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SONG OF THE STREAM.

I was cradled upon the mountain's crest,
Where the chant of the breezes lulled to rest;
Where the frowning crag reared its towering form,
To bid defiance to tempest and storm;
In that leafy home was a peaceful hush,
And my sorrows were stilled by the woodland thrush.
Ah! the days of my childhood were peaceful alway,
I was free as the lark the long, long day.

My bed was cushioned with softest moss,
And the grasses trailed their silken floss
From the banks where the wood-star, anemone,
Bent its dear, sweet face so close to me.
Here the ivy and clematis richly lent
Their festoons to the hazels which o'er me bent.
Yes, the days of my childhood were peaceful alway,
I was free as the lark the long, long day.

On, onward I flowed with increasing strength,
But a restless longing came o'er me at length,
As there floated to me from the valley below,
Sweet sounds of music, distant and low;
An unceasing murmur of busy strife
Told of lands and cities teeming with life.
I forgot my childhood, happy and gay,
And looked forward to life the long, long day.

I dreamed of parks and palaces fair,
Of sun-lit plains and flowers rare,
So I left my home on the mountain's breast,
And floated and tossed down its rocky crest;
Down, down I was dashed the rugged steeps,
To the valley plunging in fearful leaps.
No longer in childhood peaceful and free,
But launched on life's misty, troublous sea.

The dreamed-of parks and palaces fair
Are now on my banks, and the flowers rare;
But dingy hovels and wharves are here,
My waters no longer sparkling and clear;
The slave of man, I serve in his mills,
No more to be free as the mountain's rills.
Gone by is my childhood once so gay,
And duties press heavier day by day.

But the rippling laugh in that hill-side nook
Was shallow and frail as my pebbly brook;
Now the roar of my falls resounds on high,
Mighty wheels revolve as I glide by;
Most gladly I toil by day and night,
For men never cease to bless my might.
The lesson of life I have learned at length,
To serve mankind is my joy and strength.

ARTHUR LEE GOLDER.

Eliot, Me.

TOWN MEETING IN 1669.

The old mother-town of Kittery was very strict in her demands of her sons to attend the town meetings for making choice of county and town officers, and in 1669 she decided that each one who neglected to attend the town meeting upon notice given according to the customs of the town, should pay five shillings, or about eighty-three cents.

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sung to us; Nature has beckoned to us; Art has explained its mysteries; Science has taught us; Reason has spoken to our minds, and Religion to our souls. Through every voice the call has come clearly, to live up to the highest in us, to love God and all his creatures.

To the one who has brought these great privileges into our midst, we give our heartiest thanks; and if we add to that our co-operation in her work, we shall be doing only what we ought to do. Her desire has been to bring the best thought of the day within our reach, and make it as free as the sunshine. She has done her part. If we have gone out into that sunshine of thought, we are strengthened and invigorated; and if we have stayed away, we have the long winter before us in which to repent and plan to do differently next summer.

GREENACRE LECTURES.

Sweet summer has gone away, and with it passed the summer lectures at Greenacre. This was the third season of these conferences, and it has been a delightful season, with ever increasing interest in the lectures and classes. For the guests at the Inn and the surrounding cottages the days have been all too short to enjoy the feasts of reason and the flow of soul, continually offered to all, as free as air. Our townspeople, too, have been most cordially welcomed to every event at the Inn, and many have availed themselves of this rare opportunity and spent delightful hours at the lectures in the big tent, or listening to readings or talks on current subjects at the Inn.

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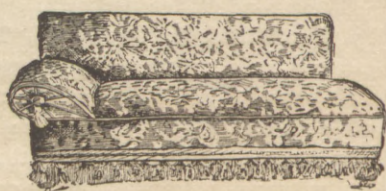
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In our last issue we gave notice that the next ELIOT EPWORTHIAN would appear in August. This is the promised number, late as ever. We admire the virtue of promptness, but it is hard to live up to it.

Rev. G. I. Lowe made a hasty visit to Eliot on his way to Haverhill, Mass., the last of July. Old friends were glad to see again his genial countenance, and to know that his old charge still held a warm place in his heart.

MRS. SYLVESTER MOULTON.

On Sunday, May 17th, Mrs. Lydia Moulton, an active and beloved member of our church, was suddenly stricken with paralysis, and after lingering until Thursday, the 21st, passed peacefully to her reward.

Mrs. M. was greatly beloved, in the church and community, not only for her cheerful views of life and warm interest in the welfare of others, but for her unselfish, consistent, Christian character.

She will be greatly missed not only by her husband, left alone in his declining years—to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy—but also by a large circle of friends and neighbors with whom the fragrance of her life will remain.

[Through an accident this was omitted from our last issue.]

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

The session of the international Sunday school convention in Boston brought together a large number of able people who are intensely devoted to the study of the Bible, and who feel that the method which they have employed for many years is worthy of approval for the Sunday school; but an increasing number of those engaged in the same kind of work are reaching the conclusion that the uniform Sunday lesson is a mistake, and the fact that uniformity has been everywhere discarded in other departments of education is having more and more weight with individuals. It is a method by which personality and individuality, which are supreme forces

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in all other departments of instruction, are sacrificed to a dead level of uniformity. Dr. Hovey, who has been for many years an advocate of the international lessons, has reached the conclusion that he can no longer endorse this method, and the Watchman has raised the inquiry whether the Sunday schools using the uniform lessons are meeting the demand for the religious training of the young. When such conservative forces as are represented by Dr. Hovey and the Watchman feel compelled to speak their mind, it means that the need of a radical change in the method of conducting the Sunday school is widely felt. The Sunday school, as at present conducted, is at a very critical period in its history. It is failing to give the instruction in the knowledge of the Bible which it was created to furnish.—Boston Herald.

CHURCH AND LEAGUE NOTES.

Our pastor and his wife are now receiving congratulations upon the advent of a little daughter into their home. The wee stranger came to the parsonage Saturday, Aug. 22, 1896. We are glad to know that the mother and child are progressing finely.

After being shut in for several weeks by lameness, the result of being thrown from a wagon, our second vice-president is once more able to attend to her duties in person.

Aug. 18, Pearl Chapter, in union with the Sunday school and Junior League, held its annual picnic. York beach was the spot chosen this year for the outing. About ninety were in the company. Thirty of this party rode in a "chariot of state" drawn by four horses. No one could doubt, as this festive team appeared, that the passengers were having a good time,

and for one day, at least, had laid aside dull care.

What mattered it, if the rain did dampen the straw a bit? It would have taken a much more severe shower to dampen the ardor or to quench the music (?) with which our young friends enlivened the homeward way. Pleasant memories will cluster about this outing spent by the ocean blue, and its memory will help to refresh us when busily engaged in months to come.

Old friends are always gladly welcomed after an extended absence, and we are ever pleased to hear of the return of friends to a home in our midst. So it gives us pleasure to know that the wife of our former pastor, Mrs. Harriet Porter, with her two children, is to make her home in Eliot for the next few years:

Mrs. Porter is housekeeping in the little cottage owned by Miss Paulina Emery, and which was built by her grandfather, Mr. James Emery, more than 150 years ago. Various repairs have been made by the owner that the house might be comfortable and cozy for its new occupants, who, judging by the experiences of former acquaintance, will here be glad to renew old friendships and form new ones.

The League has had two garden parties this summer for the purpose of raising money to pay some church debts. The first one was given by Mrs. Jas. W. Bartlett on the last day of June, and was largely attended. Flags, red and white decorations and Japanese lanterns made the garden gay with color, and the numerous tables and booths trimmed with flowers were surrounded with a happy throng enjoying the ice cream and cake. Rev. D. W. Waldron added over fifty to the company by bringing all the Rosemary guests with him and treating them all to refreshments. There was music in the house later in the evening, and the rooms were filled till a late hour.

The second garden party was given by Mr. Moses E. Goodwin. The grounds were very prettily arranged and decorated with Japanese lanterns, while ice-cream booths and cake tables were scattered here and there, and were well patronized by the company. A good sum was realized from these gatherings.

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THE WAY TO SING.

The birds must know. Who wisely sings
 Will sing as they.
 The common air has generous wings;
 Songs make their way.

No messenger to run before,
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 No mention of the place, or hour,
 To any man.
 No waiting till some sound betrays
 A listening ear;
 No different voice—no new delays
 If steps draw near.

"What bird is that? The song is good."
 And eager eyes
 Go peering through the dusky wood
 In glad surprise.

Then late at night, when by his fire
 The traveler sits,
 Watching the flame go brighter, higher,
 The sweet song flits
 By snatches through his weary brain,
 To help him rest.
 When next he goes that road again,
 An empty nest
 On leafless bough will make him sigh:
 "Ah me! last spring,
 Just here I heard, in passing by,
 That rare bird sing."

But while he sighs, remembering
 How sweet the song,
 The little bird on tireless wing
 Is borne along
 In other air, and other men,
 With weary feet,
 On other roads, the simple strain
 Are finding sweet.

The birds must know. Who wisely sings
 Will sing as they;
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 Songs make their way.
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gift and pray that we may abuse it
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 "Those stately arks that from the deep
 Garner the life for worlds to be:
 And with their glorious burden sweep
 Adown dark Time's untravelled sea."
 —James F. Clark in "Self Culture."

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Among all the problems upon which
 the human intellect has tried its teeth,
 the origin of evil is the most useless
 and hopeless, the most fascinating
 and maddening.—Rev. John Watson
 in "The Mind of the Master."

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We must learn to accommodate our-
 selves to the discovery that some of
 those cunningly fashioned instruments
 called human souls have only a very
 limited range of music and will not
 vibrate in the least under a touch that
 fills others with tremulous rapture or
 quivering agony.—George Eliot in
 "Adam Bede."

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We may lay it down as an elemental
 principle of religion, that no large
 growth in holiness was ever gained
 by one who did not take time to be
 often and long alone with God.—Lucy
 Larcom in "Breathings of the Better
 Life."

PICTURES.

(Written for the Elliot Epworthian.)

Who has not repeatedly observed
 the eagerness with which a little child
 will grasp a brightly colored picture
 and point admiringly to some familiar
 object?

Books that abound in illustrations
 are childhood's especial delight, and
 these awaken in the busy little brains
 many a perplexing question for the
 "children of a larger growth" to an-
 swer. From early youth until old age

dims the eyes and blunts the percep-
 tions, pictures, besides affording pleas-
 ure and entertainment, have formed
 no unimportant part in the person's
 education.

Pictures that particularly appeal to
 a child will often become so deeply
 impressed upon his mind that after
 long years they can be recalled and
 described. It is then a matter of im-
 portance to see that none but pure,
 sweet pictures shall ever be placed in
 the hands of the young to exert their
 silent influence upon the character.

Costly pictures wrought by the
 hand of a Master Artist adorn the
 walls of but few homes. Yet in this
 age there are so many devices that
 have been improved and perfected
 for making faithful reproductions of
 world-renowned pictures, that the
 multitude are able to gain some
 knowledge of the world's great artists
 and their masterpieces.

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 opened in large cities that the people
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 does not receive a certain enjoyment
 in looking upon some beautiful face,
 a bit of charming scenery, or some
 incident from real or ideal life deftly
 traced upon the canvas by a true
 artist.

There yet remain a large class who
 are denied such privileges. These
 must learn to depend upon the re-
 sources and provisions with which
 everyone has been supplied, a mental
 picture gallery wherein are placed an
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 tures. Through the eyes (which, by
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PICTURES.

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sions from outside things which are delicately traced upon the sensitive plates of memory. These plates, or views, are so arranged in our inner picture gallery that when one is wanted we have simply to press, as it were, an electric button. In response to the summons there at once arises the picture we wished in all its original freshness. In addition to this it is accompanied with the experiences which were ours at the time when this view was added to our collection.

As the traveller passes through places abounding in varied, picturesque scenery, he is able (with his ever present camera) to take such views that when miles away he can enjoy the scenes which so impressed him with beauty.

Some have not yet learned to use their eyes in a way which shall yield the largest and best returns. Inattentive and unobservant, they heed not the manifold ways in which Nature tries to draw attention to her works. To develop a spirit of appreciation for the things about us, let an attempt be made each day to discover something beautiful in them! What once seemed most dull surroundings will in a short time, under this treatment, be found to contain a variety of interesting subjects for study.

The teachers in our public schools have open to them grand opportunities for directing and molding their pupils' minds. Children are easily led to make careful observations and to describe with accuracy familiar scenes and objects, when under the guidance of a wise teacher who skillfully draws their attention in these directions.

The young people in the country, living as they do in the heart of Nature's mysteries, in the midst of flowers, birds, and all manner of insect life, have in this respect great advantage over those who live in the cities. Yet how many of the country children are taught to attach any importance to the wild flowers and their manner of growth? or to the different birds, their songs and habits? When Nature's secrets are to be probed, bright eyes are required to be used intelligently and with diligence. He who seeks earnestly will be rewarded by finding treasures that are hidden from those who having eyes, yet they see not.

One of this class travels over the same road with one who has learned the art of seeing. They pass along surrounded by the same objects, yet each receives entirely different impressions. The first was never taught to love God's handiwork as seen in the world about him. His eyes are upon the rocks in the road; or they are directed to the hill just ahead which will be so tiresome to ascend; and that tangle of bushes and trees by the roadside claims his attention. No pleasant picture is produced in that mind by what he sees.

The other, from a child, has been instructed to regard the most common things as possessing interesting features worthy of careful attention.

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Again he sees a little bird swaying hither and thither upon some slender branch in a meadow near by. There, in the midst of the daisies and buttercups "atilt like a blossom among the leaves," he pours forth his song and "lets his illumined being o'errun with the deluge of summer it receives."

To the first traveller, whose eyes were blinded save to the hard, disagreeable facts, life's journey will prove extremely burdensome. To such it will be made up of rough places and long dreary stretches, with tiresome hills scattered all along the way. While these same annoyances and trials come to the other traveller, he will discover that life abounds in more attractive things in which he becomes so interested that the unpleasant and vexatious portions are obscured.

Busy men and women, now far from the home of their youth, count among their choicest possessions the views which their memory retains of the old home scenes. Before the mind of one there often arises the vision of a wooded grove, a favorite haunt the season through. It was a charming retreat upon a hot summer's day, for the pines and hemlocks, with their interlacing branches, formed a canopy not easily penetrated by the sun's rays. Glimpses of the sky were to be seen here and there through the leafy screen. Great masses of ferns, waving their plume-like tops in the breeze,

cover the ground. The quietness is undisturbed save for some bird calling to its mate, the chirp of some insect, or the swift scampering of a squirrel as he jumps from tree to tree busily scolding in his chattering way.

Not all our pictures are so calm and peaceful as the above. Sometimes we recall one so sad as to make us weep. Then we have some that are full of mirth, and others that cause us to shudder and which we try to banish from our mind.

In order that one's mind may be well furnished, and contain a goodly supply from which to draw comfort and enjoyment in years to come, no better plan can be followed than that offered by Charles Kingsley in these lines:

"Try, if you can, not to pass a day without either reading a beautiful poem, or hearing a sweet song, or seeing a beautiful picture." And again: "Still more should we try not to pass a day without doing some beautiful deed of love, without saying some sweet word of kindness, however quiet and unostentatious, or without letting others see the beautiful picture of a consistent character. So shall we be writing poems for God and painting pictures for eternity."

The year is getting to feel rich, for his golden fruits are ripening fast, and he has a large balance in the barns, which are his banks. The members of his family have found out that he is well to do in the world. September is dressing herself in showy dahlias and splendid marigolds and starry zinnias. — Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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There are no dreams like "sea dreams." How grand it was last night after sunset to walk a quarter of a mile beyond our lodgings and find myself in a solitary white road, with barley and wheat fields on each side, a hint of vast distance eastward, the sea westward, the lighthouse with its steady white star, the lightship out at sea with its red light going in and out, the first stars appearing, the soft, fresh night breeze blowing, the hush, the calm, the sublime calm, "the rising mind," the sense of God. —From Letters of James Smetham.

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