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guarantee prompt and satisfactory work.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

SATURDAY.—Mr. Morrison was again defeated

and unable to secure re-election for the 11th

Congressman from New York State that in

the House of Representatives. He was

defeated by Mr. Tilden, who was elected

by a large majority. Mr. Morrison's

defeat was a severe blow to the

Republican party in New York State.

MONDAY.—The first party of the season

left Portland, Maine, for the State of

Massachusetts. The party consisted of

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RENEWED HAN YOUTH.

Mrs. Phoebe Chealey, Peterson, Clay Co.,

Iowa, tells the following remarkable story

of the truth of the following story.

She is now 73 years old, and has been

troubled with kidney complaint

and lameness for many years; could not

dress myself without help. Now I can

do my own housework. I owe my thanks

to Electric Bitters for having renewed my

strength, and removed completely all disease

from my system. I feel only 50 years old,

at Ninety Nine, Norway.

Yours truly, Mrs. Phoebe Chealey.

THE JUDGE'S CASH PUZZLE.

In Behalf of the

GRANT MONUMENT FUND.

Use your Brains and Make Money.

Men, Women, Children, Everybody.

The Judge proposes to assist the Grant Monument

Fund by organizing a grand competition in word

building (making the largest number of English

words from a given set of letters) for the purpose

of raising money for the monument. The prize

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First Baptist Church: Preaching service every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline Angell, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening.

Paris Hill Baptist Church, Rev. W. M. Mason, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening.

Hon. John P. Swasey was in town last week.

John M. Lane, Esq., of Sumner, was in town Tuesday.

Hon. Waldo Pettengill of Rumford Centre, is in town.

Miss Mary L. Mallon went to Portland on a visit Monday.

A. Y. Tuell, Esq., of Sumner, was at Paris last Tuesday.

C. M. Wornell of Bethel, Sheriff elect, was in town last week.

William Woodman, Esq., of Peru, made a call last Tuesday.

Hon. E. W. Woodbury of Bethel called on the DEMOCRAT Tuesday.

O. H. Hersey, Esq., County Attorney elect, was in town last week.

Moses and Hannah Chesley, of Oxford, were at S. H. Hawkes's Saturday.

Ed Giles, of Portland, spent Christmas at Paris, returning Monday morning.

The remainder of Ex-Gov. Perham's family left on Wednesday for Washington.

Deputy Sheriff John W. Chabourne of Oxford attended Probate Court last week.

F. E. Shorey and wife, of Gorham, N. H., spent Christmas with Mrs. Shorey's father, H. K. Hammond, Esq.

G. W. Maxin, of this town, very kindly remembered the DEMOCRAT, and made us a Christmas present of a basket of very fine apples.

The annual meeting of the Paris Hill Academy Association, for the election of officers, will be held at the Hubbard House Saturday, Jan. 1st at 7 p. m.

Deputy Sheriff J. L. Parker of Stoneham, who was believed to be taking charge of the county building house the first of January, was at Paris last week.

There was a bee at the DEMOCRAT office Thursday evening. By the united efforts of quite a number of Paris Hill's strongest men, the safe in which we keep our two-cent piece and our subscription list was broken open. The safe was broken open by the united efforts of quite a number of Paris Hill's strongest men, the safe in which we keep our two-cent piece and our subscription list was broken open.

Winfield S. Dennett of Saco, whose son was killed by drinking poisoned cider, has brought suit against the undertaker who sold the embalming fluid used by the undertaker.

The president last week nominated Gen. Chas. W. Roberts for the Bangor collectorship, John F. Lynch for the Machias collectorship, and Henry L. Kilgore for the Belfast post-office.

Wm. P. Appleby's wooden mill at "Bulford" was burned Saturday morning, the 14th. The fire caught from a lamp. The loss is \$40,000, and forty or fifty hands are thrown out of employment.

Gen. John M. Brown, brigadier-commander of the Maine Militia, has signified his intention of resigning a position at an early day. The question who shall succeed him is one of considerable interest.

Nearly a thousand voters of Augusta, including some of the most prominent citizens, have presented a petition to the State Legislature, asking that the liquor law may be rigidly enforced. It is said that for two years the enforcement of the law in that city has been very lax.

The State Grange held its annual three days' meeting at last week. The secretary's report showed 199 subordinate Granges in the State with an aggregate membership of 14,138. 1,190 new members have been admitted to the Grange. The Granges have been organized, and one surrendered its charter.

At the annual meeting of the trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital, Hon. James Weymouth of Oldtown was elected president of the board, and D. O. Brown of Merrill, Secretary. The employment of a female physician as an additional assistant was authorized. There are now five hundred and twenty-eight patients in the hospital.

Quantities of arsenic were found in the stomach of Huel Crockett of Swanville, who recently died under suspicious circumstances. The coroner's jury found that he was killed by arsenic administered by parties to the jury unknown. Martha Crockett, his widow, was arrested, and after a preliminary examination was bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The great amount of Blackstone's steel from the Great National Bank is \$50,000. It is found that he operated with forged notes, but he was taken with him by a note that he forged, so that it was impossible to prove forgery against him. Forgers bring an extraordinary fine, if it could be proved against him he could be arrested in Canada and brought back here for trial.

OLD DOCUMENT.

(Copied from Mass. archives by John F. Pratt, M. D., Chelsea, Mass.)

Colonel of Massachusetts Bay—To the Honorable the Congress of said Province assembled at Watertown, June, 1775:

The petition of Joseph Ely Humbleteth that under the patronage of this Colony be settled a New Township called Fryeburg at Fryeburg in the County of York which being in said County, the inhabitants are under great apprehension of being attacked by an enemy from Canada, and as they are destitute of ammunition can make no defence if that should be the case. Therefore your Petitioner humbly Prays your Honours would take the case under your wise consideration and be pleased to allow them some Powder and to furnish them with the best of the powder in the State. On every road that leads from the factory—north or south, east or west—there are armed farms and their owners are taking better factory. At a meeting of the stockholders, Dec. 23, they adopted by laws and a few rules for the guidance of patrons. On the 24th, Jan. 20th, and all patrons are cordially invited to be present.

MASON.

This is my last card for 1886, and ends the year's correspondence for my Brigade. As one of the oldest of our number, let me extend my heartfelt thanks to you and all of our comrades for their faithfulness in their own section of the country, and for the kindly feeling which all have manifested toward one another, and wish each of us a Happy New Year.

A. S. Bean has started up his mill in Mason.

A general time of health, and all are busy.

FRYE.

We are having very pleasant weather at present.

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THE POSTAL CARD BRIGADE.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Snow is falling more or less every day now, and the loggers are beginning to cry "enough."

The weather has been so moderate that the ice is not strong in the river. F. A. Flint and Elijah Twitchell both got their teams into the river Friday.

The snow is now so deep that our sportsmen have had to give up hunting deer.

Mrs. F. A. Flint and Miss Addie Flint have gone to Mansfield, Mass., to spend several weeks with relatives and friends. Mrs. F. A. Flint has charge of the post-office while Mrs. Flint is away.

E. WATERFORD.

A. S. Chadbourne is making a short visit at his father's.

John A. Haselton of Norway is teaching dancing school in Fride's Hall.

Liberty Kilgore has closed his house and moved to Albany for the winter, where he and two sons, George L. and Charles L., have taken a job of getting out white birch.

We understand George A. Miller has bought 12 acres of woodland of Joseph Kilgore for \$300.

WEST BETHEL.

E. P. Grover has just started a singing school here with about twenty scholars. S. W. Mason came home from Kingston on Saturday, having completed his work there.

George Frost, from Norway, has moved into one of A. S. Bean's new houses.

A. P. Mason has finished his work for the Grand Trunk Railway Co., and came home last week.

Charles B. Brooks, of Greenwood, was in town Monday.

Miss Flora J. Wheeler, a teacher in the Gorham, N. H., village school, is spending her holiday vacation with her parents, M. Holt and A. S. Bean have sold a large amount of Christmas goods.

This closes my second year with the P. C. B. and I have sent my weekly report to the DEMOCRAT on Thursday morning. What other correspondence has been as regular?

ROBERTY FOND.

Born—Dec. 19th, to the wife of Charles D. Merrill, a daughter.

Allyn Philbrick was slightly hurt some days since, while he was at work on C. E. Mason's camp near the South Arm of Richardson Lake. A broken limb fell and cut his cheek besides lacerating his teeth.

PORTER.

A Merry Christmas to the Editors, Postal Brigade, and all the readers of the DEMOCRAT!

The rain of the past week made a sharp crust, making it very bad traveling.

Mr. Albin Benton died at Parsonsfield, Sunday last, after a long and painful illness. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. F. Snow of Cornish.

If I think of anything to be written by three men, one lifting at the end and the other two with a lever, how far from the end should the lever be placed that each man may lift an equal portion of the load? That is a question in the Record—will some one please answer?

E. BROWNFIELD.

The sledging is good and popular bark and sleds are being loaded in large quantities to the cars and shipped in various directions.

A parish meeting was held at W. H. Stickney's on Sunday evening, and it was decided to secure the services of Rev. Mr. Emmons for the coming year, if possible; the prospect is good that the amount necessary for his services will be raised.

The Chandler in the Cong'l church, which was a very fine one, fell on the evening of the 19th; the last light had been extinguished, but a moment later the house was wrecked and what the Society will do is undecided.

Christmas will be passed ere this appears, and the prospect is that the Union of the town hall will be a pleasant one. A family tree at Mrs. Sam'l Stickney's on Friday evening will take the place of the one always held at W. H. Stickney's.

Addie Adams has been at home from her school for two weeks with sore throat—will commence again the 27th.

M. Q. C. meets every week and the meetings are very interesting.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mrs. Hiram Hathaway recently fell and broke her wrist.

Mrs. Emma Stevens is threatened with smallpox.

Miss Ada Tucker is at home on a visit.

Cyrus Gammon while driving over a road bed in snow, ran his sled against a projecting stone, doing much damage to his sled and harness.

Charles Witt, from Boston, is in this place.

OXFORD.

The Oxford Band gave their annual concert Wednesday evening, assisted by the Oxford Quartette, and, although both the Band and Quartette had sustained the loss of valued members, their renderings this evening were most effective, and the audience, which was large, highly applauded.

The C. L. S. C. met with their Christmas Eve meeting. The next meeting will be on Friday evening, Jan. 7th, at 7 o'clock.

Dr. W. H. Adams will go to Litchfield, to take the practice of the late Dr. Enoch Adams, who is a member of the Legislature.

Frank Hawkes, Elmer Parrot and Thos. Ely are at home for the holidays from Andover, Mass.

Eleven persons were baptized at Welchville by Rev. Mr. Buffum on Sunday, one of whom was admitted to the church.

Oliver, wife of Amos Smith died on Tuesday, 21st inst., after a painful sickness. Her death was caused by the rupture of a blood vessel near her head. Her husband was absent from home at the time of her death.

Orrin Jones and wife attended the funeral of the wife of Kinsman Clifford at the house of J. S. Bates on Sunday last. A concert was given by the Oxford Quartette, assisted by the Oxford Band, at the house of J. S. Bates on Wednesday evening.

George Kavanagh has issued cards advertising Christmas shopping. He has a large assortment of fine candles, including a mammoth goose stick.

WEST PARIS.

The stockholders of the West Paris Creamery chose J. Curtis agent for selling butter a few weeks ago. Since which he has sold the butter that has been held for four months and has a good market for all we can make.

The prospect for the coming year is very encouraging. A large part of the patrons are adding to their herds of cows and many more are coming in, so there will be much more cream gathered on the same route, thus reducing the expense per pound of manufacturing. With the rich grass and pure water of our hills and valleys we ought to have one of the best paying factories in the State. On every road that leads from the factory—north or south, east or west—there are armed farms and their owners are taking better factory. At a meeting of the stockholders, Dec. 23, they adopted by laws and a few rules for the guidance of patrons. On the 24th, Jan. 20th, and all patrons are cordially invited to be present.

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LOVELL.

Porter Keston and George M. Harrison each with four oxen are hauling pine from the "Woods lot" at Sabattus, and S. F. Hartman with six oxen is drawing hard wood from the same lot to S. H. Hartman's mill.

Chas. Kling with four oxen is drawing pine to Keston River.

Christmas-tree at the village Friday night, and at the Cengage Saturday evening. Ed Hamilton and wife (formerly Eliza Hamblen) are visiting relatives here.

F. M. Russell has returned to Bowdoin.

NORTH PARIS.

Christmas-tree at the church Saturday evening.

Miss Isabel Bradford, who has been stopping with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Dunham, for several months, has gone home to her father's.

Miss Bradford expects to go to Boston for treatment in a hospital, sometime in Jan.

Miss Florence Bryant, the young lady who has been nursing at West Paris, Trap Corner and vicinity, is making her home with A. J. Abbott, where she can be found by any one who wants a good nurse. Miss Bryant is a graduate of one of the training schools connected with a New York hospital.

Rev. Seth Benson is teaching school in Greenwood.

Apples are nearly all sold and gone from this vicinity, and now for the rice.

Potatoes are now moving to market at an advanced price.

With good sledding, lumber is coming into the chair factory.

Mr. Killingwood, our blacksmith, is making a large number of canisters for lumbermen's use, of which he makes a very superior article at a low price.

Charles B. Brooks, of Greenwood, was in town Monday.

Miss Flora J. Wheeler, a teacher in the Gorham, N. H., village school, is spending her holiday vacation with her parents, M. Holt and A. S. Bean have sold a large amount of Christmas goods.

This closes my second year with the P. C. B. and I have sent my weekly report to the DEMOCRAT on Thursday morning. What other correspondence has been as regular?

ROBERTY FOND.

Born—Dec. 19th, to the wife of Charles D. Merrill, a daughter.

Allyn Philbrick was slightly hurt some days since, while he was at work on C. E. Mason's camp near the South Arm of Richardson Lake. A broken limb fell and cut his cheek besides lacerating his teeth.

PORTER.

A Merry Christmas to the Editors, Postal Brigade, and all the readers of the DEMOCRAT!

The rain of the past week made a sharp crust, making it very bad traveling.

Mr. Albin Benton died at Parsonsfield, Sunday last, after a long and painful illness. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. F. Snow of Cornish.

If I think of anything to be written by three men, one lifting at the end and the other two with a lever, how far from the end should the lever be placed that each man may lift an equal portion of the load? That is a question in the Record—will some one please answer?

E. BROWNFIELD.

The sledging is good and popular bark and sleds are being loaded in large quantities to the cars and shipped in various directions.

A parish meeting was held at W. H. Stickney's on Sunday evening, and it was decided to secure the services of Rev. Mr. Emmons for the coming year, if possible; the prospect is good that the amount necessary for his services will be raised.

The Chandler in the Cong'l church, which was a very fine one, fell on the evening of the 19th; the last light had been extinguished, but a moment later the house was wrecked and what the Society will do is undecided.

Christmas will be passed ere this appears, and the prospect is that the Union of the town hall will be a pleasant one. A family tree at Mrs. Sam'l Stickney's on Friday evening will take the place of the one always held at W. H. Stickney's.

Addie Adams has been at home from her school for two weeks with sore throat—will commence again the 27th.

M. Q. C. meets every week and the meetings are very interesting.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mrs. Hiram Hathaway recently fell and broke her wrist.

Mrs. Emma Stevens is threatened with smallpox.

Miss Ada Tucker is at home on a visit.

Cyrus Gammon while driving over a road bed in snow, ran his sled against a projecting stone, doing much damage to his sled and harness.

Charles Witt, from Boston, is in this place.

OXFORD.

The Oxford Band gave their annual concert Wednesday evening, assisted by the Oxford Quartette, and, although both the Band and Quartette had sustained the loss of valued members, their renderings this evening were most effective, and the audience, which was large, highly applauded.

The C. L. S. C. met with their Christmas Eve meeting. The next meeting will be on Friday evening, Jan. 7th, at 7 o'clock.

Dr. W. H. Adams will go to Litchfield, to take the practice of the late Dr. Enoch Adams, who is a member of the Legislature.

Frank Hawkes, Elmer Parrot and Thos. Ely are at home for the holidays from Andover, Mass.

Eleven persons were baptized at Welchville by Rev. Mr. Buffum on Sunday, one of whom was admitted to the church.

Oliver, wife of Amos Smith died on Tuesday, 21st inst., after a painful sickness. Her death was caused by the rupture of a blood vessel near her head. Her husband was absent from home at the time of her death.

Orrin Jones and wife attended the funeral of the wife of Kinsman Clifford at the house of J. S. Bates on Sunday last. A concert was given by the Oxford Quartette, assisted by the Oxford Band, at the house of J. S. Bates on Wednesday evening.

George Kavanagh has issued cards advertising Christmas shopping. He has a large assortment of fine candles, including a mammoth goose stick.

WEST PARIS.

The stockholders of the West Paris Creamery chose J. Curtis agent for selling butter a few weeks ago. Since which he has sold the butter that has been held for four months and has a good market for all we can make.

The prospect for the coming year is very encouraging. A large part of the patrons are adding to their herds of cows and many more are coming in, so there will be much more cream gathered on the same route, thus reducing the expense per pound of manufacturing. With the rich grass and pure water of our hills and valleys we ought to have one of the best paying factories in the State. On every road that leads from the factory—north or south, east or west—there are armed farms and their owners are taking better factory. At a meeting of the stockholders, Dec. 23, they adopted by laws and a few rules for the guidance of patrons. On the 24th, Jan. 20th, and all patrons are cordially invited to be present.

MASON.

This is my last card for 1886, and ends the year's correspondence for my Brigade. As one of the oldest of our number, let me extend my heartfelt thanks to you and all of our comrades for their faithfulness in their own section of the country, and for the kindly feeling which all have manifested toward one another, and wish each of us a Happy New Year.

A. S. Bean has started up his mill in Mason.

A general time of health, and all are busy.

FRYE.

We are having very pleasant weather at present.

The sudden death of Mrs. W. L. Holt was very sad. She died Sunday night, at which time she was taken sick and died about the next morning.

We are having very good meetings here now—the power of the Lord is in them.

BETHEL.

A new road is being talked up, leading from the chair factory to the county road near the railroad bridge. This route will be very convenient for teams hauling lumber to the factory. Many village people are very anxious to open the road from the chair factory, by way of Mr. Eli W. Barker's; this route will cut Mr. Barker's pasture and field back of his house in two places, and the damage must be heavy. The route is about one-third of a mile from the factory to the county road, while the former route is only about one hundred rods and will open up some nice horse lots on Mr. Barker's place. This will be very desirable for people working in the chair factory.

The day is not far distant when a road will be opened from the foot of Mill Hill, running north around the hill, coming out just back of Mr. Dudley's house near the railroad bridge. This road will be very convenient for Albany people conveying lumber and wood to the depot and chair factory. A road opened from the chair factory to the county road near the railroad bridge, there would be no need of the chair factory, as the road from the chair factory to the county road would be very convenient for Albany people conveying lumber and wood to the depot and chair factory.

Mr. Daniel Clark is on the sick list. Josiah Kimball's horse recently died with lung fever.

John Flint has taken a job hauling birch for Joshua Saunders to his steam mill in the southeast part of Albany.

Austin Hutchinson is drawing lumber to G. Knight's mill at New Waterford.

James A. Kimball is drawing his pulp wood to Crooked River.

H. O. Wilber has nearly completed his job sawing pulpwood for W. Becker.

George W. Becker is drawing hard wood logs to Bethel to the chair factory.

T. J. Cummings is drawing birch to L. J. Mill.

John Grover and wife are visiting friends in Bethel.

Mr. Daniel Warren, one of Waterford's largest farmers, an honorable and hard working man, is quite sick, not likely to recover—aged 78 years. Says he never brought a barrel of flour on to his farm.

NEWRY.

The festival of the Newry Corner Sewing Society, which was appointed for Thursday evening of last week, was postponed until Monday night of this week, on account of the weather; the affair was a success, fifty-one dollars were realized from the sale of tickets and by sale of articles made by the Society.

A Christmas Festival is to be held at the Branch school house next Monday night.

L. S. Littlehale lost a nice heifer some time ago.

Mr. Harlow has sold his big oxen; Frank Babcock sold a pair lately.

There are still a number of pairs for sale in this neighborhood.

Everybody is busy in the woods. A few good men are wanted in this vicinity to cut and saw birch.

AMONG THE OXFORD HILLS.

(Rev. C. V. Hanson, in Zion's Advocate.)

From my earliest recollection I have heard kindly words both of the hills and the people who dwell upon them. I used to meet from time to time, who claimed the village either as their birthplace or home, were unanimous in their expressions of regard for this beautiful and picturesque place. I had seen glimpses of it in the distance from the Grand Trunk road, but none of those happy views had revealed its many and varied attractions. In my rambles in this region, however, I was led naturally to visit the most famous abode of the Oxford bears. This well known and delightful county seat has had a high and honorable place in the lives of many of Maine, and has sent forth those who have acquired a national reputation.

After a restful night at the parsonage, I looked out upon a dawn that shrouded in an enjoyable and memorable day. Breakfast over, Bro. Cochrane proposed a walk through the goodly town. We first turned towards the Hamlin homestead, where our honored ex-vic-president at Bangor spent his earliest years. Through the courtesy of its present occupant, Mrs. William Chase, we were permitted to pass to the cupola, where we had a most delightful view of this charming region. Below is the valley in which are some of the farms, while in the distance rise the hills and mountains bright with the morning light. But the time is short and we descend all too soon from the place of pleasant vision. I do not wonder that Mr. Hamlin returns with increasing pleasure to the scenes of his early life, for they are delightful beyond expression. But why attempt to enumerate the many charms of Paris Hill?

Here are as pleasant and comfortable homes as you can find in the borders of the good State of Maine. Here, too, are houses that have held many honored occupants and guests. There is an air of quiet dignity about the place that you do not find in many more busy centers of population. With Bro. Cochrane as guide, I learn much of the history of the place, and its people. Yonder is the academy, a substantial building of wood, of two stories. The principal is H. R. Dunham, a graduate of the last class at Colby. He was having a large and good repair. The jail was surprisingly small, and I was glad to know that but few of the Oxford bears ever find their way into this unpleasant den. There are some notable residences, with no space for the imagination of them. The quiet home of worship is in a very eligible location, and is surrounded with very ample grounds. The church is the mother church in this region, and has had a wide influence for good. The admirable and extended historical sketch of the church in the Advocate some years since by Dr. H. C. Estes, precludes the necessity of any statements in this direction from myself. Few of the churches in the State are as historic as this, and few can boast a brighter or more useful record. The town clock in the tower of the church so clearly was the gift of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin. The Universalist house also has an excellent location, and is the church home of quite a portion of the people of the town. Ex-Gov. Perham is an attendant at this place of worship. On Sunday forenoon it is the privilege of the writer to preach for Bro. Cochrane. The audience was quite large, and one which quickly secured the good opinion of the stranger. The neatness of the house was worthy of all praise. The sexton must have had a long and thorough training in the home of a model housekeeper. It was pleasant to greet quite a number who remembered the preacher as a boy in Portland. While looking over the audience I thought of the many and valuable gifts which this historic church has made to the churches in this and other states.

The First and Free St. churches in Portland are specially indebted to Paris Hill. Hon. Geo. F. Emery, Mr. J. A. King, Mr. Elias Chase, Mr. G. H. Watkins, Mr. Edward P. Chase, and others could be named from these prominent churches. Such, however, seems to be the lot of these smaller churches among the hills and valleys. They rear and train the men and women who become the leaders in the churches in the larger centers of population.

In the afternoon your correspondent had the pleasure of preaching at South Paris. An early start gave time for a thorough inspection of the new house of worship. It had heard much of this edifice, but it proved to be far more attractive and convenient than I had supposed. The enterprise and liberality of the people who undertook and carried through this project are worthy of all praise. The movement has hardly been equalled in our recent history. The audience was small as the weather was very unpleasant, but those present were largely the leaders in this new church, which seems to have such promise of a bright future. The work of Rev. J. E. Cochran here is surely monumental. My visit with him showed that his heart was in his work, and he would frequently turn from other subjects, and dwell upon the work to which he felt that he had been called of God. Permit me to add a brief biographical sketch of this good brother. He was born in Monmouth, but in early life moved to Northern Arnoctook. His parents and some others of the family were Methodists, but in a single year the father and mother and five of the children were baptized into the fellowship of Baptist churches. Mr. Cochran was baptized at Easton, one of the Convention churches, by Rev. I. G. Ridley, now one of the veteran ministers in the Arnoctook. He graduated at Colby, and then entered upon his work at Paris. Perhaps he and his good wife had a careful and thorough intellectual preparation for her work in Waterville, will look back in thought to their first home on Paris Hill, and long under those oppressive Eastern skies for some of the breezes that came fresh and strong from northern heights. But whatever may be their thought, they will be borne tenderly on the hearts of many in their native State, and from many homes prayers will ascend for their prosperity and peace.

The single week among the Oxford hills was all too short, but my experiences were all of the most enjoyable character, and such as to lead me to cherish the desire for a longer and more extended tour in this prosperous section of Maine.

NORWAY.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline E. Angell, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening.

Methodist Church, Rev. Alex. W. Mason, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening.

Methodist Church, O. S. Pillsbury, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday evening.

