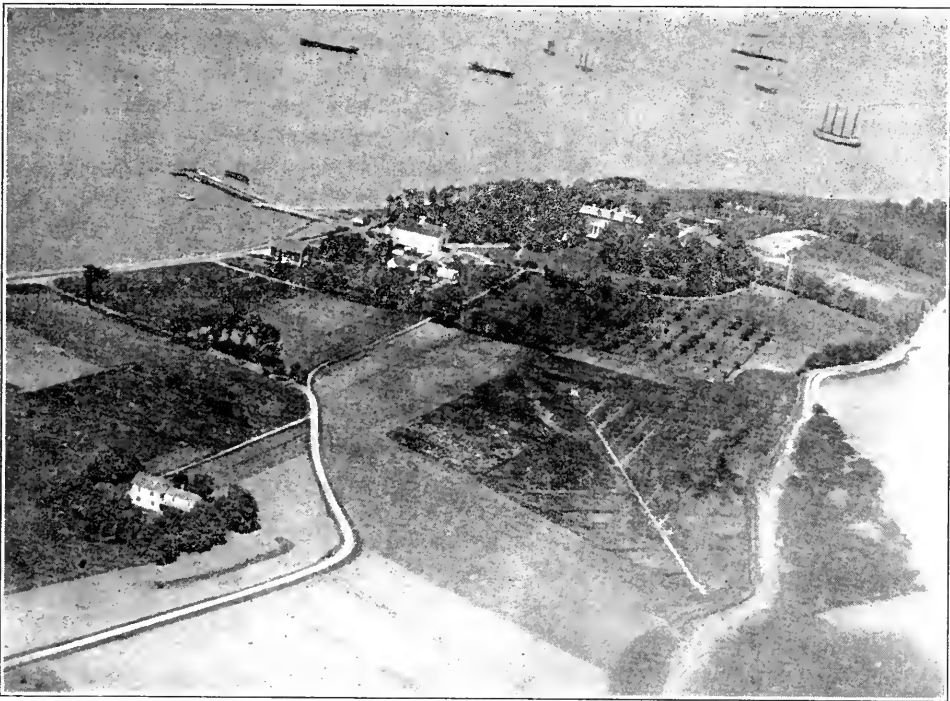




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AIRPLANE VIEW OF THOMPSON'S ISLAND

Thompson's Island was first discovered and explored by Captain Miles Standish and his party, and named "The Island of Trevore," after one of the party—later changed to Thompson's Island. David Thompson took possession and built the first house in Boston Harbor in 1626. The General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony granted the Island to the inhabitants of Dorchester in 1634 on condition that they pay a yearly rate of twelve pence to the treasury. The money thus collected helped to support the first free public school in America. Dorchester lost possession of the Island in 1650 when the General Court confirmed the title of John Thompson. The Island was purchased by our school in 1832. The Island is about one mile from South Boston, and about one mile west of the main ship channel. It consists of 157 acres entirely occupied by the school.

Looking Back

When a boy first enters the School, he likes his new life. After a week he gets homesick and wants to leave. I think that the first few weeks are the hardest for the average boy.

After this lonesome period has passed the new boy is selected for one of the athletic clubs and plays on one of the teams. As he grows older and develops more skill he plays on a higher team. Perhaps he develops into a fine player and earns a Crosby or Sears Cup.

Perhaps the boy is not a particularly good student, but he gets along all right. The average boy wants to play sports and to do this he must succeed in his school work. Little by little he gets into the habit of doing creditable school work. When he is in the upper classes he has learned how to study, and even though he is not a brilliant student, he finds it not too difficult to get good marks.

During the time he has been at the School he has done many different kinds of work. He has helped in the household departments, spent a year or two on the farm, and then perhaps became a boat boy and eventually engineer. When he is in the First Class he has earned a position of importance, the reward for doing little things well.

He has probably become a member of the Band and enjoys the associations he makes. He has undoubtedly become an officer of Cottage Row. Many other privileges have come his way.

As Graduation draws near the boy looks back at these things and realizes that the department work, sports, school work and good times have all had a definite part in his development. He compares his life here with what he very probably would have lived in town. He doubts that he would have had the privilege

of playing in organized athletic contests, and is certain he would have earned no cups.

After leaving here every graduate wants to do what little he can to help the School. He is interested, and comes back to visit often.

Richard W. Crowley I

The Evening Lineup

Every evening, before we go to bed, the Supervisor calls everyone to assemble, by means of a large bell. About fifteen minutes after the bell has been rung he signals us to "fall in," according to size. We are called to attention and a report is taken. If a boy is absent he is so reported by the one on his right. The Supervisor then makes announcements of one kind or another and then asks if there are any questions. When this business is over we file to the dormitories.

Some boys have the privilege of staying up late and they remain in the Assembly Room and ask the Supervisor permission to go to such places as the Sloyd Room, Band Hall, Reading Room, and so forth.

Walter K. Pratt I

A Trip to Somerville

The Band recently accepted an invitation to give a concert as part of a program given by the Somerville Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts asked us to play a concert between the acts of the minstrel show which they were presenting.

The event took place in the auditorium of the Somerville High School. We arrived there quite early and put our instruments in the music room of the school, where they were taken care of by one of our graduates, George G. Hamilton, '31. After leaving our equipment we visited our friends and watched the first act of the show.

We then went to the stage and set it up for our concert. During this time Mr. Méacham spoke and told about our Band, and School. The program which we played had been well rehearsed and was well received. We enjoyed playing before the large audience of about 900, many of whom were our parents and friends.

We watched the second act until it was nearly over when we again took our instruments and prepared to play the grand finale. For this we marched in twos down the two main aisles and at a signal from the conductor we played the last number.

We enjoyed the minstrel show very much. There was some fine singing and dancing, as well as many funny stories and jokes.

We left the High School about half past eleven, and arrived at the Island about one hour later.

Paul L. Hamilton I

Cleaning South End

During the past few days the farm boys have been cleaning the dump at the southern end of the Island. First everything unburnable was sorted from that which would burn. Then fires were started and everything possible burned. Iron material was put in a separate pile. The area was then raked and tidied. We saved as much wood as possible for use in our bakery, but practically everything else burnable was so destroyed.

Henry M. Stanley II

Screening Gravel

Each year it is necessary to put gravel on the avenues and areas about the buildings. This work is done in the spring. The gravel is hauled from the beach and stored in the rear of Gardner Hall. It is then screened three times and each size is used on a special area. The gravel is hauled by

wheelbarrows and spread on the places where it is most needed. This year a large amount of gravel has been screened.

Harold W. Howley II

The Jester's Comments

—Davie Hills is a peace-loving chap, and most obliging. Recently, after being asked several times to be sure and defend himself, Davie became bored and floored Myron Pratt who, it seemed, had been boasting.

—The cornet duet "The Pals" brought together Bertha Bent and Archie Pickard. Archie's effort to scare Bertha resulted in no loss to Bertha's composure. Although not classmates, they may yet become "two pals."

—"Red" Peard is the exponent of a new cornet method. No knowledge of music required. Just hum the tune and push down the valves as outlined by numbers in Peard's Instruction Manual.

—The season's outstanding impersonation: "Roughhouse" Pete's dynamic portrayal of John L. Sullivan. We might suggest a lighter weight next time, Pete.

—John Fitzgerald, Senior Dorm's occasional visitor, recommends that the Seniors measure their diameter for their graduation suits so the mail boy can get them.

—"Shotgun" Sheldon, until recently, thought that marine engines had to be turned around to make a vessel go astern.

Helping in the Kitchen

Recently I have worked in the kitchen as a substitute, during the time supper is prepared, as the regular boys were not able to be there. I washed dishes, and did various kinds of things for the Instructor. I like to work there very much.

Walter R. Nelson VI

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Mr. W. M. Meacham
 Farm and Trades School
 Thompson's Island

Dear Sir:

Today I received a copy of your circular letter in reference to the Boy Scout Minstrel Show at the Somerville High School Auditorium Monday evening April 17th, with the information that the Farm School Band would attend and also play.

The letter brought strongly before me a mind picture of the days of over forty years ago when I as a boy played with that Band and the pride I had in doing so. Since that time I have played with some of the greatest bands, grand opera orchestras and famous symphony orchestras of the world but never yet have I felt that same pride I felt as a boy in the Farm School Band.

You say you have 250 tickets for sale at 40 cents per ticket, I am going to buy the entire lot and so enclose my check for \$100.00 to cover same.

Do not send me the tickets but sell them over again in so far as you may and accept the proceeds therefrom with my compliments to you and the Band and all it has meant to me. I will not be in the City on the date of the show or I would surely attend same.

Sincerely,

HARRY E. BRENTON

(Note: The Alumni Page contains further information about Mr. Brenton.)

My dear Mr. Meacham:

Will you kindly use the enclosed cheque (\$20.00) for the purchase of fifty tickets for the Boy Scout Minstrel Show, April 17th, and give them to each of our Band to give away, or resell for their little personal expenses on the trip, with my best wishes for their success in the State Band Contest.

Thanking you for the opportunity, I am, with much esteem,

Sincerely yours,
CHARLES EVANS

(NOTE: The Alumni Page contains further information about Mr. Evans.)

The participation of our Band in the Somerville Boy Scout Minstrel Show program was most gratifying in its musical accomplishment and in the interest and loyalty of so many friends including the Managers, Alumni, Patrons, Parents, Faculty and the wide circle of friends in the public at large.

We estimate that fully a third of the audience of about 900 people consisted of friends of the school, including a goodly number of graduates as listed on the alumni page.

We accepted the invitation to participate in the program to assist the Boy Scouts in their production and hoping that we might sell enough tickets to pay our expenses to the Band Contest in May. The many letters received and the financial response in the sale of tickets and many other contributions was far beyond our highest anticipations.

A summary of the sources and amount of ticket sales and contributions for the Band follows:

20	Alumni	\$144.60
55	Boys' Friends	79.40
24	Patrons	50.00
16	Managers	30.80
1	Band Director	12.00
7	Instructors	4.00
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123	People Paid	\$320.80

Topics in Brief

Work on the farm has progressed most satisfactorily, although the weather has been very poor. 55 grafts have been done on our apple trees, and the orchard pruned. One-half acre of peas was planted on April 21. Five acres of oats were up on April 14. The hot bed plants have done very well, the tomatoes being six inches high on April 24.

Thirty-three boys were invited to attend the annual sugar party of the Vermont Association of Boston on April 1. The boys acted as waiters for the party, then enjoyed the feast of maple sugar, doughnuts, sandwiches, cider and so forth. Later, dancing was in order for those who wished.

The Band has been very busy this month. Under the baton of our Bandmaster, Mr. Frank L. Warren, the group gave its annual spring concert on April 14. On April 17 the Band played at the Somerville High School, assisting the Boy Scouts of that city in a minstrel show presentation.

April 19, Patriots' Day, was observed by a half holiday. Cold weather and high winds failed to prevent the boys from enjoying a baseball game.

Outside activities, and preparations for our summer season have taken much of our time during the month. Lawns have been rolled, and small patches seeded where necessary. Gravel has been screened and placed on our walks. The flower beds around the buildings have received much attention.

The boys have been hard at work on their flower gardens during the month. Those who show the best results for this hobby are awarded prizes given by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby in memory of her father, Mr. Henry S. Grew, who gave them for many years.

The Easter Concert was given on April 16. The Drama, "The Resurrection of Peter," was presented by ten boys. Music was provided by a choir of twelve voices and a brass quartet. The complete program is printed on another page.

The Senior Class Dance took place on April 21. The event was very well planned and proved to be a most pleasant occasion. Mr. Carl Swanson, violinist, kindly offered his services and assisted our orchestra admirably.

Lumber was transported to the Island early this month and work begun laying a new floor in our storage barn.

Repairs have been made on our Frigidaire equipment during the month.

April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 71° on the twenty-ninth.

Minimum Temperature 24° on the second.

Mean Temperature for the month 47°.

Fourteen clear days, ten partly cloudy, and three cloudy.

IN APPRECIATION

The Band has been given a very fine pair of cymbals by Mr. Walter M. Smith. For some time Mr. Smith has been planning to visit the Island and play for the boys, but his large number of pupils and professional duties have prevented this. Hearing that the Band was in need of a pair of cymbals he arranged to have them furnished. This fine gift is indeed greatly appreciated by the members of the Band, and proves the regard for which leaders in the musical field have for the F. T. S. Band.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, April 1883

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Miss Belding had boys in large school room. Sent Marden to city for mail, etc. Self shod the oxen, wrought on boat, etc.

10. To city with boat for supplies and to meet Executive Committee. Paid some bills and drew from Treasurer \$500. G. W. Berry, blacksmith, came from Neponset to work in our new shop and learn boys.

14. Several of the grown people and some of Mr. Morse's children went to city, returning at 5 P. M. Robt. A. Barnard left to go to Mr. Pasche, West Chelmsford, Mass. He is the third boy sent to this place - all of whom did well while with him. A good place.

19. Mr. S. G. DeBlois visited us. Richard Bell visited us. A plumber and helper here. The day fine but wind heavy from S. West in P. M.

24. Dull. Went to city with boat. Messrs. Lyman and Grew came home with me and were returned to city in our boat.

Calender 90 Years Ago, April 1843

As Kept by the Superintendent

9. Wm. C. Remick left to live with his grandfather in the state of Maine.

10. Mr. Geo. A. Sawyer of Dorchester came to the Island as teacher.

12. Received a visit from Moses Grant and Geo. Bemis, Esqrs.

13. Thirty-seven Naval Apprentices from the U. S. ship Ohio visited the Island.

17. Mr. Thos. B. Clough of Boston visited the Island. Sent a sloop load of loose hay, by Capt. Tewksbury, to the House of Industry of South Boston. (Pay rec'd by Mr. Bird of the Managers.)

29. Messrs. Grant, Bowditch, Bayley, Bird and Brackett of the Board of Managers and about one hundred others visited the Island, in the Steamboat Gen. Lincoln. Admitted Albert Warren Hyde and John Edward Fader, both of Boston. S. C. Hall of Manchester visited the Island.

Whitening the Assembly Room Ceiling

One morning during vacation the Supervisor asked me if I would like to help him refinish the Assembly Room ceiling. I said "Yes", and got on my overalls and jumper. I went to Gardner Hall basement and brought a large ladder to the Assembly Room. Meanwhile my Instructor had mixed the muresco (which we use to whiten the ceiling) and we began the job. We worked for about an hour and then began getting ready for dinner. I finished the ceiling in the afternoon with the help of Ellsworth Hills.

Walter G. Fitzgerald II

Mr. Curtis' Prize

On Saturday, March 25, Manager Charles P. Curtis visited the School.

While on this visit he gave Mr. Meacham ten dollars with the instructions that it was to be given to the boy who showed the greatest promise of success in later life.

On the following Monday, at Grade Reading, the boys voted for whom they thought should have the money. The Board of Aldermen of Cottage Row Government counted the votes and announced Clyde W. Albee as winner. The amount of applause which this announcement received showed that the boys and instructors were very happy over the result of the balloting.

The boys appreciate the kindness of Mr. Curtis, and the keen interest which prompted this prize.

William W. Fish II

Senior Promenade

On Friday, April 21, the annual Senior Class Dance was held in the Assembly Hall. The Grand March started at eight o'clock, and was led by Mr. and Mrs. Meacham. Following this a series of twenty-three dances was begun. Each dance was dedicated to a member of the class, or some special friend or groups of friends. Before each dance began, a verse was read commenting upon the dedication.

An intermission took place after the twelfth dance, and we went to the Dining Room, where refreshments were served. The menu consisted of chicken patties, rolls, olives, punch, cookies, ice cream and coffee. Many speeches were given at this time by members of the class and instructors.

Following the intermission dancing was resumed, and continued until half past eleven, when the last waltz took place.

Everyone enjoyed the party very much.

Frederick H. White I

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CHARLES EVANS '66, entered the School in 1859 and finished in 1866. For some years Mr. Evans has been doing an outstanding pioneer work compiling, "A chronological dictionary of all books and pamphlets and periodical publications printed in the United States of America from the genesis of printing in 1639 down to and including the year 1820." Eleven large volumes of the work have been completed. Who's Who in America has Mr. Evans' name and more extended information. A letter from Mr. Evans is printed on page 5 of this issue of the BEACON.

HARRY E. BRENTON '90, was a boy at the School from 1881 to 1890. It was here that his musical talent was given its initial development and started him on his life career of music. Mr. Brenton has been a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and other great musical organizations. During the past few years Mr. Brenton has been Treasurer of the American Federation of Musicians. A letter from Mr. Brenton is printed on page 4 of this issue of the BEACON.

DAVID E. LONG, '22, visited the School recently. He is a sloyd teacher in Public School, No. 209, New York City, a position which he has held for the past three years. He is married, has one child, a girl, and lives at 8613-108th St., Richmond Hill, L. I., New York.

Mr. Long recently organized an airplane club, which is most successful, and has received the praise of his principal, and words of commendation from the New York American, in which paper a picture of Mr. Long, together with some

of his pupils, and a detailed story was printed.

The following graduates were present at the Minstrel Show:

Walter B. Foster '78
Frederick W. Pearson '78
Chief Henry A. Fox '79
Richards B. Edwards '79
Will Frank Davis '79
Howard B. Ellis '99
Edward Capaul '05
Robert McKay '05
Albert A. Peterson '21
Clifton E. Albee '21
Francis E. Floyd '27
George O. Poole '27
William H. Thompson '29
William Reeves ex'29
Gordon L. Whalen '30
Henry M. Caswell '31
Darwin Chapdelaine '31
George G. Hamilton '31
Kenneth James '31
William E. Nelson '31
Albert H. Thompson '31
Richard L. Bolingbroke '32
Stanley V. Burlingame '32
Joseph A. Crowley ex'32
Benjamin F. Middleton '32
Reginald D. Randall '32
Stuart E. Macdonald ex'34

The following graduates visited the school during the month.

William L. Young '28
Warren N. Pratt '29
George O. Poole '27
David E. Long '22
Francis E. Floyd '27
Darwin Chapdelaine '31
Herbert L. Dudley '16



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THE MAIN BUILDING

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The Farm and Trades School is a private school for worthy boys of limited means, supported by endowments, private subscriptions, and partial payment of board and other living expenses by parents.

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Our Island

Written September 1846

By MRS. ROBERT MORRISON, Matron

There is not on ocean's breast an Island so sweet,
As this Isle where in rapture our dear friends we greet,
Oh! the last ray of feeling and life shall depart
Ere this home-school for boys shall fade from my heart.

The beauties of nature are wide round us thrown,
To moss covered rock the sea bird has flown,
With the grace of a lover, and air of a king,
The proud bird of beauty to us daily doth sing.

The plover sweeps round us, in beauty and grace,
While the birds weave above us their net work of lace,
The robin sings sweetly on our tree by the door,
The wren nestles softly, by the sea girded shore.

Violets shed round us their sweetest perfume,
We wear a gay garland of the wild pink in June,
Lovely frost flowers bloom on the bank where we play,
And white daisies we gather as homeward we stray.

We roam by the beach to cull pebble or shell
And the dashing of ocean around us does swell,
Its grandeur and beauty waft our thoughts far above,
To Him, who made all things in goodness and love.

The hum of the city, the flute notes of the bird,
The ripple of waters by the silver oar stirred,
Ships with their snowy white sails are passing us by,
List we, the sailor boys' song, as homeward they hie.

The low hallowed spot where our loved playmates lie,
Is bound to our bosoms with affections strong tie,
We have planted sweet pinks on the sod round their graves,
And we sung them a song where the green willows wave.

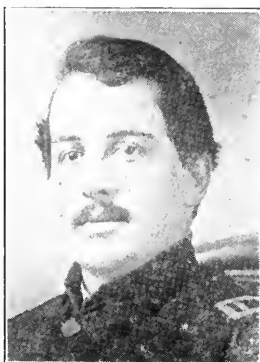
And dear is the enchantment of evening's calm hush,
The softness of sunset with its roseate blush,
The surging of waters with their spray gathered foam,
Tunes the string of our spirits to raptures unknown.

Dear Island of Thompson! When we are called from this scene,
Where the duties of manhood and cares intervene,
Then no friendship shall wither or joys take away,
The loved halo of pleasure that here sheds its ray.

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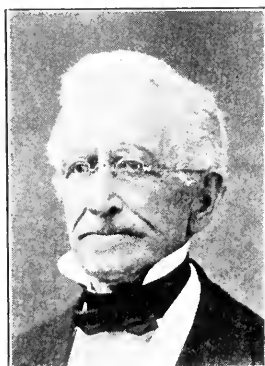
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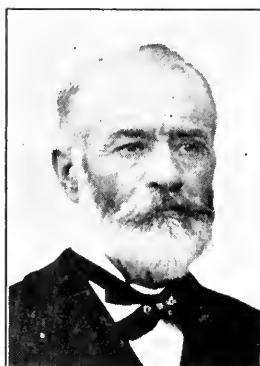
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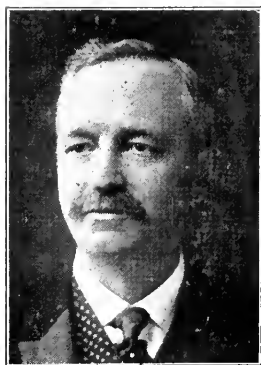
C. C. Felton 1840
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William M. Meacham 1926--



FACULTY

Left to right, Back Row: Ernest B. Walston, Robert R. Kitching, Edward H. Haynes, George W. Mathews, E. Henry Seifen, Alan B. Scott, Mark C. Baird, Center: Charles L. Park, Jr., Raymond Thomas, Wilhelm na Bragg, Edith M. Elwell, Mrs. Charles L. Park, Jr., Mary F. Mathewson, Henrietta F. Coffill, Clifton E. Albee, Bror Y. Kihlstrom. First Row: John A. Paley, Jennie Tinkham, Marion A. Clark, Marion L. Nichols, Mrs. William M. Meacham, Superintendent William M. Meacham, Gladys M. Dukeshire, May B. Varney, Ethel A. Cook, Doris Coombs.

Faculty

AND YEAR OF APPOINTMENT

WILLIAM M. MEACHAM, B. S., *Superintendent*, 1926

Supervisors

E. HENRY SEFTEN, B. S., *General Assistant*, 1932

RAYMOND THOMAS, *Supervisor of Boys and Athletics*, 1930

JOHN A. PALEY, *Night Supervisor*, 1932

Academic Teachers

ERNEST B. WALSTON, B. S., *High School*, 1929

CHARLES L. PARK, JR., B. S., *Agriculture*, 1932

MRS. CHARLES L. PARK, JR., B.S., *Junior High School*, 1932

GLADYS M. DUKESHIRE, *Upper Grades*, 1929

Farm Instructors

MARK C. BAIRD, *Head Farm Instructor*, 1928

ROBERT R. KITCHING, *Poultry*, 1928

GEORGE W. MATHEWS, *Crops*, 1931

ALAN B. SCOTT, *Assistant*, 1930

Trades Instructors

CLIFTON E. ALBEE, *Printing and Band*, 1926

BROR Y. KIHSTROM, *Sloyd, Mechanical Drawing, Forging*, 1919

EDWARD H. HAYNES, *Engineer*, 1930

Executive Office

EDITH M. ELWELL, *Bookkeeper*, 1931

WILHELMINA BRAGG, *Secretary to Superintendent*, 1931

Household Departments

MARION L. NICHOLS, *Head Kitchen Instructor*, 1913

MARION A. CLARK, *Laundry Instructor*, 1919

JENNIE TINKHAM, *Sewing Instructor*, 1929

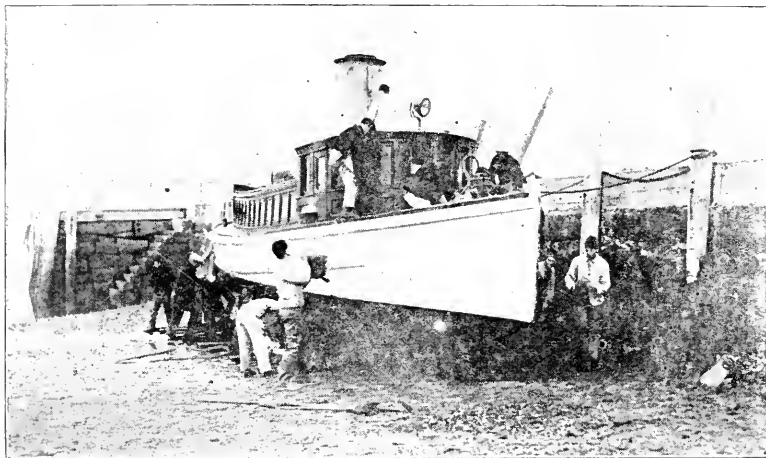
HENRIETTA COFFILL, *Kitchen Instructor*, 1929

MAY B. VARNEY, *Head Dining Room Instructor*, 1929

ETHEL A. COOK, *Dormitory Instructor*, 1930

MARY F. MATHEWSON, *Kitchen Instructor*, 1931

DORIS COOMBS, *Dining Room Instructor*, 1932



THE PILGRIM

The boys are pictured painting our steamer. This work is done twice annually, in May and November.

Admission

A boy must be between the ages of ten and fourteen, advanced as far as the sixth grade in school, of good moral character, physically and mentally normal, and well recommended, to be considered for admission. A boy must be examined by a physician and the results reported by the physician to the school. The teacher must fill out the school blank and the teacher should mail this report directly to our school. Letters of recommendation should come from the boy's clergyman and several business men in the community. Six snapshots of the boy must accompany the application.

It costs the School for board, clothes, and education, about \$12.00 per week for each boy. Relatives or friends are expected to assist as much as possible with these expenses and agree upon a definite weekly payment. There is an admission fee of \$10.00.

More boys seek admission each year than can be accommodated at the School. The Admission Committee endeavors to select the boys who need the opportunities which this school offers and those boys who by previous excellent effort and good conduct are considered to be most worthy.

Boys are admitted on trial and may be dismissed whenever they are considered to be unworthy or unable to maintain the standard of the School. The School always appreciates information regarding boys worthy of admission.

The School and Its Work

Thompson's Island Thompson's Island was first discovered and explored by Captain Miles Standish and his party, and named "The Island of Trevore," after one of the party—later changed to Thompson's Island. David Thompson took possession and built the first house in Boston Harbor in 1626. The General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony granted the Island to the inhabitants of Dorchester in 1634 on condition that they pay a yearly rate of twelve pence to the treasury (the Island was probably not inhabited at that time). The money thus collected helped to support the first free public school in America. Dorchester lost possession of the Island in 1650 when the General Court confirmed the title of John Thompson, son of David Thompson. The jurisdiction of the Island was transferred from Dorchester to the City of Boston in 1834. The Island is about one mile west of the main ship channel. It consists of 157 acres owned and entirely occupied by the school.

The Farm and Trades School "The Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys" was organized and started in 1814. The first home of the school was on the corner of Cambridge and Lynde Streets. The former residence of the Colonial Governor, Sir William Phipps, on the corner of Salem and Charter Streets was purchased and the school moved to its new home in 1820. Thompson's Island was purchased by the proprietors of The Farm School in 1832 and incorporated under the name of "Proprietors of The Boston Farm School" in 1833. The school was established at the Island in the same year. During the following year, the managers of the "Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys" considered uniting with the "Boston Farm School." This union was made in 1835 and then called the "Boston Asylum and Farm School for Indigent Boys." The name was changed to "The Farm and Trades School" June 10, 1907.

Pioneer Developments The first boys' band in America was organized here in 1857. Printing was started in 1881, probably the first school in America to add printing to its curriculum. Cottage Row represents the pioneer boys' government, established at the school in 1888. This school was the first in America to introduce Sloyd, in 1891.

Other Developments Regular part time school and part time work was started in 1889. The Farm School bank was organized the same year. The Alumni Association was formed in 1897. The first BEACON was printed in this year. The Farm School Trading Company began to do business in 1900. Meteorology was introduced in 1905.

Buildings The Main Building was designed by Bulfinch and erected on Mansion Hill in 1833. It is 125 by 126 feet, three stories high and sixty feet above mean high water. This building provides living quarters for the Superintendent and his family, twenty-five

instructors, and one hundred boys, all household departments, offices, class rooms, chapel, library, and store rooms. To the east of the main building stands Gardner Hall built in 1881. This building is 37 by 62 feet and two stories high. It contains a modern and completely equipped steam laundry, printing office, paint shop, drafting room, gymnasium, and a basement for storage purposes. Adjacent to Gardner Hall is the Power House, built in 1909, 40 by 62 feet, three stories high. This building has equipment for the distribution of heat, lights, electric power and water. The band hall, sloyd room, carpenter and blacksmith shops are located in this building. About five hundred feet southwest of the main building is the stock barn, built in 1857, 44 by 92 feet, three stories high. This barn is used for the horses and for the storage of hay, grain, and other farm material. A silo was added in 1924. Attached to the south side of this barn is a modern cow barn, built in 1927, one story high, 36 by 63 feet. This is large enough to accommodate forty head of cattle. The herd is composed of registered Guernseys. There are three other buildings in this group used for swine, storage, and seeds. Southeast of this group are the poultry houses built in 1929. These consist of a brooder house for 2000 chickens and a laying house for 600 hens. Other buildings on the Island are a farm house, root cellar, compost shed, weather observatory, boat house, and eleven cottages owned by the boys and operated as a part of Cottage Row Government.

Wharf and Boats

The wharf is built of granite and wood 400 feet long and 20 feet wide. Near it is a breakwater which shelters the school's steamer while lying at her berth. The fifty foot steamer PILGRIM, a forty foot motor launch, a thirty foot motor launch, row boats, and a freight barge owned by the school furnish the necessary transportation facilities.

Equipment

The electrical current for the twenty motors which are used in the various departments of the school and for lights was supplied by our own electrical generating plant from 1909 to 1929. During the year 1929 the school constructed an underground and submarine cable line to transmit electrical current from the mainland to the Island. The Island is provided with Metropolitan water, telephone service and electrical current. The various trades departments are generously equipped with motor driven machinery such as forges, saws, lathes, drills, printing presses, and ensilage cutter.

Trees Shrubs Flowers

There are six small groves of trees on the island including many species and several rare varieties. There are acacia, Australian pines, Norway pines, oaks, and many other varieties in addition to the fruit orchard of apple, cherry, pear, plum, peach, and quince. The lawns and grounds about the building are generously spotted with many varieties of perennials and many flower beds. Many of the boys have their own individual flower gardens.

Agriculture

The farm and its location offer unusual opportunities for practical instruction in all the usual agricultural departments.

The course in agriculture aims to give every boy a definite technical and practical knowledge of the subject, to inspire the pupils with a love of country life, and to impress the truth that agriculture, besides being the most independent of all occupations, is more remunerative than a number of other occupations for those who are industrious, intelligent, and well trained.

Sloyd

The Sloyd course is the basis of our mechanical teaching as it is the foundation and natural stepping stone to all trades and vocational training. It gives opportunity for the boys to acquire a large amount of practical skill in woodworking and it furnishes a knowledge of technical and scientific principles of carpentry. In addition to carpentry, cabinet work, and wood turning, the course includes instruction in mechanical drawing.

Printing

This course covers a wide variety in hand composition, stone work, and presswork. It includes rudimentary operations in type setting, composition of book pages, headings, business cards, stationery headings, and display work. The ability of boys taking this course is portrayed through the publication of the BEACON, printing of the school reports, calendars, programs, and all printed matter used in the school, and a considerable amount of printing for patrons in town.

Forging

Through this course the boys are given a knowledge of hand forging in wrought iron and steel. Their instruction includes bending, upsetting, drawing, welding, hardening, tempering, filing, bench-work, and simple construction of different machine parts.

Meteorology

Our location and interests afford excellent opportunities for the practical study of meteorology. A building especially constructed for an observatory is equipped with the standard instruments. A staff of boys consisting of a chief observer, a deputy chief and an observer of each of the instruments, makes observations three times daily according to government rules. Local forecasts are made each morning and the temperature, humidity and dew point, rainfall, barometric pressure, wind velocity, wind direction and sunshine, are recorded. Our station is rated as a United States Co-operative station.

Other Trade Courses

The boys receive instruction and practical experience in interior and exterior painting, cobbling, office work, the handling of boats, the care and running of boilers, the steam-heating system in the Power House, mechanical drawing, household duties and laundry work. The purpose of these courses is to train boys for efficient service in all lines of work. The instruction is designed to cultivate intelligence as well as manual skill. The training is made sufficiently broad to develop habits of reasoning, power of initiative, and ambition.

Academic Course The academic course is divided into six classes, extending from the sixth grade through the second year of high school. The usual school subjects are included and are combined with practical work whenever possible. Full credit is given by other secondary schools and colleges and in many cases is considered superior because of the practical training which the boys receive in connection with this work.

Religious Training Christian character is considered the most important asset that a boy or man can have. The School is non-sectarian but thoroughly Christian. A theological student conducts the Sunday services and the boys take an active part in the morning and evening programs. Clergymen of different denominations are often invited to address the pupils and occasionally the boys attend church in town. A boy's ethical and moral standards are developed by each day's contact and association with instructors and other boys in school, at work, and at play.

Physical Before a boy enters the School he must pass a medical examination. The boys' meals and daily routine are under careful medical supervision and heights and weights are recorded each month as a guide to the physical needs of each boy.

Boys' Band The Boys' Band, established in 1857, is one of the many activities of which the School may be justly proud. It consists of fifty pieces and furnishes music on Friends' Days, at Easter time, and other occasions. During recent years this band has had many calls for various occasions. Several first and second prize trophies have been awarded to the Band in the State and New England school band contests in the last few years. A special instructor comes to the school each week to conduct the practice. A member of the regular staff conducts band practice daily.

Cottage Row Cottage Row represents the pioneer boys' government with its various departments modelled on actual usage. It consists of City Hall, and eleven small cottages in which the boys own shares. It furnishes practical lessons in government, politics, business forms, the transfer of property, and trains the boys in the spirit and ideals of true and practical citizenship.

Bank and Trading Company The Bank and Trading Company afford an opportunity for instruction in practical business methods, with valuable lessons in thrift, economy, and business integrity. Each boy must adjust his expenditures to his means and learn to spend wisely.

Beacon The Beacon, the school paper published monthly, is of great value in furnishing a practical outlet for the English work in the schoolroom, and carries to their friends and the friends of the School the story of the boys' interest and activities.

Gardens Each boy has a flower garden in which he may plant what seeds he pleases and arrange them to suit his fancy. Prizes are given at the end of the season for the best general results

and excellence in the care of these gardens.

Athletics

Regular schedules of athletic contests in the three major sports of baseball, football, and basketball are conducted. Each of two clubs is represented by first, second, third and as many more teams as can be organized. This plan permits every boy to play in the regular series. The boys also participate in track, field sports, hockey, swimming, and rowing.

Entertainment

One evening each week is set aside for moving pictures, entertainment or athletic contests. Other educational and entertainment programs are conducted frequently such as lectures, concerts, parties, beach suppers, and special holiday programs. Excursions and trips are taken by groups of boys for educational and entertainment purposes.

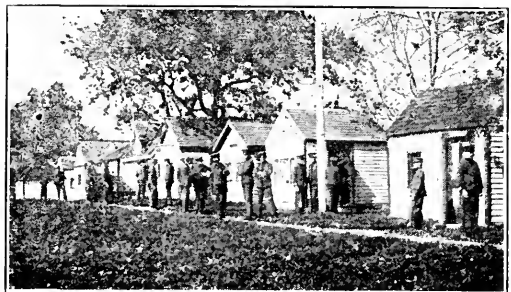
Vacations and Friends' Days

There are seven weeks of vacation, one week after the summer, fall, and winter terms, and four weeks at the close of the school year in June. During the summer vacation boys are given a leave of absence of one week to visit their relatives and friends. Boys do not spend other vacations or holidays away from the School. Friends' Days occur about once each month from May to November. On these days friends and relatives of the boys may visit them by way of the Nantasket steamer. Notice of the dates are sent from the School to interested persons. Upon arrival at the island, the friends are escorted to the front lawn by the boys, with freedom of the ample grounds and are entertained by the boys in groups about the lawns, groves, or in the boys' cottages.

Prizes

Friends of the School annually contribute the following prizes: Shaw Conduct Prizes, \$50 given by Mr. Francis Shaw, \$25 given each six months in ten prizes from \$1.00 to \$5.00 for good conduct; Temple Consolation Prizes consisting of five books given to five pupils by Manager N. Penrose Hallowell as consolation prizes for boys not eligible for the Shaw Prizes; Grew Garden Prizes \$25.00 divided in ten prizes ranging from \$1.00 to \$5.00 given by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, for the best general result in care of flower gardens. Crosby shields and individual baseball and football trophies are given by Manager S. V. R. Crosby. Sears shield and individual trophies are given in basketball by Manager Philip S. Sears.

Cottage Row Government has attracted wide interest since its inception in 1888. The picture shows the cottages and officials of this pioneer boys' government.



Daily Routine

The daily program of the boys is varied and practically no two boys have exactly the same schedule. It is adjusted according to the abilities and particular needs of each boy, with frequent changes as the boy matures. In general, the boys arise at 6:15 A. M., have breakfast at 7 A. M., go to the class room or department of practical training at 7:30, dismissed at 11:45 and have dinner at 12 o'clock. The afternoon schedule starts at 1:15 for class room or practical department and terminates at 5 P. M. Supper is at 6 o'clock and the boys retire at 7:30. If the boy shows satisfactory effort and conduct he may stay up until 9 P. M. Several evenings each week are devoted to various programs. About eight hours per day is spent in the classroom and practical department of training, a half day in the classroom and a half day in some department.

The academic education includes the usual school subjects and the standards are such that after graduating from our school at the end of the second year of high school the boy is prepared to continue in any other high school or academy and complete the high school work in two years.

The practical training is divided into eighteen departments. Each boy averages to work in about ten of these departments during his six year course.

The length of time in each department varies from about three months to two years. About the last two years of the boy's course is devoted to trade, agricultural specialty, or some occupation which the boy seems most likely to follow for his life work.

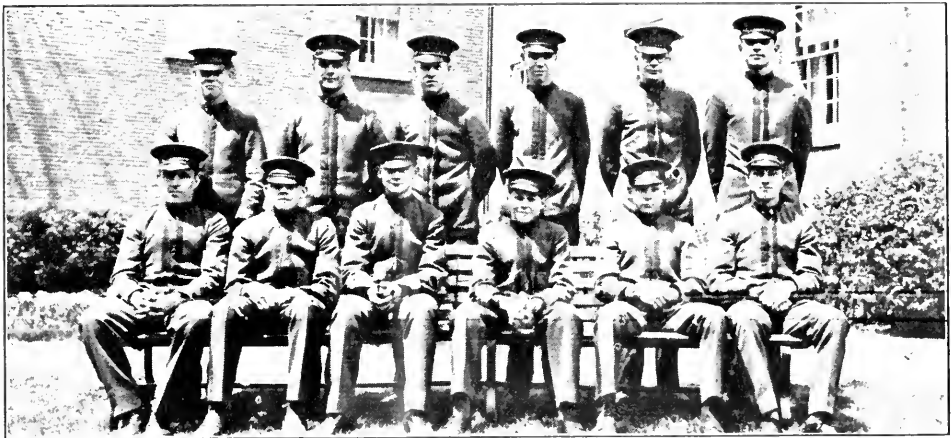
Special features of the training at this school consist of a four year course in sloyd and mechanical drawing for every boy, opportunity for selection of training in one or several trades and agriculture. Every opportunity is utilized to teach the boy by actual experience. Civics is taught through our city government plan called Cottage Row Government. Music is featured in our school band. We recognize the fact that "Practice makes perfect", and apply the principle in every phase of our educational and living program. The boys participate in every kind of work on the Island. Our steamer has boy engineers and deck hands; the painting and glass setting is done largely by boys. The boys work on repairs and building improvements. The boys recently built extensive poultry houses with the assistance of one carpenter.

The recreational program is similar in content to that of a well organized summer camp although time does not permit as much in length of hours per day as does a summer camp. Throughout the year there is a program of play so diversified as to fit the desires and special adaptations of every boy. The major activities consist of baseball, football, basketball, swimming, rowing, cottage row, band, library, photography, making sloyd models, radios, indoor games, flower gardens, moving pictures, entertainments, trips to Boston for museums, athletic events, circuses and other events.

The plan is to organize and direct the time of every boy and to give each boy responsibilities just as soon as he is able to assume them.



AIRPLANE VIEW OF THOMPSON'S ISLAND



CLASS OF 1933

Left to right, standing: Ellsworth E. Hills, Clyde W. Albee, Kenneth C. Caswell, John A. Fitzgerald, Everett K. Bowlby, Paul L. Hamilton. Sitting: Walter K. Pratt, V. Dexter Woodman, Frederick S. Very, Frederick H. White, Richard W. Crowley, Paul L. Hamilton.

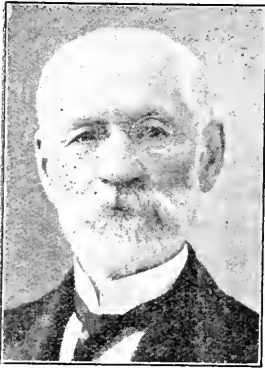


The first boys' band in America, organized in 1857. The picture was taken in 1859.



A recent picture of our band, taken at a school band contest held at Waltham.

First Boy's Band in America



John Ripley Morse

Seventy-six years ago, in 1857, twelve of our boys experienced the joy of creating musical sounds by singing through combs covered with tissue paper. Three other boys who owned violins joined these twelve and our first "band" was organized. A little later a bass fiddle, saxhorn, corneopane, and a small drum were added. The teacher was Mr. John Ripley Morse, brother of our former superintendent, Mr. William A. Morse.

After the first year the school hired a second-hand set of instruments and engaged Mr. Alonzo Draper of South Boston to assist Mr. Morse in teaching the boys. In 1859 the band was ready for a public appearance and led the procession when the school made its annual pilgrimage through the streets of Boston. This was the first public appearance of any school band in America.

The Managers considered the Band very skeptically, but were willing to sanction and support this pioneer movement in accordance with the progress made. The hired instruments were returned, and instruments were purchased. From this date the success of the band was assured. A few years later more instruments were purchased, and the instrumentation of the band was enlarged.

The band has had only four directors in its life of seventy-six years. Mr. John Ripley Morse, organized and directed it for about fifty years. Mr. Morse was succeeded by Mr. Harold E. Brenton (F. T. S. '90), one of his former pupils. Mr. Howard B. Ellis (F. T. S. '98,) another of Mr. Morse's pupils, became the next director. Since 1923 Mr. Frank L. Warren, has been director.

Three other members of our faculty assist with musical instruction and the training of the band. Mr. Clifton E. Albee (F. T. S. '23), the Assistant Bandmaster, an accomplished trombonist and pianist, conducts daily practice of the regular band and the beginner's band. Mr. Bror Y. Kihlstrom, sloyd instructor at our school since 1919, violinist and pianist, arranges music for the brass quartette and assists the quartette, orchestra, and individual music students. Mr. Raymond Thomas (F. T. S. '26), supervisor, an excellent cornetist, instructs players in that section.

The instrumentation consists of eleven clarinets, thirteen cornets, seven trombones, four altos, two baritones, three basses, drums and cymbals.

A Beginners' Band of thirty members, is maintained to take the places of those who graduate and plays very acceptable concerts from time to time.

The band participates annually in the state and New England boys' band contests and has won many first and second prizes. Our band has frequent invitations to play for various activities and big events. A few are accepted.

The School endeavors to teach each boy the value and proper appreciation of good music. It makes no attempt to train boys to become musicians, yet many of our graduates are enrolled in some of the finest positions which the musical field has to offer.

Excerpts from the Superintendent's Diary

Prospective Future of Our Boys—*January 1857*

We commence with 99 boys. Who knows but among them, there are some who will ripen into great men—who will some day stand forth and battle manfully for the dearest interests of our beloved country, and for the rights of our New England? When we think of the probable results of our efforts in behalf of these boys, have we not ample encouragement to persevere? May God bless those who of their time and substance contribute to the support of this excellent institution.

Civil War—*May 1865*

Went to Readville to enlist Thomas J. Evans in Band of 4th Mass. Cavalry. Red tape in abundance. Mr. Hobbs went with Morris Cremins to Cambridge to attend the funeral of Frank J. Cremins, who visited us but little more than a month since, just previous to going to war as member of the Band of the 58th Mass. Reg't. Frank was a noble boy—16 years of age—tall and handsome, the pride of his mother and hope of many friends. God's will be done.

World Chaos—*January 1868*

The past has been an eventful year in the World's history. The Cretian Insurrection, the Italian demonstration towards Rome—which was checked by the forceable intervention of France, the French Exposition, trouble in England and Ireland, the great Reform movement in England, and the violent eruption of Mount Vesuvius are some of the most important events in European history. While at "Home," we have had our fill of Indian troubles, reconstruction difficulties, Congressional and Presidential bickerings, whiskey monopolies, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc., etc.

The Great Fire—*November 1872*

Ever memorable for the terrible fire which commenced at Summer and Kingston Sts. and spread north-east until all east of Summer Street, except Hovey's & Stearns' stores—and from Washington Street on the north as far as Batchelder's wharf on the south, was a mass of ruins. Leaving the Old South Church and the stores on that side of Milk Street as far as the New Post Office the flames swept on up to the very buildings forming the south side of State St. and fairly gutted the Old Post Office. From here to Kilby and Battery March Streets everything went down.

Twenty-five Years on Thompson's Island—*April 1875*

To-day completes the twenty-fifth year of my sojourn on this Island. A quarter of a century. God knows that my heart's desire has been to instill such precepts into the hearts of all,—and to accompany those precepts with such examples as should develop true manhood and nobility of purpose in this life,—and an earnest desire for an inheritance in the life to come. Mrs. Morse came here January 1, 1855. No woman could have labored more incessantly or unselfishly for the best interests of the institution in all of its bearings than she has.

The School Revisited

Written

By WILLIAM G. CUMMINGS, '97, Author

We made a tour of the southern part of the Island, in the grayness and the rawness, by the new Willow Road, still under construction, over dikes which one had had a hand in building, to, and then past, the site of David Thompson's house. Here are remains of this first house erected in Boston Harbor. A few old English-made bricks still glow red and robust in the earth of the bank after two and a half centuries. Then to the cemetery, that white paled hollow square where the valley lilies gleam in the summer; up over the rise at the South End, shorn now of its larches and tamaracks and divided into rows of slim maple sprouts for the future; past the Incinerator, smoking lazily, like a tired laborer, by the Observatory, where the fine instruments could not register the things we felt; and so, with the white posts of the Wharf to the left, shivering and naked-looking, past the barn into the house.

So it was that next morning, when one was roused by the hymn tune of the bugle (it was Sunday), one was swept back at once, drowsily, to other mornings of years ago, the beginning of busy days, when those large, high rooms knew not electric light and steam heat. It was another item in the suggested continuity. Things have changed, but things are much the same. The dining room and the chapel, for instances, have been altered, but they remain essentially unchanged. For years and years generations of men and boys have known the John Alden, the Mary Chilton, the old elm, the old barn. They are of our lives. They have "always been there." They, too, are signs of continuity, and of stability. These are for us ordinary representatives of the School (stability and continuity), and they are good qualities. They imply worth and produce tradition. It may here be suggested that the School lacks nothing of these qualities; they need only to be named for us in order to be recognized and appreciated.

This brief record, though general, may suggest how thoughts came surging tinged, as they were, by a dim sense of regret and loneliness. Perhaps it was the natural regret of maturity for youth, but it led one inevitably to thoughts of those who are gone, some in the ways of death, some in other and unknown ways, and suddenly the School seemed very ancient, with its more than a century of life, one realizes a certain number of years for oneself, and the boys seemed very young.

Not the least pleasant item of the visit was the return to town in the small boat, with two sturdy young chaps at the oars. Here memory became aggressive in its particularity, though tinged with sentiment. I had rowed this trip hundreds of times myself, in storm and calm, in fair weather and foul, in winter and in summer. The waves were running a little high, as they often do; and as I endeavored to steer a dry course between the two shores I could not get Mr. Galsworthy's theory of continuity out of my mind;—continuity, stability, worth, and an almost concrete figure of the old School compounded largely of these qualities.



John F. Peterson



Alden B. Hefler



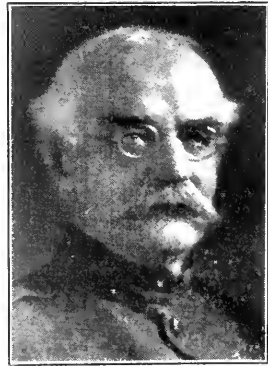
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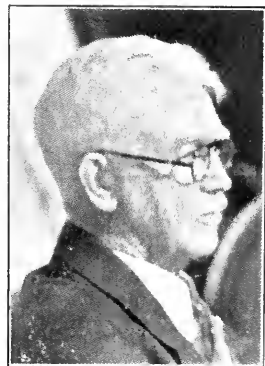
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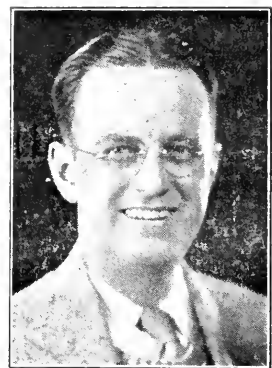
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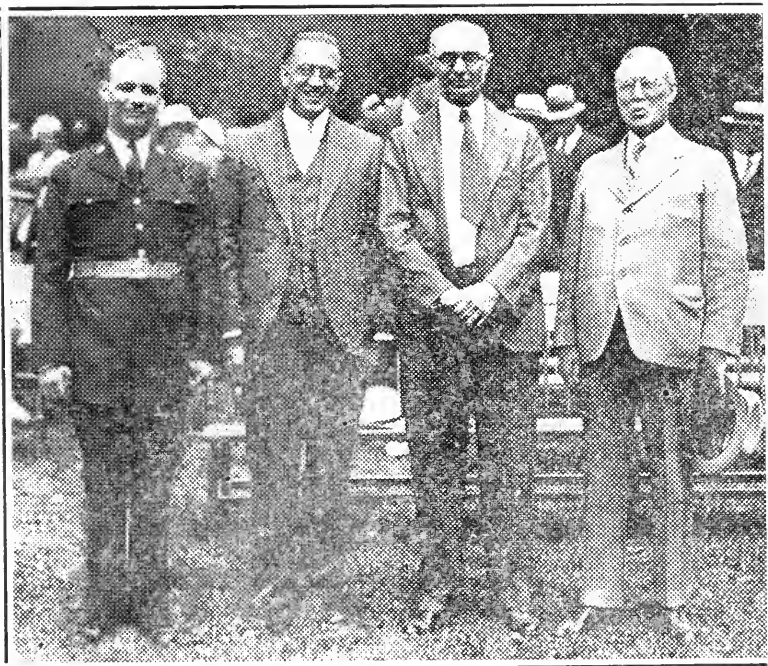


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Alumni Prominent at F. T. S. Centennial Program

Left to right: Clifton E. Albee, '23, Theodore B. Hadley, '23,
William Alcott, '84, LeRoy S. Kenfield, '82

Mr. Kenfield has been a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra since 1900. He is also a band director and composed the selection "Second to None" played by our Band under his leadership.

Mr. Alcott is Librarian of the Boston Globe. He is Past President of the National Association of Special Librarians. His address on the hundred years progress of the school was a masterpiece.

Mr. Albee is the Printing Instructor and assistant band director at F. T. S. He has been a judge at the R. I. State Band Contest and composed the selection played under his direction at our Centennial.

Mr. Hadley is pastor of the Congregational Church in Weybridge, Vermont. He holds the degree B. D. from Bangor Theological Seminary, B. S. from Middlebury College and is now taking graduate courses at Middlebury.

Centennial, Graduation, Alumni Day

On June 17 the school held an observance to mark a century on Thompson's Island. Graduation exercises were also held, as was the Alumni Field Day.

Everyone on the Island had a busy time from early morning until late in the evening. The south lawn made an ideal amphitheatre and the first task was to provide seats for nearly six hundred visitors. The classrooms and departments were open throughout the day, and those present availed themselves of the opportunity to visit them.

The Nantasket boat arrived shortly before ten o' clock, as did our steamer which had met the Managers, Speakers, and other guests. The Band escorted the group to the lawn and played a short program while the gathering was being seated.

The Procession for the Graduating Class soon followed and the Class of 1933 marched to its place on the platform.

Theodore B. Hadley, '23, B. S., B. D., who arrived at the School on the previous evening with Mrs. Hadley, then gave the Invocation.

LeRoy S. Kenfield, '82, was given a warm reception as he went to the Conductor's desk to lead the School Band in a rendition of his march "Second to None."

William Alcott, '84, who for more than fifty years has been in active touch with the school gave the historical address "One Hundred Years on Thompson's Island." His thorough knowledge of the subject, and his excellent presentation combined to make the talk intensely interesting.

The address to the Graduating Class was given by Daniel L. Marsh, D.D., LL.D., Ph.D., President of Boston University. Some of the gradual changes in the educational field were discussed by Dr. Marsh.

It was a fine talk, most ably presented, and held the close attention of the assemblage.

President Arthur Adams, of the Board of Managers, presented the diplomas. In his preliminary remarks President Adams told of the work which Charles Evans, '66, is accomplishing in the field of Bibliography. A letter from this graduate was read, in which regret was expressed at his inability to be present at such a significant occasion.

Diplomas were awarded to the twelve members comprising the Graduating class. Sixteen diplomas signifying the completion of the Sloyd Course, and seven for the completion of the Forging Course were given. Three boys received diplomas for the four year course in Agriculture, this being the first class to receive such diplomas, previous ones being given for a much shorter course.

The exercises were closed by the premier public performance of the band composition "F. T. S. Band", written and directed by Clifton E. Albee '23.

Other events of the Graduation Exercises are listed in the program which follows this article.

On another page will be found an account of the Alumni Field Day, with its usual festivities, and to which all were invited.

Nothing occurred during the day to mar the occasion. On the contrary, the dignity and success of the affair exceeded even the highest hopes of those in charge. Those who were privileged to participate will long remember the day. It is hoped that, although it was an observance of our 100th year on Thompson's Island, time shall prove that it marked the beginning of another century of even greater service.

The program, together with the names of those receiving diplomas is given on the following page.

PROGRAM

MARCH— Second to None *L.S. Kenfield '82*
 Directed by the Composer

INVOCATION

Theodore B. Hadley, '23, B.S., B.D.

ADDRESS— 100 Years on Thompson's Island.
 William Alcott, '84

MARCH— America Victorious *E. E. Bagley*

SALUTATORY

Paul L. Hamilton

CLASS PROPHECY

Walter K. Pratt

CLASS WILL

V. Dexter Woodman

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BANNER

Paul L. Hamilton, Class '33

Carl E. Harden, Class '34

VALEDICTORY

Clyde W. Albee

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Superintendent William M. Meacham

ADDRESS

Daniel L. Marsh, D.D., LL.D., Ph.D.

President of Boston University

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

President Arthur Adams

MARCH— F. T. S. Band *Clifton E. Albee '23*
 Directed by the Composer

GRADUATING CLASS

Clyde Weston Albee

Everett Keith Bowlby

Kenneth Charles Caswell

Richard Warren Crowley

John Allison Fitzgerald

Donald Starratt Glenn

Paul Lewis Hamilton

Ellsworth Ensign Hills

Walter Kenneth Pratt

Frederick Samuel Very

Frederick Henry White

Vincent Dexter Woodman

COURSES COMPLETED

SLOYD

Clyde Weston Albee

Everett Keith Bowlby

Kenneth Charles Caswell

Richard Warren Crowley

Paul Lewis Hamilton

Walter Kenneth Pratt

Frederick Samuel Very

Vincent Dexter Woodman

Carl Edward Harden

John Edward Magee

Arthur Hubbard Pickard

Leonard Orison Pierce

Herbert Austin Rokes

Harold Fulton Bent

Walter Andrew Bishop

Everett Alfred Smith

FORGING

Clyde Weston Albee

Everett Keith Bowlby

Richard Warren Crowley

Paul Lewis Hamilton

Ellsworth Ensign Hills

Walter Kenneth Pratt

Frederick Samuel Very

AGRICULTURE

John Allison Fitzgerald

Paul Lewis Hamilton

Vincent Dexter Woodman

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One Hundredth Anniversary

June 17, 1933 our School celebrated the hundredth anniversary of its being on Thompson's Island. The program was filled with events commemorative of the occasion and traditional to the School. The program included the Valedictory and Salutatory of the graduating class and the various class prophecies and presentations. Band selections included two numbers composed by graduates of the School and directed by them. Another graduate, a clergyman, gave the invocation and a most laudable address on the history of the School was given by another alumnus. The President of the Board of Managers presented the diplomas, made most fitting remarks and read a letter from a distinguished graduate. Finally the Superintendent introduced the President of Boston University who gave an address that held his audience of more than six hundred tense with interest.

Most of the guests enjoyed picnic lunches, strolled about this historical Island, reminisced and then witnessed the many field events directed by the Alumni Association.

We relate these events editorially because a century of progress deserves more than a passing note. The program was complete but not elaborate. The Boston papers and a few others gave recognition to the event by generous space and pictures and yet it was all done quietly and with no attempt to make a big campaign of the occasion.

One hundred years on Thompson's Island closed with the graduation of the

class of 1933. A story of its record, accomplishments, the joys and the sorrows, all that goes to make up this century of life of this great family would fill volumes—and yet we write a few pages, talk about the occasion a bit, quietly remind our friends of the event, and go right on with our business of developing young lives, reasonably satisfied that we are doing God's will.

Topics in Brief

The boys have all enjoyed a vacation, ranging from one to three weeks. The length of vacation is determined by the individual conduct and effort of each boy.

The Graduating Class was the guest of President Arthur Adams on June 16 when the Class Excursion took place. The class enjoyed a trip along the north shore to Gloucester.

On June 7 the School was invited for a sail on the yacht "Constellation". This was made possible through the kindness of Commodore Herbert M. Sears, a brother of our Manager, Mr. Philip Sears.

The Baccalaureate Sermon was delivered to the Graduating Class by Rev. Frederick B. Richards, D. D., on June 11, at the Philips Congregational Church, South Boston.

The Wharf, Boat House, and front hall of the Main Building have been painted recently.

A new bulkhead has been constructed leading to the Wood Cellar. The stairway at the other end of the room was renewed.

We have purchased a team of draft horses, named Fred and Frank.

Alumni Field Day

The Alumni Field Day activities commenced directly after the Centennial and Graduation exercises, when the graduates and their friends gathered for lunch on the North Lawn.

Following luncheon the married and single men played a baseball game, which provided plenty of interest for everyone. As the baseball game neared its end, sports were staged for the boys, and to which visitors were invited. These games and races were: potatoe race, three legged race, four legged race, blind boxing, sack race, paper fight, obstacle race, pony express, one hundred yard dash and pie race. Nearly all the races were run in two heats, and cash prizes were given to the first three winners in each of the events.

As soon as the races were completed scrambles of peanuts and candy took place. Several bushels of peanuts and many pounds of candy were distributed.

Following these events many went to the Assembly Hall where a dance was in progress. The orchestra was composed principally of graduates.

The group left the Island about five o'clock. Fine weather prevailed which helped make the day a great success, until the guests were leaving when a shower took place.

Arthur H. Pickard I

June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 99° on the twenty-ninth.

Minimum Temperature 47° on the second.

Mean Temperature for the month 69°.

Eight clear days, sixteen partly cloudy and six cloudy.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, May 1883

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Two masons and tender here to whitewash. One painter here in house.

3. Sent a jersey bull calf to Mr. Chas. Appleton, Dublin, N. H., via Boston and Lowell R. R.

5. A cloudy day, cold east wind all day. Went to city via Point. Miss Belding went also. Alice Glidden came to be the table girl. The blacksmith and two painters here.

8. The first visiting day for the year. Pres. Lyman, C. R. Bowditch, Alfred Bowditch, Geo. L. DeBlois, Arthur Dexter H. S. Grew, and W. B. Storer of the Managers were present. Dr. B. C. Codman was also present. All seemed pleased. Albert Edwardson Holmes admitted to the School and Almond Dutton and Chas. Grimes discharged.

18. Mr. S. G. DeBlois came at 10:30 and returned at noon. He looked up the records of the school that he might assist Domingos Roderique, once a pupil here, to get money left by his uncle---some \$200,000 or more.

26. Frank W. Stockwell and Frank Barrett went to Dublin, N. H. to live with Mr. Chas. Appleton and Mr. Chas. W. Gowing respectively. Two good boys. Miss Belding, Mrs. J. R. Morse and Miss Matilda McAuley went over to city.

30. Decoration Day and all had play.

June 1883

16. Commenced mowing with machine in front of the house. In P.M. towed the pile driver to Bibber's Wharf at City Point. Both teachers went to city--also two of the girls--the laundress and seamstress.

26. To the city with boat. Got meat, fish, ice and many other things. Bought cloth for covers to use on new instruments.

The month closes with 98 boys in school.

Admitted during the month Chas. A. Gorham, Frank Trainor, Henry Damon Tobey, Edwin J. Hughes, Jas. J. Roach, Henry Clarey, Walter Clarey.

None have been discharged.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, May 1843

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Ann E. Morrison (daughter of Sup't) left the Island for Portsmouth, N. H. to attend School.

9. Capt. Tewksbury took another sloop load of hay and 150 bu. of potatoes to the House of Industry. Sold by Mr. Bird and paid to Managers. Received a visit from Gen. T. Lyman and Mr. J. Bird of the Board of Managers.

10. Mr. Reed of New York visited the Island. Sold Capt. Ivory Brown of Rye, 320 bu. Chenango Potatoes and 110 bu. L. Red potatoes. Admitted Converse R. Lilly.

13. Admitted John S. Clotworthy, George B. Crane, and Henry Mason. Milton S. Robinson returned home to his parents. Abner T. Gray had permission to visit his friends in the city and returned Monday the 15th.

22. Admitted Alexr. Lawry. Geo. Whelden left to live with Samuel Avery of Hawley (a farmer).

23. Admitted Ebenr. B. Winn of Boston.

25. Received a visit from Messrs. Bowditch and Brackett of the Board of Managers. Joseph C. Merrill discharged--returned to his mother.

June 1843

17. This being the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill the boys were permitted to enjoy it as a holiday much to their satisfaction. The monument was complete.

27. Hon. Theodore Lyman, Mr.

Fogg of Braintree visited the Island; also Messrs. Grant, Kuhn, Dixwell, Brackett and Waterston of the Board of Managers and about seventy friends of the boys visited the institution in the steamboat Gen. Lincoln. Jeremiah Lynch left with Mr. Fogg of Braintree.

Every six months Mr. Francis Shaw, a former Manager of the School, gives \$25.00 to be awarded the ten boys with the best conduct record. Manager N. Penrose Hallowell encourages those who just miss the cash prizes by giving books to the next five in rank. The book prizes are known as the Temple Consolation Prizes.

Those who received Shaw prizes are:

Philip C. Edelman
Arthur H. Pickard
Kenneth C. Caswell
Paul L. Hamilton
Carl E. Harden
Everett A. Smith
Richard W. Crowley
Walter K. Pratt
Vernon W. Smith
Clyde W. Albee

Those who received Temple Consolation prizes are:

Everett K. Bowlby
William D. DeLorie
Lloyd R. Morrison
Ellsworth E. Hills
Edward F. West

The Constellation Ride

On June 7 the School was invited for a sail on the yacht "Constellation." The invitation was given by Commodore Herbert M. Sears, who is a brother of Manager Philip Sears.

We assembled on the wharf at ten o'clock and were taken in our launch to the "Constellation." Upon boarding the

yacht we were welcomed by Commodore Sears.

Most of us watched the sailors hoist the anchor. It was washed and put in a cradle. Very soon we were on our way. When we reached the main ship channel it became very foggy, and we turned about and headed for the wharf. Arriving there we enjoyed a fine lunch consisting of sandwiches, lemonade, ice cream, and cake.

Commodore Sears, wanted to take us for another sail after lunch but the fog grew worse, and our launch came to take us back to the Island. As we left the yacht we thanked Commodore Sears and his brother for their kindness. As we left we were each given a box of chocolates.

Edward F. West I

The Jester's Comments

—McCauliffe and Larry Dole became "peevied" at one another. Nothing of consequence resulted, as both were suspicious of the ability of the other, as regards the technique of the manly art. Angry glares replaced fist cuffs.

—A story is told of the lad's visit to the optometrist. The doctor became nervous when the boy could not read the top line, printed in an unusually large type. Finally the lad was questioned and answered "Gee, I can't pronounce it."

—And the other medical tale of the boy's visit to the painless dentist. Upon leaving the office the boy said, "Painless to the dentist."

—Johnny Luscomb, while talking over great deeds of his relatives became excited, and talking at great speed remarked "My Great Uncle was a General in the Navy."

—When Willie Page was returning from town he noticed an object bobbing around on the water. He inquired if the object was a rock.

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The Annual Alumni Field Day was observed as usual on June 17. More than ninety seven members, together with their guests, were present. This was an unusually large number, and no doubt can be attributed to the fact that the Centennial of the School's location on Thompson's Island was being observed on the same day.

During the brief business meeting held in the morning funds were raised to provide prizes for the winners in the various events.

Dinner followed the business meeting after which the field events were staged. There was something to entertain everyone, due to the ever-increasing energy of our master of ceremonies, James H. Graham, '79.

The weather for the most part, was ideal. Out-of-door events, held under a clear sky, included a baseball game, and many other sports and races, ranging from a hundred yard dash to a pie race. The days' activities ended with a dance in the Assembly Hall.

Alumni Registration June 17

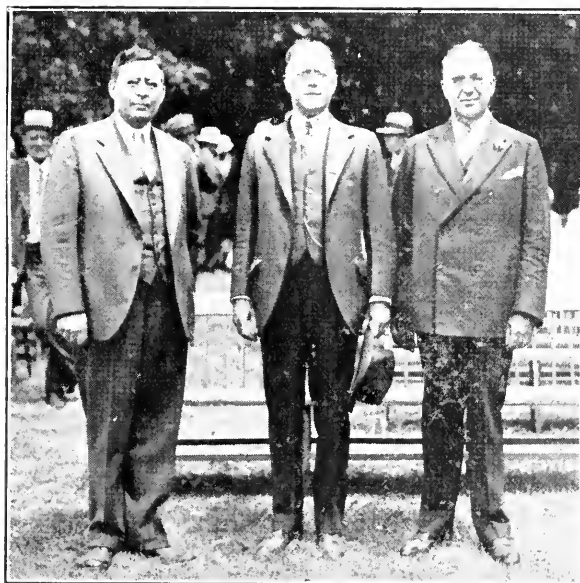
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Baxter, John W. '27	Herman, Carl P. '29	Pearson, Frederick W. '78
Bennett, George '95	Hobson, Clarence P. '23	Pendergrast, Joseph L. '16
Blanchard, Lloyd W. '32	Hobson, Jack '27	Poole, George O. '27
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Burriss, Warren J. '25	Hughes, James E. '27	Pratt, Albert E. '99
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Bridgham, Charles H. '84	Johnson, Kenneth B. '31	Pulson, Clifford M. '97
Cameron, Malcolm E. '19	Jorgensen, Charles W. '02	Randall, Reginald D. '32
Capaul, Edward '05	Jorgensen, Ernest N. '03	Schippers, John H. '23
Carpenter, Walter L. '99	Kenfield, Leroy S. '82	Schramm, Henry A. '29
Carlson, Carl A. '28	Kohl, Otto '28	Scott, Alan B. '30
Carson, James A. '20	Ladd, Albert H. '02	Sturtevant, Howard H. '24
Caswell, Henry M. '31	Langille, George L. '24	Sudsbury, Grodon T. '16
Chapdelaine, Darwin '31	Larsson, G. George '17	Swan, Ralph I. '27
Davis, Will F. '79	Lewis, Preston W. '81	Thomas, Raymond '26
Drown, Kenneth L. '22	Loud, Clarence W. '96	Thompson, Albert H. '31
Dudley, Herbert L. '16	Lurchin, Eugene R. '30	Thompson, William H. '29
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Dutton, James F. '82	MacKay, Robert '05	Van Meter, William H. '28
Edwards, Harold W. '10	MacPherson, Donald S. '17	Van Valkenburg, Frederick '14
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Ellis, Merton P. '97	Marshall, Edwin L. '88	Warner, Charles E. '05
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Foster, Walter B. '78	McLeod, George B. '17	West, William N. '28
Graham, James H. '79	Milliken, Ralph W. '31	Whitehead, Leo S. '23
	Milne, Thomas '12	Winmill, Ivers E. '23
	Morrison, William P. '76	Wright, Chester F. '30



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Prominent at our Centennial Program

Left to right: Sup't. William M. Meacham,
President Arthur Adams, Dr. Daniel L. Marsh

We were especially fortunate in having as Speaker at the occasion of our Centennial-Graduation program, Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, President of Boston University. Dr. Marsh spoke on the changing methods of education, emphasizing especially the fact that today the student is taught to develop a personality which will guide him through all the problems of life. In former years the physical, intellectual, and spiritual parts

of the pupil were developed separately, while today they are treated as a whole. Dr. Marsh explained that the older method often permitted undue stress upon one of these three important factors, to the detriment of the others. He was introduced by Superintendent William M. Meacham.

President Arthur Adams made remarks appropriate to the occasion. He then presented diplomas to the members of the graduating class and to those who had completed special courses.

New Equipment

The usual work in Photo Company has been taking, developing, printing, and selling pictures.

This year we wanted to make some additional equipment. The first thing we made was an arrangement for enlarging pictures. This was a light house made out of pulp board with tin foil on the inside and made fire-proof with water glass. The light house was a rectangular funnel sloping down to the size of a post card. Two aluminum measuring cups were erected on the top with a wall socket bolted in each. A photoflood bulb was put in each socket. In order to diffuse the light, a sheet of 16 pound bond typewriting paper between two pieces of glass was place in the opening at the bottom of the light house.

A negative holder was fitted to the bottom of the light house, upon which a camera was clamped. All of these were counter-balanced on a slide tilted at a 60° angle. We later found that it was hard to get a fine adjustment using a camera so we made a frame with bellows and a thumb for fine adjustment. This works very well. Our machine enlarges better on portraits, but may enlarge group and building pictures.

The next thing we needed was something to keep our pictures flat. We decided that a press or clamp affair would do, so we took one of the jaws of an old wooden clamp and one of the wooden turn screws for it. This was bolted to a rectangular piece of wood with two short uprights on it. The end of the wooden turn screw pulled up and pushed down a piece of wood that fitted in between the two uprights. Two grooves in each upright were made to keep the movable piece from turning. Then a wheel was made on the lathe to go on the top of the turn screw to make it easier to run.

We next needed a flood light so we made a rectangular box with a wooden frame, placed three wall sockets in it and painted the inside with silver for reflection. This was covered with water glass to make it fire proof. We used an old music stand to set it on. Three photoflood bulbs were put in the sockets. A switch was put in the back. Two sheets of glass with tissue paper between to stop the glare were slid on the front. This can be removed by two screws. We stained this with oil stain.

We also discovered many better ways of doing things, and hope to find more.

Carl E. Harden I

Mosquito Inspecting

My work is the preventing of mosquitos from breeding. They breed in stagnant pools of water. If this water is covered with oil they cannot get through for air, and the breeding is stopped. I cover all pools of water with oil twice a week.

The first form of a mosquito is something like a little round ball. They next change into a long slender green body. They soon sprout legs, and then wings. They then develop stingers. A mosquito lays from ten to thirty thousand eggs during his life.

Robert H. Young II

Senior Dormitory

Every year, during July, the Senior Class moves into Senior Dormitory. This is something which all the boys look forward to, with great pleasure. We have the dormitory well decorated with framed pictures, pennants and other things. In our spare time we go there to read, listen to the radio, or entertain ourselves in many other ways. I enjoy being in Senior Dormitory, and I know the other boys in the class do also.

Thomas E. Killeen I

New Band Music

During the past few months the Band has been very fortunate in getting a number of fine new pieces. These came as the result of contests and special concerts. The new compositions include marches, overtures and a cornet duet.

The Band plays each Monday at Grade Reading. During the School year we never repeat any numbers. Thus we are able to gain the experience of playing a great number of pieces.

In addition to the standard selections our leader arranges novelties for us, of which we now have several. We play them occasionally and they are well liked.

The music is filed in our library, where it is carefully cared for, with the result that we have a very fine library of band music.

Arthur H. Pickard I

My Work

My work has been changed to the Dormitory. I am trying to do the best I can. I hope to be able to make beds, and do other work properly by the time I finish working there. Whatever our work is we should try to do it well.

Peter F. Mann V

Getting Water

Every morning two boys get water for use on the farm. First they get a horse and cart and take the milk and milking pails to the kitchen. Then they drive to the power house and fill the cans with hot water. This is then carted to the poultry house.

Russell G. Jones IV

Early Kitchen Work

It is the duty of each of the kitchen boys to take turns getting up early to do the kitchen chores. The wheelbarrow is taken to the kitchen and the ashes carted

to the dike. The stove is brushed, the tables cleaned and everything made ready so that the Instructor and boys can begin getting breakfast. This work usually takes one-half hour.

Clifford M. Hutchins IV

The Jester's Comments

—Bertha Bent needed a bit of henwire, and went searching for one of the Instructors. He tramped about the farm until he was weary. Then he was reminded that the Instructor was, and had been for some days, on a vacation.

—Normie Peard was sent to get something to mix cement with. He re-appeared with a pitchfork.

—The story is told about the boy who lost a fine fish, after having almost hauled it in. He resolved to get the fish next time and marked a spot on the side of the boat so he would be sure to know where he lost it.

—A bit of poetry—

“Boloney”

’Twas a crisp November morning,
On the second day of May.
The kids were all asliding and
The farmers pitching hay.

The trees were all a budding
On a warm December day
The ships were all a sailing
Through an ice frozen bay.

The bees were all a resting
Upon the snow so white
The moon of course was shining
Morning noon and night.

If you dont believe this poem
Just come to me and say,
“I don’t believe your poem”
And what I’ll say is
“More Boloney!”

Harold F. Bent II

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Essentials of Success

The statement has recently been made that to work one's way through college there are five essential qualifications, namely: good health, strong character, pleasing personality, industry, and reliability. These qualities are also necessary to any successful occupation in life.

Let us consider reliability. In every occupation and organization we see constant illustrations of reliability—or lack of it—in our associates. Reliability consists of doing the thing we are expected to do when we are expected to do it.

If we are given a job to do and we do it to the best of our ability and promptly, without supervision, it indicates reliability. If we make a promise and fail without justifiable reason to keep the promise we indicate that we are not reliable. If we make an appointment to meet another at a definite time and place and fail to be prompt we are stealing the time of the other and thereby indicate unreliability. If we are elected to an office or committee with or without financial reward and fail to take the full responsibility of the office we are stamped as unreliable.

What greater success can there be and what finer tribute to any man than to say, "His word is as good as his bond"?

When you are praised for doing a job well, remember that it was better than another you did perhaps only yesterday. When one task is done better than another it only proves that the next one can be better yet.

Topics in Brief

The following boys were admitted to the School during the month. The Admission Committee met on July 10.

Charles Francis Averill, West Roxbury
 William Earl Brewer, Jr., Woburn
 Robert James English, Dorchester
 William Guild, Jr., Newton Centre
 Arthur Moulton Hammond, Rockland
 Irvin Lawrence Harrington, Everett
 Richard Sherman Kimball, West Medway
 George Arthur Krebs, Jr., Stoughton
 Eugene Proctor, Waltham
 Edward Leroy Very, Westminster, Vt.
 David Bruce White, Dunbarton, N.H.
 Kenneth Willard Wood, Hyde Park
 George Alfred Zurline, Concord, N.H.

Our Band Director Mr. Frank L. Warren has resumed his weekly visits here and our band is showing rapid improvement. Due to Graduation and other reasons we lost fourteen members of our band of last season. Besides playing on Friends' Days and other special occasions the band has given a series of Sunday afternoon concerts which have been most worth-while.

Mr. William Casey, a swimming instructor connected with the American Red Cross was here for one week giving various phases of swimming instructions and life saving. This is his third consecutive season here, and the instruction is arranged by the Massachusetts Humane Society, of which Manager Charles P. Curtis is a director.

The boys' flower gardens are most attractive this year. Each of the boys assumes the responsibility for a garden and awards for the best result are given by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby. The excellent work of the boys always evokes high

praise from their friends, and other visitors at the school.

The Women of the Boston Rotary Club held a meeting here on August 2. After luncheon the group visited the various departments. Our band entertained the party.

A large school of seals has been near the south-east beach during the greater part of the summer.

We print below a list of vegetables which have been canned up to August 11.

Green string beans,	87 gallons
Yellow butter beans,	76 gallons
Tomatoes,	29 gallons
Corn,	34 gallons
Piccalilli,	11 gallons
Succotash,	18 gallons

The summer term of school commenced July 17. The enrollment consists of 84 boys. The academic teachers remain the same as in the preceding year.

Baseball is the chief summer sport and the series for the Crosby trophies is well under way. Club A has the advantage at this time.

The Third Friends' Day took place on July 28. Among those present included the Secretary of the Alumni Association, Mr. Merton P. Ellis.

The Field and Forest Club of Boston enjoyed an outing at the School July 1.

Tennis has become an important sport here. We have an excellent court which is in use continually. A tournament is to commence this month, which already has aroused much high interest.

The boys have been given new numbers, according to their height, number one being the tallest. The number system is used extensively, especially for line-ups, clothing and lockers.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, July 1883.

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Had but few visitors to-day. Wm. McClellan and Wm. Bell, graduates and their families were here. There was a fine yacht race in our bay--the starting point being between this island and City Point.

6. Very warm indeed. Visiting Day. Pres. Lyman and Messrs. Gardner and Dexter present.

14. To city to pay bills. Paid the blacksmith \$6. Grounded the steamer and cleaned her. Took the "Emma" boat out to paint. Miss Belding and Emma Harris went to city. A good hay day and we got in a good deal.

18. Went this morning with a load of hay to Stearn's Wharf, Neponset, for Mr. Long, L. E. Had it carted to his stable and then put under way. Wrought on steamer and "Emma" in P. M. Day's work 15 hours.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, July 1843

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Henry C. Hunt had permission to visit his friends in the city. Mr. Foster and Mrs. Hyde visited the island to see her son. E. Murphy who has been employed on the island 22 days repairing boats, painting, etc. left. Joseph Thwing admitted.

4. The Superintendent, Matron, Teacher and boys went to Massachusetts Grove in Quincy, where they partook of lemonade and plum cake and amused themselves several hours, being very much gratified with the excursion.

6. Received visit from Messrs. Gould and Bowditch of the Board of Managers, and Mr. Allen from Genessee Co., N. Y.

24. Capt. Moore of the Apprentices brig. called at the island.

28. Finished haying.

July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 98° on the thirtieth.

Minimum Temperature 52° on the fifth.

Mean Temperature for the month 71°.

Nine clear days, thirteen partly cloudy and nine cloudy.

Canning

Every summer we can a quantity of vegetables. So far this year we have put up green beans, yellow beans, corn and tomatoes. About 800 quarts have already been canned.

Although the process of canning the vegetables is about the same, each one is prepared in a different way. The corn is put through a sheller, a machine which we are using for the first time this year. The beans are cut by another new machine, which cuts them in inch pieces. The tomatoes are peeled and then cooked fifteen minutes.

The vegetables are then ready to be put into the cans. The cans hold one gallon and are previously sterilized. Water is used to fill the can completely and to drive out the air. Covers are put on the cans by a machine.

The cans of vegetables are put in a steam cooker and cooked for two hours. At this time they are put into cold water. Later they are labeled and stored for winter use.

William S. Wilson I

Morning Work

Every morning after breakfast I sweep the corridor and the stairway in the tower, also the court in the center of the building. When I finish this work it is time to get ready for school.

Engene Proctor VI

My Garden

I have a garden which is growing very well, considering the hot weather we have been having. I hope to get a garden prize at the end of the summer.

My garden is triangular shaped and very good for the border design which I planned. The utmost border is a small spreading plant called portulaca. The next border is of cockscomb, which looks real enough to be one. The third row is larkspur, a very fine flower. The last is balsam. Balsams blossoms should be picked often, as more will bloom by picking than by letting them go to seed. In the very center of my garden is a group of gladiola which I hope will have a large variety of colors when it blossoms.

Bertrand F. Allen II

Returning from Vacation

My brother and I returned from our vacation on July 7. We arrived at City Point about half-past four in the afternoon. A Coast Guard boat brought us to the Island. Now that we have begun another year we shall try hard to do our best so that we can have a longer vacation next year.

Vernon W. Smith V

Learning Fancy Diving

When Mr. Casey, the swimming instructor, was here I learned some essentials of fancy diving. I learned how to do the one-and one-half somersault frontwards and the back somersault. I also was taught the Jack-knife dive and swan dive. I tried many others, but did not have the ability to master them yet. Everyone should try his ability at diving, for they may be surprised at the results they may achieve.

We all hope Mr. Casey comes again next year.

John R. Macdonald II

Our Pet Crows

The crows which you see flying about the campus were found when very little by another boy and me. We built a pen, and fed and cared for them. In a short time they learned to fly, and would follow us into an area where we dug worms for them to eat. They have many amusing habits, and are very intelligent. After every meal the crows go to the kitchen porch where the dining room boys bring them something to eat. They are very black, and are named Amos and Andy.

Orlando M. Murphy II

Working on the Farm

The first day I came to the School I helped on the farm. I worked during the afternoon. During that time we picked four bushels of beans. Several boys were working with me. When I grow older I shall probably learn all about the farm work.

George A. Zurline VI

Visiting the Farm

As I was anxious to see what was down on the farm, the supervisor, gave me permission to watch those working there. I saw the cows and goats come in, and other things. I came to the School very recently and know little about farm work. It was very interesting.

Arthur M. Hammond VI

Base Ball

Last Saturday the first teams played another game in their season series. Club A won very easily. The second teams are more evenly matched and the score was very close, Club A finally winning by one run. I played for Club B second team. Both the first and second teams play every Saturday. As there are two diamonds both games proceed at the same time.

Walter A. Bishop II

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GEORGE A. GERARD, '86, visited the School recently. He is a photographer, and lives at Stoughton, Mass. Mr. Gerard hopes to find time to come here again and make a series of photographs.

CLARENCE H. DEMAR, '04, seven times winner of the B. A. A. Marathon finished eighth in this year's event. His marvelous achievements in this sport are internationally known and admired. For nearly twenty-five years he has engaged in marathons, and we hope he may swell this number to a much larger one,—indeed as one Boston newspaper editorialized “until he grows whiskers so long he will trip over them along about Wellesley.”

KENNETH L. DROWN, '22, has been for some time, employed at the Waldorf Lunch, near the corner of Boylston and Tremont Streets, Boston.

KENNETH E. KEARNS, '24, has completed his Junior year at the University of New Hampshire. During the summer he is working at Wolfeboro, N. H.

WILLIAM N. WEST, '28, is a student at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. He was recently chosen to speak on the subject “The advantages of a western college.” The talk was broadcast.

JAMES E. DOUGLAS, '32, visited the school recently. He is a student at the Cambridge Latin School and lives at 1619 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. He worked as a fireman last summer on a Nantasket Line steamer and resumed this work again this summer as soon as his school year was completed.

HENRY E. HALLMAN, '31 recently wrote from San Jose, California, where he is a student in high school. He thoroughly enjoys his experiences, and especially his school life. His home is at 4 Rutland Avenue, San Jose, California.

DARWIN CHAPDELAINE, '31, was a member of the graduating class at Newton High School. He has not decided upon what he will do next year. His address is 375 Newtonville Avenue, Newtonville, Mass.

This little poem was written by a graduate who calls himself Teddy '94. It will undoubtedly strike a responsive chord in the heart of every graduate.

The Old Elm

Remember it?—

Like a silent sentinel standing,
With arms pointing all around,
Guard has it stood these many years
On sacred memory ground.

Remember it?—

Light-hearted playful boys have grown
To men of serious thought,
Time—its magic change has made
On all but this old spot.

Remember it?—

When the evening shadows steal,
Through its branches sturdy and strong,
And the sea-winds begin to whistle,
We catch this soft and solemn song.

Remember it?
—Teddie '94

Written at Brockton, Mass.
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The Alumni Editor would appreciate information about any Alumnus.



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Cottage Row Election

Cottage Row Government held an election on Thursday, August 17. These are held every three months and an entire new staff of officers is elected, excepting the Judges, who hold their office until they graduate.

There is first held what is known as a Caucus. The purpose of this is to appoint three committees, namely, the Mayors, Citizens, and Non-Shareholders Committee. These committees nominate candidates for the government election, and nominees of these three parties only may run, except that independent candidates may be on the ballot if they secure enough signatures on the nomination papers.

The Australian ballot system, where each voter marks his ballot in secrecy, is used. The ballots are printed in our printing office, and in addition to bearing the names of the candidates also have the names of the nominating committees.

The Mayor is in charge of the election, and the police see that order is maintained. Tellers are appointed, who furnish necessary materials. The shareholders vote first, and then the nonshareholders. The vote is split in this way, as those who do not own property are not

permitted to vote for Assessor.

After the election the tellers record the total vote cast, ballots improperly marked, and list the names of the winning candidates. In a day or two the officers are sworn in office, and the new staff is in power.

Lloyd R. Morrison I

Erecting the Corn Cutter

One day, not long ago, I was told to put a pair of traces on Jerry, our faithful old white horse, and bring the corn cutter from the old barn. The cutter was placed beside the silo and a platform built. The cutter was placed on the platform and the blower set up. The pipe, through which the corn is blown to the top of the silo, was put together and hung in place. The switchboard and motor were next installed, and the cutter was ready for use.

The machine is formed of an endless wooden table, upon which the corn stalks are fed into the cutter. The stalks are cut into fine pieces and blown up the pipe.

The corn falls into the silo from the top and is being continually tramped on to prevent air spaces.

Silage is a very important winter food for our dairy cattle.

Harvey H. Davis II

About Cottage Row

Cottage Row Government is one of the major activities here. Each cottage consists of twelve shares, which are bought and sold by the boys. One can own as many shares as he can afford to. Each share is taxed three cents each term, which pays the expenses of the Government. Nearly all the boys own in a cottage.

Every three months a quarterly election is held and the government changes hands. A mayor, five aldermen, treasurer, and assessor are elected. The mayor appoints a police staff, clerk, street commissioner, librarian and janitor.

About once a month a session of both Lower and Superior Courts are held. The judges are elected once each year ordinarily, and the district attorney is appointed by the Board of Aldermen. Cases are tried for such offenses as trespassing, disorderly conduct on Sunday and so forth. Any Lower Court verdict may be appealed, but there is no appeal from Superior Court decisions.

Cottage Row sponsors various kinds of social events, such as dances, parties, and beach suppers. The government is very active the entire year, although the cottages are closed during the winter months.

William S. Wilson I

A Corn Roast

This year we had a fine crop of corn and the possibility of having a corn roast was discussed. The First Class secured permission to hold one, and invited the Instructors and the members of the second class.

During the afternoon tables were set up and fires made ready, so that at six o'clock everything was ready. Several bushels of corn were used, together with frankforts, rolls, bacon, tonic, ice cream and cookies.

Some of the boys had hard work to roast their corn but everyone finally had good results.

Harold W. Howley I

Early Winter Preparations

During the past two weeks we have been getting the silo and root cellar ready to store this summer's crops. The silo was cleaned out thoroughly and is ready for a new crop now. The root cellar has been put into shape so that the potatoes and other vegetables can be stored there as soon as they are harvested.

Manure has been spread on two large pieces.

We have a very good crop this year and will be well supplied for the winter.

Franklin M. Pierce II

Algebra Tests

We have recently commenced taking tests in Algebra which are given in small booklets. The time limit on each test is eight minutes, and the number of problems varies. The first test had sixty-six problems, the second forty-eight. There are fifty-two tests in all. Five trials are allowed for each test, and the work must be above passing before the next test can be taken. They are marked X for excellent, Y for good and Z for passing. The tests help us, and the boys like to do them.

Edward E. Andrew II

Learning to Play a Trombone

Last Friends' Day my mother brought me a trombone. The next day was Saturday so I had plenty of time to practice. I learned to play some notes.

I practice whenever I have any spare time. Some day I hope to be in the regular band. I am glad I have the opportunity to be at the school and learn to play band music.

Robert J. English VI

Watching Boats in the Harbor

From the playground we have a fine view of the harbor and can easily see the ships going in and out.

Last Sunday another boy and I made believe we were Coast Guardsmen. We had our field glasses and watched the different boats. Some were steamships, others freight boats, and many were pleasure boats going back and forth. I think it is very interesting to live near the water.

Eugene Proctor VI

My Hobby

My hobby is collecting stamps and I specialize in those of the United States. I have over two hundred different ones, and the total issued by the country is five thousand. When collecting stamps great care should be taken, or time will be lost. The perforation must be complete, the color must be true and some very small characteristics of each stamp must be watched for.

Stamps are usually worth more if the printing is upside down, or some other error made. The older a stamp, the more valuable. The most valuable are issues of just a few stamps, which after a time, become quite rare.

Robert H. Young II

Painting the Farm House

The farm house is situated near the south end of the Island, and is used by the Head Farm Instructor and his family.

As soon as our boat work is completed another boy and I go to the farmhouse to help paint. We scrape the old paint from the building before painting. The blinds are being painted green, and the house white.

We hope the house looks good when we have finished painting it.

John R. Macdonald II

Cleaning a School Room

Every afternoon I go to one of the school rooms and put it in order. I sweep the floor, wash the blackboards, and dust all the desks and other furniture in the room. Then I empty the waste basket, and close the windows if it is stormy.

I try to do the work well, and leave everything in order.

Vernon W. Smith V

The Jester's Comments

—Georgie Zurline is quite careful not to arouse the ire of the local politicians. He hunted for the Mayor and found him deeply engrossed in a trombone symphony. Georgie waited patiently while his honor the Mayor waded through the long composition. Finally the Mayor directed his attention to the spectator and Georgie inquired in a wee small voice "May I go on Cottage Row?" Mayor Wilson pondered the weighty question and then voiced his consent.

—Henry Stanley misunderstood the use of silage. While milking he suggested that cows be given no more silage so that they wouldn't produce sour milk.

—Willie Fish has a way with animals and can make friends with any of them. But that busybody of all creatures, the bee, has definitely refused any and all friendships with Willie. In fact the bees have proved artful enemies. Ask Willie about the bee stings he received. Although he laughs about them now, they were nothing to smile over when first acquired. In fact the smiling business was well-nigh impossible.

—Walter Nelson was sitting in the washroom when the Bandmaster walked through. The latter spoke to the boy and later was surprised to learn that Nelson was not Bertha Bent's little brother.

The boys are invited and urged to contribute to this column.

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Past Superintendents

A series of seven articles is beginning in this issue of the BEACON consisting of thumb-nail biographical sketches of the past superintendents of The Farm and Trades School. These seven superintendents cover the period from 1833 when the school began its work on Thompson's Island up to the present superintendency.

These condensed but very complete and accurate biographies are being written by William Alcott, Librarian of the Boston Globe, a graduate of the school in 1884. Mr. Alcott is using every available source and devoting a considerable amount of time and effort in order that these biographies may become authentic records of the lives of those great men.

It is especially interesting to note that the Board of Managers, always composed of outstanding men, has kept the school up to the highest standards of the time and selected the resident chief executive according to the important trend of National development of the time. For instance, the history of this Country, and particularly of Boston, shows that in 1833 when the first superintendent was appointed, there was a decided trend towards a new religious spirit, a real move to apply the spirit of the Golden Rule. The superintendent of our school was one of the recognized leaders in this movement.

The photographs of the eight superintendents of the school during its one hundred years on Thompson's Island have been collected and presented to the school by the Alumni Association. The time and research skill required to gather these photographs which cover a period of one hundred years can only be appreciated by a historian or geneologist. This work was accomplished by William Alcott '84, Merton P. Ellis '99, and Howard F. Lochrie '16.

Superintendents of The Farm and Trades School I.

Rev. Eleazer Mather Porter Wells

By William Alcott, '84



Rev. E. M. P. Wells 1833

The first Superintendent of The Farm and Trades School was the Rev. Eleazer Mather Porter Wells, an Episcopal minister, and he was also the projector of the school. He had the vision of a private school for worthy boys (as distinguished from delinquent boys), and he interested others in the project, helped raise the funds, selected beautiful Thompson's Island for the site and negotiated for it. On Easter Monday, April 8, 1833, he took formal possession of it for a Farm School, and the record shows that he began the great project with a group of four boys by holding prayers in the farm house, and by planting a mulberry tree and some potatoes. Six months later, after daily journeys to the city to buy household supplies, farm equipment and stock, boats and building material, hiring mechanics and laborers. he retired, and on October 26, 1833, he wrote in the school journal, this brief valedictory: "God bless the Farm School and make it what its benevolent originators intend it. E. M. P. Wells."

Mr. Wells was born in Hartford, Conn., August 3, 1793. At the age of 12 he lost his father and was apprenticed to a tailor. He served in the War of 1812. He entered Phillips Andover Academy in 1815, and two years later entered Brown

University, which later honored him with the degree of Master of Arts.

Three facts in the life of Mr. Wells prepared him for the Farm School project. First was his own experience as an orphan; second was his ministerial training; third, was his position as manager of the House of Reformation for Juvenile Offenders, which he held just prior to his work with the Farm School, in which he discovered the absence of anything in the social order in Boston or vicinity for aiding the worthy or non-delinquent boy.

Upon leaving the Farm School he returned to his vocation of teaching and preaching. He reopened St. Matthew's Church in South Boston, and established the School for Moral Discipline, whose object was to restore the estranged or misunderstood son to his parent. In 1843 he was elected the first city missionary of the Episcopal City Mission of Boston, and for three decades he carried on a remarkable work, until the Boston fire of 1872 destroyed the mission chapel and mission house. Then he resigned, but continued to live at the new mission house until he died on December 1, 1878, in his 86th year. His death created profound grief in all walks of life. His funeral was one of the largest ever held in Boston. Within three weeks a meeting, called by the Bishop of the diocese, voted that a memorial should be erected for him. The great institution at 987 Washington street, Boston, Wells Memorial for Workingmen, is that memorial. But The Farm and Trades School is also another. Phillips Brooks wrote of him: "He was a remarkable man, with a genius for charity, and a childlike love for God."

Topics in Brief

With the commencement of the summer term of school, our weekly Grade Readings were resumed. These are held Monday evening, and are about an hour in length. Announcements and remarks are given for the week, and special attention directed to the phase of school work as needed. An entertainment is prepared and given by one of the six classes, the schedule being arranged so that every boy has an opportunity to participate. The band contributes its part by playing a short concert. Ordinarily two songs are sung, one at the beginning and another at the closing of the exercises.

Our steam boiler in the Power House was shut down on August 30, so that necessary preparations could be made to get the boiler ready for inspection. The same work was done on the steamer boiler. Both were inspected on September 2, and found to be in good condition. The boiler in the Power House was in operation later that day. The steamer, which had had her engine and pumps overhauled, was taken for a trial run in the afternoon which proved successful.

Cottage Row Government held its quarterly election recently. William S. Wilson was elected Mayor. A board of aldermen, five in number were elected, as were a treasurer and assessor. The Government also held a Lower Court trial recently. Leonard O. Pierce is the Judge.

The major sport during the month was baseball. Three second team games were played, and four first team games. Club A has won the championship, and thus earned the Shield given by Manager S. V. R. Crosby. Tennis proved a close

second in popularity and the two tournaments have been nearly completed. The Junior tournament was won by William DeLorie, and the finals of the Senior tournament will be played soon between Arthur Pickard and Harold DeLorie.

The most important improvement now being undertaken is the painting of the farmhouse, which task is nearing completion.

A new steam cooker has been purchased and installed in our kitchen. The old one was of no further use, and has been destroyed.

The Fourth Friends' Day was held on August 25.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, August 1843

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Rec'd a visit from Mr. Shillaber and lady of Portsmouth, N. H. and Mr. Baker and family of Dorchester. Wm. E. Remick and Jeremiah C. Soule of Boston admitted.

9. Moses Grant, B. A. Gould, and Mr. Brackett of the Board of Managers, Rev. Mr. Lovejoy of Cambridgeport, George Gardener North of Roxbury, and about forty others visited the island in the steamboat Gen. Lincoln. The school was addressed by Messrs. Grant, Gould and Lovejoy and by Mr. North who was formerly a pupil of the school. Chas. M. Fogg, lady and friend and Jer. Lynch from Braintree also visited the Island.

29. Moses Grant, Esq. and lady made a visit to the island.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, August 1883

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Another fine day. Got in two loads of hay, hoed crops, etc. Plowed on marsh. Mr. Chapman on wharf and

other various jobs with me. Had another tube put in steamer's boiler. Two painters here, and two carpenters also on instrument cupboard. Received calls from graduates Lewis, Graham, and Keyes this evening.

3. A lovely day, and also "Friends' Day". Mr. Gardner the only manager present. The band played well and all seemed satisfied. Chas. S. Murray came to visit us. Several graduates were present to-day. Two painters here. A lighter came at 12:30 with 100 tons of coal for our own use,—commenced to unload after dinner and took out a large share of the coal.

14. Mr. J. R. Morse went over to see the Executive Committee. Willie Morse took charge of the boys. On the return of Mr. J. R. Willie went to city with the boat for supplies. Mr. Latimar came at night. Mr. Stockbridge left for W. Medford. Miss Belding went over in P.M. The Sup't sat up for a while this P.M.

Repairing the Steamer

Every year Mr. Charles Russell, one of our graduates, comes to the School and repairs whatever is necessary on the steamer engine, boiler and pumps. Most of this work was done recently.

First we took the stack off the boat, punched the tubes, and scraped the top of the boiler. We then removed the grate bars, painted the fire box with red lead, and put the grate bars back.

We then worked on the feed pump. The valves were all replaced and set. The old packing was removed and replaced by new. The circulating pump was next overhauled. The slide valve was refaced and new packing used where needed.

The head of the condenser was then removed and the inside cleaned. It was

then given a coat of red lead and the head put on.

The work on the engine has just been started. The cylinder heads were removed and the pistons cleaned. Some of the valves were ground and repacked. A new bonnet and spindle was replaced in the throttle.

Everett A. Smith II

A Peanut Scramble

One Sunday afternoon when we were swimming Mr. Meacham brought down a large bag of peanuts. He scrambled them, and some got more than others, but everyone got some. Then he took them to the beach where some of the boys were just learning to swim. We all had a happy time trying to get them.

Edward L. Very II

Weeding Onions

One Saturday morning the Supervisor told me to report to the farm. The Instructor there told me to go with the other boys and weed onions. We worked there until eleven o'clock. There were plenty of weeds to pull and the garden looked much better.

Arthur M. Hammond VI

Poultry Work

During the past three weeks we have been cleaning the poultry house. We are washing the setting pens, nest boxes and feeders. After everything is dry we spray to kill germs. I work in the morning. Two other boys work with me.

Raymond M. Bean V

August Meteorology

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We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Henry (Clara) Fox, on July 26. To Chief Henry A. Fox, '79, of the Boston Fire Department, we extend our sympathy.

Our editorial page contains an article pertaining to the work of the Association in securing pictures of former superintendents. Robert Morrison, Superintendent of the School from 1841 to 1856, was formerly Mayor of Portsmouth, N.H. and his picture discovered in the City Hall of that city. The photograph has been unidentified for years until our research made identification positive.

WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, was recently elected a director of the American Congregational Association.

CYRUS W. DURGIN, '21, who has been for some years employed by the Boston Globe, recently was visited by KENNETH E. KEARNS, '24, and took the latter on a tour of the newspaper plant. Mr. Durgin has been promoted gradually until he is now assistant dramatic editor with the Globe. Mr. Kearns, a University of New Hampshire student, has recently been appointed college correspondent of the Manchester, N. H. Union.

HOWARD E. KEITH, '24, has been appointed Scoutmaster of the Boy Scout Troop of Wolfeboro, N. H. He has made a fine record in that town in his work with boys, having assisted with the organization of the Scout Drum and Bugle Corp, which has many prizes to its credit. He is an automobile mechanic. He has one child Howard, Jr.

EDWARD L. FLOYD, '25, and his brother FRANCIS E. FLOYD, '27, are members of a travelling orchestra, and have toured New England during the summer.

WILLIAM M. HALL, '27, was appointed this summer to a permanent place in the Medford City Band, one of the fine professional bands of Greater Boston. He is a featured member of a small brass ensemble.

WILLIAM E. NELSON, '31, is employed by a directory publishing concern. His address is 134 Walnut Street, Neponset, Mass.

JOHN D. MACGREGOR, '31, writes interesting accounts of his work with the Matson Navigation Company of San Francisco, Cal. He has recently been given a more important position on the S. S. Monterey, where he works in the engine room.

FREDERICK S. VERY, '33, and RICHARD W. CROWLEY, '33, are at the School. The former assisted on our farm during the summer, and will leave soon to enter the Mechanic Arts (Boston) High School.

New addresses of graduates—

William G. Beadle, '12, 497 North Street, Randolph.

Carl A. Carlson, '28, 63 Euston Road, Brighton.

Kenneth L. Drown, '22, 6 Dillaway Street, Boston.

Thomas G. McCarragher, '07, 51 Concord Avenue, Belmont.

Leland B. Watson, '10, P. O. Box 188, Holden, Mass.



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Activities of the Brass Quartet

There are two brass quartets in the School, known as the Senior and the Junior. The Junior Quartet consists of two trumpets, trombone and baritone, while the Senior consists of two trumpets, alto horn and baritone.

On September 13 the Senior Quartet was invited to play at a meeting of the Boston Rotary Club. The members of the quartet, being happy to have such an opportunity, practiced diligently and learned a variety of compositions. When the day came everything was ready and the quartet left the Island and went to the Hotel Statler where they were met by Mr. Meacham.

When the Rotarians assembled and began their lunch the quartet commenced its program. Each piece was well played, and a total of nine compositions was given. Following the concert the quartet was shown to a table where a splendid dinner was served.

In the afternoon Mr. Meacham invited the boys to the Metropolitan theatre, where they saw a very fine show.

The quartet wishes to thank all those who made this fine trip possible. The members are:

Harold F. Bent
Arthur H. Pickard
William L. Littlejohn
Franklin M. Pierce

Arthur H. Pickard I

Repairing the Tide Gates

There are three tide gates on the Island, which control the water on the low fields near the beach. In the winter these fields are flooded for skating, while in the summer they are as dry as possible so as to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

The mosquito inspector usually tends to the tide gates, but as repairs were necessary I was given the job. This was because I work in the shop and the shop boys were to make repairs. After operating the gates for a few days we finally discovered the trouble and set about to remedy it. We were then interrupted by a group of state workers who came to the Island to assist in the state-wide mosquito prevention work.

We finally found a time when we could get to work on the job. We made three new guide boards which helped very much.

Before we could finish the job several rainy days interrupted the work. Now we have got the lands drained so that we are ready to go on with the task.

Clayton E. Cheever I

Preparations for Boiler Inspection

Last Wednesday the chief engineer told me to haul the fire from the boiler, instead of banking it. This was the first step in making the boiler ready for the

inspector. I then filled the boiler with cold water, and left the drafts open. Next morning the boiler was blown down, which means that the water was drained from it. The combustion chamber was cleaned, also the ash pit and fire box. The man hole covers were removed and we went inside the boiler and scraped the tubes, and the shell of the boiler. The flue leading to the chimney was cleared, and some valves and pipes repaired. When the inspector came everything was ready for him and he said the boiler was in good condition.

John E. Magee I

A Visit of the Sea Scouts

On September 30, a group of Sea Scouts came to the Island, so that they might hold competitions in the work they had studied this summer. They came in four motor boats, and brought friends.

All kinds of events were held on and near the wharf. Inspection of the boats and the equipment followed. After this the group went to our gymnasium, where they had lunch. Our Band played a concert which they all enjoyed.

Henry M. Stanley, Jr. I

Herding Cows

On Saturdays at three-thirty, I usually help bring the cows in from the pasture. After that I help clean the barn and feed the cows. I like this work very much. When I am older I hope to work on the farm all the time.

George G. Cline V

Tennis

The tennis season has been very successful this year. The important parts were the two tournaments, which were called Senior and Junior. Those in the Senior tournament were the older and more skilled players, while the younger boys played in the Junior one. There is a prize offered the winner in each tournament by Mr. Walston one of our teachers,

who organized the meets.

We have a very fine court and we take good care of it. It is constantly in use, and nearly all the boys and most of the instructors like to play.

Harold B. DeLorie II

My Work

I go to the dining room about a half hour before breakfast, and help get the breakfast on the tables. After breakfast I help clear the tables, wash the dishes, sweep the floor and do other kinds of cleaning.

Irvin L. Harrington V

My New Work

I was recently promoted to the job of being an engineer on the steamer. I had been a deckhand for about nine months, and hoped I might become engineer after awhile. I was assistant to the chief engineer for some time, in which I learned a great deal about the engine. Now I am morning engineer, and hope to learn much about this very interesting work.

Everett A. Smith II

Football Practice

One afternoon this week the kitchen and dining room boys decided to have a game of football. This was the first game of the season. Later when the classes came from school another game was played. Very soon the club teams will be organized into a School team squad.

Theodore R. Millett VI

Afternoon Dormitory Work

This year my work is in the dormitory. I go there every afternoon. As I am the only afternoon boy I learn how to do all kinds of cleaning work. I help clean the Instructors' rooms, sweep and wash stairways and clean the halls.

Herbert F. Blanchard VI

Garden Prizes

Each year the boys compete in planning and caring for a flower garden. At the close of the season Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby gives \$25.00 to be given to those who attained the best results.

In addition to the prizes given by Mrs. Crosby, another small gift made possible several extra prizes, and a total of twenty-one prizes was given.

I am very much interested in gardens, and won tenth prize this year. Next year I hope to get a higher one.

Those who won the Grew Garden Prizes were:

Raymond M. Bean
David F. Hills
Harold B. DeLorie
Francis D. McAuliffe
Elvin C. Bean
Franklin M. Pierce
Carl E. Harden
Myron A. Pratt
William S. Wilson
Roy M. Dole

Additional prizes:

Horace E. Fader
Theodore R. Millett
William C. Burns
Harold F. Bent
Lewis C. Goodwin
William C. Parsons
Orlando M. Murphy
Harvey H. Davis
John R. Macdonald
William D. DeLorie
Weston O. Page

We are all very grateful to Mrs. Crosby for her kindness.

Roy M. Dole II

Early Morning Work

The kitchen boys take turns in getting up early. Last week it was my turn. The Night Supervisor called me at five o'clock, and I went to the kitchen. The first thing I did was to tidy the tables, and take the ashes from the stove. After I wheel the ashes from the kitchen I make everything

tidy so that we can start getting breakfast when the Instructor and other boys come.
George A. Krebs, Jr. V

Farm Work

Each morning the farm boys are given different work. Some mornings I have various chores to do, other mornings I weed in the gardens. I usually help bring milk to the house. I enjoy all the farm work. Later I hope I may be able to study Agriculture and get a diploma. I should also like to be a test milker.

Raymond A. Hadfield V

The Jester's Comments

—A young man in college had tried various ways to have his allowance increased. Finally he sent a short note as follows: "No mon, no fun, your son." A few days later the reply arrived. It said: "You're sad, too bad, your dad."

—In attempting to prevent the use of the slang word "geeser" the instructor questioned a small boy about it. The boy answered: "The only one I ever heard about was that Roman one, Julius Geeser."

—Teacher: "Really, your handwriting is quite terrible. You will have to write more plainly."

Boy: "Well, if I did then you would find fault with my spelling."

—Soprano: "Did you notice how my voice filled the auditorium last night?"

Contralto: "Yes, I did. Several people left to make room for it."

—Johnny "You have a kind face."

Babby "You bet."

Johnny "Yes, a funny kind."

—McAuliffe makes his spare moments count. He may perchance develop into a radio announcer. Imagine the surprise the boat boys were given when they found him talking at an old tennis racket, and using, apparently at least, the latest method in radio technique, including television procedure.

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The Farm and Trades School is a private school for worthy boys of limited means, and for boys whose friends cannot well provide a suitable home and proper education for them.

In order to be admitted a boy must not be less than ten nor more than fourteen years of age, and must be not lower than the sixth grade, and of good moral character, in fair physical condition, and well recommended.

Our course of study covers a six year period. While most graduates must go at once into the world to provide for themselves, and, in many instances, for a widowed mother, a small percentage enter higher schools and a few attend college; yet for the majority our course provides an education and training that will fit them to live, in the elementary sense of the word, and gives each boy such training as will enable him to take a place in the world to his own advantage, and for the welfare of society; and starts him with a sound body and a wholesome view of life.

It is a broad education, considering the time spent, and a training in industry that will make him responsible, efficient, and an actively intelligent, upright citizen.

Our academic curriculum consists of the usual studies from the sixth grade through the second year of high school with complete courses in theoretical and practical agriculture.

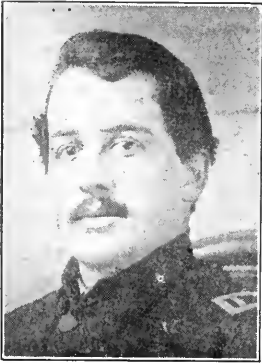
The practical lessons in government, politics, and business forms, are given in Cottage Row, a miniature city government with its play cottages and various departments, modeled on actual forms. The School Bank and Trading Company teach thrift, economy, and the routine of banking and business methods. Other subjects are meteorology, sloyd, blacksmithing, machine-work, stationary and marine engineering, boating, printing, and music,

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Superintendents of The Farm and Trades School II.

Captain Daniel Chandler

By William Alcott, '84



Daniel Chandler 1833-39

The second Superintendent of the Farm School was Captain Daniel Chandler, of Lexington. He assumed office on Oct. 26, 1833, and served until April 1, 1839, a period of five and a half years. His first task

was to complete the great buildings already under construction and to organize the school for its first winter on Thompson's Island. Under his superintendency occurred some of the fundamental changes in the school. The Legislature of 1834 transferred Thompson's Island from Dorchester in Norfolk County, to Boston in Suffolk. The next year the Legislature united the Farm School with the Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys, which had been established in 1814, and in June the 51 boys of the Boston Asylum were transferred to Thompson's Island. During most of the term of Mr. Chandler as superintendent, the president of the Board of Managers was the Hon. Samuel Torrey Armstrong who was Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts from 1833-5, acting Governor in the latter part of 1835, and Mayor of Boston in 1836.

Captain Chandler was born in Lexington, October 17, 1788, and was the oldest of all those who have assumed the superintendency. He was 45. His family was one of the most prominent in Lexington. Both his father and grandfather

were on Lexington Green on April 19, 1775, when the British, firing upon the farmers, caused the first bloodshed of the Revolution. Members of the family served in many town offices and in the Legislature, and gave a number to the ministry.

Captain Chandler joined the Marine Corps early in 1812, and at the outbreak of war with England in the following June he transferred to the army. In August, 1813, he marched to the frontier on the Canadian border in New York State, and passed the following winter at French's Mills. The next year he was at Plattsburgh. While on a hunting excursion he was accidentally wounded by gunshot and was sent home for recruiting service. Subsequently he was appointed lieutenant, but he was always known as "Captain".

In 1833 he was appointed superintendent of the Farm School. His efficiency attracted the attention of the managers of the municipal institutions at South Boston, who secured his appointment as superintendent of the House of Industry at a substantial increase in salary. This position he filled with distinguished ability until his death from typhus fever, contracted from inmates in the institution, on June 16, 1847. His body lies in Lexington cemetery. He was married to Susannah Downing of Lexington on May 19, 1817, and eight children were born to them, the youngest of whom, John Gorham Chandler, was a graduate of West Point, served throughout the Civil War and died in 1894 a brigadier general. Captain Chandler was about to move his family into a new house on Massachusetts avenue, Lexington, which is still standing, when death intervened.

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which includes the brass band.

We do not specialize, as the term is generally understood, and we complete no trade; neither do we give prominence to any department, unless it be the farm. The nation would be more prosperous, happier, and better, if every boy had some definite knowledge of the processes of nature; if he appreciated the dignity and beauty of a life spent in close contact with the soil, and if he realized the importance of the superior opportunities offered by agriculture and what it offers for final and permanent success.

The wide range of part-time work with practical applications broadens the boy, teaches him to live effectively, gives him opportunities for finding himself, and for developing individual tastes and talents; while it furnishes outlets for all kinds of activity. We seldom find the boy whose energies cannot be directed into some of the channels provided. Those who go to farms are prepared to take up the work with understanding, and advance rapidly. In the case of boys who go to the city, into offices, machine shops, or other pursuits, this training not only broadens their outlook upon life and offers them numberless avocations, but it is of actual value in whatever occupation they may follow.

We have endeavored to build up an education for the American boy. We believe in making the most of the aesthetic, ethical, and cultural values. We believe also that utilitarian values are too often overlooked or obscured. Boys of twelve to sixteen are quick to appreciate and apply whatever appeals to them as practical. We believe in a training that will give the boy a broader grasp in the theory of life than a wholly concrete training can do. To this end we direct his activities along the lines here suggested, feeling confident that the results are right

habits, skill, efficiency, responsibility, and power to meet the problems of life.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above editorial, with minor changes to bring it up to date, is reprinted from the BEACON of August 1913.

Topics in Brief

The Brass Quartette played at the meeting of Boston Rotary Club on September 13. The event was held in the Hotel Statler.

The last Friends' Day was held on September 22. The day was ideal, and the boys and their friends made the most of the occasion.

The football season is with us once more, and the club teams have begun their schedule. Practice has been held in order to organize a school squad.

Rain caused the postponement of the activities scheduled for Labor Day, and the boys celebrated by several indoor contests.

Malcolm E. Cameron, '19 presented an entertainment of modern magic on September 19. His program provided many mystifying feats, all of them presented in a most entertaining manner. The evening was most enjoyable.

The Grew Garden prizes, given by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby were awarded on September 18. A total of 21 prizes was awarded.

Commodore E. Seymour Clark, Jr., brought a detachment of Sea Scouts to the Island on September 30. The Scouts held competition of various kinds to show their friends what had been accomplished during the summer months. Following the program the Scouts and their friends

assembled in the Gymnasium for luncheon and a concert by our band.

An aquarium, for use in the Biology and Science courses has been made in our shop, and will be put in use with the beginning of the fall term of school.

A program on etiquette, good and bad, was presented in a most interesting manner by the Second Class at Grade Reading on September 25.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Sep't. 1883
As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Visiting day. Pres. Lyman and Mr. Dexter of the Board present. Allowed Doucette and Carney to go and visit their friends. Arthur Russell to go with his mother to see a Doctor for his knee which is swollen much.

3. A windy uncomfortable day. Sent the boat over early to carry Ruih to school and to get a plumber, who came to fix the pump in the boys' play room. Were visited by F. A. Adams of N. Y. City.

4. Miss Belding returned to-day from her vacation of three weeks. One more due her.

6. The Supt. and wife leave to-day for a three weeks vacation order by the Managers, and will pass the time in Framingham.

27. Returned from vacation. Found all right.

28. Went to city to look after matters generally.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Sep't. 1843
As Kept by the Superintendent

3. Received a visit from Samuel E. Brackett of the Board of Managers, also Mr. Weston of Newton and Mr. Weston of Boston; the latter gentleman conducting the religious services of the Sabbath. Received a visit yesterday (Saturday) from Hon. Theodore Lyman, President of the

institution.

7. Messrs. Grant, Gould, Dixwell, Bird and Brackett of the Board of Managers and about one hundred and fifty others visited the island in the steamboat Gen. Lincoln. The school and audience were addressed by Rev. Mr. Denison, editor of the Sheet Anchor.

18. The Superintendent, Teacher, and fifty boys went to the city by way of South Boston. They visited the museum, city hall, and Merchants' Exchange where they were introduced to the Mayor. They, afterwards, visited the historical painting of the Pilgrims at Faneuil Hall, partook of a collation at Deacon Grant's and returned to the island by steamboat Gen. Lincoln, highly delighted with the excursion.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, Sept. 30, 1933.

RESOURCES	
Savings Bank	\$596.40
Securities	500.00
Cash	65.71
	\$1162.11
LIABILITIES	
Boys' Deposits	\$259.93
Trading Co. Deposits	523.51
Cottage Row Deposits	67.75
Photo Company Deposits	31.20
Surplus	279.72
	\$1162.11

September Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 86° on the twenty-seventh.

Minimum Temperature 47° on the twelfth.

Mean Temperature for the month 66°.

Seven clear days, eleven partly cloudy and twelve cloudy.

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"Mal" Cameron's Entertainment

On Tuesday September 19, Malcolm H. Cameron, '19 came to the School and presented a program of modern magic. The boys had been informed of the entertainment and expected a fine show. We are glad to say that Mr. Cameron did not disappoint them. On the contrary, his magic was far superior to any that the boys had hoped for, and the event proved to be the outstanding piece of professional entertainment offered at the school in years.

Although the entire performance was most enjoyable, there were some especially humorous incidents. Outstanding was the trick of pumping water from a boy's elbow. A lad was asked to drink a tumbler of water, and when one-half was consumed he became fearful that the liquid possessed mysterious qualities, and an instructor was called to consume the balance. Another boy was called to push the drinker's arm, much in the manner of the town pump. The consumed water ran from the opposite elbow through a funnel into the glass.

A very clever skit called "The World's Laziest Magician" was performed with the aid of a phonograph record and two of the instructors. A clever bit of patter was held between the magician and the recorded voice, which included a card trick which was done merely by following instructions, much to the surprise of the instructors who were assisting.

A unique method of making an angel cake was next demonstrated. Mr. Cameron put cotton batton and kerosene in a metal container, together with necessary flavors, touched a match, covered the flames, removed the cover and out jumped a live

rabbit. It was then put in a box where it was to lay an egg. The rabbit then mysteriously disappeared from the box, and no one, excepting the magician yet knows when or where it disappeared.

The entertainment lasted about an hour and a quarter, and was intensely enjoyed and greatly appreciated by everyone. Perhaps the real reason for the marked success of his show is the fact that Mr. Cameron insists that his magic must possess an entertaining quality, with particular stress placed upon humor.

ALLAN B. SCOTT, '30, who has been working on our farm during the past three years left the School on September 30. He is enrolled at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, a division of the State College, and began his studies there immediately after leaving here.

HENRY M. CASWELL, '31, having graduated from Topsfield High School last June is now enrolled as a freshman at Northeastern University. He visited us recently.

CHESTER W. BUCHAN, '23, has recently entered the employ of the Metropolitan Theatre.

CECIL A. MORSE, '28, has finished an enlistment period in the U. S. Army. He spent a recent weekend visiting the School.

ROGER L. HOLTON, '30, after having been with the C. C. C. is now doing orchestra work in Bennington, Vermont. He visited the School not long ago. His address is 303 Pleasant Street, Bennington, Vermont.



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Our Hallowe'en Party

Every Hallowe'en party is eagerly anticipated by the boys because it is an entertainment which differs from any other, and has a large variety of games and stunts.

This year our party started about half-past seven with a ghost walk. This was given by the First Class. It consisted of taking the boys through the barns, fields and other places where many surprises awaited them.

Following the Ghost Walk we cleaned up and went to the Gym, where the rest of the party took place.

First on the program was the Costume Parade, which was very good. Following this an entertainment took place, which was made up of poems and skits.

Next on the program came the visiting of the boys to the various booths for stunts and refreshments. Everyone was given tickets of admission. The stunts included ducking for marshmallows, flying doughnuts, paper fight, airplane ride, bobbing for apples, hitting the bottle, Drs. Jeckyl and Hyde, hitting the gong, throwing the dart, and fortune-telling. The refreshments included Pie, Cider, Apples, Pickles, Doughnuts and Cheese.

We went to bed about eleven o'clock and feel very thankful to those who arranged such a good time.

Edward F. West I

Hallowe'en Stunts

Every Hallowe'en stunts are arranged by the instructors on the stunt committee.

Ducking for marshmallows and bobbing for apples are used each year. In ducking for marshmallows one ducks in a pan of flour, getting marshmallows without using his hands. In bobbing for apples one ducks in a deep pan of water getting an apple without using his hands.

Hitting the bottle is done by dropping three clothes pins into a milk bottle, while resting your hand on the back of a chair.

Hitting the gong is done by throwing an indoor baseball at a stand having a drawing of a face on it. A hole was cut in the front. One could have five throws to try and hit the gong behind the hole.

Drs. Jeckyl and Hyde, took place in a small booth and was for the purpose of adding mystery to the party.

Flying doughnuts, another common stunt, was eating a doughnut tied to a string.

The airplane ride was done by blindfolding the victim and leading him over benches and bumping into people and things around the hall.

To do the paper fight two boys were blindfolded and hit each other with paper using only one hand.

Every boy had a ticket for each stunt and hurried busily from one to another.

Carl E. Harden I

The Ghost Walk

On Hallowe'en Eve the Senior Class arranged a Ghost Walk and then invited the rest of the school to join. A boy from the second class was appointed leader and instructed where to go. The Walk started from the Printing Office and continued down the back road. Seniors were located at different points with bags of leaves ready to pounce on the walkers. The boys went through the pig pens and upon leaving were greeted by an electric shocking machine. They were led around the small pasture, where puddles of water were inconveniently located, and into the storage barn. They were next led into the hay barn where, in addition to many obstacles, were located many Seniors with bags of leaves, ready to speed up the procession where needed. At the further end of the barn the walkers were greeted with another electric shock. Down the steep incline the parade continued, and a rope was met with, which most of the boys wished they had never seen. When all had reached the foot of the incline they continued up the avenue to the main building. All agreed that the ghost walk was greatly enjoyed.

Thomas E. Killeen I

The Costume Parade

The Costume Parade has always been a feature of our Hallowe'en parties. This year it was exceptionally fine.

The Parade came directly after the ghost walk. Everyone was assembled in the Gymnasium and each boy in costume was announced, as he came up the stairs and paraded before the boys. When the parade was completed the audience chose those who had the best costumes by applause.

Those in costume included a clown, a group of three "The Spirit of '76", John Alden and Priscilla, an Indian, Robinson

Crusoe and Friday, Daniel Boone, and a group of three, the "World War Group." Well-known trademarks were represented, including Firestone, Cream of Wheat, Palmolive Soap Girls, Wrigley's Gum, Old Dutch Cleanser, and the Texaco Fire Chief.

Prizes were awarded to Hartley Kenvin, William Fish, John Macdonald, Theodore Millett, Hollis Gould and Robert Young.

William W. Fish I

Cleaning the Barn

We have just finished giving the cattle barn a good cleaning. It looks very well, almost as good as though it had just been painted.

After driving the cows into the barnyard we cleaned the litter and bedding from the pens, floor and drains. The ceiling and walls were then washed with a hose, and scrubbed with brooms. After a good rinsing we scrubbed again, and then rinsed once more. After waiting a short time until the water drained off, the pens were bedded and a little sawdust sprinkled on the floor. When everything was ready the cows were brought into the barn, and the job was completed.

This job is done twice every year, in the spring and fall.

Harold W. Howley I

Being a Test Milker

One day the head farm instructor asked me if I would like to be a test milker. I was glad to have the opportunity and told him so. A few days later he instructed me to begin. I milk Lady, Nancy, Iris, and Barbara, three times a day. Once each month an official tester comes and supervises the milkings and records the number of pounds milked, and the percent of butter fat.

Harvey H. Davis II

Earning Money at F. T. S.

There are many ways of earning money here, and nearly all the boys earn enough for the little luxuries they want.

The officers of Cottage Row Government are paid from fifteen cents to fifty cents each term, and there are four terms in a year.

Catching rats is a good way to earn money. The School pays two cents for each one caught. Many of the boys do this, and it is good fun.

The generous prizes given for good conduct, and the superior care of flower gardens help swell anyone's bank account.

The officers of Trading Company and of Photo Company are paid money according to the amount of time put into the business.

Many of the boys make articles in the Sloyd Room and sell them to their friends. This is an excellent way to earn money.

Once a year about thirty-five boys attend the Sugar Party given by The Vermont Association of Boston, and act as waiters. Usually they earn about a dollar each.

There are many other ways in which the boys can increase their bank accounts, but the above are the best known.

Lloyd R. Morrison I

Showing Lantern Slides

During the past two months we have had two entertainments, during which lantern slides have played an important part.

Popular songs have been sung from the screen, and the making of the songs is not difficult. All that is necessary is the radio mats, a transparent paper onto which the song is imprinted through carbon paper. It is fireproof, as heat from the machine will cause ordinary transparent material to burn. After the words are on the mat it is placed between two pieces of

slide glass and bound. They are easily read from the screen.

A few views of old Boston, the White Mountains and the School were shown with the songs. The slides were shown while necessary changes were being made on the stage for the next part of the program.

I enjoy operating the stereopticon machine and I know that the boys enjoy the songs and pictures.

Carl E. Harden I

An Entertainment

On October 17 a group of boys who called themselves "The F. T. S Joke-smiths" put on a very good entertainment. It consisted of four one act plays. Between each of these skits songs and pictures were shown on the screen, which everyone enjoyed.

The first skit was entitled "Joshing the Janitor", and the part of the employer was well done by Arthur H. Pickard, while Edward F. West did excellent work in the role of the colored janitor.

The second skit "Cohen's Divorce", produced many humorous situations. The lawyer's part was done splendidly by John R. Macdonald, and the jew was acted by the writer.

"Orders is Orders", a very funny sketch produced many laughs. The part of General Linoleum Comapart was very cleverly acted by Walter A. Bishop while Orlando Murphy made a perfect Corpuscule Hinky Dink.

The fourth sketch "Bernstein and Firestein", a jewish dialogue, gave John E. Magee, as Bernstein and William W. Fish, as Firestein, many opportunities to show their abilities in this line. Both did very well and made a happy climax to a very pleasant evening.

William S. Wilson I

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Friends

It has been said that a friend is one who knows all about you and is still your friend. Isn't it also true that most of the people we most dislike are the ones that we know the least? Isn't it usually true that the more we become acquainted with a person, the more we usually like that person?

Friendship for a boy or group of boys pays rich dividends. One friendship may develop into immortal fame. A hundred youthful friends is sure to carry several life-long debts of gratitude. The happiest and the richest people today are those who have befriended the greatest number of boys. Money invested in stocks, real estate, banks, or in other material wealth may diminish and even be entirely lost but money invested in under-privileged boys lives on forever and multiplies in value infinitely.

Song for a Friend

By Agnes Carr

Reprinted from the Boston Traveler

No road of Life runs smooth and straight,
 There must be little lanes
 That mark a change decreed by fate
 For losses or for gains.

No roads of Life runs wide and clear,
 There will be narrow ways
 That leads to paths of doubt and fear
 As Time her pattern lays.

No road of Life runs to the end,
 Without a hill or two,
 But I don't mind the hills, my friend,
 If I may climb with you.

Superintendents of The Farm and Trades School III.

Cornelius Conway Felton

By William Alcott, '84



Cornelius C. Felton 1840

made in three instances to ascertain whether the position was alike satisfactory to the appointees and their administration to the management.

The first of these was of Edwin J. Mills, who at the end of three months retired. Next came Payson Williams, who had been in charge of the farm under Capt. Chandler, but at the end of six months he, too, retired. Then came James W. Locke, who had been in charge of the school department for a few years, but after a trial of more than a year he was dismissed.

In the emergency thus created the management secured Cornelius Conway Felton, then in his 33d year, who was a professor at Harvard College. This was distinctly a temporary expedient, and the professor retained all his duties at the college, but it put at the head of the Farm School one who was already known for his genius for friendship, and whose ideals of law and order were of the highest.

Cornelius Conway Felton was born in West Newbury, Mass., on Nov. 6, 1807. His parents were in modest circumstances,

and in a few years, moved to Saugus, where his father became toll-collector on a highway, and where the boy received his first schooling. Through the interest of a minister who discerned the brilliance of the boy's mind, he attended Bradford Academy for a year. He entered Harvard in 1823, and each winter taught school, while carrying on his college work, and graduated at the age of 20 in 1827. In 1829 he received an appointment as tutor in Latin at Harvard. In 1832 he became professor of Greek, and in 1834 professor of Greek literature. In 1844 he was appointed regent, and in 1860 he was elected president. His inauguration to that office was one of the most impressive in the three centuries of Harvard. Four Harvard ex-presidents (all his immediate predecessors in office since 1829) were on the platform—Josiah Quincy (then in his 89th year), Edward Everett, Jared Sparks, and James Walker. While on his way to attend a meeting of the regents of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, he was taken ill and died on Feb. 26, 1862. Speaking in his eulogy on the Sunday following his death, the Rev. Andrew P. Peabody, preacher to the university, said:

"He can never have made an enemy; he never forgot or lost a friend. . . . He loved those near his own plane, because he could enter into their thoughts, and they into his; those far below it, because he could lift them up; the prosperous, because they could aid his beneficent plans; the poor and depressed, because he could give them help and comfort; the aged, from natural reverence; the young, from sympathy with their exposures, difficulties and temptations."

Topics in Brief

Our Hallowe'en party proved, as usual, to be one of outstanding merit. The Gymnasium was appropriately decorated, as was the Dining Room. The events began with a ghost walk, which was followed by a parade of boys in costume. An entertainment by the boys followed this parade, after which the various booths were visited and many games enjoyed.

Especially good were the costumes which ranged from Robinson Crusoe and Friday to the popular figures seen in our advertisements.

On October 17 a group of eight boys presented a program of four one-act plays with song slides and pictures between each play. The entertainment was well given and enjoyed by everyone.

The scheduled football games have been completed, and the Crosby Shield was won by Club A, Arthur Pickard, Captain. In the total number of shields won in the various sports Club A leads Club B by one shield.

The regular fall cleaning was given our cattle barn during the month. Everything is now in readiness for the winter.

The covers for our hydrants and window pockets have been painted and installed about the Main Building.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Oct. 1883

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. This morn wind S. but changed to S. E. about 10 o'clock, began to rain and continued throughout the day. The "Gov. Andrew" came with friends of boys and others at 10:15, remaining at wharf until 12. Pres. Lyman and Managers Alfred Bowditch, Gardner, and Grew were present. The monthly meeting of managers held here to-day.

22. J. R. Morse returned from his

vacation this eve. Self and boys did a good deal of cleaning house. A man came and put three new tubes in the boiler. Making 4 long and 2 short tubes put in since the middle of July.

23. To city. Met Executive Committee. Cold north wind with signs of storm. Horace Latimar came to see us. Held our first entertainment. Gertie Keyes came and assisted.

26. A dull but calm day. Took our school to the N. E. Fair. Crossing to Point and taking cars to Providence Depot, where we took Metropolitan car to Fair, returning same way after a very pleasant afternoon in the Fair. No accident of any nature occurred. The boys behaved finely and arrived home safely.

28. Dr. Codman of Codman and Shurtell, 13 Vermont Street, assisted us to-day.

31. The last visiting day for this season. Present of Managers Messrs. Lyman, Alfred Bowditch, S. G. DeBlois, Gardner, Grew, Parker and Storer. The Gov. Andrew gave the boys and friends a free trip down the harbor, which seemed to be enjoyed by all. Graduates Farewell, Barrett, Edwards, March, and Kenfield present.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Oct. 1843

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Mr. Hedman came to the Island with Joseph Agant who is admitted a pupil of the school.

10. Messrs. Grant, Bowditch and Hooper of the Board of Managers and about one hundred twenty others visited the Island in the steamboat "General Lincoln." The school and visitors were addressed by Mr. Fitzgerald of Ireland and the exercises were closed by a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bumstead of Philadelphia. Admitted Samuel A. Hildreth of

Waltham and John M. McLane of Marblehead.

15. Deacon Grant performed the religious services of the day. Admitted Arthur McGuire of Boston. William E. Manning left to live with Mr. Ezra Curtin—a lady shoemaker of Lynn.

22. R. W. Bayley, Esq. conducted the religious services of the Sabbath. Admitted Thomas Freeborn and Dennis Daily, both of Boston.

The Farm and Trades School Bank
Statement, Oct 31, 1933.

RESOURCES	
Savings Bank	\$596.40
Securities	500.00
Cash	59.72
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	\$1156.12

LIABILITIES	
Boys' Deposits	\$265.63
Trading Co. Deposits	518.00
Cottage Row Deposits	65.30
Photo Company Deposits	34.47
Surplus	272.72
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	\$1156.12

October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 75° on the first

Minimum Temperature 27° on the twenty-sixth.

Mean Temperature for the month 53°.

Thirteen clear days, ten partly cloudy and eight cloudy.

Closing the Cottages

After the last Friends' Day of each year the Board of Aldermen set a date at which time all the cottages must be closed. The pictures and pennants are taken from the cottages and most of them are used to decorate Senior dormitory. The windows and doors of the cottages are boarded up,

so as to keep the snow and rain from causing damage during the winter months.

Orlando M. Murphy II

My First Garden

Last spring I got a garden, and began at once to get it ready for planting. I had never had one before, so I had to learn just how everything should be done. The plants have grown well, and I enjoyed the work of caring for the garden.

Theodore R. Millett V

The First Snowfall

On October 23rd I looked out the schoolroom window about quarter past eight and noticed a slight flurry of snow. It lasted only a few minutes. We all hope there will be plenty of snow this winter.

Thomas E. Killeen I

Our Athletic Clubs

We have two athletic clubs, which are called "A" and "B". Recently the new boys were chosen for the clubs. As my brother was a member of Club B I was chosen for that club. Each club has officers, and a faculty sponsor. Clubs teams play series of games in baseball, basketball and football.

Edward L. Very II

The Jester's Comments

—Bobbie English misunderstood instructions. He hurried about trying to find a union suit to wear to an entertainment, and might have succeeded but for an instructor who helped him to the extent of explaining that a uniform was to be worn.

—Startling colors were injected into the white of the boys' nightshirts. Webbie Goodwin put a red sweatshirt into the washing machine just after the nightshirts had been put there.

—One of the boys was perplexed by the proper place to find white carbon paper and postholes. So was the army recruit who was sent for the skirmish line.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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E. W. D. (BILL) LEBLANC, '97, recently attained 8th position in a civil service examination for appointment as captain in the Boston Police Department. Lieutenant "BILL" has been a member of the Boston Police Department since August 13, 1909 and attached to the bureau of criminal investigation about fourteen years. Inspector LeBlanc's recent achievement, in a group of 44 who took the examination, means probable appointment to a Captaincy in the very near future.

BENJAMIN L. MURPHY, '15 wants to know the address of Harry Fessenden '14. They served together in the Tank Corps in France during the World War. "Ben" lives at 102 Williams Ave., Lynn, Mass.

THEODORE B. HADLEY, '23 was recently ordained as a Congregational Minister in Weybridge, Vermont. This most impressive occasion marks another mile stone of progress in the life of one of our younger graduates. "Ted" is one of those boys that has never learned the word "can't" and he goes right on fighting for more education and a richer, deeper life. He will have his M. A. degree from Middlebury College in June, having already graduated with degrees from both Bangor Theological Seminary and Middlebury College.

KENNETH E. KEARNS, '24, had a full page article in the October 14th issue of the Harvard A. A. News. Kearns is a member of the senior class at the University of New Hampshire and is another of our boys who has had to struggle for what he has but will not be defeated in his purpose of attaining a complete education.

CHARLES D. HALLMAN, '32, writes, "I am working, going to school and very happy. I milk approximately fifteen cows morning and night and do odd chores. I am constantly thinking of the school and all it stands for."

The Class of 1933

Clyde W. Albee is attending Franklin Union Technical Institute, Boston.

Everett K. Bowlby is a student at the Memorial High School, Roxbury.

Kenneth C. Caswell is enrolled at the Boston High and Latin School.

Richard W. Crowley is engineer on the F. T. S. Pilgrim.

John A. Fitzgerald is a pupil at the Norwell High School.

Donald S. Glenn is taking the Agricultural course at the Jamaica Plain High School, Boston.

Paul L. Hamilton is attending the Somerville High School.

Ellsworth E. Hills is living at home in Marlboro.

Walter K. Pratt is enrolled at the Hyde Park High School, Boston.

Frederick S. Very is attending the Mechanic Arts High School, Boston.

Frederick H. White is a student at Woburn High School.

V. Dexter Woodman is enrolled at Winthrop High School.

—What greater testimonial to the service our school is rendering than to bear witness to the successes of our graduates? They fight on, handicapped by lack of funds, but always with the courage and will to fight on, for greater achievements. We are thrilled with these successes and congratulate each winner in the battles of life.



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Our Thanksgiving Dinner

This year's Thanksgiving Dinner was an event long to be remembered. Mr. Meacham led grace and when everyone was seated, the mayor read his proclamation. Then all eyes were turned toward the head of the table. Gracing each table was, upon a large platter, a huge turkey, well done to a golden brown and filled to bursting with spicy dressing. Surrounding this important factor were snowy, white mountains of creamy, mashed potatoes and a large dish of golden squash from which slight wisps of steam arose. Flanking the squash was the deep carmine-colored cranberry sauce, giving promises of a delicate tangy sensation upon the palate, while a dish of fat sweet potatoes sat to one side of the turkey. A small platter of crisp celery was in the center of the table, while at the end of the table was a pitcher of splendid apple cider. For dessert one had his choice of mince or pumpkin pie, or a slice of plum pudding and hard sauce. To nibble at, while talking over the day's events and digesting the forementioned, were nuts, hard candies, and raisins.

No casualties from super-indulgence have been reported to date.

We surely appreciate this fine meal and wish to thank those who made it possible.

William S. Wilson I

F. T. S. vs. Topsfield

On November 25 our football team went to Topsfield, to play the high school team of that town. The game had been arranged by our coach, Raymond Thomas, '26 and had been postponed from the original date, November 18.

We left the Island after dinner and arrived in Topsfield at two o'clock and were shortly on the field warming up.

The game started by our team receiving the kickoff, and after a few line plunges we lost the ball on a fumble. Topsfield then made a steady march for a touchdown. The second period was more closely fought. In the third period Topsfield made another touchdown, making the score 13-0. In the fourth period we changed our tactics and began throwing passes, which took us to the eight yard line, when we again fumbled. Topsfield failed to gain after the last fumble, and the final score was 13-0.

Edward F. West I

An Entertainment

A program was presented on November 16 by the F. T. S. Jokesmiths, and was the second one given. It was very interesting, even more so than the first.

The entertainment commenced with songs shown on the screen, which everyone sang.

The humorous sketch "Sod Busters"

followed. This was the experience of a father and son visiting a large city, and the surprises that awaited them. Ernest F. Peterson, the father and Edward L. Very, the son, did very well with the skit.

William M. Meacham, Jr., then splendidly played a piano solo, "Wistaria," by Engleman.

Harold B. DeLorie and Harold F. Bent then very successfully presented the play "Soft Boiled, Hard Boiled." This was very funny, the former being a "dude" and the latter a "tough" character.

"Kim's Magic" consisted of a series of magical tricks and jokes given by Richard S. Kimball. The tricks were very clever, and ably presented.

William W. Fish, as "Woof" and John E. Magee as "Bearcat" then enacted the farce "Love and Nervousness", in which the former was told just how to make a success of love-making. Both characters did a splendid job.

Between plays, pictures of the school were shown on the screen, which were especially good.

The very pleasant evening was concluded with the singing of "The F. T. S. Pep Song."

David B. White II

A Musical Treat

On Thursday evening, November ninth, the Harvard University Orchestra gave a concert in our Assembly Hall, under the direction of Mr. Malcolm H. Holmes.

The program opened with the waltz by Strauss "Tales from the Vienna Woods." An overture by Mendelssohn "Fingel's Cave" followed. This overture was inspired by a visit of the composer to the caves, which are located in Scotland. A concerto for two violins was next on the program, and this piece was composed by J. S. Bach. The final selection was the Danse Russe Trepak, by Tschaiowsky.

The concert was very much enjoyed, and we are indeed very grateful to the orchestra for coming here.

Edward F. West I

Thanksgiving Beacons

The following short paragraphs have been selected from articles written by the boys in the Second Class entitled "Why I am Thankful".

I am thankful for my mother and all she has done for me. I am thankful for the education I am receiving at this school, which will help me to be a success in later years.

Jesse Mann 3rd II

This year, above all years, I am thankful for having a good home and food. The blessings that are being bestowed upon me are countless. For them I offer thanks and praise.

Franklin M. Pierce II

I am thankful for this School, and Instructors who teach me. I am thankful for my aunt and uncle who take care of me, and for the interest they show in my well-being.

Roy M. Dole II

I am thankful for my mother and all she means to me. I am grateful because I am at this school, where I am receiving a good education, and have a good home life.

Reginald A. Burlingame II

I am thankful for the wonderful opportunities this School offers, and for the many friends I have made here. I am thankful I am in the band.

Edward E. Andrew II

I am thankful for my Grandmother who looks after me, and that I am in such a fine school.

Harold B. DeLorie II

Our Terraquarium

During our October vacation one of the boys made a terraquarium. It is three feet long, twenty inches high and eighteen inches wide. The front is made of glass, so that everything may be easily seen. The sides and back are screened, to allow plenty of air. The top is glass.

On the bottom of the box there is about two and one-half inches of gravel, which is all covered by a thin layer of sand. On top of the sand there is rich soil and moss.

We already have many kinds of plants, and a few animals in our terraquarium. There are four kinds of rock ferns, mayflower, checkerberry, wintergreen, mint, three types of moss, a small pine, two puff balls, a hepatica skunk cabbage, and wild strawberry. The animals include four grasshoppers, two butterflies, a turtle, and two gold fish.

All the boys take a great interest in the terraquarium and enjoy watching the different animals and plants. Especially the three cocoons which we hope will develop into butterflies next spring.

The terraquarium was suggested and developed by Mr. Walston, our class teacher.

William W. Fish I

Different Types of Band Music

The Band has many different kinds of pieces in its library. Classified roughly, there are marches, large selections, overtures, small selections, novelties, and songs.

The overtures are the most difficult. Sudden changes of time and key, and parts being allotted to the different sections of the band means that everyone must be alert at all times or the piece will very likely be poorly played. Some of our larger selections are very difficult, but once they are well learned there is a great feeling of

satisfaction over the accomplishment.

We have small selections which we play very often during the summer; these are not very long and are very good for short programs.

The band has a large collection of fine marches, and they play an important part on any program of band music.

From time to time novelties are arranged and the boys enjoy them. These are principally humorous pieces and usually are based upon a popular song.

We are glad to have such a fine library of music, and keep it constantly in repair. New pieces are being added from time to time and all the music is very carefully filed and cared for.

Arthur H. Pickard I

Our Turkeys

A few weeks ago eleven young turkeys were purchased and brought to the island. They were put in the brooder house until the pen in the storage barn was made ready. Their pen was formerly the "bean room" where the beans were thrashed. We cemented where necessary, and built a high roost. Wire screens were placed over the windows. Feeders and water cans were put in the pen. Two loads of sand were hauled from the beach and spread on the floor. It makes a fine pen, and the turkeys seem to thrive. Each day they are put on a range built near the barn.

In the few weeks the turkeys have been here they have almost doubled their weight.

Henry M. Stanley Jr., I

Some minor repairs have been made on our farm equipment during the past few weeks. We have also recently purchased a double dump-cart and a hay rake, both of which were much needed.

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A recent full column in the Hingham Journal written by Rev. Marinus James gave our School some very favorable publicity in Hingham and vicinity. Two paragraphs of the article are quoted.

"Surrounded by the invigorating salt water that washes its fine beaches and kissed by stimulating sea breezes, the island is an ideal place for an institution of this sort. To say that it is one of America's most unique schools is not stretching the truth. Where is there a "private school for worthy boys of limited means, supported by endowments and private subscriptions" that for more than a century has combined the best of educational facilities with instruction in agriculture, flower gardening, printing, wood work, iron work, engineering, boating, shoe cobbling, music, mechanical drawing, meteorology and what not? And all this is done on a island dedicated exclusively to the making of men. Other places may have their great smoke stacks and factories but this island has for its sacred mission the making of men!

"With a hearty fare you well we returned to the mainland hoping that many other pilgrims will visit this human laboratory and that generous people may share what they have with this manhood making school!"

Dr. James heard Manager Walter B. Foster's address before the Hingham Rotary Club and immediately became interested in this great work. Dr. James with Mr. and Mrs. Foster visited the School and the article resulted.

Incidentally, a member of the Board of Managers or the Superintendent is always available for talks before service clubs, societies, organizations and other groups. Through this medium the School and its achievements can be brought to the attention of the people in an interesting and worth while way.

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Superintendents of The Farm and Trades School IV.

Robert Morrison

By William Alcott, '84



Robert Morrison 1841-56

steadily, sagged. The president of the board had resigned. Enrollment dropped off to 41. The panic of 1837 had stopped building construction, and the need of resuming the work to completion was urgent. Hon. Theodore Lyman (1792-1847) succeeded to the presidency, and evinced great energy in the new task. He went to Portsmouth, N. H., and returned with Robert Morrison, who assumed the superintendency on June 11, 1841. The staff consisted of two matrons, two teachers, a cook and a laundress, a farmer and three assistants, a total of eleven, including the superintendent. Mr. Morrison took hold of the situation with intelligence and ability. Under his direction the main buildings were completed. Enrollment became normal. The curriculum was revised. Plans were pushed forward for beautifying the island.

The most notable incident of Mr. Morrison's term was the action taken on the initiative of President Lyman, with the hearty cooperation of Mr. Morrison, by the Massachusetts Legislature, in establishing the first State school in the

world for delinquent boys, thus clearing the field for the Farm School whose aim was always the aid of the non-delinquent boy.

In 1850 the farm was placed in charge of a man who was destined to become another great superintendent of the school—William Appleton Morse.

Mr. Morrison was born in Northwood, N. H., June 30, 1797, and he died in the same town, Nov. 23, 1884, in his 88th year. He had an academical education, taught school in New Hampshire, attended medical lectures at Harvard College, which would qualify him for medical practice, and then he taught school for ten years more in Portsmouth, N. H., followed by five years as superintendent of public institutions of that city.

In 1841 he was elected to the New Hampshire Legislature, and in that same year came to the Farm School. His administration of 15 years was the longest in the school history up to that time. In 1856, when he retired there was universal regret. A group of graduates visited Thompson's Island on his last day and presented him with a set of valuable books as a token of the esteem of his boys, and to Mrs. Morrison was presented a gift of flowers.

Mr. Morrison returned to Portsmouth and again entered public life, and for the years 1857, 1858, 1859 he served as mayor of the city. He was now 62 years old, and he retired from active life, buying a farm in sight of the spot where he was born, and there he passed the remainder of his life. The Masonic lodge in Northwood was named for him and thus honors his memory.

Topics in Brief

The Harvard University orchestra, under the direction of Malcolm H. Holmes, gave its first concert of the season here on November 9. This orchestra, the "Pierian Sodality" was the first orchestra organized in this country, and has maintained a high standard of excellence, as evidenced by the splendid concert given here. Its present membership is more than fifty.

Thanksgiving Day was observed in our usual manner. The Thanksgiving feast, was, of course, the feature of the day. Two football games were played, one between the smaller boys, and the other between the older boys. The day was most enjoyable.

Our football team went to Topsfield and lost to the high school of that town by a score of 13-0. Two busses were used to take our squad and cheering section, which totaled nearly fifty members. A number of graduates and friends of the School was present at the game.

On November 16 a group of our boys presented an entertainment made up of three one act plays, a piano solo, a magical exhibition, and popular songs on the screen. The program was well given and greatly enjoyed.

Engine trouble on our gasoline boat the ILLYBIUS, while our steamer was in drydock being repaired, left us without suitable boating equipment for a few days this month. In the emergency thus created the Coleman Disposal Company placed at our service the boat "William J. Coleman" which enabled us to carry on our work in a most satisfactory manner. The use of this boat is deeply appreciated, and we are indeed very much indebted to the company.

Calender 50 Years Ago, Nov. 1883

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Carried manuscript for report which has been printed and left it at Burlin's, corner of Exchange and Washington Sts., to be bound. Number of boys in school today 96. Have been admitted during the month Jos. H. Spear. Discharged Chas. W. Wilson, Chas. E. Glover and Loring Huggins. Managers Lyman, Bowditch, DeBlois, Grew, Gardner, Parker and Storer have visited us during the month.

2. Carried a load of hay to Neponset. Bought 40 cedar posts of Pratt & Co. Cold, Rainy, disagreeable day.

6. A fine day. A full vote for Governor will be polled today. I go to East Boston to vote—the straight Republican ticket. Took steamer to get supplies.

7. Windy cold day. Took in steamer to fix rudder. Mr. Chapman and self put bath tubs in boys' washroom.

8. Fine. Mrs. J. Ingersoll came at 10 A. M. Let the McAllister boys go to visit their friends in South Boston. Went to hear Booth in King Leah.

15. A lovely day. Got home 56 bbls. of flour in two loads from the city, doing it in one tide. W. A. Kendrick came and drove some piles around our wharf. Boys all well and everything going on well.

26. To city with boat to get boys boots—10 boxes, turkeys for Thanksgiving, nails, spikes, etc.

29. Thanksgiving day—29 graduates present and to dine with us. It makes a hard busy day but it affords a pleasure to the visitors, so we sacrifice our own comfort and rest for the happiness of others. This evening the farce of "Turn Him Out" was enacted by our household very nicely.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Nov. 1843
 As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Admitted William H. Lunt of Dorchester. The religious services of the Sabbath were conducted yesterday by the Superintendent.

7. Charles Gardner left to live with Mr. Holland Batcheller of Millbury, a tin and stove manufacturer who visited the island yesterday.

8. Geo. Lilley left to live with Dr. Cook, an apothecary of Weathersfield, Conn.

13. Mrs. Fader came to see her two boys.

18. Rec'd a visit from Col. Minot Thayer of Braintree.

26. Rec'd a visit from Benjamin A. Gould and J. I. Bowditch Esqrs. The religious services were conducted in the forenoon by the Superintendent and in the afternoon by Mr. Gould.

30. This being the annual Thanksgiving, religious services were read by the Superintendent in the morning and the boys were permitted to amuse themselves during the day. Jeremiah Lynch, formerly a pupil of this school, from Braintree paid us a visit.

The Farm and Trades School Bank
 Statement, Nov. 30, 1933

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$596.40
Securities	500.00
Cash	54.22
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	\$1150.62

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	\$263.86
Trading Co. Deposits	498.49
Cottage Row Deposits	64.95
Photo Company Deposits	38.91
Surplus	284.41
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	\$1150.62

November Meteorology
 Maximum Temperature 70° on the second.

Minimum Temperature 12° on the sixteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 40°.

Five clear days, sixteen partly cloudy and nine cloudy.

Purpose of our Terraquarium

In the First Class one of our subjects is Biology, in which we study plants and animals. In this work there are many drawings from nature. In winter it is not always possible to get the material, and we decided to have a terraquarium. It is then possible to make all our drawings from nature, and we do not need to use pictures.

We are also able to watch the plants and small animals develop, and keep a careful check on their growth.

Clayton E. Cheever I

The Jester's Comments

—Through the ever-popular process of misunderstanding, Hartley Kenvin provided the farm boys with a good laugh. His instructor sent him for a ladle and quart measure. He returned with a needle and six foot rule.

—Ed Very got some ink on his fingers, as small boys sometimes will. He was writing a letter and the fingermarks became numerous and very pronounced. Our hero merely encircled the marks, drew an arrow leading to them, and wrote at the bottom of the arrow, "How's these for fingerprints?"

—A class composition was on "Kings," and this is what one boy wrote:

"The most powerful king on earth is Wor-king; the laziest, Shir-king; the wittiest, Jo-king; the quietest, Thin-king; the slyest Win-king; and the noisiest, Tal-king."—Selected.

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Friends of ROBERT W. MITCHELL, '32, will be greatly interested in the following clipping from the Boston Globe.

"Listening on his amateur radio set Robert Mitchell, 19, of 132 Forest street, learned this morning by short wave from the gondola of the stratosphere balloon of Lieut. Commander T. G. W. Settle that he plans to land at Gettysburg, Penn., some

time this morning.

"The commander was asked what his plans were for tonight.

"He replied that he expected to spend the night over Northern Maryland and Southern Pennsylvania. Weather reports were given to the commander, who said he might try to land at Gettysburg at day-break."

Frequently it is possible to do a very real favor to some graduate or former student of the School. Many services are possible and continually rendered by the officers of the Alumni Association, the Managers and the Superintendent as well as by former fellow-students.

Some of the services recently rendered are: jobs obtained, money loaned for further education, contacts made with friends and relatives, war service records completed, birth records established, recommendations given, savings accounts and legacies presented to former students. For instance, during the present year a legacy came from a former student of the school, to be delivered as stipulated, to every boy who had been at the School on a

certain date. Obviously it is impossible to render these services unless the former graduates and students keep in touch with the School.

There are still savings accounts of substantial amounts, some well over \$100.00 in the Boys' Bank waiting to be paid to former pupils whose addresses are now unknown. One of these accounts was recently paid to a depositor and it was immediately used to buy coal for the winter for his family. He was out of work and did not know where the money was coming from to buy his necessary fuel for the winter. Several others have recently been located and the forgotten wealth restored with compound interest.

The following graduates have money on deposit. Anyone knowing their addresses or how they can be found please communicate at once with the School or the Alumni Association.

Name	Entered	Graduated	Last known address
Lawrence F. Allen	1894	1905	Omaha, Nebraska
George Frank Burke	1896	1901	Dorchester
Samuel Franklin Butler	1894	1899	N. E. T. & T., Boston
John J. Fitzpatrick	1885	1889	Greenland, N. H.
Robert Foley	1886	1890	Boston
Robert W. Gregory	1902	1909	Medford
George Edward Hart	1895	1901	Boston
Charles Herbert O'Connor	1899	1904	U. S. Navy
Everett A. Rich	1902	1906	Oakland, Maine



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The Christmas Concert

On Sunday evening, December 24, the Christmas Concert was given. A Choir of sixteen voices sang several carols. Mr. Bentley, our Minister, gave the Christmas Prayer. The Chapel was beautifully decorated, which added very much to the program.

The Christmas play, "The Gift" was the principal number on the program. Those who took part were:

- A lame boy, Joel—William S. Wilson
- His Stepmother, Huldah—W. M. Meacham, Jr.
- An old dying man, Malachi—Arthur C. Rouse
- Joel's playmate, Gabriel—Franklin M. Pierce
- A girl, Martha—Richard F. Wiggins
- A stranger—Arthur H. Pickard

The program was as follows:

PROGRAM

- HYMN O Come All Ye Faithful
Congregation
- SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2. 1-12
David B. White
- CHRISTMAS PRAYER
Mr. Bentley
- SELECTION Joy to the World
Choir
- POEM Christmas
Thomas Kenvin

BRASS QUARTET

The First Noel

- Harold F. Bent Walter A. Bishop
- Herbert A. Rokes Edward F. West

SOLO

Cantique de Noel

Thomas E. Killeen

POEM

Christmas Carol

Myron A. Pratt

SONG

Sielnt Night

Choir

DRAMA "The Gift"

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Congregation

BENEDICTION

Mr. Bentley

The concert was presented excellently and was enjoyed by everyone, including those who took part.

William S. Wilson I

Basketball Season

The basketball season was started on New Year's Day with the first teams of the clubs playing. Club A won the game by a 30-18 score. On the following Saturday the same teams played, this time Club B winning 32-15. The second teams of the Clubs played on the same day, Club A winning. The next Tuesday the third teams played, Club A winning this game also. There has been no fourth team

game as yet. Usually every basketball season there are enough boys eligible for four or five teams on each Club. During the season the first teams play nine times, second team seven times, and the third, fourth and fifth teams five times. This year the two first teams are more evenly matched than in recent years, and the outcome will probably be very close. From these first teams are picked a school team which plays outside teams and the faculty team.

Harold W. Howley I

The Class Election

The Class of 1934 held its regular election recently. The officers for this year are:

President, Edward F. West
 Vice-President, William W. Fish
 Sec.-Treas., Arthur H. Pickard
 Entertainment Committee
 Herbert A. Rokes, Chairman
 Clayton E. Cheever
 Walter G. Fitzgerald
 Leonard O. Pierce

Graduation problems were discussed at the meeting and some of the class speakers were chosen.

Arthur H. Pickard I

Senior Class Essays

Last week our teacher told us that we would soon start work on our Graduation essays, and he wanted to know how many boys had their titles selected. It happened that nearly all had chosen their topics. The boys are now working on the essays. They consist of from 1800 to 2500 words and are to be done about a month before Graduation.

John E. Magee I

Getting Lumber

One day after school I was told to report to the farm for work. My instructor sent me to the boat, where a load

of lumber was being unloaded. After nearly an hour the unloading was completed and I became part of a boat crew. We left for City Point and found more lumber ready for us. We loaded the barge and returned to the Island. This was unloaded after dinner.

The lumber consisted of planks nineteen feet long, eight inches wide and four inches thick. They will be used in the repair work on the dikes.

Leonard O. Pierce I

The Merry Chase

On Saturday mornings I help on the farm. I had not seen the turkeys, so, like all inquisitive little boys I went to the old barn and opened the door. The turkeys were on the roost, but one came down. I tried to keep him in, but he got out the door and I started to chase him. I tried to tackle him but that did not work. I tried to head him off but that did not work either. In about five minutes the turkey was chasing me. I ran into the turkey pen and he followed me. Then I ran out and shut the door. I haven't opened the door since.

Eugene Proctor VI

Our New Boat

Last Grade Reading an announcement was made by Mr. Meacham about the PILGRIM. He said that the Board of Managers had decided to replace this boat and a new vessel is being built in Maine. The new boat is about the same size as the PILGRIM, being just a little shorter and a little wider. It will not have a steam engine, but will be equipped with the modern oil-burning engine.

Although we need a new boat, we are deeply attached to the PILGRIM and we greatly regret its passing.

John R. Macdonald II

Making Ice Cream

One day another boy asked me if I would like to help him make ice cream. I said "yes", and he told me to be ready at five o'clock. We went to the kitchen at that time and got things together with which to make it. The Instructor decided that she would have chocolate custard. We soon started to turn the freezer and in about an hour and a half it was completed. We took the dasher out and then packed the freezer with ice and salt.

Roy M. Dole II

Chapel Work

My special work is to get chapel ready for Church, Grade Readings, and other events. I first open the windows as much as necessary, then dust the furniture and tidy the floor. If it is a meeting where books are required I see that enough have been placed on each bench.

Francis A. Curtin II

Change of Work

Recently my work was changed from the Laundry to the Shop. I am very pleased to be in the Shop, and have been taught how to do many things. I have learned how to sharpen various tools, and how to use both the circular and band saws. All the repairing of furniture and woodwork is done in the Shop, and we make many new articles. I am glad that I work there, and hope I can stay in the Shop until I graduate.

Orlando M. Murphy II

My Work

My work was recently changed from the kitchen to the sewing room. We inspect all the boys' clothing and mend where necessary. On Monday we do nightshirts, and on Tuesday trousers, shirts, coats, socks and towels. Overalls, socks, and towels are mended on Thursday. On

Wednesday and Friday we finish up the boys' clothes and do extra work.

George A. Krebs, Jr. V

The Beach Walks

Every Sunday Mr. Bentley, our minister, takes a group of boys on a beachwalk. Usually about twenty boys go. We tell riddles and stories as we walk along the beach. Often we stop to watch the airplanes as they do stunts. At south end we watch them land. We find many interesting things on beach walks.

Edwin B. Crouch V

The Farm Work

Every morning after breakfast some boys go to the farm. I do the chores and after that the farm Instructor tells me what to do. He usually tells me to do the horse barn. I like the farm work.

Myron A. Pratt V

The Jester's Comments

—We often hear of unusual answers given in the schoolroom. Two more are reported. The first: "Transparent means something you can see through, like a keyhole." The second: "The equator is a menagerie lion running around the earth."

—David White was caught unawares during an agricultural period. Asked what color the red-polled cow was he answered "Black".

—His Honor, Mayor (Joe) Wilson, renominated and reelected himself as Mayor of Cottage Row. He dispensed with the bother of holding an election. His official proclamations, however, carried little weight with the Aldermen, who promptly fined him, and arranged for new candidates. Politically speaking, Joe redeemed himself by staging a New Year's Party to which he invited all the voters.

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Old Friends

There is little, if anything more important in life than friends. To have friends we must be friendly. We must keep our old friends and constantly make new ones. One of the saddest things in life is the loss of a friend through death, breach of faith or some grievance.

The person or institution that has many real friends must be always honest, true, generous, ever willing to give, and faithful to trust.

Our school recently had a letter from a friend who had never seen the school. Opportunity came for him to perform a service for the School. He offered to perform that service because nearly one hundred years ago our School had been of service to his grandfather by giving him a home and education for four years.

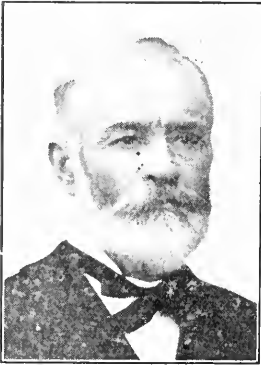
Another recent instance of old friends was shown when the grandmother of a worthy boy asked for his admission to the School. Her grandmother, the great-great-grandmother of this boy, made clothes for the Farm School boys about one hundred years ago.

There is nothing like friends, especially old friends.

Superintendents of The Farm and Trades School V.

William Appleton Morse

By William Alcott, '84



William A. Morse 1856-88

years later he was appointed Superintendent, and as such he served 32 years.

A native of Dublin, N. H., of which his grandfather Thaddeus was the first English settler, he attended the public schools of the town, and through his long American ancestry he inherited traditions and ideals which have stamped their greatness upon New England. His maternal ancestor, Samuel Appleton, settled at Ipswich in 1635, and his paternal ancestor, Samuel Morse, settled at Dedham in 1637.

Mr. Morse was unusually versatile, practical, and efficient. He was able to do almost anything, and to do it well. His motto was: "Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well." He kept his own books and accounts, conducted his own correspondence, made all purchases for school and farm, supervised the staff of instructors, maintained diligent oversight of his family of 100 boys, gave first aid in accident or illness, found positions for those who were ready for them, sailed the boats to and from the city, served as pilot or engineer of the steamer, kept a

keen eye on farm and stock and crops, (and brought the farm to a point of excellence never surpassed), slaughtered pork, veal, lamb, and poultry, shod horses and oxen, supervised repairs, took his turn in having charge of the boys at meals and during the evenings, conducted Sunday worship, sang well, played organ and cornet. He did all this without the aid of secretary, typewriter, or telephone.

The Civil War occurred during his term, and the patriotic spirit of the school rose to high levels. Pupils and instructors alike volunteered for war service, to an estimated number of 150.

During his term the "new" barn was built, the first sailing vessel, the "Lyman", and the first steamer, "Jane McCrea", were bought; the first woman school teacher was employed; the first band was organized; groves and orchard were set out; Gardner Hall was erected, and sloyd and printing were introduced, and throughout his service he administered affairs with economy.

Mr. Morse was born on Feb. 10, 1824, the eldest of seven children. In 1833 he married Emily Austin of Byron, Me., and brought her as a bride to the school. Here in 1862 their son, William Austin Morse, was born. He brought to the school as instructors two younger brothers, John Ripley Morse and Francis Appleton Morse, and this trio of men rendered to the Farm School a service almost incomparable. After his resignation in 1888, he retired to a farm in Natick, but soon gave it up for business employment, and died in Melrose, Dec. 2, 1892, at the age of 68. Graduates at once raised a fund for a memorial over his grave in Dublin.

Topics in Brief

A severe cold wave gripped the Island, and on December 29-30 the mercury hovered from ten to fourteen degrees below zero. Dorchester Bay was frozen over, and it took hours for our steamer to break a passage through the ice.

Interesting, too, is the description of a similar period of cold weather described in the opposite column, dated Dec. 23, 1883.

Christmas Day was a happy day for everyone. Allan B. Scott, '30, was the official Santa Claus. He arrived early and the forenoon was devoted to the distribution of presents. In the afternoon, professional talent gave a program in our Assembly Hall. This was supplied by President Arthur Adams, whose annual gift to the boys is in the form of a very fine entertainment.

A Christmas play, "The Gift", was the outstanding part of our Christmas Concert, which took place on December 24. It was beautifully staged and well presented, and revealed the Christmas story in a most dignified manner. Other parts on the program included vocal and instrumental numbers, readings and choir selections.

The boys have enjoyed the outdoor winter sports, and there has been ample opportunity for coasting. There has been a little skating, and our toboggan chute was in use for a few days.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Dec. 1883

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. To city with boat. Three agents of as many Insurance Companies came home with me to take views and look over the premises in connection with their risks. Self taken quite ill this eve. Broke down last Saturday night. My work for

the past month has been very hard. Now comes the reaction.

11. To city with boat. Got a nice young buck which had been bought for me by H. Bird & Co. Met Committee.

12. Went for articles for gymnasium.

13. Went to the city for various articles, thence to Deer Island to get a boar. Had a rough passage. Mr. White came to tune the piano and repair the organ. Mrs. Carpenter went to the city. Men at work on boat house. This is the last trip of the steamer for this season.

23. The bay is full of ice, and we are shut in. At evening, as Willie Morse and Augustus Doe wished to get to the city for business tomorrow, they, with J. R. Morse, attempted to cross to Squantum. When nearly over in attempting to get on some ice Willie broke in and got badly wet. He made a change of clothes and went on. Mercury at 14° below 0°. As cold as I have known it in 30 years.

24. The "Protector" came just after noon and broke through the ice as far as she could, where J. R. Morse, Willie, and Gussie Doe walked ashore on the ice. We also got several bundles ashore in the same way. The ice is four inches thick.

The number of boys in the school at the beginning of the year was - 99. At its close - 96.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Dec. 1843

As Kept by the Superintendent

4. Messrs. Grant and Geo. H. Kuhn, Esqrs., visited the institution and examined the school.

17. Mr. George A. Sawyer who had been teacher for about eight months left to take charge of a school in Dedham. The exercises of the Sabbath were conducted by the Superintendent.

21. Hon. Theodore Lyman, President of the institution made a visit.

Honor Roll, Fall Term

First Class: William S. Wilson, 91;
 Arthur H. Pickard 89.4.
 Second Class: Walter Bishop, 89. 8;
 Edward E. Andrew, 88. 6.
 Third Class: Raymond L. Beck, 90;
 Ernest F. Peterson, 87. 3.
 Fourth Class: William Meacham, Jr.
 92. 5; Horace E. Fader, 90.
 Fifth Class: Richard Wiggins, 92. 8;
 Hartley Kenvin, 91.2.
 Sixth Class: Thomas Kenvin, 94.4;
 Eugene Proctor, 92.8.

The following boys have received a mark of 90 or over in scholastic effort for the past term:

First Class: Carl E. Harden, Harold W. Howley, Arthur H. Pickard, Leonard O. Pierce, Herbert A. Rokes, Edward F. West, William S. Wilson.

Second Class: Edward E. Andrew, Harold B. DeLorie, Roy M. Dole, Philip C. Edelman, Orlando M. Murphy, Franklin M. Pierce, David B. White, Robert H. Young.

Third Class: John A. Bailey, Elvin C. Bean, Raymond L. Beck, David R. Harris, David F. Hills, William L. Littlejohn, Francis D. McAuliffe, William C. Parsons, Ernest F. Peterson.

Fourth Class: William C. Burns, William D. DeLorie, Randolph S. English, Horace E. Fader, LeRoy J. Fitzgerald, Clifford M. Hutchins, Russell G. Jones, Charles M. Mason, William M. Meacham, Jr., Edwin C. Willey, Kenneth W. Wood.

Fifth Class: George G. Cline, Hartley R. Kenvin, George A. Krebs, Jr., Warren M. Linnell, Myron A. Pratt, Vernon W. Smith, Richard F. Wiggins.

Sixth Class: David W. Kenvin, Thomas C. Kenvin, Eugene Proctor.

The Farm and Trades School Bank
 Statement, Dec. 31, 1933

RESOURCES

Savings Bank	\$510.34
Securities	500.00
Cash	21.43
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	\$1031.77

LIABILITIES

Boys' Deposits	\$263.04
Trading Co. Deposits	361.88
Cottage Row Deposits	64.95
Photo Company Deposits	48.55
Surplus	293.35
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	\$1031.77

December Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 49° on the sixth.

Minimum Temperature -15° on the twenty-ninth.

Mean Temperature for the month 27°.

Four clear days, ten partly cloudy and seventeen cloudy.

Throwing Darts

Wednesday afternoon after my work in the Dining Room was finished, two boys and I made some darts. We went up to the playground to see how far they would go. We had much fun racing them. Mine went the second longest distance.

Arthur M. Hammond VI

Printing

Last term the Fifth and Sixth Classes began having Printing. The first lesson was about the type case, and how to put the letters in a composing stick, and take them out again. We have learned the lower case now, and soon will have the upper case. We have learned how to tell the difference between letters like b, d, n, u, p, q, which are hard to tell apart on type.

George A. Zurline VI

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Our School

In Boston's pretty bay
Just a mile or so away
Lies an isle of beauty
And of charm.

Long upon this isle has stood
A school that stands for naught
but good;
Sustained by men of merit
And of worth.

'Tis for boys of fair report;
Not the idle, not the sport;
But for he who'd be of use
And useful be.

'Tis for lads who need some aid;
'Tis for those misfortunes made
To feel the want of mother
Or of dad.

'Tis a home within a school
Taught by firm but quiet rule,
So, through youth and into man
He will do the best he can.

Francis G. Bryant '94

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LOUIS C. BUETTNER, '91. After thirty nine years service with the Deerfoot Farms, he has become the New England agent of Jones Dairy Farm Inc., of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. His address is 81 Wallingford Road, Brighton. Taking "Dutchy's" word for it the Secretary tried some of his brand of sausage and found them O. K.

CYRUS W. DURGIN, '21. Extract from the Boston Globe of January 21st. 1934. "Cyrus W. Durgin, music editor of the Boston Globe, took as his bride this afternoon, Miss Edna Morse Kelley, daughter of John J. Kelley and Grace Morse Kelley, at her home 9A Lakeview Street. Rev. Raymond Calkins, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Cambridge, officiated. Only the immediate families and a few friends were present.

"Mrs. Durgin was graduated from Colby Academy in New London, N. H. in 1927, and from Lake Erie College in 1931. Mr. Durgin is the son of Mrs. Glen H. Sturgeon of Salem. He was graduated from Colby Academy in 1924. He has been music editor of the Globe for several years.

"After a short honeymoon in New Hampshire, the couple will live at 44 Grove Street, Beacon Hill, Boston."

Mr. Durgin has recently completed a series of biographical articles of American composers which were featured on the editorial page of the Boston Globe.

FRANK J. DOW, '30, has been employed for some time at the Rockingham Hotel, Portsmouth, N. H. Mail sent there will reach him.



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The Sloyd Exhibit

An exhibition of our sloyd work started on January 15, and will continue for a month. This is part of the Boston Emergency Relief Campaign. The first location was at 380 Boylston Street, and after one week there it moved to 1 Park Street. It was arranged in this way, so that the exhibit will be displayed in different parts of the city.

The exhibition takes place in display windows, where passers-by may be easily attracted. Several signs in the window, tell of the exhibit, and its purpose. On display are a large number of sloyd models, including a large bookcase, a floor lamp, a magazine rack, boxes, trays, bowls, framed pictures, and many other items.

Two people are at work in the window turning on the lathe, making trays, book-ends, and so forth. The equipment used is a circular saw, lathe, and work-bench, and everything is planned so that a spectator can see a model being made, and both machines in operation within a very few minutes.

Some of the models we have made during this exhibit are: file handles, trays, tenpins, dumbbells, sock darners and book ends. Many people have admired the models so thoroughly that they have asked to have some made, and some orders have been taken.

There is always a group watching the work and it is a fine advertisement for the School.

Harold F. Bent II

A Vermont Program

On the evening of January 18, 1934, Mr. Wallace H. Gilpin, a resident of Barton, Vermont, visited the Island, for the purpose of showing a motion picture of his state

Mr. Gilpin was introduced by Mr. Meacham, who spoke of the many positions in public life that Mr. Gilpin has held. After a hearty welcome Mr. Gilpin, who is an old friend of Mr. Meacham's, told of his trip from Vermont. On this trip his car became snowbound, and after slow travel of one kind or another, he finally arrived at the Montpelier airport, from where he flew to Boston.

The motion picture was titled "Seeing Vermont with Dot and Glenn." The first scene was laid in the south-west corner of the state, and progressed up to the border of Canada. We crossed the border and then reentered the state. The methods of the custom officers of the two countries were thus shown. The picture then took us down state in a south east direction.

All through the picture were shown the many industrial activities of Vermont. There were several kinds of mines and quarries. The picture showed men at

work in talc and asbestos mines, and in slate and marble quarries. There was a view of a large paper mill shown. Many hotels and tourists camps were described.

The scenery included lakes and mountains and was very beautiful. A portion of the "Long Trail" was given, as were many other natural wonders.

We appreciate Mr. Gilpin's kindness in coming here and showing us the pictures.

Edward E. Andrew II

Cleaning the Poultry House

Recently another boy and I cleaned the poultry house, a job which is done about once a year. We moved a few things around and then hooked up a long hose, which reached from the barn to the poultry house. We first washed the walls, which were very dirty, and then the windows. After this was done the house was flooded, and washed with the hose. After it was dried up, and things put back it looked very clean. I think it was cleaned very well, and the hens now have a nice clean house.

Robert J. English V

Ice Skating

Recently the boys have had skating, as there has been cold weather with little snow as yet. Groups of boys go skating with an instructor, at noon and during the spare time before supper. The pond is situated behind the old barn. This is the first time this winter that the boys have had a chance to skate and everyone wants to make the most of the opportunity.

David B. White II

The Alumni Banquet

On January 17 the graduates had a party at the Ritz-Plaza Hall. As a member of the brass quartet I attended. It had been arranged that we were to

play as part of the program. Others who took part were "Mal" Cameron, who gave a fine magical entertainment, and Mr. Howard Ellis, and Mr. LeRoy Kenfield who gave solos and duets on trumpet and trombone. Some short speeches were made by Mr. Adams and Mr. Meacham. The Alumni Officers also were called upon to speak. There were more than sixty graduates there, who were glad to see their old classmates. I am sure everyone had a very good time.

Franklin M. Pierce II

The Roosters

There are twenty-five roosters kept in the barn for the winter. There were thirty, and five were dressed off. They are very fine, the best that I have ever seen. The largest has a comb about five inches long and two and one half inches high. He weighs about thirteen pounds.

Raymond R. Bean V

Dining Room Work

I work in the Dining Room every morning. Every other day I mop part of the room. I also clean the frigidaire. About quarter of twelve the dishes of food are brought in from the kitchen and I help put them on the tables. There are four other boys who also work in the dining room.

Warren M. Linnell V

Early Morning Work

The early kitchen boy is called the "pantry boy." He gets up before the other boys do. He takes out the ashes from the stove, and then puts away the dishes used by the Night Supervisor. Then he fills the coal hods, sweeps off the stove, cleans the table and sweeps the floor. When this is done it is time to get breakfast and he helps with this work.

R. Hollis Gould V

Skating Party

During the last two weeks we have been going skating every day, and the ice has been very good. Our Supervisor asked us if we would like to go at night, and as most of us wanted to, he arranged a skating party. During the afternoon a few of the boys carried wood, which was to be used for a fire, to the rink. Two corn poppers were also taken there.

We left the house about half past seven and went to the rink, which is located below the storage barn. There was about forty that went, including some of the Instructors. After we had been skating a few minutes the fire was lighted, and we could get warm when we wanted to. We skated around the ice, and after awhile some of the boys would go in couples, and later groups of six or more would lock hands and skate together. By this time some of the Instructors had made some popcorn and we stopped skating and had some.

When the time came for the end of the party we went to the house, thankful to those who made it possible.

Roy M. Dole II

Change of Work

My work has been changed to the Dining Room. I go there early each morning and help put the breakfast on the table. After that I help wash the dishes and keep busy until dinner time, when I help put the dinner on the table. Then I am dismissed.

Vernon W. Smith V

Dormitory Work

Every morning, three boys and myself go to the dormitory at half past seven. We make the beds, sweep the floor, and brush the stairs and window sills. When we have time we wash the windows. On Fridays we scrub the stairways. Other

work is done from time to time as need arises.

Francis S. Sheldon V

Basketball Lessons

The Fifth Class boys are being taught how to play basketball. The class is divided into two groups and we take turns going to the Gym. The lesson begins at one o'clock and lasts about an hour. Later we are going to have a game and see which group has the best team.

Walter N. Nelson V

Agricultural Field Trip

Recently the Agriculture Class took a field trip to inspect our dairy barn. We discussed each part of the barn and took notes. We examined the silo, bull alley, dairy barn, and the milkroom. We estimated the size of each place, and the advantages and disadvantages of each. We discovered many facts about the barn, and later we wrote an article about it. This was our second field trip.

David B. White II

We were indeed privileged to have as our guest speaker on Sunday afternoon, January 21, Mr. Tehiys Hsieh, known as "The Teddy Roosevelt of China." Mr. Hsieh gave a most interesting talk on present-day conditions in China, and stated that his country was becoming more and more like our own. Professor Sydney Greenbie, author and educator, was introduced by Mr. Hsieh and spoke briefly. Music was furnished by Mr. Izetta N. Reis, organist of the Ruggles Street Baptist Church, and Miss Dorothy E. Rider, soprano soloist, also of that Church.

We are very much indebted to these people for coming here, and to our minister, Mr. Elmer Bentley, who arranged the program.

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Half a Million Dollars

More than half a million dollars has been spent by our School in the past ten years for boys. This is an investment in the future manhood of our country.

Such a large investment must be made with the greatest care to justify this expenditure. It is essential to select the finest boys for admission. It is then necessary to give those boys every bit of education, training, character development, happiness, and home life possible with the amount of money available.

Opinions vary on the amount of emphasis that should be placed upon the three parts of youth development, the body, mind, and soul. Everyone agrees, however, that the physical being should have proper care, adequate nourishment and muscular training. We agree that the mind should receive all the education possible for the best use of mental talents. The soul should be satisfied and a strong character foundation built to withstand the rigors of our complex civilization.

The expenditure is fully justified, worthwhile to each one of the boys who is fortunate enough to be selected to share this grand prize, and immeasurably valuable to society through the various communities into which these fine young men graduate.

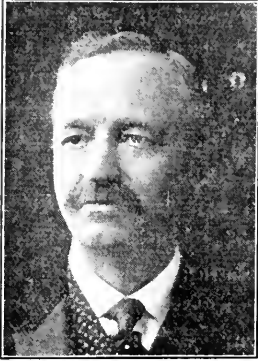
If by making an additional expenditure of one per cent or even five or ten per cent, the results attained would be greater and the product finer, the extra money spent would be justified.

Fifty years ago our School had a much smaller budget. Lest the figure of half a million dollars seems to our readers a large sum for a school to pay for its boys, let us say that it figures only about \$600.00 per year for each boy. This cost is amazingly low for the complete living expenses and education of a boy for a year.

Superintendents of The Farm and Trades School VI.

Charles Henry Bradley

By William Alcott, '84



On March 1, 1888, when Charles Henry Bradley became superintendent, Thompson's Island had been occupied by the Farm School 55 years, with few changes in its equipment or buildings. But

the time was ripe for a change and the new superintendent threw himself into the work with intelligent and whole-hearted enthusiasm. While maintaining the traditions of the school he yet added immensely to its variety, breadth and service.

Mr. Bradley was born at Johnson, Vt., of old New England stock, on Feb. 13, 1860, and was graduated from the State Normal School in his native town. Upon graduation he became an instructor in the State Primary School at Palmer, Mass., and remained there until his appointment as superintendent of the Farm School. In 1883 he was married to Mary Chilton Brewster, a lineal descendant of Elder William Brewster in the eighth generation. From that time she was a true helpmeet in all his plans and purposes.

As a trained teacher, he revised the curriculum, established annual graduations and extended the course to include the first year of a Boston High School. Typewriting, meteorology, metal work and leather work were added, as well as instruction in stationary and steam engineering. Through the Farm School Bank

and the trading company instruction was given in banking and business methods, and through Cottage Row real practice in municipal government and parliamentary procedure, as well as in real estate transfers. The policy of tuition was revised, and every parent or guardian was urged to pay something toward the tuition of his boy. The staff of employes was considerably increased, and instead of being only employes they all became instructors, whatever department they directed.

The double tier of bunks in the dormitories gave place to single iron beds. A telephone was installed. The wharf was extended to deep water, and a new steamer secured which could give all-winter service with the mainland. The erection of a power house permitted steam to supplant stoves, and electric lights the kerosene lamps. Metropolitan water from the mainland superseded wells and hand-pumps.

The Thompson's Island Beacon, a monthly paper, was established. An alumni association was organized. The legal name was changed to The Farm and Trades School. Graduates of the school were elected to the Board of Managers. The endowment funds were increased from one-eighth of a million to half a million dollars.

Throughout his long service his heart was always in his work, and he maintained his love for the school and its boys until the end which came Jan. 30, 1922, the first and only superintendent to die in office.

An unfortunate error occurred in No. 5 of this series. The marriage of Mr. Morse took place in 1853.

Topics in Brief

Cottage Row Government held a New Years' Party early this month. The Assembly Hall was prettily decorated with gay colored streamers, balloons, pennants and so forth. Dancing was enjoyed for part of the evening, and games of one sort or another occupied the remainder.

Basketball has taken its place as our main winter sport. Our two athletic clubs are sponsoring eight teams and the games are providing much interest. The first teams which are contesting for the Sears' Shield have played four games, Club A winning three at this date. Both first teams play fast and hard and it is only a matter of opinion as to who will win the Shield. Besides our regularly scheduled contests the School team has begun its schedule. It lost its first game to the fine Ford Club of Boston "Y" league 16-14. Our second team had little difficulty in winning from the Ruggles Street Baptist Church team by the score of 29-6.

All outdoor winter sports have been enjoyed by the boys, there being fine ice for skating, and plenty of snow for the snow sports. It appears that we may have our snowball battle on Washington's Birthday. The weather has forced cancellation during recent years.

A motor truck has been purchased for use on our farm, and will be of great help during the summer months.

A group of men have been here recently attending to repairs on our flagpole.

The Alumni Association held a very successful "get-together" on January 17th. The Superintendent, the brass quartet, and six alumni attended from the School.

A motion picture depicting the State of Vermont was shown here on January 18, 1934 by Wallace H. Gilpin, of Barton.

Mr. Elmer Bentley has given us a series of splendid sermons during the winter. He is a Senior at Gordon College, and has had charge of our religious work since last October.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, Feb. 28, 1934

RESOURCES	
Savings Bank	\$510.34
Securities	500.00
Cash	15.98
	<u>\$1026.32</u>
LIABILITIES	
Boys' Deposits	\$248.24
Trading Co. Deposits	406.60
Cottage Row Deposits	46.52
Photo Company Deposits	58.08
Surplus	266.88
	<u>\$1026.32</u>

Febuary Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 45° on the twenty-fifth.

Minimum Temperature -17° on the twenty-ninth.

Mean Temperature for the month 18°.

Ten clear days, twelve partly cloudy, and six cloudy.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Jan. 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Present: Robert Morrison, Superintendent; Ann E. Morrison, Matron, Abraham W. Drake, Teacher; Daniel T. Clough, Boatman and farmer; Harriet B. Clough, seamstress; Abigail Desmond, cook; Julia Sweeney, washer. 52 boys.

24. Visitors at the Island to-day: Deacon M. Grant, Mr. S. E. Brackett,

and Mr. McGuire. Arthur McGuire discharged.

28. The religious services of this and the preceding Sabbath of the month have been conducted by the Superintendent; and the Sabbath School by the Superintendent and Teacher.

30. Mr. Geo. Dean of Roxbury and Mr. Dyer of Boston visited the Island.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Jan. 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

5. Very cold. Willie and Freddie Pearson came across from point in one of Capt. Bibber's boats. It was risky to do so but they came safely.

8. Walked over the ice to the gas works at Commercial Point and in by steam cars from Harrison Square and home by the same way.

10. Another very rough day. Wind west. Ralph Trimm came for his tools, getting one of Capt. Bibber's boats. He goes to Florida this P. M. on the steamship "Savannah". It became so rough after he got here that to return was impossible therefore he went to Squantum, taking one of our boats over and leaving it there.

20. The man who remained here all night attempted to go to City Point this morning but after knocking about all in ice, snow, and fog was discovered about thirty rods from shore completely ice bound. I took boys, boat, and lines and went to his aid—breaking ice. We got near enough to throw lines and then both boats were drawn ashore by the boys. The man's boat was drawn to the north and where he was able to get through the ice and to the Point. Quite a little excitement for us.

25. A good deal of ice in the bay which broke up by wind and went out on tide, making crossing bad. Miss Belding

and Marden went to attend the theatre to see McCullough in Othello.

Working on the Farm

The first time I worked on the farm, the Instructor told another boy and myself to get hay down from the mow. After we finished this he told us to help clean the barn. This took us the rest of the afternoon.

Leonard I. Scott VI

The Jester's Comments

—The impetuosity of youth is cleverly portrayed in the following letter by Joe Wilson, whose remarks refer to a previous item in this column.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that upon any more attempts to ruin my career as a devoted public servant in the columns of your blabby, gossipy, little paper, I shall have you sued for:

1. Libel;
2. Defamation of character;
3. Malicious intent to spoil the life work of a devoted public servant.

(Signed) WILLIAM S WILSON

Treasurer, Cottage Row Govt.

—During a club basketball game Willie Fish was astounded by finding himself with the ball and no one around. He bounced it hither and yon and finally fetched-up with two points for his opponents. Plupilistically speaking, he chose the wrong basket.

—Author (the inventor) Harden is master of the school of deliberation. Especially so in the art of doing any particular task. He surely does nothing rash or sudden, but ponders, reflects and weighs in the mind all problems connected with any proposition. This trait proves especially distracting to his pals, who occasionally have a word to say about it.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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The "Get-Together"

In place of the usual Annual Dinner a "Get-Together" was held on Wednesday evening, January 17th, 1934, at the Ritz-Plaza Hall, 218 Huntington Avenue, Boston. President Arthur Adams and Treasurer Augustus P. Loring, Jr., of the Board of Managers and William M. Meacham, Superintendent of the School with Howard B. Ellis, Jr., were the special guests.

Following a buffet supper an entertainment furnished by Alumni talent occupied about two hours. First was a brass quartet from the School composed of Harold F. Bent, Arthur H. Pickard, Franklin M. Pierce, and Edward F. West. Following this were trombone and trumpet solos by Leroy S. Kenfield, '82 and Howard B. Ellis, '99, with the piano accompaniment by Howard B. Ellis, Jr.,

and later a trombone and trumpet duet.

Next Malcolm E. Cameron, '19, entertained with a great variety of card tricks, magic, etc. Clarence Loud asked two questions too many and was rewarded for his inquisitiveness. Will Davis was picked on to be scared but did not scare very well. Merton Ellis was made to drink a glass of water which was later taken away via his elbow. Where the rabbit disappeared to is a mystery some would like Mal to explain. Being able to obtain a bottle so easily is another trick several would like to learn. In addition to the entertainment we were favored by remarks by Mr. Arthur Adams and Mr. Meacham. All of the Alumni officers were present and were introduced to the members. The committee in charge were Howard B. Ellis, Will F. Davis and James H. Graham. Members present were:

Clifton E. Albee '23
William Alcott '84
Leslie E. Aldrich '29
Royl M. Augustine '32
Richard L. Bolingbroke '32
Arthur C. Brown '29
Frank G. Bryant '94
Malcolm E. Cameron '19
Edward Capaul '05
Carl A. Carlson '28
Richard W. Crowley '33
Will F. Davis '79
James E. Douglas '32
Herbert L. Dudley '16
Robert E. Dudley '16
Harold W. Edwards '10
Richard B. Edwards '79
Howard B. Ellis '99
Merton P. Ellis '97
John A. Fitzgerald '33

Harold E. Floyd '29
Henry A. Fox '79
Donald S. G'enn '33
James H. Graham '79
L. W. B. Halyard '21
Samuel O. Hall '30
William M. Hall '27
Carl P. Herman '29
Clarence P. Hobson '23
Leroy S. Kenfield '82
G. George Larsson '17
Frank I. Lombard '95
Clarence W. Loud '96
Robert MacKay '05
Donald S. MacPherson '17
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Thomas John Evans '64

Thomas John Evans, last survivor of the quota of pupils and instructors of the Farm School who enlisted for military service in the War for Union, and the first Farm School boy to be elected to the Board of Managers, died on March 9, 1934, at his home, 12 Charles street, East Weymouth, in his 86th year.

Until within a few days of his death he had been able to be at his office in Brockton, and he had been visited there by Mr. and Mrs. Meacham, and appeared to be in good health.

Mr. Evans was born in Boston on June 27, 1848, and in July, 1859, at the age of 11, he entered the Farm and Trades School. Less than two years elapsed before the Civil War occurred, and the patriotic fervor of the North which swept through the school, impelled pupils and instructors (as well as many graduates) to list. Among them was young Evans, then in his 16th year. He was a member of the band and a fair cornetist, and when he presented himself for service he was assigned as musician in the band of the Fourth Massachusetts Cavalry. He served from April, 1864, to December, 1865. Most of his service was in Virginia. Writing a few years ago about his military experience, he said: "While at City Point,



Thomas J. Evans

Va., I had a memorable experience. The band was detailed to play at a reception to President Lincoln which was held on a steamer at City Point Landing. Gen. Grant and other high officers were present, and some members of the President's Cabinet. During one of the intervals of rest between pieces, President Lincoln came to where the band was seated, and with his hands on the back of my chair, complimented us and expressed his pleasure at our playing . . . I also saw President Lincoln again at the grand review of the Army of the James."

He was a member of Reynolds Post, 58, G. A. R. of Weymouth, and of the Fourth Massachusetts Cavalry Association, of which he had served as secretary and treasurer for many years.

Following his discharge from the army he secured employment in a shoe factory in Weymouth, and for the next 68 years, with the exception of the time he served as postmaster of Weymouth Center by appointment of President McKinley, his life was identified with the shoe industry. He was successively shoe operator, factory superintendent, then shoe manufacturer in business for himself, and later secretary of the Brockton Shoe Manufacturers' Assn.

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A Motion Picture Show

On Thursday night Mr. Meacham announced that there was to be a motion picture entertainment that evening. The applause which greeted the announcement expressed the joy that was created among the boys.

The scene was laid in the middle west, during pioneer days. A group crossing the prairie, was attacked by Indians. A young lad, who owned a horse, was mistreated by an Indian. The horse escaped, but with a great hatred of Indians. As the story progressed the horse found its young master, and the Indian was trying to catch the horse. Eventually the horse evaded a dangerous trap laid for him by the Indian and a great fight took place between the Indian and the horse. The animal finally won. The picture showed large groups of wild horses and many other interesting things.

All the boys enjoyed the picture very much I am sure.

Thomas E. Killeen I

A Composing Stick

A composing stick is made of metal about six inches long and two inches in width. It is used to place type in. In the Printing Office we use them. We hold the composing stick in our left hand and put the type in it, and arrange it, with our right. There is a sliding guide with which to lock the stick at the right measure. We usually set the composing stick at sixteen picas.

Eugene Proctor VI

Our Meteorological Station

On our Island we have a weather observatory where observations are made twice daily. The station is situated on a hill, at the southwest part of the Island. There are five boys on the staff, one of

whom is Chief. It takes four months before the beginner becomes chief. He first begins by reading the temperatures each night. These include the maximum, minimum and mean temperatures for the preceding twelve hours. After he has done this one month he takes the reading of the Humidity and Dew Point for the period. This is followed by a month of observing the wind direction and velocity, and atmospheric pressure. The fourth month, instead of going to the observatory in the evening, he goes in the morning where he records all the above and in addition makes out a forecast for the day. During the next, or fifth month, he becomes chief of the staff, and is responsible for the conduct of the station.

In addition to the observations made above a record is kept of the amount and kind of clouds and the character of the day, such as clear, partly cloudy and cloudy.

Graph charts are hung in the Reading Room where the observations are posted at the time. A duplicate set of readings are made and then posted on small forms, and signed by the observer. The readings are noted in an official government meteorological book, where they are always available for reference.

Arthur C. Rouse I

My Work in the Power House

I have recently been appointed to work in the Power House, something which I have always wanted. In the afternoon I help the engineer, who has many repair jobs to do each day. We take care of nearly all the machinery on the Island and we clean, oil and adjust it each week. Two hours each day I am fireman and I have learned how to take care of the boiler. My ambition is to get a fireman's license when I graduate.

Henry M. Stanley I

Agriculture

Classes in Agriculture are held during the fall and winter terms every year. It is required of the third and fourth classes, and elective for those in the first and second classes.

The course is based on standard text books, with additional material such as agricultural bulletins, issued by the state or federal government, or private concerns.

Field trips are held quite often, and consist of orchard study, field and crop work, and dairy and poultry observations. Notebooks are kept, in which the results of these trips are recorded.

Agriculture Diplomas are awarded for successful completion of the course, which includes, in addition to the class work, two years of practical farm work and one year of milking.

William S. Wilson I

Photographs

Each year pictures of groups, and of important happenings are taken by boys in Photo Company. These pictures are developed by the boys, and then printed and placed on the bulletin board so that everyone may see them.

The boys all have an opportunity to buy their favorite prints for their photograph collections. Photo Company makes the pictures the size of an ordinary postcard, although some larger have been taken. Enlargements are made from time to time.

Historically, nothing equals photographs and is the best means of recalling just how people and things appeared in the days gone by. Most every boy likes a good photograph collection, and I am sure he will praise a collection of school day pictures more and more as days go by.

Carl E. Harden I

Working on the Dikes

During the winter of 1932 the coast of New England was swept by a terrific storm, followed by an extraordinarily flood tide. This storm and high water made shreds out of our west and south dikes and roads. Immediately work was begun repairing the damage, and the west side dike was completely repaired before spring. This dike was not so badly damaged as the other. When this work was finished we had to go on with the regular spring farm work, and it was not until fall that we had time to work on the south end dike. Half of the work was finished before cold weather set in. An idea of the damage done by this storm may be seen from the fact that ten feet of the road was washed away, making it impossible to drive any vehicle there. The dike was wrecked so completely that we were unable to use any of the old materials, and new lumber had to be purchased. Twenty thousand board feet have been used and more will be needed before the work is completed. When we repair we first remove any old lumber and tear away whatever is left of the old dike. Then we set in new posts, and measure lumber for each section. This lumber is then sawed and put in place. As fast as each section is built we carry dirt and build the road alongside the dike. Therefore we also build roads, in addition to repairing the dikes. Harold W. Howley I

Playing Marbles

Recently the boys have been playing marbles. Mr. Meacham called all those who wished some to the Gym one night, and scrambled a large quantity. Everyone got a few and soon marble games became very popular. The best part about playing marbles is that it is a sure sign that spring is here.

Roy M. Dole II

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Household Departments

MARION L. NICHOLS, *Head of Kitchen*, 1913
MARION A. CLARK, *Laundry Instructor*, 1919
HENRIETTA COFFILL, *Kitchen Instructor*, 1929
MAY B. VARNEY, *Head of Dining Room*, 1929
MARY F. MATHEWSON, *Kitchen Instructor*, 1931
PRISCILLA SCOTT, *Dining Room Instructor*, 1934
HELEN C. BRADLEY, *Dormitory Instructor*, 1934
A. MAY ORMSBEE, *Sewing Instructor*, 1934

Superintendents of The Farm and Trades School VII.

Paul Francis Swasey

By William Alcott, '84



Paul F. Swasey 1922-26

tendency were to devolve almost immediately. He was Paul Francis Swasey, who came to the Farm and Trades School on August 15, 1921, became acting superintendent upon the death of Mr. Bradley, and was appointed superintendent on Feb. 18, 1923, the youngest man to hold the position. He resigned to take effect on Nov. 30, 1926.

Mr. Swasey was born in Barre, Vt., on March 14, 1896, the son of Charles D. and Clara (Keith) Swasey. He attended the grade schools of his native city, and the high schools of Barre and Waterbury, and after graduating from the latter, taught for a year in a Waterbury district school. In 1915 he entered the University of Vermont, but at the end of his first year there he transferred to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and specialized in structural engineering. War conditions forced the senior class to be graduated in November, 1918, instead of in the following June, and the students were brought into war service. Mr. Swasey was sent to the engineers' training School at Camp Humphries, Virginia. Following the armi-

Shortly before Superintendent Bradley was stricken with the illness that was to prove fatal to him, he had selected as a supervisor a young Vermonter upon whom many of the duties of the superin-

stice he was employed at the General Electric Works in Schenectady, and later was attached to an architectural firm in Boston.

Mr. Swasey brought to the position of superintendent the vision and the executive ability of a trained engineer, as well as that of a teacher and lover of boys. He was loyal to the tried and successful policies of his wise predecessor, yet he was able to introduce several changes which added to the efficiency and harmony of the school. The number of classes was increased from four to six, with the addition of another teacher to the staff, and made it possible for the boys graduating from the Farm and Trades School to enter the second or third year of high school. These two new classes included courses in English, plane geometry, French, general science, bookkeeping, dairying, algebra, ancient history, elementary science, drawing and the principles of agriculture.

A change was also made in the conduct system, in order to give credit for good behavior, and rather less emphasis on poor behavior. Another improvement was begun in marking the boys for their vocational work in order to better determine the ability and aptitude of each boy, and a project system was started which gave to each boy more responsibility and initiative. When Howard Ellis '97, resigned as band instructor, Frank Warren was secured as his successor.

Mr. Swasey was married on Sept. 5, 1922, to Eunice Hunt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Hunt of Glens Falls, N. Y., a graduate of Radcliffe College, and her coming to Thompson's Island brought to the school a woman of culture and refinement, who shared her husband's interest in the unique work of the school.

Topics in Brief

The winter has been exceptionally severe, and extremely unusual. Much snow has fallen, and drifts in places were several feet in depth. Our single and double sleighs have been in use. The Pilgrim was froze to her moorings for days at a time, and Dorchester Bay was completely frozen over. Our people walked to town in three different directions, to City Point, to Squantum, and to Neponset. Provisions and other essentials were transported by the way of Squantum, across the ice with our single and double sleighs. Fortunately we suffered no hardships, on the contrary the winter provided many outlets for the entertainment of the boys. All kinds of winter sports were in abundance, and the boys enjoyed them to the utmost.

Without doubt the outstanding event of the month was the long awaited snow-ball battle. This event, which had been cancelled because of weather conditions during recent years, took place on Feb. 22. All the enthusiasm and color, which has given this event more than a local reputation, was in abundance. The forts, made of ice and snow, revealed the ingenuity of the rival armies, and the stragedy of both armies was cleverly displayed. The group led by Arthur H. Pickard eventually won the contest, and with it the trophies of war consisting of a variety of good things to eat.

Basketball has retained its important place during the month. The Club teams have nearly completed their schedule. The Silver Shield, awarded annually in this sport by Manager Philip S. Sears was won by Club A in a series of hard-fought games. The School team was forced to postpone many of the games scheduled, due to uncertain transportation facilities. It

did manage, however, to defeat the Instructors' team in two contests and to lose to Gordon College by the close score of 26-23, in which was perhaps one of the finest games ever played by these two teams. There has been a large number of contests between groups of our boys, and the gymnasium is in use constantly.

Our annual winter concert by the Band was given on February 23. It had been postponed two weeks because of the inability of the Director to get to the Island because of the ice-bound bay. However, it proved most worth-while waiting for. The Band, under the direction of Mr. Frank L. Warren, played a well-balanced program featuring several distinct types of music, and giving opportunity to many of the boys in special numbers.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, Feb. 28, 1934

RESOURCES	
Savings Bank	\$510 34
Securities	500.00
Cash	15.98
	<u>\$1026.32</u>
LIABILITIES	
Boys' Deposits	\$248.24
Trading Co. Deposits	406.60
Cottage Row Deposits	46.52
Photo Company Deposits	58.08
Surplus	266.88
	<u>\$1026.32</u>

Febuary Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 45° on the twenty-fifth.

Minimum Temperature -17° on the twenty-ninth.

Mean Temperature for the month 18°.

Ten clear days, twelve partly cloudy, and six cloudy.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Feb. 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Mr. Geo. Williams, farmer, of Raynham came to the Island for a boy, and took John Kelly with him on trial.

3. Peter M'Kenna left to live with Mr. George Bassett—a farmer in Bridgewater. George Doherty left to live with Mr. Sam'l Johnson of Boston. Henry E. Hewes of Boston admitted.

11. Deacon M. Grant and son made a visit to the Island, the former conducting the religious services of the Sabbath. Jonas C. M. Long left to live with Mr. James Bishop of Russell.

12. Wm. H. Johnson left to live with Mr. Erastus Field of Northfield. Mr. Creely and Mr. Conner visited the Island. Lawrence Creely admitted.

13. Admitted Mortimer S. Allen of Cambridgeport—brought by his uncle Mr. Geo. B. Wadleigh of Charlestown. Henry M. Blunt came to the Island to repair the boys' shoes.

15. Went with the boys to Moon Head on ice.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Feb. 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

2. Clear, bright and calm. Mr. Chapman and the Supt. wrought on new boat house. The teacher (principal) went to city.

4. Dull. Snow storm from the east. Mr. Johnson and Marden went over to attend a meeting of the Farm School Club. All are well at home and school and shop are in progress.

9. A dull damp day, calm. To city via Point. The boat went for supplies. Miss Belding went over and returned at 2 o'clock. The 60th birthday of the Superintendent occurs tomorrow and my family propose I celebrate it tonight. The drama of "Among the Breakers" was enacted very finely indeed for amateurs.

All enjoyed the occasion much. The Superintendent was presented with \$10 in money, a dressing gown, ink stand, etc.

14. Has been dull and rainy most of the day. Towards night the wind changed to West and blew fresh. Wrought in the Hall and boat house. Put gravel in play grounds, etc. Boys had a fine time in the Hall in the evening. It is quite a gymnasium now.

22. Let the boys play in A. M. In the P. M. Mr. S. G. DeBlois gave the school a short lecture on the two great giants of England. The "Bank of England" and the "Post Office"—both in London—The number of letters, and tons of other matter passing through the Post Office and the amount of money passing through the Bank are fabulous. We enjoyed Mr. DeBlois visit very much. It is the only visit by any Manager during the month.

The Jester's Comments

—Our readers, we hope, realize that this column is non-partisan, and note that we never editorialize on Cottage Row Government. We feel, nevertheless, that Joe Wilson's public denunciation of this department is not politically wise. We might add that the abolishment of taxes, and other Socialist-Communist activities of this ex-mayor might be investigated. Being charitably-minded we permit him to again use this column, even though his remarks are a bit degrading, in order that he may further his search for public favor. His remarks conclude:

" I regard your bald insinuation as preposterous, involving me in a 'pie in which I have no finger,' an implication which I vehemently deny. The manner in which you make this unfounded accusation indicates a sad lack of culture and refinement. Apologies will be accepted.

(Signed) WILLIAM S. WILSON

Treasurer, Cottage Row Govt.

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His early interest in music which was quickened by his membership in the Farm School Band, was continued throughout his life. He was the second leader of the Weymouth Band, and later was conductor and leader of the Hingham Band. He held membership in the Veteran Band Members Association. He was also eminent in Masonry, joining Orphan's Hope Lodge of Weymouth in 1872, in which he served as Master and for many years as secretary, and he held membership in the chapter, commandery and consistory, was a 32d degree Mason and a member of Allepo Temple of the Shrine.

He always maintained his interest and love for the Farm School. More than 50 years ago, and for many years following, he supplied the funds for the annual display of fireworks on July 4. He was a frequent visitor. He was one of the early members of the alumni association, and served as president in 1909-10. When the Board of Managers invited the Alumni Association, in 1912, to name a graduate for the Board of Managers, Mr. Evans was first choice.

On April 5, 1874, he was married to Helen Marie Tirrell Reed of Weymouth, who died Jan. 25, 1916. He is survived by a brother, Charles Evans, '66 of Chicago, a niece and two nephews, one of the latter being the noted golfer Charles ("Chick") Evans, Jr.

Funeral services were held at his late home, which was filled. All the organizations to which he belonged were represented, as well as the American Legion, the Daughters of Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps. The Farm

and Trades School was represented by President Arthur Adams, Walter B. Foster '78, and Alden B. Hefler, '87, of the Board of Managers, Supt. W.M. Meacham and a group from the Alumni Association, including six former presidents. W. A.

We have just learned that the wife of CHARLES EVANS, '66 has passed away. Mr. Evans lives at 1413 Pratt Avenue, Rogers Park, Chicago.

The many friends of ROBERT W. MITCHELL, '32, regret to learn that his mother recently passed away. He lives at 132 Forest Street, Winchester, Mass.

ROYL AUGUSTINE '32 has lost his father by death. His address is Room 19, 23 Main Street, Brockton.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved members of the School alumni.

RICHARD WILLIAM WESTON, '13 is doing a lumber job at Reed's Ferry, New Hampshire. He owns his own trucks and horses and other necessary equipment for hauling lumber. He employs six or eight men in his business.

NORMAN F. MORSE, '85, recently presented to the School a large framed picture of his uncle, William A. Morse, who was Superintendent of the School from 1856-1888. The picture is by George H. Richards, '77.

PHILIP H. YOUNG '24 of the U. S. Army is in the Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, for an operation on his lip which had been injured recently.



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Boys grouped at one of the Snow Forts before the Battle

The Snowball Battle

February 22 will long be remembered by the boys as it was the occasion of a real old fashioned snowball battle. Two groups were captained by Arthur H. Pickard and Harvey H. Davis, and each group constructed a fort of ice and snow.

The battle was divided into three periods. During the first Arthur Pickard led his group, charging the opponents' fort, and met with some success. After a brief truce the second period was begun, and this time Harvey Davis led his army,

attacking from all quarters but was soon repulsed. The third period was a general free-for-all, and after a vigorous battle the time limit was reached. The aim of the fighting was to secure possession of small sacks and it was found that Arthur Pickard's group had won by a comfortable margin.

The winners were given a trophy of candy, cookies, and doughnuts.

Invited to the feast were the officers of the vanquished army and a band recruited from the ranks.

Orlando M. Murphy 11

School Team Season

The School team opened its season on January 13 by losing to the Ruggles Street Church Fords Club, the score being 18-14. The Fords Club is a member of the Y.M. C.A. League, and showed a fast and accurate quintet. The game had plenty of action, and the tight zone defense of both teams was a big feature. Both teams caged the same number of points from the floor, but the Fords Club scored four points from the free throw line. On the same day our second team had an easy time defeating the Ruggles Street Boys' Club 29-6.

On February 3 our team met the Templars Club of Tremont Temple and had little trouble defeating this quintet 37-4. The Templars could not pierce the defense set up by our School team.

On February 8 we played a very much improved Gordon College team and lost by the close score of 24-20. Each team used a zone defense, and the game was bitterly contested by both quintets, our team having the best of the first half, but Gordon coming back strong to take the lead and the victory.

On March 10 we journeyed to the Y. M.C.A. Gymnasium on Huntington Avenue for a return game with the Templars. The first half ended in our favor 11-7, and in the second half we commenced a whirlwind passing attack, and won by the score of 26-8.

The following Saturday, the 17th, we played a return game with the Fords Club. Their previous defeat had made the School team go to work with a vengeance and the game ended with the score in our favor 42-20. The School second team lost their contest on this day to the Ruggles team, the score being 24-18.

On Saturday March 24 we defeated the Islanders Club in a high scoring game, the final score being 53-50. The Islanders

Club is made up principally of members of our Alumni.

Our final game was played on March 31 when we played the Trinity Church Knights team. This was a fine team, ably coached, and it was not long before we realized we had our work cut out for us. During the first three periods the scoring was not so heavy, each team managing to get 18 points. The Knights began the last period with an even chance to win but called time-out half way through the period, at which time the school team was out front by two baskets. After this brief time-out period the Knights called upon all their resources and unleashed a furious passing and scoring attack which our boys could not meet. The whistle trilled an end to a very tightly contested game which had the spectators on their feet most of the time, and which ended in a 32-22 victory for Trinity Knights.

Basketball, which is a new game here, compared to our other major sports, has aroused the interest and enthusiasm of all the boys. The season of 1934 has left no regrets, as we consider four won and three lost against very good teams a most satisfactory record. For the school team squad I want to thank Coach Raymond Thomas for his interest and hard work, without which our good season would have been impossible.

Arthur H. Pickard, Captain

The Jester's Comments

—Dan Howley concludes a letter thusly: "Adios. (Just a little French I learned)."

—"Is that note A flat?" asked the band instructor of Larry Dole. Larry looked at the note and answered "No-G sharp".

—Terrific calamity number one: What would happen if John (the Jerry-Head) Macdonald got swell-headed?

Annual Winter Concert

The Annual Winter Concert of the Band was given on February 23. We had rehearsed every number thoroughly, and it was a concert which everyone enjoyed. Mr. Frank L. Warren conducted, and gave a brief description of each piece. The Program was as follows:-

PROGRAMME

MARCH		<i>Hall</i>
	Greeting to Bangor	
OVERTURE		<i>King</i>
	Gypsy Queen	
CORNET SOLO—	The Wanderer	<i>Harlow</i>
	Harold F. Bent	
MARCH		<i>Iasilli</i>
	American Army	
BRASS QUARTET		
	Hunting Scene	
	A Home on the Range	
SELECTION		<i>Sullivan</i>
	H. M. S. Pinatore	
NOVELTY		<i>Fillmore</i>
	Ha! Ha! Ha!	
MARCH		<i>Albee</i>
	F. T. S. Band	
	Harold F. Bent II	

An Instructive Visit

On March 22, I was invited to go with four other boys to the American Engraving Company. We were met there by Mr. Frank Hendry, Sr., who showed us some very fine paintings which he had done. Then we were introduced to his son, Mr. Frank Hendry, Jr., who greeted us and began to show us through the plant. It was very interesting to see how ordinary photographs can be copied and made to print on a printing press. A piece of ordinary glass is washed chemically clean and a base of albumen applied, after which collodion is poured over it and it is finally put in a bath of silver nitrate. The original photograph

is mounted in a frame and focussed upon a fine screen, which varies according to the paper the printer wishes to use. After the copy is in focus, the holder which has the photographic plate is attached to the back of the camera, and the copy photographed. The operator then takes the plate into the darkroom and develops it. After this it is coated with rubber and collodion and soaked in acid. The operator then pulls the negative from the glass and squeegees the water from it. This negative is then printed upon a metal plate which is sensitized. After this it must be mounted on a type high block and made ready for the printing press.

This was only a small amount of the information which Mr. Hendry gave us. We are very grateful to him for giving us his time, and making our visit so pleasant.

Harold B. DeLorie II

The Radio Studio

Recently a few boys visited the studios of Station WEEI. We first went in the reception hall, where we could look into all the studios. Then we went into each of the studios, except one, which was being used, and noticed the different kinds of microphones. We also saw the machines which run the electric recordings. Mr. Rideout, of the WEEI staff, who conducted us through, explained the huge switchboard which controls all programs going over this station. There were outlets to the stock market, the Boston Globe and other outside points. There is a line from New York which is used for network programs. Mr. Rideout told us that the programs do not go direct from the studios into the air, as they used to, but instead are sent over a wire to Weymouth where they are sent out over the transmitter recently erected there.

David B. White II

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Poultry

Poultry brings to our minds many and diversified thoughts according to our several experiences with and knowledge of our feathered friends. Whether our interest be in the song of the canary, the egg production of the hen or the tender, toothsome qualities of the Thanksgiving turkey, there is much of value and interest to be learned.

The breeding and raising of poultry as a hobby has unlimited opportunities in nature study and artistic skill at comparatively little cost. Production of eggs for market from the popular breeds of hens or the raising of turkeys can readily supply a living for a family when the small poultry farm is properly conducted.

At our School we confine most of our poultry efforts to the breeding and raising of hens of the Rhode Island Red variety. We also have a few turkeys.

In our poultry department we have a threefold plan. First, to teach our boys the processes of nature, to give each boy the opportunity to start with the egg (or was it the hen that came first?) and to watch the gradual, natural, and fascinating process of this little apparently inanimate egg "hatch" into that little fluffy yellow chick in 21 days. A boy who sees and becomes interested in such an activity knows life and respects God's plan. His life is fuller and richer for it. Seldom if ever, does such a boy become cruel or unjust to man or beast. He has faith in our Maker and learns to live.

Our second objective is to teach boys to "get a living." The third reason for our large poultry plant is to produce our egg supply so that each boy may have at least one egg per day fresh from the farm for the proper development of his own body.

Superintendents of The Farm and Trades School VIII.

William Maxfield Meacham

By William Alcott, '84



W. M. Meacham 1926-19-

When in 1933, the first century was completed in which Thompson's Island was occupied by The Farm and Trades School, the Superintendent was W. M. Meacham, then serving his seventh year.

Mr. Meacham succeeded Paul Francis Swasey, and his induction into office was the first formal ceremony of the kind in the history of the school. The day was Nov. 30, 1926. Students and faculty assembled in the chapel at the appointed hour, and the retiring and incoming superintendents filed in together, accompanied by the president and secretary of the Board of Managers, and the president and two former presidents of the Alumni Association. The boys' band played patriotic airs. Eight undergraduate students related school history. An alumnus told of former Superintendents, and then Mr. Swasey spoke his valedictory, thanking students, faculty, managers, and alumni for their loyalty to him while superintendent, and at the end he handed back to the president of the Board the keys of the school. The president responded with words of appreciation of the service of the superintendent, and presented the keys to Mr. Meacham, who accepted them as symbols of the responsibility of the position, and promised to maintain the traditions and ideals of the school.

Mr. Meacham was born on March 2, 1896, at Hyde Park, Vt., which is within twenty miles of where his two predecessors—Messrs. Bradley and Swasey—were born. He graduated from Peoples Academy at Morrisville, Vt., in 1915, in 1917 entered Middlebury College, served with the American Expeditionary Forces in 1918-19, and then returned to Middlebury College. He received the degree of B. S. in 1921. In the next few years he served schools in Waterbury and Milton, Vt., and in 1924 became principal of Barton Academy, from which he was called to be superintendent of The Farm and Trades School. In 1921 he was married to Miss Rena M. Mack of Middlebury, Vt., and three children have been born to them.

While attempting no review of the work of the present superintendent, these things should be mentioned: The introduction of a modern and scientific diet for students and faculty alike, was brought about through the initiative of Charles P. Curtis of the Board of Managers, who provided an expert dietitian to make a study of the need of growing boys, and which, when it was presented, was adopted.

The second has been the general farm improvement, through the aid of Edward Wigglesworth, of the Board of Managers. The development of a herd of registered Guernsey cattle, erection of a modern cattle barn, and an extensive poultry and orchard improvement program are noteworthy. To conduct this advanced work a four year course in theoretical and practical Agriculture was established.

Mr. Meacham is a member of the Rotary Club of Boston and Vice-President of the Vermont Association of Boston.

Topics in Brief

Classes in forging, which are held during the Winter and Spring terms, have been in session with seven members of the Senior Class in attendance.

The Pilgrim was beached on March 20, for repairs to damage caused by the ice. Part of her sheathing had been torn away and her rudder post and wheel needed adjustment.

The Main Office is being painted, and the woodwork refinished. Plastering and other jobs have been done by our paint shop crew.

Basketball held its own during the month and the Sears' Series was completed. The School team played four games, defeating the Ford Club of the Ruggles Street Church, the Islanders, the Tremont Temple Templars, and losing to the Trinity Church Knights team.

Twenty boys, whose effort was 90 or over attended the theatre in town during the month.

Much has been done in repairing and getting the farm machinery into operation for the spring work. The farm boys have been busy working on the south side dike and road.

The Printing Office boys enjoyed a visit in town on March 22. They were escorted through the broadcasting studios of Station WEEI by E. B. Rideout, and also to the roof of the Edison building to observe Mr. Rideout's weather station. Following this the Herald-Traveler building was visited where the boys witnessed the actual making of a newspaper. The party met Leslie R. Jones '06, while passing through a corridor and this graduate had a pleasant visit with the boys and then escorted them through some of the major departments. After lunch the party spent the afternoon at the plant

of the American Engraving Company. Here they were greeted by the proprietor, Mr. Frank Hendry, who turned the party over to his son, Mr. Frank Hendry, Jr.

Mr. Hendry took from two to three hours to give the boys a comprehensive survey of the photo-engraving trade, and every step in the making of a halftone was performed.

Those in the party are grateful to Messrs. Rideout, Jones and Hendry for their many courtesies.

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 68° on the eighteenth.

Minimum Temperature 6° on the twenty-third.

Mean Temperature for the month 18°.

Nine clear days, thirteen partly cloudy, and nine cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, March 31, 1934

RESOURCES	
Savings Bank	\$510.34
Securities	500.00
Cash	10.06
	<u>\$1020.40</u>

LIABILITIES	
Boys' Deposits	\$228.00
Trading Co. Deposits	414.31
Cottage Row Deposits	46.52
Photo Company Deposits	64.69
Surplus	266.88
	<u>\$1020.40</u>

Calendar 90 Years Ago, March 1844

As Kept by the Superintendent

5. Admitted Stephen Drew of Boston. His father Salamis Drew lives at the corner of Minot and Billerica Streets and keeps a cellar at No. 2 Union Street.

12. Admitted John Joseph Bissett and David Waldron of Boston.

15. Mr. Batcheller and Mr. Mason of Millbury visited the Island.

21. Admitted Chas. E. B. Tyler of Roxbury and Wm. H. Howard of S. Boston.

23. Capt. Tewksbury took a schooner load of hay to House of Industry. Pay rec'd by Managers. The Superintendent left for Northwood, N. H. to attend the funeral of his mother.

28. Capt. Tewksbury took a second load of hay to the House of Industry. Pay rec'd by Managers.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, March 1884

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Cold. Windy. Much ice in bay. Did not attempt to cross until after dinner, then crossed in the "Willie". Mrs. Carpenter went with us. We had not heard from the P. O. since Tuesday last.

15. Morning dull. West Wind in P. M. N. E. in A. M. Snow in A. M. P. M. clear and nice. Mr. J. R. Morse went over about 3 o'clock rowing himself to see our brother who is not well. The Sup't washed and shirred the boys and cut twelve heads of hair.

23. Fine day. Mr. S. G. DeBlois came at 10:30 A. M. and held service in A. M. which was much appreciated by all on the island. In the afternoon A Band of Mercy concert was held at 3 o'clock. Very pleasant. After which Mr. DeBlois addressed us. At 4:30 he with his nephew Geo. DeBlois a bright, cheerful young man, took their departure for the city, having a beautiful sail over in the "Emma."

30. A terribly rough, stormy, cold day. A regular blizzard from the north. The "Emma" filled at her moorings. We had a hard time getting her in.

WEEI Meteorology Station

Station WEEI has its own weather observatory in charge of Mr. E. B. Rideout. This station is located above the studios, and on the top floor of the Edison Building. It has many of the instruments which we have in our observatory. I was one of a group of five that visited this weather station. We first saw the Thermograph, a marvelous instrument which records the temperature. The chart revolves one inch an hour and a pen driven by electric impulses records the exact temperature. Mr. Rideout then took us to the roof of the building and showed us the thermometer shed. Above this, on a mast, is the anemometer, sunshine recorder, wind vane, and so forth. A pulley arrangement lowers this equipment to the roof in case repairs are needed. We then went downstairs to his office where we saw his barometer and quadruple register.

We wish to thank Mr. Rideout for being so kind as to show us through the observatory.

Arthur H. Pickard I

Forging

Classes in Forging for the Senior Class started about a month ago. Seven boys take this course, and are selected because of their success in shop work, and taking into consideration also what the boys expect to do following graduation.

There are four forges and seven anvils. Only one boy can work on an anvil, while two can use a forge. When welding one boy only can use a forge.

There is a standard course which is followed. Some of the models are: rings, bolts, hooks and chains. Drawing metal to smaller dimensions is very interesting.

For a textbook we use "Elements in Practical Forging."

William W. Fish I

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Hyde Park, Mass.

HOWARD B. ELLIS, '99, has been at the School during the month making necessary repairs on the roofs of the buildings.

WALTER D. NORWOOD '04, is now with the Motor Car Company of New England, 850 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, selling Pontiac cars. Walter has had over twenty-five years experience with motor cars, one of his early positions being a driver in Porto Rico in 1910. He is a member of the Harvard Congregational Church in Brookline and lives at 18 Angier Circle, Auburndale, Mass.

LESLIE R. JONES '06, who seemingly can do anything with a camera, is at present sports photographer with the Boston Herald. He has been with this paper for years, and his photographic work has attracted wide attention.

NORMAN W. DARLING '16, is now operating a greenhouse on Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, specializing in rock garden plants, annuals and perennials. For a number of years he has been in the woodworking line but owing to an accident was forced to try something else.

A recent letter from PAUL C. BUTTS, '28 gives his address as Hqrs. 26th Infantry, Plattsburg Bks., Plattsburg, New York.

ALLAN B. SCOTT '30 recently entered the employ of a Tremont Street, Boston, store. He is living at 10A Day Street, Cambridge, Mass.

The Islanders, a basketball team made up principally of graduates has had a successful season. The team lost to our boys during the month in a clean, fast game. Those graduates who played on the Islanders' team were:

Burton Dorman '27
Benjamin F. Middleton '32
Richard L. Bolingbroke '32
Walter K. Pratt '33

The marriage of RAMSEY C. ALLEN, '30 has been announced. His home address is 67 Romsey Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

The initials "C. W. D." following so many articles in the Boston Globe, indicate that the writer is CYRUS W. DURGIN, '21. Mr. DURGIN, who lives at 54 Grove Street, Boston, has earned his way to a very important position with the above paper.

JAMES E. DOUGLAS, '32, recently passed examinations and other entrance requirements and is now a cadet aboard the Massachusetts Training Schoolship "Nantucket." This graduate has studied and worked to be admitted to this training, and will no doubt make the most of the opportunities it offers. His home address is 1619 Mass. Ave., Cambridge.

CHESTER F. WRIGHT, '30, who lives at 115 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, Mass., has been employed at landscape gardening since leaving the school.

KARL R. ADAMS '31 has announced his marriage. Mail addressed to 20 Oak St., Hopedale, will reach this graduate.