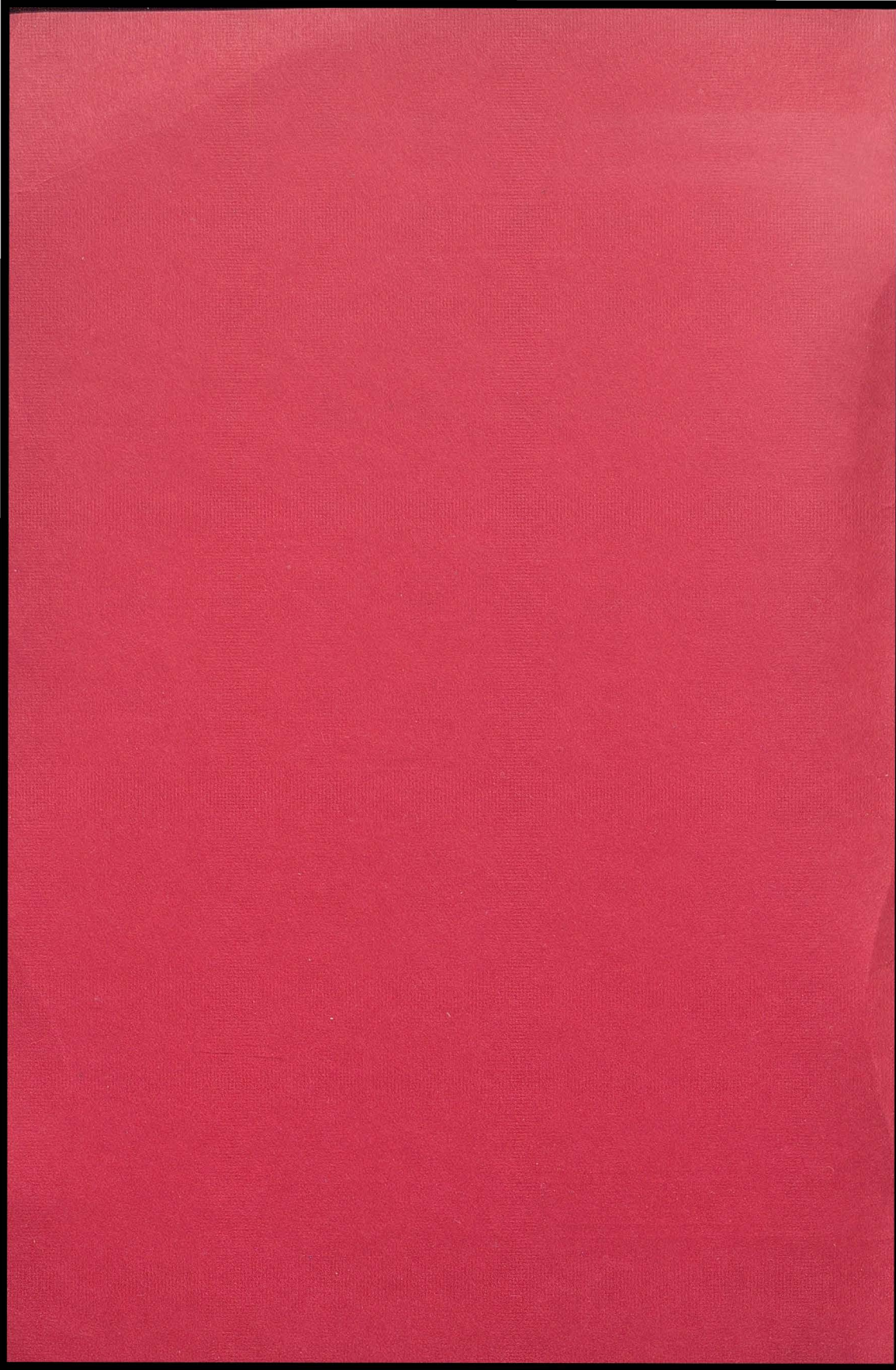


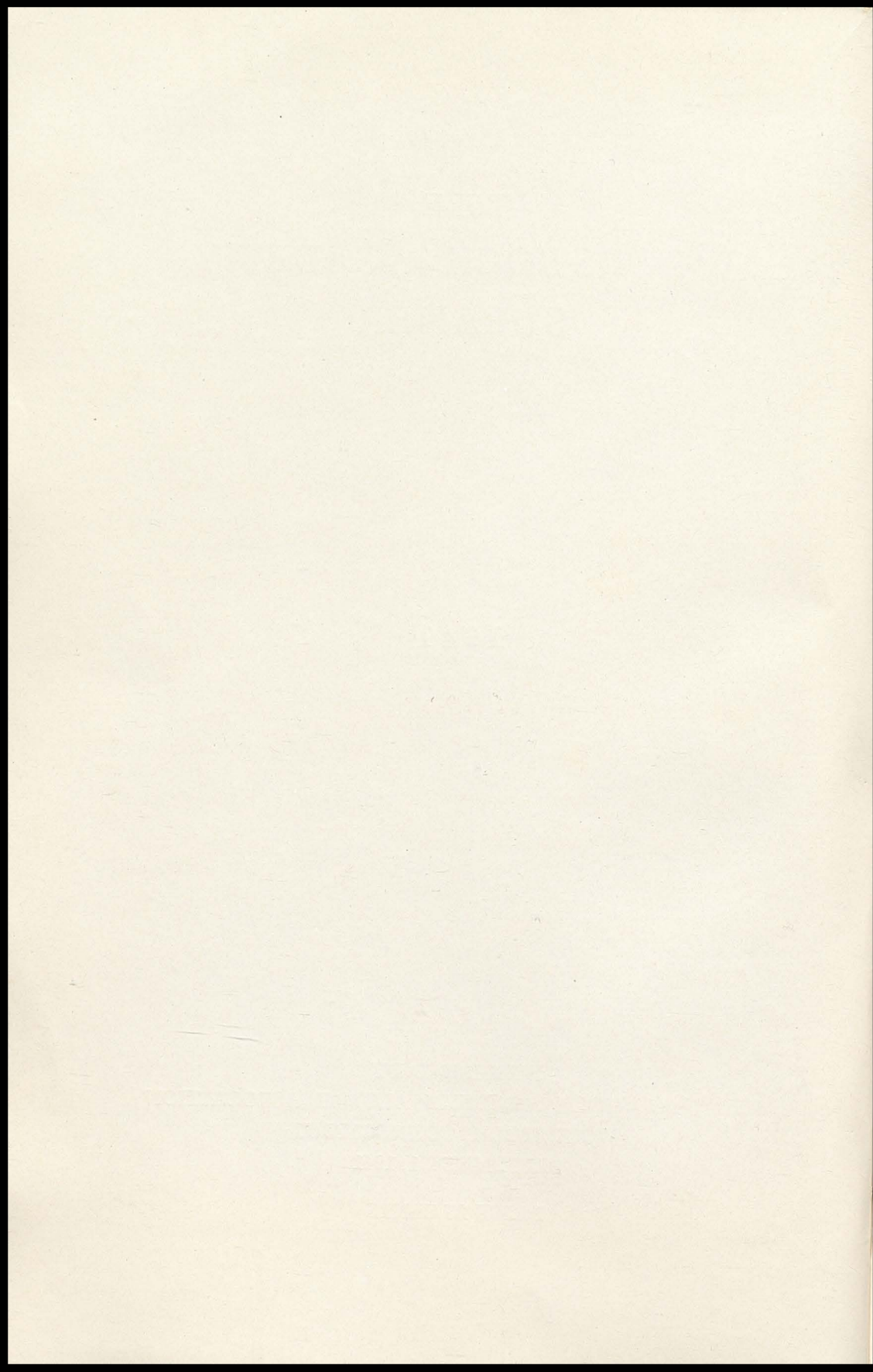


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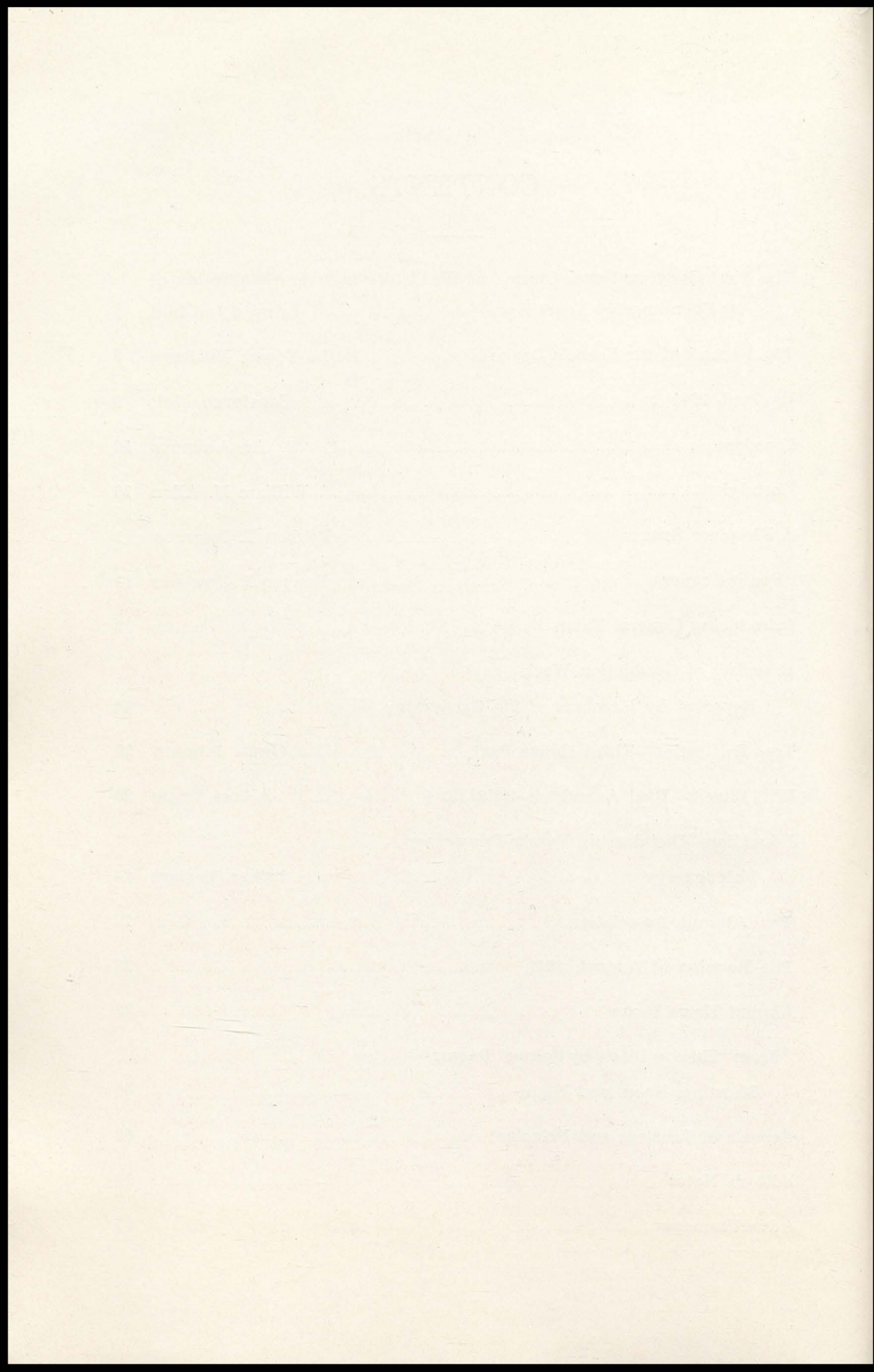
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THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WOODSTOCK AND THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FOUNDING 250 YEARS AGO

In September, 1940, the "Hill Church" of Woodstock celebrated the anniversary of its founding two hundred and fifty years ago.

The church building was badly damaged by the hurricane in September, 1938.

Funds were raised at that time to make the most necessary repairs, so that the church could be used for services, but not enough money was collected to restore the steeple, which had been blown to the ground.

Through the efforts of Dr. Holt, the Reverend Mr. Vuilleumier and other Woodstock people a drive was started to raise funds, not only for rebuilding the steeple but also for the Colonial restoration of the church interior. The hope was expressed that the necessary funds could be raised and the work completed in time for the celebration of the 250th anniversary.

One of America's foremost ecclesiastical architects, Ralph Adams Cram of Boston, was consulted. He had plans drawn and estimates of the cost of construction made. The amount needed seemed almost staggering, too much for the church people to give!

So an appeal was sent out, not only to all the people of Woodstock, but to friends wherever situated who might desire to help in the restoration of the old historic church on Woodstock Hill.

The spiritual and social life of Woodstock Academy has always been closely associated with the church. It was felt that many former students of the Academy would be interested in the undertaking.

It was gratifying to receive so many replies from people who had been associated with the school. Donations were enclosed with many of these letters, while others who were unable to give expressed their interest in the restoration and their regret that they were unable to help materially in the enterprise.

A considerable sum was raised from replies to the letters sent out and through personal contacts with other people, but not enough to carry out the entire plan of restoration in time for the celebration in September.

The Church voted to take part of the funds collected and rebuild the steeple at once.

The present meetinghouse was built in 1822, the steeple was of Sir Christopher Wren design.

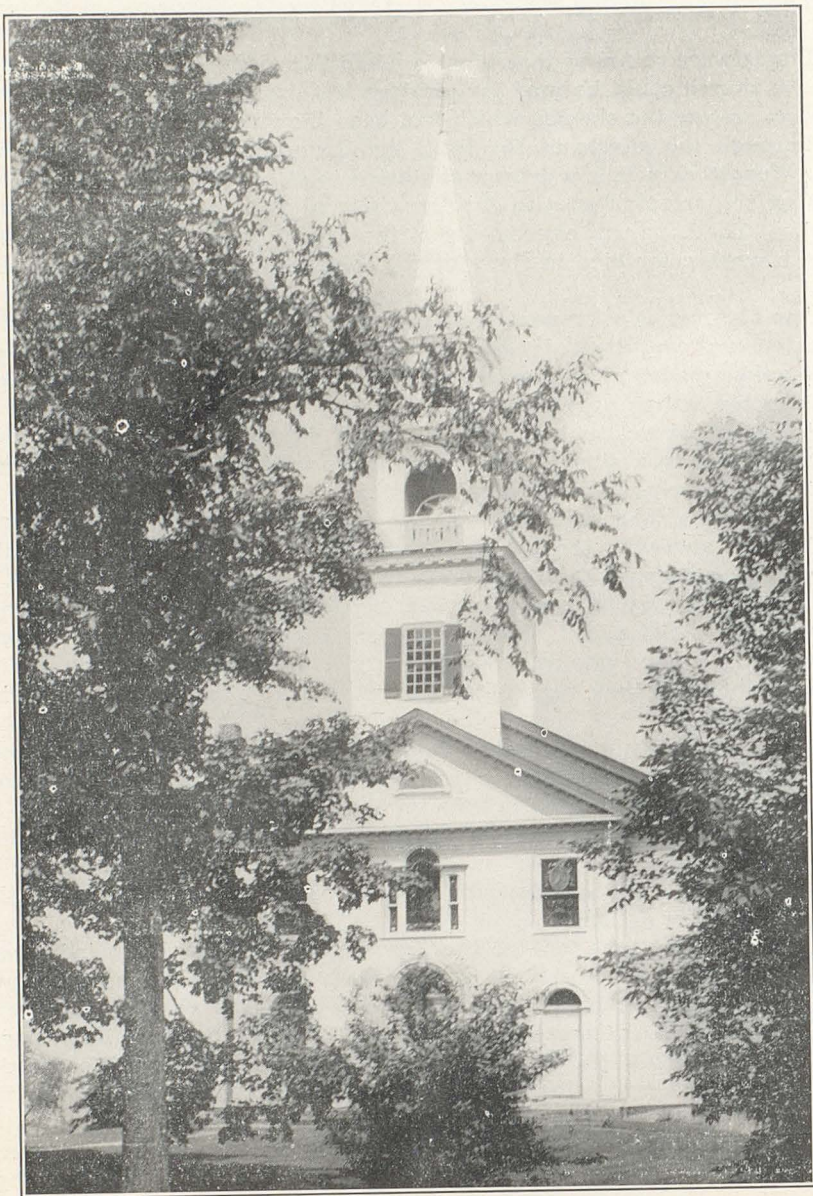
After the hurricane, one of the first thoughts in people's minds was that the steeple must be put back! So plans for rebuilding were begun. Within a week an architect from Cram and Ferguson came down from Boston to take measurements. Steeples are not uncommon in New England, but steeples with the beauty of proportion and detail of our Woodstock church are indeed rare. The new spire must be exactly like the old one in every way.

It was thrilling to watch the steeple gradually take shape, and even more thrilling, when the staging was removed, to see the spire glistening white in the sunlight, restored in every detail.

From across the lake or coming up from Putnam one can see again the white spire of the church pointing heavenward.

Plans were started for the celebration and various committees appointed to supervise the preparations. The dates for the exercises were Saturday, August 31st, to Sunday, September 8th, inclusive.

Saturday, August 31st, from 9:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M. there was an



historical exhibit in the chapel of the church. Many old records, letters, documents and books pertaining to the parish and community were shown. Of special interest was the hourglass used in the church by "Priest Lyman" during the fifty years of his pastorate; tradition says that this was turned more than once during his sermons.

Among the books of special interest was a volume of sermons preached by Dr. Jedidiah Morse in Cambridge.

Dr. Morse was born in Woodstock, where his father was a deacon of the church for fifty years. He was the author of the first geography published in the United States, which was for several years used in the public schools of this country. Dr. Morse was the father of Samuel Finley Breese Morse, the inventor of the telegraph.

The women in charge of the exhibit wore old-fashioned costumes, and were able to tell many interesting things about the articles shown.

At seven in the evening a banquet was held in the Senexet Grange Hall. There was a large attendance, many being out-of-town guests, and an excellent dinner was served.

The after-dinner speakers were Dr. Hamilton Holt, Reverend David P. Hatch, Reverend Edward H. Smith, Reverend Henry D. Baker and Mr. William H. Allen. Reverend Pierre DuPont Vuilleumier was toastmaster.

On Sunday, September first, at the morning service of worship, the sermon was preached by Reverend Edward Huntington Smith, a missionary in China for the past forty years. He gave a most interesting account of his work in China and of present-day conditions in that country. Mr. Smith is a great-grandson of "Priest Lyman", pastor of the Woodstock Church from 1779 to 1824.

At three-thirty that afternoon an address entitled "Encounters With Genius" was given in Palmer Memorial Hall by James Francis Cook, after which tea was served at the residence of Dr. Holt.

At half-past six an outdoor vesper service was held at Pulpit Rock, where the first settlers in Woodstock worshiped in 1686 until a church building was erected.

On Saturday, September seventh, it was planned to serve an old-fashioned basket lunch on the lawn in front of the church in the early evening, but disagreeable weather made this impossible, so the company adjourned to the Chapel, where good use was made of the opportunity to visit with old acquaintances.

Later in the evening, at a quarter after seven, the new steeple was dedicated. Dr. Sherrod Soule, Connecticut Church Historian, spoke. His subject was "Woodstock, Past and Present." There were responsive readings in which the audience took part.

Sunday morning the guest preacher at the morning service was Reverend Theodore A. Greene, D.D., of New Britain, Connecticut. His subject was "Beginning and Finishing Right."

At three-thirty that afternoon a concert was presented in Palmer Memorial Hall. The artists were Walter Trampler, violinist, Jack Carter, pianist, and Mabel Ritch, contralto, all from Rollins College, Florida. Tea was served at the Chapel by the ladies of the church.

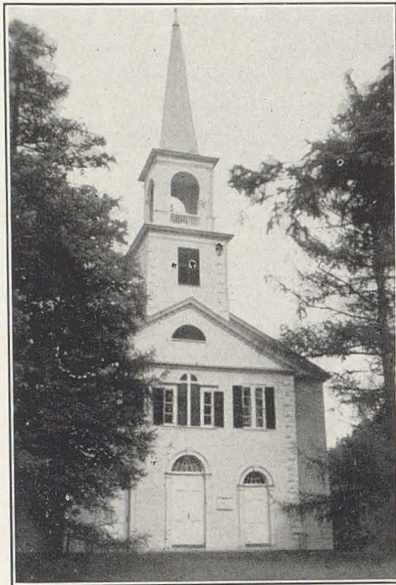
At seven-thirty the John Eliot Memorial Service was held. Dr. Payson Miller, pastor of the First Church of Roxbury, Massachusetts, (the "John Eliot Church") preached. His subject was "John Eliot, Patron Saint of Windham County."

During the service two hymns of special interest were sung by the congregation; one, the Anniversary Hymn, "The Founders of Our Town", by John Eliot Bowen; the other the Original Hymn sung in 1832 at the two hundredth anniversary of the "John Eliot Church" of Roxbury.

The benediction, which I quote, was most impressive.

"And now may the Spirit of God that guided John Eliot through the wilderness of these New England hills and vales lighten your hearts and guide you to a life of service, love, and sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory now and forevermore."

EDWARD L. CHILD.



The above photograph was sent to the Gleaner by an alumnus, who snapped it while driving about the country-side a few years ago. At first glance it appears to be a second picture of the Woodstock Congregational Church, but it is not. It is a view of the church at Putnam Heights. The similar appearance of the facades of the two churches is marked.

The Putnam Heights church was built in 1818, and its architect was Elias Carter. The Woodstock church was built, as is stated in the foregoing article, in 1822, but the name of its architect has not been discovered. Our correspondent wonders if it was not, like the church on the Heights, planned by Mr. Carter. Some interested person may, in time, uncover a record which will give this wanted information, and, we hope, will pass it on in the form of an article for the Gleaner's pages.—Editor.

THE LEGEND OF SIR FRANCIS DRAKE

A story strange comes down the years from centuries of yore,
How, when Admiral Drake lay dying off a foreign shore,
He bade his mourning followers to bear his war-drum home
And hang it on the old sea wall, till need for aid should come.

"And when that day is dawning," said Drake with failing breath,
"The call of England shall be heard above the grip of death;
Then I in spirit will arise and lead against the foe
And banish every enemy; now, till that time, I go."

He breathed his last; the years went on; in watery grave he slept,
Until, up to the white-cliffed isle a foe triumphant swept.
Then suddenly the tide was turned, the conqueror met defeat,
And Trafalgar bore witness to the might of Britain's fleet.

Again the ages passed; and now against the British shore
An enemy is thundering as in those days of yore.
But English hearts of oak are firm, they falter not nor fail,
But stand unshrinking 'neath the rain of the death-dealing hail.

Has the drum of Drake been sounded? Does the Briton hear the call
That throbs and thrills in urgent note from Devon's old sea wall?
Aye, filling every listening soul with courage naught shall break,
On sea, on land, in air still sounds the drum of Francis Drake.

NELLIE TOWNE BURLESON

ENGLAND 1941

In England deadly bombs rain down
Night after night on field and town,
Killing and maiming till break of day—
While I am safe in U. S. A.

Night after night without a rest
The British flyers meet this test,
And fight the foe alive or dead—
While I sleep safely in my bed.

Dear God, I pray with all my heart
That our dear land will do its part
To aid Great Britain in this fight
And thus keep Freedom's lamp alight.

CONSTANCE HOLT.

FREEDOM

One life to live, one life to give
Will greatest depth of honor yield
When self is lost to others' rights
In home life or on battlefield.

Our country leads in freedom's march,
Thanks to our sires who died for us,
To mothers, wives, whose sacrifice
Has made the fight victorious.

The whole world's peace in years to come
Our present sacrifice may be;
A record framed for those who dared
Which should endure eternally.

One life to live, one life to give
In service, duty, love, and might.
Fear not! For justice for all men
Is worthy cause and ever right.

AN ALUMNUS.

NOSTALGIA

Why come back to the old home town
From the world where you've won some renown?
If you loved it so much why did you roam
Afar from the place you once called home?

Here in the morning it all seemed so bright;
Here everything should have been all right.
Sad was the farewell as you left the door;
Sure you loved the old place, but yourself more.

Elsewhere now are your treasures and riches;
In some other place lie all your heart's wishes.
The only lure here is that of your lost youth,
That and that only is really the truth.

Not much is here you wish to see any more,
No splendors which any one would adore.
What brings you back is no magic or trick,
You only return just because you're homesick.

WILLIAM H. ALLEN.

A FIREPLACE SPEAKS

My cheeriness to mankind's soul
Brings comforts to him yet untold,
In pouring forth my ruddy glow—
If you haven't me, you would not know.

Fashioned by someone's crafty hand,
Rugged and perfect here I stand;
From me the radiance will flow—
If you haven't me, you would not know.

My glowing embers are to one
As beautiful as any sun;
Your eyes can't leave them, for a spell
Comes over you; you just can't tell.

The swirling flame as up it goes
Has its own message to disclose;
I give you comfort; please don't roam,
I help to make a cozy home.

Warm blessings all, and do take heed.
In planning homes I know the need
For me, whether humble or grand;
Then all these joys you'll understand.

REUBEN T. SWANSON.

POETIC PRAYER

Dear God, from whom all blessings flow,
Protect us as through life we go.
Give us the strength to carry on;
Give us the sight to see beyond;
We are but humble servants all
Forever ready at Thy call,
So help us as along we plod
In carrying out Thy will, Dear God.

REUBEN T. SWANSON.

INTRODUCING GENERAL EATON

In a recent number of the "Quarterly Review", published by the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, there appears an article entitled "Introducing General Eaton", written by Dr. Edward S. Rogers. This article is especially interesting to us for two reasons: first, because General William Eaton was a native of Woodstock, having been born here on February 23, 1764, and secondly, because it deals principally with the General's adventures in Derna, a name grown familiar with frequent repetition in the story of present-day events.

In 1797, Eaton was appointed consul at Tunis. His first audience with the Dey roused all the fighting blood in Eaton's nature, and there was plenty of it there. This was at the time when the Barbary pirates were exacting heavy tribute from all merchantmen in the Mediterranean, including those of our own youthful and weak country.

The Dey demanded gifts from the United States. Eaton wrote in his journal:

"Genius of my country! How art thou prostrate! Hast thou not yet one son whose soul revolts; whose nerves convulse, blood vessels burst, and heart indignant swells, at thought of such debasement; Shade of Washington! Behold thy orphaned sword hung on a slave, a voluntary slave, and serve a pirate."

As a result of Eaton's and the country's recalcitrance in the matter of gifts and tribute, the bashaw declared war upon the United States. This was in 1801.

Eaton left his post, went to Alexandria, created himself a general, and got together "an expeditionary force including six marines under Lieutenant Patrick O'Bannon, two brass six-pounders, and twenty-five cannoneers under Captain Selim Comb, who probably was a Turk, and a motley force of four hundred ragamuffins and broken-down adventurers such as only Egypt can produce. He had a pack train of 107 camels and a few asses." His plan was to march four hundred miles across the desert, capture Tripoli, dethrone the bashaw and put a man of his own choice in his place—a pretender who accompanied him on the journey.

Dr. Rogers adds: "Perhaps the General intended to make himself grand vizier. At any rate, he disliked the vizier in office. He had had trouble with him while he was consul. The vizier's name was Stinka, and no one can blame Eaton for not liking him. Anyway, no one was going to pay tribute when Eaton with his six marines, two brass fieldpieces, and the assorted gunmen he commanded had chased the bashaw and his vizier out of Tripoli. Of course the whole scheme was wild, as Eaton was wild; and how perfectly fantastic it was in its wildness. Wild or not, he nearly did it."

After marching for fifty days across the desert of Barca on short rations and with almost daily mutiny, Eaton and his nondescript army reached Derna.

Dr. Rogers' description of the victorious battle at Derna is most interesting and graphic, although possibly a bit imaginative, including, as it does, some of the Irish brogue of Lieutenant O'Bannon, in charge of the six marines. However that may be, we read, "On April 29, 1805, General William Eaton, late of Brimfield, Massachusetts, Commander of the first American Expeditionary Force overseas, took possession, in the name of the United States, of the conquered city of Derna."

Again we quote: "What a shame it is that politicians have so little imagination. If Jefferson had not been cautious and sent over old Tobias Lear, who was no sportsman, to make a peace treaty, Eaton might have accomplished his aim. It was tragic that he was stopped. Picture him s viceroy of Tripoli: what unequaled entertainment he would have furnished! Sancho Panza in Baratania, Brigham Young in Salt Lake, King Cole and his fiddlers, Alice in Wonderland, Barnum and his circus, Noah and the Ark—all of these would have suffered by comparison with him. What a pity that he did not succeed. But enough of vain regrets; his dream ended, the General came home."

After that there is little in Eaton's biography which is worth recounting. He was elected to the Massachusetts legislature from his home town of Brimfield, but failed to be present during the first term because he had been summoned as a witness at the trial of Aaron Burr. His addiction to strong drink, betting and card-playing probably prevented his worth-while accomplishment in any line of peaceful endeavor. His biographer writes, "His resolutions of amendment were not infrequent but never executed." His death took place on June 1, 1811.

Dr. Rogers ends his article with the following words: "William Eaton is immortal, and the journal which he wrote in his infrequent intervals of sobriety is priceless. Someone ought to put General Eaton and his pretender, Lieutenant Patrick O'Bannon, his six marines, the two brass six-pounders, the twenty-five cannoneers, and the hobo army in a novel. And what a motion picture it would make!"

[The alumnus who furnished the article from which the above condensation was made remarks that it is a pity that General Eaton was born too early to have been a student at the Academy.—Editor]

EXERCISES OF GRADUATION WEEK

The first event of the Commencement exercises for the Class of 1941 was a tea given by the Misses Holt at their home. After games and refreshments the pupils enjoyed the bowling alleys. The Class appreciated the kindness of its hostesses and spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Margaret M. Bosworth.

ALUMNI BANQUET

The annual Alumni Banquet was held in the Senexet Grange Hall at 7:00 P. M., Saturday evening, June 14, 1941. Those present marched in by classes. After the delicious dinner served by the Grange was enjoyed, Thelma Johnson, president of the Alumni Association, conducted the business meeting. Cedric Child acted as chairman of the Arrangement Committee. Ethel Upham read the secretary's report. The treasurer's report was given by Gladys Harrington. The secretary and treasurer of the Gleaner, Ethel Upham, read her report. All three of these reports were accepted. Annette Clark, chairman of the Nomination Committee, submitted nominations for the coming year which were unanimously approved. The roll call of classes was called. 1941, the guest class, had eighteen members present. There was a marked absence of boys in this class as the only boys who attended were the three Alberts of the class, Albert Logee, Albert Todd, and Albert Durrin. Five members were present from the 1940 class, and four members from the class of 1938. Five earlier classes were represented by three members each. The total number of classes represented was thirty-two. Five teachers also attended. Approximately one hundred

people were present. Several short speeches were made by alumni.

After the business meeting the group went upstairs for a social period. Clement Barlow, a graduate of the class of 1940, sang two selections, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." A humorous motion picture, shown by Howard Johnson, brought a conclusion to the evening's activities.

Dorothy Hopkins.

FROM THE ACADEMY SUNDAY SERMON

By EDWIN O. CHILDS

Ex-Mayor of Newton, Massachusetts

It is a world of mystery into which any graduate from any institution is going. It may not be true with this class, but when classes meet on Commencement Day at most institutions it is the last time they're ever all together again. It is a symbol of separation, and there is a touch of sadness about it. However, graduates this year are going to get a more cordial welcome than classes have for a great many years.

This is a great season of the year. I always look forward to it because the papers are full of what young people are going to do. We are thinking of what young people have done, and we are proud of their accomplishments.

The purpose of education is to train us to see the biggest things in life as big things, and the littlest things in life as little things. Know the difference between making a living and making a life.

If you are going to be the best sort of citizen you must grow. That's

your job from now on. This isn't the end, it's the beginning. Grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually. I am not worried about the mental development, or about the physical development, or the social development of young people, but the thing we have got to look out for in the days ahead is spiritual development. If you want to be the best sort of American citizen you want to tie up with some church. It is the most important institution in the community. But seven out of ten of the young people in this country under 25 years of age are not being touched by any of the churches. Tie up with some church, for when God goes out and the churches close up everything we enjoy will vanish.

This is a very interesting world, we can look and see everything crumbling; everything being changed. A lot of people are discouraged. They wonder what is going to happen. Shadows are only cast when there is light behind. There is a light shining somewhere, or we wouldn't be in the dark. The secret of success is to have a goal ahead. Keep your eye on it, and don't quit. Do the best you can, and don't get discouraged.

The great statesmen tell us that this is a great country, and we're all created equal. We're not. But we all do, in this country, have a right to make the most of life, and we have one thing in common—one life to live. The thing for us to say to ourselves is, "What is it that this old world needs that I have to give?"

Be just, be kind, be humble and grow. That is the greatest word in the English language. G-R-O-W! "Go Right On Working"—in your home, your church, in social life and in business.

Marilyn Shead
Bertha Johnson

CLASS DAY EXERCISES

The Class of 1941 held its Class Day Exercises in the newly decorated Woodstock Academy Auditorium. Virginia Cole gave the welcoming speech and explained to the audience that the Class Day Exercises this year were in the form of a hectic Library Day at Woodstock Academy. Each part was worked in as a natural happening in an unusual and hilarious library. The program follows:

Processional Selected
Mrs. Alvin Lachapelle

Song—Woodstock Academy
Leavitt-Rockwell

Library Day at Woodstock
Welcome to the Library—Virginia Cole

Class History--Margaret Bosworth,
Helen Rosyar, Caro Piecyk, Bertha Johnson, Dorothy Hopkins.

Class Gifts—Marilyn Shead, Doris Bosworth, Elva Keith, Jane Danielson.

Song—Marianina David Stevens
Woodstock Academy Chorus

Class Prophecy—Emily Young,
Rita Roy, Albert Todd.

Class Will—Antoinette Rathbone,
Ida Zipkin, Albert Durrin.

Song—Wi' a Hundre d Fifers
William J. Samsel
Woodstock Academy Chorus

Presentation of Class Gift
Albert Logee
President of Class of 1941

Acceptance of Class Gift
Wayne Bunnell
President of Class of 1942

Class Ode—1941 Graduates Farewell
Antoinette Rathbone

Recessional

Tree Dedication
(Third Honor Speech)
Grace Johnson

Prizes for the year were awarded as follows:

From the Law Memorial Fund: English I, Phyllis Johnson; English II, Stewart Dodge; Mathematics I, Franklin Newth; Best Speller, Ruth Sundstrom; American History, Nonie Witter.

Miss Holt's prize of ten dollars, given annually in memory of Principal Ely R. Hall for the best Latin student, went to Juanita Todd.

CLASS ODE

An innovation in this year's Class Day exercises was the singing by the graduating class of an ode, the words of which were written by Antoinette Rathbone.

1941 Graduates Farewell

Tune: Believe Me If All Those
Endearing Young Charms

First Verse

Farewell, be our destinies, onward
and bright,

That our future may thus be insured,

So we'll *work* and we'll *wait* and
we'll *win* for the right,

That our hardships may thus be
endured.

Chorus:

So farewell to our school, to our
teachers and friends,

On whose judgment we always
rely,

Tho' today we must part, yet our
prayers will ascend,

That our class be united on high.

Second Verse

How sad 'mid the sunshine that
brightens this scene,

Comes the thought that today we
must part,

And the troubles we had that before
were unseen,

Will be severed today from our
heart.

GRADUATION DAY

Friday, June 20, 1941, was just about the most exciting, and beautiful, yet fearful day in the world for a group of eager young men and young women—namely, the graduating class of Woodstock Academy, nineteen hundred and forty-one.

The group as a whole was ready and waiting for the processional by two o'clock, and so had a half hour to waste. The method of wasting this time employed by the majority of the girls was running from one person to another and asking if her hat was on straight and then madly rushing to the already crowded mirror to verify the statement herself. The general situation was a "cover-up". That is, the girls used the hats as an excuse to keep back the flow of emotion and an occasional tear, while the boys just talked very loud and fast and teased the girls about being cry-babies. But, on the boys' parts, it served its purpose in concealing any sadness that lurked in the minds of the male portion of our class.

Finally the strains of the processional were heard and as we took our places in line we watched the under-classmen being marshalled into the gymnasium by the President of the Junior Class, Wayne Bunnell.

As soon as we were all seated, and the classes and audience had become silent, the Rev. Henry D. Baker made the opening prayer. This was followed by an appropriately entitled overture, "The Progress of Youth", by the Woodstock Academy Orchestra, which, incidentally, was composed almost wholly of graduates.

The next item was the Salutatory, or second honor speech, by Albert Logee. His subject, "Will Rogers—Real American", was not only educational, but also very amusing in

places, owing largely to the presentation of the narrator. This oration was followed by a song, "Friends of Yesterday", rendered by the Woodstock Academy Chorus.

Then the moment we were all waiting for arrived. We were addressed by the Reverend George Brooks of the Congregational Church in Rockville, Connecticut. His speech was entitled "Thank You, America". He began by saying:

"It is always a privilege to speak at a commencement exercise and I appreciate very deeply this honor of addressing the graduates of this school and you people.

"I bring to you today my simple tribute to the best country in the world. I came to America on the Carmania via steerage. That was the logical way then for any immigrant to travel to America. No class distinction existed in the steerage. Names were forgotten—as they should be. Everybody was numbered—as he should be."

He then went on to tell of his first experience on board which was quite a shock to him. He failed to pass a preliminary medical examination. He was told that he was 'fearfully anemic'. This brought a ripple of laughter from the audience, especially after Reverend Brooks had elaborated on the statement, at his own expense.

He then told a bit about his six traveling companions who were an American, a Scotchman, an Irishman, a Canadian, a Cockney, and an Englishman—a varied group, to be sure. Reverend Brooks then took us to the day of arrival at New York harbor, where the steerage travelers were taken over to Ellis Island (referred to as Paradise by the speaker), and examined, then passed on into the 'promised land, the greatest country in the world'.

His next experience was a shock, given him by the American people in general. He was completely baffled

by the continual rush of people, by the rapidity of speech and by the fact that the women kept up with the men. The next paragraph of his speech brings the first main point of his oration, so I find it necessary to again make direct quotation from the address.

He is seated in the Pennsylvania Railroad station—

"As I sat there, the loneliest man in the world, I felt a touch upon my shoulder. I raised my head and looked questioningly into the strong face of a social-service worker. As he spoke it was the voice of America speaking to the poor immigrant, 'Is there anything I can do for you?' It was like the music of strange birds from an unknown land. I still hear its echo. From that day until now, in every crisis of my life, in every time of need, the voice of America has spoken to me. As he looked down, and I looked up, he said, 'Is there anything I can do for you?' It was the kindest word I had ever heard in all my life; the voice of America. I told that stranger my story—that I had come for work and that I was a printer. He said, 'Don't stay in New York. The city is full of people and there are so many that they are offering free transportation to every immigrant who will go on to Philadelphia. You'll have no trouble getting a job as a printer there.' So I left the City famous."

Then Reverend Brooks' life of travel began. He went from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, then to Echo, back to Philadelphia, and finally, he secured his first job on the 'Messenger' in the city of Homestead, Pennsylvania.

Along with his first job came a situation hard to overcome. It was the problem of different terms used in America in regard to printing. But he succeeded in overcoming them and was gradually promoted to foreman of his division.

Then came the Reverend's first

church. It was an invitation to fill a vacancy (which later became permanent) in a Welsh church in Homestead. With the combined salaries obtained from preaching and printing, Reverend Brooks was able to send to England for his wife and his three children.

He then attended Bangor Theological Seminary, preached in the Bangor Church, and taught school at the same time. His ambition was boundless and his desire for learning, endless.

In closing I will give you Reverend Brooks' last words exactly as they were absorbed by us.

"America offers her boys and girls a free education. America has grown to be the greatest country in the world. I can never repay the debt I owe to America. She is responsible for my strong constitution. She raised up friends on every street corner who had been calling all the time, 'Is there anything I can do for you?'. And last of all, and best of all she gave me my proudest possession—citizenship in the greatest country in the world."

Following the address of the day, the valedictory entitled "Education—Dictatorship versus Democracy" was given by Esther Meehan. This speech made many of us realize the real advantage that we young people in America have, especially when compared to the training received in Germany or any other totalitarian state.

Just before that great moment, the presentation of the diplomas, the Woodstock Academy Chorus again sang. Their song presented the personal feelings of each graduate—for as we sang the words we all realized that what they were saying had a very definite meaning—"Wake, wake, life lies before us now"—Yes—Life, indeed, was before each and every one of us, and our job was to conquer life and make something of it.

Rev. George H. Reese, after many fitting and pleasing remarks, then

proceeded to give us our reward for four years of study—the reward we were all eagerly waiting for, and joyfully received. This was followed by the presentation of the Yale Honor Cups and other prizes, made by Principal William A. Simpson.

The Yale Honor Cups are presented to the girl and boy who have excelled in scholarship, leadership and sportsmanship throughout the four years of High School. They both went, in our opinions, to very deserving students—Grace Johnson and Albert Logee. The girl who received the award for outstanding Commercial work was also very worthy of her prize—Elva Keith.

With the singing of "Fair Woodstock", the work and play of four years was brought to a close. In the heart of every graduate, as we sang the words, was a mingled sadness and gladness. Gladness, because we were now ready to give our best to a world in critical circumstances, a world that needs fresh ideas and workers. Sadness, because of the loss of all our old friends, our teachers and classmates, as well as that dear old white wooden building that held for us so many memories—some sad, some happy, but all very sweet to remember.

As we solemnly marched from the gymnasium we held our heads high, but the sadness was quite evident on the face of each and every graduate. Some of the girls were overcome and actually showed their emotion quite plainly, but I'm sure that all my classmates will join me in saying that we will fulfill our motto: We've worked, we'll wait, and *we'll win*. We are ready to face the world, and ask the world, as Reverend Brooks was asked, 'Is there anything I can do for you?' Yes, the youth of today, full of fresh ideas and knowledge, can ask the world as a whole, practically the same thing—"Is there anything *we* can do for you?"

Antoinette G. E. Rathbone.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 1941

Motto: Work, Wait, and Win.
Class Flower—White Carnation.
Class Colors—Green and White.

College Preparatory Course

Grace Helena Johnson, West Woodstock.
Esther Meehan, Woodstock.
Antoinette Gwendolyn Evangeline Rathbone, West Woodstock.

Commercial Course

Doris Hopkins Bosworth, Eastford.
Bertha Elizabeth Johnson, North Woodstock.
Elva Louise Keith, Eastford.
Marilyn Lois Shead, East Woodstock.

General Course

Solomon Herman Andert, Eastford.
Barbara Lois Barrett, East Woodstock.
Margaret Mae Bosworth, East Woodstock.
Virginia Helen Cole, South Woodstock.
Jane Alton Danielson, East Woodstock.
Albert Frost Durrin, Woodstock.
Richard Lawrence Gobin, Woodstock.
Raymond Willard Herrick, Eastford.
Dorothy Muriel Hopkins, North Woodstock.
Rosalie Kempain, North Woodstock.
John Kiuru, West Woodstock.

Albert Eugene Logee, East Woodstock.

Caro Stanley Piecyk, Phoenixville.
John Thomas Rooke, Jr., Woodstock.
Helen Rosyar, Eastford.
Rita Alice Roy, Harrisville.
Frances Margarie Sullivan, Eastford.
Albert Richard Todd, East Woodstock.

Frederick William Wilcox, Harrisville.

Emily Mae Young, South Woodstock.

Ida Zipkin, East Woodstock.

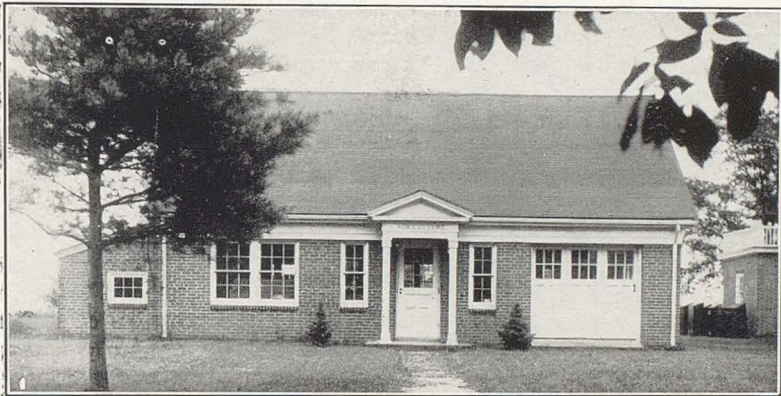
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President—Albert Eugene Logee.
Vice-President — Albert Richard Todd.

Treasurer—Bertha Elizabeth Johnson.

The last event for the Class of 1941, the Senior Reception, was held in the gymnasium Friday evening, June 20. The gym was very colorful, being decorated with patriotic red, white, and blue. Music was by Joe Carey's orchestra and the patronesses were Mrs. William Warren, Mrs. William Simpson, Mrs. James Logee, Miss Margaret Allen and Miss Mildred Keirns. Although it was a very hot evening a large crowd was present and a good time was had by all.

Emily Young.



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GRACE JOHNSON

TREE DEDICATION

We, the class of 1941, dedicate this tree as a living symbol of our accomplishments in the past and our hopes and aspirations for the future. As this tree grows and buries its roots deeper and deeper into the ground, may we, as Americans, grow in loyalty to our country, and like this oak, bury the roots of our love and faith in her so deep within us that nothing can undermine them. As the years pass, we shall look back upon the years spent here at Woodstock Academy with the deepest feeling. We shall uphold the traditions and high ideals that have been taught us here. Upon leaving the school, some of us will seek a higher education while others work in some chosen occupation. Wherever we are we shall always remember the friends we have made here among the teachers as well as pupils and forever cherish this school and the principles for which it stands.

Salutatory

ALBERT LOGEE

WILL ROGERS — REAL AMERICAN

"The United States never lost a war nor won a conference. We stood through one speech, sat through eight, slept through twelve and in three solid hours of compliments not a rowboat was sunk." These are the words of a man who not only made you laugh but think and laugh at the same time. Yes, you've guessed it. His name is William Penn Adair Rogers, whose immortal words of wit and wisdom will remain on the tongues of people for generations to come.

Cowboy Will first saw the light of day in 1879 on a genuine wild west ranch, deep in the Indian Territory, which later became Oklahoma. His family was one of the first in the territory since both his mother and father were partly Cherokee Indian. Of this fact Will was always very proud, originating the pun that "maybe his ancestors didn't come over on the Mayflower but they were there to meet the boat." In fact, Will Rogers' father played a large part in the drafting of the Constitution of Oklahoma.

Fortunately for his future, this son of the leading citizen of Claremore, Oklahoma, had small inclination toward culture. Will attended school very briefly, thus preserving his native colloquialisms for appreciative audiences. After terminating his slight elementary education by spending a short time

at Kemper Military Academy, Will began his life by selling the ranch his father had given him and hopping a boat bound, after many side excursions, for the Argentine. On one of these excursions Will landed in England where he found a job taking livestock to Africa for the Boer War. Upon meeting Texas Jack, another cowboy from the States, Wild Will continued this tour of the world twirling his lariat in a Wild West Show the two had organized. Africa did not prove to be a very profitable place to put on a Wild West Show so Will left the troupe and joined a circus in Australia, finally twirling his lariat and himself back to the States.

In 1905 Will refined his Wild West Show by performing his antics on the back of a steer which he took with him on his tour of the theaters in the United States. This tour ended at Union Square Theater, New York City, where the manager informed him that people from 14th Street didn't appreciate his fine art of intricate lariat entanglements. The manager, feeling sorry for yokel Will, suggested that he explain his tricks as he did them. That night in Union Square Theater the public met the Will Rogers that lives in the minds of thousands of people today. The occasion at Hammerstein's Roof Garden when Will shuffled out on the stage with his rope and drawled, "We-ll, all I know is what I read in 'the newspapers,'" really marks the beginning of his career.

For several years Will kept the audiences at Hammerstein's in stitches with his varying witticisms, for Will was never known to repeat his line. In 1913 Will attracted the attention of Florenz Ziegfeld, who hired him to do his act as a fill in between acts in his Ziegfeld Follies. After he had rocked audiences several nights with his cracks and comments about public names and national affairs he no longer was used as an interlude but became Will Rogers, the American Humorist and Headliner.

Because of his association with the big names of Broadway, Will was invited to a banquet where he made a few pointed jibes. These were taken down by a newspaper reporter who wrote the jibes in his own way and not in that of the one and only Will Rogers. The result was, as might be expected, that Will was not much of a success in the newspapers. The amazing part of that episode was that some years later he sent an unsolicited cable collect from London to the "New York Times" in which he commented rather amusingly on world affairs. This cable secured for him a \$3,000 a week job and a newspaper audience of 40,000,000 people. An interesting fact about his newspaper column was that in a polite and harmless fashion he could rib people and amuse millions by his complete disregard for all grammar. His salty brand of humor made him the greatest debunker of stuffed shirts and fanciful ideas in the country. Will's humor and keen wit were used for the most part on politicians, for during the early stages of the war between Japan and China, Will wrote in his column, "We had better quit writing notes to Japan or she will have all China. Every time they get a note they take another town that they hadn't thought of till our note gave them the idea."

As his newspaper column left him with spare time, Will accepted an invitation to make a few silent pictures. In silent pictures, as in his days before Hammerstein's, he had only moderate success. This proves that his success was due to what he said and not to the way he acted. In talking

pictures, however, it was a different story. I am sure all of you here can remember the riotous yet sympathetic roles that Will Rogers played in pictures like "Judge Priest," "State Fair" and "David Harum." At the time of his death Will Rogers was the leading citizen of the cinema. In three years of picture work he became the most potent force on the screen and broke all box office records. Hollywood regarded Will with genuine affection, a fact which was almost foreign to that region of tinsel, plaster, and chicken wire entertainment. In the studio, as everywhere, Will was the jovial, talkative man surrounded by friends, for he never met a person he didn't like and he met many. After being presented with Fox's most elaborate dressing room, Will, running true to form, never used it, but preferred to use his coupe as his dressing room and office.

Shortly after his entry into the motion picture industry Will began broadcasting his humorous wisdom to the whole world. Will Rogers' homespun philosophy was welcome anywhere and radio was no exception. In January, 1928, Will was hired by a motor car company to be master of ceremonies at a radio jubilee to announce a new model. At the end of the program, which was much too dull for Will, he announced he had a surprise for his vast unseen audience. He was gratified to be able to present the President of the United States speaking from the White House on national affairs. A nasal twang, amazingly like that of Calvin Coolidge, came out of the ether. "It gives me great pleasure to report on the state of the nation—the nation is in a hole." The people that recognized the fraud howled with glee and the many who didn't conveyed solemn messages to the White House expressing their disgust. The whole affair turned out satisfactorily, for Will spoke of Calvin Coolidge some time later as a man who could take a joke as well as any man he knew. Yes, radio and this country benefited much by his broadcasts. Will Rogers was an unofficial ambassador of good will to all the world. He did more to promote good feeling toward the United States than a whole boat load of diplomats. In fact, at the time of his death, he was on his way to Italy and Ethiopia. He loved peace and once told a friend that he was willing to bet that the right kind of talk would avert war. Had he lived, he might have made history.

Although a product of a meager education, he amassed quite a tidy sum during his life, leaving some \$3,000,000 to his wife. He would have had much more had he not given away so much to charity. The technique of social work never appealed to Will Rogers. He was never on a program of the National Conference, but the actual labor of social work in the relief of suffering moved him characteristically to action. The Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Community Chest and many other agencies will not soon forget his generosity, which was expressed not only in large personal contributions but in the use of his extraordinary powers of public appeal. Even in his work for the good of the unfortunate, Will's ever-present sense of humor and fair play were dominant. Once when asked by a wealthy oil baron to attend a banquet, Will was requested to make one of his much welcomed speeches. Being rather on the spot, jovial Will granted the wish. However, the next day said oil baron received a bill for \$1,000. Being very shrewd the man protested, charging that the banquet was purely a social engagement. But Will Rogers was equal to the situation. He commented

dryly that to social engagements Mrs. Rogers was always invited. Result—oil man paid \$1,000—Will turned it over to charity, and everybody was happy. Yes, happiness was the result of many of Will Rogers' deeds. In fact he spent his entire life either making people happy or giving materially to the unfortunate.

During both his early and later life Will was an ardent traveler. Of the many miles he covered, more than 500,000 of these were done in an airplane. From the beginning he was very enthusiastic about air travel and because of the many miles he traveled by air and the verbal boost he gave to the merits of air travel, it has been said that Will Rogers did more to promote aviation among the people than any other man in America except Lindbergh. Believing as he did in aviation, it was very unfortunate that he should have lost his life in an airplane crash.

From my study of the life of William Penn Adair Rogers, one of my conclusions was, that for a man with as little formal education as he received, he was very versatile. Will explained the fact in this way: "Betty is to blame for it all. Whatever I am or have accomplished I owe to Betty. I ain't got no sense. She made me what I am." Betty was a schoolteacher he met and married in his home state of Oklahoma. Will Rogers was a kind, faithful husband, a fact which not only added to his versatility but made him a very unusual man, for how many other men have had a career in Hollywood and remained married to the same wife? Cowpuncher, star of the stage, screen, and radio, newspaper man, speaker, aviator enthusiast, wit, humorist and author of several books—all in a short lifetime.

On a hot Saturday in August of the year 1935, people in the United States were not discussing the danger of war in Africa, the situation in Washington, or even the heat. They were talking about Will Rogers. The restaurant waitress, streetcar conductor, businessman, and scholar, each spoke of his accidental death of the day before as if each had lost a dearly beloved friend. Will Rogers was a friend of all. Even those who had felt the sting of his wit were among those who were first thunderstruck and then deeply saddened by the awful news of his tragic ending at Point Barrows, Alaska. Will Rogers died much too soon. Will's humor combined with his peace-loving attitude would do much to cool the radical thought and legislation which are apparent all around us in these troublesome times. With his customary complete disregard for grammar and his profound regard for something more fundamental, Will once said, "A fellow shouldn't have to kill anybody to prove they were right."

I have reserved the best story for the last. Everyone has heard it one time or another but, no matter, it is still the best. Will was to meet Calvin Coolidge for the first time. A friend wagered he couldn't get a laugh out of the President in the first two minutes. Will replied that he could do it in twenty seconds. He was introduced, shook hands with the President and appeared covered with confusion. "Mighty pleased to meet you," he said, "but I didn't catch your name." Yes, Mr. Coolidge laughed, and about 120,070,000 laughed with him.

Valedictory

ESTHER MEEHAN

EDUCATION—DICTATORSHIP VERSUS DEMOCRACY

As we, the Class of 1941, are about to receive our diplomas, we look back with intense satisfaction at the twelve years we have spent in school, twelve years in which we have had reasonable freedom of thought and action. What should we as students in Germany have had? In the course of this paper I propose to give some vital aspects of German education as contrasted with its parallel in the United States.

In a democracy the government is a servant of the people. The educational system illustrates this basic philosophy of a democracy in the central aim of the schools, which is the welfare of all the people. The welfare of all the people can be gained best through democratic meetings where people interested can voice their opinions on educational questions. Everyone, regardless of intelligence, race, religion, social status, or economic conditions has an equal chance to receive at least a high school education. If a person is interested in further bettering himself by education, schools, libraries, and places for training in his particular vocation are open and ready to serve him. Educational opportunities in the United States are progressing and no one, because of race or creed, is prohibited from them.

The schools throughout the United States are not identical. The State Board of Education governs the educational system in its particular state. The salary of the teacher is set by the towns and cities. The systems in each state are similar, however, and ample opportunities are granted to the people interested.

The subject matter taught in the secondary schools is well varied. If the student can go no farther than high school, there are subjects which prepare him for a definite vocation after completing the four years. A college course is a definite asset to those who plan to continue their school life. Whatever their future vocational plans may be there are subjects in the high schools which can be of help to them. Physical Education is a very minor part in our curriculum. Far more emphasized are the subjects which prepare us for a better understanding of world conditions, for success in the field we enter, and for fuller enjoyment of the years following graduation from school.

In a dictatorship the people are the servants of the state or even more the servants of one person. This is the condition in Germany at present under Hitler. Hitler has been in power since 1933. Since 1933 he has dictated what education shall be in Germany. Here is another illustration of the educational system being closely related to the basic philosophy of the country.

Hitler's rise to power has been through a youth movement. Never at any time did he underestimate the power of youth. Sensing this power, he

realized that if the youth were to be inculcated with his ideas, they must be influenced in the formative period of their life—namely their school days.

Hitler has begun an educational society, the Hitler Jugend, for all youth from fourteen to eighteen. The purpose of the Hitler Jugend is to train young men for the new militaristic Germany through physical culture, indoctrination of Nationalism, and military training drill. Hitler emphasizes the advisability of all children belonging to this society. One day of each school week is set aside for the meeting of the members of the Hitler Jugend. This cuts down the days of school work by two years. To attract the boys to this society Hitler had two thousand rest camps built where the boys can stay over night for a reasonable sum of money when they go hiking. As the parents are the natural guardians of their children, Hitler cannot compel the children to belong to this society but those who do not join are branded as milksops and lose a number of privileges in state affairs. Most of the German youth, therefore, join the Hitler Jugend even though they do not wish to. There are societies for the youth of this country but there is nothing compulsory about membership. Their aim is to render fuller enjoyment for leisure time.

Let us get Hitler's point of view on the purpose of the school. He is quoted as saying "the fundamental task of the National Socialist State is to mold fine bodies, robust, hardy, and capable of enduring privation rather than to develop minds crammed with a mass of scientific knowledge." The physical features rather than the mental are those of concern in Germany at present. Hitler ordered Rust, the Minister of Education, to have the hours of physical recreation changed from two hours a week to two hours a day.

Young men are required to spend two years in a military school. The chief aim of this school is character formation. The attendants are taught to practice fidelity, will to sacrifice, reserve, and self mastery, in addition to instruction in the use of firearms. To be good soldiers, that is, to be good men of the German state, this two-year militaristic school is the most important of the German schools. At the end of two years, the students who graduate receive two papers. The first is a citizenship diploma which enables the receiver to participate in the transactions of the state. The other paper is a health certificate. This certificate enables the young men to marry. This school is another example of how Hitler influences the youth and trains them in his own ideas.

Reading, geography, and history books have been rewritten to favor Germany and to create a greater nationalistic feeling. Approximately two thirds of the text books have been revised with this objective. For example, "The Nazi Primer" for small children expresses the unlikeness of men with special emphasis on the inferiority of the Jews. It lauds the German race, and emphasizes the necessity of German blood for admittance to a German community. It does not forget a study of the German cultural regions outside of Germany. The youth must be influenced and books are one important way.

The history since the World War has been rewritten. The direct purpose is to present an account of the war that will turn the children against all other countries and arouse in them the desire to avenge the wrongs of

the World War. The Treaty of Versailles is presented as a poisonous and vicious document. Students in social study classes are made to feel it is their duty to rectify the abuses of this treaty.

History, when it was governed by the constitution, was used as a tool to create peace, and to solve the current international problems. The teachers and pupils took excursions to other European countries, to study their form of government, in order to learn the problems that different types of government present. When Hitler gained power he immediately stopped this unprejudiced study of history. His first thought was to have the World War history rewritten.

All subjects that do not aid in making Germany a greater militaristic state are banned from the schools. The curriculum is dominated by such subjects as eugenics, racial hygiene and physical education. Hitler considers these subjects necessary for the students' full understanding of the German state.

There is some contradiction as to religion in the school because in the morning the pupils read the Bible as God's word and in the afternoon they read Hitler's "Mein Kampf" as the Bible. As yet Hitler has made no statement as to the restriction of religion, but he has said that it can in no way conflict with the views of the Nazi. Hitler has, however, forbidden religion or any person who preaches it to enter the camps, in which every man is required to spend a year.

The German children between six and ten are required to attend the Grundschule. If the children do not wish to attend the public Grundschule they are permitted to attend private schools which are approved by Hitler. Formerly, the students had a choice of four secondary schools. These four were namely, The Gymnasium, a classical school; the Realgymnasium, a semi-classical school; the Oberreal gymnasium, a modern language and scientific school, and the Realschule, a school giving wide choice of elective subjects. Hitler felt that unification of these schools was definitely necessary. He decided on a fifth school that is at present his pride and joy. The pupils that attend Hitler's school must be personally chosen.

The first step Hitler took when he started to reform education was to reduce the number of students allowed to enter the secondary schools and universities. As a result a large number of teachers were discharged. The greater part of these teachers were either Jewish or non-adherents to Hitler's principles of education.

In spite of this wholesale dismissal of teachers, Hitler has raised the standards of the profession. The elementary school teacher has the same requirements as the secondary teacher. These requirements include practice teaching in religion, German, and arithmetic. To secure a temporary position, he must pass an examination which includes professional training and subject matter. Next follows a period of two years probation. If he survives this period, he may secure a permanent position by passing a second and more difficult exam. Salaries are determined by the central authorities and married men are allowed twenty-five marks extra for each child in addition to their regular salary. Teachers have to take an oath of allegiance to Hitler which is "Adolph Hitler, we shall see to it that our young people will become imbued with your ideas, thoughts, and wills."

How could Hitler control German education so completely? Schools in Germany are controlled directly by the central government. When Hitler gained power of the central government he naturally asserted his right to model education according to his ideas. One obstacle that presented itself was a clause of the constitution which stated that teachers must familiarize the pupils with New Europe and the New World, instill a love of country and a spirit of international conciliation. Hitler, therefore, had to change the constitution to suit his own demands.

The number of people allowed to enter Universities in Germany has been reduced thirty-one percent from 1931 to 1935. It has been continuing to decrease since then. This reduction is due to the depression and to the entrance examination which Hitler has made considerably more difficult. Mental, physical, and moral political examinations are required. Certain racial requirements must be met and Jews are prohibited from the universities. The purpose of the university to Hitler is to train the few men needed to do higher work in the German state.

In conclusion, I quote from Irwin Edwin this statement which sums up education in the two countries. "A totalitarian government can 'educate' its citizens by making them rubber stamps. This is the last thing a democracy can afford to do. Democracy may indeed be defined as a society in which, in the educational process and in the daily arrangements of life, the habit of intelligence is made universal."

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Receipts	
June 15, '40, Balance in Bank	\$31.84
Cash raised by Finance Committee	20.75
Sale of Banquet Tickets	45.95
Interest on Bank Deposits	.56
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Disbursements

June 15, 1940, E. Upham for Gleaner	\$20.75
Banquet expenses	51.35
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	\$72.10
Balance deposited in Bank	
June 14, 1941	27.00
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	\$99.10

GLADYS HARRINGTON

Report of Treasurer of the Gleaner Fund

Receipts

June 15, 1940, Balance on hand	\$313.37
Dues of Sustaining Members	39.00
Contributions of Other Alumni	32.00
Advertisements	37.00
Sale of Gleaners	37.25
The Trustees for 1939-1940	25.00
The Trustees for 1940-1941	35.00
Finance Committee	23.75

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Interest on Bank Deposit	7.07
Miscellaneous	.03

Total Receipts	\$549.47
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Printing the Gleaner	\$130.74
Editing the Gleaner	50.00
Postage	12.09
Miscellaneous	.50

Total Disbursements	\$193.33
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Balance on Hand June 14, 1941	356.14
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ETHEL E. UPHAM

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THE REUNION OF AUGUST, 1941

Saturday, August ninth, dawned fair and warm. By afternoon the warmth had become heat and the sky looked showery, but a goodly number of alumni gathered on the Academy lawn to visit and renew old friendships. Those who were present for this part of the reunion program seemed thoroughly to enjoy the opportunity of greeting old friends and talking over their school days. Husbands, wives, and children were introduced in person or by means of photographs. One group of oldtimers drove to Roseland Park, as they used to do in former years—except that they went in cars instead of in horse-drawn vehicles—and visited together there.

On the ballfield there took place a spirited game between the married men and the bachelors, captained respectively by Charles Saltonstall and Frank Young. Charlie's scarlet hat was the most conspicuous object on the diamond, in that respect reminding us of the famed plume of King Henry of Navarre. Unfortunately, rally round their red-hatted captain as they might, the married men were not, like the followers of Navarre, able to carry away the victory. The game ended in favor of the bachelors.

Most of the visitors made tours of the Academy buildings, noting the new Agriculture building and particularly the many changes which had taken place in the main academy since their own schooldays. One did not need to be a very old grad to see changes there. Recent years have seen the entire building, except for the auditorium and some space on the upper floor at the east end, converted into classrooms and laboratories.

During the afternoon, registration in the library was in charge of Jane Danielson of the class of 1941, the

sale of banquet tickets was conducted by Martha Kuper Cozzens, and delicious punch, very welcome on this hot day, was dispensed by Roxanna Child Williams and her assistant.

The list of registrants includes 172 names, but this is considerably less than the total number of persons in attendance at some time during the hours between three and eleven. It is unfortunate that a complete roster of persons present can seldom be attained on an occasion such as this. Some came for the afternoon but were unable to stay for the banquet, while many others arrived just in time for the latter event.

It was at about seven o'clock that the line of banqueters formed in the order of the guests' attendance at the Academy. At the head table were seated the President of the Association, the Toastmaster, the Principal, the speakers of the evening, wives and husbands of these persons, the Reverend Welles Partridge, the Association's secretary and her stenographer assistant, Elva Keith, and two guests of honor, Mrs. Ella Fitts Child and Mrs. Alice Sharpe Hammond, the oldest alumni present.

An opening prayer was offered by Reverend Mr. Partridge.

The caterer, Mr. Holman of Norwood, Mass., efficiently served an excellent and bountiful meal.

After the tables were cleared, the following program was presented:

Toastmaster, Rev. Henry D. Baker.

Greetings, Alumni President

Martin A. Nelson

Flag Salute

(Followed by first verse of America the Beautiful)

Musical Selection

Mary, Veronica and Raymond Hibbard

Address, "Rhode Island's Yesterdays"

Mrs. Mary Taylor Whitney
Greetings from Smallest Class

Agnes C. Paine, 1890

Greetings from Largest Class

Conrad Collins, 1938

Greetings from Oldest Member Present

Wand Drill

Led by Florence Warren Latham
Calisthenic Director in 1904

Original pupils in this exercise.

Assembly Singing

"The Old, Old Story"

By Dr. Wm. H. Doane, Class of 1840
Rhetoricals of 1909

Brer Rabbitt and Mr. Frog

Bernice Bates Marschall

Graduation Dress Parade

Gladys Young Anderson, Chairman
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Musical Selection

Ida Spalding Masters

and Loretta Masters

Song, "Woodstock Academy"

A little elaboration of this program may be of interest. The flag salute was conducted by Sergeant Vernon T. Wetherell, and the chorus singing led by Louise Pike Jordan. The two instrumental selections were of a semi-classical nature and were excellently rendered. All who took part in them, except Miss Masters, are alumni of the Academy.

The secretary was called upon to read several letters which had been received from persons who could not be present. She also conducted a rollcall of classes. It was found that four persons were present who attended school in the old Academy, that is, in the early 1870's. The at least half dozen other persons still living who enjoy this distinction were unfortunately unable to be present.

The largest number present from any class was seven, from the class of 1931. The class of 1912 seems to have had the largest percentage of its members in attendance, five out of eight, or 62½ percent.

Several persons were called upon for short talks, extemporaneous or otherwise; these were Vernon Wetherell, Sidney Upham, Mr. William Simpson, Mr. Partridge, Frank Rockwell, Herman Chandler, Leslie Harris, Henry J. Potter, and Judge Clarence R. Hall.

The first of the two main speakers on the program, Mrs. Mary Taylor Whitney, was born in Elmvalle and attended the Academy for a short time before her family moved away from Woodstock. Her address, a series of interesting tales, was the product of her own research among the early records of the town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island. We regret that lack of space prevents our printing even one of these anecdotes, but we hope that a future Gleaner will contain some of Mrs. Whitney's writings.

The wand drill regrettably did not take place. Mrs. Latham explained the omission as due to the small number of original participants available and the lack of opportunity for practice. Your editor feels that the story of the original drill, which she remembers well, having had a part in it, is worth relating.

The Gleaner for 1904 has the following paragraph in its account of the Rhetoricals of that year.

"A very happy conclusion was given to the program by the company of young lady students giving in perfect rhythm a wand drill under the leadership of Miss Warren, the teacher in calisthenics. The delighted audience forgot all fatigue and encored them to the echo..."

But that is not the whole story. Encored, we again ascended the platform. Again we began the movements—wand right, wand left; above, below—but something went wrong. The unprecedented applause must have gone to our heads. Someone in the front row made an error, pointed her wand to the left when it should have gone to the right. The

girls behind her followed her lead. The contagion spread, and in a moment all was confusion, no two wands pointing in the same direction at the same time. Everybody except us girls and our teacher was delighted. There was a tremendous burst of laughter, and the Rhetoricals audience dispersed in high good humor.

Bernice Marschall's Uncle Remus story was presented with just the same fervor and effect as in the long-past year of 1909, though the orator has changed considerably in personal appearance during the intervening years, and elected to read her story instead of reciting it.

The Graduating Dress Parade had for its earliest dress one worn by Blanche Perry Bosworth in 1911. It was modeled by Thelma Johnson. Barbara Barrett modeled her mother's dress of the year 1915, and Sybil Joy, Sylvia May White's dating back to 1920. Annette May Clark wore her own in which she graduated twenty years ago, while Geneva Cross White looked quite at home in her nine-year-old gown.

Frederick Rockwell's talk was largely reminiscent in character, and brief, out of consideration for the lateness of the hour.

It was voted that the secretary send to Mrs. Amelia Williams Tillinghast, aged ninety-seven, the oldest alumnus, the assembly's greeting, together with an expression of regret that she was unable to be present. Others of the older alumni who although their homes are near by, were not able to attend the reunion because of temporary indisposition or other causes, were missed by their friends. This number included Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Taber, Miss Mary Flynn, and Miss Nellie Chandler.

Before the evening's program had quite reached its conclusion, a brilliant flash of lightning shone in at the gymnasium windows. A few persons left the room, but most stayed

through to the end. Some who lived near by, or who were able to make a quick getaway, probably got home before it rained, but it is safe to say that the majority of those attending this 1941 reunion had to make their way homeward through wind and driving rain, flashing lightning and heavy crashes of thunder, for the storm was a severe one. No one stayed for the dance which had been planned for the younger and gayer of the alumni.

A Message From the Reunion Chairmen

The 1941 reunion is now history. We sincerely hope the 194 banquet guests and the others who came in the afternoon are enjoying a pleasant memory of this occasion.

Unfortunately we must report that our list of names for banquet reservations includes thirty whose tickets were not claimed or paid for. Our guarantee to the caterer was based on these reservations and had to be paid. We hope these obligations will be met by the persons contracting them. Payment of one dollar for each reservation may be made to Gladys Harrington, South Woodstock, who is treasurer of the Alumni Association.

It was a gratifying experience to find a member of each of the fifty-one classes who was willing to assist in contacting our large group of graduates. No less indebted are we to the members who worked on committees. The response to our call for help truly reflects the old Academy spirit of loyalty.

Eleanor K. Lewis
Myrtle H. Anderson

Comments

"It seems to me that it was the best reunion I ever attended."

"I thought it was lovely; everything went off so smoothly."

"I was telling my nieces and neph-

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Alumni News Items

FACULTY ITEMS

Mrs. Mary Dwight Isaacs is now ninety-two years of age, but is in comfortable health and pleased to receive her copy of the Gleaner each year.

Professor and Mrs. George D. Lord celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in Hanover N. H., on June 30th. A family supper was given for the couple at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Artemas Packard. They were fortunate in having present four members of the original wedding party: Mrs. J. Arthur Gage, Mrs. Lord's sister, who was maid of honor; Mr. Edward Lord, Mr. Lord's brother, who was best man; Mrs. Charles A. Sparrow, Mrs. Lord's niece, who was a flower girl, and Dr. Gilman Frost, an usher. Mr. and Mrs. Lord were married in Woodstock in 1891 and have lived in Hanover, N. H., since then. Mr. Lord, who was principal of the Academy in 1886-7, was a member of the Dartmouth faculty for forty years until he retired in 1933. Mr. and Mrs. Lord have one daughter, Mrs. Artemas Packard, and two grandchildren, Artemas and Andrew Bowen Packard.

Miss Lucy D. Reed, long a teacher in Watertown, Massachusetts, retired at the end of the last school year. She and a friend have built a new home for themselves in the neighboring city of Waltham.

An item from a recent Putnam paper reads, "William Burns of Woburn called at A. N. Hammond's last week and reported that his sister, **Mrs. Marguerite Burns Millar** of London, is still keeping up good courage, is well and writes that with the assistance of the U. S. A. they will surely win in the end." Mrs. Millar can be assured that her Woodstock friends think of her often, that

they admire her courageous spirit and that of the other Londoners under fire, and are confident, as she is, that the outcome of the war will be England's success.

Kathleen Bailey Andrews was living in Ohio when last heard from.

Miss Marion Spring, teacher from 1936 to 1938, was married in April of this year.

Miss Margaret Allen has been teaching in North Attleboro the past year.

Mrs. Laurence McWilliam has given up her work at the Academy, after seven very successful years as teacher of commercial subjects.

Miss Ruth Chaffin is now spending a week on Cape Cod, but expects to be in Woodstock at the 4-H Club Camp in August. In the fall she is to take a new position in Deep River.

Miss Eunice Thompson is studying this summer at the University of Vermont.

Miss Mildred Keirns will again be at her desk in the senior room when school opens in the fall.

Mrs. Marcia Lachapelle is staying at her home in Harrisville most of the time this summer.

It is a pleasure to be able again to greet **Miss Sara Kenyon**, school nurse, who was incapacitated by illness a large part of the year.

Mr. William A. Simpson, Principal, and his family will be in Woodstock most of the summer.

Mr. William P. Robbins is studying at the University of New Hampshire during the vacation months. He is somewhat apprehensive that a call to serve his country may interrupt his teaching duties at the Academy.

Mr. Henry J. Dunleavy is busy with his duties as agricultural adviser to young people and with social activities, including a share in defense work.

BEFORE 1890

Mrs. Amelia Williams Tillinghast, aged ninety-seven, the Academy's oldest alumnus, is in comfortable health at her home in Danielson.

Mrs. Caroline Way Taber of Woodstock this year joined the ranks of alumni nonagenarians. Thirty-five of her relatives, friends, and neighbors made her a surprise visit on her ninetieth birthday, among them being her daughter **Gertrude (Mrs. Fred Howard)** of West Hartford. Mrs. Taber enjoys excellent health for one of her years.

Mrs. Alice Sharpe Hammond sends the Gleaner her usual friendly letter from her home in Hampton.

Mrs. Ella Fitts Child lives quietly at her home in Elmvale, interested, as always, in the home and community life about her, and having her share in its activities. From its beginning, the Gleaner has often called upon Mrs. Child for historical information and for articles of various sorts, and she is still a valuable source of information upon many such subjects.

Mrs. Lucy Mason Morse writes her usual letter to the Gleaner from her quiet home in Easthampton, Massachusetts. One of her chief interests this year has been the hundredth anniversary celebration of the founding of Williston Academy, in the life of which her late husband, Professor Sidney Morse, played so prominent a part for many years.

The profound sympathy of all her friends is extended to **Miss Mary L. Flynn**, who lost her sister a little over a year ago, and both her brothers during the past few months. The elder, **Col. William F. Flynn**, retired, passed away in his home town of Monticello, New York. The younger, **Dr. Harry S. Flynn**, was the victim of a fall on the ice, as he was on the way to his work as the physician in charge of the dispensary of the Brown and Sharpe Company in Providence. Miss Flynn continues to

reside alone at her old home, "Century-Old Cottage," in Woodstock.

Judge Albert McC. Mathewson of New Haven has the sympathy of all in the passing of his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Board Mathewson, last November. Judge Mathewson has been a fairly frequent and very welcome visitor in Woodstock, for which town he has a great fondness. He is one of the Academy's most loyal older alumni.

Mr. William H. Allen was one of the speakers at the exercises connected with the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Woodstock Congregational Church. We quote a paragraph from his speech on that occasion, a paragraph which shows the same gracefulness of expression as that with which Gleaner readers have become familiar during the past few years: "Woodstock is more than a place. It is like a story that has been told; a legend, and also a shrine. I once came back here for a brief visit. It was in June, years ago. As I passed along the old familiar roads there prevailed a hush and a silence which gave me a feeling I cannot describe. It was as if the unseen presences of those who once lived and toiled were hovering about and still guarding the crumbling remains of what their hands had created in days of long ago. It was a fancy, but the countryside became at once a sanctuary and a sepulchre beneath the blue arch of heaven and over the green carpet of forest and meadow."

Mrs. Mary Fenner Heyworth of Providence sends the following anecdote: "I recall this incident which occurred many years ago—it was in the days of sleighing parties. One such affair was meticulously arranged by a few of the students of Woodstock Academy; the objective point was Hotel Dresser, at Southbridge. The menu was pre-arranged and to consist solely of a *Hot Oyster Stew*; but the fates were against us.

The day of the party was very warm; consequently an intense thaw did its natural work; so, we did not go, and this clever item appeared in the following issue of the *Gleaner*: —'LOST: SOMEWHERE BETWEEN WOODSTOCK AND SOUTHBRIDGE —A LARGE BODY OF SNOW', etc., etc." Your editor is old enough to feel sure that the bus trips which present-day young people enjoy do not yield their participants half as much fun as the old-time sleighing parties gave to the girls and boys of their day. We suppose that there still exist in the Academy library copies of the old "*Gleaner*" to which Mrs. Heyworth refers, the handwritten magazine from which our present *Gleaner* derived its name.

Mrs. Frank E. Randall (**Mary Elizabeth Hopkins**) has been honored with life membership in the Southbridge Women's Club.

Judge Frank F. Russell is a most loyal alumnus, not only of Woodstock Academy, but also of Trinity College, where he attended in June the fifty-seventh reunion of his class.

The earliest alumnus present at the annual meeting in June was **Mrs. Carrie Blackmar Healey**, who attended the Academy in the early eighties. A few days after the meeting she was taken suddenly ill, and, though gradually gaining, is still, at this writing, confined to her room. She is enduring her enforced idleness with excellent courage, and her friends hope to see her again in her usual good health after a time.

Mrs. Annette Bowen Lord sent in the fall a kind note of appreciation of the contents of last year's *Gleaner*. Recently her sister, **Mrs. Sara Bowen Gage**, of Lowell, Massachusetts, also sent a note, with which she enclosed the interesting account of Mr. and Mrs. Lord's golden wedding which appears among the faculty items.

Mrs. Mary Taylor Whitney, in her capacity of committee chairman for the D. A. R. chapter of North Kings-

ton, Rhode Island, has recently had a pleasant task editing a book of local folk-tales. She feels that Woodstock must have a great many such tales to offer, if only it were not such a job to collect them.

Mr. Harris C. Buxton of Kent, Washington, is an alumnus on whom the editor can count for a response when the *Gleaner* has been mailed to him. His letters are unfailingly appreciative of our efforts and his monetary enclosures keep his *Gleaner* paid for up to date, with generally something over for good measure. Thank you, Mr. Buxton.

Mr. Anthony M. Tourtellot writes by proxy, i. e., by Mrs. Tourtellot's hand, "There's no news about the Tourtellot family this time. We're all plodding along and plugging along, too, trying to make the best of a muddled national situation. Mr. Tourtellot sends greetings to all who remember him. I've been 'brought up' on stories of Woodstock since I married A. M. T. They're interesting stories, too."

1890-1900

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin O. Sumner (**Eva Jackson**) of Willimantic were saddened by the death of Mrs. Sumner's father, Mr. Frank Jackson, which occurred some months ago.

Halsey Weaver again spent the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida. He hopes to greet his old friends at the reunion.

Alfred Child and his wife have spent the past winter at Silver Birches, Lake Ronkonkoma, Long Island. This summer they are at their cottage at Port Jefferson, Long Island. Their daughter Eunice, who teaches in St. Louis, is with them for July and August.

Myrtie Chaffee Jordan took a long-anticipated trip to California in February and March, going by way of New Orleans for the Mardi Gras, and touring southern California and

Mexico. She called on old friends on the west coast.

Anne Hall Gaylord expects to be with her daughter, Marjory Brink, in August. Dr. Brink has been teaching and doing research work in the Cornell Medical School the past year, but is now to return to the Johnson Foundation of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

Edith Hall Dohan has recently become a grandmother. She writes no other news of herself, except that she hopes to be in Woodstock later in the summer.

The sudden and unexpected passing of **Charles D. Tatem** of Eastford was a shock to his numerous friends far and near. There could be no finer tribute to any man than the resolution passed by the members of the church which he served so long; and the loss of a man who merited such a tribute must be keenly felt in the community in which he performed so many varied services. It is evident that his watchword was "Service". We quote a paragraph from the above-mentioned resolution: "It would be impossible to enumerate the valuable services rendered, the inspirations given, the charitable acts of kindness which he found time to give. Hardly a person in the town but has at some time been encouraged by the neighborly touch of his hand." To his widow, **Jennie Bosworth Tatem**, and to the other members of his family and his friends the Gleaner extends sincere sympathy.

According to Myrtie Jordan, **Estella Tompkins Waterbury** is an excellent hostess. She and her son carried Mrs. Jordan from and back to her hotel, entertained her at lunch, took her to call on **Jessie Bowen Palmer**. The old friends reminisced all day long about their mutual acquaintances in Woodstock, and a very pleasant day was spent.

Bertrand Andrews of Putnam sends us the following letter:

"Dear Friends of the Alumni:

"It has been fifteen years since I first attended one of our gatherings in 1926. Since then many things have happened. Many I knew have gone on to the final exams, and we sincerely hope they have all passed 100%. In '26 I was still in the Postal Service; now I have been retired four years. I have spent my winters in Florida, but only to get away from the cold weather, for I love New England, where I was born in Southbridge, Mass. I have lived nearly all of my life in Connecticut where there is great beauty in the rolling hills and pleasant valleys. I am now sitting back and letting the world go by and enjoying my family, a wife and six children; four boys and two girls. All are now married and in good health. I have one granddaughter and five grandsons. My health is none too good, but I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting some of my schoolmates of long ago. As the years go by it is more and more uncertain how many more times we will meet at these five-year reunions. Let us hope for many, and be prepared for a few more when the Master will say, 'Class dismissed'."

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney D. Upham have had the grand experience of a six weeks automobile tour through the western states this summer, visiting the Pacific Coast south to Los Angeles and returning via Boulder Dam and the Canyons of northern Arizona and southern Utah. They report a BIG country in the West. They will make an extended visit at Sidney's old home in East Woodstock.

Elizabeth Chandler continues to teach school. She is having a new home built in Pasadena, which she expects to be able to occupy very soon. She and her sister, **Helen Wallace**, were glad to greet their old Woodstock friends, Myrtie Jordan

and Sidney Upham, at their homes during the latter's western trips.

Mowry and Mary Frost Ross continue to make their headquarters in West Woodstock, although Mowry has been employed in Wilmington, Delaware, for quite a number of months. Their elder daughter, Margaret, has recently presented them with a small grandson. The younger, Edna, is with her mother and is engaged in secretarial work in the office of the American Optical Company.

Bertran C. Bugbee writes, "No news, but best wishes for all Academy Alumni near and far."

Hattie L. Deans usually has news of travel for her Gleaner friends. This year it is about a three months bus circle tour of the country, during which she entered every state but one, and stopped to visit her New England friends. She made her headquarters in Denver for several months of the past year.

At the present time **Gardner Richardson**, former Commercial Attache at the U. S. Embassy in Istanbul, is, with his family, making the difficult journey back to this country. His mother and sisters, Mrs. Lythgoe and **Dorothy Richardson Lincoln**, hope for his safe arrival sometime in August.

CLASS OF 1896

Ruth Cahoon Leary still resides at 70 Althea Street, Providence, R. I., and is employed in the office of William C. Greene Company, Manufacturing Jewelers. Her hobby is automobile trips, and accompanied by her husband she recently returned from a week spent at Lake Winnisquam, New Hampshire. She makes frequent visits to the home of her sister, Mrs. George Young, in South Woodstock, and to the homes of nieces and nephews in the same neighborhood.

Mary Bowen Keith writes, "All has been well with us for the past year . . . We are making plans for our vacation, the first week in August, to be spent in Bridgeport with our son, daughter-in-law and four-years-old grandson. Glad at any time to have friends call at our home, 42 South Main Street, Putnam. The forty-five years have passed very quickly. Have ever kept our class motto in mind, 'Do Ye Next Thing'."

CLASS OF 1901

Mary Aldrich Hopkins died on November 9, 1940.

"Death is only an old door set in a garden wall."

Ethel Spalding Silberberg lives in Cambridge, Mass., at 35 Arlington St. She is deeply interested in the music careers of her children and in the new home purchased this spring.

Phoebe Ward Randall Pray attended the Reunion. She is active in the civic life of Rockville. Her son George has enlisted for three years in the regular army, and is located in Hawaii at the air base near Honolulu. Phoebe intends to go to Honolulu in October.

Herman Chandler with Mrs. Chandler came from Holyoke to attend the Reunion.

Herbert Slye is very busy in the Stafford Springs General Motors service garage. He has another garage in Rockville. His younger daughter is his housekeeper since the death of Mrs. Slye three years ago.

Frank Davenport has transferred the management of his three Harrisburg restaurants to his two sons, both Dartmouth graduates. This frees Frank to pursue his duties as director of the Thompson Restaurant Co., supervising 104 restaurants in twenty-eight states with headquarters in Chicago. Included in his directorship are ninety more Bickford

restaurants scattered from San Francisco to Boston. These duties keep Frank travelling. We hope he won't forget to call on old classmates when he is in our localities. As a recreational interest Frank is developing a hunting and fishing camp in the mountains. He is completing ponds where young trout will be raised for stocking his several miles of mountain streams.

Ewart Brunn lives at 2001 Sacramento St., San Francisco. He is connected with the Better Business Bureau in that city as manager of their Automotive division. He reports his work exceedingly interesting, consisting in investigating the complaints against as well as between dealers. Besides this wide field Ewart formulates legislation for the betterment of the automobile trade in general. Ewart reports that he is completely captivated by the climate of California.

Ernest Williamson lives in Edgewood, R. I., 362 Smith St.

Olive Paine lives in Rochester, N. Y. She has been transferred to the principalship of a school of 800 children. In addition there are in the building an all day nursery school and a large draft board. Since about 500 of the pupils must be provided with noon lunch the building has an active appearance continuously from eight A. M. to nine P. M.

1902-1910

After two years at sea as commander of the U. S. S. Nevada, a battleship of the Pacific fleet, **Captain Frank Rockwell** is spending a few months at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Paul and Pearle Gifford and their family moved last fall to Uxbridge, Massachusetts, where Paul is employed.

Bernice Leavitt and her mother decided to remain in Florida through the summer months this year.

Mary Myers Graham continues her teaching in East Haddam. Her son Victor was recently married and lives in Hartford. His work is with United Aircraft. Julian is in the army, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He is engaged in radio work.

Lyle W. Turner is a buyer for Hahne and Company of Newark, New Jersey, and is living in Montclair.

CLASS OF 1906

From Torrington, Wyoming, comes word from **Sarah Herrington Froyd** that she never wants to lose touch with Woodstock. She really expected to be here last year. Her husband is National Vice-Commander of the American Legion and she was on the National Child Welfare Committee. Both have had some wonderful trips. Their son, John, will enter the University of Wyoming this fall to begin his pre-medical course.

On her trip west to Yellowstone Park last summer, **Lottie Howard Spalding** reports a very pleasant call on Sarah Herrington Froyd and her mother. In the fall, Lottie took up her duties again as teacher of the fifth and sixth grades at the Elmvale School. Her son, **Joseph**, is sergeant in the veterinary detachment of the 11th Cavalry unit at Camp Seeley in Imperial Valley, California; while **William** attended the American International College at Springfield, Mass., and **Elizabeth Guertin** continues with her "Beauty Box" in Plainfield, Conn.

Another from the West is **Florence Welch Armstrong** of Sioux City, Iowa. She keeps busy at home and at the office where her husband carries on a plumbing business. Her daughter, Ruth Ann, taught swimming at a Scout Camp in Wisconsin. She is a student in the University of Nebraska. Robert, a senior in High School, was a star debater.

Mabel Ritch is an instructor in voice at Rollins College, Winter

Park, Florida. She also continues with her concerts and recitals. Several students have taken advantage of her sojourn in Woodstock this summer.

Elizabeth Carr Gros Jean is always happy to renew old acquaintances with anyone visiting Watkins Glen. Carroll and family make their home in part of the house and she enjoys her granddaughter. Paul is manager of the Wagner Hotel at Penn Yan, New York, which is near enough so that she may see her grandson occasionally.

Marvin Hyde's son, Frederick Hyde, a journalist, lives in Philadelphia, Penn., is married and has three children. Asa Hyde makes his home in Uncasville with his mother.

Carl Morse lives in East Woodstock. His son Ermond teaches 7th and 8th grades in Hampton, Conn. His daughter Muriel is a nurse.

Maude Healey has been transferred to Central High School where she has five classes in Algebra and a Stamp Club. She comes to Woodstock from Bridgeport for most of her vacations.

Ethel Upham, as secretary of the Alumni Association and Editor of the Gleaner, is well known because of her contacts with the alumni from her home in East Woodstock.

CLASS OF 1911

Harris May is still selling pounds of gasoline on Woodstock Avenue.

James Donlon continues in the insurance field in Hartford at 451 Franklin Avenue.

Esther Nelson is at home caring for her mother at the present time.

Blanche Perry Bosworth resides in Pomfret Center, where her husband is a prosperous farmer and cattle dealer.

Dorothy Cox Archer still resides in Hartford.

Esther Johnson, as far as can be learned, is in Middletown, Connecticut.

Martin Nelson keeps busy with store and postoffice in South Woodstock. As president of the Alumni Association he is especially busy, this being a reunion year.

1912-1920

Helen Perley now holds the offices of Town Clerk and Judge of Probate for the town of Woodstock. Office and home duties keep her busy. However, she has shared her home and home duties during much of the past year with Mrs. Marion Spence and Miss Sara Kenyon.

Carl Johnson has a part in the vast automotive industry of Flint, Michigan. His twin sons are 1941 high school graduates.

Eleanor Keith Lewis is a county director of the Connecticut State Teachers' Association. Early in the summer she took part in a panel discussion on the topic of public relations at Yale University. But the most important news about Eleanor is that she and **Myrtle Ware Anderson** are acting as co-chairmen of arrangements for this year's reunion. We think they are doing a splendid job; time will tell. Anyhow, they're keeping very busy, and we can't blame them if they feel that their summer vacation will not really begin until after the ninth of August.

Mary Chamberlin returned from Woodside Cottages, Framingham, in March for a few weeks of rest, and decided not to return there. She has been in Woodstock most of the time since then, where she has found scope in several different homes for her ability as a practical nurse. At present she is helping to care for **Mrs. Leonard Healey**.

Otto Pike's son Galen is living with his grandparents in East Woodstock this year and attending the Academy.

Hazel Wood Coburn believes in taking time by the forelock. She was able to attend the alumni meeting in

June, and took advantage of the opportunity, since she thought that in the ordinary course of human events something might prevent her attendance at the larger reunion in August. Hazel's daughter, Ruth, accompanied her. Two of Hazel's former schoolmates, **Helen Perley** and **Mary Chamberlin**, had the pleasure of surprising her at her home in West Fairlee recently, while on an auto trip through northern New England and New York. As Hazel loves to entertain her Woodstock friends, the pleasure was hers, also.

Louise Lindeman Landres and her family moved this spring to West Springfield, Massachusetts, where Mr. Landres has charge of activities at the very fine Y. M. C. A. building located in that city.

Lulu Johnson is gradually recuperating from an operation and a long period of illness which has kept her below par physically for a large part of the past year.

CLASS OF 1916

Merrill Keith holds a civil service position in the Department of Public Welfare of the state of Massachusetts. He and his family have moved from Whitinsville to Gilbertville. Merrill writes that he has all the traveling he wants for once, as his work takes him over most of the area of three counties. He writes that **Ruth** keeps busy with Betty, who is to start school this fall. The older daughter, Marjorie, has graduated from Becker College and is employed by the State Mutual Life Assurance Company in Worcester.

Wentworth Johnson continues to be occupied with the coffee business, and lives in Miami, Florida.

Lyman Hibbard says he has nothing new to offer, being well occupied with home and farm duties.

Joseph Henriess' whereabouts are not known.

A card of inquiry has failed as yet

to elicit any response from **Marion Perkins McDonald**.

Bernice Sanger Graves and her family live in Brooklyn, N. Y. Bernice has two sons and two daughters. Her older son has just finished High School.

CLASS OF 1921

The members of the Class of '21 may all be found in Woodstock, the only class, we feel, that can boast of such a record.

John McClellan keeps busy at his law office on the Hill. During the past year he took over the management of his father's farm.

Spencer Jordan lives in the Chandler district and is employed at the Stillwater Worsted Mill in East Woodstock. Spencer enjoyed a fishing trip in Maine during the summer.

Marvin Barrett may be found at his home in North Woodstock, although his work takes him to many points in Connecticut. He is employed as an investigator for the State Welfare Department.

Annette May Clark resides in South Woodstock. She keeps very busy with her boys' and girls' 4-H clubs which she organized during the past year.

1922-1930

Helen Johnson continues to teach in Woodstock. She is to be transferred from the Quassett school to South Woodstock the coming year.

Elsa Johnson is working in Worcester. She spends her week-ends at her home in the Center District of Woodstock.

Reuben Swanson is now employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company as carpenter in the Bridge and Building Department. His children are attending the Quassett school, where he himself was once a pupil. Last winter Reuben had an attack of the

grippe. At that time a cheerful fire in the fireplace in his room furnished the inspiration for the little poem found on another page of the Gleaner. We did not know before of Reuben's leaning toward poetical expression.

Arnold Johnston is now located at Talcottville, Connecticut. His work is with the Pratt Whitney Company.

Sergt. Vernon T. Wetherell of the Regular Army Reserve force is stationed at present at Camp Devens, where his special duties are in the quartermaster's department.

Vera Cross Taylor and her husband have recently purchased a home in Andover, Connecticut. The older of their two children is ready to begin school this fall. Vera has been an active worker for consolidation of schools and other educational improvements in Columbia, where she recently lived, and is also serving as secretary of the town and county Democratic organizations. Mr. Taylor is well known throughout the state as a member of the state police, in the traffic department. He is a frequent speaker on traffic problems before schools and organizations.

Rebecca Hibbard makes her headquarters in Milton, Massachusetts. She does nursing in the Quincy City Hospital.

Wallace Child's business is with a credit company in Los Angeles, California.

Elsie Hibbard Allen is living in Framingham, Massachusetts.

CLASS OF 1926

Selma Johnson is still engaged in nursing at the Day Kimball Hospital.

Elizabeth Kempf is living at home with her mother in Pomfret where they have recently moved.

Edith Nelson is employed by the Stillwater Worsted Co. in East Woodstock.

Eleanor Peterson Lawton and her

husband with their two small daughters live at their cottage at Alexander's Lake in the summer and in Pomfret during the winter.

Stewart Morse is employed by the Coca Cola Co. and he and his wife are now living in South Coventry where they have recently moved.

Raymond Anderson helps his father carry on the farm and also runs a retail egg route in Hartford. Raymond and **Gladys** have two children, David—four, and Martha—two.

Sarah Healey Pedersen and her husband are living on their farm in the Center District where Sarah has a registered Nursing Home. When not busy at home she does private nursing.

Edith Johnson B'iven works in the office of the Riley Stoker Company in Worcester, Mass.

Richard Johnson and his wife live in Jamaica Plain, Mass., and he works in Brookline, Mass.

Nils Shennings is employed by the Pratt Whitney Aircraft Co. and he and his wife are living in Manchester.

Christopher Williams is still caretaker on the DeFlorez Estate in Pomfret. He is living in Pomfret Center with his family who have recently moved there.

Ernest Peckham is now employed by the Stillwater Worsted Co. in East Woodstock. He and Mrs. Peckham and their four year old daughter Janet are living in East Woodstock.

Laura Cross Pringle with her husband and two children, Ronald, five, and Robert, three, live in Weatogue, Conn. Laura is active in church work and is on the way to becoming Matron of her local chapter of the Eastern Star. She occasionally visits her family and friends here.

Irene Esterbrook Bedard with her husband and three year old son, Lawrence, are now living in Oxford

on a small farm which they have purchased.

Franklin Wetherell is an Assistant Manager at the Publick House in Sturbridge, Mass. His engagement to Miss Harriet Marie Trowbridge of Pomfret was announced this summer.

When last heard from **Jeanie Davies Goodwin** was living in Providence.

Harold Esterbrook is somewhere in the West. He works at carpentry and he and his wife have a son six years old, Harold Arnold.

Oscar Speck and **George Mower** have not been heard from.

CLASS OF 1931

Martha Kuper Cozzens lives in North Woodstock at the Gulf Service Station where she keeps very busy. She is chairman of the alumni association's finance committee.

Elsie Erickson is bookkeeper for Stillwater Worsted Company, a position she has had for several years.

Donald French, with **Beatrice Child French** and their small daughter, lives in Tolland, Connecticut, where Donald drives a truck for the State.

Raymond Hibbard has recently recuperated from an operation and is now continuing his duties as church organist.

Axel Johnson and **Olga Kallgren Johnson** live in Pascoag, Rhode Island. Axel is employed in the office of Stillwater Worsted Company.

Howard Johnson continues on as agent of the Windham County Boys' Club. He expects to go into selective service within a month.

Thelma Johnson has no special news; she goes back to Killingly in the fall to impart some of her knowledge to the next generation.

Sylvia Collins Marcy resides in the old Marcy Homestead in West Woodstock. She worked at Mrs. Taylor's school last year, a task she really enjoyed.

James Meehan is at home.

Jane Lyon Morris is living in Dudley, Massachusetts, where she is kept busy with household duties.

Joseph Morse is making his home in Webster. He and Mrs. Morse are the proud parents of a baby girl.

G. Alfred Wetherell continues to live at home in East Woodstock. He is kept rather busy doing both farm work and trucking.

Let us all be reminded, class of 1931, that this is our tenth anniversary, so why not do your bit for the Gleaner?

1932-1935

Dorcas Johnson has just entered upon her new position as Assistant Superintendent of Nurses at the Sydenham Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

Sumner Spence, as part of his medical training, is spending six weeks of the summer at an army camp.

Virginia Beames, who recently became **Mrs. H. Grant Maple**, has been employed at the Census Bureau in Washington, D. C., since last August. Her husband is also a government employee, attached to the Navy Department.

Dorothy Williams Bennett and her family have purchased a home in Putnam. Mr. Bennett's work is in one of the Putnam grain stores.

CLASS OF 1936

Geoffrey Beames entered Rhode Island State College at Kingston last fall as a graduate assistant to Professor Butterfield of the Floriculture department. He is studying for his Master of Science degree. During the summer he will continue at the college in charge of the experimental work in the greenhouse and outside, also as assistant instructor.

Harold Goldman is employed by Republic Movie Picture Producing

in New York, where he is doing statistical work.

Jane Johnson continues in her position as assistant supervisor at the Hahnemann Hospital in Worcester.

Rachel Kiuru is employed by the J. C. Penny Company in New York.

Augusta Starr Swanberg keeps busy at her home in Woodstock caring for her husband and two-year-old son.

Annie Zipkin is working as a waitress in a restaurant in Providence.

Sven Arvidson is at home working with his father.

Nancy Bjornberg is working for Mrs. R. B. Richardson of Woodstock Hill.

Dorothy Harper Hlavaz is married and lives in Rochester, New York.

Louise Hibbard is employed by the Stillwater Worsted Company in East Woodstock. She spent her vacation in Florida.

Alice Johnson owns and operates a beauty parlor in West Woodstock.

Lois Johnson Janse is living at Newton Highlands, Mass. She has two children, a girl and a boy.

Lillian Kuper is working as a waitress at the "Country Side" in Charlestown, Mass.

Keith Lewis keeps busy with his work at the garage in Eastford.

Elisabeth Perrin is employed at the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance in Hartford.

Scott Peterson is working at the Stillwater Worsted Company in East Woodstock.

Lillian Reese is employed in the office of the Colt Company in Hartford as a comptometer operator.

Lillian Salling is employed at the Stillwater Worsted Company.

Norman Skinner is working at the American Optical Company at Southbridge.

Tessie Smoolca continues to work in Hartford.

Joseph Spalding has been with the United States Army since last fall.

For a while he was stationed at Camp Ord, Monterey, California. Now he is a sergeant in the veterinary detachment of the Eleventh Cavalry at Camp Feeley in Imperial Valley, California.

Presley Wetherell has been studying at Rollins College during the winter and is now working in the Stillwater Worsted Company's mill in East Woodstock for the summer.

Thelma Barlow has been working at the post office in Eastford.

Anna Kallgren is at home, busied with household duties and the care of her sick mother.

CLASS OF 1937

Laura Rutanen is employed at the American Optical Company in Southbridge, Mass. She and a girl friend from Worcester have just returned from an automobile trip through twenty-two states. Some of the outstanding places they visited were Hollywood, Grand Canyon, Carlsbad Caverns, Will Rogers Memorial at Oklahoma, and Mexico. They covered approximately eight thousand miles.

Henry Johnson and **Frances Piccyk** are also working at the American Optical Company.

Susan Latham Clark is living in Paterson, New Jersey, with her husband.

Laurence King Foote Jr. is stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia. He was transferred from Camp Devens, Mass.

John Russell Foote is now living in Claremont, New Hampshire, where he is employed with the Sullivan Company.

Robert Goldman enters his last year at the University of Connecticut.

Marjorie Brown is attending Teachers' College in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Anna Floeting Frost is living in Hartford, Conn.

Helen Ranta is working in New York.

Doris Beames continues to keep busy in the trust department of the National Rockland Bank of Boston.

Jennie Shishko graduated from Willimantic Normal School and has a position teaching in Pomfret, at the Elliott School. **Gladys Willis** also graduated from Willimantic and has a position in Tolland, Conn. Jennie and Gladys were both honored by holding offices in their class at school, the former being class treasurer and the latter secretary.

Norine Durrin is employed at Belding Heminway, in Putnam, Conn.

Warner Gardner, George Chilkott, and **Arthur Newth** are all working at home.

Herman Barlow has a job with a contractor in Eastford.

Anna Young, Paul Spalding, Charles Sandison, and Charles Saltonstall are all employed with the Stillwater Worsted Mill in East Woodstock.

Stephen Morse is with the DuPont Company in Bridgeport, Conn. He also is flying and expects to have his license in a few weeks.

We have no news of **Geneva Lemanski Daigle**.

CLASS OF 1938

"Deeds Not Words"

Francis Logee is still in the United States Navy; he is now stationed at Philadelphia, Penn.

Franklyn Buell is working on the farm and is leader of the Tanbark Baby Beef 4-H Club.

Frank Vaida and Conrad Collins are also at home working on their farms.

Chandler Hibbard is still employed at the Stillwater Worsted Mill in East Woodstock.

Elmer Fairfield is now employed at the American Optical Company in Southbridge, Mass.

Joyce Townsend graduated from Becker's Business College in June and now has a position in the Howard Brothers' Company in Worcester, Mass.

Sybil Joy graduated from Perry Kindergarten Normal School, in Boston, and hopes to have a position this fall.

Elizabeth Cox has completed her first year at Mary Washington College in Virginia. She is now working in Framingham, Mass., for the summer.

Margaretha Bennett Bellerieve is living in Danielson with her husband and daughter.

Anna Kiuru is continuing her training in Montisore Hospital in New York City.

Hazel Barrington is a hairdresser at Willimantic, Conn.

Helen Peterson has been employed at Mrs. Philip Dean's this summer.

Mary Ann Rosyar continues her work at Storrs, Conn.

Myrtle Johnson enters her senior year at Pratt Institute Art School in Brooklyn, New York, this fall.

Several of the class are employed at the American Optical Company in Southbridge: **Pearl Barlow, Marie Carlage and Beatrice Arvidson**.

Frances Latham and Katherine Meehan are attending the University of Connecticut.

Sylvia Townsend and Eleanor Wallen are employed by the Stillwater Worsted Company in East Woodstock. Eleanor plans to marry Roland Strand the sixteenth of August.

Clarice Hall Sumner and Irene Lachapelle McEnemy have news in "Noon".

Irene Bosworth Foote is in Claremont, New Hampshire, where her husband is now employed.

Catherine Cox Saltonstall is at home with her husband and son, Craig Dewey.

We have no news of **Pauline Warhol, Anna Chernushek, Carla Car-**

penter McLaughlin or **Ruth Gurwitz**, but we believe Ruth is still training at Beth Israel Hospital in New York.

CLASS OF 1939

Louise Roy is doing clerical work in Providence, R. I.

Ruby Creapo is employed in the Stillwater Worsted Mill at East Woodstock.

Ruth Johnson is working at the Woodstock town clerk's office and is secretary for the selectmen.

This fall **Mary Todd** will enter her third year at the University of Connecticut.

Mildred Bosworth is working at home.

Alfred Sheldon is working at home on the farm.

Harold Dodge is control clerk in the office of the Harrington Cutlery Company, Southbridge.

Alexander Fabian is married and living in Phoenixville. He works in East Hartford for Hamilton Standard Propellers.

Marguerite Marvin has just completed her second year at Radcliffe College.

Clarence Fairfield is employed at Stillwater Worsted Mill in East Woodstock.

Nothing has been heard of **Harvey Gobin**.

Lottie Colburn is married to Corporal Harry Amberg and has been living in Richmond, Virginia, but expects to move to Hartford soon.

Carolyn Piecyk will enter her second year at Willimantic Normal in the fall.

Alice Potter is training at Massachusetts State Hospital.

Alice Hunter is attending Burdett College.

Sidney Bell is working for Arthur Morse.

Mitchell Vaida will enter his third year at the University of Connecticut in the fall.

Alexander Smoolca is working for the Electric Boat Company.

Marion Hopkins is at home.

Barbara Cooley is working for Mrs. Stevenson.

William Floeting is working at Colt's Manufacturing Company in Hartford.

CLASS OF 1940

Clement Barlow attended the University of Connecticut the past year and expects to return there again this fall.

Procter Foote is employed at the Stillwater Worsted Mill in East Woodstock.

Anna Mae Goodhall is at present at home. Her plans for the future are indefinite.

Anna Johnson is employed at the Stillwater Worsted Mill.

Henry Joy Jr. is at home for the present. His father's farm keeps him more than busy.

Malcolm Jones spent a part of the year with his parents in Sorel, Canada. When last heard from he was in Pennsylvania doing government work.

Henry Latham is employed at the Putnam Foundry and manages to keep busy all of the time.

Albert Morgan works in Putnam at Bugbees Department Store.

Marjorie Newth is at home for the present.

Dorothy Nelson is employed at the Stillwater Worsted Mill.

Frances Neely was married in the fall. She now has a little son, named Donald M. Williams, Jr.

Ruth Ranta is reported as working in Putnam in Dr. Gray's office as bookkeeper.

Dorothy Saltonstall expects to return for another year as a student at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Priscilla Spence is a student at the University of Connecticut.

Frances Laukevich is at home for the present.

William Spalding attended the American International College at Springfield, Mass., the past year.

Aleda Williams attended Becker's Business College the past year.

Gladys and **Gwendolyn Withers** are both working at the Stillwater Worsted Mill in East Woodstock.

Arline Young is employed at the American Optical Company of Southbridge.

CLASS OF 1941

Grace Johnson: Grace is planning to go to Becker College in Worcester.

Jane Danielson: Jane intends to train for nursing, but as yet is not certain at which hospital she will study.

Antoinette Rathbone: Antoinette is making plans to go to the Julius Hartt School of Music in Hartford.

Dorothy Hopkins: Dorothy has sent in her application to the training department of the Worcester City Hospital. If she is accepted she will start training in February.

Rosalie Kempain: Rosalie is employed in the East Woodstock Mill.

Frances Sullivan: Frances has secured a position as nurses' helper in the Lawrence Memorial Hospital in New London.

Barbara Barrett, Esther Meehan, Marilyn Shead, Virginia Cole, Rita Roy, and Bertha Johnson have ap-

plied for work in the American Optical Company in Southbridge. As yet none of them have been accepted. They have no plans for the fall as they hope to get work here.

Margaret Bosworth: Margaret desires to further her education but has not decided on the school.

Ida Zipkin: Ida is employed in the F. W. Woolworth store in Putnam.

Helen Rosyar, Doris Bosworth, and Emily Young have no plans for the summer or fall.

Elva Keith: Elva is planning to attend the Hartford Comptometer School.

Albert Todd and Richard Gobin are going to Becker College in Worcester in the fall.

Raymond Herrick: Raymond is going to the Putnam Trade School in the fall.

John Rooke: John has sent in his application for enrollment at the University of Connecticut. As yet he does not know if he has been accepted.

Albert Durrin: Albert is employed in the East Woodstock Mill.

Albert Logee: Albert is helping on the farm this summer and is undecided as to what he will do in the fall.

Caro Piecyk, John Kiuru, and Fred Wilcox have no plans as to the summer or fall.

Solomon Andert: Solomon hopes to attend Vermont Agricultural College in the fall.

FROM "HUMAN LIFE"

By Samuel Rogers

The lark has sung his carol in the sky,
The bees have hummed their noontide lullaby;
Still in the vale the village bells ring round,
Still in Llewellyn hall the jests resound;
For now the caudle-cup is circling there.
Now, glad at heart, the gossips breathe their prayer,
And, crowding, stop the cradle to admire
The babe, the sleeping image of his sire.

MORNING

August 15, 1940, a son, Richard Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weimann (Evelyn Morgan) of Woodstock.

August 20, 1940, a daughter, Joyce Dorothy, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kallgren (Ellen Carlson) of North Woodstock.

September 1, 1940, a son, Clarence Holmes, to Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Child of Woodstock.

September 4, 1940, a son, Lloyd Walter, to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Waling (Lydia Taber) of Woodstock.

November 20, 1940, a son, John, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. John McClellan of Woodstock.

December 4, 1940, a daughter, Dorothy Belle, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morse of Webster.

December 8, 1940, a son, Peter Stuart, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton Williams, Jr. (Roxanna Child) of Woodstock.

January 4, 1941, a daughter, Sally Bolling, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robert (Sarah Pike) of Farhill, New Jersey.

February 4, 1941, a daughter, Nancy Jayne, to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Wheaton (Lillian Esterbrook) of Putnam.

February, 1941, a son, Charles Thompson, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaida of Boston.

February 19, 1941, a son, John Arthur, to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Converse (Bertha Dodge) of East Woodstock.

February 23, 1941, a daughter, Tamsine Jennifer, to Mr. and Mrs. Quintin Sanger of Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1941, a son, Everett Lyman Upham 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Upham, Jr., of Auburndale, Massachusetts.

April 20, 1941, a daughter, Corinna Susan, to Mr. and Mrs. Denys L. Page, in Oxford, England. Mrs. Page is the daughter of Edith Hall Dohan.

June 10, 1941, a son, David Ansel, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Clifton Hosmer (Marion Stahl) of Worcester.

July 4, 1941, a son, Alfred Richard, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Von Metzger of New Jersey. Mrs. Von Metzger was Margaret Ross, daughter of Mowry and Mary Frost Ross.

July 24, 1941, a daughter, Dorothy Rollins, to Leonard and Elisabeth Rollins Anderson.

And soon again shall music swell the breeze;
 Soon, issuing forth, shall glitter through the trees
 Vestures of nuptial white; and hymns be sung,
 And violets scattered round; and old and young,
 In every cottage-porch with garlands green,
 Stand still to gaze, and, gazing, bless the scene,
 While, her dark eyes declining, by his side,
 Moves in her virgin veil the gentle bride.

NOON

August 28, 1940, Florence Johnson and Mr. Bryant Dodge.

September 21, 1940, Olga Kallgren and Axel Johnson.

September 30, 1940, Clarice Hall and Francis Sumner.

October 5, 1940, Dr. George E. McClellan and Mrs. Dorothy Paine Davis, in Brooklyn, Connecticut.

October 12, 1940, Mr. John W. Powell and Miss Marjorie B. Page, in Hamden, Connecticut.

November 16, 1940, Susan Johns Latham and Mr. Donald Bradway Clark.

November 28, 1940, Frances Neely and Mr. Donald Williams of Charlton, Massachusetts.

December 14, 1940, Lottie Colburn and Mr. Harry Amberg.

February 8, 1941, Mae Beulah Neely and Mr. Alfred Prisonsi of Charlton, Massachusetts.

March 1, 1941, Bernard Sumner and Miss Dorothy Robertson of Hartford.

April 6, 1941, Harold Carpenter of Eastford and Miss Leila Jones of Putnam.

April 18, 1941, Henry Thurston

Child and Miss Elizabeth P. Helman of Philadelphia.

April 22, 1941, Victor, son of Mary Myers Graham, and Miss Estelle Cacharski of New Britain.

April 26, 1941, James Child and Miss Dorothy Akerberg of Hartford.

May 17, 1941, Dorothy Jean Harper and Mr. William Joseph Hlavaz of Rochester, New York.

May 30, 1941, Virginia E. Beames and Mr. H. Grant Maple.

June 14, 1941, Irene LaChapelle and Mr. Robert McEnemy.

June 19, 1941, Dr. Florence F. Dean and Mr. Thomas Dixon Prosser.

July 12, 1941, Clara Evelyn Walker and Mr. Edward Wallace Downs.

And once, alas! nor in a distant hour,
 Another voice shall come from yonder tower;
 When in dim chambers long black weeds are seen,
 And weeping heard where only joy has been;
 When, by his children borne, and from his door,
 Slowly departing to return no more,
 He rests in holy earth with them that went before.

NIGHT

October 16, 1940, Charles D. Tatem of Eastford.

October 28, 1940, Mr. Henry Lowe of Everett, Washington.

November 9, 1940, Mary Aldrich Hopkins of North Woodstock.

November 15, 1940, Mrs. Albert McClellan Mathewson of New Haven.

January 27, 1941, Mrs. Clara Hill May of East Woodstock.

January 30, 1941, Lieut.-Col. William F. Flynn of Monticello, New York.

March 4, 1941, Mrs. Agnes Chandler Wood of Putnam and Woodstock.

March 10, 1941, Henry Wells of East Woodstock.

March 20, 1941, Dr. Harry S. Flynn of Providence, Rhode Island.

April 15, 1941, Mrs. Mary Bugbee Bishop of Putnam.

April 28, 1941, Mrs. Emmagene McComber McKinstry, in Worcester, Massachusetts.

July 30, 1941, William W. Lucas of West Woodstock.

August, 1941, Mrs. Leroy Davenport of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

August 9, 1941, Mrs. William H. Allen of Rochester, New York.

And such is human life; so gliding on,
 It glimmers like a meteor, and is gone!

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEES

The outstanding event of the year is the actual acquisition of the funds from the estates of Mr. Arthur S. Hardy and of Mr. Clarence W. Bowen amounting to \$35,948.05.

Money was appropriated from this to pay the loan due on the Agricultural Building. This will be repaid to the endowment from current income just as it would have been paid to the bank. The advantage of doing this is to save the difference between the interest paid to the bank and that received on our investment.

When you enter the academy driveway, you will be glad to miss the old shed from the landscape. Perhaps you have noticed that the athletic field is mowed with a lawnmower at proper intervals. This is an improvement on the former annual mowing. Should you investigate closely, you would find that our efficient house committee keeps the buildings actually improving instead of allowing them to deteriorate. For a recent example, look into the auditorium. You will agree that a leaky roof should not be allowed to spoil this room and will approve our appropriation to make the roof water-tight.

During the year, Judge Mathewson offered to give to the academy a new wing on the library, this wing to be entirely occupied by the very excellent personal library which he had built up during his long experience. It was stipulated that this was to be kept as a reference library, nothing else to be mixed with it. The books are chiefly law books with some historical books and papers. The matter was referred to the officers of the Hill Library Association for their recommendation. It seemed

to them that as the books would probably be used by very few Woodstock people and as the proposed wing would use the space which is needed to care for the natural growth of the library and would also be an expense for insurance, care and upkeep, that the result might be an unpleasant criticism of the donor instead of the gratitude which so generous a gift should cause. So, at the request of the trustees, Mr. Leferts made a personal call on Judge Mathewson to try to make some modification that would enable us to use the gift. He thought he had succeeded; but later, Judge Mathewson withdrew the offer. That seemed to close the episode; but later correspondence gives a glimmer of hope.

Our special "defense" preparation is a two years supply of coal in our bins all paid for. This will certainly be a comfort in case of a coal strike or other difficulty.

Contractors tell us that present labor conditions are such that they could not give an accurate estimate on the cost of building a tennis court. It would certainly be beyond the amount of our present fund.

ERNEST R. PIKE.

REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

This year the work of the house committee has been repairing rather than new construction. For a number of years we have been wanting to do over the Academy Hall, as we used to call it. We got satisfactory bids on the work and it is all completed. The shabby plastering has been completely covered with masonite, and all the woodwork had two coats of painting. The hall is much lighter and more attractive. A

handsome curtain of blue velour was bought and nicely made by the Home Economics class. We now feel we have a very creditable auditorium and we hope the alumni agree with us.

Every year there are many repair jobs to do, both during school-time and vacation. Most of them, though important, are too small to mention. One of the most important pieces of work this summer has been at the Gymnasium, painting the dressing-rooms and the shower rooms and also painting the trim on the outside of the building.

Another piece of work completed this year is a new roof on the Academy building. Each year since the hurricane we have put on as much new roof as we felt we could afford to, and this year we expect the roof to be finished before school opens, and on a rainy day we trust we shall have no more leaky roofs.

WILLIAM C. CHILD,
Chairman.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the Alumni and Trustees of The Woodstock Academy:

I am pleased to submit my ninth annual report as the principal of your school. The year 1940-41 opened on September 4th with the following enrollment:

	Wood- stock	East- ford	Oth- ers	Tot- als
Seniors	21	7	0	23
Juniors	20	4	0	24
Sophomores	24	4	0	23
Freshmen	24	8	2	34
Totals	89	23	2	114
Total Enrollment				114
Average Membership				110.6
Average Attendance				101.45
Percent Attendance				91.7

Faculty

There was but one change in the faculty. Miss Allen resigned to ac-

cept another position. Her place was filled by Miss Eunice L. Thompson of Dover, New Hampshire. Miss Thompson is a graduate of University of New Hampshire and has had teaching experience in Vermont and Maine.

The faculty and their assignments are as follows:

William A. Simpson, 9th year, Principal, teaching Mathematics.

William P. Robbins, 2nd year, Director of Athletics, teaching Mathematics and Science.

Miss Mildred F. Keirns, 3rd year, Senior Adviser, teaching English, Social Studies, and French.

Miss Eunice L. Thompson, 1st year, Junior Adviser, teaching English, History, and Latin.

Mrs. Dorothy R. McWilliam, 7th year, Sophomore Adviser, teaching Commercial Subjects.

Miss Ruth E. Chaffin, 2nd year, Freshman Adviser and Director of Girls' Sports, teaching Vocational (George-Deen) Homemaking, and Biology.

John W. Powell, 1st year, employed by the Town of Woodstock as 8th Grade teacher, teaching English and Social Study and assisting in athletics in exchange with the academy faculty.

Henry J. Dunleavy, 10th year, employed by the State of Conn., teaching Vocational (Smith-Hughes) Agriculture.

Mrs. Marcia C. Lachapelle, Director of Music.

Work of the Year

Teacher assignments and work accomplished have been much the same as in the past. Reports from the University of Connecticut show that preparation has been very satisfactory. This year there were seven graduates from Woodstock Academy at the university. During the first half year all of these received passing grades in all their work. Two made "second honors" in the second semester.

Each of the women teachers has been a class adviser and as such, her main task has been that of a guidance director for the members of her class. While we have recognized the value of subject material, the real aim has been the development of each pupil that he may become a worthy member of the community.

The Washington trip and graduation served to develop initiative and cooperation among the seniors. They served a supper in the fall and staged a play in December. Parents and friends sponsored several other money raising affairs. Each of these called for pupil participation. The various events of graduation week were planned and executed by the pupils in committee and individual work. Miss Keirns, their adviser, has proved herself an efficient and inspiring leader.

In much the same way, the juniors under Miss Thompson's guidance have done their work. They sold Christmas cards, staged a play, and held a class dance. They showed much executive ability in their play programs and preparation for the Junior Prom.

The sophomores with Mrs. McWilliam as director staged two shorter plays in February. This, their first endeavor, was successful.

The freshmen did not have any events of their own. However, they assisted others and contributed much to the school as a whole.

The Blue and Gold division of the school is the nucleus of much of the school life. A cup is awarded each year to the division giving most to the school. This year it was won by the Blues by a small margin. The Student Council consists of the officers of the Student Government and boy and girl leaders of the Blues and Golds. They sponsored various money raising activities for the support of those affairs of interest to the student body as a whole. In addition to various types of athletics, they

had an operetta, the rifle club, and the school paper.

The Academy Bank, under the direction of Mrs. McWilliam, played an important part in the extracurricular education of the pupils. All moneys of the pupil organizations are accounted for and deposited in the bank. The treasurer of the Student Government is the chief accountant.

Mr. Robbins, Miss Chaffin and Mrs. Lachapelle contributed much to the life of the school as they were directors of boys' and girls' athletics and music. They were actively engaged in pupil leadership throughout the entire year. Mr. Dunleavy has been an inspiration to the boys and adults not only in the field of agriculture but also in community and defense activities.

New Ventures of the Year

Through the kindness of the Trustees and the effort of several boys, target butts were made in the agriculture department and a rifle range was located in the gymnasium basement. A rifle club has been formed with Mr. Robbins and Mr. Powell assisting the principal in its management. Application has been made for a charter from the National Rifle Association. Several boys and girls have received instruction in the safe and accurate use of the rifle. Mr. Dunleavy should get a large share of credit for this venture as it was through him that this work was started.

The renovation of the auditorium was a cooperative effort. The girls in the homemaking department made the stage curtain and the draperies. The expense of the draperies was borne by a scenery fund given by the classes of 1938, 39, and 40. Miss Chaffin and her classes are to be complimented upon their workmanship.

The Academy a Community Center

Various groups have made use of the academy facilities. Among these

were Woodstock Mothers' Club, two 4-H clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys' and Girls' Town Basketball Teams, the Agriculture Extension Service, Fruit Growers' Association, the Mothers' Club Nursery School, the American Women's Volunteer Service First Aid classes, and the Red Cross Surgical Dressings group.

Plans For Next Year

There are to be two changes in the faculty for next year. Miss Chaffin has resigned to accept another position and Mrs. McWilliam is leaving to devote her entire time to the duty of homemaker. These vacancies have not been filled but several candidates have made application for both positions.

Mr. Robbins is in the draft but has not yet been called.

The school calendar is attached to this report.

It is to be expected that the academy will do its part in the national emergency during the coming year. Just what this may be can not be foretold, but I feel certain we will be called on to do much.

Appreciations

I take this opportunity to thank each and every person who has helped the academy, the pupils, or the faculty, in any way during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. SIMPSON,
Principal.

July 15, 1941.

WOODSTOCK ACADEMY CALENDAR, 1941-1942

First Semester begins Sept. 3, 1941, ends Jan. 23, 1942. Actual number days, 89.

School holidays:

Woodstock Fair, Wed., Sept. 10.
Teachers' Visiting Day, Oct. 10.

Teachers' Convention, Fri., Oct. 31.

Armistice Day, Tues., Nov. 11.

Thanksgiving Recess, Wed. noon, Nov. 26, to Mon., Dec. 1, or otherwise if so proclaimed by the governor.

Christmas Recess, Tues. P. M., Dec. 23, to Mon. A. M., Jan. 5.

Second Semester begins Jan 26, ends June 19, 1942. Actual number days, 93.

School holidays:

February Recess, Friday P. M., Feb. 20, to Monday A. M., Mar. 2.

Good Friday, April 3.

April Recess, Friday P. M., April 17, to Monday A. M., April 27.

Teachers' Institute to be arranged.

Total number of days school is actually in session, 182.

Schedule of Examinations

1st Ranking Period	Oct. 8-9
2nd Ranking Period	Nov. 20-21
3rd Ranking Period	Jan. 8-9
Mid-years	Jan. 21-22-23
4th Ranking Period	Mar. 12-13
5th Ranking Period	Apr. 16-17
6th Ranking Period	May 28-29
Seniors Finals	June 10-11-12
Finals	June 12-15-16

Special Dates

Senior Event	Oct. 31
Senior Play	Dec. 19
Christmas Party	Dec. 23
Sophomore Plays	Feb. 6
Music Department	Mar. 20
Junior Play	Apr. 24
Junior Prom	May 15
Alumni Supper	June 13
Academy Sunday	June 14
Class Day	June 18
Graduation	June 19
Senior Reception	June 19

ANNUAL REPORT of the TREASURER of the WOODSTOCK ACADEMY

For the Year Ending Aug. 15, 1941

Submitted to the members and trustees by the Treasurer, Edward R. Rollins.

OPERATING STATEMENT**RECEIPTS**

Dividends on Stocks and Interest on Bonds	\$4,669.04
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Tuition

Town of Woodstock	\$9,200.00	
Town of Eastford	2,500.00	
Town of Union	88.00	
Others	110.00	
	<hr/>	11,898.00

Other Receipts

State of Conn. acct. Home Making Dept.	524.97	
Rent of Eighth Grade Room	100.00	
Pumping of water, Holt and Sampson	41.55	
Sale of Supplies	9.02	
Other Rent and Sundries	24.00	
	<hr/>	699.54

Total Operating Receipts	<hr/> \$17,266.58
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EXPENDITURES**Instruction**

Teachers	\$9,755.00	
Text Books	179.26	
General Educational Supplies	557.36	
Home Making Supplies	32.03	
Home Making Transportation	26.14	
Agricultural Supplies	110.58	
Graduation	126.15	
	<hr/>	10,736.51

Operation

Janitor and Janitor's Helpers	957.32	
Janitor's Supplies	263.47	
Telephone	42.60	
Electric Light and Power	404.26	
Coal and Coke	800.34	
Oil	62.71	
	<hr/>	2,530.70

Maintenance

Repairs to Building	1,211.52
Academy Hall Decoration	793.67

Fire Insurance	466.49	
Liability Insurance	61.26	
Furniture and Equipment	254.94	
		<u>2,787.88</u>

Administration

Executives' Salaries and Care of Invested Funds	300.00	300.00
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Auxiliary Agencies

Librarian, Library Supplies and Holt Fund	206.08	
Gleaner	35.00	
Sundry Expenses	43.51	
		<u>284.59</u>

Total Operating Expenses	\$16,689.68
Balance available for non-operating expenses and liabilities	<u>576.90</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH ACCOUNT

Bank Balance Aug. 15, 1940	544.58	
Balance Available from Operating Expenses	576.90	
Proceeds of Loan from Cargill Trust Co.	1,000.00	
Principal in Savings Acct. Cargill Trust Co.	84.12	
		<u>2,205.60</u>

Expenses

Interest on Loan	57.71	
Payment on Bank Loan	1,000.00	
Income on Centennial Fund transferred to Society for Savings	92.16	
Payment on Agricultural Building Addition	154.00	
		<u>1,303.87</u>

Bank Balance Aug. 15, 1941	<u>\$1,331.15</u>
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITY AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS**ASSETS****Stocks, Bonds, Real Estate Mortgage Certificates, Nebraska Real Estate and Cash**

(Quotations Aug. 12, 1941)

440 shares Chase National Bank, par 13.55 @ 31	\$13,640.00
390 shares Chemical Bank & Trust Co., par 10 @ 45¾	17,842.50
203 shares Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., par 20 @ 99	20,098.00

WOODSTOCK ACADEMY GLEANER

416 shares Bank of Manhattan Co., par 10 @ 16	6,656.00
5 shares Bank of New York, par 100 @ 337	1,685.00
430 shares Irving Trust Co., par 10 @ 11	4,730.00
55 shares Continental Insurance Co., par 2.50 @ 44½	2,447.50
20 shares Aetna Life Insurance Co., par 10 @ 29	580.00
5 shares Conn. General Life Insurance Co., par 10 @ 26¾	133.75
15 shares American Tel. & Tel. Co., par 100 @ 154	2,310.00
11 shares Dow Chemical Co. common, no par @ 133½	1,468.50
\$5000 American Tel. & Tel. Co. 3½ % Debenture Bonds at 109	5,450.00
\$5000 Brooklyn Edison Co. Inc. Consolidated Mtg. Bonds @ 110⅞	5,543.75
\$4000 Narragansett Electric Co. First Mortgage 3½ % Bonds @ 112	4,480.00
\$5000 Cincinnati Union Terminal 1st m't'g 3½ % Bonds @ 109⅞	5,493.75
\$5000 U. S. A. 2½ % Savings Bonds	5,000.00
\$25,105.62 Real Estate Mortgage Certificates	14,180.59
1/9 Interest in Nebraska Real Estate	600.00
Cargill Trust Co. Savings Acct.	84.12
Norwich Savings Society	1,006.25
Putnam Savings Bank (including Tennis Court Fund)	2,364.01
Society for Savings	907.09
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	4,361.47

Cash:

Cargill Trust Co. Checking Acct.	1,331.15
Special Interest Accounts	4,361.47

Assets, not including Land and Buildings	<hr/>
	\$118,031.96

Land (at cost)

Academy Lot acquired 1868	\$ 500.00
Elmwood Hall Lot acquired 1921	2,000.00

Buildings (at cost)

Academy, built 1872	24,605.27
Library, built 1924 (Estimated)	30,000.00
Gymnasium, built 1926	45,190.97
Agriculture, built 1939	4,279.08
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	106,575.32

Gross Assets	<hr/>
	\$224,607.28

CAPITAL LIABILITIES

Tennis Court Fund	\$ 944.26
Loan made from Endowment Fund to complete Agricultural Bldg.	4,000.00
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	4,944.26
Net Assets	<hr/>
	\$219,653.02

Comparative Value of Assets		Comparative Income from Securities	
Not including Land or Buildings			
1938	\$79,079.66	1938	\$4,884.83
1939	81,740.79	1939	3,690.10
1940	74,880.63	1940	3,743.00
1941	113,087.70	1941	4,669.04

Summary of Funds

Centennial Fund	\$2,416.59
Library Fund	1,313.98
Tennis Court Fund	944.26
Law Scholarship Fund	1,013.27

Library Funds Held by the Academy

Edward A. Bowen Fund, 10 shares Bank of the Manhattan	
Jessie T. McClellan Fund, 16 shares Irving Trust Co.	
George C. Holt Fund, 5 shares Conn. General Life Ins. Co.	
Founders' Fund, 19 shares Irving Trust Co.	
George C. Holt Memorial Fund, 16 shares Bank of the Manhattan	
George C. Holt Memorial Fund (in Putnam Savings Bank)	\$27.25
Available Fund (including Elizabeth Ritch Fund) in Putnam Savings Bank	379.23
Total Library Funds	\$1,313.98

ANNUAL REPORT OF WOODSTOCK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Receipts	Expenses
Balance on hand Aug. 15, 1940 \$73.29	Books \$122.94
Membership Fees 33.00	Magazines 12.75
Fines 37.00	Cataloging and Supplies (paid by Academy) 49.08
Gift 1.00	Librarian (paid by Academy) 152.00
Interest on Holt Memorial Fund 7.20	Librarian (paid by Association) 16.00
Town Appropriation 100.00	Balance on hand Aug. 15, 1941 99.80
Income from Funds 23.00	
Paid by the Academy in excess of other receipts 178.08	
\$452.57	\$452.57

Books to the value of \$100 received from the state.

Insurance Schedule Form

Academy Building	\$43,000.00
Academy Contents	6,500.00
Library Building	12,000.00
Library Contents	6,000.00
Gymnasium	10,000.00
Agricultural Building	2,000.00
Total Fire Insurance	\$79,500.00
Windstorm Insurance	85,000.00
Public Liability and Workman's Compensation Insurance	49,900.00

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same to be correct. Also securities and insurance policies in hands of Treasurer, and find them as stated in report.

HENRY T. JOHNSON
SPENCER P. JORDAN

Auditors.

August 16, 1941.

REUNION OF AUGUST, 1941

(Continued from Page Thirty-one)

ews about it, and they said nothing would induce them to attend a reunion at their schools. There's something about Woodstock Academy that brings people back."

"The girls had a fine time; each of them found some friend with whom she especially enjoyed visiting."

The above express the substance, though perhaps not the exact words, of comments heard by your reporter. It was universally agreed that the committees had done a fine job, and their efforts were appreciated. The chief credit, of course, belongs to Myrtle Ware Anderson and Eleanor Keith Lewis, co-chairmen. Neither would have undertaken the task alone, but they made a fine team and worked together with excellent effect.

Were there no adverse comments? Well, those in the know realize that beneath the surface a few things were not quite perfect. They say they now know how a reunion should be run, and they are filing with the Association records a report which should prevent the next reunion committee from making the *slight* (the word is the editor's) errors which they, in their inexperience, made.

We understand, too, that one or two of the younger alumni felt that the program was a bit slow. We've been thinking this criticism over considerably, and believe there are several reasons for their attitude. In the first place, the younger group was seated farthest from the head table, and no doubt had some difficulty in hearing all that was said. Probably the microphone with which we were equipped ought to have been used, even though it did give the voices a somewhat sepulchral quality.

No doubt the younger alumni were insufficiently represented on the program. One of them was called upon, and a second volunteered a few remarks. We suggest that next time the younger classes arm themselves with some songs and cheers, which we guarantee will be received with sincere appreciation by the rest.

In the last analysis, however, the young people need added years for the development of an appreciation of intangible things such as loyalty, school spirit, and abiding friendships.

Then, too, school life is only one of many interests in the life of those who are young in this present-day age of activity and rush. We older ones had fewer distractions.

And lastly, they did not know Mr. Hall, who, we think all will agree, did more than any other one person to create the Academy spirit. For a quarter of a century he dominated the school, leading it always steadily forward by paths that were straight, sane and safe. Is it any wonder that those of us who attended the school under his tutelage had created within us a spirit of loyalty that can never die?

No gathering of Mr. Hall's pupils ever took place without mention of his name in sincere tribute. Two instances of this which occurred at the reunion are worthy of quotation:

From a letter sent by Mabelle L. Merwin—"What a fine teacher Mr. Hall was! I can hear him now saying, in the algebra class, 'A little ingenuity, a little ingenuity, a little ingenuity!' I still have my algebra book with that written in."

And from remarks made by his son, Clarence Hall, of which the following is the substance if not the exact wording—"In these familiar surroundings I have been more deep-

ly moved this afternoon than I expected to be. I have felt my father's presence. The rest of you knew him as a teacher; I knew him both as a teacher and as a father, who, on Sunday afternoons, walked with me over these hills."

Thus your editor has tried to bring to you who could not be present the spirit characterizing this reunion marking the 140th year of the Academy's existence. It was, unquestionably, a very successful event. Many attended who had not been near the Academy for years, and if there is any lesson to be taken to heart by those who did not attend, it is that they should resolve now not to be absent from the next reunion five years from now.

We cannot help wondering what will be transpiring by that time, and sometimes we are in fear that all the things we hold most precious may at this very moment be in process of being taken from us. The antidote to that fear is the resolve to keep on working for **permanent** things, things of the spirit. And loyalty to the old, worthy institutions, such as our own Woodstock Academy, is one of these.

Banquet Menu

Grapefruit with Cherry
Chicken a la King
In Patty Shells
Salad Rolls
Mashed Potatoes String Beans
Banana Fritters with Raspberry
Sauce
Assorted Cakes
Assorted Ices
Coffee

Committees

General Chairmen—Myrtle H. Anderson, Eleanor K. Lewis.

Program—Louise Howard Clark, Ethel Elizabeth Upham, William C. Child, Raymond Hibbard, Martin A. Nelson.

Tickets — Martha K. Cozzens,
Gladys Harrington.

Publicity—One Member of Each Class, Ethel Elizabeth Upham.

Dance—Cedric Child, David Joy

Banquet—Florence Child Young,
Chandler Hibbard, Henry Joy, Jr.

Decoration—Annette May Clark,
Louisa H. Clark, Lottie Howard
Spalding, Nonie Witter.

Registration—Jane Danielson.

Reception—Stella Barrett Frink,
Myrtie Chaffee Jordan, Roxanna
Cnila Williams, William E. Simpson,
Albert H. Williams.

EDITOR'S NOTES

The commercial students of the Academy, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. McWilliam, willingly performed the task of multi-graphing five hundred copies of the circular letter sent out in June, thereby earning the gratitude of the officers of the Association.

The editor heartily appreciates the efforts of those members of the -one and -six classes who gathered news items about their classmates. She is especially grateful to the three who willingly assumed this task in spite of the serious illness of members of their families.

The following persons served as reporters: Mary Bowen Keith, Olive Paine and Ethel Silberberg, Maude Healey, with the collaboration of Mabel Ritch and Lottie Spalding, Martin Nelson, Annette Clark, Sarah Pedersen, Martha Cozzens, Anna Kallgren, Charles and Catherine Galtonstall, Barbara Cooley and Mildred Bosworth, Dorothy Nelson, and Elva Keith.

The editor had some idea of introducing the idea of a "Poets' Corner" in this year's number. But when she discovered that the poems submitted outnumbered the prose items six to one, she decided that if anything was to be relegated to a "corner" it would have to be the prose. And the prose items being too long to fit into such small space, she concluded it would be best to forget all about corners for this time.

Speaking of poems, the poem "Freedom" was written at the time of the former world war under the title "Call to Arms". The writer felt it might be appropriate at this time, and the editor agrees.

What has become of "Free Speech"? Not a single article was sent in this year for its columns. Too bad; we have always cherished a hope that from it would develop a department that would cause the Gleaner to be known to persons other than alumni for its timely and provocative articles of real worth. Revive it next year or not, as you will; the Gleaner is the magazine of the alumni, and its contents will be what you elect to provide.

The Gleaner is indebted to Anne Hall Gaylord and Edith Hall Dohan for two contributions which add to the interest of this issue of the Gleaner. Mrs. Gaylord took the picture of the Putnam Heights church and raised the question of the identity of the Woodstock church's architect; Mrs. Dohan was the person who furnished the article about General William Eaton. Such contributions as these are very welcome.

If anyone should be interested in the events of graduation week we felt it ought to be the graduates themselves. We therefore asked them to report on these events in their own way. Some of the short-hand students did a very competent job in taking down the speeches and making condensations of them.

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From the publication of the first Gleaner, in 1893, to the present time, the financing of the magazine has required thought and effort. About five years ago the Association voted to start a permanent fund, the income from which would in time aid appreciably in the work. The work has gone steadily on, until at the present date, August 1, 1941, the fund has reached the sum of \$325.25, and has furnished during the past year \$7.07 towards the Gleaner's expenses.

This fund has been raised by means of voluntary contributions and the dues of sustaining members. Half of the money so received has been placed in the fund, the remainder going toward the current expenses of the publication.

At the time when the plan of sustaining membership was adopted, about sixty persons promised to pay a certain sum each year for a fixed number of years. Most of these pledges were for a dollar a year for five years. These pledges have now been completed, and they must be renewed, and new ones made, if the Gleaner's costs are to be met and the permanent fund increased. It is our hope that, with the matter thus brought to the attention of the many attending this reunion, an even larger group of alumni will sign the accompanying cards and thus assure until our next reunion the steady flow of money into the Gleaner treasury.

MARTIN A. NELSON, President
ETHEL E. UPHAM, Treasurer
of the Gleaner Fund.

Clip, fill out, and mail to Miss Ethel Upham, East Woodstock, Conn.

Date

I promise to pay the sum of each year for the next
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