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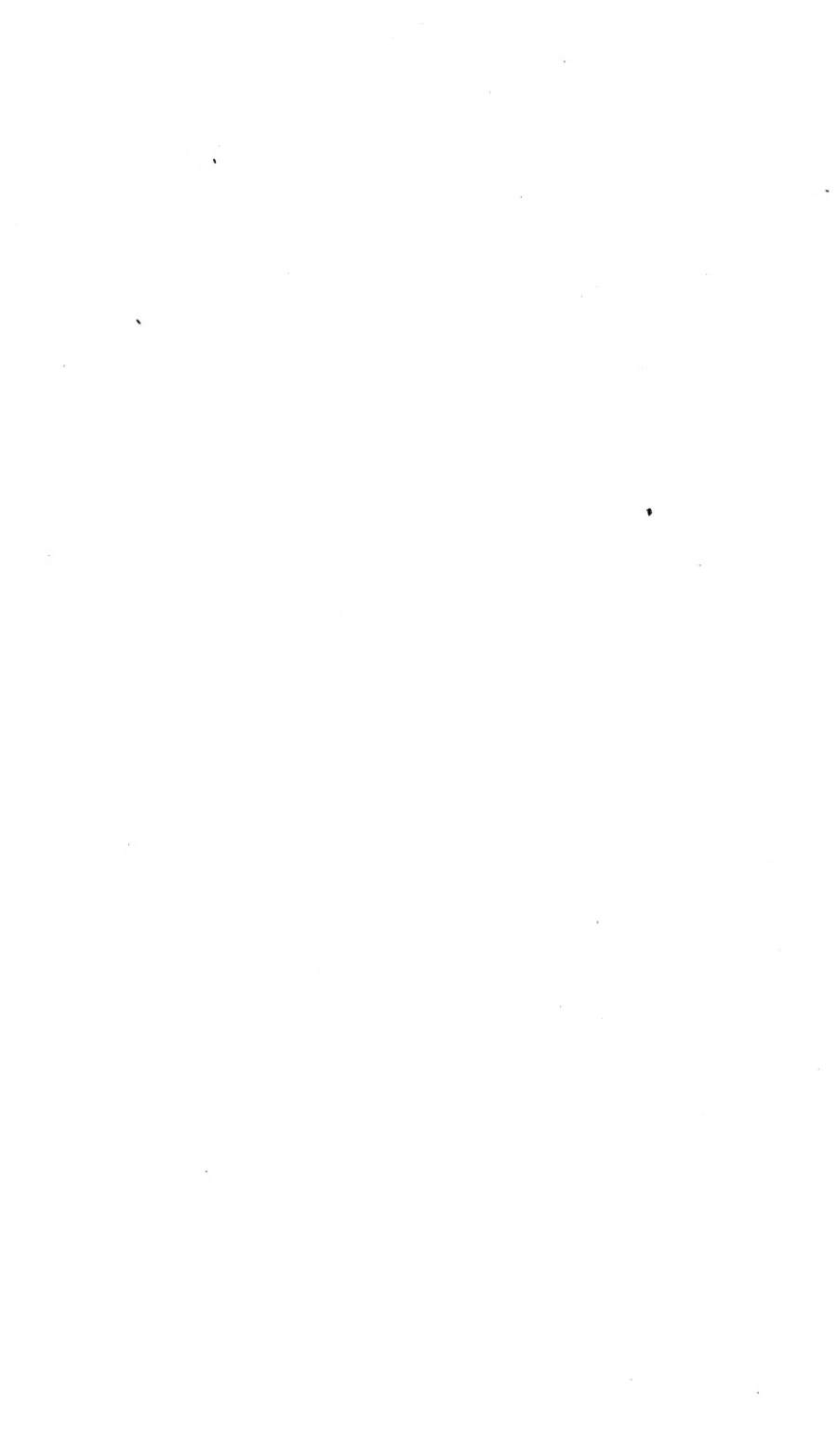
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WITH THE DATES OF THEIR OCCURRENCE,

IN

MARLBOROUGH AND NEIGHBORING TOWNS,

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SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY EVENTS,

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IN MARLBOROUGH AND NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1, 1840.—A zero day; 15 to 20 degrees below zero. There were several zero days this month.

Jan. 1, 2 and 3, 1853.—The shrubs and trees were incrustated with ice, and frosted over and looked as if made of crystal.

Jan. 1, 1862.—Very pleasant during the day; during the night an extraordinary high wind blew down chimneys and parts of roofs of some buildings.

Jan. 1, 1867.—Dedication of soldiers' monument at Southborough. Samuel Appleton, Esq., of that town gave the address. The monument is twenty feet high and has seventeen soldiers' names engraved thereon.

Jan. 1, 1869.—A north-east snow storm, which continued all day and evening; depth of snow, seven to nine inches; some drifted. First great snow storm this winter. It snowed at Washington, D. C., the day before, Dec. 31, 1868.

Jan. 1, 1871.—Valuable New Years' gift. Col. Elijah Hale of Rockbottom, formerly of Marlborough, presented to the Stow parish a parsonage, together with four acres of land.

Jan. 1, 1877.—Public celebration of the crystal wedding of Capt. Edmund C. Whitney and wife at Berry's Hall. They received many presents. Remarks and speeches by eight to ten citizens during the evening.

Jan. 2, 1733-4, O. S., Jan. 13, 1734, N. S.—Ebenezer Rice, son of Simon Rice, was born. He graduated at Harvard College in 1760. He was a physician and justice of the peace in Marlborough during the Revolution. Near the close of the war he moved to Barre. He was half brother to Col. Edward Barnes of Marlborough.

Jan. 2, 1813.—Capt. Geo. Williams of Marlborough died, aged 76 years. He kept the celebrated Williams tavern, near Williams pond. He was one of the selectmen for a few years. He gave a silver tankard to the West church of this town.

Jan. 3, 1812.—Almost a centenarian. Died in Marlborough, Gershom Bigelow, aged 97 years, 2 months. Several of his great-great-grand children were living at that time. For a few years he was one of the selectmen of the town. His twin sister married Deacon Matthias Rice, and afterwards Abraham Rice. She lived 79 years. They were born after their father, John Bigelow, returned from Indian captivity in Canada. John Bigelow lived 94 years, 4 months.

Jan. 4, 1875.—Died in Marlborough, of typhoid fever, Thomas Corey, aged 53 years; one of the wealthy men of the town. He commenced in the shoe business in 1838, with the Boyds, and was of the firm of Boyd & Corey for more than thirty years. The pall bearers were shoe manufacturers.

Jan. 5, 1856, Saturday.—An old-fashioned north-east snow storm. The afternoon trains upon various railroads were hours behind time. The next week was a cold week, it being several degrees below zero on several mornings. The next Saturday there was another severe snow storm. The cars to Marlborough were delayed several days.

Jan. 5, 1869.—A golden wedding in Northborough. Stephen Howe and wife celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Rev. Dr. Allen was present and conducted services appropriate for the occasion. Mr. Howe was a native of Marlborough, and died Sept. 7, 1877, aged 88 years.

Jan. 7, 1829.—The Concord Lyceum was organized. Within a year of this date Marlborough, Northborough and Worcester Lyceums were all organized. The Concord Lyceum is still in existence, and had their semi-centennial celebration Jan. 7, 1879.

Jan. 7, 1867.—Good lectures. Rev. J. O. Peck of Worcester lectured in Marlborough; subject, "Golden Opportunities and Golden Men." He lectured at Northborough three days before, on "Young Bloods."

Jan. 8, 1731.—The Town of Marlborough voted and granted £50 "to defray the cost of burying our revered pastor, Mr. Breck." He died two days before this date. The funeral was the 12th day, O. S., Jan. 23, 1731, N. S.

Jan. 8, 1866.—Called the "Cold Monday" of that year. Twenty-eight degrees below zero.

Jan. 10, 1775.—Rev. John Gardner of Stow died, aged 80 years. He was the father of Henry Gardner, Esq., of Stow, the first State Treasurer. They were ancestors of Dr. Henry Gardner and Ex-Governor Henry J. Gardner of this State. Towns instructed collectors of taxes not to pay the same to the Royal Treasurer, Harrison Gray, but to Henry Gardner of Stow.

Jan. 10, 1872.—A centenarian died at Hudson alms-house. Widow Mary (Brown) Gates, aged 100 years, 9 months. She was born in Stow, and was a daughter of Joshua Brown; had been the wife of two brothers, Charles and Jotham Gates.

Jan. 10, 1872.—Rev. W. H. H. Murray lectured in Fairmount Hall, Marlborough; subject, "About the Deacons."

Jan. 11, 1752, N. S.—Cold weather. One of the coldest days for many years. Just 100 years afterwards, in January, 1852, for several days the thermometer was several degrees below zero.

Jan. 11, 1859.—Called the "Cold Tuesday" of that year. Intensely cold—many degrees below zero.

Jan. 12, 1833.—Samuel Gibbon, Esq., of Marlborough, died, aged 74 years. He was a trader many years, and was one year elected a representative to the General Court. He served several years as one of the selectmen.

Jan. 12, 1867.—Capt. Jedediah Wood died in the new town of Hudson, aged 90 years. He was born in Marlborough, and was for many years one of the selectmen of the town. He was father of the late Col. William Henry Wood of Feltonville.

Jan. 13, 1813.—A centenarian died in Marlborough. Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, aged 101 years. It is said she walked to church after her one hundredth birthday. Her grandson, Thomas Cole, born in Marlborough, graduated at Harvard College in 1798. He was many years a school teacher; married a daughter of William Cogswell of this town. Mr. Cole settled at Salem, where he died in 1852, aged 72 years.

Jan. 13, 1855.—A mad dog in Marlborough. One child was bitten, and several dogs. The dog was killed after returning from Stow.

Jan. 13, 1874.—In the morning a great fire at Natick. About 40 buildings destroyed—one church, three large blocks, two banks, post office, two shoe factories, and two great halls. Loss, half a million of dollars.

Jan. 14, 1789.—Ordination. Rev. John Robinson was ordained at Westborough. He preached in that town eighteen years.

Jan. 14, 1868.—The stockholders of the Marlborough First National Bank, and trustees of Marlborough Savings Bank, tendered a vote of thanks to Mark Fay for his liberality in providing a building for the use of both institutions.

Jan. 14, 1874.—Fire in Marlborough. A large French roof boarding house near the South Depot destroyed by fire. It was owned by Boyd & Corey. Valued at \$2500; insurance, \$1500.

Jan. 15, 1873.—Small pox in Marlborough; eight cases. E. Frank Greenwood died this day, aged 23 years; Feb. 1, Amos C. Morrill; Feb. 2, Charles W. Cotting and Alexander Cotting; all of the small pox.

Jan. 17, 1780.—Died at Bolton, Rev. Thomas Goss, in his 63d year. He was the first settled minister in that town, and preached there thirty or more years. The winter of 1780 was remarkable for its severity and the depth of snow, which covered the fences.

Jan. 17, 1866.—Frederick Douglass lectured in Marlborough; subject, "Assassination of Lincoln and its Lessons."

Jan. 19, 1875.—Another cold Tuesday. From 10 to 12 degrees below zero.

Jan. 22, 1877.—Thomas Jackson's benefit entertainment came off in Marlborough Town Hall. The net receipts were \$1037. He lost his factory by fire about two weeks before this date.

Jan. 25, 1837.—A remarkable Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights.

Jan. 25, 1848.—Died in Boston, Dr. Benjamin Warren Hildreth, aged 63 years, 10 months; buried in Marlborough. He graduated from college in 1805. He was born in Concord, where he married Mary Brown; had a family of 10 or 12 children. His wife died in Marlborough in 1844. He practiced medicine in this town from 30 to 35 years.

Jan. 26, 1853.—A church bell in Feltonville. Brought up on the railroad for the Baptist meeting house, and this day raised to its place. Weight, 851 pounds; cost, \$300.

Jan. 27, 1842.—Died in Marlborough, Col. Ephraim Howe, aged 53 years, 6 months. He was a wealthy and prominent boot and shoe manufacturer in his day, when young men served seven years to learn the trade. He was one of the leading men in town, and was a selectman 12 years. He was a descendant of Capt. Eleazer Howe, who lived near "Howe's pond," where Col. Howe was born.

Jan. 28, 1824.—Died at Shrewsbury, Levi Pease, aged 84 years. He was a blacksmith in early life, and afterward a stage driver, and was known as the "Father of the stages." He drove through Marlborough for many years.

Jan. 28, 1875.—Fire in Marlborough. The school house on Bolton street, east of Washington Street School, was burned about 2 o'clock A. M. It was built in the Autumn of 1853. Valued at \$3000; insurance \$2000.

Jan. 30, 1868.—Fatal accident at North Depot, Marlborough. Joseph A. Butterfield, a young man in the employ of the Fitchburg railroad company, was badly injured, so that he died within an hour.

Jan. 31, 1866.—Capt. Nicholson B. Proctor died in Boston, aged 76 years. The funeral was in Marlborough, where he spent half his days and where he was a justice of the peace. He was a native of Marblehead, and a sea captain, as was also his father, Capt. Joseph Proctor, who died in Marlborough in 1818, aged 72 years.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 3, 1775.—Asa Houghton, an almanac maker for twenty years, was born at Bolton. He was son of Simon Houghton, and the third of ten children. His grandfather, Jacob Houghton, died Jan. 26, 1780, known as the "Hard Winter," aged 85 years. We have Asa Houghton's first almanac for 1800, the last year of the last century. Mr. H. died at Putney, Vt., in September, 1829.

Feb. 3, 1835.—Accident in Stow. John Taylor was precipitated from a chaise, fractured his skull, and died the same afternoon.

Feb. 3, 1857.—Henry Ward Beecher lectured in Boyd & Corey's new hall (now part of Corey's Block), to a large audience.

Feb. 3, 1869.—A snow storm and a lecture. Several inches of snow fell. Rev. James H. Chapin gave a lecture for the G. A. R. course of lectures. Subject, "On Pacific America."

Feb. 4, 1815.—Stow cotton factory incorporated. Feb. 18, Rockbottom cotton and wool factory incorporated. Real estate not to exceed \$20,000; personal estate, \$30,000. Corporators, Joel Cranston and Silas Jewell.

Feb. 4, 1824.—The Saxon factory, at Saxonville, in Framingham, incorporated.

Feb. 4, 1856.—Fire in Marlborough. Between 3 and 4 o'clock P. M. a house was burned on the north-east side of Mount Pleasant, near the Catholic meeting-house. Owned by Col. Wm. H. Wood of Feltonville.

Feb. 5, 1863.—A cold day; mercury below zero.

Feb. 5, 1676.—The English troops reached Marlborough. Their provisions failing, they turned down to Boston, says Barry's "History of Framingham," leaving the field to the ravages of the Indians. Two days afterwards, Feb. 7, an order was passed (supposed by the General Court) for billeting the Plymouth forces at Marlborough.

Feb. 5, 1828.—A very mild and pleasant day. Silas Felton, Esq., surveyed Harvey swamp; but very little snow during the Winter. He surveyed several lots that Winter.

Feb. 7, 1714-15.—The Town of Marlborough voted to build a new schoolhouse. They had two places in view, and the Town voted to build on the upper place 418x28 feet. The spot is now (1880) probably occupied by the Soldiers' Monument.

Feb. 7, 1867.—Miss Anna E. Dickinson lectured in Marlborough on "Woman's Right to Labor," before a large audience in the Town Hall.

Feb. 8, 1852.—A cold morning. Fire in Southborough. Ebenezer and Samuel Brigham's house in the north-west part of the town, near Brigham's pond, was burned early in the morning. No insurance. Cause, a defect in the chimney.

Feb. 8, 1866.—Spring Hill Lodge, I. O. G. T., organized in Marlborough.

Feb. 9, 1869.—Westborough Savings Bank incorporated. Corporators, Noah Kimball, Cyrus Fay and George B. Brigham.

Feb. 9, 1876.—Samuel N. Aldrich, Esq., gave the closing lecture before the Farmers and Mechanics course in Marlborough. Subject, "Our Town and Our Country."

Feb. 10, 1875.—Mrs. Eliza Ann Young, the 19th wife of Brigham Young, lectured in Hudson Town Hall.

Feb. 10, 1879.—Marlborough Brass Band fair, and continued four evenings. Sold upwards of 5,000 tickets.

Feb. 11, 1787.—Col. John Weeks of Marlborough died, aged 80 years. He was a prominent man in town; one of the selectmen for ten or twelve years, and a justice of the peace. He married a daughter of Dea. Thomas and Elizabeth (Howe) Keyes of Marlborough.

Feb. 11, 1858.—The coldest day of the Winter. No snow upon the ground. Cedar swamp frozen over, and folks commenced this day to cut and carry out wood for fires and for timber. The writer of this item saw birds flying about in the swamp.

Feb. 11, 1876.—Friday morning, about one o'clock, Joseph Manning's box and planing mill, in Mechanic square, Marlborough, was burned by an incendiary. Loss on buildings, \$3000; Mr. Manning's loss, \$2000. Several carpenters lost tools. Mr. Manning erected his present factory in the Fall of the same year, 1876.

Feb. 12, 1813.—Rufus Sawyer married Seraph Bartlett, both of Berlin. They were married in the stone mansion on Baker's hill, and had their golden wedding at the same place New Year's day, 1863. They had ten children. Mrs. Sawyer died the next December.

Feb. 12 and 13, 1856.—Change of weather. Tuesday noon thermometer up to 47 degrees; the next morning, Wednesday, down to 3 degrees—fell 44 degrees in 19 hours.

Feb. 13, 1816.—Sudbury meadows. The proprietors of Sudbury meadows—all adjoining Sudbury river from Framingham line to Concord—incorporated.

Feb. 13, 1836.—An old-fashioned snow storm and cold weather. Large quantities of snow, which laid the whole country under an embargo.

Feb. 13, 1869.—Velocipede fever reached Marlborough, and occupied the Town Hall. Admission 15 cents—one cent a minute for riding.

Feb. 14, 1849.—The Cordaville Manufacturing Co. incorporated, for cotton and woolen goods. Corporators, Oliver S. and Milton H. Sanford and Thomas S. Nelson.

Feb. 14, 1862.—Friday evening. Lincoln Brigham's house in Westborough, near Southborough line, was burned. Caused by a defect in the chimney.

Feb. 15, 1837.—Rev. Nathaniel Howe of Hopkinton died, aged 73 years. He preached in that town forty years, and was one of the most original characters.

Feb. 15, 1842.—Fire in Southborough. Dana Flagg's carpenter shop was entirely consumed. The fire caught in the shavings. Loss, \$1000; insurance on the building, \$300.

Feb. 15, 1846.—A furious snow storm. About a foot of snow fell a few days before this date.

Feb. 15, 1865.—Marlborough Gas Co. incorporated. Capital not to exceed \$50,000; real estate not to exceed \$20,000. Corporators, Samuel Boyd, Joseph Boyd, Thomas Corey.

Feb. 15, 1868.—Capt. Jonathan Bruce, a native of Marlborough, died at Hudson, Mass., aged 76 years. For 22 years he was superintendent of the Boston Light, and afterwards a very successful pilot.

Feb. 16, 1733.—Col. Thomas Howe of Marlborough died, aged 77 years. He was an active and prominent citizen, and was for many years one of their selectmen and representatives. He kept a public house; was deputy sheriff and justice of the peace. In 1704 he marched to the relief of Lancaster, when the Indians burned the meeting-house. In 1707, he raised a company and marched in pursuit of the Indians, into what is now Sterling.

Feb. 17, 1805.—Died in Marlborough, Mrs. Ann Quincy, aged 80 years, widow of Josiah Quincy, and mother of Mrs. Nancy Packard, who died Feb. 3, 1844, in Lancaster, aged 80 years.

Feb. 17, 1827.—A great body of snow upon the ground—two to three feet in the woods. This day Silas Felton, Esq., surveyed Maj. Henry Rice's land, near the old meeting-house common, on rackets.

Feb. 18, 1867.—The compiler of these events heard a good lecture at Northborough, by Rev. Jacob M. Manning of Boston, on "Samuel Adams, the Patriot of the Revolution."

Feb. 19, 1711-12.—The Town of Marlborough voted to furnish the new meeting-house, erected last year. They voted that pews "shall be granted to such persons as the town shall see cause, provided they build upon their own cost." They chose James Taylor, Jr. and John Bigelow, to be head workmen to finish the new meeting-house.

Feb. 19, 1852.—Splendid display of the Auroral Lights.

Feb. 19, 1869.—George Francis Train spoke in Marlborough; also on March 11. He said he was going to be President in 1873.

Feb. 20, 1847.—Hon. Elijah Brigham Witherbee died at Detroit, Mich., aged 42 years. He was born in Marlborough, and had been town treasurer in his native town.

Feb. 20, 1876.—Sunday. Commemoration services by Centennial discourse in Lancaster, by Rev. A. P. Marvin, in commemoration of the destruction of the town by the Indians, Feb. 21, 1676. Mr. Marvin has since written the "History of Lancaster, Mass."

Feb. 20, 1878.—Rev. Wm. Morse died at Franklin, N. H., aged 80 years. He preached in Marlborough, Mass., ten years; in Tyngsborough, nine years; in Chelmsford, several years. He was born in Pomfret, Conn., before that town was divided and Putman incorporated.

Feb. 21, 1676, N. S.—King Philip, accompanied by the Narragansetts, the Nipmucks, and the Nashaway Indians, made an attack upon Lancaster. Burned Rev. Mr. Rowlandson's house and half the buildings in the town. Fifty or more persons were slain or taken captives. It was thought there were 1500 Indians collected together.

Feb. 21, 1860.—Great fire at Westborough—the steam power works of Otis F. Vinton, for making sleighs, wagons, etc. Loss, \$10,000; three-fourths insured.

Feb. 21, 1873.—The most severe snow storm of the season; the railroad trains were snow-bound. The Marlborough and Worcester stage coach could not get through. It drifted badly the next day.

Feb. 22, 1862.—Monday morning commenced a violent snow storm, with high winds, and continued all day. Left the snow in piles; judged to have been eighteen inches.

Feb. 22, 1816.—Hon. Elijah Brigham of Westborough, a member of Congress, died at Washington, D. C., aged 64 years. Was a member of Congress 5 years. He was born in what is now Northborough. Son of Col. Levi Brigham of Northborough.

Feb. 22, 1852.—Fire in Stow. Samuel Sawin's barn, with fifteen to twenty tons of hay, was destroyed. Loss, \$800; insured in the Marlborough Mutual Fire Insurance Co. for \$200.

Feb. 22, 1868.—A cold day and a cruel race. Two horses driven on a wager for a purse of \$1000 from Brighton through Marlborough to Worcester. Time, 2 hours and 24 minutes. One or both horses soon afterwards died.

Feb. 22, 1879.—Died at Northborough, Gill Valentine, Esq., aged 90 years. He was formerly a land surveyor, postmaster and deputy sheriff at Northborough. For fifteen years he was auditor for the city of Worcester. In 1871 he moved back to Northborough. About 7 weeks after Mr. Valentine's death, April 11, his son, Thomas W. Valentine, who was for many years a school teacher, died at Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 61 years.

Feb. 23, 1873.—Rev. Joseph Allen, D. D., of Northborough, died, aged 82 years. He was settled there in 1816. He was the author of the "History of Northborough," and of several other works.

Feb. 25, 1862.—About 2 o'clock, A. M., fire in Marlborough. Very strong wind at the time. Wm. Giles' house was burned, on the west side of Shoestring hill. He had another built on the same spot, where he now resides.

Feb. 26, 1869.—Hudson Savings Bank incorporated. Corporators, Francis Brigham, E. M. Stowe and George Houghton.

Feb. 26, 1879.—Sudden death. Dr. Henry Barnes of Northborough, aged 68 years. He was born in Marlborough Feb. 7, 1811, and was brother of the late Dr. E. F. Barnes of that town. Dr. Barnes was a prominent physician. He married, in 1837, a daughter of Dr. Ball in Northborough, where he resided up to the time of his death, and where he was a leading citizen and selectman for a few years. His son, Henry J. Barnes, is also a physician.

Feb. 28, 1839.—Hon. Alexander Hill Everett, lectured in Marlborough; subject, "The Battle of New Orleans," Jan. 8, 1815.

Feb. 29, 1816.—Rev. Peter Whitney of Northborough died, aged 72 years. He was

pastor in that town 48 years. Author of the "History of Worcester County," published in 1793.

Feb. 29, 1848.—Dr. John B. Kittredge of Framingham, died, aged 76 years. He was a prominent physician, and his practice extended into adjoining towns.

MARCH.

March, first week, 1855.—Marlborough Branch Railroad opened from Feltonville to Marlborough centre, northeast of the High School building and cemetery.

March 1, 1702.—John Holman of Milton commenced keeping school in Marlborough. He received £7 for teaching 4 months, in reading, writing, and casting accounts, also Latin. Supposed he was the third public schoolmaster that kept in town. He boarded with Widow Dorothy Howe. He graduated at Harvard College in 1700. Mr. Holman died in 1759.

March 1, 1754.—Funeral of Benjamin Goodale of Marlborough. He died Feb. 27, aged 67 years. His wife died one week before, Feb. 20, 1755. The pall bearers were Nathaniel Hathorne, Uriah Newton, James Russell, Robert Baker, Robert Sproule and Joseph Hapgood.

March 2, 1704-5.—The Town of Marlborough paid Samuel Ward, Sen., for entertaining ministers,—Mr. Whiting, Mr. Willard, Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Breck, Mr. Severs,—£5 and 2 shillings.

March 2, 1812.—The first town meeting in the first Spring Hill meeting house was held this day. Silas Felton was elected moderator. The annual March meetings were held there 4 years, until the East Centre school house was built in 1816, where all town meetings were held until 1820.

March 2, 1875.—Re-union of newspaper men in Marlborough. A poem was given by Miss Martha L. Ames. Several journalists from out of town were present.

March 3, 1865.—Died at Elizabeth, N. J., Samson V. S. Wilder, Esq., aged 84 years, formerly of Bolton, Mass., and founder of the Wayside meeting house. In September 1824, Gen. La Fayette stopped at Mr. Wilder's place in Bolton.

March 3, 1876.—Sudden death. Wm. Wallace of Marlborough visited his friend, Dr. Albee of Hopkinton, with the intention of spending the day. He died while unharnessing his horse. The cause of his death was heart disease. He was a large portly man, and 57 years of age.

March 4, 1770.—The date of the last town meeting in Marlborough, called "In His Majesty's Name." The next town meeting in May, was warned "In the Name of the Government and People of Massachusetts Bay." After the adoption of the State Constitution in 1780, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

March 4, 1805.—Bounty on dead crows. The Town of Marlborough offered a bounty on old crows killed in town, 25 cents apiece; for young crows 12 1-2 cents. For several years the bounty was just half of the above-named amount.

March 4, 1875.—Died in Hudson, George S. Rawson, Esq., aged 53 years. He was a land surveyor, and many years a school teacher, and one of the school committee.

March 5, 1845.—The Fitchburg Railroad opened to Fitchburg, 49 miles in length. The rails weighing 56 pounds to the yard.

March 5, 1867.—First trial of the fire extinguisher in Marlborough. Many people present from out of town.

March 6, 1820.—Marlborough town meeting adjourned from the East Centre school house to Cheney's Hall, where every March meeting for 20 years afterwards was holden. It was sometimes called Parker's Hall, and later, Cotting's Hall.

March 6, 1878.—A Methodist festival in Marlborough. The semi-centennial anniversary

of the Methodist Church in Marlborough. Rev. Nathaniel B. Fiske, the pastor, and several other ministers took part in the exercises, also several laymen of the society.

March 7, 1775.—The Town of Marlborough voted to purchase 55 firearms, with bayonets, for the town's use. For a committee, chose Edward Barnes, Silas Gates, Sen., and Silas Jewell.

March 7, 1806.—The Boston and Worcester Turnpike Company incorporated. It passed through Framingham, Southborough, Westborough, corner of Northborough and Shrewsbury.

March 7, 1831.—Donation. The Town of Northborough, by a unanimous vote, accepted a donation of \$3,000 from Henry Gassett, Esq., of Boston, but a native of Northborough. Mr. Gassett was a merchant of Boston, and died there August 15, 1855, aged 83 years. His wife was also a native of the same town.

March 7, 1825.—New cemetery. The Town of Marlborough chose a committee of three, viz: Silas Felton, Esq., Dea. Jonathan Hapgood and Capt. Jedediah Wood, to locate a burying ground in the north part of the town. At an adjournment of said meeting, the committee reported to purchase one acre of land for 15 dollars. The report was accepted.

March 7, 1843.—School district libraries. The Town of Marlborough raised and appropriated 150 dollars for the ten school districts. By a resolve of the Legislature of Massachusetts in 1842, a grant of 15 dollars worth in books, made or given to every school district that shall or should in any way raise an equal sum for the purchase of a district library. Every school district in town had a library.

March 8, 1835.—Sunday. Fire in Marlborough on the "Farm," so-called. Wm. Dunton's dwelling house took fire, and with all its contents burned to the ground. The citizens of the town, with a becoming liberality, soon after erected him another house.

March 8, 1854.—Evening. Lightning, with heavy thunder and rain.

March 9, 1855.—Fire in Marlborough about 3 o'clock P. M. A house belonging to Philip Kerby, near the meadow on South street.

March 9, 1861.—A great rain storm. Elbridge Darling's barn, in the north part of the town, on Uriah Moore's place, was blown down. Loss, 275 dollars.

March 10, 1725. Wm. Thomas, Jr., was born in Marlborough. It is said he taught school 40 winters. He was father of Robert B. Thomas, of Thomas's "Farmers' Almanack."

March 10, 1856.—The coldest March day for 30 years. The mercury in many places from 10 to 15 degrees below zero.

March 10, 1859.—Col. Silas Stuart died in Feltonville, aged 65 years. He was formerly a tailor, afterwards a box maker. He was Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart when La Fayette was in Massachusetts in 1824-25.

March 11, 1869.—Golden wedding. Celebration in Bolton of Gen. Amory Holman and wife—50th anniversary of their marriage.

March 13, 1838.—A fire near the centre of Hopkinton. The extensive stables of the Warren Coffee House, and a carpenter's shop, were burned.

March 14, 1804.—Rev. Isaac Allen was ordained at Bolton. At the time there was an immense body of snow on the ground, and the traveling was difficult and dangerous. He was never married. He preached there 40 years, and died March 18, 1844, aged 72 years.

March 14, 1850.—Clintonville, the south part of Lancaster, was incorporated a town by the name of Clinton. It was named for Gov. Clinton of New York.

March 14, 1868.—Saturday. An extensive sale of public property at Concord. The Court House with half an acre of ground for \$9,000, to George Keyes of Concord. A dwelling house, known as the County House, with a barn and two acres of land for \$4,550. The old Stone Jail (to be taken down and removed); for \$1,305. The Middlesex Hotel for \$7,900, to Elias H. Goodnow of Boston.

March 15, 1875.—Capt. Anson Rice of Northborough died, aged 76 years. Had been

a trader, assessor, town clerk and postmaster in his native town, and in his life time was well-known and universally esteemed in musical circles in his own and neighboring towns. For several years a correspondent for the Marlborough newspaper.

March 16, 1846.—Unionville, partly in Framingham and Hopkinton, was incorporated a town by the name of Ashland.

March 17, 1737.—Capt. Eleazer Howe of Marlborough died, aged 75 years. He was a carpenter and erected the first school house in Marlborough. He was a large land holder, and owned two or more grist and saw mills. He was a prominent man in town, one of the selectmen several years. He settled near the north west corner of that beautiful sheet of water of about 100 acres, that was called for him in his day and years afterwards, "Howe's Pond." He married Hannah Howe, daughter of Abraham Howe, and we believe was the first couple married where both parties were natives of the town. His wife died in 1735.

March 17, 1855.—Saturday. Fire in Marlborough about noon. Jonathan Rice's, 2d, shoe shop on Howland street was partially burned, with some 20 cases of shoes. The fire engine saved the house.

March 17, 1874.—Died in Hudson, George E. Manson, Esq., aged 76 years. He was one of the selectmen of Marlborough 12 years; many years a trader in Feltonville, and postmaster there 27 years. He married a daughter of Silas Felton, Esq., and Mr. Manson's two sons have been postmasters in the same village.

March 18, 1854.—Saturday. A great gale or wind storm. Like a tempest in some sections. For a week before it was very warm, and for a week afterwards it was cold.

March 18, 1876.—Appeared the first number of a series of "Centennial Papers upon the Marlborough Public Schools," in the Marlborough *Mirror-Journal*, by Dea. David B. Goodale.

March 19, 1728.—About 40 persons, principally inhabitants of Marlborough, Sudbury, Concord and Stow, purchased Hassanamisco (afterwards called Grafton) of the Indians, for £2500, and the proprietors must build and finish a decent meeting house, and a suitable school house for the use of both English and Indians, all without charge to the Indians. The first meeting of the proprietors was held at Jonathan Howe's Inn, in Marlborough, in April, 1728.

March 19, 1861.—Rev. George Trask, the anti-tobacconist, lectured in Feltonville, on the evils of tobacco. He also lectured in Marlborough centre about the same time. Mr. Trask married Ruth F. Packard, who was born in Marlborough.

March 20, 1843.—Rev. Asa Packard died at Lancaster, aged 84 years. He was a soldier in the revolutionary war. He graduated at Harvard College in 1783. He was a pastor in Marlborough 34 years, from 1785 till 1819.

March 20, 1847.—Great fire in Saxonville, Framingham. The carpet factories—four wooden buildings—were entirely consumed. Were owned by a Boston company. Loss about \$70,000. Insurance about covered the loss. By the fire 150 persons were thrown out of employment.

March 20, 1857.—Died in Marlborough, near Feltonville, Benjamin Prentiss, aged 97 years, 1 1-2 months. The oldest man in town. He was born in Connecticut, was a colored man, and once a slave. He lived in Marlborough sixty years, was a voter, and was married twice. His daughter, Mrs. Wilson, died in 1851.

March 21, 1870.—A town meeting at Southborough. The meeting was to take action to oppose the petition of citizens of Southville and Cordaville, to be set off as a new town, to be called Sanford.

March 21, 1870.—Middlesex West Agricultural Association was organized at Hudson, Mass. The capital stock \$3,000. Five dollars a share.

March 22, 1874.—Quite a sensation in Marlborough. Several Shakers spoke in the Unitarian church Sunday evening. The house was full, every standing place occupied. It was one of Rev. Mr. Wiggin's Denominational Course that season.

March 23, 1851.—Sunday. Fire in Berlin. Leonard Hartwell's house, with nearly all its contents, was burned. First fire in Berlin since 1830, about 21 years before the above date.

March 23, 1870.—Framingham & Lowell Railroad, through Sudbury and Concord, incorporated. Hon. Samuel N. Aldrich of Marlborough was elected President of the corporation in 1879.

March 24, 1815.—The tythingmen of Marlborough gave notice in the Worcester *Spy*, that they should discharge the duties of the office, commencing next month. Marlborough usually chose from 2 to 8 annually. In 1699, chose Dea. John Barnes, Sen., and James Taylor, Sen. In 1818, the last tythingmen in Marlborough were chosen.

March 24, 1843.—Part of the boundary line between Marlborough and Southborough altered by the Legislature. Willard Newton, Esq., and 5 or 6 more voters, set off from Southborough and annexed to Marlborough, or were re-annexed, being set off 116 years before this date, when Southborough was made a town.

March 24, 1873.—Powder mill explosion in Acton. Addison G. Fay, Esq., of Concord, who was agent of the company, was killed, aged 54 years. Mr. Fay was a native of Southborough.

March 24, 1875.—A spelling match at Fairmount Hall, Marlborough. Words given out by Mr. Tuell, principal of the High School. Mrs. Ernest Brigham gained the first prize, and Miss Annie Boyd the second.

March 25, 1875.—Hon. George B. Loring of Salem gave an address before the Farmers and Mechanics Club of Marlborough at the Town Hall.

March 25, 1879.—Fire in Marlborough. Between 3 and 4 o'clock A. M., Hiram Temple's shoe factory, in the East village, was destroyed by fire.

March 26, 1861.—Died at Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Lyman Howe, Esq., aged 59 years. He was the fifth generation that kept the Howe Tavern. Mr. Howe informed the compiler of these events that the centennial day of the opening of the Howe Tavern, no charges to guests: meals, lodging, stabling—all free. His father, Adam Howe, died in 1841.

March 28, 1701.—This day the Town of Marlborough concurred with the church by the choice of Rev. Joseph Morse for their minister. He had preached in town during the Winter. Aug. 22, 1701, after the disease of the Rev. Wm. Brimsmead, the town again voted for Mr. Morse for their minister. Yeas, 50 votes; nays, 37 votes. Probably he declined on account of the large number of negative votes.

March 29, 1754.—Accident in Marlborough. "Aaron Willard's two children were shot dead by a careless boy," says a contemporary of that age.

March 30, 1870.—Dramatic entertainment in the vestry of the Universalist church. Had several entertainments during the Spring at the same place.

March 30, 1876.—Cherry Valley wash-out at New Worcester. The reservoir burst its dam, causing immense damage. For days afterwards many from miles around visited the ruins of the sad disaster.

APRIL.

April 2 and 3, 1856.—Rain, and the first that fell since the last Christmas day, three months ago; and the same length of time, it was said, the mercury fell every night below zero.

April 2, 1866.—Commenced having annual town meetings in Marlborough, for choosing town officers, the first Monday in April, instead of the first Monday in March.

April 3, 1815.—The Centre school district in Marlborough to be divided. Voted to build a new school house near and west of Spring Hill meeting house. Afterwards called School District No. 1.

April 3, 1820.—First inspecting school committee chosen in Marlborough: Wm. Draper, Benjamin Rice, Silas Felton and Dr. John Baker. The same were re-elected the next year, in 1821.

April 3, 1865.—By-laws of the Town of Marlborough adopted. Approved the next month by the Superior Court. Repealed April 2, 1877, by adopting another list of by-laws.

April 4, 1803.—This year, probably, the commencement of regular women's schools in Marlborough. A committee chosen in March reported this day that the Winter schools commence near the middle of November, annually; also, to provide suitable schoolmistresses to keep seven and one-half weeks annually in each school-house; and the report was accepted by the town.

April 6, 1795.—Guide posts in Marlborough. The town chose a committee of seven, viz.: Edward Barnes, Moses Woods, Noah Rice, Samuel Gibbon, Archelaus Felton, John Loring and Wm. Gates to erect guide posts. In the Summer the selectmen named eleven places for guide-posts. John Loring charged for guide-posts, \$14.86; Wm. Gates, \$16.22 1-2; Dr. Nathaniel S. Prentiss, \$7.17 for lettering the same.

April 6, 1859.—School districts abolished in Massachusetts. The school committee to have charge of all public schools and schoolhouses after July 1, 1860.

April 6, 1877.—Sudden death. Henry H. Peters, Esq., died with the heart disease in Boston, aged 52 years. He was in Southborough ten years, from 1854. He bought the Peter Fay farm for \$16,000. He was the founder of the Peters High School at Southborough.

April 7, 1837.—Fire in Southborough. Dana Flagg's carpenter shop, with his stock and tools, destroyed by fire. Loss, \$1200.

April 8, 1706.—A new cemetery in Marlborough. At a meeting of the proprietors it was ordered, granted and concluded that the land exchanged with John Perry, the tailor, two and one-half acres, adjoining to the meeting house land, "shall be for a Traying Place, and a Burying Place forever." The town wanted part of the land to build a meeting house upon; and five years afterwards, in 1711, they did erect a meeting house on the spot where now stands the High School building.

April 8, 1849.—Sunday morning. Fire in Waltham. Destruction of the Massasoit house, and the stables attached to it. Original cost, \$26,000; insurance, \$7000.

April 8, 1846.—Fatal accident at Westborough. Francis Winslow was killed on the Boston & Worcester railroad.

April 10, 1775.—The Town of Marlborough voted to give the minute men one shilling and foupence for training half an hour every week in this month and in May, except they were called for to enter the service. This was nine days before the Concord and Lexington battles.

April 10, 1826.—Snow storm. From nine to ten inches of snow fell. It was thought to have been the most at any one time this season.

April 10, 1865.—Monday. Great rejoicing over great and good news (surrender of Gen. Lee and the rebel army), in Marlborough, Feltonville, and many other places. Same day a sad accident at Feltonville, to Capt. Henry Whitcomb, by blowing off both hands and burning his face and body.

April 1, 1861.—The "Spur railroad" act, from South Marlborough to the centre of Marlborough, in addition to the "Agricultural Branch railroad" act, passed the Legislature. Great rejoicing in Marlborough. A number of heavy guns were fired in town.

April 11, 1869.—Sunday evening. Fire in Northborough. Silas Howe (late of Marlborough) had a barn destroyed. The house was barely saved. Loss, \$1500; partially insured.

April 11, 1876.—A successful "camp-fire" in Fairmount Hall, by Post 43, G. A. R., Capt. E. C. Whitney, commander. Capt. Henry B. Pierce, Secretary of State, Gen. H. B. Sargent and others were present.

April 12, 1736.—Perambulation of town bounds. "Lancaster and Westborough men met Marlborough men, and renewed their bounds betwixt the towns, and exchanged papers." At that time those three towns adjoined each other.

April 13, 1868.—Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, governor of Maine, lectured in Marlborough Town Hall. Subject, "Surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee," April 9, 1865.

April 14, O. S., 25 N. S., 1751.—Rev. John Martyn of Westborough, north precinct, preached in Marlborough, in exchange with Rev. Aaron Smith. They exchanged about once a year.

April 15, 1845.—Tuesday evening. Fire in Weston. The large tavern house known as Davis's tavern, was entirely destroyed. Loss covered by insurance.

April 15 and 17, 1854.—Snow storms. A number of inches of snow. Many birds were killed by the storms.

April 15, 1869.—Pleasant and spring-like. In the evening a remarkable auroral display in the North.

April 16, 1851.—A great storm. Strong wind; some trees blown down. Damage done in Boston and vicinity more than one million of dollars; highest tide for thirty years. Minot's Ledge Lighthouse, off Boston Harbor, blown down. Very strong and high winds at Marlborough, Vermont, that day, when the compiler of this record passed through the town.

April 17, 1837.—Shocking accident at Saxonville. George Fuller, aged 19 years, son of Leonard Fuller, was instantly killed in the worsted factory. He was mending a belt at the time.

April 18, 1876.—Bi-centennial commemoration services at Sudbury, of the battle at Green Hill, and death of Wadsworth and his compatriots. Oration by Professor Edward J. Young of Harvard College.

April 19, 1708.—The Town of Marlborough paid Abraham Williams, for recording a deed of the meeting house land, one shilling and sixpence. It was the two and one-half acres of land that the town came in possession of in 1706, to erect a meeting house upon, for a training field, and a burying yard.

April 19, 1871.—A new town. Assabet Village, between Stow and Sudbury, incorporated a town, and called Maynard, in honor of the managers of the Assabet Manufacturing Co. Amory and Lorenzo Maynard were born in Marlborough.

April 19, 1876.—Celebration at Concord. Parade of Concord Artillery, under the command of Capt. R. F. Barrett, a descendant of Col. James Barrett. In the evening an address in the Town Hall from Rev. Geo. W. Hosmer, D. D., a native of Concord, about the "embattled farmers" of 1775 and "the shot heard round the world."

April 19, 1854.—Hon. John Davis, U. S. Senator and ex-Governor of Massachusetts, died, aged 67 years. He was born in Northborough. He taught school in the "Farm" district in Marlborough one winter. His mother was born in Marlborough.

April 20 and 21, 1856.—A cold, northeast rain storm.

April 20, 1871.—A sad incident. Abner Henry Wenzel died at Medfield. He died of wounds received six days before, when he shot himself with five balls. He was for four years teacher of Marlborough High school, and a lawyer and trial justice at his decease.

April 21, 1855.—Rev. William Brown Stowe died in Ohio, aged 73 years. He was born in Marlborough, graduated at Williams College in 1811. He preached several years at Wilmington, Vt., and was a missionary in several states.

April 22, 1836.—A splendid show of the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights.

April 22, 1868.—Gen. William Schouler lectured before the G. A. R. and other citizens of Marlborough, giving a history of the late Rebellion.

April 23, 1718.—Capt. Daniel Howe of Marlborough died, aged 60 years. He was taken by Indians, in the west part of the town, in August, 1707, and made his escape from

them the same day. Jonathan Wilder, who was taken with him, was killed the next day. Capt. Howe was one of the Selectmen of Marlborough before and after he was taken by the Indians.

April 23, 1873.—Rev. Edwin Thompson, the noted temperance lecturer, addressed the reform club in Marlborough.

April 24, 1851.—An additional Act to the Marlborough Insurance Co., of 1836, for to insure upon stock, tools and other personal property.

April 25, 1861.—A flag staff of fifty feet raised upon Bowker or Sligo hill, Marlborough. Two days afterward, 27th of April, one of forty-seven feet above ground, raised upon Felton hill, with a flag of 34 stars.

April 25, 1876.—Golden wedding in Stow. Mr. and Mrs. Washington Eustis Clark had, to them, a surprise wedding party. About fifty persons present. They had lived in Stow forty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Clark had lived in Marlborough, and were married the first time by Rev. S. F. Bucklin of Marlborough.

April 26, 1813.—The town of Marlborough voted to erect eight guide-posts, with boards, in the town. The town had eleven erected in 1795.

April 26, 1848.—Rev. David L. Ogden installed pastor of the Union society. He preached in the town (Marlborough) two years. Dismissed in July, 1850.

April 26, 1854.—In the evening a great thunder storm, with much lightning. A number of buildings struck and barns burned in Worcester county. Three fires in that county were seen in Marlborough.

April 26, 1873.—Died in Northborough, suddenly, George Clinton Davis, Esq., aged 60 years. Was president of Northborough Bank and trustee and treasurer of the reform school at Westborough.

April 27, 1699.—The town of Marlborough allowed Benjamin Franklin, for keeping school fourteen weeks, five pounds and twelve shillings. Probably he taught in town several years before this date. His two children, born seven to nine years before this date, are recorded on the Marlborough records as if born in town. He taught in town seven years before Dr. Franklin was born, and sixteen years before Dr. Franklin's uncle, Benjamin Franklin, came to America. Schoolmaster Franklin was probably a son or nephew of Benjamin and Catherine Franklin of Boston, in 1675 to 1681.

April 27, 1826.—Dea. Isaac Davis of Northborough died, aged 77 years. He married Annie Brigham, daughter of Dr. Samuel Brigham of Marlborough. Were ancestors of the influential Davis families of Northborough.

April 29, 1861.—Town meeting in Marlborough. The town appropriated, for war purposes, the sum of \$10,000.

April 30, 1816.—Sudden death in Marlborough. John Gott Brigham, Sen., died while at work in the field, aged 65 years. He was grandson of Dr. Gott, and great-grandson of Rev. Mr. Breck, all of Marlborough.

MAY.

May 1, 1815.—The Town of Marlborough voted, after a long discussion, against dividing the town—50 to 59 votes; also, voted against building a two-story school house near the Spring Hill meeting house.

About May 1, 1854.—The Shinstone Tree society of West Marlborough procured and set beside the streets one hundred rock maples.

May 1, 1867.—The Agricultural Branch Railroad Co. passed to among things that were. The name changed to Boston, Clinton & Fitchburg Railroad Co.

May 2, 1841.—A snow storm. A driving snow storm which lasted all night. The most backward season that had occurred for many years.

May 2, 1867.—Thursday night. An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the First National Bank in Marlborough. The drill which they used was broken off in the hole they attempted to make in the safe, thus defeating their plans.

May 4, 1769.—Dr. Ebenezer Dexter of Marlborough died, aged 40 years. He was son of Rev. Samuel Dexter of Dedham, and uncle to Hon. Samuel Dexter, candidate for Governor of Massachusetts. Two of Dr. Dexter's sons were physicians, and his widow married Dr. Samuel Curtis of Marlborough.

May 5, 1747.—The Town of Marlborough paid Samuel Brigham, Jr., for keeping school three months, 28 pounds, 15 shillings; and in September, same year, paid him the same amount for keeping another three months. Mr. Brigham was a physician, and married a daughter of Dr. Gott. He was town clerk of Marlborough two years, and died Feb. 15, 1756.

May 5, 1800.—New school house. The town of Marlborough voted to build the Centre school house, 27 feet square, 9 1-2 feet posts. Voted to sell the old school house. It was erected at Schoolhouse square, now Monument square.

May 5, 1858.—P. M. Fire in Marlborough. Nathaniel Langley, Esq.'s barn, in the East village, was burned.

May 6, 1851.—Accident at Northborough. Henry L. Southwick was badly injured by a premature explosion while blasting rocks. He died the same month.

May 7, 1842.—Fire in Hopkinton. Col. Abijah Ellis lost his house and all his out-buildings except his barn. Engine No. 3 of Hopkinton was there.

May 7, 1871.—Prof. William Denton delivered the last of a course of lectures before the Marlborough Spiritual Association, in Berry's hall.

May 9, 1833.—A heavy shower, with hail, and some as large as ounce balls. Window glass broken in some localities.

May 10, 1857.—Barn burned by lightning in Westborough, and a horse and two calves. They belonged to Taylor Fay. The barn was insured.

May 12, 1752.—Funeral of John Goodale of Marlborough, who was 71 years of age. His widow and second wife died the same month. Mr. Goodale was ancestor of three deacons of Marlborough of the same surname.

May 13, 1773.—Capt. Robert Barnard of Marlborough died, aged 84 years. He was for many years a miller in what is now the village of Hudson. He was one of the selectmen of Marlborough several years.

May 14, 1861.—Company G, commanded by Capt. John Carey, left Marlborough. They were in camp on Long Island, in Boston harbor, several weeks, and left for the seat of war the next month.

May 15, 1704.—The Town of Marlborough voted to pay James Woods, for boarding Rev. Francis Goodhue 33 weeks, and keeping his horse the same length of time, 33 weeks, £9. Mr. Goodhue preached in Marlborough from September, 1703, to the middle of April, 1704, when he gave his full answer, for to settle in town, in the negative. In February, 1704, the town invited him to become their pastor—66 votes to 42 nays.

May 19, 1846.—Robert Bailey Thomas of West Boylston died, aged 80 years. He taught school a few years, and published the "Farmers' Almanac" 50 years. He represented his town in the Legislature. His grandfather, William Thomas, taught school many years in Marlborough, Mass.

May 20, 1751.—The Town of Marlborough voted "to fence the Burying Place at the Meeting House, with a Board Fence," and chose a committee of three—Andrew Rice, Ephraim Brigham and John Weeks, to build the fence. The next month, June 4, voted "to fence with Stone Walls."

May 20, 1743.—The Town of Marlborough voted against making a precinct of the Indian land, called Okommakamesit, and gave many reasons against the petitions.

May 2, 1756.—The Town of Marlborough voted to repair the meeting house, rather than to take it down, and to build one or two more, and chose a committee to make repairs. A few years afterwards there were two porches built, one on each side of the meeting house.

May 20, 1800.—Hon. Moses Gill of Princeton, Acting Governor of Massachusetts, died. He was Lieutenant-Governor six years, and Governor almost one year. He owned land in the west part of Marlborough (the Brigham farm), on which stood Gill's grist mill in 1794. Some years after Governor Gill's death, the farm was purchased by Col. Luke Drury, formerly of Grafton.

May 20, 1836.—In the evening a Baptist meeting house was burned at Worcester.

May 21, 1734.—The Town of Marlborough voted to move the school to accommodate the several parts of the town. To be kept six months at the school house in the middle of the town, and six months in four places, viz.: five weeks on the "Farm," so-called, five weeks in the west part, eight weeks in the north part, and eight weeks in the north-east part. This arrangement was continued in town for several years.

May 21, 1754.—Funeral of John Howe of Marlborough. He died May 19, aged 82 years. He was son of John Howe, Jr., and grandfather of Col. Cyprian Howe. His residence was in the east part of the town, on the Boston road. In 1711, the John Howe garrison (one of the 26 garrisons in town), was near his place.

May 23, 1737.—Spring Hill Cemetery. James Keyes, who had surveyed the old "Burying Place on Burying Hill," in Marlborough, made the return of this, being 4 acres and 46 rods," which was accepted by the town. James Keyes was the first moderator in the new town of Bolton, in 1738.

May 24, 1703.—The Town of Marlborough paid Samuel Ward, Sen., for boarding the ministers, and pasturing and stabling of horses for them, from Aug. 15, 1802, to 24th of May, 1703, 8 pounds and 4 shillings. Had several ministers to preach in the Fall and in the Spring.

May 24, 1758.—Troops for Canada expedition in Marlborough. Capt. Ebenezer Jones' company marched through Concord to Marlborough, where they lodged; the next day, May 25th, marched from town to Worcester.

May 24, 1843.—Ordination at Bolton. Rev. Richard S. Edes was ordained. He preached five years. Several years he was town clerk of Bolton, where he died Aug. 26, 1877, aged 67 years.

May 25, 1795.—Monday. Date of the last annual meeting of the proprietors of Marlborough, Westborough, Southborough, and Northborough, at Marlborough meeting house—the usual place of meeting. The annual meetings were the last Monday of May—Capt. George Williams was clerk many years, as was his father, Col. Abraham Williams.

May 25, 1837.—Explosion. A powder mill destroyed at Acton.

May 26, 1704.—The people of Marlborough voted for a minister to settle among them—Rev. Robert Breck had the highest number of votes, and was chosen. He preached in the town in the Winter of 1702 and 3. Rev. Samson Stoddard had the next highest number of votes. He graduated at Harvard College in 1701, and died in 1740. Rev. Peter Thatcher had the third highest vote. He graduated at Harvard College in 1696; settled at Weymouth and Boston, and died in 1737. Committee voted June 1, 1704.

May 26, 1836.—Old Election. Fatal accident in Marlborough, of John D. Baker, aged 18 years, son of Dr. John Baker. As several boys were amusing themselves in discharging the contents of a log, bored and filled with powder, the log burst and young Baker's body was mangled in a shocking manner, having one leg broken in several places, and a severe and mortal inward injury, which he survived but a few hours.

May 26, 1852.—Fire in Marlborough. The old Samuel Howe house, and known for many years as the Phillips house, nearly in front of the Academy, was burned about one o'clock in the morning. It was not a very valuable house at that time.

May 29, 1875.—Saturday. Memorial day at Northborough. Address by Thomas W. Valentine of Brooklyn, N. Y., a native of Southborough and for many years a school teacher.

May 30, 1764.—Died in Marlborough, Mrs. Dorothy (Howe) Howe, first wife of Col. Cyprian Howe. The oldest gravestone in the Morse or "Farm" cemetery is placed over her grave.

May 30, 1858.—About 9 o'clock in the evening, fire in Hopkinton.—The bells in Marlborough rung for the fire.

May 30, 1871.—Tuesday. A warm day. Memorial day in Marlborough. Had an address from Capt. W. W. Blackmer of Boston, and one by Hon. Henry Wilson of Natick.

May 30, 1872.—Thursday. Decoration Day in Marlborough. Commander E. C. Whitney gave an address, Rev. Charles R. Treat an oration, and 1000 people heard it at the Town Hall in the evening.

May 31, 1781.—Rev. Nathan Stone, the first minister of Southborough died, aged 73 years. He preached there 50 years.

JUNE.

June 1, 1708.—Abraham Coffin commenced keeping school in Marlborough. "He was to teach all children, male and female, and such others, of most growth, to read and write and cast accounts." He had £24 for teaching the first year. He was hired to teach, if wanted, in several places in town. About this time commenced moving the school to different places—several weeks on the Indian land, and at Stony Brook (Southborough); also at Chauncey (now Westborough). Mr. Coffin taught about three years in town.

June 2, 1754.—Rev. Mr. Hancock preached in Marlborough.

June 2, 1816.—Died, Dr. John Phelps, aged 25 years, son of Roger Phelps. Also died, Samuel Barnes, aged 26 years, son of Dea. William Barnes. Funerals of both in Marlborough in one day.

June 2, 1868.—Gen. W. Cogswell of Salem lectured in Marlborough on "Gen. Sherman's March to the Sea."

June 2, 1869.—Fire in Southborough. The Cordaville mills took fire, and before the flames could be extinguished, the building and machinery were damaged from \$3000 to \$6000.

June 3, 1777.—Two men killed by lightning in Framingham at one time—John Cloyes and Abraham Rice.

June 3, 1776.—The people of Northborough in town meeting said if Continental Congress declare independence, they were "ready with their lives and fortunes to defend the same."

June 4, 1858.—Friday, about 5 P. M., powder mills blown up in Barre, about 30 miles from Marlborough. Several persons heard the report in the last named town.

June 5, 1767.—Joseph Hapgood of Marlborough died, aged 53 years. He kept a diary, for a few years, of some of the principal events in his vicinity. He was one of the selectmen of the town for a few years, and was one when he died. His consort lived 92 years. His father, Thomas Hapgood, lived 95 years.

June 5, 1781.—First-class wedding. Henry Brigham, son of Uriah Brigham of Marlborough, married Annie Phillips, daughter of Nathaniel Phillips, who resided south of the old Common in Marlborough. Mr. Phillips was the marshal or conductor for many years to about all the funerals in town. He moved to Barre since the commencement of this century.

June 5, 1862.—Rev. Samuel McDaniel took charge of the Union Society in Feltonville. He remained two years.

June 5, 1870.—Afternoon. Prof. Wm. Denton discoursed in Forest Hall, on "Geology." From first to last, he delivered several lectures in town on that subject.

June 5, 1873.—Public temperance meeting in Marlborough. Had two delegates from abroad.—John Bowen of Wales, and Thomas Barclay of Scotland, were among the speakers.

June 5, 1875.—Fire at Rockbottom. A shoe factory was burned. The building was owned by B. W. Gleason, Esq., and was run by Humphrey Brigham.

June 7, 1797.—Ordination. Rev. Ward Cotton was ordained at Boylston. He preached 28 years. When his successor was ordained, it was said that John Howe of that town carried Mr. Cotton one load of wood, consisting of eight to ten cords. Mr. Cotton died suddenly Nov. 15, 1843, aged 73 years.

June 7, 1875.—Lightning in Shrewsbury. A large oak tree, just east of Oliver B. Wyman's house, was completely shattered by lightning—every limb and outside all torn off.

June 8, 1816.—A snow storm, says Trueman Abell, in one of his almanacs. Had frost every month that year. Was called a year without a summer. But very few fields of corn ripened that season. Stephen Felton's field, on the south side of Colonel's hill, ripened.

June 9, (20, N. S.), 1737.—Fast day in Marlborough. The three deacons, Rice, Barnes and Keyes, were a committee to invite four ministers to take part in the exercises; to give their advice in their present difficulties respecting the settlement of a Gospel minister.

June 10, 1805.—An uncommon great rain. The last of June, and July, of that year, were uncommonly dry.

June 11, 1740.—Ordination in Marlborough. Rev. Aaron Smith was ordained pastor and minister of both the church and town. His salary to be £80 per year. He preached 38 years.

June 12, 1817.—Death of an aged person in Marlborough. John Parker, aged, probably from 90 to 100 years. The bell tolled or was struck for him 116 times. His son, John Parker, Jr., was born in 1753.

June 12, 1828.—Dedication. The first meeting house erected in Northborough by the Baptist society, was dedicated. Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Sharp of Boston.

June 13, 1754.—Thursday. "Training day in Marlborough—to beat up volunteers to go to the eastward," says Joseph Hapgood in his diary. Two enlisted in Marlborough, John Brown and Ebenezer Cranston.

June 13, 1861.—Great National Circus in Marlborough.

June 13, 1871.—Tuesday. Very warm or hot all over the country. In many places up to 96 degrees.

June 14, (25, N. S.), 1749.—The drought was so severe that this day was set apart for fasting and praying. Rev. Aaron Smith of Marlborough preached two sermons about it in the town. The two sermons were printed. About three weeks afterwards, began to have plentiful showers, which greatly revived vegetation.

June 14, 1874.—Fire in Northborough. The rubber mills of Charles H. Ball were destroyed. Loss 3000, partly covered by insurance.

June 15, 1853.—Celebration at Lancaster. Commemoration of the 200th anniversary of its incorporation. Address by Joseph Willard, Esq., in the meeting house. Dinner on the common, under Wright's pavilion or tent.

June 16, 1852.—Rev. S. S. Ashley ordained at Northborough as pastor of the Congregational society.

June 17, 1807.—Dr. Amos Cotting of Marlborough died, aged 57 years. He practised medicine in this town 37 years. He graduated at Harvard College in 1767. He was father of Amos Cotting, Esq., who died at Brookline, in May 1857, aged 60 years.

June, 17, 1735.—Another "Venerable Council" convened in Marlborough, to harmonize the views and feelings of the people, and to guide them in the choice of another minister. They appointed the second Wednesday of the next September as Fast day in the town. The Council charged £51, and the town voted in the affirmative to pay it.

June 17, 1863.—Centenarian. Pensioner. Died at Hopkinton, Benjamin Smith, aged 101 years. He was a Revolutionary soldier and a soldier of the war of 1812-15.

June 17, 1873.—Great fire in the village of Westborough. Several stores and building destroyed; among them the Eagle block, in which was located the bank. The deposits in the bank were saved, and the merchants occupying the stores saved the most of their stocks. Loss, \$60,000; insurance, \$41,000.

June 17, 1821.—Mrs. Luey Warren died, aged 69 years; the next day, Thaddeus Warren, aged 74 years. They lived, husband and wife, 49 1-2 years, and were buried at the same time in one grave.

June 19, 1866.—Golden wedding in Marlborough, of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Curtis; they received greenbacks and provisions. Music by the Glee club.

June 22, 1738.—Jonathan Howe died, aged 51 years. He was son of Col. Thomas Howe. The next month, July 25, Jonathan Howe died, aged 43 years. He was son of Capt. Daniel Howe. The two Jonathans were born on the 23d of April, one in 1687, the other just eight years afterwards, in 1695. They had four sons apiece, and as many daughters. All the families resided at Marlborough, Mass.

June 22, 1852.—A barn burned by lightning in Northborough, belonging to the place occupied by Rev. Charles Farrar, a Baptist minister of that town. The barn was near Bartlett's mills.

June 22, 1863.—Died in Boston, Mrs. Mary Parker, aged 80 years, widow of the late Daniel P. Parker, a merchant of that city. Mrs. Parker was a daughter of Capt. Jonathan Weeks of Marlborough. Mr. Parker, who was born at Southborough, was a trader in Marlborough when a young man.

June 24, 1844.—Fire in northeast part of Marlborough: an unoccupied house belonging to David Hayden was burned by an incendiary.

June 24, 1849.—Sunday morning. Fire in Watertown. Destruction of the Watertown house, of four stories, and the stables connected with it; also a dwelling house. It was said to have no insurance.

June 25, 26, 27, 1858.—Extreme hot weather. Mercury up to 96 degrees in the shade.

June 25, 1869.—Westborough soldiers' monument dedicated. It is 28 feet in height, and the names of 25 soldiers are recorded thereon. Address by Dr. George B. Loring of Salem.

June 25, 1876.—Sunday afternoon. A violent hail storm passed over Bolton and Stow; thousands of panes of glass were broken, trees uprooted, growing grain cut down, and general devastation spread in its pathway. Some hailstones one inch in diameter, and smaller ones by the bushel. Thunder, lightning, wind and rain accompanied the hail.

June 26, 1802.—Two men of the same name born in Marlborough, remarkable for size, Moses Williams, son of Col. Abraham Williams, died this day, aged 69 years and ten months, weighing upwards of 300 lbs. Moses Williams, son of Joseph Williams of Marlborough, died at Southborough, weighing nearly 400 lbs.

June 26, 1878.—A beautiful day. The Johnson family gathering at Southborough, at the old homestead of William Johnson, Sen., who was born in Marlborough in 1665. Historical address by Rev. J. H. Temple of Framingham.

June 28, 1714.—The Town of Marlborough chose a committee of three,—Capt. Thomas Amsden, Capt. Thomas Howe and John Keyes,—to meet and treat with the farmers on Mr. Alcock's farm—those persons that settled on the "Farm," so-called. A few years afterwards, in 1718, the "Farm" was annexed to Marlborough.

June 28, 1779.—Was born in Marlborough, Lucy Brigham, the ninth child of Winslow Brigham. We believe she was the first schoolmistress in Marlborough. She taught in the West school district before she was married, which event took place Oct. 29, 1799. Lived in the marriage state 51 years, and died Nov. 23, 1850, aged 71 years. Her husband, Dea. Eli Rice, died 6 months afterwards, May 4, 1851, aged 73 years and 7 months.

June 28, 1875.—Monday afternoon. During a thunder storm, John Goodale of Marlborough lost two valuable cows by lightning. They were standing about 20 rods from the barn at the time.

June 29, 1844.—Fire in Framingham. A barn and a valuable horse, belonging to Benjamin Wheeler, were burnt.

June 29, 1855, and for four days thereafter.—Great heat. Thermometer up to 94 degrees. Before this "hot spell," corn was very backward.

June 29, 1868.—Van Amburgh's menagerie exhibited in Marlborough.

June 29, 1876.—Dedication of a new barn at Shrewsbury, owned by Calvin W. Noyes. It is 40x80 feet.⁹ Upwards of 400 persons present, including Shrewsbury brass band, and Rev. E. P. Guyer. The carpenters gave a \$25 gilt weather vane.

JULY.

July 5, 1865.—Rev. George E. Sanborn ordained at Northborough, pastor of the Second Congregational society.

July 3, 1701—Rev. William Brimsmead, the first settled minister in Marlborough, died, aged probably from 73 to 76 years. He preached till about one year before his decease. He preached in the town in 1660—the year it was incorporated.

July 3, 1829.—Dedication. The Hillside, or Sampson Wilder meeting house in Bolton was dedicated.

July 4, 1715.—A town meeting in Marlborough. Voted to finish the new schoolhouse erected this season, and appropriated 19 pounds and 15 shillings for the building and finishing of said house. "Voted, that the outlivers have the use of the new schoolhouse during Sabbath days, by leaving the fire safe;" also, "Voted, that Joshua Rice keep the schoolhouse key till the schoolmaster comes."

July 4, 1715.—The Town of Marlborough "Voted, that the Stony Brook petition, bearing date May 5, 1715, be dismissed." Stony Brook was a part of Marlborough, but twelve years afterwards, in 1727, was incorporated a town by the name of Southborough.

July 4, 1827.—The corner stone of the Marlborough Academy building was laid. After receiving donations from Silas and Abraham Gates, it was called the Gates academy.

July 4, 1846.—Temperance celebration at Feltonville, in the village and in the grove near Charles Brigham's residence.

July 4, 1854—Extremely hot. The hottest Fourth for several years. Great anti-slavery meeting at Harmony grove, South Framingham.

July 4, 1866.—The Irish Americans of Marlborough had a picnic at Red Spring grove in Marlborough.

July 4, 1867.—Grand temperance meeting at Harmony grove, South Framingham. About 500 Marlborites were there.

July 4, 1868.—This day, and the third and fifth, were exceedingly hot. Thermometer up to 96 in the shade, 120 in the sun. Another great gathering at Harmony grove.

July 4, 1873.—Marlborough celebration. Oration by Hon. George B. Loring, under Yale's big tent, upon land of Samuel Boyd, Esq. Dinner in the Town Hall. The toasts were responded to by Dr. Loring, Hon. Charles Hudson, the ministers of the town, and other citizens. Edmand C. Whitney, Esq., was chief marshal, and John Chipman, Esq., president of the day.

July 5, 1843.—Rev. William A. Houghton ordained pastor of Second Congregational society at Northborough.

July 6, 1864.—Death in Berlin. Dea. John Bartlett, aged 68 years. It was caused by being thrown from a wagon two days before his decease.

July 7, 1871.—Friday. Phineas T. Barnum's great show in Marlborough. July 5, same month, it was in Natick.

July 8, 1717.—The Town of Marlborough "Voted to treat with Mr. William Thomas, our schoolmaster, for to serve us another year." He continued teaching in the town from a dozen to fifteen years. In 1821 he married Lydia Eager of Marlborough, and settled eastwardly and adjoining the Spring Hill cemetery. He was the second schoolmaster that settled and died in town. He died July 25, 1733, aged probably about 45 years. His widow died two years afterward, aged 39 years. Mr. Thomas was born in Wales, and was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge, in Great Britain, says his grandson, Robert B. Thomas, late of West Boylston.

July 8, 1844.—Monday. Fitchburg railroad opened to Concord. Samuel M. Felton was civil engineer of the road.

July 9, 1845.—Sudden death at Worcester. Hon. Daniel Waldo was found dead in his bed. At a meeting of the directors of the bank of which he was president, the evening before, he appeared in unusual good health.

July 9, 1873.—Ordination. Rev. Charles T. Irish ordained pastor of the Unitarian congregation at Northborough.

July 9 and 10, 1873.—Fire in the woods in the east part of Marlborough, near Sudbury. From two to three hundred cords of wood burned. The Marlborough engines were there, but no water.

July 10, 1781.—Col. Abraham Williams of Marlborough died, aged 85 years. He was born in town, and was for many years a tavern keeper near Marlborough pond. Had been a justice of the peace. He married three times, and had a large number of children. Married first a daughter of Col. Thomas Howe; next a daughter of Rev. Mr. Breck; third, Elizabeth Boardman of Cambridge.

July 11, 1783.—The boundary line between Marlborough and Stow altered and straightened.

July 12, 1868.—A hot Sunday. Death of a centenarian. Stephen Oliver died in the south part of Shrewsbury, aged 103 years and 10 months—the oldest person in Worcester county. He lived in Marlborough a few years, at Capt. Peter Bents, near Marlborough pond, in 1788, to 1790, and perhaps more years.

July 13, 1865.—Change of weather. Mercury fell many degrees in a few hours in the afternoon. Two deaths in Marlborough—a daughter of George W. Fay and a daughter of Cyrus Felton. They were both buried on one day, at the same hour, and in one cemetery.

July 14, 1839.—Fatal accident in Marlborough to Walter Crosby, aged 45 years. His death was occasioned by the kick of a horse.

July 14, 1857.—Lightning struck and shattered a large tree within twenty rods of Abel Brigham's barn in Marlborough; also, same month, struck a large tree near Widow Jacob Holyoke's spring, some thirty rods from her buildings.

July 15 to 19, 1855.—Extremely hot and good hay weather. Thermometer up to 98 degrees in some places.

July 17, 1834.—Death by lightning in Lancaster, of Emory Pollard, with a scythe on his shoulder, when getting over a fence near his house.

July 17, 1835.—Hon. Jonathan Maynard of Framingham died, aged 83 years. He had been town clerk, selectman, representative and senator. One of that town's most prominent citizens.

July 17, 1877.—Celebration at Southborough. Just 150 years since it was incorporated. Dexter Newton, Esq., was president of the day. Addresses and historical discourses by Rev. Mr. Angier, Thomas W. Valentine of Brooklyn, N. Y., John C. Wyman and several citizens of the town.

July 19, 1877.—Early in the morning a great conflagration in Marlborough. Timothy A.

Coolidge's large shoe manufactory on Howland street was burned. The greatest fire, or most property destroyed, of any one fire in the town. One dwelling house was also burned at the same time. Mr. Coolidge's loss was \$75,000. In about five months he had up another factory as large as the one destroyed.

July 19, 1753.—Joseph Hapgood had seven men (one of them was John Smith), the others, Samuel Bruce, Thomas Bruce, Josiah Winn, David Alexander, Peter Willard and Francis Fletcher, "to reap for him; and they reaped all of his rye."

July 21, 1830.—Uncommonly hot. Continued several days. Mercury up to 96 at noon—the hottest since 1825.

July 21, 1871.—An interesting occasion. By invitation of Rev. John Willard of Marlborough, about 30 persons, each upwards of 70 years of age, met at the parsonage. The oldest was 88 years; the average age was 77 years.

July 22, 1841.—Wednesday. Great Fire at Watertown. A meeting house, store, bakery, number of dwelling houses, and Gen. G. T. Winthrop's rye in the field, were burned.

July 24, 1842.—Sunday. A thunder storm. Mr. Fessenden's three-story house in Wayland was struck and much injured. There were 40 persons in the house. No one was dangerously injured, but a number were affected more or less.

July 24, 1856.—Thursday. Hot weather. Up to one hundred degrees. Very hot all the week. The 28th, great deal of thunder and lightning. The great elm, near C. Felton's house, was struck and broke off a few limbs.

July 24, 1879.—Timothy B. Patch's box factory, in the east part of Marlborough, was burned.

July 25, 1713.—Robert Breck, Jr., born in Marlborough, graduated at Harvard College in 1730; taught school in his native town. He was ordained at Springfield, Jan. 28, 1736, and after a ministry of 48 years, died April 23, 1784, aged 70 years. He published a "Century Sermon," preached in that town, giving an historical account of that place.

July 25, 1751.—Dr. Benjamin Gott of Marlborough died, aged 46 years. He was a prominent physician. He married Sarah Breck, daughter of Rev. Robert Breck. His son, of the same name, practiced medicine in Marlborough for a few years. One of Dr. Gott's daughters married Dr. Samuel Brigham of the same town.

July 26, 1825.—Explosion in Hopkinton. Mr. Jennison's store was shattered, almost to a ruin, by an accidental explosion of 14 lbs. of gunpowder. Mr. Jennison, a brother and clerk of the owner, was so much injured by the accident, that he died on the following day.

July 26, 1847.—Monday. Damage by lightning in Holliston. Mr. Cutter's barns were struck by lightning and burned. Mr. Ballard had a cow killed by lightning.

July 28, 1775.—Dysentery prevailed in Marlborough. Miss Williams, a daughter of Col. Abraham Williams died, aged 19 years. In less than two weeks he buried a son and his wife. From July 28 to Oct. 4, ten weeks, there were 52 deaths in the town. The whole number of deaths in 1775 was 80.

July 29, 1777.—In the night there were two balls fired into the lodging room of Rev. Aaron Smith's house in Marlborough. The selectmen offered a reward of £100 in behalf of the town. The next year, 1778, he asked and obtained a dismissal. He soon afterwards moved to East Sudbury to live with his daughter Martha, who married Rev. Josiah Bridge, where he died March 25, 1781, aged 67 years, 5 months.

July 30, 1862.—During a storm, one of the large elms in front of Dea. William Stetson's residence, in the east village of Marlborough, was torn asunder by the wind. He afterwards, I believe, had the remainder of the trees insured.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1, 1856.—Festival at Feltonville. About 175 persons from North Cambridge Baptist society visited the place, and were escorted by the Hydralican Engine Co., No. 3, to the meeting house and grove.

Aug. 1, 1862.—Friday. About 2 o'clock P. M., Samuel Boyd's barn was burned. Loss, about \$1590; insurance, \$600.

Aug. 1, 1869.—Rev. Justin D. Fulton of Tremont Temple, Boston, delivered two sermons in Fulton Hall, Marlborough. The hall was so named for him.

Aug. 4, 1856.—Monday evening. Fire in Feltonville. A building formerly used for a blacksmith shop was destroyed by fire.

Aug. 5, 1840.—Fire in Littleton. Baptist meeting house destroyed.

Aug. 5, 1868.—Dedication. Dea. John E. Curtis' shoe manufactory was dedicated, by assembling there in the evening a large collection of people for that occasion.

Aug. 6, 1778.—A fast kept in Marlborough. A day of fasting and prayer, in order to settle a gospel minister among them. Several ministers from neighboring towns were invited to attend, and help in the exercises.

Aug. 7, 1723.—Fire in Shrewsbury, or rather four years before it was made a town. Capt. John Keyes, formerly of Marlborough, had two houses burned. One of them he was just finishing, and five persons perished in the new house. The fire was about one-half mile east of the centre of the town.

Aug. 8, 1784.—Rev. Abraham Williams died at Framingham, aged 58 years. He was born in Marlborough, and graduated at Harvard College in 1744, and settled at Sandwich in this State in 1749. He married a daughter of Rev. Joseph Brickminster of Framingham; had ten children.

Aug. 9, 10, 11, 1844.—Anniversary of the August meteors. Several hundred shooting stars were observed each night.

Aug. 10 to 14, 1853.—An exceeding hot spell—mercury 100 degrees in the shade, and 110 to 130 in the sun. The compiler of this record was in New York city three of the hot days. Many persons died of the heat, and more than 100 horses died in the above-named city.

Aug. 12, 1834.—A great storm. Two barns—one in Stow, and the other in Sudbury—were burned by lightning, and their contents, being well filled with hay and grain, entirely destroyed.

Aug. 12, 1833.—Death from a trifling cause. A singular instance. Benjamin Sawin of East Sudbury (now Wayland), stumbled, and in the fall slightly wounded his under lip with his teeth, which continued to bleed 35 hours, notwithstanding the best medical aid, until he died.

Aug. 13, 1843.—Rev. David Kellogg of Framingham died, aged 87 years. He graduated at Dartmouth college in 1875; ordained in Framingham in June, 1781; preached there 49 years.

Aug. 14, 1843.—Democratic-Republican State convention at Worcester. Hon. George Bancroft, the historian, nominated for Governor of Massachusetts. He received, in November, 54,000 votes. During the Summer Mr. Bancroft lectured in the Spring Hill meeting house in Marlborough.

Aug. 14, 1854.—Saturday night, between 8 and 9 o'clock, a tornado passed over Lancaster centre, and then onward through Bolton. For a few moments the rain fell in torrents, and large trees were twisted about by the wind as if they had been sapling withes. Fields of corn were prostrated, a large amount of fruit blown off, and shade and fruit trees destroyed. The path of the tornado was very narrow.

Aug. 15, 1794.—A town meeting in Marlborough, to take action about the Act of the General Court, of June 26, 1794, about surveying for a plan of the town. Chose a com-

mittee of three to employ a surveyor. The committee—Edward Barnes, Moses Woods and Samuel Gibbon, Esqrs.—employed Col. Andrew Peters of Westborough.

Aug. 15, 1801.—Joel Cranston and Silas Felton opened their new store, built this season, in the "New City," now the village of Hudson, Mass. It was 28x30 feet, two stories high, and cost \$550.

August 15, 1847.—Sudden death at Westborough. Sumner Hudson of Boston, arrived at Westborough the day before, was found this morning dead in the bed, and in the same room in which he was born, 56 years before.

Aug. 15, 1755.—Hon. Needham Maynard was born in Framingham. He was aid to Gen. Warren at Bunker Hill. He died in New York State, aged 89 years. He was uncle to the late Col. Ephraim Howe of Marlborough.

Aug. 15, 1871.—Birthday party. Rev. Joseph Allen, D. D., of Northborough, who was 81 years of age, had twelve persons, all upwards of 80 years, present at his house.

Aug. 18, 1707.—Miss Mary Goodnow, aged 35 years, daughter of Samuel Goodnow, Sen., of Marlborough, was killed and scalped by Indians in Marlborough, near Stirrup brook. Her body was found and interred about 40 rods south of the old post road on the east side of Stirrup brook. Almost 100 years afterwards, in June, 1807, the territory east of Stirrup brook, now in Northborough, was set off from Marlborough and annexed to Northborough.

Aug. 18, 1764.—Died in Marlborough, at her son-in-law's residence—Col. John Week's place—Elizabeth Howe Keyes, aged 89 years, widow of Dea. Thomas Keyes of that town. She was born in Marlborough in July 1675, the year before her father, John Howe, Jr., was killed by Indians. In 1692, when 17 years of age, she was taken in Lancaster by Indians, and carried into captivity, where she remained three or four years before she was returned to her friends. She never fully recovered from the fright of her capture.

Aug. 18, 1828.—Funeral of Silas Felton, Esq., of Marlborough, in the Spring Hill meeting-house. He was a trader, land surveyor, town assessor and postmaster in Feltonville. Rev. Russell Streeter of Watertown officiated at the funeral. Mr. Streeter died at Woodstock, Vt., in February, 1880, aged 89 years.

Aug. 18, 1863.—Died at South Marlborough, Dea. Willard Newton, aged 92 years; had been a justice of the peace, and represented Southborough in the General Court three years. His father, Solomon Newton, lived 96 years.

Aug. 19, 1675.—Capt. Edward Hutchinson, who was wounded at Brookfield by Indians the second day of this month, died in Marlborough, aged 67 years. He was buried in the Spring Hill cemetery in Marlborough. He was son of the famous Ann Hutchinson—Mr. Hutchinson was ancestor of Thomas Hutchinson, the historian, and Governor of Massachusetts just before the Revolution.

Aug. 20, 21 and 22, 1752.—Had frost every morning in Marlborough, says Joseph Hapgood, a cotemporary of that age.

Aug. 20, 1762.—Job Goodale was born in Marlborough. He settled at Bernardston, Mass., and was a prominent man in Franklin county. Among his gifts and bequests was his Temple farm of 106 acres in Marlborough to the Trinitarian Congregational society of Marlborough, the income of which to apply annually towards a settled Orthodox minister. He died Oct. 25, 1733, aged 71 years. That same year, June 24, the Goodale Academy of Bernardston was incorporated, and Mr. Goodale's name was the first one used in the Act of incorporation.

Aug. 20, 1856.—The great and cold August storm. The compiler of this record housed his cattle that night. The Old Charter Oak at Hartford, Ct., blown down. Suppose the tree was 450 years old, by the number of annual rings.

Aug. 20, 1770.—Benjamin Murry was killed by lightning in the Great meadow, in Sudbury, say Sudbury town records.

Aug. 20, 1829.—Dedication of the first Unitarian meeting house in Worcester. Sermon

by Rev. Aaron Bancroft, D. D., of that place. It was built of brick, 68 by 75 feet, cost when opened \$1200. Rev. Dr. Bancroft died 10 years afterwards, Aug. 19, 1839, aged 84 years. In August, 24th day, 1849, this church was destroyed by fire—the work of an incendiary.

Aug. 20, 1846.—Cochituate water for Boston. Ground was first broken at Long pond or Lake Cochituate for the Aqueduct to carry water to Boston. Ex-President John Quincy Adams, and Ex-President Quincy of Harvard College, each threw a spade full of gravel into a barrow. Flagg's brass band was present. It was completed in October 1848.

Aug. 20, 1875.—Second Brigade muster at Camp Sutton, Framingham. From 30 to 40 citizens from Marlborough, besides the Marlborough Light Infantry, visited the camp ground. The next day the Marlborough company under Capt. E. C. Whitney, and the Hudson company under Capt. J. F. Dolan, returned home from Camp Sutton, and the former company escorted the Hudson company through Marlborough.

Aug. 21, 1833.—Rev. Charles Forbush was installed pastor of the Evangelical society in Marlborough. Few months afterwards was married to Susan B. Forbes of Westborough. March 26, 1834, he was dismissed from his society in Marlborough.

Aug. 23, 1840.—Sunday evening a thunder shower. The meeting-house in Berlin was struck by lightning and somewhat damaged.

Aug. 23, 1845.—Littleton and lightning. A severe storm of wind and rain. The Tremont House, a public house in Littleton, was burned with its outbuildings. Also Luther White's and George D. Stevens' two barns by lightning. It struck in many places within a circuit of 30 miles.

Aug. 24, 1835.—Great conflagration in Charlestown. The greatest fire in the town since 1775. Upwards of 70 buildings were destroyed. Loss, \$200,000. Engines were present from a dozen towns. The tide was at its ebb, and many engines could not work for want of water; it was seen in Marlborough.

Aug. 24, 1843.—Rev. George E. Day of Marlborough married Miss Amelia M. Oakes, of New Haven, Ct. She was born in New Haven in 1821, and died there of a cancer, in March 1875, aged 54 years.

Aug. 24, 1801.—The post road through Marlborough. The Town of Marlborough appropriated \$500 to repair the Western post road through town. They chose a committee of 8, four from the east and four from the west part, to make the repairs.

Aug. 24, 1853.—A festival in Marlborough. The young ladies sewing circle of the Congregationalist society, gave a social entertainment at the Town hall.

Aug. 25, 1873.—A centennarian died in Marlborough. Jeremiah Crowley, aged 103 years. He was born in Ireland in 1770, and came to America 1830.

Aug. 26, 1809.—Accident at Sudbury. At a raising of a barn, Wm. Shirley was killed by a fall.

Aug. 26 to 31, 1833.—A camp meeting in Marlborough by the Methodist people, near the residence of Solomon Weeks, Esq. There was considerable disturbance in and around the camp part of the time.

Aug. 28, 1856.—Fire at Westborough. Between 8 and 9 o'clock, P. M., a dwelling house and adjoining buildings belonging to Judge Mellen were destroyed by fire; supposed the work of an incendiary; the building was occupied by other families.

Aug. 28, 1870.—Sunday. Excursion from Marlborough and Hudson to Walden pond. Spiritualist camp meeting.

Aug. 29, 1753.—A raising for a meeting-house in Stow. A contemporary says, "And there was a multitude of people at the raising." At that time and many years since, the people usually attended about all raisings, dedications and ordinations in adjoining towns.

Aug. 29, 1843.—Robbery. J. B. Kimball & Co.'s store in Westborough broken open and money and papers stolen.

Aug. 29, 1861.—Died at Wayland, Dr. Ebenezer Ames, age 73 years. He was born in Marlborough, and married Miss Lucy Weeks, daughter of Captain Jonathan Weeks of the same town. Dr. Ames' grandparents died in Marlborough, aged 90 and 95 years.

Aug. 30, 1846.—A great rain storm, lightning, hail stones. The gale and storm were very severe; the rain came down in torrents. In Westborough twenty telegraph poles were struck and shattered to pieces, the wires in many places destroyed.

Aug. 30, 1849.—Haven family. A great family gathering at Framingham of the descendants of Richard Haven, one of the first settlers at Lynn, Mass.

Aug. 30 and 31, 1774.—Convention at Concord. Town delegates in Middlesex County, in number 150, met at Concord. Five or more from Marlborough attended the convention. Hon. James Prescott was appointed chairman of the convention.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1, 1871.—Many persons by the name of Howe, and relatives of the Howe family, visited the old Howe Tavern, or Wayside Inn, at Sudbury, Mass. It was the next day after the great Howe gathering at Harmony Grove, Framingham.

Sept. 2, 1844.—A murder in Stow. George Hildreth of that town was killed by William Goldsmith. A reward was offered for the murderer.

Sept. 3, 1824.—Gen. La Fayette in Worcester. Many of the military companies in Worcester County collected at Worcester. Among them was the Northborough company, commanded by Captain Lewis Monroe of that town.

Sept. 4, 1835.—John Hunter of Marlborough died, aged 55 years. He was poisoned by dressing a sick beef creature.

Sept. 4, 1869.—The Fairmount base ball club of Marlborough had a reception in town, 1000 people at the depot, on their return from a tour of a week in Maine. They played in Augusta, Lewiston, and Portland. They played five well-contested games and won them all.

Sept. 5, 1733.—His Excellency Governor Jonathan Belcher and attendants lodged at Benjamin Wood's, Esq., in Marlborough. Governor Belcher's ancestor, Andrew Belcher, Esq., formerly owned land in the town.

Sept. 8, 1740.—The Town of Marlborough chose a committee of 3, viz: Edward Barnes (father of Colonel Edward Barnes), John Sherman and John Warren to wait upon the General Court, and give reasons against the prayer of the petitioners, citizens of Marlborough, Framingham, Sudbury and Stow, asking for a new town. The above petition was rejected last May (May, 1740), in Marlborough town meeting.

Sept. 7, 1870.—Military muster at camp Andrew, West Concord.

Sept. 8, 1847.—A fair in Cotting's hall, Marlborough, by the ladies of the Universalist society. Ministers T. J. Greenwood, S. J. Fletcher and B. H. Davis were present.

Sept. 9, 1858.—Fire at Waltham village. A barn or stable used by the hotel company was burnt.

Sept. 11, 1834.—Fire at Worcester, the most destructive in the town for 20 years. It was near School street. Number of buildings burnt, and among them Benjamin P. Rice's dwelling, house and bakery. Mr. Rice was son of Dea Benjamin Rice of Marlborough. Number of policies had just expired.

Sept. 11, 1862.—Great fire at Grafton Centre. The largest and most destructive fire that ever visited the town. The Town hall, Unitarian church, and the Warren block, owned by Captain Jonathan Warren, were all destroyed. Total loss from 50 to 60 thousand dollars.

Sept. 12, 1816.—Died in Sudbury, Rev. Jacob Bigelow, aged 74 years. He graduated at Harvard College in 1766. He preached in Sudbury 42 years. He was father of the celebrated Dr. Jacob Bigelow.

Sept. 12, 1855.—Warm summer weather. Mercury up to 90 degrees; warm all the week.

Sept. 12, 1867.—Dr. George B. Loring of Salem lectured in the Town hall in Marlborough on temperance, and against license to sell liquors.

Sept. 13, 1834.—Saturday P. M., balloon ascension. C. F. Durant's 12th aerial voyage. It rose in Boston and came down in the town of Lincoln, Mass.

Sept. 13, 1842.—Horrid death. Deacon Paul Haywood of Boxborough was killed, gored to death by a bull, which was savage and unmanagable. The evening before he injured a young man, a neighbor of Mr. Haywood.

Sept. 13, 1844.—Muster at Concord. A Brigade under the command of General James Dana—it was reviewed by Major-General Benjamin F. Adams.

Sept. 14, 1735.—Wednesday. A fast kept in Marlborough. The day was selected by a council of ministers and approved of by the town. Ministers from adjoining towns, Sudbury, Lancaster, Westborough, united. The next December, 23d day, the town voted that Madame Fisk be allowed and paid £3 for entertaining the ministers at the late fast.

Sept. 16, 1728.—John Brigham, sometimes called Dr. John Brigham, died at Sudbury, aged 83 years. He resided in Marlborough about 30 years, and represented the town in 1688, in the General Court, also afterwards represented Sudbury. He was a noted land surveyor. When between 60 and 70 years of age, he was frequently called upon, "with his instruments" to survey lots and lines and "to act about their title."

Sept. 16, 1858.—A severe storm of wind and rain.

Sept. 16, 1860.—In the evening, near midnight, Amos A. Cotting's barn in east village was burnt, with a good horse, two cows, 20 tons of hay, wagons, etc. Loss, \$1000.

Sept. 16, 1873.—John B. Gough lectured in Northborough, subject "Now and Then." A special train carried up from Marlborough the band and 200 more citizens.

Sept. 17, 1833.—Fire in Stow. The mansion of Madame Newell and all her buildings, including several large barns, well filled with hay, were burned. Partially insured.

Sept. 17, 1857.—About 9 P. M. A very hard rain with thunder and lightning.

Sept. 17, 1859.—Fire in Northborough. Deacon Stephen W. Norcross' barn was destroyed by fire. The sky was illuminated by the fire, over the eastern part of the town to Berlin.

Sept. 18, 1809.—Captain Wm. Morse of Marlborough died, aged 71 1-2 years. He was a Lieutenant of one of the Marlborough companies in 1775, and marched on the 19th of April in pursuit of the British. He was captain of the Marlborough company that marched in October, 1777, from this town to Saratoga at the taking of Burgoyne. Was one of the selectmen of Marlborough for years, and represented the town in the General Court in 1790 and 1791.

Sept. 18, 1857.—About three o'clock A. M., F. W. Pelton, Esq.'s new building for a house, a little east of A. C. Felton, Esq.'s house, was destroyed by fire. It was between Main and Washington streets, Marlborough. Insurance on Mr. Pelton's building, \$2000.

Sept. 19, 1866.—Ex-Gov. George S. Boutwell lectured to a crowded audience in Marlborough Town Hall.

Sept. 21, 1741.—The Town of Marlborough voted to raise £100 to shingle and repair the meeting-house, and to pay bounty for *birds and squirrels*.

Sept. 21, 1826.—Thursday. Vendue in Marlborough, north of the pond, at the late William Barber's place. Mr. Barber was a watchmaker and engraver, and one of the inspecting school committee the year of his decease, which took place Aug. 25, 1825, age 43 years. He was son of Lieut. Ephraim Barber, the clockmaker.

Sept. 21 and 23, 1868.—Political lectures in Marlborough Town Hall, by Edwin C. Bailey, Esq., and Charles W. Slack, Esq.

Sept. 22, 1755.—Supply Weeks of Marlborough died, aged 84 years. He was a school-master in the northeast school district in 1713 and 1714. It is said a supply of provisions arrived, in a time of scarcity, just about the time of his birth; hence his name.

Sept. 22, 1855.—Saturday. Circus in Marlborough. Welch & Lent's circus exhibited near schoolhouse No. 2, afternoon and evening.

Sept. 24, 1847.—Fire at Worcester. Friday evening, about eleven o'clock, the stable of Lincoln Square Hotel was burned, with seventeen horses belonging to teamsters.

Sept. 24, 1868.—John B. Gough gave a lecture in Berlin on "Circumstances." His American wife was a native of that town.

Sept. 25, 1850.—Fair at Westborough. The annual cattle fair and plowing match of Westborough Agricultural Society. Address by Hon. Charles Theodore Russell of Boston or Cambridge.

Sept. 26, 1769.—Old-fashioned donation party. Before this date the women of Northborough spun at their houses and carried to Rev. Mr. Whitney's house one day 172 skeins of 233 knots, and a few other articles, for their pastor. The number of women was 45.

Sept. 26, 1781.—Rev. Reuben Puffer was ordained at Berlin, then Bolton south precinct; he preached there 48 years. He died April 9th, 1829, aged 74 years.

Sept. 26, 1794.—Frederick Adolphus Packard was born in Marlborough; graduated at Harvard College in 1814; was a representative from Springfield, Mass., in 1828 and 1829. He was elected president of Girard College. He died Nov. 11, 1867, aged 73 years.

Sept. 26, 1876.—Fair and exhibition at Hudson, Mass. Some antiquarian contributions from Charles Brigham of that town, of chairs, forks, saddle bags, etc.

Sept. 27, 1854.—Frederic William Gale, Esq., was lost at sea with his wife and child on the steamship Arctic, with 300 passengers. He was born in Northborough and was a lawyer. His age was 38 years. He taught school one winter in Marlborough.

Sept. 27, 1861.—High winds—a windy day. Cyrus Felton's large pear tree was blown down.

Sept. 28, 1830.—Military muster. A muster near and westerly of the Unitarian meeting-house in Marlborough. Aaron Brigham was colonel of the regiment and Ephraim Howe was Lieutenant Colonel, both natives and citizens of the town.

Sept. 29, 1779.—Samuel Witt, Sen., of Marlborough, died, aged probably 85 to 90 years. He was a prominent man; Selectman ten years; representative twenty years, between 1744 and 1770. His last wife, Mrs. Susanna Witt, died Dec. 18, 1794, aged 96 years.

Sept. 29, 1862.—Fire in Westborough. Two barns burned. Two barns in the easterly part of the town, within a foot of each other, were destroyed by fire. One owned by Joel F. Andrews was not insured, the other, owned by Dexter Brigham, was insured.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1, 1799.—A post office established in Marlborough. Joseph Brigham, Esq., was appointed postmaster. Mr. Brigham was a lawyer, and we believe the first one that settled in town. In January, 1795, he married a daughter of Capt. Moses Woods of Marlborough. Before 1799, some letters for Marlborough people were found at Worcester post office.

Oct. 1, 1879.—One of the warmest October days for years. More like an August day. Thermometer from 80 to 90 degrees; continued warm for several days.

Oct. 2, 1699.—New bridge. The town of Marlborough voted to build a new bridge over Assabet river, on the Lancaster road. They chose Eleazar Howe and Joseph Howe "to be foremen to carry on the work of hewing, framing and raising the above said bridge. They shall be allowed two shillings and sixpence per day."

Oct. 3, 1666—The year three sixes came together, Rev. Wm. Brimsmead was ordained and settled in Marlborough. His salary was £40. A church was instituted the same day.

Oct. 3 and 4, 1841.—A remarkable storm. A violent and destructive storm, with snow at the close of it.

Oct. 4, 1802.—Aaron Maynard born in Marlborough. His first Almanac was printed for 1846. He continued publishing almanacs four or six years. He died in town, May 15, 1872, aged 69 years.

Oct. 4, 1843.—A cattle show and fair at Westborough.

Oct. 4, 1871.—Auction. Great sale of cattle at J. C. Converse's Chestnut Hill Farm, Southborough.

Oct. 5, 1777.—Sunday. Capt. Wm. Morse and company of 52 men from Marlborough started this day to march to the relief of the army near Saratoga. Alpheus Woods, one of the company, says, "Set out about three o'clock P. M. and travelled to Shrewsbury, about 7 miles, and lodged at Mr. Farrer's tavern." The company arrived at Saratoga the 17th of October, the day that Burgoyne's army surrendered, and saw his "army march off and lay down their arms."

Oct. 5, 1862.—Fire in Westborough Sunday evening. George H. Raymond's great and valuable barn, about one-half mile westerly of Westborough village, was burned. It was 110 feet in length.

Oct. 6, 1846.—Accident. Dea. John Pond of Hopkinton was run over by a train of cars, and instantly killed, on the Boston and Worcester railroad. An up train had just passed, he being on the track looking at it, when a down train terminated his life.

Oct. 6, 1848.—A great Free Soil meeting in Marlborough. Upwards of 800 persons present.

Oct. 7, 1846.—Concord cattle show. One pair of fat oxen from Marlborough, whose weight was 4000 pounds, and one 5-year-old ox from the same town, 2366 pounds, were on exhibition.

Oct. 9, 1799.—Rev. Jeroboam Parker, a native of Southborough, was ordained pastor of the society in that town. He preached 31 years. He died March 22, 1850, aged 81 years.

Oct. 9, 1830.—Fire. A woolen factory burnt at Grafton.

Oct. 9, 1870.—Rev. Simon T. Aldrich discoursed in the new Town hall in Marlborough, ten days before it was dedicated. Mr. Aldrich, Rev. Calvin Stebbins, and Rev. Charles R. Treat, each delivered two or three sermons Sunday evenings the next three months to full houses, in the new Town hall.

Oct. 10, 1740.—Died in Marlborough, Col. Benjamin Woods, aged 49 years. He was Justice of the Peace, and a prominent man, and probably the leading person in town in opposition to Rev. Benjamin Kent continuing to be the minister of the town. His son of the same name was a Justice of the Peace in Marlborough in 1754 and 1757.

Oct. 10, 1752.—New style. Wednesday, Joseph Hapgood, of Marlborough, carried some grain to Josiah Howe's grist mill on Fort Meadow brook, and Mr. Howe could not attend to grinding it, as he was breaking up ground with 20 oxen. Mr. Hapgood went the next day and helped him break up, and Mr. Howe ground his grist.

Oct. 11, 1774.—Tuesday. At Concord, met the first independent legislature, it is said, in Massachusetts, and in America. John Hancock was chosen President, and Benjamin Lincoln Secretary. Adjourned Friday, Oct. 14, 1774.

Oct. 11, 1818.—Capt. Daniel Brigham, of Marlborough, died, aged 58 years. He was a tanner, and a prominent man; filled every office in town; was Town Clerk 7 years, Assessor 6 years, Treasurer a dozen years, Selectman 18 years, and represented the town 10 years in the General Court. He married Thankful Brigham and had 13 children, and they were all present at their father's funeral.

Oct. 11, 1821.—A Military Muster at Lancaster, Mass.

Oct. 11, 1843.—Cattle show at Worcester. Several distinguished persons were present, and among them were ex-President Van Buren, ex-Vice President R. M. Johnson, Governor Marcy of N. Y., Hubbard of N. H., Cleveland of Conn., and Morton of Mass.

Oct. 11, 1876.—Gates Academy and Marlborough High School Reunion. Addresses by

Hon. Frank B. Fay, of Chelsea, Dea. D. B. Goodale, Dea. S. H. Howe, Rev. E. A. Perry and W. F. Brigham, Esq.

Oct. 12, 1708.—Jonathan Johnson, Jr., was killed by Indians on or near Jericho Hill, in Marlborough, aged 41 years. He had a large family of children. He and his brother, Wm. Johnson, were constables that year. A town meeting was called the 25th of the same month, to choose a constable in place of Jonathan Johnson, Jr., who was "barbarously slain," and chose John Newton, Jr.

Oct. 12, 1711.—The year with three ones—a new meeting-house was built in Marlborough. The date is the date of the first town meeting made upon the town books, relating to the new meeting-house. They had raised and appropriated £250 before this date, and had expended £386 before Nov. 30, 1711, in building the new meeting-house. This house stood 99 years, until it was taken down in May, 1810.

Oct. 12, 1828.—Sunday. Sudden death. Wm. Arnold, a blacksmith, sank down in his pew, in the west meeting-house in Marlborough, and expired almost instantly. Aged 63 years.

Oct. 12, 1761.—Accident. Daniel M. Gates, of Northborough, by jumping out of a wagon after the shaft had broken when descending a hill, received injuries from which he died the next day.

Oct. 14, 1663.—First marriage recorded on Marlborough Town Records. Jonathan Johnson, the town blacksmith, who had 30 acres of land given him, south of the meeting-house, married Miss Mary Newton, daughter of Richard Newton of Marlborough.

Oct. 14, 1847.—Fire in Hopkinton. About 3 o'clock P. M., Enos King's shop, barn and two horses were burnt. Insured in part. Supposed to have been set.

Oct. 14, 1851.—Cattle Show and Ploughing Match at Framingham.

Oct. 14, 1855.—Fire in Westborough. Sunday evening about 9 o'clock, John W. Forbes' two barns with all their contents were destroyed.

Oct. 14, 1868.—The first Town Fair in Shrewsbury. They continued them yearly with good success.

Oct. 15, 1730.—A Fast kept in Marlborough for Rev. Robert Breck, on account of his sickness. He preached his last sermon September 6th, last month. Number of ministers present at the Fast. Mr. Breck died Jan. 6th, 1731, aged 49 years.

Oct. 15, 1875.—Cyrus Felton's unoccupied dwelling house was burnt by an incendiary. It was 20 by 38 feet, formerly a school house.

Oct. 15, 1876.—Sunday. First snow storm. From two to three inches of damp snow, a cold day and night. The next morning, ice was made one inch in thickness.

Oct. 16, 1820.—Delegates chosen to revise the State Constitution. Marlborough chose Joel Cranston, Esq., and Dea. Benjamin Rice. The convention convened the next month in Boston.

Oct. 17, 1798.—Sudden death. Dr. Stephen Ball, Sen., of Northborough, while standing in his room, fell instantly dead of apoplexy. Aged 63 years.

Oct. 18, 1874.—Rev. Rufus Spurr Pope preached two sermons in Marlborough. He resided in the town 40 or 50 years before this date.

Oct. 19, 1771.—Dr. Jeremiah Robinson of Marlborough died, aged 59 years. He practiced in town 25 or more years. He married in 1746. His eldest son, Thomas Amsden Robinson, was born in 1748, and was the first child born in Marlborough that had a double or middle name.

Oct. 19, 1840.—Celebration in Marlborough of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis in 1781. It took place northeast of the Academy building, on the southern slope of the Indian Hill.

Oct. 16, 1853.—Cornwallis day celebrated at Clinton, Mass.

Oct. 20, 1701.—An hour glass. The town of Marlborough voted in town meeting to have an hour glass to hang up in the pulpit, and that James Hosmer procure an iron case and stand for the hour glass.

Oct. 20, 1847.—Fire in South Framingham. C. H. Barber's grocery and grain store with 200 bushels of corn were destroyed. Loss 3000 dollars. Insurance 1500 dollars.

Oct. 21, 1846.—The County Commissioners viewed and located a town way in Marlborough, now called South Street. They set the land damages at 580 dollars.

Oct. 22, 1872.—Gen. Walter Harriman of New Hampshire addressed in the Town hall, Marlborough, one of the largest gatherings of that political campaign.

Oct. 23, 1843.—Col. Joseph Davis, of Northborough, died, aged 69 years. Had been Justice of the Peace, Representative and Senator for Worcester County.

Oct. 25, 1794.—Alpheus Woods, of Marlborough died, aged 67 years, 8 months. He was a prominent man in town, frequently put on important committees during the Revolution and years afterwards. In October, 1777, he was a soldier, and marched in Capt. Morse's company to Saratoga, and kept a diary during the expedition. He married Millicent Howe, and had 12 children before 1774, and four of his sons had middle names, and two of them were soldiers in the war of the Revolution. Mr. Woods was an Assessor and Selectman for few years. It is said he left many manuscripts of events that transpired in his day.

Oct. 25, 1861.—Fair weather up to this date. Frost this morning; ice 3-4 of an inch; thermometer 25 degrees.

Oct. 26, 1873.—Evening. A wedding in the Unitarian church, Marlborough, John W. Pope and Mrs. Sarah Smith, widow of late Stephen Smith of this town. The house was crowded; every standing place occupied, and many could not get into the house.

Oct. 27, 1800.—Gen. Artemus Ward, of Shrewsbury, died, aged 73 years. First Major General in the Army of 1775; many years a Representative, also a member of Congress.

Oct. 28, 1869.—Rev. F. L. Hosmer, of South Framingham, was ordained junior pastor of the Unitarian Society at Northborough.

Oct. 28, 1872.—Erastus P. Dart, of the firm of Dart & Company's express, died in Marlborough, aged 43 years.

Oct. 28, 1874.—Church celebration at Westborough. The 150th Anniversary, and 150 years since Rev. Ebenezer Parkman was settled in that town. A large delegation to Westborough, from the Union Society of Marlborough. The address by Rev. H. P. De Forest of Westborough.

Oct. 29, 1837.—The distinguished Rev. Walter Balfour preached in Marlborough.

Oct. 30, 1816.—Rev. Joseph Allen was settled as pastor of the Northborough Society. Fifty years afterwards, 30th of Oct., 1866, he preached his half-century sermon and had it printed.

Oct. 30, 1850.—Excursion to Boston to visit the exhibition of Whipple's Dissolving Views.

Oct. 30, 1872.—Stephen Smith, Esq., died in Marlborough, aged 64 years. Death caused by being thrown from a wagon. He was a lumber merchant of the firm of S. & A. Smith. He had been an Assessor in the town.

Oct. 31, 1787.—Fatal accident at Northborough. Capt. Bezeleel Eager, aged 74 years, was thrown from his horse and died in half an hour. He represented Westborough in the General Court, before Northborough was made a town.

Oct. 31, 1859.—The Orthodox Congregational meeting-house in Lincoln was destroyed by fire, and by an incendiary.

Oct. 31, 1874.—Mrs. Mary A. Livermore lectured in Marlborough, on Marriage, against Free Love.

Oct. 31, 1877.—The County Commissioners were viewing Lincoln Street in west part of Marlborough.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1, 1753.—Thanksgiving Day in Massachusetts. About the middle of the last century the annual Thanksgivings were appointed, and took place before or about the middle of November. In 1751, Nov. 18th, new style, and in 1752, Nov. 16th, new style, were Thanksgiving days.

Nov. 2, 1808.—Rev. Sylvester F. Bucklin received ordination, and was settled in the east village of Marlborough. He preached for the Society about 25 years.

Nov. 3, 1858.—Celebration in Marlborough of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Mr. Bucklin. He died in May, 1860.

Nov. 2, 1843.—Fire near the north east corner of Framingham. About 8 o'clock, A. M., Mr. Gibbs' house was entirely consumed. Suppose it took from some defect in the chimney. No insurance.

Nov. 2, 1859.—The depot at Assabet, on the Marlborough Branch Railroad was burnt.

Nov. 2, 1878.—Dr. Edward F. Barnes died aged 69 years, 8 months. He had been a physician in Marlborough 35 years. For several years served as one of the inspecting school committee. He had a remarkable memory of dates and events. The pall bearers were all physicians of the town.

Nov. 3, 1819.—Rev. Seth Alden, ordained pastor of the West parish in Marlborough. He preached in that town 15 years. He was born in Bridgewater, and graduated at Harvard College in 1814. He was a descendent of John Alden and John Carver, pilgrims of 1620.

Nov. 3, 1834.—Phineas Davis, Esq., of Northborough died, aged 62 years. He was a prominent man. He was father of Hon. Isaac Davis of Worcester.

Nov. 3, 1853.—Powder mill explosion in Spencer in the A. M.; were about 60 kegs of powder in the mill. There were 8 men killed. The mill was owned by Lewis Bemis, Esq.

Nov. 4, 1847.—Fatal accident at Bolton. Daniel Sawyer, a worthy farmer, was run over by his oxen and killed. He was 66 years of age.

Nov. 4, 1868.—Grand torchlight procession in Marlborough in honor of General Grant's election as President.

Nov. 5, 1777.—Wednesday. Gen. Burgoyne and the British and Hessian troops in Marlborough. Gen. Burgoyne and the British lodged in town last night, and left on the Boston road in the A. M. The Hessians arrived in the P. M., and tarried all night, and marched toward Boston the next day.

Nov. 6, 1844.—Seth J. Thomas, Esq., of Charlestown, gave an address in the Town hall, Marlborough. He discussed the tariff and other political questions.

Nov. 6, 1849.—Concert in Marlborough. Swiss bell ringers or band. Also in town September 21, 1852.

Nov. 6, 1858.—Hon. Horace Greeley, editor of the *N. Y. Tribune*, lectured in Marlborough Town hall to a large audience.

Nov. 5, 1875 and Nov. 3, 1876.—Fireman's muster or trials in Marlborough of engines, Nos. 1 and 2. Torrent and Okommakamesit. Distance, 204 and 206 feet.

Nov. 7, 1859.—Rev. Henry Ward Beecher lectured in Marlborough Town hall, the first in a course of lectures this season.

Nov. 7, 1860.—Died in Marlborough, Deacon Ezekiel Bruce, age 76 years. He was one of the selectmen several years, and a representative in 1840 and 1842.

Nov. 7, 1877.—James Parton lectured in Marlborough before "The Farmers' and Mechanics", at Fairmount hall. Topic "Kings of Business."

Nov. 8, 1852.—Vote in Marlborough. It is expedient to choose delegates for the purpose of revising or altering the constitution of Massachusetts. Yeas, 357; nays, 107. The vote taken in 1851, stood, yeas, 194; nays, 143. In March 1853, Deacon Isaac Hayden was chosen a delegate to meet in convention.

Nov. 8, 1865.—Fire in Bolton, near Feltonville. Two barns belonging to David Coolidge were burned. Some children were in the barn at the time, playing, and it was supposed they accidentally set them on fire.

Nov. 9, 1871, and a week, till Nov. 14.—The Drummer Boy entertainment in the Marlborough Town Hall, by Post 43, G. A. R., with great success.

Nov. 9 and 10, 1872.—The great fire Boston was seen in Marlborough. Of the 24 boot and shoe firms in Marlborough, all but one had the Boston goods burned. The writer of this record was assessed on insurance policies, \$46.

Nov. 10, 1873.—Charles Bradlaugh, a Republican of England, lectured in Marlborough.

Nov. 11, 1778.—A church organized at Marlborough, New Hampshire. Some citizens of Marlborough, Mass., settled in that town.

Nov. 11, 1833.—The vote in Marlborough on the Amendment to the Constitution, adopting the third article of the Bill of Rights. For the Amendment, 147 votes; against it, only 5 votes. It was adopted by the people in the state by a large majority.

Nov. 11 and 12, 1837.—One of the most prominent temperance lecturers in Middlesex County, Rev. Sylvanus Cobb, lectured both days in Marlborough.

Nov. 11, 1850.—The substance of Resolutions passed this day in Town Meeting. They were read by Richard Farwell, Esq. Massachusetts cannot become the hunting ground for slaves. "We most decidedly disapprove of the Fugitive Slave Law, and will not aid, but will in all suitable and proper ways, resist its execution." But very few voted nay.

Nov. 11, 1875.—The G. A. R. Fair and Baby Show in Fairmount Hall, Marlborough.

Nov. 12, 1867.—Wendell Phillips lectured in Marlborough, on "About Life in the Streets of Europe."

Nov. 12, 1868.—Miss Anna Dickinson lectured in Marlborough Town Hall to a crowded audience, on "A Struggle for Life."

Nov. 14, 1853.—Vote in Marlborough on the new Constitution made this year, by a convention of delegates at Boston. Yeas, 261, to 120 against it.

Nov. 15, 1826.—A new meeting house in Berlin dedicated. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. Reuben Puffer.

Nov. 15, 1857.—Rev. Levi Brigham, a native of Marlborough, preached in the Union church in that town, the pastor Rev. Levi A. Field being one of the hearers. Since that time Mr. Brigham has preached several times from the same pulpit.

Nov. 16, 1803.—Col. Edward Barnes of Marlborough died, aged 59 years. He graduated at Harvard College in 1764; he was Justice of the Peace and a prominent man in town; he was one of the selectmen few years, an assessor for 20 years, and represented the town in the General Court, 8 years.

Nov. 16, 1836.—Powder mill explosion. About 8 1-2 o'clock A. M., the powder mill at Acton was blown up, and 4 were killed. There was supposed to have been between 1200 and 1500 pounds of powder exploded. The mill was swept to its foundation, and fragments scattered like leaves before a wind.

Nov. 16, 1841.—Deacon Nahum Fay of Northborough died, aged 84 years. One of her prominent citizens; was Justice of the peace many years, and Town Clerk 41 years.

Nov. 16, 1876.—Dedication. Joseph Manning's new box factory was dedicated in the evening, by a social gathering and dance; Holder & Baker's band furnished music. The building 80 by 100 feet was illuminated. About 500 present. Dedication only 9 months after he lost two mills by fire.

Nov. 17, 1879.—Grand Army Fair commenced. Opened in the evening in Marlborough Town hall; also appeared "*Pictorial Marlboro*," of 32 pages, and 38 illustrations of buildings in town. The great fair closed Nov. 25, in the evening.

Nov. 18, 1869.—Thanksgiving by the appointment of President Grant. Many New England people said it was one week too early. Services in Marlborough in the Union

church by Mr. Dorrity of Lawrence, in the Universalist church by Rev. Calvin Stebbins of Marlborough.

Nov. 19, 1868.—Theodore Tilton lectured in Marlborough Town hall to a large audience, "The True Statesmanship."

Nov. 20, 1789.—Lieut. Jacob Felton of Marlborough died, aged 77 years. He had lived in town 50 years, and been one of the selectmen. Two days afterwards, the 22, his sister Mrs. Hannah Howe died, in the same town, aged 73 years. They were both buried in one day, in the two oldest cemeteries in Marlborough.

Nov. 20, 1877.—Mrs. Mary A. Livermore lectured in Fairmount hall, Marlborough, before the Farmers' and Mechanics' club. Subject, "The Coming Man."

Nov. 21, 1861.—Thanksgiving day appointed by Gov. Andrew, the anniversary of the Pilgrims signing on board the May Flower. There were three boys drowned in Harvard, while skating, one son of Jonathan F. Hapgood, and two sons of Josiah Rand.

Nov. 22, 1840.—Fire at Weston. G. W. Cutting's store with all his stock of goods, consumed by fire. No insurance.

Nov. 22, 1865.—Rev. Hiram C. Dugan was installed as pastor of the Lawrence church in Feltonville, now Hudson.

Nov. 22, 1876.—The first public meeting of the Marlborough Historical and Genealogical society at Fairmount hall. Dr. Edward F. Barnes, the President. Rev. Horatio Alger of Natick, formerly of Marlborough, read Hon. Charles Hudson's address, who was not present on account of illness. It was about "The fate of the Indian Tribes."

Nov. 23, 1852.—Dedication of a new Wadsworth Monument at Sudbury. Address by Gov. George S. Boutwell. Height of Monument 30 feet. The snow broke down Wright's tent.

Nov. 24, 1863.—Wedding and golden wedding in Marlborough. Celebration of the golden wedding of Samuel and Edith (Guilford) Chipman. Nov. 25th, was Thanksgiving in 1813. The closing part of the festivities was the marriage of their grandson George E. Chipman to Miss Nellie L. Mahan.

Nov. 27, 1754.—Rev. David Barnes, son of Deacon Daniel Barnes of Marlborough was ordained at Scituate, Mass. He graduated at Harvard College in 1752; he was honored with a degree of D. D. in 1783. He died April 26th, 1811, aged 80 years.

Nov. 28, 1860.—Dedication at Northborough. The new Baptist meeting house was dedicated. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. Silas Ripley.

Nov. 28, 1865.—Ex-Governor George S. Boutwell lectured in Marlborough, on "Reconstruction of the South."

Nov. 29, 1861. Died at Roxbury. Abraham F. Howe, Esq., aged 78 years. He was known many years as a successful auctioneer. His remains were interred at Northboro', his native town. When a young man we suppose he attended store in Marlborough several years.

Nov. 29, 1875.—Monday evening. Commemoration services in Marlborough Town hall in honor of the late Vice-President, Henry Wilson, who died Nov. 22d, aged 63 years.

Nov. 30, 1839.—Fatal accident on the Boston and Worcester railroad at Framingham. A deaf man named Pratt, aged 75 years, when standing between the rails, was instantly killed.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1, 1699.—Jonathan Johnson, Sen., was chosen schoolmaster for the town of Marlborough. He was "carefully to teach all youth that are sent to him to read and write and cast accounts." He commenced keeping the 11th day of December in his own house. The next year 1700 he kept in the new school house, the first school house built in Marlborough. For his years service as schoolmaster, to have 14 lbs. in money. Mr. Johnson was present and signed to this agreement.

Dec. 1, 1703.—Benjamin Choate commenced keeping school in Marlborough. He taught 4 months. He came from Chebacco, Essex county, Mass., and was a relation of Rufus Choate's ancestor. He graduated at Harvard College a few months before he commenced teaching in Marlborough. He became a minister and settled at Newington, N. H.

Dec. 2, 1859.—An indignation meeting in Marlborough Town hall, relating to the execution of John Brown in Va., a martyr to the cause of Human Liberty.

Dec. 2, 1865.—A series of articles on "Schools" commenced in the *Marlboro-Mirror* paper, and continued almost weekly for 3 or 4 months. They were, most of them, written by the clergymen of the town.

Dec. 2, 1869.—Theodore Tilton's third and last lecture in the old Town hall, now Fulton block.

Dec. 3, 1860.—Dr. J. G. Holland ("Timothy Titcomb") lectured in Marlborough to a full house. Subject, "Self Helpers."

Dec. 3, 1854.—Sunday evening. A furious gale and storm of wind, snow and rain in New England. Part of the unfinished depot of Marlborough branch railroad was blown down.

Dec. 3, 1878.—Re-dedication of the Town hall in Marlborough, after being altered, repaired and strengthened. The upper hall is now used by Post 43, G. A. R.

Dec. 5, 1819.—"Wedding in Marlborough, Sunday after Thanksgiving." Rev. Robert L. Killam married Miss Phoebe S. Rice of Marlborough. Their oldest child was born in the same town in October 1820, married Benjamin Jacobs of South Scituate. Mr. Killam removed to Attleboro in 1822; in 1829 to West Scituate where he died Dec. 25th, 1866, aged 76 years. Mrs. Killam died in 1859, aged 70 years.

Dec. 5, 1835.—Shocking accident at Unionville (now Ashland). Joseph Proctor aged 25 years, who was employed in Shepard's paper factory was so badly hurt, having one of his legs below the knee torn off, that he died a few days afterwards. He was caught by the leg and drawn up and over the main shaft.

Dec. 5, 1836.—Monument. The corner stone of the monument at Concord was laid with appropriate ceremonies.

Dec. 5, 1871.—Died in Franklin, Dr. Oliver Dean, founder of Dean Academy in that town, aged 88 years, 9 months. Dr. Dean resided in Framingham several years.

Dec. 6, 1714.—Hour glass. The town of Marlborough paid one shilling and 4 pence for an hour glass that had been purchased for the school house.

Dec. 6, 1772.—Benjamin Sawin married Martha Howe, daughter of Col. Cyprian Howe, all of Marlborough. He was many years a tavern keeper; he was, we believe the first and only person who ever held the office of General in Marlborough. He was a delegate with Jonas Morse to the convention to ratify the constitution of the United States in 1788.

Dec. 6, 1861.—The Onamog Division of Sons of Temperance of Marlborough celebrated their second anniversary. Of ladies and gentleman about 225 were present at the meeting.

Dec. 8, 1765.—Eli Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin was born at Westborough. His inventive genius trebled in value the cotton lands of the South,—said Judge Johnson of South Carolina many years ago. Mr. Whitney died Jan. 8, 1825, aged 59 years.

Dec. 8, 1870.—Rev. M. T. Maguire the Catholic minister of Marlborough, died in Jack-

sonville, Florida, aged 44 years, funeral in Marlborough. He was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Dec. 9, 1782.—Rev. Ebenezer Parkman of Westborough died, aged 79 years. He preached in that town 58 years; he married a daughter of Rev. Robert Breck of Marlborough.

Dec. 9, 1863.—An incident at Northborough. The funeral of Capt. Joel Bartlett and his wife Sarah Bartlett. Private services first held at the house, and public services at the Unitarian church. It was said, it was the first instance in that town, of a man and his wife being buried at the same time, and in the same grave. Capt. Bartlett had been a prominent man in his native town; been representative 4 years, and selectman several years.

Dec. 10, 1878.—Great rain storm with freshets and floods in some places. Commenced the day with snowing and raining at night, and continued till the next morning. It was said to have been the most disastrous storm since 1869.

Dec. 11, 1878.—The Second, or Peoples National Bank of Marlborough was authorized to commence, and did commence the business of Banking in Marlborough in January 1879. John L. Stone, cashier, Elbridge Howe, President.

Dec. 13, 1870.—The Ladies Grand Army Relief Society, Post 43 organized in Marlborough. Object, to relieve the wants of families of soldiers.

Dec. 14, 1871.—Gen. Joseph Hawley of Ct., spoke in Fairmount hall, Marlborough, about "Rings and Lobbyites."

Dec. 15, 1863.—Prof. Wm. Denton commenced another series of lectures in Marlborough Town hall on Geology. The lectures were largely attended. He gave about one a week.

Dec. 15, 1863.—The first National Bank of Marlborough was authorized to commence the business of Banking under the Act of Congress of Feb. 25, 1863, to provide a national currency, Mark Fay, President; Edmund C. Whitney, Cashier.

Dec. 16, 1795.—Dea. Simon Stowe of Marlborough died, aged 74 years. He was a Justice of the Peace, and served the town 3 years as a representative; during the revolutionary war in January 1780, he was appointed agent for Middlesex county, to ascertain the current monthly prices of corn, beef, sheep, wool, and sole leather, and make a report twice a year into the Secretary's office. There was one appointed in each county.

Dec. 16, 1835.—Ordination that cold day. Rev. Wm. Barry, aged 30 years, was installed pastor of the First Parish in Framingham, where he preached 10 years. He published in 1847 a History of Framingham, containing 450 pages.

Dec. 16, 1868.—Professors Rockwell, and Hurlbert horse trainers, were in Marlborough.

Dec. 17, 18 and 19, 1856.—All zero mornings. From 5 to 20 degrees below in some places.

Dec. 17, 1861.—Fire in Northborough. About 1 o'clock P. M., the dwelling house of Alonzo B. Howe was burnt. Cause, a defect in the chimney. No insurance.

Dec. 17, 1863.—Daniel F. Murphy, of Marlborough, delivered the fifth of a series of lectures before the Irish Union Association in that town.

Dec. 18, 1777.—The year with three figures alike, was Thanksgiving in Mass.

Dec. 18, 1788.—Marlborough, First vote for Presidential electors, and for member of Congress. Frances Dana had 35 votes; Eleazur Brooks, 34 votes; scattering, 13. For Member of Congress, Nathaniel Gorham, 39 votes; Elbridge Gerry, 25 votes, and John Brooks, 4 votes. No choice for member of Congress that month.

Dec. 18, 1865.—Golden wedding. Mr. and Mrs. John Glazier's golden wedding; it was said was the first public celebration of the kind in Northborough. He had been in that town 25 years, and known as an honest miller. Among the presents two black walnut chairs, a gold mounted cane, and for Mrs. Glazier, a solid gold thimble and some money.

Dec. 18, 1866.—Rev. Mrs. Phebe A. Hanaford, author of a life of Mr. Lincoln, gave one of a course of lectures in the Universalist church, Marlborough.

Dec. 18, 1873.—Thursday evening. Ordination and installation of Rev. Joseph H. Weeks, the Universalist church in Marlborough. Sermon by Rev. C. H. Leonard, of Tufts College.

Dec. 19, 1869.—Services for the first time in the basement of the new Catholic church, Prospect street, Marlborough.

Dec. 20, 1866.—Dedication of memorial tablets in Bolton Town hall, of deceased soldiers; address by Dr. George B. Loring of Salem.

Dec. 21, 1865.—Rev. Edwin H. Chapin of New York, lectured in Marlborough. Subject, "The Age of Iron." He had lectured several times in town before this date.

Dec. 21, 1869.—Samuel L. Clemens ("Mark Twain") lectured at Hudson, Mass.

Dec. 21, 1871.—Dr. Stephen Ball of Boston died, where he had practiced medicine for years. He formerly practiced in Northborough his native town, where his father and grandfather, of the same full name, practiced medicine many years.

Dec. 22, 1871.—Mrs. Mary A. Livermore lectured in Fairmount hall, Marlborough. Subject, "What shall we do with our Daughters."

Dec. 24, 1711.—There was a committee of 13 chosen in Marlborough to seat the new meeting house erected that season. The committee was Deacon Joseph Newton, Samuel Goodnow, Sen., Thomas Rice, Sen., John Bellows, John Sherman, Samuel Wheelock, John Hayes, Isaac Temple, Abraham Eager, Caleb Rice, John Maynard, John Woods, Jr., and Nathan Brigham. A committee was afterwards chosen once in about 5 years, and continued to be thus chosen every fifth year until 1800.

Dec. 24, 1861.—John Goodnow died at Boston, aged 70 years. He was the founder of the "Goodnow Library," at Sudbury, his native town. His donation was 20,000. He was son of John Goodnow the centenarian, and last living revolutionary soldier in Massachusetts.

Dec. 24, at night and 25, 1872.—The mercury 11 degrees below zero; the next day 26th, severe snow storm. Marlborough late trains on both roads were snow bound.

Dec. 25th, 1868.—In the night. Hon Milo Hildreth & Co's. factory at Northborough, was broken into and robbed of jewelry. They broke open, with powder, a large burglar-proof safe. Loss, from 6 to \$10,000. The selectmen and Mr. Hildreth offered a reward \$500.

Dec. 25, 1873.—Re-union of the Holman family at Elbridge Howe's residence in Marlborough. Mrs. Howe, who died in 1876, was the youngest of 9 daughters of Asa Holman of Bolton, Mass. About 50 present at the gathering; the last re-union before this, took place in Clinton in 1855.

Dec. 26, 1854.—The annual meeting of the Agricultural Branch Railroad company was held at the Town hall, in Marlborough; the rails were laid up to south Marlborough.

Dec. 28, 1733.—Antipas Stewart was born in Marlborough. He graduated at Harvard College in 1760. He was the first settled minister at Ludlow, Mass; he died at Belcher-town in March, 1814, aged 80 years.

Dec. 28, 1846.—The town of Marlborough voted to purchase a safe for the security of the town records and papers, the selectmen and clerk, a committee to procure the safe.

Dec. 28, 1865.—Fire in Northborough. A brick school house in the east district, near Stephen Howe's place was burnt in the evening. The books and maps were all saved. The fire was first discovered in the wood house.

Dec. 29, 1711.—Lieutenant Abraham Williams of Marlborough died, aged 84 years. He was many years town clerk and selectman, and served in both, the year of his decease; also represented the town in the General Court. He lived near Marlborough pond where his grandson, Col. Abraham Williams was born, lived and died.

Dec. 29, 1868.—Col. T. W. Higginson of Newport, R. I., lectured in Marlborough on literature." He is author of "Young Folks History of the U. S."

Dec. 30, 1794.—Col. Andrew Peters of Westborough, surveyed in Marlborough, in October and November, and made a plan of the town dated this day. He laid down the old post road and Concord road, ascertained the number of acres in the ponds, and the grist and saw mills in town. His account was 11.25 cents. The committee of three, that assisted him, charged 37.91 cents. The plan of the town was made, agreeable to a resolve of the General Court, dated June 26th, 1794.

Dec. 30, 1820.—Fire at Milford. About 3 o'clock Sunday morning, a dwelling house part of it used for a store, was burnt, and a narrow escape of 4 of the occupants by jumping from the chamber windows. Two of them were ministers, and they are now, in 1880, living in this state. The other two were ladies and one of them the wife of another minister.

Dec. 31, 1859.—A bell was placed on the Rockbottom meeting house from H. N. Cooper's foundry. Weight, 1016 lbs. Col. Elijah Hale gave a clock for the interior of the church.

ERRATA.

- Page 4, the 16th line from top, for 1867 read 1869.
 5, 14th line from top, for Cotting read Hunting.
 8, 19th line from top, for 1862 read 1802.
 9, 13th line from top, for Feb. 20, 1775, read 1754.
 13, 9th line from bottom, for April 1 read 11.
 15, 6th line from bottom, for Shinstone read Shenstone.
 16, 16th line from top, for Langley read Longley.
 17, 1st line from top, for May 2 read May 20.
 17, 15th line from bottom, for 1837 read 1857.
 17, 9th line from bottom, for 1737 read 1739.
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 25, 9th line from bottom, for 1733 read 1833.
 25, 3d line from bottom, for Murry read Muzzey.
 26, 2d line from top, for when opened read above ground.
 27, 12th line from bottom, for Waltham read Northborough.
 28, 18th line from bottom, for years read few years.
 31, 16th line from top, for 1761 read 1861.
 31, 2d line from bottom, for in the pulpit read on the pulpit.
 32, 16th line from top, for 3-4 read 1-3 of an inch.
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