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Our Easter Concert

It is the custom of our School to give an Easter Concert each year. Accordingly, Sunday afternoon, April 1 this year we assembled in Chapel which was very prettily decorated. There were both singing and speaking. The program was carefully selected. The choir set in two rows back of a railing which represented the interior of a church. They were really among the plants and flowers which constituted a very pretty artificial garden. Around the room was placed white lattice work. The program follows.

HYMN—In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader, Kenneth Kearns

INVOCATION

Mr. Batstone

SONG—Happy Dawn

Choir

Meredith

RECITATION—An Easter Message

Ivers E. Winmill

Abbott

RECITATION—An Apple Orchard in Spring

David Crystal

SONG—Springtime Skies

Choir

Tillotson

QUARTET—Come Ye Faithful

Howard Sturtevant Wentworth Chittenden

Roger Smith John Levis

Sullivan

RECITATION—Easter Day

George Langill

Clough

EXERCISE—Spring Selections

C. Morse W. Young A. Cheney

T. Hall B. Dorman

SONG—Through the Early Light
Choir

Meredith

RECITATION—Easter Morning
Howard Sturtevant

Spencer

CORNET SOLO—Jerusalem
Waldó Libby

Gounod

RECITATION—Easter
William Anderson

Gilder

SOLO—Life Over Death is King
Miss Tinkham

Loud

SONG—Songs of Victory
Choir

Meredith

RECITATION—Easter Carol
James Libby

Lovejoy

RECITATION—Ye Happy Bells of Easter Day
Alton Butler

DUET—The Magdalene

John Arkerson James Hughes

Warren

SOLO—The Unveiled Christ
Mr. Batstone

Heriel

RECITATION—Risen
George Russell

Hosmer

SONG—The Holy City

Samuel Whitehead

Adams

SONG—Carol of Praise

Choir

Moore

RECITATION—Spring

Roger Smith

Tennyson

HYMN—Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Stanley W. Higgins

Repairing Tools

Several days ago a great number of tools were brought from the farm to the shop to be repaired. There were rakes, potato diggers, shovels, hoes and dung forks. These tools had been broken. We set to work on them and now there are very few that are not in good condition.

On some of the tools the handles have to be burnt out because they are broken off in the ferrule. When the new handles are put in they have to be riveted so they will stay on.

Roger K. Smith

A Good Concert

On Tuesday evening, April 8th, another boy and I decided we would "listen in" so we went to the loft where our radio set is. I then tuned in. Y.N.A.C. was broadcasting and they had a fine program. The Fife and Drum Corps of Wakefield played many selections, a few of them being, "Yankee Doodle", "Marching Through Georgia", and several others. As I am interested in drumming I enjoyed the program very much.

Howard Sturtevant

Frying Doughnuts

The other day while I was working in the kitchen, I found out that they were going to make some doughnuts. I hurried with my work and when I had finished, I asked permission to help fry doughnuts.

The dough was rolled out and I was shown how to fry them. Afterwards I put them in the cans in the storeroom. The next morning was Easter and we had some doughnuts, hard boiled eggs, toast and cocoa for breakfast. We all enjoyed the breakfast and I enjoyed helping make the doughnuts. I thanked the instructor in charge and hope that I may have the privilege of frying doughnuts again.

W. M. Hall

Spring Band Concert

On April 21st our Annual Spring Concert was held in the Assembly Hall. We prepared for this Concert about two and one half months in advance. As we had several other duets and solos it made it all the more interesting to us. The program consisted of many long selections. "Superba" (a piece of music made up of selections from Opera) was our most difficult one. We had dancing afterwards.

The program was as follows:

MARCH—1st Battalion March	<i>Crosby</i>
OVERTURE—First Effort	<i>Ripley</i>
SELECTION—The Sunny South	<i>Lampe</i>
Southern Plantation Songs	
GRAND MEDLEY—Superba	<i>Dalbey</i>
BARITONE SOLOS—Afterwards	<i>Muller</i>
Then You'll Remember Me	
Malcolm E. Cameron	
FAVORITE SONGS—(a) Santa Lucia	
(b) Love's Sweet Song	
REVERIE—Apple Blossoms	<i>Roberts</i>
DUET—Cornet and Baritone	Larboard Watch
Waldo E. Libby Malcolm E. Cameron	
WALTZ—"Am Wunderschönen Rhein"	
MARCH—The Connecticut March	<i>Nassann</i>
STAR SPANGLED BANNER	<i>Keyes</i>
Waldo E. Libby	

Cleaning Cupboards

In the boys' reading room there is a cupboard where a collection of birds, specimens of stones and various other objects are kept. One afternoon when I came to the office to do my work, the office instructor said that we would clean the birds during the afternoon. First we took the birds out on the lawn by the tennis court. Then we washed the windows in the cupboards, swept out the cupboard and scrubbed the shelves. We next took a feather duster and cleaned of all the birds before putting them back into the cupboard. I enjoyed looking at the birds and learning the different names.

Clarence E. Stevens

Picking Up Driftwood

One morning the farm instructor told two other boys and me to take the horses, "Dick" and "Doll", to pick up driftwood that had been raked in piles along the beach, and take it to the woodpile. After we had that finished, we got two barrels of sand.

Arthur R. Turner

The Last Basketball Game of the Season

The last Basketball game was played by teams A and D. A failed to get a basket until nearly the end of the game when one of its players finally got a basket. Team D literally outplayed their opponents all through the game. At the end of the game the score stood 48-2 in D's favor.

Cecil Morse

Choosing A Class Team

One afternoon we asked the teacher if we could choose a Baseball captain and a team for the fourth class. The teacher consented, so we elected a captain, and he picked the team. When we have had enough practice, we will play the third class team, which consists of boys a little larger than the boys in the fourth class.

Howard Sturtevant was elected captain of the fourth class Baseball team.

Charles L. Claggett

Mixing Cement

One afternoon after school my instructor told me to go down to the Storage Barn and get the box in which we mix cement. We carried it to the Wharf where the shower stands in the summer. When we had done this we put some stones in the box and then lime, water and sand until it was mixed thoroughly. Then we put it into a square form where it hardened. This form is about a yard square and will be set at the base of the shower that we go under when we come from swimming.

Howard E. Keith

A Talk on Cows

On Tuesday evening, April 10, Mr. Harper, Secretary of the Guernsey Breeders Association came to the Island to tell us about cows. There are three pure breeds of cows, the Guernsey, Holstein and Ayrshire. Mr. Harper showed us some motion pictures of different cows and bulls. Many of the pictures were taken of cattle in our central and western states. All of the Boys and Instructors thought that the lecture was very interesting and we hope Mr. Harper will come again.

Albion T. Olsen

Preparing the Choir for Easter

Almost every evening from six to seven o'clock the choir goes up to Chapel to rehearse. They sing some of the songs that are to be sung at the Concert. The Teachers have charge of preparing the entertainment. They are picking out different pitched voices, as altos, sopranos, tenors and basses. I think there will be a very good choir this Easter.

Clarence P. Hobson

A New Record

One night when I was listening in on my radio set. I happened to touch the plate variometer dial and to my astonishment I heard an announcer say, "This is station W. O. C. Davenport, Iowa" "Our next selection on the Chimes will follow in a few moments." I listened to Davenport till the Shepards Stores of Boston came and on account of being much nearer, overwhelmed Davenport in signal strength and so the latter station could not be heard plainly. Before this station, W. W. J. Detroit had been my longest distance record having an aggregate mileage air line of 795 miles. But W. O. C. Davenport introduced a new record of 1050 miles. This is very good for an indoor antenna and a single step of amplification.

Alexander Y. Davison

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The year's at the spring,
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven:
The hill-side's dew pearly:

The larks on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn:
God's in His Heaven--
All's right with the world.

Robert Browning

These familiar lines from a great English poet so well express the thrill of joy and happiness which possesses us, with the approach of May days, that we can do little less than quote them. The newness and freshness which seems to cover the earth each morning constantly reminds us of the goodness of things.

This crispness seems to penetrate our walls and portals until we all feel refreshed and stimulated to continue our daily routine with renewed vigor.

It is true spring has been with us since March. Through April she gave us fitful tempests, yet occasionally revealed her true self to us through her sunshine.

In May she seems to revel in this beauty and sunshine which she lavishly sheds over us. Thus she dispels thoughts of winter frost and chill. As these slip away, with them go the memories of the toil and difficulties of the long winter days. We emerge like caterpillars from their winter cradles and come forth to face each glad new day with smiles and cheer.

We feel the enthusiasm of planting, the eagerness of securing seeds for gardens, the pride of trimming the lawns and shrubbery, the keen anticipation of our first Friends' Day, the joy of preparing Cottage Row for a new season. We welcome joyfully the birds and blossoms as they appear.

Through it all runs the dignified yet intense interest of preparing for the close of

school. Essays to write, examinations and rehearsals. Work which brings such pleasure.

In the background we even hear the anticipated furloughs mentioned. Plans for those days loom ahead of us.

With all these abundant joys we duly regard that sacred day of May—Memorial Day.

We lovingly decorate the graves in our little cemetery with appropriate exercises. We know we owe a debt of gratitude to those whose memory we so gladly honor. It fills us with pride and patriotism. It makes us glad we are Americans.

With all these activities there is never a time in the year, when our hearts more sincerely echo the words of Robert Browning—

“God’s in His Heaven —
All’s right with the world.”

Calendar

April 1 Easter Concert this afternoon by the Boys. Wyllis West, '21, here for the afternoon.

April 2 Planted onions, radishes, lettuce and tomatoes in the hot beds. Cyrus Durgin, '21, spent the day here.

April 3 Killed hog. Cleaned rubbish from corral and repaired roof on Compost Shed.

April 4 Repaired roof on Storage Barn. Hauled gravel for road and sifted dirt for hot beds.

April 5 Worked on drains for roads. Ploughed part of field by Cottage Row.

April 6 Staked ground for young apple trees. Rolled Back Road. Five cabinet files received, a gift of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Company, through the efforts of Manager Jones.

April 7 Grey team, Jim and Jerry,

was purchased this morning.

Alfred C. Malm, '00, Clarence Loud, '96, and Harold Jacobs, '10, were here for the afternoon.

April 9 Harrowed ground for strawberries and drew dirt for trees in Orchard.

April 10 Harrowed ground by Root Cellar and cleaned farmers' room.

Mr. Harper, Secretary of the Mass. Guernsey Breeders' Association, gave an illustrated lecture in chapel this evening.

April 11 Killed hog weighing 338 lbs.

April 12 Ploughed by Farm House and Cottage Row.

Planted onion and melon seeds in hot beds and weeded rhubarb.

April 13 Planted cabbage in hot beds and harrowed South End potato piece.

April 14 Alfred C. Malm, '00, Mrs Malm and son are here for the week end.

April 17 Fertilizer was brought over today. Worked on strawberry piece.

April 18 Prepared ground for peas and repaired corral fence.

April 19 Planted peas and cleaned the beach.

April 20 Carpenter here for a few days.

April 21 Annual Spring Band Concert under direction of Howard B. Ellis, '97, was given this evening. Among the guests present were President Arthur Adams, Manager W. B. Foster and Doctor Bancroft.

April 22 President and Mrs Nathan R. Wood and son William, visited the School this afternoon. President Wood gave the Boys a very interesting talk.

April 23 Cleaned Storage Barn.

Luke W. B. Halfyard, '21, left the School today to go and live with his aunt in Everett.

April 24 Killed one hog weighing 380 pounds.

Malcolm Cameron, '19, left the School today and will live with his mother in

Stoughton.

April 26 Weeded hot beds and spread lime on part of garden.

April 28 Raked roads and cleaned carriage room.

April 29 Mr. and Mrs. Nugent, Missionaries from Africa, spoke to the Boys this evening.

April 30 Transplanted cabbages, turnips and tomatoes from hot beds.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

April 1 A lovely day. Manager S. G. DeBlois came to see us.

April 10 Clear, but windy. Mr. Perkins came to give lessons to the band.

April 11 Fine--light winds from south west. Sowed grain seeds on fields at South End, and went to Neponset for wheels and wheelbarrow in the afternoon.

April 12 A most uncomfortable morning, wind east and cold. No cropping.

April 14 Cold and blustering, wind northwest. Dug parsnips and fixed walks.

April 17 Manager S. G. DeBlois visited us today.

April 19 Three painters and one carpenter are here putting in window screens, painting the Lyman, etc.

April 20 Sunday, fine day. Superintendent and teachers officiated.

April 21 Went to city to look for ballast for our boats.

April 23 Two painters came and painted the Lyman the second coat, set glass, etc. Self and boys went to mill and to blacksmith's at Neponset, and got lumber from Pope's Wharf. Planted my first planting of peas.

April 25 Captain Simpson came to examine the Lyman.

April 28 Two carpenters here on house, barn and boats. Two men on flower garden.

April 29 Sowed onions, men and boys ploughing.

April 30 Two gardeners here.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, May 1, 1923

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	\$500.00
Other Investments	777.58
Cash	71.55
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	\$1349.13

LIABILITIES

Surplus	\$414.07
Deposits	935.06
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	\$1349.13

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April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 71° on the 20th.

Minimum Temperature 22° on the 1st.

Mean Temperature for the month 46°
Total Precipitation 1.23 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .36 inches on the 7th.

Nine days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 9 clear days, 5 partly cloudy, 16 cloudy.

The Hotbeds

The hotbeds are on the south side of the Root Cellar There are four of them and they are about twenty-four feet long and six feet wide. There has been two hotbeds planted and a number of things are rapidly coming up. Some of the vegetables that have been planted are, radishes, turnips, lettuce, onions, and cabbages.

Hebert E. Noble

Observatory Tests

Every two months, the boys who are on the Observatory staff have tests. These are given to test our knowledge of our Observatory instruments, clouds, rainfall, etc. First the questions are put on the blackboard and then we write out the answers on composition paper. These tests are very helpful to us. After we have finished our test the observers are changed. That is, the boy who is chief is not on the staff any more, and the boy who was deputy is now chief, etc. This change every two months gives another boy a chance to get on the staff. There are seven boys on the staff. Two of them do not have any instruments or readings to take, these two are the chief and deputy. The other five boys take care of the following instruments, Sunshine Recorder, Barometer, Humidity and Dew Point, Wind Direction and Velocity and the Temperatures. The boy who is in charge of the Temperatures, goes to the Observatory every morning at eight o'clock. Here he takes the Temperature, Wind Direction and Velocity and Humidity and Dew Point. After he has finished taking these readings he goes to the reading room in the main building. Here he puts down the readings on the charts. He also takes the readings of the Barometer. He then makes out the Forecast for the day. In short he is called the Forecaster. The readings are taken three times a day. Every month records are sent to the Government Weather Bureau in town.

George D. Russell

How to Plant Trees

One very useful art that I have learned at this School is how to plant trees properly. A hole should be dug large enough to suit the size of the tree. The hard layer on the bottom of the hole should be thoroughly loosened. About three inches

of loam should be put on for the young seedling to softly rest on, and also have plenty of nourishment. It should be set in such a way that the strongest roots will brace the tree straight against heavy winds. After the tree is properly placed in this loam, the native loam should be put in and packed quite firmly. Subsoil should then be put on the top so as to keep the grass from growing around the tree. This subsoil should be placed around the tree in such a way as to form a saucer, high in the edges and low in the middle, thus making a gradual slope from the edge to the center. This is done so as to catch the rain and keep it from draining off. The trees should always be well watered until they have become sufficiently rooted to look after themselves. The dead branches should be cut off every year, and also the suckers that will deform the tree in any way.

Joseph G. Wasson

Cottage Row

During the winter there is less activity than in summer on Cottage Row. As it is too cold to use the cottages in the winter they are boarded up in late fall before the winter sets in. Pennants, pictures and other articles hanging on the walls are taken down and packed away where the snow will not harm them. In this way they are left throughout the winter. As spring comes again, bringing signs of good weather, the cottages are opened up. Gullies made by the rain are filled with clay, ashes and gravel. Window panes are replaced and set, roofs shingled, and the cottages painted if needed. After painting and carpentering is done on the cottages, pennants, pictures and curtains are put up and we await the First Friends' Day, which is so much looked forward to. Throughout the summer the cottages are used very extensively especially on Sundays.

Raymond H. McQuesten

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ATLANTIC

Since the March issue of the Beacon 1923, this page, or a portion of it, is being devoted to printing the names of all Alumni beginning with the year 1850, with the year they left the School and their present addresses if known.

The School and Alumni Association would greatly appreciate receiving any information concerning the members of the various classes.

1853 (Continued)

Harrington, Henry H.	Campbell, Harrison C.
Harrington, William H.	Chandler, Charles H.
Haskell, Cyrus A.	Cheslyn, Richard W.
Holman, Charles B.	Clark, Henry
Homans, William H. H.	Crawford, Robert
Lampee, Thomas M.	Cuthbert, William
Lane, John	Dempsey, James
Lawrence, William	Gay, Charles R.
Leonard, George A.	Grant, Melville C.
Moore, James R.	Griffin, John F.
Morris, Samuel H.	Griffin, William H.
Morse, Alphonso	Hall, Charles H.
Myles, John P.	Hueberer, Frederick W.
Nowlen, Joseph G.	Hines, John
Phelan, James T.	Hollis, Franklin
Simpson, Charles T.	Hollis, John
Sullivan, Marcus	Jones, Albert
Tahy, Patrick	Lincoln, William
Taylor, George W.	Miles, Robert
Tobine, Ebenezer	Murdough, James M.
Turner, Joseph H.	Newmarch, Charles E.
Twigg, Thomas E.	Nye, Charles H.
Wentworth, Emanuel C.	Peyton, Thomas
Wherin, Lewis	Pratt, Levi G.
White, John	Robinson, Augustus A.
	Shepherd, Francis H.
	Strickland, Alfred H.
	Stuart, James
	Taylor, Sidney E.
	Taylor, Felix
	Taylor, John
	Taylor, William

1854

Ackerman, Joseph W.
Anderson, John T. W.
Blackstock, Henry
Campbell, Benjamin M.
Campbell, George W.



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Memorial Sunday

Near the southern end of our Island we have a small cemetery. To this spot we always go on the Sunday before Memorial Day to decorate the few graves. An appropriate program is arranged and rehearsed about two weeks before the day.

We assembled in our uniforms at the Main Building at about ten o'clock. Here we lined up. The Band formed first, followed by the colors. Then came the rest of the Boys, some carrying the flowers. We marched down through the middle of the Island to the cemetery where there are located from sixteen to eighteen graves. This season, as in the past, the Mayor of Cottage Row had charge of the program. This year it was an ideal day for the occasion and everybody present felt the true spirit of the day. After our program was finished we formed in line again and, with muffled drums, we marched from the cemetery. When we had left the cemetery behind, the Band played several marches. The program follows:

HYMN—America

Band and School

INVOCATION

Mr. Swasey

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Clifton E. Albee

RECITATION—The Soldier's Burial

Kenneth E. Kearns

HYMN—Onward Christian Soldiers

Band and School

RECITATION—Invictus

Seymour McFadyen

RECITATION—The Blue and the Gray

Clarence E. Stevens

SELECTION—The Wayside Chapel

Band

RECITATION—The Ballad of the Heroes

Howard H. Sturtevant

RECITATION—When War Shall Be No More

George L. Langill

HYMN—The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Quartet and School

RECITATION—American Flag

James Libby

RECITATION—Crossing the Bar

William F. Anderson

ROLL CALL—

Edward V. Osberg

DECORATION OF GRAVES—

Ivers E. Winmill Waldo E. Libby

Edward J. Robertson George A. Adams

TAPS—

Waldo Libby John Levis Russell Metcalf

HYMN—Jesus Lover of My Soul

Band and School

Clifton E. Albee

Award of Sears Cups and Shield

Monday night, April 30, after grade reading Mr. Swasey presented the basketball cups and shield. The cups are given by Mr. Philip S. Sears. These cups are given to the best players in the different positions. If a boy has played well all the season but is unable to win a cup he may win a substitute cup. The shield goes to the team that won the most games at the end of the season.

At the end of the season all teams stood as follows: Team D, Team B, Team C and Team A. Team D won the most games, winning 8 and losing 1. Ivers Winmill was captain of Team D. Mr. Swasey first presented the shield to him. His team is as follows:

Left Forward; George Adams
 Right Forward; Eric Schippers
 Center; Luke Halfyard
 Left Guard; Ivers Winmill
 Right Guard; Gunnar Anderson
 Substitutes

1st Sub. Chester Buchan
 2nd " Charles Claggett
 3rd " Edward Floyd

The boys who won the cups were as follows:

Left Forward; George Russell
 Right Forward; Leo Whitehead
 Center; Luke Halfyard
 Left Guard; Kenneth Kearns
 Right Guard; Waldo Libby
 The boys who won substitute cups:
 Center; Edward Osberg
 Left Guard; Ivers Winmill
 Right Guard; Gunnar Anderson

The cups are prized by the boys and their folks are also glad to see their sons winning them.

George Russell

The First Swim

On Thursday evening, May 3, we had our first swim. We lined up the same as for drill and then marched down the Rear Avenue to the beach. The Supervisor blew the whistle for us to undress, then he blew it again and we all ran into the water.

Our swims usually last from fifteen to twenty minutes, but as this was the first swim and the water was cold we stayed in the water only a few minutes. We have swimming almost every day in the summer time.

We have a fine place to swim, including a float and diving board.

Anton Eriesson

Harvard Night

Through the kindness of Mr. Tibbetts who is connected with the Harvard Athletic Association, six members of the Harvard Glee Club, entertained the Boys and instructors on Wednesday Evening, May 9. Their orchestra, consisting of two banjos, a saxophone, piano and drums, played a few selections, and two members of the club sang college songs. We expected George Owen would speak to us, but he could not come. Mr. Crosby, Owen's team mate in hockey and football gave the boys a talk on the three requirements a boy must have to be popular. We had a dance afterwards, and then we went to bed.

James Libby

Working On Cottage Row

One noon hour Street Commissioner Jay Vining, told me to get a shovel and go down to Cottage Row and to start digging up Cottage Row Street. He said to get it the length of the spade part of the shovel in depth. After we had dug up a place about 10 feet in length and evened it up he told us to lay stones.

We afterwards covered up the stones and rolled it leaving a good smooth path. We did this all the way until we finished.

David Crystal

The First Friend's Day

The first Friend's Day of the season of 1923 was on Friday, May 4. At 1:30 P.M. we got into our uniforms and we stayed around the Old Elm for a little while.

About two o'clock we went to the front lawn where Mr. Swasey showed us our proper places. At 2:20 P.M. we went down to the Wharf. Soon the Betty Alden appeared in sight. When all the friends had left the boat, we marched up the avenue.

The Band played a few selections and Mr. Swasey gave a short talk. Then he nodded to us and we went to our friends.

It has been a long time since we saw them last and we all spent a very pleasant afternoon.

William Long

Painting My Cottage

This spring my cottage was not in very good condition, so I suggested to the other boys who own it with me that we paint it. It is known as the Sunshine Cottage. We began our work by scraping, sandpapering and putting the tack holes inside. After this was done we painted the walls and ceiling a gray color and the trimmings light blue. The floor was scrubbed, sandpapered and painted Battleship Grey. After this we put our furniture in order and hung pictures and pennants. We have just started the outside and we expect to finish very soon. We Boys take great pride in our Cottages and our Government. Mr. Swasey has offered a prize for the Cottage kept the best during the summer months.

Kenneth E. Kearns

Trimming Trees

One Saturday morning the Supervisor told me to put my sneakers on and to get a ladder and a cross cut saw. When I had these, he pointed to a branch about 25 ft. from the ground and asked me if I could get up there. I went up and sawed it off. Then he told me to go around the house cutting off all dead limbs. I like to do this very much.

Gunnar E. Anderson

Helping Prune Trees

One afternoon, after school I was told by my instructor to report to Mr. Swasey by the Root Cellar. When I got there, he told me to help him with some dwarf fir trees, which he was working with. Some rats had taken the bark from the lower part of the trunk of the tree, and he was trying to keep the tree alive by making a fresh cut a little above the place where the bark was taken off, and then bending a small branch that came out of the trunk below the wound, up to the fresh cut. Then he told me to hold it there while he tied a rope around the branch and the trunk of the tree to hold the branch in place. He told me to soften a piece of candle which he had, and put some of the soft wax over the end of the branch that was against the wood under the bark, so as to keep the air from it. I softened the wax so as to handle it more easily and so it would stay on for awhile. We did this to a few trees and then Mr. Swasey pruned a few others. This was a new experiment for me and I liked it very much.

Robert H. Carney

Plastering

One day the Supervisor told me to help the plasterer in the Infirmary. I put on a pair of overalls, and then got some wood fibre, plaster and sand. I mixed them up with water into a paste. It was then ready to be put on the wall. When we had this on and dried, we mixed some plaster of paris and water into a paste and then put some liquid glue with it. We put this into it so that it would not harden before it was put on. I like to mix plaster.

James A. Paley

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June to what the new year shall hold for us. It is the month to look about us and mark off the mile posts along the way. Many will be completing the grammar school course, and one goal long sought, will be won. Is it worth while to spend more time in school? That is the immediate question before us, and it is true that "much may be said on both sides." We are young and impatient and eager to try our wings. Concerning this same subject, our school superintendent never tires of illustrating the case for his boys and girls in the following manner. If one holds a dime quite close to the eye, and a fifty cent piece in line with it at a distance of about a foot, the dime will completely hide the half dollar. And so it is with things which we consider for the moment only, without regard for the future. The present small gain completely shadows the more distant one. We are offered an opportunity of obtaining two more years of training in the years when we can learn most easily and quickly, and under rather ideal conditions. It is as if someone offered us gold which we might enjoy five, ten, perhaps fifteen years, hence, shall we let the immediate prospect of earning, at best, small wages, hide the more distant prospect? Today, when the means of education are so generally available, a boy has urgent need of all the training he can acquire for competition is keen. In all probability the individual courses which we pursue here, will not keep us later. We may indeed never use the particular knowledge acquired in these years again. Is it then lost? No, rather it bears fruit a hundred fold. Our training should not

May is the time of year which calls forth our best efforts to finish the year's work well, and we look eagerly beyond

teach us what to think, but how to think. If this then is the end in view, we shall certainly profit by many more years, but at the end of two, we shall be further along the road and more ready to go ahead by ourselves. Aside from the practical money value of such training. Then comes the keener pleasure of the trained mind which may lead us always into new and delightful paths. The world will be before us for our exploration.

Calendar

May 1 Harrowed piece by Farm House and also by Cottage Row. Planted carrots and peas.

Carpenter is here for a few days doing repair work.

May 2 Set out asparagus bed and ploughed piece by root cellar.

May 4 Friends' Day, first one of the season, there were 243 parents and friends here for the afternoon.

Work was begun on making new bathroom in apartments.

May 5 Lime sower put in condition for use. Cleaned grain room. Team C defeated Team A at baseball this afternoon 11 to 5.

May 7 Spread lime on garden and planted lettuce, radishes, turnips, beets, cabbages and onions.

May 8 Killed hog weighing 370 lbs. Moved corral fence and planted cucumbers and melons in garden.

May 9 Planted summer squash. Prepared solution for spraying orchard.

A delegation from Harvard accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Tibbetts of the Phillips Brooks House gave the Boys an unusually interesting program this evening.

Secretary Tucker Daland of the Board of Managers was here for the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Daland have but recently

returned from spending the winter in the South.

May 10 Sprayed orchard and set out apple, pear and plum trees.

May 12 Transplanted tomatoes and cabbage from hot beds. Cut seed potatoes.

About forty members of the Vocational Education Society enjoyed an outing here this afternoon.

May 13 Through the efforts of our Sunday Assistant Mr. Batstone, a number of students from Gordon Bible College came over to give a missionary pageant this evening for the Boys and Instructors.

May 14 Planted 16 bushels of potatoes by the Farm House and harrowed piece by Farm House.

Carl D. P. Hynes, '14, came this afternoon to spend the night.

Several pieces of new furniture arrived today for the Farm House.

May 16 Planted corn at South End.

May 17 Planted corn by Power House.

Mr. Britton of Canton was here this morning to look over our bees.

May 18 Sowed oats and seeded with grass seed on piece by root cellar.

May 19 Team A won from Team D this afternoon at baseball 14 to 2.

May 22 Weeded and pruned berry patch. Marked out potatoe ground.

May 23 Hauled old paper to the Wharf and ploughed old corral.

May 24 Limed piece by Compost Shed and rolled piece by root cellar.

May 25 The members of the Agricultural class accompanied by a farm Instructor visited the Hood creamery plant at Lynn this afternoon.

May 26 Planted sweetcorn and beans and sowed oats and millet by Compost shed.

Team C was victorious over Team B this afternoon, the score was 5 to 3.

May 27 Memorial day exercises were held this morning at the Cemetery. A well

prepared program, under the direction of Mayor Albee of Cottage Row was executed.

May 28 Cultivated gardens.

May 30 Memorial Day. A program of sports for the Boys with a baseball game between the Boys and Instructors during the afternoon.

Russell Adams, '19, here for the day.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

May 1 The gardners completed their work today. I went to city and purchased 500 yards of thin cloth for Boys clothes.

May 4 Sunday. The Surperintendent and teachers officiated.

May 7 Sowed barley and grass seed at South End.

May 8 Ran Lyman out of the barn, ready to launch. Teachers filled boys' beds. Planted second crop of peas.

May 13 The visiting day of the season. Managers Bowditch, Brackett, Richardson and Emmons were present. A very pleasant occassion.

May 16 A lovely day. We wrought in lower garden.

May 19 Cool and windy. Planted two and two thirds acres of potatoès, ploughed for carrots, etc'

May 22 Occasional shower. Manager S. G. DeBlois came to see us.

May 23 Managers Bacon and Perkins visited us today.

May 27 Very warm, wind south. Self had forty-five boys planting potatoes, corn and beans.

May 28 Very warm. Sowed carrots, planted fodder corn, squashes, melons and sweet corn.

May 29 Planted cabbages. Attended the Unitarian Festival at music hall this evening.

May 30 Cool and windy. Large fire in the city, corner Boylston and

Washington streets. About four acres burned clean. Fire originated in Haley, Morse and Boyden Store.

May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 88° on the 26th.

Minimum Temperature 40° on the 1st.

Mean Temperature for the month 58°

Total Precipitation 1.08 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .80 inches on the 12th.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 10 clear days, 10 partly cloudy, 11 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, June 1, 1923

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	\$500.00
Other Investments	777.58
Cash	156.09
	<u>\$1433.67</u>

LIABILITIES

Surplus	\$414.07
Deposits	1019.60
	<u>\$1433.67</u>

IVERS E. WINMILL
President

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A New Corral Fence

Several mornings lately we have been working and making a new corral for the cows. First the fences were brought from the old corral, mended and put in place for the making of the new one. Then we take a crowbar and make holes to put each end in. We tighten them with wire and make them good and tight and the corral is finished.

Bertrand R. Easton

The Beginning of Track Events at Our School

Around the first of this week, Mr. Bemis our Supervisor, suggested that we do as most other boys' schools, colleges, academies, and the like, and give some of our spare time to track sports. The three sports we have played for many years are Baseball, Football and Basketball. The Supervisor asked the Boys for suggestions about this and in a few days we had arranged upon the playgrounds a row of hurdles, a set for pole vaulting and two poles with a rope between them for high jumping. On a level space there was sunk a peice of wood about 4 inches wide and a yard long for a mark for broad and running jumps. We also have procured a shotput. The 2 mile run or "Marathon" of our Island is a course around the South End. We start at the house and follow the Beach Road to the very south end and cut up through the middle of the Island and finish where we began. The record for this so far is 10 min. 26 sec. The record for the shotput is 29 feet 3 inches. The Pole vaulting is being mastered by some. Altogether we are very much interested in our track work and are preparing for a "big time" on Memorial day.

Before this time we have had numerous events in the line of racing on holidays but it was not looked upon as a school sport until lately.

Ivers E. Winmill

Our Washroom

The Boys' washroom is a fairly large room where the Boys wash up before meals and take their baths.

In the center of this room there is a drain about 4 inches square. The floor is of cement which gradually slopes to the drain in the center of the room. On the side of the room nearest the court there is a long tin sink which has a small brass pipe

running next to the wall with places for small streams of water to come out at about $1\frac{1}{2}$ foot intervals. At these, one may get water enough to wash with. A small rack above the sink holds soap and brushes. On the opposite side of the room are hooks for towels. At one end of the room is a rack for tooth brushes. Overhead is a long oblong shower and a small round one which one or two persons may use. These things all help to make our washroom a very useful room.

Leander E. Dorey

The Old South Meeting House

On Saturday, April the twenty-eighth I had the pleasure of going in town and visiting the Old South Meeting House (sometimes called the Old South Church), the North Church, Fanuel Hall and both the Old and New State House. Among them, the most interesting to me was the Old South Meeting House.

We entered through the front door. Inside were brown seats arranged so that they made a half circle around a platform on which there was a pulpit. Among the many objects of interest in the Old South Church were: Joseph Warren's Christening Cap, Warren's day-book, "Tea Party" Tea, The Prophet's Bowl From Tippecanoe, Musket from the Battle of Lexington, the model of "Old Iron Sides" (made by one of her crew), Bone's miniature of Washington, Washington's letters, Quilt from Martha Washington's dresses, Model of Boston in 1775, Old time household furnishings, manuscripts, broadsides and portraits. I enjoyed the trip very much and hope I may go again.

Raymond H. McQuesten

The most useful education is the one you get through your efforts to make a living. It is not acquired at Yale or Vassar but the class is always in session at the University of Hard Knocks

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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ATLANTIC

Since the March issue of the Beacon 1923, this page, or a portion of it, is being devoted to printing the names of all Alumni beginning with the year 1850, with the year they left the School and their present addresses if known.

The School and Alumni Association would greatly appreciate receiving any information concerning the members of the various classes.

1854 Continued

Thayer, William
Thomas, James
Thomas, Lewis
Vose, Eugene A.
Warner, Dwight
Welch, Robert A.
Wilson, Henry G.

1855

Ackerman, Peter A.
Adolphus, Edward B.
Auty, Charles H.
Auty, George
Baker, James
Bangs, Lewis H.
Buffum, Ferdinand M.
Burbank, John H.
Bussey, Robert D.
Carter, Florence
Clapp, Nathan H.
Curran, John
Dana, Henry
Demleck, Joseph
Doty, Benjamin W.
Dwight, Henry G.
Fanning, James T.
Gill, George C.
Hamilton, James R.
Harvey, Otis D.
Hewes, Alexander
Hill, James
Holden, John Jr.
Hughes, William
Ingalls, Lucius M.
Kindred, James E.
Love, James
Mace, Charles
McWatt, James
Mellen, Benjamin
Moody, George H.
Moore, James B.

Nuckley, James
Plummer, Charles Died Feb. 8th, 1862 Civil War
Roper, James C.
Rose, James F.
Shaw, John
Smith, Charles H.
Stockman, Gardner
Vinal, John D.
Wagstaff, Eustace R.
Weyland, Walter
Whitney, Antonio P.
Wilson, Charles
Wilson, James

1856

Ackerman, William
Anderson, Samuel
Barnaby, Frederick M.
Barnes, Henry
Blish, Rust H.
Bryant, Frederick
Church, William
Collins, Henry
Cremin, William H.
Dennis, Benjamin H.
Duncan, Carlos N.
Dugdale, Joseph W.
Dunahue, John
Faulkner, John A.
Faulkner, Thomas G.
Fenerty, E. Lawson, Northwest Arm, Nova Scotia
Homans, Gilbert H.
Hughes, John R.
Jones, Leslie C.
King, Joseph Deceased September 23th, 1906
Lindsay, John M.
Marshall, John A.
McCarty, Jeremiah
Moore, Charles H.
Ogden, Charles
Parrott, Robert Deceased July 10th, 1912



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Graduation

This year graduation occurred on the morning of June 12. We were all hoping for a clear day so that our exercises could be held outdoors. When graduation day dawned it was rather cloudy, but by 8:30 o'clock the sky had cleared. By nine o'clock everything was ready. When the boat arrived, the guests were escorted by the Band to the scene of the exercises on the front lawn. Then the graduating class marched from the Main Building, down through the trees, and across the lawn to their places. The exercises were a success and were enjoyed by all. Mr. C. F. Weed who is a prominent business man and banker in Boston, spoke very interestingly. His talk was mostly centered around our class motto which he thought was a fine one. The motto is, "Play the Game." The only thing that marred the day was the absence of our Salutatorian who was compelled to stay away on account of illness. Graduation is a goal looked forward to by all, and we all try to make this step in the ladder a success to be remembered. The program:

GRAND MEDLEY--Superba *Dalbey*
Band

INVOCATION

Rev. Howard A. Morton

SALUTATORY The Practical Value of Athletics

George Drysdale Russell

CLASS PROPHECY *Year 1950*

George Adelbert Adams

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *E. Kremser*
School

ESSAY Developing Character at The F. T. S.
Theodore Barker Hadley

CLASS WILL
Samuel Leo Whitehead

WE ARE MARCHING ON *W. L. Frost*
School

VALEDICTORY Charles Henry Bradley
Ivers Erwin Winmill

SELECTION
Class of 1923

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
President Arthur Adams

ADDRESS
Mr. C. F. Weed

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
Mr. Swasey

MARCH--First Battalion *H. J. Crosby*
Band

SCHOOL SONG
School
Raymond H. McQuesten

The Graduation Dance

It is our custom to have a dance on the evening of every graduation day for the graduating class. The older graduates at the School are also invited. The orchestra consisted of four former graduates and two instructors. This year the dance occurred June 12.

At eight o'clock in the evening the Boys who were to attend the dance went to the assembly hall. The room was decorated with gold and blue streamers. In the rear of the room was a large blue banner with the class motto on it, it read,

"play the game". About eight-thirty the music began. We danced until ten-thirty, when refreshments were served. These consisted of ice cream, cake and cookies. They were served by the entertainment committee, who were all dressed in white. After intermission the dance continued until twelve. We had a very enjoyable evening and wish to thank those who made it possible for us to have such a fine time.

Stanley W. Higgins

A Trip To Atlantic City

One of the most pleasant days of my vacation was spent at Atlantic City. Atlantic City is the largest place of its kind in the United States. It is famous for its long boardwalk, wonderful amusement parks, and beautiful beach.

The first thing that I did after leaving the excursion train was to take a car to the Hygeia Pool where I procured a bathing suit. Being accustomed to the rather cool waters of the Labrador currents, the warm waters of the Gulf Stream seemed strange to me. The waves were large and the undertow strong, but to me this new experience was delightful.

After spending several hours on the beach and in the water, I took a walk along the boardwalk and enjoyed the sights. The large hotels, the large crowds, the numerous amusement parks, and the roaring of the surf were all new to me. As the afternoon was quite well along I decided to spend the rest of it in Rendevous Park. I took in most of the amusements there and enjoyed them.

The thing that attracted me most was the roller coaster. Having been in only one before, this also seemed new to me, I liked the numerous thrills one receives when going down a steep incline.

When it was time for me to leave I boarded the excursion train for Camden feeling that I had thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Edward V. Osberg

The Mohawk Trail

During my vacation I had the pleasure of seeing the Mohawk Trail. The trail begins at Greenfield, which is a large town in the western part of Massachusetts. Tourists come from far and near to see the trail because the scenery is beautiful both summer and winter. The land is hilly and covered with trees that are now green. I was told that there were many inns and hotels on the trail in which there are many ancient things. The Indians used this trail 100 years ago. There is a great difference in the trail now from what it was 100 years ago, automobiles go over it now instead of horses.

Willard G. Schroeder

Class Ride

Each year during Graduation week the graduating class enjoys what is termed "The Class Ride." This we enjoy through the kindness of Mr. Arthur Adams our President. As I was a member of the Class I went on the ride. This year we had the ride on June 14, two days after graduation. At City Point we were met by an auto of the White Tours Line. We rode to Park Square where the announcer told us we would start to follow the path of Paul Revere's ride. We drove through Brookline, Cambridge, Arlington and then to Lexington. While going through Cambridge we saw the Washington Elm and Harvard University. There were other places of minor interest during our ride to Lexington.

At Lexington we stopped on the Common and were given a very good account of the Battle of Lexington. We passed several historic taverns, among them the Buckman and Munroe Taverns. At the Hancock-Clark House we left the auto and went through the building. The different articles of furniture, decoration, etc., were of much interest to us. At Concord we crossed the bridge to where the statue of the

Minute Man stands. We formed in front of the Statue and pictures were taken of the Class. We saw many points of interest both going and coming but there is not enough space to describe them all here. On the way back we passed through Watertown, Weston, Waltham and onto our former route at Cambridge. We reached the Island about 7:30 o'clock, after a very interesting and enjoyable day.

Russell F. Metcalf

Coney Island

When I was on my vacation in Paterson, N. J., my Aunt said I was going to Coney Island, Saturday July 7.

Saturday afternoon, I took a train for Jersey City. Here I was met by a friend of my Aunt's. He took me to his house in Brooklyn N. Y. I had supper there.

About 7 o'clock, my cousin, a few other friends, and I got into the auto and started towards the Island. There were quite a few other autos going our way so that we were stopped quite often by traffic. At last we reached the Island. The car was packed and we started to enjoy ourselves. There had been a new boardwalk built which we enjoyed. In one of the amusement booths that lined the boardwalk was a man announcing that you could take three darts and if you hit two certain stars you were awarded a prize. I tried six times but failed.

After enjoying ourselves for quite awhile we went to a lunch room and had something to eat. When we had finished we again got into the car and rode toward the house. We reached home about 1:30 P. M. I enjoyed the trip very much.

George D. Russell

A Pleasant Day

One day while I was working on the farm a boy came and told me to get ready for town. I first went to the wash room

where I made my face and hands clean. I combed my hair, shined my shoes and changed into my uniform. The Supervisor then told me to go to the office. I did so, and to my surprise I found two more boys waiting there. In a few minutes Mr. Swasey came in and told us to go down to the Steamer that we were going to town for a good time. At the Steamer we met one of the Instructors who was waiting for us. When we reached City Point we started for the State House.

When we got there we viewed the different rooms and statues, but the most interesting of all was the view from the cupola. After we stayed there for an hour or so we went to Franklin Park and looked at the animals, enjoyed an ice-cream and found a grassy knoll in the shade and laid down for a rest. After we had rested we started back for the Island. We enjoyed the trip very much.

Joseph G. Wasson

The Constellation Ride

There is one time in the year that we all look forward to. This is Graduation week. One day all the Boys wait for is the day we go aboard the Constellation. This is a two masted sail and auxiliary yacht. It is the Flagship of the Eastern Yacht Club and is owned by Commodore Sears who is a brother of Mr. Philip Sears, one of our Managers. This year the Constellation anchored off our Island on June 12. On Wednesday June 13 we went aboard the ship. We sailed out past our Island for quite a distance down the harbor. When we returned to our starting point we had refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake, ice cream and lemonade. I had a fine time and I know the other Boys did too.

Kenneth L. Dow

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man may possess wisdom, wealth, education and power, yet lack the fundamentals of strong character. "A chain is no stronger than its weakest link," so character is no stronger than its weakest element. We believe that it is the only thing about us that is eternal, therefore the earlier we begin to build its foundation, the better.

When Marcus Antonious delivered his funeral oration over the body of Julius Caesar, he spoke the following words.

"The evil that men do, lives after them. The good is oft interred with their bones."

This is not always so. In fact Mark Antony did not really mean that. More often it is the "good that men do," that out lives them.

We deal with life not memory, hence it should be the aim of every Farm and Trades School boy to acquire the best possible character for life. To do this, it requires time, patience and care. Each one has his faults to overcome. Fortunately they differ in different individuals.

There are many essentials to a good strong character. Each is important in itself, but there are some which stand out most prominently. We consider honesty, truthfulness, righteousness, love, perseverance, will power, loyalty, patriotism, thrift, friendship and kindness as the fundamentals.

Many influences, at this School contribute toward building a fine character. Among them are our seclusion, intolerance of making habits such as smoking, late hours, etc., association with good boys and the standard of our School which is ever before us.

One often hears quoted that familiar saying, "Reputation is what people say you are, but character is what you are." A

Honesty is instilled through our Bank, Trading Company, Messenger duties and other jobs.

Truth is recognized through responsibility and trustworthiness. We are proud to say that our School preserves the Old New England conscience, with other New England traditions. We attend church three times on Sunday. Its influence is shown in many ways.

We are taught to be quick and attentive.

There is one shining quality in every good character. This is loyalty. It sparkles through personality like a diamond. We are taught to be loyal to our friends, school, and our country. This embraces patriotism.

Thrift and economy are taught by example and precept.

Through our fine friendships we learn to practice kindness. These always teach us to keep cheerful and happy.

Thus these most essential qualities, honesty, truthfulness, righteousness, love, perseverance, will power, loyalty, patriotism, thrift, friendship and kindness, are built into a boy's character at The Farm and Trades School, for which we feel thankful and grateful.

Bayard Taylor most fittingly places character in the following quotation:

"Fame is what you have taken;
Character is what you give.
When to this truth you waken,
Then you begin to live."

Calendar

June 1 Second Friends' Day of the season, 135 relatives and friends of the

Boys were here during the afternoon.

Cleaned the old barn and seeded piece by Cottage Row.

June 2 Sowed oats and millet and rolled piece by Farm House path.

Baseball game this afternoon. Team A won from Team B 8 to 7.

June 3 A number of the Boys and a few Instructors enjoyed a ride down the harbor and were given an opportunity to view the U. S. S. Leviathan near to.

June 4 Hauled paper to incinerator. Weeded potatoes and sprayed orchard.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the School this afternoon. Among the Managers present were: President Arthur Adams, Vice-President Charles E. Mason, Secretary Tucker Daland, Treasurer N. Penrose Hallowell, T. J. Evans, Leverett Saltonstall and Walter B. Foster.

June 5 Planted squash in corn piece. Hauled coal to Power House.

June 6 Planted peas and set out tomatoe plants.

June 7 Started ploughing at South End.

June 8 Transferred chickens to colony house. Thirteen new pigs came today.

June 9 Hoed potatoes and planted mangels and lima beans.

June 10 The Boys of the graduating class accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Swasey and a number of the Instructors attended a baccalaureate service at Phillips church this morning.

June 11 Cultivated corn near Power House and repaired horse stalls.

June 12 Graduation Day. Mr. C. F. Weed of Boston was the speaker. Among the guests present were Managers Arthur Adams and Walter B. Foster. There were twenty-eight boys in the graduating class this year.

June 13 "Constellation" ride enjoy-

ed by the Boys and a number of the Instructors. The ride was made possible through the kindness of Commodore Herbert Sears and his brother Manager Philip Sears.

June 14 Class ride to Lexington and Concord, was enjoyed by the Boys of the graduating class and their teachers.

This pleasure is an annual gift of President Arthur Adams.

A group of the Instructors spent the day on a sail to Provincetown.

June 15 Instructors' Day, another group of Instructors went to Provincetown today.

June 16 Alumni Day. There were about one hundred seventy-four members of the Alumni Association with their relatives and friends here for the afternoon. A greater portion of the time was devoted to sports following which there was a picnic supper.

June 17 Charles Shaw, '22, was over for the week end.

June 18 Norman T. Howes, Herbert Noble, Roger Smith, Leon Andrews, John Levis and Leo Whitehead, all from the class of '23 left this afternoon for their homes in the vicinity of Boston. Edward Robertson, '22 and Theodore Hadley, '21 also left.

Hoed potatoes near South End and ground knives for mowing machines.

June 19 Cultivated and hoed beans, planted carrots, turnips and mangels at South End.

June 20 Transplanted cabbage plants and cultivated garden.

Leander Dorey, '23, left the School this afternoon to live with his mother at Wellfleet, Mass.

June 21 Blacksmith was here this afternoon.

James Scott, '23, and Robert Giese, '21, are leaving the School to work this summer preparatory to entering higher schools in the fall.

June 22 Picked cherries and made

yard for chickens.

William H. Waring, '22, visited the School briefly en route from New Jersey to a camp in New Hampshire.

Team C defeated Team A at baseball 8 to 4.

June 23 Cleaned old barn and basement of new barn.

Albert Peterson, '21, is visiting us over the week end.

June 25 Repaired cow stanchions.

June 26 Carted a load of hay and picked cherries.

June 27 Osmond Bursiel, '20, is here for the day.

Team B won from Team D this afternoon 16 to 7.

June 28 Prepared Bordeaux mixture for potatoes. Moved pigs to corral and mowed piece by grape vine.

June 29 Cleaned beach.

Sixty-two boys left on their furloughs of a week.

Harold Scott Ex. '27 left today to return to his mother at South Orleans, Mass.

June 30 Cleaned carriage room.

Employees and executives of Oliver Ditson Company enjoyed an outing on the Island today.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

June 9 Two painters and three carpenters here working on barn.

Lumber for floor of play room came today.

Planted corn, beans and potatoes.

June 18 Hot, mowed first hay on hill east of garden.

June 19 Got in two loads of hay, teachers and boys hoed potatoes. Six painters here on barn.

June 20 Terribly hot day, self mowed with horses all morning. The grass is dying fearfully and suffering to be cut.

June 21 A comfortable hay day.

Arose at 3:30 this morning and went to mowing. Got in a good deal of hay this afternoon.

June 27 The painters completed their work and left for good.

June 30 Were visited by the Massachusetts Society for the Promotion of Agriculture, also several of the Managers.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, June 1, 1923

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	\$500.00
Other Investments	777.58
Cash	21.44
	\$1299.02

LIABILITIES

Surplus	\$414.07
Deposits	884.95
	\$1299.02

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June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 92° on the 19th.

Minimum Temperature 50° on the 8th.

Mean Temperature for the month 62.5

Total Precipitation 2.10 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.10 inches on the 6th.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 6 clear days, 12 partly cloudy, 12 cloudy.

Alumni Field Day

As Graduation week approaches the members of the Alumni always look forward to the day they may return to the School and renew old acquaintances as well as see the site of their schooldays.

This year the day chosen for this was

Saturday June 16, 1923. It proved to be an ideal day as the weather was perfect. The morning was spent in preparing for the different events to be held.

At 1:30 P. M. the School headed by the Band marched to the Wharf and as the Steamer and the barge, which brought the members of the Alumni over was docking, the Band played "The Gang's All Here", and, "Advance March."

We then came up to the front lawn where the business meeting was held. After this the Band played a few selections, and Mr. Swasey spoke a few words of welcome and told the Alumni the Island was theirs for the day.

In about half an hour the races, which had been planned before, were run off according to schedule. These caused great merriment over either a boy's success or failure. During this, peanuts, candy kisses, cookies, and pennies were scrambled for by the undergraduates.

Then came the ball game between the School team and the Alumni. The Alumni were not as young and spry as their rivals and so were beaten by the score of 15 to 6.

Supper was next and about five o'clock all got aboard the boat feeling glad of the opportunity they had to once be students of this School.

Kenneth E. Kearns

Baccalaureate Sunday

It is customary for the graduating class to have a Baccalaureate Sermon in town, the Sunday before Graduation. This year our class went to the Phillips Congregational Church for the occasion. We took a car to the Church from City Point. When we arrived we were ushered to the front of the church where several rows of seats were reserved for us. The Pastor, Rev. Howard Morton, spoke very interestingly. His text was, "How Do You Read?" We enjoyed the services and we were glad of the opportunity to attend Church in town.

Warren J. Burriss

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Since the March issue of the Beacon 1923, this page, or a portion of it, is being devoted to printing the names of all Alumni beginning with the year 1850, with the year they left the School and their present addresses if known.

The School and Alumni Association would greatly appreciate receiving and information concerning the members of the various classes.

1856 Continued

Pearl, George H.
Phelan, Theodore
Porter, Joseph B.
Pratt, James H.
Pullen, Fredererick F. Centerville, Rhode Island
Royal, William
Shilton, Edward
Taylor, Charles E.
Thayer, Franklin E.
Welch, George F.
Williams, Horatio N.

Pratt, Frank C.
Ranagan, Michael
Reardon, Daniel
Robertson, John A. Virginia City, Nevada
Rohard, Edward
Smith, William I.
Stewart, John
Stockwell, Alvin
Young, Winthrop J.

1858

1857

Borroughs, Thomas T.
Bright, Winslow S.
Cameron, John
Comins, James H.
Donovan, Daniel D. Deceased 1914
Eastland, Edwin C.
Fanning, Edward J.
Gammon, Charles A.
Haskell, Francis
Haskell, William B.
Hazelton, William
Hews, Francis
Kiens, Arthur
Lee, Eugene C.
McClure, Joseph H.
McCaughey, William
Morse, Charles
Packard, Francis M.

Best, William A.
Burkitt, George H.
Collins, Edward
Crowler, Edwin J.
Cummings, Walter E.
Davidson, James
Dennis, William H.
Doherty, Bernard
Donovan, Daniel
Dumback, George G.
Harris, John E.
Harvey, Robert
Healey, James
Henman, Charles
Hews, William
Jackson, William A.
McKennon, Addison H.
Parker, George A.
Parker, James
Pratt, George B.



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Grade Prizes

Every six months the Shaw Conduct Prizes and Temple Consolation Prizes are given out. The Shaw prizes are ten in number, from five dollars the first, to one dollar the tenth. The Temple Consolation prizes are five books and follow the Shaw prizes. These were originated by a former graduate who "just missed" the money prizes when he was a pupil here. Following the Consolation prizes the next five boys in order receive Honorable Mention. The boys who received the prizes for past six months (January to June) were as follow:

SHAW CONDUCT PRIZES (Cash)

Edward Osberg	\$5.00
Harold Buchan	3.25
Grover Ridlington	3.00
John Schippers	2.75
Archibald Beeman	2.50
Ivers Winmill	2.25
Kenneth Kearns	2.00
Seymour McFadyen	1.75
Eric Schippers	1.50
Ralph Blake	1.00

TEMPLE CONSOLATION PRIZES (Books)

George D. Russell
George W. Hartley
Jack Hobson
Chester W. Buchan
William E. Ericsson

How I Spent the Fourth

As I was in the first group of boys that went on their vacations I was home over the Fourth of July. There was a big celebration where I live in Melrose. During the day I had fun firing off firecrackers, torpedoes and salutes. I went to see a carnival that was going on, and took some chances on the dolls and other things there but failed to get anything. The night before the Fourth there was a bonfire which lasted for four or five hours. Fourth of July evening a big display of fireworks were shot off. After seeing the fireworks I returned to my home and had what I called a midnight lunch and went to bed.

George L. Langill

My Vacation

On my vacation while my father was working, he allowed me to go to the Golf links in Hingham where I got a job as a caddie. The first party that I caddied for were good players and we got around the course in about three quarters of an hour. The next party consisted of three people and it took about an hour and a half.

I was paid fifty cents which made one dollar that I had earned.

The next party paid me thirty cents and the next fifty. I earned in all one dollar and eighty cents, which I spent for the Fourth of July.

Russell F. Metcalf

Wentworth A. Chittenden

Hauling Coal

Each year our coal is brought by a big coal barge which anchors beside our Wharf. It brings the coal for the Power House. We haul this coal in dump-carts to the coal pile. There is a big shovel which is run by a steam engine that lifts the coal into the hopper. We drive under this hopper and a man opens a slide so that the coal can go into the carts. It required three days to unload all this coal. Hauling coal is hard work.

Russell Scott

An Interesting Noon Hour

While I was on my vacation my uncle took my brother and me through the jewelry factory where he works. He took us to the place where the jewelry was begun, and showed us how the machines were run and what part of the process they did. There were machines that made buffers, chains, machine lathes, drills and automatic hammers. He took us into his department which is the burnishing department. There were men at machines burnishing designs on many articles. We went into the offices and into the packing room. As we were about to leave, Mr. Donald Barrows gave us each a very attractive watch chain. The factory was H. F. Barrows Co. There are many other interesting things about the factory.

Clarence P. Hobson

Painting the Steamer Pilgrim

Last week the Steamer was put up on the beach to be painted and scraped.

First she was scraped and sandpapered until smooth. When this was done we started painting. Two or three boys worked with white paint and two or three more worked with copper paint which is the color below the water line. Two or three coats were put on so as to preserve the wood.

When she is finished she looks very nice. The Pilgrim is generally painted two or three times a year.

Alexander McKenzie

Alumni Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held at the Parker House, Wednesday evening, May 9th with President Graham in the chair. The following applicants, having been favorably passed by the Membership Committee, were admitted as members.

Roscoe Baird, '19, Archibald V. N. Beeman, '22, Robert J. Buchanan, '22, Henry P. Clifford, '22, Clarence DeMar, '04, John M. Ely, Jr., '22, Arthur W. Gaunt, '22, Edward L. McAllister, '21, Seymour C. McFadyen, '22, Alexander McKenzie, '22, Mahlon H. Montieth, '22, Jackson C. Nilsen, '16, Edward V. Osberg '22, Albert A. Peterson, '21, Frank A. Robbins, '22, Ralph M. Rogers, '21, Barton N. Slade, '22, Charles C. Shaw, '22, Willis M. Smith, '22, Randall G. Thornton '22, William E. Walker, '92, William H. Waring, '22, Wyllis A. West, '22.

The entertainment committee reported on the plans for the Annual Field Day and announced the day would be changed this year from June 17 to June 16th.

Announcement was also made of the recent gifts to the School from the wills of Frank Ferdinand and Charles M. Green.

The following were among those present: William Alcott, Norman W. Darling, Will F. Davis, Harold W. Edwards, Charles Duncan, Merton P. Ellis, James H. Graham, G. Melville Holmes, Howard F. Lochrie, Alfred C. Malm, Norman Moss, Walter D. Norwood, Geoffrey E. Plunkett, John M. Sargent, Ernest E. Slocomb and Frank L. Washburn.

Merton P. Ellis, *Secretary*

Painting

One day the Supervisor told another boy and me to report to the Paint Shop Instructor. We did. He told us to start painting windows. I got a brush and a pail with some white paint and started painting.

I first started on the window sill. I then did the framework on them. If I spilt any paint on the glass I wiped it off quickly. I like to paint.

Arthur Paley

A Correction

We regret to say that in the May number of the "Beacon" we overlooked an error. An article entitled "A Talk on Cows," contained a sentence—"There are three pure breeds of cows, the Guernsey, Holstein and Ayrshire."— This sentence should have read— Three of the pure breeds of American dairy cows were spoken of and pictures were shown of the Guernsey, Holstein and Ayrshire. The Jersey breed was not described or pictured. We wish to add that we are always glad to receive helpful criticism.

The Editor

My First Letter

When I came here July 12, I felt rather lonesome because I did not know any boys.

Two days later I received a letter from home. It cheered me up a lot. When I finished my work I went to the reading-room and wrote along letter to my mother and several other friends.

Carl Wijk

A Seaplane

One day as I was weeding in the garden I saw a seaplane. It was coming pretty fast right over our heads. As it came nearer I saw it was painted gray with a star on each wing.

It kept on circling around over our heads. All of a sudden the motor stopped and it glided down into the water right near where we were. After awhile the motor was started and flew away.

This seaplane belongs to the new aviation school which has opened at Victory Plant. We see it over our Island almost daily.

Stanley B. Willmore

Making a Medicine Cabinet

One day the Sloyd Instructor asked me to make a medicine cabinet. I first got a white pine board from the basement and sandpapered and planed it to the right dimensions. I next sawed two ends and two sides off and put them together with screws. I then put in two shelves and the back. These were made of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch three ply whitewood. The cover was made something like the chest cover in the sloyd course. I got four strips of white pine 3 inches wide and then made a groove on the inside rest. I made the joints, which were mates and tenon joints, and then fitted on the hinges and catch. It was next sandpapered, a knob put on, and sent to the paint shop to be painted a light grey color.

William F. Anderson

Arrival of New Boys at the School

On July 13, 1923, sixteen new boys came. When they first arrived they were given their dinner and a bath. They were then given khaki clothing. After this it seemed that they were no longer new boys.

Six of these boys already had brothers down here. In all there are about seven sets of brothers.

Harold E. L. Hutchinson

Hoeing Asparagus

One afternoon I went to the farm to work. I was told to get a hoe and report to the Instructor in charge.

We went over to South End and began hoeing asparagus. At three thirty we had some more boys to help us. We finished all the asparagus that afternoon.

We finished at four thirty and we began to walk toward the barn. When we reached it we formed a line by two's ready to go the house when the bell rang.

Charles Claggett

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Now, as the new term begins and we enter upon the varied activities of the school year, is the logical time to put forth

our best efforts toward acquiring habits of study. The desire to procrastinate, to put off till to-morrow any task that involves work, is a common failure of mankind. Our measure of success lies, not so much in our ability to comprehend the essential value of a well-trained and disciplined mind, as in our consistent endeavor to translate that knowledge in terms of study. We realize that life is a training school, that the secret of success is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes; that the boy who would win must have, not only a good general education, but a special knowledge of his particular line. How, then, can we account for our failure to study when we know the benefits of the education offered to us? The explanation is simple. We mean to study, to work hard — — *tomorrow*.

Our Lord, when He taught us to pray said, "Give us this day our daily bread." He didn't suggest that we ask for enough to satisfy all our needs for the remainder of our days. We were to pray daily, to seek daily for the fulfillment of our wants.

We might follow his example and, instead of making vague plans for the distant and roseate future, give our unflagging energy to to-day. To-morrow is only to-day all over again. The future is not so far away as we think; it lies right around the corner. Let us study now! Our concern should be our daily work, our daily tasks, our daily lessons. To them we should give our consistent efforts and our sustained enthusiasm. Why wait to study? Why not begin now to be a good student? Only by overcoming each daily obstacle, by facing squarely each daily problem, by

meeting our daily responsibilities, will we ever be able to realize our high hopes for ourselves. Not to-morrow and its needs! To-day and its problems! Our daily lessons determine our success or failure as a student.

Calendar

July 2 Mowed grove by Main Building and piece by grape vines.

July 3 Cleaned Old and New Barns and cultivated potatoes.

July 4 Annual celebration of land and water races with fire-works in the evening. Manager W. B. Foster was over for the day. Mr. M. P. Ellis was also here for the day.

July 5 Mowed piece by Farm House and hauled one load. Work was begun on laying new brick lining in boiler of fire box at Power House.

July 6 The twelve remaining boys left to-day on their furlough of seven days.

Waldo Libby '22, left the School to live with his aunt in Dorchester.

Fifty-five of the boys returned from furloughs this afternoon.

July 7 Carted hay from Farm House piece and picked currants.

Alexander Y. Davison, '23 left the School to live with a brother in Boston. He will attend Mechanic Arts High School in the Fall.

David Crystal, '23 left today to live with his mother.

July 9 Hauled two loads of hay, weeded garden and hoed potatoes by South End.

The blacksmith was here this afternoon.

July 10 Hauled two loads of hay, sprayed and hoed potatoes, and repaired mower.

July 11 Weeded onion bed.

July 12 Finished mowing by Power

House and planted mangels.

Admission Meeting, Sixteen new boys were admitted: Paul Adams, Christopher McFadyen, George Anderson, William Blake, Carl Carlson, John Dow, Harold Floyd, James Johnson, Carl Kuphal, Carl Wijk, George Libby, Henry Shramm, Hollis Macomber, William Reeve Paul Turner, William Warnock.

First barge of winter supply of coal arrived today

July 13 Hoed beans and repaired dump cart.

Remaining boys returned this afternoon from their furloughs.

July 14 Weeded gardens and worked in hay field.

Team D defeated Team A, 9 to 6 this afternoon at baseball.

July 17 Mowed piece by corral and finished hauling winter's supply of coal.

Summer term of School was begun to-day with an enrollment of 88 boys.

July 18 Weeded strawberry bed and North End corn piece.

Manager, Henry Jackson, M. D., visited the School this afternoon.

July 19 Finished mowing North End and hauled five loads of hay.

July 20 Team B won from Team C this afternoon. The score was 20 to 4.

Disinfected the Barn and mowed one piece by Bowditch Grove.

July 21 Boilers at the Power House and of the Steamer Pilgrim were inspected to-day and found to be in good condition.

July 23 Repaired horse stall and repainted corral fence.

July 24 Whitewashed interior of the Barn.

July 25 Towed President Adams's boat, the Dolpin, from Lawley's down the harbor.

Took the old herd, which has been sold to the New England Dressed Beef and Wool Company, to the Public Landing.

July 26 Cleaned basement of the new barn.

July 27 Raked hay at North End and went after thirteen new cows.

Manager Charles Wiggin 2nd, of the Noble and Greenough School visited the Island this afternoon,

July 28 Cleaned barnyard and hauled coal. Harold and Chester Buchan, both of the class of '21, having finished their advanced work in June, left the School to live with their father. They will enter Mechanic Arts high school this Fall.

July 29 Team A defeated Team B with the interesting score of 6 to 4 this afternoon.

President James H. Graham, '79, of the Alumni Association and Mrs. Graham and Secretary Merton P. Ellis, '97, and Mrs. Ellis were here for the day.

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Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

July 4 As usual we suspended our usual labors and devoted the day to pleasure and patriotism. In the evening there was a very good display of fireworks. The bay and harbor were well lighted with steamers and yachts.

July 7 Received visit from graduating class of the Everett School with Mr. Hyde their teacher, and Messers Learned and Mason of the Committee. The day and occasion were pleasant. This day is noticeable for a sad event. Our respected Manager and efficient Treasurer Mr. Stephen H. Bullard, died today.

July 23 The third Visiting Day of the season. A very large number were present.



Towing Mr. Adams's Yacht

One afternoon after we returned from the city with a scow load of flour we were told to take the deck lines off the scow and put them on the Steamer. We started for Lawley's shipyards. We went under the drawbridge and tied up alongside one of the wharfs. There was a man towing a sailboat out into the river. It was the Dolphin, Mr. Adams's yacht. I put the line through the stern chalk and threw the line to the man on the deck of the Dolphin.

We started with our tow down the river.

We kept the channel until we were off the Island, then we headed for the South Boston Yacht Club. Mr. Adams put up his sails and let go the towline and started down the harbor. The Dolphin is a fine sloop, white with a green water line.

After we left it we went to the Public Landing at City Point to meet some of the Instructors.

Arthur R. Blackwell

An Automobile Trip

After the furloughs had expired and the other Boys had returned, Mr. and Mrs. Swasey invited another boy and me, who had not had a vacation, to go with them on an automobile trip. Of course we were full of eagerness. We started from City Point on July 7 at about 10 o'clock in the morning. We had with us two tents, blankets, cooking utensils, and other necessary articles. We started off through Cambridge, Somerville, Chelsea, Lynn and on through Salem and Beverly to Ipswich. Here we stopped for dinner at a little tea-house beside the Ipswich stocking mills. We continued after our meal to Newburyport, crossing into New Hampshire at Seabrook. We reached Portsmouth next and started on the road to Dover. On the way we crossed an arm of the sea called Great Bay. Here I was interested in seeing one of the old-fashioned toll bridges still in operation. At Dover we stopped to purchase provisions, as we were to camp out at night. We followed the State road as far as Rochester, and then took a side road which led us to Alton Bay, Lake Winnepesaukee. Here we found a fine camp-site and put up our 2 "pup" tents. We had a fine supper which was prepared by Mrs Swasey. After the dishes were washed we retired to our tents. After breakfast we continued around the Lake in the direction of the White Mts. We went through Conway, North Conway, Bartlett and several other towns and entered Crawford Notch. For several miles the road led through dense woods which prevented us from seeing the mountains. All of a sudden we came out into the open. Behind us was a mountain. In front of us rose another, and on each side towered two more. In this place, so prettily surrounded, we found a building called, "The Willy House," where we had our dinner. It was a truly wonderful little valley among

the mountains hemming it in. It was one of the prettiest places of our trip and I will always remember it for its location and beauty. We climbed out of the Notch after dinner, and looking back from Bethlehem, we could see the White Mountains spread out behind us. We journeyed on toward Waterbury, Vermont, where Mr. Swasey's home is located. On account of a broken spring we did not reach his home until about midnight. We stayed there about a day and a half and were treated finely by our hosts. The car was overhauled by this time, so by Tuesday noon we had started back. We started back through Barre, Randolph, Royalston, and White River Junction. Just over the line between Vermont and New Hampshire we entered Enfield. Here we stopped for the night. In the morning we found a heavy dew covering us as we had slept without the tents. At Bristol we stopped at some friends of Mr. Swasey's only to find them gone. Our route from there led through Boscowan, Penacook, and then Manchester, Nashua, Lowell and thence to Boston.

We certainly are thankful Mr. and Mrs. Swasey took us with them. We travelled 600 miles altogether and we went thro three very beautiful states. We saw autos from nearly all the states and one or two from Canada. I think, however, that Massachusetts had the best roads.

Ivers E. Winmill

Making A Hammer Handle

One day after I had finished a sloyd model my instructor told me the next model would be the hammer handle. He gave me a piece of cross-grained wood and I had to set my plane for it. After I had four faces planed and the ends scored off I had to "spoke shave" it a little and then whittle the concave curves. After this I planed it to an ellipse and sandpapered it.

Jack Hobson

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At the 15th annual Field Day of the Association, which was held at the School on Saturday, June 16, it was announced that the annual contribution to the Alumni Fund was \$500.00, making a grand total of \$7243.00.

The sum of \$102.00 was also contributed to the School for the use of the Boys. Among those who were present to enjoy the annual celebration were:

- Alcott, George J.
Alcott, William
 Louise M. Alcott
 Marion Alcott
 Marion Moore
Anderson, Desmond
 Eric Janson
Albee, Clifton E.
 Ebert Albee
Bacon, Wallace A.
 Eleanor Dodd
 Marjorie Dodd
Baird, Roscoe
Bell, George L. and Mrs.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Savage
Bell, Richard and Mrs.
 Alice M. Bell
Bemis, Edmund S.
Bemis, Elwin C.
Bennett, George E. and Mrs.
 George E. Bennett, Jr.
Bete, John E. and Mrs.
 Charming Bete
 Raymond Bete
 R. L. Willis
Bradley, Mrs. Charles H.
Brewster, Miss Nellie P.
Bridgham, Mrs. George E.
Bryant, Frank G.
Buchan, Chester W.
Buchan, George
Buchan, Harold B.
Buchanan, Robert J.
Clifford, Henry P.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Clifford
 Edward Cavanaugh
Cobb, Lawrence M.
Calkin, L. Martin
Darling, Norman W.
 Mrs. R. E. Darling
 Lillian Goldsmith
 Gladys Goodwin
Davis, Will F. and Mrs.
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 Robert Hynes
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Kearns, Kenneth E.
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 Eleanor Nelson
Leary, Philip F.
LeBrum, David B.
 F. Connors
Libby, Waldo E.
 Nora Smith
 Florence Smith
 Mrs. Emma Jones
Long, David E.
 Florence L. Wilkes
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 Edna Moss
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Smith, Willis M.
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Our Daily Routine

Our daily routine varies for different boys. For some it begins at 5:00 o'clock, which is the time for the boys who milk the cows, and those who do the kitchen work, to rise.

At 5:45 Reville is sounded and all get up and pass to the washroom where they get ready for the exercises which occur at 6:00. Drill call is sounded and all of us get into military formation for either a run or calisthenics. At 6:25 Mess Call sounds and we get ready for breakfast.

At 6:30 Assembly is played which means to get in line and pass into the diningroom.

At 7:00 o'clock we leave the dining-room and form in line for our morning work. Some go to the Farm, some go to the Shop, while others go to study bookkeeping and typewriting. Those who do none of these things do the work around the buildings until 8:30 when the school bell rings and we prepare for school. At 8:45 we are in line again and pass up to the school rooms. Here we study and recite until 11:15 when the bell rings again and all the Boys assemble and prepare for their dinner which is ready at 11:30.

At 12:00 o'clock we pass from the dining room and have a recreation period. We play football or go to the sloyd room or band hall. At 1:00 o'clock we again line up when the boys who were in

school in the morning are dismissed to work and the others pass to the school-rooms. At 3:30 the bell is rung and the boys who have been in school pass to the assembly room where one class passes to the sloyd room, and the remaining ones are assigned work about the buildings. At 5:00 o'clock the bell again rings and all Boys stop work. The milkers, dining room and kitchen boys who have been playing the last part of the afternoon now report for work. At 5:30 we march into supper. From 6:00 to 7:15 we have for recreation. At 7:15 the bell rings and we all prepare for bed or those who are in the right grade may go to the reading room schoolrooms and other places. At 7:30 we pass to the dormitories unless there are movies or an entertainment and then we pass to Chapel. All Boys are in bed at nine o'clock and lights are put out.

Alexander McKenzie

The Baseball Season of 1923

The season of 1923 has been one of the most successful ever played at this School. There were many surprises, the biggest one was the winner of the shield which was Team D, captained by Archibald Beeman. At the start of the season they were handicapped by the loss of their star pitcher and later, after Graduation, they lost several others. Most all the teams were pretty well thinned out which left many positions vacant. As was proved D had a

very valuable sub-pitcher in Earl Ericsson and he carried his team through to a grand finish. Their success can be laid to his supreme box work and the heavy attack of the team as a whole. Two teams were tied for second place. Team A, captained by Sturtevant, who replaced Hadley after Graduation and team C, captained by Osberg who replaced Alexander Davison.

C made a great spurt in the beginning of the season by winning 4 straight games but they also lost by Graduation. They held up valiantly and were only beaten by the lack of a dependable pitcher. Team A lost their captain and pitcher but were in the thick of the fight all the time.

Team B, which occupied the lower berth was captained by the writer of this article, sunk to the cellar and stayed there all the year. The turning point of the season was on Sat. August 24, when A and D met. The day was an ideal baseball day and a very close game was played, of which D returned the victor. The score was 4 to 3. Both pitchers were at top form and did their share of stickwork. McFadyen drove in two runs while pitching for A by a timely single in a late inning and Ericsson twirling for D did the same. Until the last of the ninth D was leading.

A put across a run by a series of singles and had a man on second with a dependable man up. But the chances for a tie went glimmering when the good right arm of Schippers, who was catching for D, threw that man out trying to steal third.

Having such a season has put sports on a still higher level and we feel now ready for football.

We wish to thank all who were interested and who helped us and we are eagerly looking forward to finding who the ones are who will receive the cups.

Kenneth E. Kearns

Haying

One afternoon when I went down to the Farm to work, I was told to hitch Tom and Jean, two of our horses, to the big hay rack. When I had this done we drove up to North End where some other boys were piling up the hay for us to take. The instructor said I should pitch on the hay and he would load it on the wagon. After we had the wagon loaded, we started for the Barn. When we reached there we unhooked our horses and hitched them to the small hay rack. After this was done we went out for another load of hay.

While we were getting this other load of hay, some other boys were unloading the hay we had just brought in.

The loads sometimes weigh 4415; 2995 pounds at the lowest. That afternoon we got in four loads of hay. I like to hay very much.

Charles L. Claggett

A Sunday Afternoon

One Sunday Mr. Swasey gathered the Boys in the gymnasium. We were given some candy. Mrs. Swasey read about some of the pranks done by the cadets at Annapolis Naval Academy. The young men have to have their eyes tested to see if they are color blind. One boy was given a piece of yarn, and the examiner asked him a question about it. The boy's answer was "Green." The other boys started laughing for the question was, "What is your name?" The boy thought he asked the color of the yarn. We spent an interesting afternoon.

George W. Hartley

Departure of Cows

One morning the Supervisor told me to report to the Farm. When I arrived the instructor told me to lead some cows to the scow. After we had twelve aboard we were told that they would be enough.

The scow was then lashed to the Pilgrim. We soon started for City Point.

Just as we left the Wharf it began to rain. When we reached the Point it was still raining. We led the cows out of the scow.

Some of them were loaded into big wagons and the rest into trucks. We returned to take over fourteen more. After we saw them safely over we returned to the Island. When we reached the house we put on dry clothes and had dinner.

Russell C. Scott

A Trip to Tremont Temple

On Sunday, August 19, eighteen boys with ten Instructors went to church. The Instructors could go to any church they wished. All except one instructor and two boys went to Tremont Temple. It was my first visit. The Temple is quite large and can seat a great many people. We heard a fine preacher. He told us of a race, where a sail boat was sailing by the wind, and just at that moment the tide was stronger than the wind and so the sailor on the farthest boat behind, cast his anchor while the other sail boats drifted back. Soon the tide turned and the sailor weighed anchor and sailed on and won the race. His sermon was very good and I enjoyed this trip very much.

Raymond H. McQuesten

The Clam Bake

On Tuesday, August 21, the Boys went down on the Beach at five o'clock in the afternoon. We played until about six o'clock. Then we put a large strip of wire over the glowing embers of a fire.

The Boys spread a thin layer of seaweed on the wire and two boys emptied two barrels of clams over the fire. Then we spread another layer of seaweed putting lobsters and potatoes on top. The Boys put a large piece of canvas over all. We had a tug of war while we were waiting for the things to cook. The losing side was to pick out the clams. Beside

the clams, lobsters and potatoes, we had frankfurts, pickles and ginger ale. We all enjoyed the clam bake very much.

Harold Floyd

A Radio Service

The afternoon of the burial of President Harding I went to the loft where our radio is installed and found two boys already up there. We found the radio section in the paper and were soon looking for a program. The only program to be broadcasted was from St. Pauls Cathedral of Boston. At five o'clock we tuned in on our small sets and heard the solemn services which we will always remember.

Howard H. Sturtevant

Memorial Service

On Friday, August 10, at ten o'clock the Boys and Instructors gathered in the Assembly Hall to hold a service in memory of our late President, Warren Gamaliel Harding. In the front of the room was a picture of President Harding around which were placed flags and flowers. When the services were over we marched in front of the picture. The program follows;

Funeral March	<i>Chopin</i>
Prayer	Mr. Swasey
Hymn - Lead Kindly Light	
Recessional	<i>Rudyard Kipling</i>
	Kenneth Kearns
My Brother	<i>Corinne Roosevelt Robinson</i>
	Clarence Stevens
Hymn - Nearer my God to Thee	
Scripture Reading - Psalm 23, Rev. 22:1-5 Micah 6:8	
	Miss Winslow
Our God, our Help in Ages Past	<i>Isaac Watts</i>
	George Langill
Crossing the Bar	<i>Alfred Tennyson</i>
	William Anderson
Prayer	Howard Sturtevant
Hymn - Abide With Me	
Taps	William F. Anderson

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In this country of ours, every man, woman, boy and girl has the same opportunity to be either a success or a failure.

What a person makes of his life is up to the individual. What a person puts into his life, that shall he take out. If he builds honesty, character, hard work, and all the other essentials necessary to success into his life, he will reap a just harvest.

One of the biggest things in a successful life is the feeling that your stay in this world has made it just a little better, brighter, and worthwhile for your fellowmen. He who works for the dollar will find, sometimes too late, that money is not the biggest essential in a successful life.

Many men have regretted wasted opportunities. Our stay here is short and we must make the most of all our chances in life. Opportunity does not just knock once, but it knocks many times, and it is up to us to open our doors when opportunity calls.

Some men will tell you that they "never had a chance." How often have they repeated that same phrase? And while they are thinking of their bitter lot, do they ever realize that if they want success they must go after it? It will not come to the beck and call of anyone. If you want success you must climb the ladder of hard work. Work is man's greatest pastime. Work is the big essential in reaching success.

Have you ever observed closely the workmen and laborers of the factories in your town or city, young men twenty years old, older men of forty years, solemn, already bent and with lined faces, and lastly the silent stooping men of sixty summers. They come by two's and three's into the hall about three minutes before the

closing whistle blows. They line up, twenty or thirty of them, beside the wall and wait for the whistle to blow, so that they can "ring out" and leave the shop behind as quickly as possible.

In trying to get out and away without wasting any of their precious time they are taking three to five minutes of their employer's time. They are in the class known as the "clock watchers and whistle jumpers." Until a man in this class realizes he is getting nowhere by this method he will stand still at the foot of the ladder. In this line we find the young and the old. They are not working for success. They are working for the dollar and enough to live on. To step up onto the first rung in the ladder of success we must first learn to do a little more than we are obliged to do. These men have never realized this. They get by probably, but they always remain at the foot of the ladder. There they stay until they realize that success is something to go after with work for a weapon.

Success comes not to the call of any. You must find it yourself, and hard work is the one thing to keep you on the right path.

Calendar

Aug. 1 Weeded mangels, asparagus and strawberries. Whitewashed barn.

Aug. 2 Mowed piece by Observatory.

Cleaned and tarred Northside float.

Aug. 3 Hauled in four loads of hay.

Aug. 4 Raked roads, hauled gravel to South End and got in two loads of hay.

Team D defeated Team C this afternoon, 18 to 1.

Aug. 6 Finished mowing Observa-

tory hill.

The Shaw and Temple Conduct prizes were awarded this evening after Grade Reading to those boys excelling in conduct during the past six months.

Aug. 7 Cleaned basement of New Barn and ground knives for mower.

Aug. 8 Finished mowing piece by Root Cellar and mowed Oak Knoll. Hauled in three loads of hay.

Aug. 9 Carted hay from Oak Knoll and Observatory Hill.

Aug. 10 Observance in memory of the late President Harding whose burial took place today.

The Steamer Pilgrim was placed on blocks to be cleaned and painted.

Aug. 11 Shook out the oats, picked blackberries and drew in hay. Team A was victorious this afternoon in a game of baseball with Team C. The score was 16 to 3.

Aug. 13 Carted hay, raked grove, and whitewashed runway.

Clifton E. Albee, '21, having completed the Advanced Course, left the School today in preparation to entering Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, N. H.

Aug. 14 Weeded gardens

Boys and Instructors enjoyed the annual clam bake this evening on the Northside Beach.

Aug. 15 Mowed piece by Cottage Row.

Aug. 16 Turned the oats and put two loads in.

The score today was 14 to 7, Team C winning from Team B.

Mr. Britton, the bee man was here to inspect our two hives.

Aug. 17 Mowed second crop by the Power House and mowed oats by Farm House.

Aug. 18 Cleaned grain room and barn floors. The blacksmith was here this morning.

Close score this afternoon, Team D, 17, Team B, 19. Robert Thompson, '22 was here for the afternoon.

"Claude", a goat from New York which has been given to the School arrived today.

Aug. 19 A number of Instructors and Boys attended church in town this morning.

Aug. 20 Repaired horse stalls and weeded in garden. Sold four barrels of squash today.

Aug. 22 Unloaded oats and white-washed shed to Barn.

Aug. 23 Mowed millet by Compost Shed.

A gift of a set of Harvard Classics, was received today from Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby.

Aug. 24 Picked tomatoes and repaired corral fence.

Team C was defeated today, 8 to 3, by Team D.

The officials of Cottage Row accompanied by Mr. Swasey and an instructor visited the Suffolk County Court house today to observe court routine. The courtesy was extended through the efforts of Inspector William LeBlanc, a former graduate of the School.

Aug. 25 Team A lost to Team C today, 16 to 3.

Assistant Treasurer, Alfred C. Malm, '00, and Clarence Loud, '96, visited the School this afternoon.

Aug. 27 Superintendent Zappey of the Hillside School, Greenwich Village, Mass., visited the School in the afternoon and evening. He spoke briefly to the Boys after Grade Reading.

Aug. 28 Harold L. Hutchinson, Ex. '25, left the School today to live with his mother in Cambridge.

Aug. 29 Started work on fence from road to Old Barn.

Aug. 30 Fifth Friends' Day of the

season.

Raked hay and got in one load from piece by Farm House.

William C. Rowe, Ex. '25, left today to go west with his parents.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

Aug. 1 Number of boys in the school, eighty-eight.

Aug. 2 Overcast—still very warm—to city via Point.

Aug. 3 Blacksmith here to instruct Boys.

Men working on strawberry beds and weeds.

Aug. 7 All hands at work on drain to South End marsh lowering it 1½ feet, 'tis a hard job but necessary for the benefit of the basin.

Aug. 8 Carried turnips to market.

Aug. 9 Took another load of turnips to town today.

Aug. 16 Cloudy, showery and dense fog. Cleared up during the afternoon.

Went over the sewer with the engineer.

Aug. 18 The first class gave a very interesting entertainment this evening. The programme is too lengthy to write here, but was very fine. Nearly every member of the class had a part to perform.

Aug. 21 Pleasant, but wind East.

Had a call from Bainbridge. 2nd, Mr. Alfred Bowditch and Mr. Rice.

Got supplies and coal for forge; six loads of thatch gotten in.

Aug. 26 Celebrated the 55th birthday of Mrs. Morse in a fitting manner—dinner on the lawn. Mrs. Morse received a beautiful chair from Boys and others.

Aug. 28 Cooler. Getting ready for visiting day.

Aug. 31 Beautiful day. Managers Bacon, Alfred Bowditch, Dexter and Gardner and a large number of the Boys'

friends were here for the afternoon.

The members of the Band presented Mr. J. R. Morse with a baton in honor of his 48th birthday.

August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 91° on the 3rd and 4th.

Minimum Temperature 52° on the 19th.

Mean Temperature for the month 51°.

11 clear days, 11 partly cloudy, 9 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, September 1, 1923

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	\$500.00
Other Investments	777.58
Cash	146.20
	<u>\$1423.78</u>

LIABILITIES

Surplus	\$334.24
Deposits	1089.54
	<u>\$1423.78</u>

IVERS E. WINMILL
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Cashier

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Our Unexpected Pet

One night as some other boys and I were playing ball I noticed a group of boys around the apparatus. I ran over to see what the excitement was. I saw that it was a young goat about six months old. It had come from New York by express. I went back and played ball.

The next day, Mr. Swasey asked me if I would like to take care of the goat for him. I said "yes". I took him to the cottages and around the playground. He likes to eat leaves, grass and other green objects. When five o'clock came I had to report to the Barn for work. Mr. Swasey allowed another boy to take him.

Clarence E. Stevens

Boiler Inspection

Every year, usually in July or August, the boiler of the Steamer Pilgrim is inspected and new gaskets are put on the hand hole plates.

The fire was put out and the ashes removed. When the boiler had cooled sufficiently the water was drawn off. We took out the hand hole plates and gaskets and the City Inspector examined the inside of the boiler to see if there was any scale inside of it. This scale comes from impure water and it weakens the boiler if it is not removed. There was none. He next examined it for leaks. The hand hole plates were replaced with new gaskets and a hose was attached to a pipe on the boiler. The boiler was filled with water this way and a pressure of sixty pounds, which is the city water pressure, was obtained and one small leak was seen but this was quickly stopped. Later the stack on top of the boiler was taken off and the water pressure applied again to see if any tubes leaked on top. The stack was then replaced and a very low fire was built beneath the boiler.

Our New Radio Set

Two other boys, my brother and I are partners in a radio set. We planned what we would each get on our vacation. We will be able to have two steps of amplification. At present we are using one tube as a detector. The set consists of two variometers, one variocoupler, one vernier condenser, two switch levers, two sets of taps of six each, three dials, three rheostats and three sockets, two B batteries and three A batteries and two amplifiers. So far we have received a few programs from WNAC, Boston, and WGI, Medford. We are making a loop antenna and hope to get good results when we get it hooked up.

Clarence P. Hobson

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Since the March issue of the Beacon 1923, this page, or a portion of it, is being devoted to printing the names of all Alumni beginning with the year 1850, with the year they left the School and their present addresses it known.

The School and Alumni Association would greatly appreciate receiving any information concerning the members of the various classes.

Pullen, Frederick B. Deceased June 4th, 1913
Reagan, John
Sargent, George W.
Stacy, George H.
Stevens, Emery
Worthing, John H.
Worthing, Lewis J.

1859

Arlin, Charles
Arlin, Alphonso Deceased Civil War Dec. 11, 1862
Bartlett, Charles H.
Boyle, Charles
Boyle, James W.
Boyle, Richard
Byington, Eugene M.
Crafts, William
Cummings, Thomas M.
Doherty, John
Duffett, George L.
Felton, Erastus
Hassavern, William H.
Johnson, John R.
Lophiam, Charles H.
Martin, Francis
Minard, Elisha G.
Monagan, James A.
Monagan, William
Parks, Charles T.
Ramseyer, Frederick A. Deceased Sept. 24, 1912
Rooney, James
Smith, George
Sweeney, Charles N.

1860

Ackers, Algernon S.
Anderson, Edward E.
Bassett, Augustus
Bassett, Henry M.

Burkitt, John
Burton, Thomas
Collins, Patrick
Cranston, John W.
Dean, George
Dietrich, Alfred
Dow, George
Ellis, Roland D.
Erlacker, Edward T.
Finnegan, Edward
Finnegan, Coleman
Grimes, Michael
Gurney, Hamlet D.
Howard, William
King, Rufus
Lincoln, Jesse T.
Lindsey, Thomas
McTeer, James
Miller, George
Partridge, James H.
Partridge, Joseph
Phillips, Edward E.
Powers, Charles E.
Remilly, Ferdinand
Scanlan, George N.
Smith, Edward F.
Viles, William W.
White, James W.

1861

Armstrong, John H. Deceased 1884
Cook, William A.
Cremin, Franklin Deceased Civil War May 8, 1864
Ford, George T.
Ford, Michael
Ford, Thomas
Foster, Charles O.



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New Studies

Since the addition of two years to our regular four year course, new studies have been added and correlated with the former studies. This is necessary to broaden our educational curriculum that we may keep abreast with other high schools.

Boys who leave our School after completing the course are eligible to enter the third year of high school. The studies that have been added this year are; French, Typewriting, Geometry, and Biology.

For our Biology text book we use Hunter's Elements of Biology. It is composed of Botany, Zoology, and Human Physiology. Although we have not an elaborate equipment for our biology laboratory, new things are added gradually and even now we do not find it difficult to understand the fundamentals.

The touch method is taught for typewriting and Remington machines are used. A system of lessons is used including difficult types of words and sentences that must be mastered with speed and accuracy.

Another of our new subjects is French, Our text book is The Frazer and Squair French Grammar. It is a revised edition of the original book, containing new direct method exercises, with special lesson vocabularies, exercises in pronunciation, formal review exercises, selected anecdotes

for reading and systematic grammar and exercises.

The text book used for Geometry is Smith's Essentials of Plane Geometry. It is divided into five parts as follows: rectilinear figures, the circle, proportion and similarity, area of polygons, and regular polygons and the circle.

We like these new studies very much as they are very interesting and most of them can be practically applied. The School's purpose is two fold. One is preparing the Boys for continuation of School outside. The other is for preparing those who cannot attend school when they leave, for some practical form of work. Therefore, three of these new studies may be practically applied to a good advantage especially Geometry and Typewriting. Geometry can be used in almost any kind of industry, while Typewriting is essential in most any kind of business.

We feel glad that we have the benefit of these studies and hope more may be added at some future time.

Edward V. Osberg

Getting Flour

One afternoon, at one o'clock the Supervisor told some other boys and me to report to the Captain of the Steamer. We did so. He told us to get ready to go on the Barge which was lashed to the

Steamer, as we were going over to the city after flour. When we arrived there, we began loading the flour. We put on 62 bags of flour. After we finished we were told to sit on the Barge or Steamer, as we had to wait for an Instructor. We saw many people in swimming. We returned safely and hauled the flour up to the house. There were two kinds of flour, pastry flour, and bread flour. I like to make trips for supplies very much.

James A. Paley

The Corn Roast

Tuesday, Sept 11, we had our annual Corn Roast. About 7:30 P.M. we went to the beach where there were three large bonfires. We all had a pointed stick to roast our corn on, and also salt and butter to flavor it. We had marshmallows to roast, and lime juice. After the Boys had eaten all they wanted, we went up to the Main Building. It was about nine o'clock when we went to bed, and we all had an enjoyable time.

Thomas A. Hall

Machine Shop Practice

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7.00 o'clock to 8.30 the boys of the first class are taught machine shop work, by one of our Instructors. There are two lathes, one which is run by power and the other which can be run by either foot power or electricity. These lathes are used to grind metal down to the right demensions. There is a power drill that can be used to bore holes in either wood or metals. Near the drill stands a saw for cutting through metals. There are two emery wheels which are used for grinding tools. Two grindstones are used for this purpose also. During our practice time we make bolts, grind tools etc. We enjoy this very much as it is interesting work and helpful at times.

Seymour C. McFayden

Football Practice

As the end of baseball season drew near many of the boys grew impatient to play football. Our Supervisor told them not to play until the close of baseball season. When the last game had been played we began to practice for the School Team.

First we practiced falling on the ball. After a few minutes of this, we passed the ball to one another, as we stood in a half circle. If one should miss, then he has to fall on it, pick it up and pass it to another boy. After this we ran around the field three times. This completes the practice for the day. As we do not have as much time as many schools, we probably do not get all the rudiments of football practice. Many of the Boys are trying for a place in the line. There are a few boys trying for the backfield positions.

We hope to have a good School Team this year.

George D. Russell

Digging Potatoes

One day I was told to help dig potatoes. I pulled the leaves and stems from the plants and then pulled weeds around them. Then I dug away the earth around the potatoes with a hoe. After that I picked up the potatoes and put them in the Vegetable Celler to be sorted.

Paul Turner

Hauling Waste

Saturday morning the Supervisor told me to go down to the Farm and get a horse and team to take waste. First I go to the stock-room, then the wood-cellar, shop, Power House and Gardner Hall. I take all the waste to the South End of the Island.

All that will burn I put in the Incinerator. The rest I throw into a low spot near the beach that we are filling with rubbish and ashes.

Howard S. Costello

My Work as Editor

After the June days have passed and we resume school again, we find many familiar faces absent. Several new ones are seen. As the former editor of the Beacon left with the others, I was given his work.

When the articles for the Beacon are written, they are given to the teacher to correct. We write these articles as a part of our English work during our school hours. When the articles are corrected and copied they are given to me. When I have the articles from all the six classes I begin my part of the work. I first pick out all the best ones. I select a few from each class, making the contribution from each class as even as possible. If a boy has an article in the July Beacon for instance, I try to give some other boy an article in the August number. I keep a record of articles written by all the Boys and try to give each one an equal chance. This however, is sometimes difficult, owing to the fact that some boys write more easily than others. When I have about twenty articles selected I give them to Mr. Swasey, who in turn sends them to the printing office. I then see the Office Instructors and get from them the calendars, editorial, alumni notes, bank statement and meteorology statement. All these things are necessary before the Beacon can be put on the press. We hope soon to be printing the Beacon according to schedule. We were unable to do this last winter as we printed the School Report and Calendars.

Ivers E. Winmill

Hauling Seaweed

One day the Supervisor told me to ask the Farm instructor if I could take a horse. He gave me "Dick", one of the seven horses we have. Then I hitched him to the box-cart, and the Supervisor told me to haul seaweed from the Beach.

I worked from 3:30 until 5 P. M. hauling two loads. This seaweed was used for the clambake.

James A. Brain

Booth Tarkington

On Friends' Day, I recieved as a gift, Booth Tarkington's book, Seventeen. It is a delightful book.

Booth Tarkington was born in Indianapolis in 1869 and began to dictate stories to his sister before he could write himself. Two inspirations seized him at the same time, one for Jesse James the outlaw, the other for G. P. R. James the novelist.

After attending Phillips Exeter Academy he went to Purdue and Princeton Universites. Every year was bringing more success as a writer. With the death of Mark Twain and Mr. Howells, Booth Tarkington remains our formost American writer.

Edward L. Floyd

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Armory

One Thursday an Instructor took another boy and me to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Armory in Fanueil Hall. We saw many oil paintings of various generals of our country, during certain wars. There were all the flags of our nation, starting with the flag, "Don't Tread On Me." This flag had on it a coiled rattlesnake and was adopted by the Colonist to show their independent spirit to the English. There were many other flags, including our modern American flag. There were many old guns and weapons that were used in past wars. These old time flags, uniforms, etc., were of much interest to us and make us think of the great progress our nation has made since the Revolutionary War.

William D. Warnock

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A short time ago a newspaper reporter interviewed the Captain of a football team. It happened that the team had lost

by an unusually large score. When asked what he thought of the game he replied, "We lost our last game because we were out classed, but will come back in our return game". It might be well to add here that they did by a comfortable margin.

In this player's statement there is one thing we can all take for ourselves. "We will come back." It is no disgrace to fail when you have given your best. If the world loves a winner, it certainly keeps its respect and interests for one who can meet defeat and come back. Failure does not always seem so hard as imagined. In many cases it has literally changed the character and career of the defeated one.

Right at The Farm and Trades School this can be practiced with great success. The fourth grade is not an honorable position to be in, yet one profits by the experience. As a former instructor once said, "I hate to see any boy in the fourth grade, but I believe that if a boy does end there, and then works up the ladder again, he profits immeasurably by the same". In other words they can come back.

It is a hard and dreary task to pursue what seems to be an endless, monotonous job and do it well. Boys in the different departments are sometimes critical of their surroundings. But I urge you to do your best. If you do find yourself doing your work in a careless hap-hazard way, turn about and say, "I will do my best wherever I may be."

Defeat is a tremendously hard thing to stare in the face. No one likes to be left

behind. But one thing is sure. If the failure has come after a long fight, then it is not so bad. One feels that they have accomplished something at least.

If you are down and are beginning to climb again there are several things to keep in mind. First, be sure not to repeat any of your former misgivings. As one captain of industry said, "If one of my men makes a mistake, I correct him and hope and expect him to profit by it. If he repeats it, I feel he may have misunderstood or that it was inevitable. But if he does it a third time, I feel the only way to be fair to the concern is to remove him entirely, as too many mistakes cannot be endured."

Secondly, try to do everything better each time and meet everything as it comes.

Obstacles can best be removed as they come instead of waiting until they form an impregnable mass. In the end, they will not be so domineering as imagined.

Lastly, remember life is full of successes, failures and comebacks. No one can expect to remain on top by shirking, dreaming or waiting. One must work and work to the best of his ability. Honest, hard-working, energetic boys or men will find the chance of defeat or failure lessened.

But if the inevitable does happen, grin, work harder and sail right along back up to the top.

Calendar

Sept. 1 Repaired fence and horse stalls and raked roads.

Team D defeated Team B at baseball 25 to 5.

Sept. 3 Labor Day—half holiday.
Cleaned barn.

Dancing party in Assembly Hall in

the evening.

Sept. 4 Hauled one load of millet from piece by Compost Shed.

Sept. 5 Painted flagpole.

Manager Walter B. Foster visited the School this afternoon.

Sept. 6 Howard B. Ellis, '98 and two workmen came over this morning to begin work on new roof for Root Cellar.

Sept. 7 Sold eleven bushel of tomatoes.

Sept 8 Trimmed apple trees and, mowed part of second crop near Farm House.

Sept. 9 A number of the boys, accompanied by Instructors, attended church in town this morning.

Sept. 10 Weeded lima beans and millet by Farm House.

Sept. 11 Picked beans and made bushel boxes. Picked corn for corn roast.

Boys and Instructors enjoyed the annual corn roast on Northside Beach tonight.

Sept. 12 Cleaned Root Cellar and Old Barn and fertilized piece by Farm House.

President Arthur Adams, Treasurer N. Penrose Hallowell and Miss. Ellen S. Bacon and friends were guests of the School this afternoon.

Sept. 13 Weeded asparagus, washed harness and shelled beans. Finished painting Observatory.

Steamer Pilgrim was taken to Lawley's shipyard today for repairs.

Sept. 14 Raked millet and worked on orchard. Cleaned and tarred Southside Float.

Sept. 15 Hauled in one load of hay. Assistant Treasurer, Alfred C. Malm, '00, spent the afternoon here.

Sept. 17 Weeded strawberry bed and put in one load of millet.

Sept. 18 Oiled and put harness to-

gether.

Sept. 19 Picked grapes and beans.

Sept. 20 Fertilized piece by Compost Shed.

Two representatives of the Ratine Laboratory were here today to help in the distribution of Ratine to poison rats.

Last swim of season for the Boys.

Sept. 21 Weeded rhubarb bed and set out new strawberry plants.

Sept. 22 Boys' Band took part in celebration at South Boston Yacht Club.

Sept. 24 Started digging potatoes on piece near Farm House. Worked in Root Cellar.

Sept. 25 Dug potatoes and picked pears.

William Earl Ericsson, '23, left the School today to begin work as a cabinet maker in Cheshire, Conn.

Sept. 27 Manager Gorham Brooks visited the School this afternoon.

Sept. 28 Sixth Friends' Day of the season. One hundred eighty-two relatives and friends of the Boys were here for the afternoon.

Sept. 29 Bertrand Easton, Ex. '27, and George Anderson, Ex. '29, left today to live with their mothers.

David Long, '22, and S. Leo Whitehead, '23, were here for the afternoon.

Gymnasium floor was scrubbed and re-oiled.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

Sept. 4 Dull and warm with some rain. Took Boys and put wood from lumber yard under barn. Men working on dike and plowing marsh.

Sept. 7 A lovely day and one which our Boys will long remember. By invitation from Captain Philips our whole School went on a trip on the Empire State down the harbor — North shore trip. Our Band won for itself fresh laurels

and the School was invited to take the trip again next year.

Sept. 10 Reverend Mr. Stearns and daughter of East Watertown, came this P. M. He addressed us and his daughter sang and played.

Sept. 13 Pleasant—wind East.

A lighter with 100 tons of coal came.

Contractor came over to see further about steam heating, etc.

Received a visit from William Hutchinson who left this School about 19 years since, to go to Wisconsin. He is a printer and has charge of an office in Racine. He is a fine specimen of manhood.

Sept. 14 Coal all unloaded and lighter gone—75 tons of egg coal and 25 tons of stove. In winter we keep nine fires in stoves and three in furnaces.

Sept. 19 Went to town to meet Committee. Manager Gardiner returned with me.

Sept. 20 Band went to West Roxbury this evening to take part in a Concert.

Sept. 23 Another showery, disagreeable day.

Went for fruit which had been on exhibition at Horticultural Hall.

Sept. 29 Visiting Day. Very rough, tides over Wharf. Great trouble in getting passengers on board boat. Had to lay planks to floating stage and walk on that to head of Wharf.

Managers Lyman, Bowditch, Deblois, Dexter, Gardiner and Storer were present.

A Dance

On Monday evening, Sept. 3, (Labor Day) the Supervisor announced that there would be a dance at eight o'clock. The boys who wanted to go went down to the drawer-room and put on their uniforms. We then went to the Chapel and danced until ten o'clock. I like dances very much.

Albert Cheney

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, October 1, 1923

RESOURCES	
U. S. Securities	\$ 500.00
Other Investments	777.58
Cash	172.88
	\$1450.46
LIABILITIES	
Surplus	\$ 334.24
Deposits	1116.22
	\$1450.46

IVERS E. WINMILL
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Cashier

September Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 91° on the 4th and 5th.

Minimum Temperature 32° on the 32nd.

Mean Temperature for the month 63°.

Total Precipitation 2.12 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1. inch on the 23rd.

Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 12 clear days, 8 partly cloudy, 10 cloudy.

Ploughing

This year I had the opportunity to learn to plough with a sulky plow and a walking plow. Each of these uses a pair of horses to draw them. The sulky plow has two plows or shares. One of these is used going up a furrow and the other in returning. In the case of the walking plow (which has only one share) one has to throw all of the furrows in toward the center, so you have to go up one side, across the end and down the other side.

The plowshares on the sulky plow are operated by levers. You move these back

and regulate the depth of the furrow.

We try when ploughing to get a furrow about a foot wide and as straight as possible. The Farm Instructors teach us how to plough and we all like it.

Howard E. Keith

The Cottage Contest

Early in the Spring Mr. Swasey announced that he would award a prize to the best kept cottage for the season.

My brother, two other boys and myself decided to try for it. At once we set to painting the inside. First we got the white paint then we brushed the codwebs and dirt off the walls and where we were to paint. When this was done we started to paint. It took two noon hours to do the white, one day to dry. When the white was dry we got some light blue for trimmings. We went over the trimmings very carefully so they would not be streaked and uneven, as this did not take long we went over the outside trimmings at the same time with dark green paint.

When this was dry we got our material such as pictures, pennants, chairs, table and seat covers, etc. After these were hung up and in place the hardest part was over.

During the season there were a few minor things to be done as trim the lawn and rake the gravel at intervals. Sweeping and cleaning was done in general once a week. This prize was awarded and to our dismay we were unsuccessful. This prize was a large oak frame with three photographs of the Island. If there is a prize awarded next year we will try again.

Clarence P. Hobson

Show me a man who never made a mistake and I will show you a man who never did anything.

—Roosevelt

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Since the March issue of the Beacon 1923, this page, or a portion of it, is being devoted to printing the names of all Alumni beginning with the year 1850, with the year they left the School and their present addresses if known.

The School and Alumni Association would greatly appreciate receiving any information concerning the members of the various classes.

1861 (continued)

Fowler, William
Hadley, James L.
Kenney, George W.
Leonard, Timothy
McLellan, William H.
Moore, David H. 3 Kingsdale St. Dorchester.
Morrill, Jeremiah A.
Morris, William H.
Phelan, William C. B.
Prentiss, George H.
Restarrick, Walter
Rogers, Charles W.
Rogers, Joseph L.
Warwick, George

1862

Armstrong, William C.
Clark, William J.
Denton, Samuel C. Deceased December 17th, 1915
Dill, John
Hammond, Charles

Harriman, Robert
Harris, William H.
Hasty, Robert B.
Kimball, Frank R.
Lambert, Daniel
Little, James
Marsden, William
McNamee, Thomas J. 3034 R St. Washington, D. C.
Reed, Edwin W.
Ricker, William
Robinson, George A.
Sherbourne, George E.
Wilson, Robert D.

1863

Ackers, Webster
Barham, Robert H.
Bridges, Edward
Clash, Theodore B.
Cornell, William H.
Cutter, James H.
Edgworth, William D.

FRENCH, HERBERT W. '78. The funeral of Mr. French was held on Sunday afternoon, September 23rd at All Saints' Church, Ashmont, Mass. He was born in 1861 and entered The Farm and Trades School in May 1874, leaving in June 1878. He was the first president of its Alumni Association and was its treasurer for twelve years. For over twenty years he was connected with the United States Appraisers' Department at Boston. He

was a veteran of Indian Wars and a member of the 7th Cavalry regiment, which was reorganized after the Custer Massacre; a member of Joseph Webb Lodge of Masons; past patron of Keystone Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; past Sachem of the Powhatan tribe, I. O. R. M., and past commander of the Regular Army and Navy Union of Boston. He is survived by his widow, a son, Hobert W. French of Erie, Pa., and a grandson, Hobert W. French, Jr.



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Hallowe'en

It is a custom of our School to plan a celebration each year for Hallowe'en. Of course this day is greatly anticipated. When it arrives everybody is excited.

This year the celebration was held in the assembly hall and the gymnasium. At eight o'clock in the evening the Boys formed a line and were told they would go for a ghost walk. This took them to the drawer room first; through the west basement, up a flight of stairs to the bakery, next to the kitchen and assembly room. All along this walk were ghosts, everything was dark and one did not know what might happen. After this was over we passed to the assembly hall where the Instructors gave a play entitled, "The Country School". We then went to the gymnasium where we were given tickets for food and games. The food consisted of doughnuts, pickles, cider, pumpkin pie and apples. There were several games in which each person could take part.

When everybody was in the gymnasium the lights were snapped out and a witch read us the legend of Hallowe'en. Then the "ball of fate" was rolled around to each person and one would take from it a piece of paper on which was a verse regarding one's future.

We were then allowed to do anything we wanted to. The booths and contests

around the room were; The Fly Family of Dorchester, marshmallow race, ten scent show, popcorn race, peanut race, ruins of China, raisin race, bobbing for apples, etc.

The decorations were very fine. There were orange and black streamers around the room. Hallowe'en pictures over the lights, pumpkins and corn husks arranged here and there and every little thing to make it look in accordance with the occasion.

We all had a good time and went to bed happy.

Russell Metcalf

The Caucus

Last night the clerk of Cottage Row put a notice on the bulletin board saying that there would be a caucus in the east basement at 7:30 P. M. At that time we went down to the east basement and proceeded with the caucus. First the Boys nominated six share holders of Cottage Row Government also six non-share holders. Then we voted for three out of each group. Those six boys chosen formed two committees, the Citizen and the Non-Share Holding, whose duty it was to find candidates for the coming election. There was also chosen by the Mayor a committee called, the Mayor's Committee, which have the same duty as the others to perform.

Albert Cheney

A Tie Game

On Oct. 12th, Teams B and D played a hard fought football game, ending with the score of 25 to 25. In the first quarter Team D received the ball and on the first down made a touchdown by a forward pass to the left end. This was done at the very beginning. For the remainder of the quarter neither side scored again. In the second quarter team B evened up the score so that when the half came the score was tied. The second half was a hard tussle for both sides. Each team, through hard playing, made two touchdowns apiece and one of the kickovers as if mocking each other. In the third quarter, Kearns, Team B's quarterback, got clear around the end for a long run and came within ten yards of the goal line. He was brought down by a hard tackle which held up the game for a few minutes. Team B's fullback, with about ten yards to go, made little pieces of Team D and secured the touchdown. The score stood 25 to 19 in Team B's favor. Team D received and advanced to within thirty yards of the goal. On the fourth down and ten yards to go a forward was thrown to the left end again. It was caught and netted D the necessary yards. This seemed to put new vim into the team and the ball was put across the line before the time was up. The kickover after the touchdown was a failure. The game ended 25 to 25. The features of the game were two long runs by Kearns of B and Reid's fine work on the end for D.

Ivers E. Winmill

An Interesting Visit

Thursday before last, during vacation week, one of the instructors took another boy and myself through the Sunshine or Tahoma Biscuit Company's plant at Causeway and Washington Sts. (North).

First we went to the office, and one of the men offered to show us through

the factory. Then we went to the baking-room where the cookies and crackers were baked in twenty-seven revolving ovens. They use daily thirty-five barrels of flour, twenty-eight barrels of sugar and one and one-half tons of lard. There are some straight ovens. It takes eight minutes to bake crackers. One of these ovens will produce one thousand pounds per day. The company employs one thousand people and supplies twenty-eight agencies by automobile trucks and freight cars.

The visit was very interesting and we learned very much about that kind of work.

Russell Long

Poisoning Rats

One day as we were lined up for dinner, our Supervisor asked who the ratters were. We raised our hands so he should know. After going to school for about half an hour, he called us down to the West Basement.

We found that some men were coming over to poison the rats. In the meantime we cut thirty pounds of bread into $\frac{3}{4}$ inch cubes.

The Steamer came over about 2:10 P. M., bringing with it two men. We went down to the Wharf and helped bring up their things. Next we got eight pails and filled them equally with the cubes of bread. One of the men opened a box and took out eight, one quart bottles of Ratine. He poured one bottle over the bread in the eight pails. After the bread was all soaked, we procured some small $\frac{1}{4}$ pound paper bags and put about four cubes in each. The tops of the bags were twisted and we put them into flour bags. The boys then returned to their school studies till five o'clock.

At five o'clock we returned and half of us went around North End with one

man; the other man and the rest of the boys went around South End. We tried to cover as much ground as possible, and we put a bait (or bag) in almost every hole and trail. We set out 1300 bait.

The poison is imported from Copenhagen, Denmark, and is very costly. It does not kill the rats instantly, but as long as a rat does live it is contagious to others. The poison is harmless to all domestic animals however.

Three weeks later another dose was put out. This was prepared the same way except that only four pails were used and a much more powerful poison called Ratinine was put out. This kills the rats in 24 to 48 hours. This time 800 baits were put out. Next day the boys saw many dead and dying rats.

George A. Adams

My Duty as an Officer

Last term I was elected treasurer of Cottage Row. After the election my first duty was to make out a tax list of the amount each boy was to pay. I first got a name list and ruled off a place for poll taxes and a place next to this for property taxes. Next I secured a list of owners of cottages with the number of shares they owned. Then I figured how much each should pay. A boy does not pay taxes until he has been at the School six months or in other words, he is not a citizen of Cottage Row. The poll tax of all citizens is three cents, and the ownership tax is made according to the number of shares owned by a citizen. The list completed, was put on the bulletin board in the assembly room. A boy looks up the amount he is to pay. Then he makes out his check for that amount. If a boy lets his debts continue he usually appears in court. But there is only one or two such cases. When the checks come through the Bank to me I enter them into the Cottage Row

accounts. And during the term I take care of fines from trials, and keep the books up to date. I like to be treasurer very much.

Clarence P. Hobson

Choosing Football Teams

One evening the Supervisor had all the Boys march up to chapel. After we were seated he said that we were going to choose up for football, so he asked for nominations. After he had eight boys' names, we voted for the four who would make the best captains. The four boys who were chosen are: Archibald Beeman, Team A; Kenneth Kearns, Team B; George Russell, Team C; Ivers Winmill, Team D.

After the captains were chosen the Supervisor told them to choose their men.

Team D had first choice, Team C second, Team C third and Team A last.

The captains each went to separate corners of the room and took their choice of Boys in turn. Each captain has about twenty boys from which to form his team.

James A. Paley

My First Hallowe'en

When I first came to The Farm and Trades School, I thought that I would want to go home again but I soon found out my mistake. It was on the night of Hallowe'en that I changed my mind. The Boys of the School had a great time, and I don't think anything could have cheered me up as much as that did.

Raymond Regan

My Costume

This Hallowe'en I was dressed in costume for the first time. I wore a Buster Brown suit. The color was pink with white trimmings and it had big white buttons. I carried a toy monkey. Another boy was dressed as a girl and represented Mary Jane. I enjoyed going to our Hallowe'en party in costume.

Herbert E. Wright

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Doctor W. Wellington Masee, Headmaster of the Masee School for Boys, has written a very attractive booklet on

"Self-Measurement for Boys". In reading through this we find a number of questions, which if we were to answer for ourselves we could determine how we rank as boys in every way -- we can measure ourselves.

Under one of his main headings we find these questions: Are you, Mr. Johnnie Brown, only interested in Mr. Johnnie Brown? Are you always looking out for only Mr. Johnnie Brown regardless of your parents, brothers or sisters? Do you assume that it is better for another person to wait on you, rather than for you to wait on them? Are you always looking for the easiest chair in a room, the most advantageous seat in a car or in a show? In school do you see that you are not left out of what you want to do? After you have had what you want, is your mind free from care about others? Do you want for yourself all that you can get, even if it means taking it from others? Do you quarrel over small points in a game. Do you try to encourage others to do mean, selfish acts?

These questions are serious ones and are worth a great deal of attention and thought. Is our purpose in life to be purely a selfish purpose, doing nothing or caring nothing for the people about us, their needs and the sacrifices they are making? Who are the people that count, who are our real heroes, the people that we are going to remember tomorrow and who are carving their names in stone? Are they people whose answer would be "Yes" to

the previous questions, or whose answer would be "No"?

Would your answer be "yes" to all the above questions? We should strive to attain that end when we may conscientiously and truthfully say "no" without question, and by so doing we are bound to feel that we are climbing up the ladder of life with one strong round upon which we may securely rest while reaching for other rounds of honesty, clean mindedness, loyalty, gentlemanliness, bodily health and good habits.

Summe up at night what thou hast done by day;
And in the morning what thou hast to do.
Dresse and undresse thy soul; mark the decay
And growth of it; if, with thy watch, that too
Be down then winde up both; since we shall be
Most surely judg'd, make thy accounts agree;

Herbert — The Temple



Calendar

Oct. 1 Dug potatoes, picked pears and peaches.

Manager and Mrs. Leverett Saltonstall and son, accompanied by Mr. W. B. Watson, visited the School this afternoon.

Oct. 2 Flour for winter arrived today.

Oct. 3 Picked grapes.

Oct. 4 Finished digging potatoes by Farm House. Gathered pumpkins and stored them in Root Cellar.

Oct. 5 Weeded strawberries, dug potatoes at South End and carried vines to the Incinerator.

Oct. 6 Pulled weeds and took squashes from hot beds.

Waldo Libby, '22, Alexander Davison, '23, Herbert Noble, '23, Chester Buchan, '21, and Ralph Langille, '19,

were here for the afternoon.

Team D defeated Team C at football, 13 to 31.

Oct. 7 Sunday services were resumed today. Mr. Burhoe, a student at Gordon Bible College, is Sunday Assistant.

Oct. 8 Worked on tide ditches, gathered carrots and carted brick from Power House to Old Barn. Completed surfacing tennis court with clay.

Oct. 9 Blacksmith was here for the morning.

Second distribution of Ratine about the Island for the purpose of exterminating rats.

Mr. Hass, general secretary of the Massachusetts Society for Social Hygiene, spoke to the Boys this evening.

Oct. 10 Gathered beets and worked on ensilage cutter.

Team C won from Team A this afternoon at football 7 to 6.

Admission meeting today. Eighteen new boys were admitted: Edward Albee, Richard Cameron, Gilbert Collins, Alonzo Day, Willis Drake, Albert Gardner, Herbert Gove, William Kenning, George Knott, Ross Lloyd, Ralph Martis, George Poole, William Van Meter, Charles Wheeler, Raymond Regan, William West, Howitt Warren and Stanley Withrow.

Oct. 11 Thirty new pullets arrived today.

Oct. 12 Worked on ditches, weeded in asparagus bed and raked roads.

Twenty boys, accompanied by three instructors, attended the Health Show at Mechanics Building today.

Oct. 12 Manager Thomas J. Evans and friends were here for the afternoon. Mr. Evans will remain over the week end.

Clifton Albee, '21, a student at Brewster Academy, came today to spend the week end.

Oct. 15 Team D defeated Team A, 39 to 0 this afternoon.

Oct. 16 Worked on Farm House Path and fertilized millet piece.

Fall term of School was begun today.

Went after the Launch Winslow which has been undergoing repairs at Lawley's Shipyard.

Oct. 18 Set out asparagus plants and started ploughing piece by Farm House Path.

Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, and Mr. Bourcy were here for the afternoon.

Oct. 18 Cleaned grain rooms, the Old Barn and pig pens.

Oct. 20 Football this afternoon, Team B defeated Team A, 38 to 14.

Oct. 22 Two new cows arrived today.

Oct. 24 Worked on Observatory Path, hauled gravel for roads and gathered vegetables.

Ralph Langill, '19, is here to make minor repairs on the Steamer Pilgrim.

Score in football this afternoon 31 to 13 in favor of Team D, Team C lost.

Oct. 27 Hauled gravel, cleaned basement of Old Barn and worked on drive-ways.

Leo Whitehead, '23, student at Mechanic Arts High School, was here for the afternoon.

Oct. 29 Worked on roads, gathered parsnips and put sand on vegetables.

Oct. 30 Last Friends' Day of the season. There were two hundred and thirty friends and relatives here for the afternoon.

The Grew and McKenzie Garden prizes were awarded this afternoon as were also the Crosby Baseball shield and individual cups.

Oct. 31 Manager Tucker Daland visited the School today staying for the afternoon.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

Oct. 3 Dug potatoes, cut corn and ploughed all day.

Oct. 4 Dull wind, very changeable; put in potatoes, stocked fodder corn, gathered squashes, apples etc. .

Oct. 6 A severe storm from north east, could not go over with my monthly report.

Oct. 14 Manager DeBlois visited us and we fished all the afternoon and caught three smelts. I sailed Mr. DeBlois to Central Wharf. Was late home, the wind being light.

Oct. 15 The schooner "Ontario" arrived with coal, having been two weeks from Hoboken, N.Y. Was obliged to lie in Holmes Hole a week on account of heavy weather. Took eight tons from her deck on our floating wharf.

Oct. 16 Wrought on coal in A.M. and dug potatoes in P.M. Took off twelve tons of coal.

Oct. 17 Took out twenty tons of coal and still the vessel cannot get up to our Wharf. The tides are falling. The delay caused by the weather made us a great deal of work.

Oct. 21 The coal out and vessel away at 10 o'clock A.M. Paid the Captain freight \$345.00 less \$13.16 in advance, vegetables and horse to haul.

Oct. 22 A fine day, and our last Visiting Day for this season. There were present of the Managers, Messrs Weld, and G. L. DeBlois. Gave the party a sail up the harbor.

Oct. 24 Went to city to get a quantity of galvanized iron funnel for furnace, and other articles.

Oct. 25 Put in our furnace. We finished putting in 385 bushels of carrots.

Oct. 27 Put away crops in cellar and Corn Barn.

October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 78° on the 14th

Minimum Temperature 36° on the 6th.

Mean Temperature for the month 49°.

Total Precipitation 3.34 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1.03 inch on the 24th.

Five days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 19 clear days, 6 partly cloudy, 6 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, November 1, 1923

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	\$ 500.00
Other Investments	777.58
Cash	<u>274.65</u>
	\$1552.23

LIABILITIES

Surplus	\$ 414.07
Deposits	<u>1138.16</u>
	\$1552.23

IVERS E. WINMILL
President

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Collections

One of the most interesting things the Boys do when they cannot play out-of-doors, is to work on their collections.

Practically all the boys have collections which consist of pictures concerning either, boxing, baseball, horses, poems, boats, foot-ball or aeroplanes. Scrap books may be obtained at the Trading Company, and in these the Boys collect their pictures. Baseball and foot-ball pictures form most of the collections as far as sport is concerned. Some Boys have four or five books filled with pictures on a favorite subject.

Altho' sport collections are numerous some boys save articles and pictures concerning work they are interested in.

Our collections are an interesting and enjoyable pastime.

Thomas A. Hall

Giving Out the Baseball Cups

Each year through the kindness of Mr. S. V. R. Crosby, one of our Managers, the winning team in Baseball is presented with a silver shield on which are inscribed the names of the players and their respective positions. He also gives cups to the best players out of the four teams, for the position in which they play.

This year Team D won the shield, and was presented with it on Friends' Day October 31, 1923. The cups were also given out on this date. The boys who received the cups are as follows;

Name	Position	Team
William Ericsson	Pitcher	D
Howard Sturtevant	Catcher	A
Howard Keith	1st Base	D
Raymond Thomas	2nd Base	A
Charles Claggett	3rd Base	D
Ivers Winmill	Short Stop	A
Edward Floyd	Left Field	D
Seymour McFadyen	Center Field	A
Russell Scott	Right Field	B

Substitutes

Eric Schippers	Catcher	D
Archibald Beeman	Short Stop	D
Edward Osberg	1st Base	C

We all enjoy playing hard, but we enjoy it many times more with a trophy like this to look forward to, and we cannot express our appreciation to Mr. Crosby for his kindness in giving this trophy to the winning team.

Seymour C. McFadyen

Hauling Waste

Every Saturday morning the Supervisor tells me to go to the farm and get a horse and team to take waste. First I go to the stock room, then the wood cellar, Shop, Power House, and Gardner Hall. I take all the waste over to the South End of our Island.

Howard S. Costello

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ATLANTIC

Since the March issue of the Beacon 1923, this page, or a portion of it, is being devoted to printing the names of all Alumni beginning with the year 1850, with the year they left the School and their present addresses if known.

The School and Alumni Association would greatly appreciate receiving any information concerning the members of the various classes.

1863 (continued)

Floyd, George F.
Floyd, Thomas A.
Hendrickson, F. B.
Hendrickson, W. T.
Huston, Charles H.
Kerns, Charles T.
Kerns, John M.
Lufkin, Albert
McTeer, Hugh
Moore, Edward L. Deceased, Civil War, August
27th, 1864
Perkins, Seth
Pillow, Charles H.
Reed, George L.
Reed, Jonas L.
Soule, William H.
Sylvester, Edwin C.
White, David L. Deceased, June 17th, 1918

1864

Barrey, Franklin
Berry, John F.
Brewer, Leonard
Burdine, Andrew J.
Choate, James R.
Christian, James
Cosgrove, Charles J.
Donahue, Patrick
Evans, Thomas, 504 Kennedy Bldg., Brockton, Mass.

Gorham, Herbert
Hammond, John F.
Hannaford, Franklin
Harvey, Abram
Hodges, Samuel O.
Hutchinson, William W.
Johnson, John W.
Jones, Fontain
Knox, David
Lynn, William A.
McGowan, Thomas
Minott, Thomas A.
Morris, Francis
Nichols, Aaron O.
Peck, George W.
Smith, Sheldon L.
Wilks, John R.

1865

Adams, Edward L.
Durling, Charles B.
Goodwin, William H.
Hutchinson, Peter J. 24 Stetson Street, Brookline,
Mass.
McAdams, James
McAdams, Thomas
McCarty, Simon P.
Moody, Charles A.
Morgan, Joseph S.
Parazina, William B.

In connection with the observance of the 75th anniversary of DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templars, on Sunday afternoon, October 21st, the following were noted in the parade.

Leroy S. Kenfield, '82, Nuss's Band;
George E. Stevenson, '83, Beauseant Com-

mandery of Malden; Louis C. Buettner, '91, DeMolay Commandery; Howard B. Ellis, '98, Nuss's Band; Warren Homes, '03, Nuss's Band; S. Gordon Stackpole, '06, Aleppo Temple Band; Franklin E. Gunning, '14, Boston Police Band.



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Our Thanksgiving

Our Cottage Row Government, set apart the twenty-ninth day of November as a day in which to give thanks to God for our many blessings. Throughout the whole United States this day was set apart for Thanksgiving, and we, Superintendent Instructors and Boys, took notice of it. The preceding Sunday we gave our thanks in prayer, but Thanksgiving day was the time to give our thanks in deeds and actions. We did not have any school and were dismissed from work at nine o'clock. In the morning there was a game of football between the small boys. At eleven-thirty dinner was served. I was a monitor and had to carve the turkey which was not easy, though a success for which was I very thankful. There were nuts, apples, pie, celery, squash, sweet potatoes and other good things all of which we were thankful for. In the afternoon we had a game between the larger boys. We called the teams Harvard and Yale. Following the example set in the stadium, Yale won; much to my disgust as I was cheering for Harvard. The day closed with a dance which lasted until eleven o'clock. Great was this day and long will I remember it and be thankful for it.

Carl Kuphal

Etiquette

One Monday evening, before Grade reading Mr. Swasey announced that Mrs.

Swasey had a few words to say to us. Her subject was "Etiquette."

Of course, manners are of great value to any person and Mrs. Swasey thought it would be a good idea if we reviewed some rules concerning our manners, and to think over what we might have forgotten about them, and what we still had to learn and practice. She mentioned many different courtesies which would always come in handy. These included street manners and table manners. We have plenty of chance to practice both of these on the Island, and she impressed it on us to do so. The boy who has good manners and uses them, is shown more consideration from the world in general than the boy who does not.

William M. Hall

The Education of the Roman Boy

There were no public schools under the Republic of Rome, they were all private affairs. At the beginning of the early empire there were a few public schools and later it became all public schools. The boys were first required to learn the language of Athens, the twelve tables, and several other things. A boy of the wealthy class having finished school, completed his education by going to some foreign country. Between the ages of fourteen and eighteen he became a Roman citizen.

Warren Burriss

Our Thanks

In accordance with our custom, each boy at Thanksgiving time writes his particular reason for being thankful. The articles are varied in thought and are selected with the idea of having each class represented:—

FIRST CLASS

This year there are many things that I am thankful for. First I am thankful that we are in a peaceful country, where people are not in want as are people in other parts of the world. I am thankful that I am in a good School where a good education may be obtained, and where many things are always being done for me. I am thankful that I have a good father, sister, brother, and friends, who take an interest in me and are always ready to help me. I am thankful that there are a good Superintendent and Instructors in the School who are always ready to give help and advice to me when I need it. I am thankful for the sports which we have, because from them we become stronger and better fitted for the coming years of our lives.

Alexander McKenzie

I am thankful for the religion that Jesus gave us because it gives us something to live for and to constantly think about. I am thankful for our great country and for its leaders, and that we select our own leaders. I am thankful that we have a flag and that we have a chance to make it stand for more in the sight of others. I am thankful that we are in a position to help the survivors of the earthquake that destroyed parts of Japan. I am thankful that we have a chance to study and prepare for later life. I am thankful that we have sports that build young men and boys up and give them a sense of fairness, and teach them to treat their opponent as they would like to be treated themselves.

Howard E. Keith

SECOND CLASS

I am thankful for Jesus Christ who has helped me in the past year. I am thankful to have a mother, brothers and a sister who write to me and send me things. I am thankful for the education I am receiving, and for the work I have. I am thankful for the health Jesus has given me. I am thankful for the good teachers and Instructors which we have at the F. T. S.

Joseph G. Wasson

Every year as Thanksgiving comes, all the Boys write Beacons telling what they are thankful for. I am thankful that I have two brothers in this School with me, and a mother and sister at home. I am very thankful that I live in a free country. I am grateful that I can go to school and learn more about the world every day. I am also thankful for the Superintendent and the Instructors of this School who teach me to do the right wherever I go.

Edward L. Floyd

I am thankful that I am in a good School where I can learn things about everyday life and about God. I am also thankful that I have a good aunt and uncle who take care of me. I am glad that I live in a peaceful country where I can live happily and not have to think where my next meal is coming from, as they do in Russia and Japan. I am grateful and thankful that I am in the best of health.

Clarence E. Stevens

THIRD CLASS

I am thankful that I have my mother to look after me. I am thankful that I am in this School so that my mother won't have to worry about me. I am thankful that the School has good Instructors and teachers to help us and to correct our mistakes.

Raymond Thomas

I am thankful for a good mother and sister and for the good education and training I am getting from the School. I am thankful for my teacher and for what she does for me. I am also thankful to be Clerk of the Boys' Trading Company with a kind instructor to tell me what to do, and to learn how to keep an interest in the work which will teach me a trade.

Hildreth R. Crosby

I am very thankful for the dear friends whom I have at home and who are always thinking of me. I am also grateful for the fine Board of Managers who look out for us to see that we have entertainments and plenty to do to keep our minds occupied. I am grateful that I have a warm bed to sleep in and good food to eat, and to be in such a wonderful country.

Paul Reid

I am thankful that I have friends who care for me. I am thankful for the education I am receiving at this School. I am thankful that I am an American boy and live in a fine country. I am thankful for life and health.

Thomas Hall

FOURTH CLASS

I am thankful to be in this School where I will get a good education. I am thankful that I have a good mother, brother and sister. I am thankful to be in the Beginners' Band. I am thankful for the good management here. I am thankful to live in a free country.

Albert H. Gardiner

I am thankful for the opportunity to be able to go to church on Sunday and to learn more about our Father who gives to us so freely. I am thankful for my mother and all my friends. I am thankful for the education which I am receiving.

Jack Hobson

I am very thankful that I am at a good School where I can get a good education, also that I have a good

mother and sister. I am thankful for the Instructors who help me in my work and who teach me to do things right.

William L. Young

I am thankful that I have a good home, an opportunity for an education, and a chance to play in the games and sports. I am thankful for my many privileges. I am also thankful for my friends, for my mother and grandmother.

S. Ross Lloyd

I am thankful for my father, brother and sisters. I am grateful for the education I am receiving, the opportunity to play sports, and that I am in the Band. I am thankful for our Superintendent, Managers and Instructors, and grateful to them for the help they are giving me.

Anton Ericsson

I am thankful that God gave us such a big, wonderful world, and for all the schools there are in it. I am thankful that I am able to go to school and learn something worthwhile. I am thankful that I have a mother, brothers and sisters. I am thankful also for the God we worship, for He gave us everything.

Richard M. Cameron

I am thankful for my mother, my sister, and my God. I am thankful for this School, its Superintendent and Board of Managers. I am thankful for the wonderful summer time, when we can play out-of-doors. I am most thankful for our Saviour who gave his life to forgive our sins.

Carl O. G. Wijk

I am thankful that I have a mother and two sisters who are good to me. I am thankful that God has been so good to me, and is guiding me through life. I am very thankful that my mother used such good judgment and put me in a good School, where I shall get a good education. I am thankful that we have a good Superintendent to help the School.

Raymond Regan

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Cottage Row Government

BY HIS HONOR

EDWARD L. FLOYD
Mayor

A PROCLAMATION

For a Day of

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

In perfect accord with the time-honored custom, Cottage Row Government, as well

as the Commonwealth, sets apart a day known as Thanksgiving.

On this day it is fitting that we remember our many blessings. We enjoy health, progress, comfort and happiness. We love the ideals of our free country. We constantly pledge her our enduring loyalty.

We are thankful for our friends. We are especially thankful for The Farm and Trades School which provides home, school and city for us:

When we read of earthquake, famine and unrest in various parts of the world, we keep a continual Thanksgiving in our hearts. For all these things we pause to give thanks, once a year.

Therefore I, Edward L. Floyd, Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, set apart Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to God for the many blessings He has given us.

Given at The Farm and Trades School this nineteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, the one hundred and ninth year of our School and the thirty-fifth year of Cottage Row,

EDWARD L. FLOYD

By His Honor the Mayor of Cottage Row:

William M. Hall, *Clerk*

God Save the Government of Cottage Row

Calendar

Nov. 1 Worked on tide ditch, and filling in the roads.

Nov. 2 Fertilizing piece by Power House was started today; ploughed garden and old corral.

Planted new spar buoy at City Point.

Joe Lorraine, well known Y. M. C. A. entertainer, made his annual visit to the Boys tonight.

Nov. 3 Made bees ready for the winter, finished ploughing old corral, transferred chickens to Old Barn and cleaned Hen House.

Beached the launch Winslow for the winter.

Nov. 4 Through the efforts of Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '98, Reverend A. F. Pierce spoke to the Boys this afternoon. Musical numbers were also given by Mr. Kenfield, '82; Mr. Brenton, Mr. Whittedge and Mr. Warren.

Nov. 5 Hauled gravel for back road, cut corn by farm house path and started ploughing South End.

Nov. 6 Gathered drift wood and beached swimming float.

Nov. 6 Cleaned Root Cellar and worked on wheel harrow. Hauled gravel and coal ashes and fixed shelter for the bees.

Nov. 10 Ploughed piece by east side. Doctor Davis was here to examine the Boys' eyes this morning.

Team D defeated Team B at football this afternoon, 39 to 32.

John Levis, '23, who is a student at Woburn High School, is here for the week end, Desmond Anderson, '21, and Waldo Libby, '22, also came this noon to spend Sunday.

Nov. 12 Painted hydrant houses and put them on for winter.

Result of football game this afternoon was Team C, 25, Team A, 0.

Eric O. Schippers, '21, left the School

today to live with his mother in Dorchester.

Nov. 13 Dug corn roots from South End.

Nov. 14 Mayor Child of Newton spoke to the Boys this evening. He was accompanied by Manager Leverett Saltonstall who assisted with Cottage Row trial.

Nov. 15 Worked on corn piece and carted ashes from Farm House.

A gift of two boxes of plants and bulbs were received today from R. & J. Farquhar Company.

Boilers of Power House and Steamer were inspected and found to be in good condition.

Nov. 16 Screened and hauled ashes for roads and finished digging corn stubbles from South End.

Manager Henry Jackson visited the School briefly today.

Nov. 17 Cleaned the beach.

Football game this afternoon was a tie between Teams A and D.

Alexander Davison, '23, and David Long, '22, both students at Mechanic Arts, spent the afternoon here.

Nov. 19 Painting in the Instructors' dining room was started today.

Nov. 20 Steamer Pilgrim was on blocks today to be cleaned and repainted.

A lecture was given this evening on "Radio" by Mr. Shepherd of the Globe Office.

Nov. 21 Cleaned basement of New Barn, and ploughed on piece near gardens.

Manager W. B. Foster was a visitor at the School today.

Nov. 24 Washed and oiled harness and greased wagons.

Twenty-six boys had the opportunity to usher at the Harvard-Yale game this afternoon.

Nov. 26 Mr. Gregg, Principal of Hampton Institute, visited the School this afternoon.

Nov. 29 Thanksgiving Day. Football

game in the morning by younger boys. Dartmouth defeated Harvard 13 to 6. In the afternoon the older boys, Harvard and Yale, played, Yale winning 25 to 0. The evening was devoted to dancing. The turkeys for the dinner were a gift of Manager Leverett Saltonstall.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

Nov. 1 Windy. Went over at night to hear Charles Bradlough lecture on English policies.

Nov. 3 Terribly windy day from west. Engaged all day in harvesting beets, put in 90 bushels.

Nov. 4 Went to town with my monthly report and called on several of my old boys.

Nov. 11 Messrs. DeBlois and Brackett visited us in the afternoon.

Nov. 14 Snow storm from the east.

Nov. 17 Comfortable cropping.

Went to Neponset carrying grist. Evening very rainy with high wind and tide.

Nov. 19 A furious blow this morning, after which the wind backed around to the west and grew cold.

Nov. 21 Went up early to aid in loading my winter's supplies which come down on the "Henry Morrison". Manager Emmons came with them. The boat arrived at 11.25 and left at 12.20. We got everything nicely into place. A splendid day for us and a good day's work.

Nov. 22 A calm morning. Went to city with bags, etc., and got nuts and provisions for Thanksgiving. Went to Neponset for grist. Just reached home when the wind came up from the west.

Nov. 24 A rainy forenoon. Self and Boys dressed turkeys and chickens for Thanksgiving.

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day. A goodly number present and all had a good time.

November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 63° on the 6th.

Minimum Temperature 24° on the 20th.

Mean Temperature for the month 41°.

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Harvard vs. Yale

It has been the custom in past years to have a Harvard and Yale game on Thanksgiving afternoon. This is considered the "Big Game" and naturally causes some excitement. We are glad to say there was no lack of it this year.

About a week before Thanksgiving we elected our captians who were Edward Osberg and Ralph Blake. They chose their teams. Blake won the toss and chose Harvard for his team. Osberg then took

Yale and got his team ready.

There were two cheering squads. The Harvard cheering squad had crimson pieces of ribbon with a white "H" and the Yale rooters had blue ribbons with a white "Y". The night before Thanksgiving we had what is considered a meeting such as is called a smoker in college and some of the members of both teams made it plain that their team was going to win. This smoker decided who was to cheer for Harvard and who for Yale. The Instructors had received ribbons from the captains and were for the captain who had given them the ribbon. After the sides were chosen the cheering squads and teams went out to practice. Mrs. Swasey led the Yale rooters and Mr. Swasey the Harvard cheering squad. Harvard had more cheerers but no more spirit. Harvard also had a band.

Thanksgiving Day was one of the best football days we have had for a long time and after a turkey dinner the players changed up in their football clothes. The Harvard players had red sweaters with a white "H" sewed on them while Yale had a white "Y" on a blue sweater.

The game was very interesting altho' as can be seen by the score (25—0) it was one-sided. Yale won. Yale had the best team, as the game proved, altho' at first both sides were considered even by most of our boy critics.

Our Thanksgiving game is modeled after the real H-Y game and a stranger would see a miniature duplicate were he to come to our Island some Thanksgiving.

Howard E. Keith

An Entertainment

On November 2, 1923 a well-known entertainer, Joe Lorraine was here to give us an entertainment.

He first gave us some stories. The funniest one was:—He was in the Museum in New York when he noticed two little boys watching him and laughing at him. He went out. A few days later he was looking at some mummies and he noticed the same two boys watching him, he said, "You know what these are?" One of the fellows said, "Sure those is wood." "No" said Mr. Lorraine, "Do you know what that is, pointing to reading at the foot of the mummy?" "No," replied the boy. "Well, this man was a king 900 years ago. They call them mummies". "Well," said the boy, "That is the number of the auto that killed him." He also told other stories and he played selections on the Banjo and the bells. We all enjoy Mr. Lorraine and hope he will come again.

Seymour C. McFadyen

Signs Of Winter

When the football season nears its end most of us begin to realize that the long cold winter will soon be here, with its many pleasures as well as severe cold. No doubt all of us also realize the work done by Mother Nature too, when the leaves begin to turn golden brown and the farm boys begin to gather the vegetables etc.

We observe many signs of this approaching season, among these being falling of the leaves, the crisp air, and indoors the removal of screens for storm windows and the removal of electric fans.

We must confess that while not all of us are glad when this time of year rolls around, we try to feel optimistic and enjoy the skating, coasting, snow-fights and other winter sports which hold sway at this time.

Kenneth E. Kearns

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ATLANTIC

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held on November 14, 1923, at Young's Hotel. The Membership Committee reported twenty-nine new members admitted during the year, and Treasurer Augustus N. Doe gave the total of the Alumni Fund as \$7,308.00

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Will Frank Davis, '79; Vice-President, Elwin C. Bemis; '16, Secretary, Merton P. Ellis, '97; Treasurer, Augustus N. Doe, '75, Historian; Geoffrey E. Plunkett, '14.

The following committees were appointed by the President.

MEMBERSHIP

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Ralph H. Gilbert
G. George Larsson

ALUMNI

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James H. Graham
Alfred C. Malm

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Charles Duncan
Alden B. Hefler

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William Alcott
Merton P. Ellis

SPECIAL

Howard F. Lochrie, *Chair.*
John E. Kervin
Samuel L. Whitehead

The attendance was the largest of any meeting of the Association and those present included:

Alcott, William '84
Bacon, Wallace A. '19
Bemis, Elwin C. '16
Bennett, George '95
Buchan, Chester W. '21
Buchan, Harold B. '21
Byers, George W. E. '87
Carson, James A. '20
Davidson, John P. '22
Davis, Will Frank '79
DeMar, Clarence H. '01
Doe, Augustus N. '71

Duncan, Charles '71
Edwards, Harold W. '10
Ellis, Merton P. '97
Foster, Walter B. '78
Graham, James H. '79
Hanson, Richard H. '21
Holmes, G. Melville '10
Kenfield, Leroy S. '82
Kervin, John E. '20
Larsson, G. George '17
Lochrie, Howard F. '16
Long, David E. '22
Moore, Edward A. '79

Moss, Norman '20
Noble, Herbert E. '23
Nelson, Jackson C. '16
Pendergast, Joseph L. '16
Peterson, Albert A. '21
Sargent, John M. '97
Scott, James B. '23
Slocomb, Ernest E. '14
Smith, Roger K. '23
Robertson, Edward J. '22
Thayer, Frederick P. '04
Whitehead, Samuel L. '23



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Christmas Decorations in Assembly Hall

Christmas Day

About five seconds after 12:00 o'clock midnight, Christmas Eve, the Instructors came creeping up the stairs to get "Merry Christmas" on us, but they were disappointed, for we got it on them first. After the Instructors had gone downstairs we took a long time getting to sleep, but finally it was all quiet.

When each boy woke up, the first thing he did was to go for the stocking at the foot of his bed. The stockings contained peanuts, candy, popcorn, oranges, nuts and notebooks or diaries. At 5:45 we all got up and went to breakfast.

After breakfast we lined up for work. We worked until nine o'clock and then were excused for the day.

About 9:30 part of the Band marched down to the Wharf to meet Doctor Bancroft who comes every Christmas and makes Christmas happier for us.

At 10:00 o'clock we lined up and went to the Assembly Hall for our presents on the tree. When everybody was in the Hall, the snowman, part of the decorations, came walking out on the stage. He told us how Santa had fooled us and came a different way this year. He was dressed in cotton batting to resemble snow and we

were all very much surprised. Santa Claus was our former Supervisor, Mr. Elwin Bemis.

After the presents were given out we went downstairs for dinner. After a good Christmas dinner we played until 2:30 and again went to the Assembly Hall for our annual Christmas entertainment. After we were all present a man and two ladies came in. The man did most of the talking and acting. He started off with a piano selection. He did card tricks and drew pictures. One of the ladies played the xylophones and sang several pieces. The man asked some of the boys to give him a letter, and he drew pictures from them. He ended by drawing a picture from the words, "Good Night".

After the show several boys passed around half pound boxes of chocolates to everyone. They were a Christmas present from the Alumni Association. Then we went down to supper. That ended a day I will never forget.

Edward L. Floyd

Harvesting Vegetables

The farm boys have been harvesting all kinds of vegetables, but principally the cabbages which we store away for winter.

The boys pull the cabbages and then carry them to the Root Cellar. We hang them up on the walls, or pack them so they will not freeze and so the rats and mice cannot eat them. Cabbages are not the only vegetable put in the Root Cellar; there are also turnips, carrots, beets and potatoes. The little storeroom is nearly full and will not hold many more vegetables.

Ralph Martis

My Work as Street Commissioner

On October 3rd we had an election and I was made Street Commissioner.

My duty is to keep Cottage Row in good condition all the time. I have plenty of help because there are quite a few boys to work off their fines imposed at the last trial. They work at various things such as raking, cleaning the lawns, emptying waste barrels, picking up twigs, etc.

This gives good training for some day I may be able to be Street Commissioner of some city. The officers receive their pay at the close of each term.

I have been Street Commissioner two terms and I like the work very much.

Russell Metcalf

Taking Pictures

One Sunday as I was sitting in the assembly room, a crowd of boys came in and asked the Supervisor if they could go down to the beach and take pictures of a seaplane which had alighted there. The Supervisor allowed some of them to go and soon they were all running toward the beach. They had almost reached it when the seaplane flew away leaving one of their men behind. The boys stayed and talked to the man, and pretty soon the plane came back and the man climbed in. Several of the boys got fine pictures of the plane.

Richard M. Cameron

Making Christmas Presents

Before Christmas the boys in the sloyd classes have the privilege of making Christmas presents. Boys in the first and second grades of conduct can go to the sloyd room everyday, and the third graders every other day. Some of the boys are making lamp bases, pen trays, book supports, bowls, and other models. The boys like to make them very much and are anxious to send something to their friends at Christmas time.

Burton Dorman

Harvard and Radcliffe Carol Singers

One Wednesday afternoon the boys who were going to take part in the Christmas concert, and who were in the first and second grades also, went over to hear the Harvard and Radcliffe carol singers.

After arriving at City Point we took a car for Harvard Square; and from there we walked up to Harvard University. When we got there, we were disappointed to know that the carol singers were not going to sing that afternoon, but they would sing at 8:15 P. M. We thought we would have to go back to the Island without hearing them. Then Mrs. Swasey said we were going to stay and hear them in the evening.

We then went to the Widener Library to pass away the time. This beautiful library was erected in honor of Harold Elkins Widener who perished on the Titanic. Many students were very busily studying in the various rooms. Then we stopped for awhile at the Phillips Brooks House.

After eating supper in a nearby restaurant we went to Appleton Chapel to here the carol singers conducted by Dr. Archibald T. Davison. Many beautiful carols were sung including "Silent Night", "The First Noel", and one carol in French and one in Latin. One carol was based on a negro spiritual, and as the accompaniment was hummed it sounded like the organ playing softly.

We enjoyed the carol singing, and hope that we may have the opportunity to hear them next Christmas.

Francis Floyd

Gathering Cornstalks

One Tuesday, I was told to help gather the cornstalks in the cornfield. Another boy and I harnessed one of the horses to the box cart and hauled corn stubbles to the incinerator to be burned.

The cornstalks were carried to the barn to be fed to the cows. The reason why the roots were dug up and burned, is on account of the corn borer. A law was passed in our State that all cornfields be cleared of stubbles by Dec. 1, 1923 so as to stop the corn borer from spreading. By burning the fields, the eggs of the corn borer will not hatch next year.

Paul A. Turner

Current Events

One afternoon a week our History period is given over to Current Events. It is a condensed newspaper, used in many public and private schools throughout the United States.

It is said to have the largest circulation of any school paper in the world. It is printed once a week and contains many interesting subjects and photographs of different events. It keeps us posted on many things which are going on in the world about us.

It contains a question box that covers two columns on the second page so that the boys, girls and teachers of the different schools which subscribe to the Current Events may have the privilege of writing and asking about puzzling questions. It is an interesting period when we read Current Events.

Kenneth A. Priest

My Work on the Farm

At seven o' clock every morning the farm line goes down to the farm. The work generally assigned to me is feeding pigs. Another boy and I take two pails of water, and we first clean out the troughs. Then we start to feed the pigs, each pig getting a quarter of a pail full of grain and a half a pail full of water. When the pigs are fat enough they are killed. After feeding the pigs, I go up to the farm and report to the instructor. He gives me more work to do till 11:15. We then go to the house and have dinner.

William N. West

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Henry Van Dyke has published a small book on, "The Spirit of Christmas", which does very truly express the real spirit of Christmas. Let us take from him the thought of Christmas—Living.

The custom of exchanging gifts is much older than Christmas, but two thousand years ago the birth of Christ

gave a new meaning to this custom and brought to it a new vision of unselfish giving. Christ gave Himself to mankind—the supreme gift of His life. And in His work among men, in everything He gave Himself unstintingly. All true Christmas-giving must be of this kind. The gift must carry love and joy to another, must be in reality a part of ourselves to truly fit the season. The feeling must be more than the gift.

And shall this be the whole of Christmas? Shall we limit Christmas-giving to one short day of the year? Or shall we carry the spirit along into Christmas-living? The feeling may remain and show itself in unselfish thought and interest, a friendly feeling of good will toward all. To feel this spirit and to act it out will mean Christmas-living throughout the year. Let us not only observe Christmas, let us keep it always.

Calendar

Dec. 1 Team B defeated Team C in the last game of football for the season. The score was 32 to 19.

Dec. 2 Ploughed piece on left of Farm House path, worked on tide ditch, cleaned beach and raked roads.

Luke W. B. Halfyard, '21, was here for the week end.

Dec. 3 Hauled gravel for barn-yard.

Dec. 4 Cleaned hen house.

Two masons were here to do repair work on the bakery ovens.

Mr. A. J. Philpott, Art Editor of the Boston Globe, entertained the Boys this evening with a talk on "Aviation". He was accompanied by Mr. William C. Alcott, '84.

Dec. 5 Cleaned grain room, oiled

harness, greased wagons and cleaned tool room.

Dec. 6 Cleaned Old Barn, repaired horse stalls and mended horse blankets.

Definite arrangements were made today as to the location, etc., of the new silo, the foundation for which is to be laid right away.

Dec. 7 Cleaned Compost Shed.

Dec. 8 Completed mowing of North End corn piece.

A number of the boys accompanied by the Supervisor attended the radio show in Horticultural Hall this morning.

A concert was given this evening by the Boys' Band under the direction of Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '98. Among those in attendance were Mr. James H. Graham, '73, and Mrs. Graham, Mr. Merton P. Ellis, '97, and Mrs. Ellis, and Mrs. Howard B. Ellis.

Dec. 10 Cleaned basement of Barn, washed windows and repaired wall.

Dec. 11 Worked on Willow Road and made goat pen.

Dec. 12 Ploughed the orchard and pruned apple trees.

Dec. 13 Worked at Incinerator and on drain for horse stalls.

Dec. 15 Finished work on tide ditch. Completed painting boys' dining room.

Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, Mrs. Malm and son were here for the afternoon.

Dec. 17 William E. Ericsson, '23, is here for the day.

Dec. 18 Worked on foundation for silo and hauled stone for road.

Dec. 19 Worked on roads and at Incinerator.

Holly and Christmas trees arrived this afternoon.

A number of the boys accompanied by a few Instructors and Mrs. Swasey attended the carol singing by the Harvard

and Radcliffe Glee Clubs today in Appleton chapel.

Dec. 20 Dug dirt for silo.

Manager Philip S. Sears was here for the afternoon.

Dec. 21 Killed a pig this afternoon.

Dec. 24 Put leaves in pig pens and fertilized the piece by the garden.

Dec. 25 Christmas. Usual festivities with Christmas tree in chapel in the morning, an entertainment provided by President Arthur Adams in the afternoon, and a Cantata by the Boys in the evening.

Dec. 28 Shoveled dirt from hot beds and worked at Incinerator.

Dec. 29 Cleaned basement in Old Barn.

Blacksmith here today.

First game of the basketball season was played this afternoon. Team B defeating Team A, 30 to 10.

Dec. 31 Winter sheathing was put on the Steamer Pilgrim today.



Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

Dec. 2 Went to city with monthly report.

Dec. 3 Fitted and oiled Boys' boots.

Dec. 4 Very windy from Southwest, almost a gale with some rain. Took up floating wharf.

Dec. 16 Went to city and remained in town to attend the "Tea Party" at Tremont Temple in commemoration of the great Boston Tea Party one hundred years since.

Dec. 17 Manager S. G. DeBlois visited us.

Dec. 25 Christmas, a nice day, and we all had a good time.

Dec. 31 The month and year closes cold and blustering. A in all, the year has been a very pleasant one.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, January 1, 1924

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	\$ 500.00
Other Investments	777.58
Cash	170.31
	<u>\$1447.89</u>

LIABILITIES

Surplus	\$ 421.34
Deposits	1026.55
	<u>\$1447.89</u>

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December Meteorology

- Maximum Temperature 60° on the 1st.
- Minimum Temperature 18° on the 18th.
- Mean Temperature for the month 37.2°.

Choosing up for Basketball

On December 26, all of the Boys were assembled at 7:30 P. M. in the east basement for the purpose of choosing captains and boys for the basketball teams. First the All-school team, which consists of boys who won cups last year, nominated four captains. Then the other boys nominated four more, making eight candidates in all. Then it was necessary to see who would be elected for the four captains. The one who received the largest number of votes was captain of team A, the next B, and so on. Archibald Beeman was elected captain of team A; James Paley, team B; Ralph Blake, team C and Charles Claggett, team D. To even the sides up, team D, was given first choice of players, team C, and so on, each captain in turn choosing a boy until they were all chosen.

The captains then pick their regular team from the men they have chosen.

Donald McKenzie

William Cullen Bryant

This author was called the "Pet of Nature". He was a native of Massachusetts and was educated at Williams College where he studied law. He was admitted to the bar and later became editor of the New York Evening Post, a position which he held for over fifty years.

Some of his best works are "Thanatopsis", "Ode to a Water Fowl", "The Forest Hymn" and "The Planting of the Apple Tree". He died at the age of 84 in 1878. I learned the poem of "The planting of the Apple Tree", which I liked very much.

Carl Kuphal

Mechanical Drawing

Before we can make a sloyd model, we have to draw a plan of it. The way we draw a plan is to get a piece of drawing paper, a drawing board a little larger than the drawing paper, four thumb tacks to put into the four corners, an eraser, pencil, and sometimes a compass. A T square and triangle are needed, and also the model you are going to draw. First we draw a half inch margin around the paper. Every drawing is called a plate. We print the plate number in the upper left-hand corner, and under that the scale. In the right hand corner we print The Farm and Trades School, and below that we print the date. In the middle we print the name of the model, the kind of wood it is made of, and the thickness. In the left hand corner (in the margin) we print our name. When this is done, as many faces of the model as are necessary to make it legible, are drawn. We have to space them out so they will be drawn in the center of the paper. When we have the model all drawn, we give it to the sloyd instructor. If it is all right he takes it and marks it according to the rank we have earned.

Russell C. Scott

Our Sloyd Course

Our sloyd course consists of twenty-two models which are as follows: pencil sharpener, pen holder, pants hanger, coat hanger, plant stand, hammer handle, file handle, key rack, paper knife, pen tray, nail box, cake spoon, large picture frame, small picture frame, sugar scoop, mallet, book ends, bread board, box, tray, lamp or indian club and tool chest.

There are two sloyd classes, the morning class and the afternoon class; each containing 18 boys. The boys who go to sloyd in the morning are the boys who go to school in the morning. The class that goes in the afternoon is made up of the boys who go to school at 1:00 P. M. each class having one and one-half hours to work in the sloyd room.

When sloyd first started the Instructor and the boys made the benches at which we now work.

Each bench has a vice at one end and the following tools: back saw, jack plane, try-square, dividers, knife, rule and pencil. Each bench is also equipped with a T square and a triangle for mechanical drawing. The rest of the tools are kept in the cupboards.

When a boy first enters sloyd he is assigned a bench. He then draws a plan of his first model. After this is done he makes out a lumber bill for the wood he needs for the model. The lumber is then given to him and he makes the model. This method continues until he has finished the course.

Most boys finish the course in a year and a half. Upon completing the course each boy receives a diploma.

Joseph G. Wasson

The First Basketball Game

The first basketball game this season was played Dec. 29, and it was very exciting. The game was between teams

A and B. Team B won by a score of 30 to 10. This year each team has nine games. This means three games with each team. I am on team B and I like to play basketball very much.

Russell F. Metcalf

The Annual Fall Concert

Saturday, December 8, we had a band concert and all of the regular band played. They were led by Mr. Ellis, our Bandmaster. Mr. Kittredge, a friend of Mr. Ellis's, also a very fine pianist, rendered a few selections which the Boys appreciated very much.

The program of the evening was as follows:

Commander March	<i>R. B. Hall</i>
Sunny South	<i>J. B. Lampe</i>
(Selection of Southern Plantation Songs)	
War Songs of the Boys in Blue	<i>Laurendeau</i>
Raise Me, Jesus To Thy Bosom	<i>W. A. Huntley</i>
Imperial Council March	<i>F. Jewell</i>
Waltz—Am Wunderschonen Rhein	<i>L. Gartner</i>
The Passing of John Brown	<i>B. B. Keyes, '81</i>
Christmas Carols	
(a) O Come All Ye Faithful	
(b) Silent Night	
Winning Colors March	<i>J. E. Wells</i>
Star Spangled Banner	

After the closing number, Mr. Swasey thanked Mr. Ellis for the fine service he has given us for the past twelve years, that he has held the position of Bandmaster.

As it read on the program:

We wish to take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks and appreciation to Mr. Ellis for his sincere devotion and great assistance to our Band. It is with deep regret that he is leaving us. He has worked hard and against many obstacles and had many successful bands that we have all been proud of.

Mr. Ellis was given a small remembrance in token of our esteem and thanks.

Dancing and refreshments followed the concert, and we all enjoyed the evening.

William Van Meter

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ATLANTIC

Since the March issue of the Beacon 1923, this page, or a portion of it, is being devoted to printing the names of all Alumni beginning with the year 1850, with the years they left the School and their present addresses if known.

The School and Alumni Association would greatly appreciate receiving any information concerning the members of the various classes.

1865 (Continued)

Rogers, Edwin F.
Stevens, Sewell F. P.
Wells, George E.

1866

Agnew, Andrew J. 1280 Dorchester Ave., Dor.
Blair, John M.
Cram, John W.

Dearborn, Edward A. Chicago, Illinois
Dugan, George F.

Evans, Charles Chicago, Illinois
Garrity, John

Look, George L.

Moore, Thomas

Norton, Albert D.

Pillow, Lewis H.

Shadduck, Charles B.

Smith, James D.

Stewart, Charles

Stone, Stephen F.

Thoine, Clarence M.

Wells, William

1867

Anderson, William H.

Arnold, James L.

Baker, James

Chadwick, William E.

Copeland, Alfred K.

Copeland, Albert R.

Cotter, John

Eaton, Henry

Ewing, Thomas J.

Ewing, William A.

French, Nelson G.

Falls, John H. Oakland, California

Gannien, James H.

Hinkell, George A.

Howard, Otis M. 22 Moreland Street, Roxbury

Munkley, Henrico G.

Quinn, Peter

Reed, John T.

Reese, John M.

Rice, Charles

Sherbourne, Alonzo

Wilson, Thomas H.

1868

Berry, Albert L.

Burke, Charles H.

Campsey, Robert

Colbert, Andrew

Cremmins, Morris E.

Delany, Edward

Foster, William W.

Gardner, William F.

Johnson, Joseph G.

Klinghammer, Ferdinand

Roncarty, Eugene B.

Roper, John W.

Stone, William J.

1869

Bell, William E. 105 Templeton St., Dorchester

Bird, Charles

Callahan, John H.

Crosby, James N.

Falls, George F.

Fisher, William

Foster, Alvah A.

Hall, Albert

Mooney, Frank

Osgood, Edward C.

Pugh, Richard

Roberts, George

Rust, Channing

Rust, James

Smith, Charles A. Deceased March 3rd, 1921

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Class in Forging

Our Forging Course

One of the practical subjects taught at this School is forging. Forging classes are held every Friday afternoon.

When a boy begins the forging course he is first taught how to draw out and shape iron. For the first model he is given a piece of nine-sixteenths round iron, part of which is hammered square, then octagonal, and finally down to a round point. The next few models, as the staple and gate hook, give practice in bending and twisting. Next he makes a series of nuts and bolts by which he learns upsetting and punching iron. The following models require welding, which is one of the most

important and difficult parts of forging. When welding there are many things to be careful of. Some of them are: to have a good clean fire, to have the proper welding heat, to act quickly and strike in the right places. Some of the models that require welding are the clamp-ring, tongs, and ring-bolt. In making the ring-bolt there is also practice in threading and in tapping.

The last six or seven models of our course are made of steel and give us practice in drawing, punching, hardening and tempering. Some of these models are the nail set, ratchet drill, cape chisel, cold chisel and hammer head.

Howard E. Keith

Student Council

On January 21, 1924, Mr. Swasey picked from the student body five boys to form a Student Council. His motive in doing this was to make it possible for him to know the boys' point of view about different things that come up from time to time. There are always two sides to a question and it is evident that often only the one side is considered and often it is impossible to see the other side until it is brought to light. The younger boys are influenced to a great extent by the older boys. The older boys know the right from the wrong and if a young boy sees an older boy doing that which he should not, he might think that was right and repeat the action. The same is true in case a younger boy sees an older boy doing right he will be likely to do right also.

A word of advice will often prevent a wrong from being done and a boy with a sense of loyalty to his School will do this. How often boys become discouraged over some trivial matter which will be forgotten with a word of encouragement.

It is essential that every boy strive to attain for our School a high standard of honor because the morality of the School will influence those boys who will be students here later. The only way to do this is to put Christian principles into practice and use in our everyday life.

The five purposes of the Student Council are;

1. To put Christian principles into practice and use in our everyday life.
2. To put loyalty to our School above all else, and to work for the name and honor of The Farm and Trades School.
3. To advise and prevent Boys from do-

ing wrong.

4. To promote good spirit among the Boys.

5. To encourage and work for fair play between boy and boy, and boy and Instructor.

Edward V. Osberg

Putting the Steamer on Blocks

Monday morning, the steamer boys were awakened to go down to the Wharf and get the lines ready for the steamer. A light north wind was blowing and hail was falling. A line was put on the stern bit and one on the nigger head. These lines were given to the boys on the Wharf. The captain and another boy and I stayed on the boat to fend off. She started easily and we had no trouble getting her around the Wharf to the Beach. The lines were made fast to a post and three planks were pressed against her to keep her away from the stones and also so we could get around her. The other boys and the captain went to the house to eat breakfast while I stayed down to slack off the lines as the tide went down.

George D. Russell

Morning Work at the Observatory

Every morning at 8:00 o'clock I go to the Observatory. On the top of the Observatory are instruments that register the maximum, minimum and mean temperatures, humidity and dew point. Downstairs are recorded the wind direction and its velocity, which I take after those upstairs are taken. Then I find what kind of clouds are in the sky, and the per cent of the sky they cover. At the office I take the barometer reading. Then I go to the Boys' reading room and make out my reports and charts.

Donald McKenzie

The Alumni Dinner

On January 9th seven boys at the School who are members of the Alumni Association, went to the Alumni Dinner at the Hotel Bellevue.

We arrived there before dinner and spent the time meeting old graduates and recalling incidents of their life at the School and at about 6:45 we went into the dining hall. In one corner was a large camera and around the room were three flashes. The photographer asked us all to face the camera and as we did so the flashes went off and took the picture. The pictures were offered for sale later. There were six courses. The orchestra, composed of piano, trumpet, drums and violin, played between the courses.

After the last course, speeches were in order. The financial standing of the School was spoken about and past experiences were recalled among other things. One thing especially appropriate was said by Mr. Foster: "I enjoy the annual dinner, as it brings us all together again to renew our old acquaintances and pledge again our allegiance to our School".

Archibald V. N. Beeman

Scraping and Blowing Tubes

It is necessary to clean the tubes in the Power House boiler every week. This is done by taking a long iron rod with a scraper and wire brush on the end and pushing it through each tube. After this has been done a hose with a nozzle on the end is connected to a steam pipe and each tube is blown out with steam. They are also blown, but not scraped on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is done so that the draft will not be lessened by dirt and waste collections. There are ninety-eight tubes each one being three inches in diameter.

Jay S. Vining

Janitor of Cottage Row

I was given my badge, on January 15, for the position of Janitor of Cottage Row. My work is to keep City Hall dusted and clean, and to rake leaves in front of the Cottages. The Janitor is responsible for snow or leaves which are in the Cottages for it is his business to keep the doors and windows securely fastened.

George W. Hartley

The Shenandoah

The American built dirigible (The Shenandoah) is considered the largest in the world. It cost about \$6,500,000 and is about 680 feet long and 78 feet in diameter. It has six engines of 300 horsepower each.

It is built of duraluminum, an alloy stronger and lighter than any other. It is filled with non-inflamable helium, of which the United States has a monopoly in her southern oil fields. It has a gas capacity of 2,400,000 cubic feet; about the same as a trans-Atlantic steamer.

The Shenandoah uses gasoline for fuel but it cannot fall unless some unlikely accident sets her fuel on fire. The cost of fuel is less than that of an express train going the same distance.

Equipped with propellers 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet long, this monstrous airship can make (with all engines running) about 80 miles per hour. It was designed as a war auxiliary; a long distance scout for the fleet.

The headquarters are at Lakehurst, New Jersey; an air station approximately 962 feet long and 384 feet wide.

The crew and officers total 44 men, under Commanders, Frank R. McCrary and Ralph D. Weyerbacher.

The Shenandoah was first called the ZR-1. When it was christened by Mrs. Denby, the wife of the Secretary of the Navy, she gave it the name Shenandoah. It is an Indian name meaning, "Daughter of the Stars".

Seymour C. McFadyen

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In looking for a key-word for the coming year, let us take "Loyalty" and consider what part it has to play in our lives. Our lives are, in reality, a progression of loyalties. We early learn to stand by the homes and the people who have cared for us. Loyalty to our mothers and fathers is a part of ourselves earlier than we can remember. And then, as our world widens, comes loyalty to friends,

to school, and, gradually realizing our citizenship, loyalty to our country, or patriotism, is born in us. But this is not all, for, in our work in the world, no matter what it may be, loyalty to the principles of honesty, justice, and unselfish service determine what kind of men we are.

And how may we know what loyalty means and where we are on the road of loyalties?

Certainly our families need our loyal support and all that we can do to make them happy. Certainly our friends need us to stand by them. Never has our country needed the loyal, intelligent co-operation of its citizens more than at the present time. But during these years of preparation while we are in school, the truest expression of all these loyalties comes through our loyalty to our school. Our parents want us to stay in school and make the most of our time; our service to our country later on will be determined by what use we make of our educational opportunities now. And so our School, above all, deserves our loyalty at this time.

This does not mean blind, unreasoning loyalty. It means belief in our School and the principles upon which it is founded, in the service which it is rendering and has rendered to boys for over a hundred years, and it means most of all, our unselfish devotion and determination to make it the finest school in the world. We must all work together for this ideal. Each day's tasks done cheerfully, each small act of unselfish service for the other fellow,

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each effort to get the other fellow's point of view, these all build constructively toward a fine type of school life. And gradually there is built up in us individually a spirit of co-operation and a desire to serve which will make our lives count in the larger field of manhood.

Shall we take it, the word "Loyalty", and make it the key-note of the new year? It will show us how to "play the game".

Calendar

Jan. 1 Preparing hot beds.
Team C was defeated in basketball by Team D this afternoon. Score was 34 to 20.
Celebrating today with half holiday.
Jan. 2 Sawed lumber for new silo and took logs from beach.
Jan. 3 Worked on silo and repaired horse stalls.
Holiday decorations were removed from Chapel.
Winter term of school was begun this morning.
Jan. 4 Cleaned basement of new barn and harness room. Worked on Back Road and finished hauling dirt from hot beds.
Jan. 5 Worked on Beach Road and greased wagons.
This afternoon Team A defeated Team C in basketball. Score 30 to 26.
Ralph Langille, '19, and Roger K. Smith, '23, were here for the afternoon.
Jan. 7 Made saw-horses and began work on wood pile.
Rollins Furbush, '19, freshman at Dartmouth College, was here for over night.
Jan. 8 Quarterly election of Cottage Row Government took place this evening. The new officers are: Mayor, Archibald V. N. Beeman; Treasurer, W. Marshall Hall; Clerk, Paul F. Reid; Assessor, Hildreth R. Crosby; Chief of Police, Edward

L. Floyd; Aldermen, Howard H. Sturtivant, chairman, Clarence E. Stevens, George L. Langill, George D. Russell, and Charles L. Claggett; Street Commissioner, Willard G. Schroeder; Librarian, Jack H. Hobson; Janitor, George W. Hartley.

Jan. 9 Seven boys accompanied by Mr. Swasey attended the annual Alumni dinner at the Hotel Bellevue this evening.

Jan. 10 Repaired fence, killed pig and went over after new Craine silo.

Jan. 11 Cleaned basement of New Barn and cleaned north grain room.

Jan. 12 Team D defeated Team B in basketball tonight 33 to 32.

Harold Buchan, '21, a student at Wentworth Institute, is here for the week end.

Jan. 14 Cleaned south grain room and finished repairing horse stalls.

Jan. 15 Ploughed in orchard and fertilized piece by garden.

Elwin C. Bemis, '16, is here for over night.

Jan. 19 Basketball game this afternoon, Team D defeated Team A by a 58 to 15 score.

Leo S. Whitehead, '23, and David E. Long, '22, both students at Mechanic Arts high school were here for the afternoon.

Jan. 23 Moved brick from Old Barn. Thirty four boys and Instructors enjoyed first skating party of the season at South End tonight.

Jan. 24 Clarence DeMar, '04, accompanied by Assistant Treasurer, Alfred C. Malm, '00, were over for the evening, Mr. DeMar gave the Boys an interesting talk on Marathon racing.

Jan. 26 Worked in Root Cellar and repaired barn doors.

Completed scrubbing and waxing Assembly Hall floor.

Team B won from Team C in basketball this afternoon, score 24 to 14.

Norman T. Howes, '23, is here for the week end.

Jan. 28 Worked in Compost Shed and put windows in basement of New Barn. Completed painting kitchen today.

Jan. 29 Cleaned seed house and oiled harness.

Jan. 30 Cleaned farmers' room. Killed one hog this afternoon.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

Jan. 1 Through the mercies of a kind Providence we have been spared to commence another year. The past has been generally a pleasant year.

The Boys were given the day for play.

Jan. 4 Wind, west, mild. No frost in the ground.

Jan. 5 Carried two hogs to market this afternoon.

Jan. 6 Cold rain storm, not very severe. The bay is as open as in summer and the ground is bare.

Boys wrote for the first time this winter.

Jan. 7 Rowed over in the "Willie" in the fog, by compass.

Jan. 8 Morning rainy from south, afternoon cleared away with freshness from southwest. Thermometer at 48°.

Jan. 9 Unusually fine day. Manager S. G. DeBlois came over to visit.

Jan. 13 Went early to city with annual report. Settled account with treasurer.

Went to Chelsea to attend reception of Charles S. Bartlett, a former pupil and graduate. Arrived home at midnight rowing home in the "Willie".

Jan. 14 Very severe snow storm from east.

Jan. 16 Very cold and windy. Dressed the last of our hogs.

Jan. 17 Got out sleigh and gave boys

and girls a ride.

Jan. 26 Very windy and cold. Mercury at two degrees above zero.

Jan. 31 Went over to get freight. Had much difficulty in landing home on account of ice and snow. Was obliged to land at North End and draw the boat up through slush and snow.

January Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 60° on the 11th.

Minimum Temperature 9° on the 21st.

Mean Temperature for the month 30°.

Total Precipitation 3.12.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.52 inches on the 3rd.

Six days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 18 clear days, 13 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, February 1, 1924

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	\$ 500.00
Other Investments	777.58
Cash	221.94
	<u>\$1499.52</u>

LIABILITIES

Surplus	\$ 416.99
Deposits	1082.53
	<u>\$1499.52</u>

CLARENCE E. STEVENS GROVER A. RIDLINGTON
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Changes in Our Poultry House

Recently we have been making some interesting changes in our Poultry House. There are three large pens, instead of six small ones. Electric lights have been installed in each pen. We have been using only two pens, but just recently we

have purchased fifteen Barred Plymouth Rock hens and one rooster.

The door has been put in the center of the north side. It had been at one end. The three large pens in which the hens are kept, are on the first floor. Upstairs there is a room for two rabbits, the grain room and the pigeon pen. We have sixty pigeons. The stairs that lead to these rooms have been changed so that now as one opens the door, he may walk directly upstairs without going through several pens as before.

The roosts, nests, and dropboards are up against the north side of the Poultry House, while on the south side are the windows. The Poultry House looks very much neater, and it is very much easier to get around. I like it much better. This spring we expect to make a few changes in the yards so that the hens may have more range.

Clarence E. Stevens

Cottage Row Election

At the end of every term of three months, the Cottage Row officers are re-elected. A week before the election, a caucus is held for the purpose of choosing three nominating committees. The Mayor chooses his own committee, then the non-share holders vote for a non-share holding committee, and the share holders vote for their committee. The three different committees nominate candidates to run for the different offices.

At the election, the Mayor calls his committee to take care of giving out the ballots while one man stands at the box to see that the voters put the ballots in correctly. The police keep order during the election.

The new officers are as follows:

Mayor, Archibald V. N. Beeman
Share Holding Aldermen, Howard H.

Sturtevant, George D. Russell, Charles L. Claggett.

Non-share Holding Aldermen, Clarence E. Stevens, George L. Langill.

Treasurer W. Marshall Hall

Assessor Hildreth R. Crosby

The Mayor appointed:

Chief of Police Edward L. Floyd

Clerk Paul F. Reid

Librarian Jack H. Hobson

St. Commissioner Willard Schroeder

Janitor George Hartley

The Chief of Police appointed:

Lieutenant Edward V. Osberg

Sargent Stanley Higgins

Patrolmen, Raymond McQuesten, Ivers Winmill, Donald McKenzie, George Adams, Frederick Metcalf.

Jack Hobson

My Favorite Study in School

The subject I like best of all in School is Arithmetic. Arithmetic is a subject which is used in everyday life. Every person must have a knowledge of Arithmetic to transact business affairs of any kind, where money is involved. If you wish to enter business of your own, when you are older, you are liable to be cheated if you don't know anything about mathematics. If you have money in the bank and you know something about interest you can tell how much your money will earn for you. If you are selling land for so much an acre and know something about figures you are not so liable to make mistakes which would prove serious to yourself as well as others. Arithmetic teaches us to be accurate and to reason out problems quickly. Every person ought to know the applications of Arithmetic in order to make a financial success in life.

Albert Gardner

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

WILL F. DAVIS, '79, President
11 EUSTIS STREET, CHELSEA 50

ELWIN C. BEMIS, '16, Vice-President
WAKEFIELD

MERTON P. ELLIS, '97, Secretary
38 SPAFFORD ROAD, BOSTON 86

AUGUSTUS N. DOE, '75, Treasurer
WELLESLEY

GEOFFREY E. PLUNKETT, '14, Historian
ATLANTIC

Seventy-five members and guests were present at the eighteenth annual Alumni dinner held on Wednesday evening, January 9th.

President Will F. Davis, '79, presided. He introduced President Arthur Adams of the Board of Managers who gave an interesting account of the past school year including a report of the financial condition of the School and comment on the various improvements that had been made. Mr. Adams also paid tribute to Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '98, who has completed twelve years' service conducting the Band at the School.

Superintendent Swasey was next called upon. He spoke in detail of the more important improvements placing emphasis on a new silo and a change in the herd. He expressed his personal desire to see a new school building instead of the much talked of building for the Instructors. This would provide ample room for the classes, and also give space for an assembly hall, and would in the end give the Boys more room in the Main Building. The present assembly hall could then be used for the Boys' library and reading room.

Other interesting remarks were made by Managers Walter B. Foster, '78, Thomas J. Evans, '64, former President James H. Graham, '73, Mr. William Alcott, '84, Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '98, Mr. Alfred Jacobs, '10, Mr. Charles Duncan, '71, and Mr. Howard F. Lochrie, '16.

Last, but not least, Secretary Merton P. Ellis, '97, was called upon for a few remarks. He read a brief historian's report, and letters, etc., pertaining to his office.

The dinner was a complete success and it is hoped that the annual Field Day in June will be equally successful. Much credit is due all committees who helped with the arrangements.

Those present at the dinner included:

Managers

Adams, Arthur
Daland, Tucker
Evans, Thomas J. '64
Foster, Walter B. '78
Hefler, Alden B. '87
Pierce, Roger

School

Swasey, Paul F.

Alumni

Adams, Russell A. '19
Alcott, George J. '80
Alcott, William '84
Bemis, Elwin C. '16
Beeman, Arcnibald V. N. '22
Blakeley, Frederick F. '98
Bradley, Charles H. Jr. '03
Buchan, Chester W. '21
Buchan, George '97
Buchan, Harold B. '21
Busttner, Louis C. '91
Byers, George W. E. '87
Chase, Harry M. '04
Clark, Robert L. '19
Cobb, Lawrence M. '14
Conklin, John J. '03

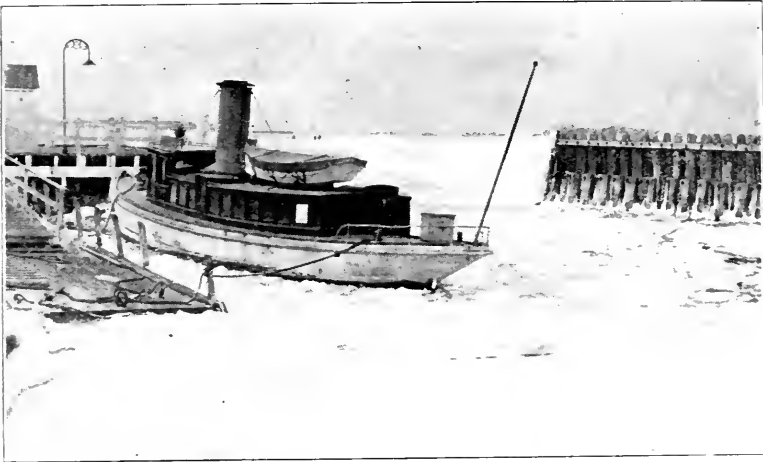
Davis, Will Frank '79
Doe, Augustus N. '75
Duncan, Charles '71
Edwards, Harold W. '10
Ellis, Donald W. '20
Ellis, Howard B. '98
Ellis, Merton P. '97
Fearing, Frederick P. '82
Gilbert, Ralph H. '16
Graham, James H. '79
Halfyard, Luke W. B. '21
Hanson, Richard H. '21
Holman, Solomon B. '50
Holmes, Henry P. '16
Jacobs, Alfred W. '10
Kervin, John E. '20
Kearns, Kenneth E. '22
Keith, Howard E. '22
Kerwin, Walter J. '77
Langille, Ralph L. '19
Lewis, Preston W. '81
Libby, Waldo E. '22
Lochrie, Howard F. '16
Long, David E. '22
Loud, Clarence W. '96
MacPherson, Donald S. '17

McFadyen, Seymour C. '22
McKenzie, Alexander '22
Morrison, William P. '76
Morse, William A. '76
Nelson, Jackson C. '16
Noble, Herbert E. '23
Noren, George G. '02
Norwood, Walter D. '05
Osberg, Edward V. '22
Pendergast, Joseph L. '16
Pickles, Alfred A. '20
Powers, Michael J. '00
Robertson, Edward J. '22
Russell, Charles W. '05
Schippers, Eric O. '21
Schippers, John H. '21
Sargent, John M. '97
Slade, Barton N. '22
Scott, James B. '23
Smith, Daniel E. '20
Smith, Roger K. '23
Smith, Willis M. '22
Thayer, Frederick P. '04
Wallace, Frank W. '82
Washburn, Frank L. '83
Whitehead, Samuel L. '23

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Wharf in Winter

The Wharf and Boats

Our Wharf which is T shaped, extends out toward the main channel 400 feet. On Friends' Day, a Nantasket Steamboat stops here for our friends. Near the end of the Wharf in the two corners formed by the T are two floats, the north and south side floats.

The Steamer Pilgrim, which is a seventeen ton steamboat, is used more than any of our other boats. In the winter it has an ice cutter on the bow with which it breaks the ice. The Steamer is moored at the northside float and is protected by a breakwater.

The launch Winslow which is a gasoline launch is tied up at the southside

float when not in use. During the summer it makes many of the trips to the mainland.

On the Wharf, under two boat shelters are two large rowboats, the Brewster and the Standish, in which many rowboat trips are made. They are also used for practice in rowing. The large derrick on the Wharf is used for launching them besides raising any heavy freight from the float to the Wharf.

The Mary Chilton has a shelter on the Beach. It is a ten-oared boat and the first ten boys in the boat crew are the Chilton crew.

A flat bottom boat called the punt is used while the Boys are in swimming so

as to be ready in case of an accident. It is kept in the Boat House when not in use. In the Boat House are also kept supplies of rope, oars, life preservers, anchors, lights, and the rudders of the Standish, Brewster and the Chilton.

Archibald V. N. Beeman

King Philip's War

We celebrate Washington's birthday, February 22, each year by having a Snowball Battle or a King Philip's War. This year lack of snow decided us in favor of a King Philip's War.

February 22, was a perfect day for a King Philip's War, and all the Boys awoke with the thoughts of a good exciting game before them. At 2:30 we all formed a line by the gym. Indians on one side and Settlers on the other. At a given signal the Settlers, headed by Captain Beeman, went to their camp which was located at French Grove. The Indians under the leadership of Kenneth Kearns, who was King Philip, headed for theirs. When we were all in our camps, a lone Settler wandered across the field and immediately two Indians sprang from somewhere and he was captured. His fellow partner from a far off hill saw this and with thoughts of revenge in his mind, ran to arouse the camp. Immediately Captain Beeman gathered a few men and started off to capture the two Indians who got his man. He was not too soon for King Philip who by this time had secretly put his army from the camp at farther South End to the South side of Observatory Hill. Captain Beeman and his men came on and when they were nearly over to the Observatory they stopped as if puzzled what next to do. We stayed like this about an hour, neither side attempting to charge. A squad of Indians under the command of Little Chief who was Ivers Winmill, went to the East

Side to get a better view of the enemy. About the time he reached there he saw a mad army rushing like wind through the orchard. He immediately reported to King Philip the circumstances. King Philip was by this time in an open field by the Farm House. By this time the enemy was about a hundred yards away never slackening speed. King Philip pushed his army on until the two armies were twenty yards apart then both halted, but only for a minute or two. Then both armies charged at each other. There was scalping and fighting, such a war as Thompson's Island has never before seen. Many men were captured on each side but more on the Settlers. Both sides took their prisoners to camp as they were captured. Rescue parties started out from both sides, but the bell sounding the end of the game, obliged them to stop.

The mighty war was over King Philip had won. He, his warriors and braves, went to the stock room door where they received boxes, and baskets of good things such as cookies, bananas, oranges, candy, Hey Eddie bars, etc., as the prize for winning. We marched around the building headed by a band made up of kind hearted Settlers and Indians and then went to the gym., and took care of the eats. We invited the officers of the losing side to share with us.

We had a very pleasant time. The day was a perfect success and everybody enjoyed it.

Stanley W. Higgins

F. T. S. vs. Beaver Club

Saturday, Feb. 16, the School Team defeated the Beaver Club of the Wakefield Y. M. C. A. on our own floor.

We had heard quite a bit as to how good this team was, so at the start of the

game it was rather doubtful who would win.

The end of the first period found the School Team leading by the score of 6-2.

During the next quarter the Wakefield Team became more accustomed to the floor and brought their total up, but the School Team was also scoring and so we were not in danger.

The final score was 26-12 but by no means indicates the kind of game it was. It was exceptionally fast and clean.

Finney excelled for the Beavers and Russell for the School.

The Lineup

F. T. S.	Beavers
Kearns, Capt. L. F.	Loubris, Capt. R. G.
Russell - - R. F.	Anderson - L. G.
Osberg - - C.	Crosby - - C.
Winmill - - L. G.	Finney - - R. F.
Claggett - - R. G.	Dade - - - L. F.

Goals from the floor: Russell 5, Kearns 4, Osberg 3, Winmill 1, Dade 3, Finney 2, Crosby 1.

Personal fouls: Finney, Winmill, and Osberg.

This game secured through kindness of Mr. Bemis, who is Boys' Secretary at the Wakefield Y. M. C. A.

Kenneth E. Kearns

Progress of The F. T. S. Radio Club

One of the many activities which are progressing in our School is the recently organized Radio Club. It was planned and started in the beginning by the Boys and an interested instructor, who is no longer here. His interest in the Club is now being taken up by another instructor who is working hard to help make it a success. At our first meeting, we chose officers for the Club, and at the same time the constitution of the Club was formed.

We plan to have a meeting every other Monday and we go about our business in the same manner as most business clubs. We have note books, given by Mr. Swasey, in which we copy a list of radio questions which are asked at every meeting. We learn the answers, and in that way we learn many minor details concerning radio. Tuesday, Jan. 22, we demonstrated different radio parts, such as the tuning coil, crystal detector, phone condensers, etc. There is a club set under construction, and an aerial in the gymnasium, where the club set will be installed. Some membership cards were also printed. We hope to progress rapidly and make our Club a success.

William M. Hall

A Valentine Party

February 14 was Valentine's Day. We celebrated the evening by a dance under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce. After the orchestra had played a piece, we started to dance. The players who made up the orchestra were: a drummer, violinist, banjoist, and pianist. About 10:15 we had refreshments, consisting of banana ice cream and heart-shaped cookies. The decorations were very pretty. All the chandeliers had white streamers hanging from them, with red hearts on the ends. In the center was a large red heart. About the fifth dance we had a favor dance. We were given red bands with gold hearts and arrows on them. On each heart and arrow was a number. The ladies got the hearts and the Boys got the arrows. When they were passed out, everybody went around trying to match numbers. After we had found our partners, the dance began. At 11:30 we went to bed tired and happy.

George O. Poole

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A problem thoroughly understood is fairly simple.

The life of each individual is a problem. A problem first to our mothers and fathers, then as we grow older, to those people whose work or occupation it is to teach and guide others, and to all people who become intimately and sincerely interested in our growth and welfare.

As we become older the responsibility for the solution of this problem of our lives must be taken by each individual unto himself. He is his own problem and with him rests a good or bad solution: a man who is loved and respected and an honest example to others, or a man of little use to society, a man centered within himself.

How well do we understand ourselves, how well do we know our capabilities, our faults and our assets? How well do we understand the problem of ourselves? Our life as a problem must be solved whether we wish it or not. Do we wish a correct solution, or do we rely on luck for a right solution?

As we progress with our lives or our problem, the decisions we make each day are to have a lasting effect on the kind of a solution we reach. As it is wrong to cheat in our work to obtain results, so is it wrong in our lives to cheat others or ourselves in solving our problem. How we reach the solution, how well we understand ourselves, determines the correctness of our answer. If we have played the game fairly and squarely with all our might, we will win, but if we have cheated or mounted to a position of prominence at the expense of others our problem will be judged wrong.

In a mathematical problem we add, subtract, multiply and divide; so must we add new experience, new friends and new ideas to our lives. We must subtract those habits, faults and experiences that are not of help to us. We must forget them. In growing mentally and physically, and in-

creasing in good habits, we multiply. So also must we divide ourselves among others, so that they may benefit by our being and share with us in our happiness and growth.

Our problem then, to be simply and easily understood, is to study ourselves to determine our essentials and non-essentials, our talents and our faults, to know and to understand ourselves for our true value that we may make the solution or result of our lives correct, worthwhile, and a value to others.

Calendar

Feb. 1 Worked on wood pile. Oiled harness, took brush to incinerator and worked in seed house.

Feb. 2 Repaired windows in barns.

School Team played Gordon Bible College this afternoon at the Ruggles Street Y. M. C. A. in Boston. School Team won 38-31.

Feb. 4 Worked on horse stalls, and put wire cable in yard for exercising the bull.

Put south side gang plank on Wharf, and float on beach for the rest of the winter.

Feb. 5 Beached the scow. John Alden, for the winter.

Feb. 6 Re-bedded pig pens and got sleighs out.

Team D defeated Team C in basketball 32-22.

Boys enjoyed their first coasting party tonight, down Front Avenue.

Feb. 7 Washed walls in Barn.

Feb. 9 Banked boundary of tennis court with snow and flooded it for skating.

Team C won from Team A tonight 35-16.

New printing press arrived today.

Feb. 12 Team B won from Team D tonight 29-9.

Feb. 13 Finished cleaning pig pens and worked on Compost Shed.

Feb. 14 Cleaned basement of Barn and worked on drain pipe.

The Boys and Instructors were entertained at a dance given by the Chamber of Commerce.

Feb. 15 Cleaned farmers' room and tool room.

Feb. 16 A Team from the Wakefield Y. M. C. A. came over this afternoon and played our School Team. The latter won 26-12.

Feb. 17 Elwin C. Bemis, '16 was here for the week end.

Feb. 18 Took windows to hot beds and worked on ensilage cutter.

Feb. 19 Worked on drag and fertilized hot beds.

Feb. 20 Cleaned carriage room and Old Barn.

Team B defeated Team A, 22-11 tonight.

Feb. 21 Killed one hog and worked on wood pile.

Wallace A. Bacon, Ex. '19, is here for Washington's birthday.

Feb. 22 Usual celebration this afternoon. Indians captured and defeated the Colonists in the King Philip's War, the points were 35-9.

Team B won from Team C in the morning, 57-15.

Edward J. Robertson, '22, and Elwin C. Bemis, '16 were among those present for the afternoon.

Feb. 23 Thawed out drain pipe.

Team A won from Team B this afternoon, score 48-20.

Eric O. Schippers, '21, was here for the afternoon.

Willis Smith, '22, came over to spend Sunday.

Feb. 25 Worked on harness and cleaned basement of New Barn.

Herd was given tuberculin test this morning by a government cattle inspector.

Feb. 27 Piled bricks near Old Barn and drew ashes on roads.

Transferred incubator from Root Celler to New Barn.

Feb. 28 Piled brick by Old Barn and started to put dirt in hot beds. Oiled harness.

Feb. 29 Cut trees in Bowditch Grove.

The women Instructors gave a Leap Year entertainment, followed by dancing this evening.

Elwin C. Bemis, '16, returned today to resume work as Boys' Supervisor.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1874

As Kept by the Superintendent

Feb. 1 A cold cheerless day. All obliged to keep house. The Superintendent and Teacher officiated.

Feb. 2 5° above zero this morning.

Feb. 3 Snowed hard all day from northeast. Snow more than a foot deep on a level.

Feb. 5 Much ice in harbor.

Feb. 6 Went to city via Neponset to get mail, etc. Have not heard from the post office since the 31st of January.

Feb. 10 The 50th anniversary of my birth. Manager S. G. DeBlois came home with us last night, walking on the ice from the foot of "R" Street nearly straight, and is here today to help make all happy. The Boys all had play. Later in the day the Boys presented me with a chest of silver and the Girls with an inkstand. Mr. DeBlois gave me a pair of fur lined gloves. The evening was spent in a variety of exercises and the Boys had corn balls, etc.

Feb. 13 Went over this morning to get our Band instruments which have been repaired.

At noon, gave all the Boys, Girls and Teachers a sleigh ride on the ice along the shore and the Wharf.

Feb. 14 Alas for snow and ice now. Last night it rained and the wind blew from the southwest and this morning the snow had nearly all disappeared. Before nine o'clock the ice in the channel had nearly disappeared.

Feb. 17 Very cold and windy. The carpenter is at work on the Boys' play-rooms.

Feb. 21 Good day. Self, all Boys and all teams at work.

Feb. 27 Went to town rowing self over in the "Willie" and got articles for the School.

February Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 45° on the 20th.

Minimum Temperature 12° on the 16th.

Mean Temperature for the month 29°.

Total Precipitation 1.15.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .80 inches on the 20th.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 14 clear days, 3 partly cloudy, 12 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, March 1, 1924

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	\$ 500.00
Other Investments	777.58
Cash	200.41
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LIABILITIES

Surplus	\$ 416.74
Deposits	1061.25
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Clerk	

Choosing Sides for King Philip's War

On Tuesday evening, February 12, as we lined up for bed, the Supervisor told us to march to the Assembly Hall instead. We did so, and he told us we were to choose up for our annual February 22nd holiday. On this day we annually hold either a King Philip's War or a Snowball Battle. Several nominations for leaders were made. We then voted for the two boys we thought would make the best leaders. The captains who were finally chosen, were; Kenneth Kearns and Archibald Beeman. The two captains soon chose their men. As Kearns had the larger number of votes, Beeman had the first choice of boys. After the choosing sides was done, the two captains, "tossed up" to see which side would be Indians, and which side would represent the Settlers. Kearns won the toss and chose to lead the Indians, so Beeman took the Settlers. After this we all went to bed.

I was chosen one of the Settlers, and sincerely hope the war will be as good this year as it was last year.

Joseph G. Wasson

Bugle Calls

Bugle calls at our School correspond in many ways to the calls used by the Army, Navy and the Boy Scouts. There are five boys who play the various calls throughout the day. Following are a list of the calls:

Reveille	5:45 A. M.
Drill call	6:00 "
Assembly for drill	6:05 "
Mess call for breakfast	6:25 "
Assembly for breakfast	6:30 "
To the Colors	8:00 "
Mess call for dinner	11:25 "
Assembly for dinner	11:30 "

" for school and work 1:00 P. M.

Mess call for supper	5:25 "
Assembly for supper	5:30 "
Retreat (flag lowering)	Sunset
Assembly for bed	7:30 "
Taps — last call of day	

Church call is played on Sundays before all services. In the summer we play swimming call to assemble the Boys for swims.

It is very easy for a bugler to become unpopular, especially if he plays reveille, which is a call nobody likes to hear.

Howard H. Sturtevant

Letter Writing Day

On the tenth of every month we write letters to our friends. We write about our work, our play, entertainments we have, and news concerning the Island in general. I wrote to my mother, last letter writing day, to let her know that I was well. I think my mother will be glad to hear from me. All the Boys like to hear from their friends and relatives.

Harold E. Floyd

Listening to the Radio

Last Saturday afternoon when there was no school, I wanted to play basketball but all the balls had been taken, and all the places filled. I could not play and I was very disappointed. As I was thinking about what I could do next, a friend of mine asked me if I wanted to listen to the radio. I was delighted because I had never listened to a radio concert. After attaching the ear phones, I was surprised to hear a voice singing very plainly.

When I finished listening I thought that I had spent my afternoon as well as I could have if I had played basketball.

Raymond E. Regan

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1870

Bridges, John
Brown, William R.
Bryan, David
Clark, Joseph Blue Island, Illinois
Cowing, Charles H.
Dunn, John T.
Easterbrooks, William
Harrod, Thomas
Klinghammer, Lewis
Lankton, Allen
Lyman, Edwin
Pitts, John F.
Scarlet, George T.
Smith, Adrian N.
Smith, Ward E.

1871

Beals, George
Bennett, Edward D. 480 So. Main St., Waterbury,
Conn.
Brown, Theodore L. 2157 Dorchester Ave., Dor.
Crehore, Franklin J.
Daniels, William T.
Dunbar, Frank S. Deceased
Duncan, Charles 35 Gleason St. Dorchester
Forbes, George H.
Friend, John
Griffin, Michael
Lawrence, Henry
Marsden, George E.
Meador, Frank F. A. 17 Eleventh Ave., Haverhill
Murray, William F. Deceased 1922
Smith, Walter S.
Stearns, Edward A.
Stone, Joseph J.
Trimm, William J. Deceased Jan. 4, 1907
Wardwell, Howard C.
Wilder, Marshall L.

1872

Bryan, William H.
Crook, Stephen A.
Dadd, Alfred
Dietrich, Charles J.
Dietrich, Rudolph
Follansbee, William C.
Hingley, Clarence B.
Hudson, Bradford H.
Hutchinson, James
Leonard, William
Murray, Benjamin F. Deceased 1883
Murray, Charles S.
Murray, Henry Deceased 1922
Nutting, Daniel
Parsons, Augustus
Parsons, James H.
Roper, William P.
Street, John T.
Thompson, Levi W.
Vinto, Lyman F. Vineyard Haven, Mass.
Whittaker, Daniel L.

1873

Bell, Richard 35 Raleigh Road, Belmont
Bennett, Clarence
Bunten, Frederick R. 60 India Street, Boston
Chambers, George W.
Clarke, William S. 21 Windsor Rd., Somerville
Dame, Charles H.
Early, Francis
Fish, Ottawa B.
Fish, William
Keys, James H.
Merritt, Edward L.
Merritt, Richard H.
Punchard, Jesse
Purcey, George



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School Team Basketball Season

This year, in addition to our four teams that played for the Crosby Shield and Cups, we organized an "All School Team" which played four games.

The team was organized in January under the direction of our assistant supervisor. Each day a squad of fifteen or twenty boys reported to him and were put through the practicing and conditioning necessary to make a winning team. Later the squad was reduced to eight, a captain elected, and the team supplied with uniforms.

Our first game, played February 2 at the Ruggles Street Gymnasium, was with Gordon Bible College. The School was victorious by the score of 38-31. It was a game long to be remembered by those who witnessed it. The squad left the School at noon along with twenty-five or thirty supporters. After arriving at the gym, the team practiced and became used to the floor.

At the start of the game our followers had but little to cheer over as Gordon built up quite a lead. But we didn't stop plugging and before the half ended we were leading. This lead was maintained, although at times we were hard pressed. Osberg led in the School team's scoring, and Fish for Gordon. The lineups:

G. B. C.	Position	Pts.	F. T. S.	Position	Pts.
Fish	L F	17	Russell	R G	8
Woodbury	R F	12	Winmill	L G	
Schurman	C		Osberg	C	12
Holton	R G	2	Kearns (Capt.)	L F	12
Yphantos	L G		Claggett	R F	6
Sub: Lawson			Subs: Paley, Keith, McKenzie		

Our next game was February 16, and we found the Wakefield Beaver Club as our opponents. It was really only part of the team formerly known as the Beavers, but for lack of another name we kept the same. We have printed an account of this game in an earlier issue of the Beacon, and so will not dwell on it here. The final score was 28-12 in the School team's favor.

On March 1, the Apaches of the Boston Y. M. C. A., were defeated 29-18. This team finished the season with a record of 17 wins and 2 losses. Their other defeat was at the hands of the Everett High School team.

When the first period ended we were leading 10-0. They made a game fight and as the game progressed became stronger. At the end of the game it was an even go, but the damage had been done in that hectic first period. The summary:

Apaches	Position	Pts.	F. T. S.	Position	Pts.
Nicholson	L F		Claggett	R G	
Thomas	R F		Winmill	L G	2
Meyers	C	2	Osberg	C	12
Long	R G	4	Kearns (Capt.)	L F	
Beatty (Capt.)	L G	12	Russell	R F	13
			Subs: Paley 2, Keith McKenzie, Adams		

The last game, April 9, was a return game on our own floor with Gordon Bible College. It was by far the best game of the year and we were forced to play our hardest to gain the verdict. Gordon had all her first string team, being minus their captain and a regular guard when we played them before. Their team-work was fine and they gave us a hard go for it.

The score see-sawed back and forth. First one side led and then the other. It was this way until the last few minutes when two baskets in succession gave us our final score—F. T. S. 20 Gordon 15.

G. B. C.	Position	Pts.	F. T. S.	Position	Pts.
Fish	L. F.	5	Claggett	R. G.	
Batstone (Capt.)	R. F.	8	Winmill	L. G.	
Woodbury	C.	2	Osberg	C.	6
Holton	R. G.		Kearns (Capt.)	L. F.	4
McCully	L. G.		Russell	R. F.	10

Subs: Yphantos, Schurman

As this is the first year since 1911 that we have had an, "All School Team" it was quite an event and did a lot toward building up a School spirit as was manifested by the cheering section which Sturtevant, Burriss and Floyd so successfully led.

We played not to win in score but to win by proving our playing and team work superior to our opponents. We like to feel that the score is a record of their skill and team work compared to ours.

Kenneth E. Kearns

Repairing Lawn Settees

Every Fall the lawn settees are taken inside for the Winter. They were taken in as usual, last Fall, and they are being scraped and varnished. First, the settees are taken all apart and the nuts and bolts are put in a can of kerosene, to prevent them from rusting. The slats of all of the settees are then scraped clean of all varnish and dirt. Those which are broken are replaced by new ones. Then

they are varnished, and the two iron supports, which are at each end of the settees, are painted with black paint and put to dry. The settees are put together again and are taken to the stock barn. In the Spring they are put around the grounds for the Instructors and our friends on Friends' Days. They look very good after they are painted and varnished

William M. Hall

Minstrel Show

On March 18, fifteen boys and four Instructors gave a Minstrel Show. They had been practicing and rehearsing for some time and we expected a good show. We were not disappointed. A red drop curtain divided us from the actors. A row of footlights ran across the floor in front of the curtain. At the given signal all the lights were extinguished. The minstrels began to sing. In the darkness we could not see the curtain go up and the effect was very good when the footlights flashed on all of a sudden.

The minstrels stood before us in circle formation. Mr. Swasey, the interlocutor, stood in the back center. On both sides were the chorus in white ducks and blue uniform coats. Of course all the actors were blacked and wore wigs. The end men, instead of wearing uniform coats, had blue and red swallow tails, topped by flaring white paper collars and jazz ties.

The show was in two parts. The first part was circle jokes between end men and interlocutor and solos and monologues at intervals. The second part covered two sketches, a cakewalk and one or two monologues. Two men from Boston assisted by a sketch which made a great hit.

We had a fine time and the success of the show more than paid for the work of preparation.

Seymour C. McFadyen

Awarding the Football Shield and Cups

One night after Grade Reading, the Crosby cups and shield were awarded. The Shield was won by Team D. They won four games and tied the other two. All the Boys were very glad. These cups are made of pewter and silver, with the name of the School and year, and the name of boy and the position which he played engraved on them.

Mr. Crosby has given cups for fifteen years.

The Shield team players were as follows:

- L. E. Paul F. Reid
- L. T. Clarence E. Stevens
- L. G. Willis B. Drake
- C. Clarence P. Hobson
- R. G. Charles L. Claggett
- R. T. Warren J. Burriss
- R. E. Raymond Thomas
- Q. B. Alton B. Butler
- L. H. B. Ivers E. Winmill (Capt.)
- R. H. B. Eric O. Schippers
- F. B. Howard E. Keith

Substitutes:

- Philip H. Young
- Willard G. Schroeder

The Cups were awarded as follows:

- L. E. Paul F. Reid
- L. T. Clarence E. Stevens
- L. G. Jay S. Vining
- C. Alexander McKenzie
- R. G. Kenneth A. Priest
- R. T. Howard S. Costello
- R. E. George Libby
- Q. B. Kenneth E. Kearns
- L. H. B. Raymond H. McQuesten
- R. H. B. John H. Schippers
- F. B. Edward V. Osberg

Substitute Cups

- Q. B. Seymour McFadyen
- F. B. Howard E. Keith
- F. B. George D. Russell

Paul F. Reid

The Class Dance

The annual Class Dance was given by the Third Class on the evening of March the 21st. As was customary in other years, the Assembly Hall was decorated. This year the decorations were Japanese. All around the room were Japanese lanterns and parasols. From each window draped streamers with a colored paper chrysanthemum at the end of each streamer. The lights were semi-darkened which added to the effect.

Before the dancing began programs and head bands were distributed. On the programs the names of the different dances were printed; there were twenty in all.

The programs were book-like and they looked very attractive. The dance started off with a Grand March after which Fox Trots, Waltzes and Favor Dances followed. The orchestra, which provided excellent music consisted of, piano, violin, banjo, trumpet, trombone and drums.

During the intermission ice cream and cake were served by the boys on the entertainment committee. We danced until twelve o'clock. We went to bed feeling that the Class Dance of 1924 had been a success.

Howard H. Sturtevant

Painting the Steamer

The paint shop instructor, told another boy and me to take some sandpaper down to the Wharf. When we got there, he told us to sandpaper the woodwork of the Steamer. After we had it done, we smoothed it up and went to the paint shop and got two cans of burnt sienna to put on the woodwork. Next we put varnish on. Then we rubbed it down. The Steamer looks very good now.

James Johnson

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This season in basketball has introduced a new feature in the form of games with outside teams, and it has been interesting and instructive at the same time. In the first place, it gives a standard of comparison which we can not get in playing among ourselves. The team is made up of the older boys, picked players, and it does not test their mettle

to play with other teams of the School, or to match skill with the Instructors, as a game this spring showed by a score of 28-4 in favor of the boys. To play teams of selected players from other schools is a much fairer test of their ability.

So far this season has been successful in giving us the victories. We hope that we would have accepted defeat with as good grace because that is the real test of sportsmanship. Not a little of the credit for the good work of the team is due to their excellent physical condition. The healthy atmosphere of our Island, the routine of work and play, regular hours of sleep, and substantial food, with a minimum of sweets, explains their strength and endurance. It agrees perfectly with the theory of simple, straight living which Clarence DeMar, '04, discussed when he talked to us in February. Furthermore, faithful practice developed skill in shooting balls and good pass-work, and all the games were characterized by clean fair playing.

But the most important feature of the season was the team-play which we developed. A boy who makes a spectacular shot from the middle of the floor instead of passing it to a boy nearer the basket who has a surer chance of getting the ball in, is playing "to the galleries" for individual glory. To sacrifice one's own desire to score and pass it on to a better player is real team work. To work with the others to win, no matter where the credit may fall, is to really play the game.

And if we develop team-play in basket ball, can we not develop it in other things

We are all working for the good of the F. T. S. Instructors and Boys alike have the same ideal. Let's have team-work, let's pull together and make personal sacrifices if necessary, and we shall prove ourselves worthy of winning greater things than basketball games.

Calendar

Mar. 1 Cut trees in Bowditch Grove, worked on wood pile and oiled harness.

The School basketball team defeated the Apache team from Boston this afternoon on the School floor with a score of 29 to 18.

Earl Ericsson, '23, Leo S. Whitehead, '23, and David Long, '22, were here for the afternoon.

Mar. 3 Worked in orchard and took measurements for pipe for drinking fountains in Barn.

The Crosby football shield and individual cups were given out this evening after Grade Reading.

Mar. 4 Repaired harness and put it together.

Mar. 5 Cleaned grain room, hauled lumber to the Old Barn and put sleighs away for another season.

Mar. 6 Killed a hog this afternoon.

Mar. 7 Put dirt in hot bed and hauled ashes to fill in the roads.

Recharging of storage batteries was begun today.

Mar. 8 Finished work on drags.

Ralph Langille, '19, was here for the afternoon.

Mar. 9 The members of the first and second grades accompanied by a number of Instructors enjoyed a ride to the dry dock to see the Leviathan.

Mar. 10 Planted lettuce in hot beds, cleaned basement of New Barn and

repaired fence.

Mar. 11 Cleaned Old Barn and started to whitewash interior of New Barn. Repaired door of Root Cellar.

Mar. 12 Cleaned farmers' room.

Mar. 13 Gathered driftwood from beach and continued to whitewash in Barn.

Twenty-four boys were given the opportunity of attending the Automobile Show in the Mechanics Building, through the kindness of Mr. Walter B. Norwood, '04, and Mr. George I. Campbell.

Seventy new hens came today.

Mar. 15 Worked in orchard.

Mr. Ernest H. Baynes of The Meriden Bird Club, Meriden, N. H. gave the Boys an interesting talk on "The Language of the Trails".

Mar. 17 Repaired wagons. Seeds for the Farm were received today.

Mar. 18 A number of Boys and Instructors gave a minstrel show this evening. Those who took part did well and it was greatly enjoyed.

Mar. 19 Planted onions, radishes, cabbages and tomatoes in hot beds.

Mar. 20 Cleaned Beach.

Mar. 21 Raked roads, the blacksmith here. Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, was here to look over Cash Books.

Manager Walter B. Foster '78, visited the School this afternoon and remained during the evening.

The annual dance given by the members of the Third Class took place this evening.

Mar. 22 Washed windows in Barn and took storm door to Old Barn.

Eric O. Schippers, '21, was here for the afternoon.

Robert Thompson, '22, came to spend Sunday.

Mar. 24 Moved Colony houses, fertilized Observatory Hill and hauled brush from orchard.

Clifton E. Albee, '21, a student at

Brewster Academy, returned this morning having been here for the week end.

The launch Winslow was painted this morning.

Mar. 25 Used drag on roads, and repaired fence near the Old Barn.

The members of the Observatory Staff with their Instructor went to the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Post Office and Custom House this morning.

Mar. 26 Hauled brush from North End of the Island.

Minor repairs are under way in the Power House.

Ralph L. Langille, '19, graduated today from the Massachusetts Nautical Training School. Exercises took place aboard the U. S. S. Nantucket.

A group of Harvard students entertained the Boys this evening with instrumental and vocal selections and dialogues. The entertainment was provided through the efforts of Mr. Tibbetts of the Philips Brooks House.

Mar. 27 Killed one hog weighing 240 pounds and hauled brick to Willow Road.

Mar. 28 Put the Pilgrim on blocks and took off winter sheathing and painted her.

Mar. 29 Set up new Buckeye incubator and brooder and worked on manure spreader.

Planted more tomatoes, lettuce and cabbage in hot beds.

Boilers in Power House and Steamer Pilgrim were inspected today and found to be in good condition.

Chester Buchan, '21, a student at Mechanic Arts High School, was here for the afternoon.

Mar. 31 Worked on silo.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1874

As Kept by the Superintendent

Mar. 2 A beautiful calm sunny day.

Mar. 3 Went to city with my monthly report and to do other business for the School.

Mar. 5 Manager S. G. DeBlois visited us today. Mr. S. C. Perkins came to drill the band.

Mar. 6 Mr. Perkins gave lessons to the school on the rudiments of music, and left at noon.

Mar. 7 Dull, stormy day. Rain and sleet.

Mar. 11 The carpenter is at work making a sink for the dining room.

Mar. 18 Damp and foggy. Went to get lumber to repair boats.

Mar. 23 A terribly rough, uncomfortable day. Could do nothing out of doors because of the cold.

Mar. 24 Thermometer at 8 degrees above zero. Very cold and windy.

Mar. 26 Were visited by our new Treasurer, C. P. Bowditch and S. G. DeBlois.

Mar. 31 Went to city with boat to get articles for the house.

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 55° on the 28th.

Minimum Temperature 24° on the 1st and 17th.

Mean Temperature for the month 35°.

Total Precipitation .8 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .5 inches from the 11th to 13th.

Five days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 21 clear days, 5 partly cloudy, 5 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, April 1, 1924

RESOURCES	
U. S. Securities	\$ 500.00
Other Investments	777.58
Cash	204.72
	\$1482.30

LIABILITIES	
Surplus	\$ 412.92
Deposits	1069.38
	\$1482.30

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Harvard Night

One evening some members of the Harvard Glee Club came down to give us an entertainment.

One of the men was a wellknown Harvard football player named George Owen. The first number was a saxophone solo. Then two of the men sang some snappy college songs. George Owen spoke awhile on "How To Play the Game". There were a few more selections played, and sung. Then there were two Japanese students who demonstrated the method of fencing.

After the entertainment Mr. Swasey told us there would be dancing for awhile. While the dance was going on, several boys were asking George Owen what sport he liked best. He told us that hockey was his favorite sport.

I think that the entertainment was one of the best times I have had since I have been here.

We enjoyed this entertainment through the kindness of Mr. Tibbetts who is connected with Harvard and who is a close friend of our School.

Burton Dorman

A Lecture on Wild Animals

Mr. Baynes, a naturalist, came to the Island one evening, and gave a stereoptican lecture on wild animals and his experiences with them. He told us about squirrels, rabbits, mice and rats, skunks, deer, wild boars, buffaloes, wolves and foxes.

Once he caught a baby fox and tamed him. He told us many interesting things about this little red fox. After the fox had grown older, Mr. Baynes thought that he should be let loose and not be kept in captivity any longer. One day he tried to lose him in the woods a few miles from his home. That very night while he was in his study, he heard a scratching noise outside, and when he opened the door his little fox ran in. After a while his fox went to the woods more often and very soon it never came back.

We all spent a very pleasant evening listening to Mr. Baynes and seeing his slides.

Ralph I. Swan

Mr. Miller's Lecture on Bees

One night our Power House Instructor gave us a lecture on bees. He told us about the queen bee, the drones and the workers. The queen bee lays all the eggs while the drones, who are the lazy males do nothing. The workers go out and gather the honey. He showed us how to distinguish the queen from the others. They leave about three queens in a hive and the one that awakens first kills the others. It was a fine lecture. I learned a great deal about bees.

Gilman Day

Mr. Swasey's Birthday Surprise

At five o'clock March 14, the Boys were assembled in the gymnasium to practice songs for a surprise that nobody except those preparing it, knew anything

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Thomas, Harry
Williams, William F.
Woodman, Charles O. Deceased Feb. 12, 1920
York, Edward F.

1874

Bailey, Frederick A.
Baird, William
Brooks, James H.
Blaisdell, Edwin D.
Blanchard, Fredrick C.
Burrroughs, John I. 60 Summer St. Boston
Dudley, Arley N.
Follansbee, Thomas U. Chelsea, Mass.

Goodnough, Fayette C.
Graves, Charles H.
Hall, Daniel W.
Hatch, Donnel
Hayward, William J.
Hodges, Alfred A.
Kelley, Joseph H. Deceased April 5, 1914
Lambert, John H.
Mumford, William G.
Redmarth, John
Rooke, John
Smith, Elijah
Tucker, Frederick

about. We practiced singing four or five different songs, then we filed downstairs again and had supper. After supper we passed very quietly to the Assembly Hall and sat in a circle about a table on which was a large birthday cake with several candles on it. After everybody was seated, serpentine crepe was passed around to be used later on in the evening. Then the gong was struck two or three times and after waiting a little while, Mr. Swasey came up from eating supper and entered his apartments. Then the gong was struck again and this made Mr. Swasey come out of the apartments and upstairs, wondering what the gong had rung for. Just as he was about to pass the Assembly Hall doorway, we all began to sing, "Happy Birthday to You". He then entered the room with Mr. Warren and Mrs. Swasey. Mr. Swasey spoke to us a for few minutes and the rear door

opened and one of the boys brought in a large box on a truck. He wheeled it up to Mr. Swasey and said, "This is a little present from the Boys". Mr. Swasey told the boy he could have the privilege of opening it, as the boy's birthday was the next day. The boy took off the outside cover, when one of our teachers suggested that Mr. Swasey open the rest of it. So Mr. Swasey took out one box then another and another until he reached the middle box. In the last small box he found a very good fountain pen. He thanked us for it, and stepped forward to cut the cake. After he had blown out the candles and started to cut the cake everybody threw their serpentine crepe at him and it looked very pretty. We had ice cream with the cake. After everybody had finished eating we filed out of chapel, very happy.

George L. Langill

