Lawrencetown and Eastern Annapolis

Miss Bessie Newcomb is spending two weeks at Middleton.

Miss Steele, of Port Maitland, Yar. Co., is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Whitman.

Miss Phinney, of Middleton, has taken charge of Reid's millinery department.

L. H. Stoddart has recently purchased a portable saw-mill and will commence operations soon.

Much fall plowing has been done and if the weather holds fair for a week or so a great deal more of this work will be done.

Several from here will attend the benefit to be given by Price Webber & Co., at Middleton, on the 26th, to Prof. Pelig Spinney, who recently lost his home by fire.

We give below the standing of our high school up to the first of the month:

GRADE XI.

	Average.
Kathleen James,	87
Eva Daniels,	80
Pauline Hall,	78
Will Brown,	77

GRADE X.

Ethel Phinney,	97
Frank Palfrey,	92
Blanch Bishop,	90
Fred Bishop,	80
Roy Balcom,	80
Wilfrid Baker,	75
Myrna Stoddart,	75
Charlie Miller,	75
Lulu Durling,	70
Alvin Durling,	68
Blanche Balcom,	66
Evans Jefferson,	65
Walter Morse,	65
Mack Selig,	65
George Hatt,	45
Freeman Hatt,	40

GRADE IX.

Winnie Feltus,	88
Eva Crawford,	88
Vernon Durling,	81
Wilbur Phinney,	75
Hazel Balcom,	75
Lizzie McLeod,	70
Lucy Hayes,	70
Sadie Parker,	60
Kitty Daniels,	60
Leta Durling,	55
Irving Hall,	45

GRADE VIII.

Marguerite West,	97
Grace Jefferson,	96
Edith Whitman,	93
Ronald McLeod,	68
Arthur Balcom,	40

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SPRINGFIELD.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Morrison and son Neil, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison over Sunday.

Our teachers the Misses Ernie, Kate and Hattie Baker, spent the 16th and 17th at their home in Margaretville.

Charles Dairs, of Mahone was in town on the 19th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sheeman and two children of Middleton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Grimm over Sunday.

Rumors of a bean supper in the near future.

Woodbine Division is in a flourishing condition. A miscellaneous program is being prepared for the next evening.

An Oddfellows Lodge was organized on the evening of the 17th. About forty representatives from different lodges were present: Refreshments were served at twelve o'clock and the meeting continued until five o'clock a. m. Friday has been appointed for the night of meeting.

HAMPTON.

Charles Dunn has been repairing our breakwater, laid new covering on about a hundred feet and built in a piece on the inside to protect the bank and road from washing away, the east pier has cleaned out the sand and helped the harbor very much.

D. D. Burke will be working on the Chute bridge this week and the travelling public are hereby notified that the bridge will be up after this week and travelling will be dangerous, especially at night.

MT. ROSE.

Sunday services for Nov. 25th, Rev. R. Kinley, pastor: Sunday school at Arlington at 10 a. m.; preaching at Outram at 11 a. m.; St. Croix Cove at 3 p. m.; Port Lorne at 7.30 p. m. Prayer meeting at Arlington every Tuesday evening at 7.30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

Harry Messenger who has been away some time in the west, is at home visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Willett Eason and other friends in this place. We were all glad to see Harry back once more.

Miss Cora Brinton, of St. Croix was visiting friends in this place a few days last week.

Mrs. J. Bent is at the present time of writing very ill; also Mrs. R. Banks. Their many friends wish for their speedy recovery.

Mrs. Israel Banks of Port Lorne was visiting her sister Mrs. P. L. Salsbury on Sunday.

Howard Messenger is at Berwick for a few weeks helping his brother-in-law J. Shaw, in the apple business.

LOWER GRANVILLE.

A conundrum supper was held at the residence of George Oliver on Wednesday evening last which was well attended considering the inclemency of the weather. A very enjoyable evening was spent and about eleven dollars added to the funds of the Episcopal church.

The funeral of Mrs. J. A. Boyer took place on Sunday afternoon, Mr. Kinley conducting the services. The attendance was large and general sympathy expressed for the bereaved family.

Wm. Fraser, Granville Centre, has been purchasing apples about here last week and loaded a car at the Island station.

Schooner Cora B., Capt. Johnson, arrived from Lynn on Saturday and is laid up for the winter.

Mrs. Libbie Bogart went to New York on Saturday to make a visit to relatives.

PARADISE.

We are pleased to report Mrs. I. M. Longley who has been quite ill, convalescent.

The Literary society met at H. A. Longley's on Thursday evening last. H. A. Longley was elected president; H. J. Starratt, secretary. A second meeting of the society was held at the parsonage on Monday evening, last, for the purpose of disposing of the old magazines.

Mrs. Rupert Chesley returned on Saturday last from the United States where she has been visiting her sister.

Chas. Covert, Jr., and daughter Pearl left on Saturday for the United States where they intend remaining the winter.

Hotel arrivals.—Capt. A. G. Bremner, Halifax; Mrs. Marguerite Finer, Roxbury; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gormley, Roxbury; Mr. Shadd, St. John; J. U. Logie, Bangor; Mr. Puddington, St. John; Mr. Fuller, Toronto; Mr. Graham, Halifax; Mr. Crosby, Halifax; Mr. Rising, St. John; Mr. Seeley, St. John; Mr. Armstrong, Aylesford.

ALBANY.

Ernest Balcom is making rapid progress in the sawing of lumber for A. W. Allen and A. B. Fairn, averaging from fourteen to sixteen per day.

Invitations are out for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Oakes on Monday the 26th of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sheridan, of Massachusetts, have recently been the guests of her parents at Margaretville, also of his at Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitman, of Albany are visiting his brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Leonard.

Miss Henrietta Fairn has returned from her visit to Paradise where she was the guest of her uncle, George Starratt.

HOW TO LIVE A CENTURY.

Sir James Sawyer, an English physician has formulated the following nineteen rules for prolonging life to one hundred years:

1. Eight hours sleep.
2. Sleep on your right side.
3. Keep your bedroom window open all night.
4. Have a mat on your bedroom floor.
5. Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
6. No cold tub in toe morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body.
7. Exercise before breakfast.
8. Eat little meat, and see that it is well cooked.
9. (For adults.) Drink no milk.
10. Eat plenty of fat, to feed the cells, which destroy disease germs.
11. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy these cells.
12. Daily exercise in the open air.
13. Allow no pet animals in your living rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs.
14. Live in the country if you can.
15. Watch the three D's—drinking water, damp and drains.
16. Have a change of occupation.
17. Take frequent and short holidays.
18. Limit your ambitions; and
19. Keep your temper.

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MT. HANLEY.

Mrs. S. W. Armstrong, who has been visiting relatives in Lynn has returned home.

Miss Lizzie Slocumb who has been very low with typhoid fever is now recovering at time of writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Chute, Bridgetown, have been the guests of Mrs. Chute's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zebulon Elliott.

Clarence Brown who has for the past few months in Cornwallis, is at home again.

Arthur H. Barteaux, who has been visiting relatives in Massachusetts for the past month, has returned home.

Elmer Elliott had the misfortune to lose a fine horse this week, the result of injuries received on the threshing machine.

BEACONSFIELD.

Mrs. Jerry Saulnier who has been visiting friends at Aylesford, returned home on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. William Criss, of Deep Brook is visiting Mrs. Criss's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bent.

Miss Lillie Ring spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manford Ring.

Ezra Ring, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Edward Marshall, of Mt. Rose, returned home on Sunday.

Joseph Saulnier was calling on friends on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Bent spent Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Bent, of North Williamston.

WEST DALHOUSIE.

Jason Neily, of Kingston, spent a few days last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Hannam. While here Mr. Neily was very successful in obtaining a fine moose.

Mrs. Ritson Durling arrived home from Boston last week where she has made quite an extended visit.

Charles Cummings and Percy Morse of Bloomington, visited Mr. and Mrs. George Hannam and other friends last week.

Edward Campbell had the misfortune to lose one of his working oxen recently.

Milledge Hannam who has been in the employ of C. Jackson, is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Beacon, of Boston, made a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Avard Gillies recently.

John Hannam has purchased from Ted Gillis a fine driving horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Appleton Buckler spent Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson.

David E. Slipp was successful in getting a one dollar bill in a pound of Coin tea purchased at C. L. Piggott's store last week.

George Hannam who has been spending a few days with friends at Bloomington, has returned home.

Mrs. Elmer McGill who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitman, at Inglisville for some weeks, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor, of Bridgetown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mrs. Amos Hannam.

PHINNEY COVE.

After sending the announcement which appeared last week, it was found necessary to change the plans and instead of the intended donation, there will be a pie social in our Baptist church this evening (Nov. 21), or if not fine, the next fine evening, in the interest of our pastor, Rev. T. A. Blackadar.

An event took place near here last Friday by which Vernon Bent, one of our promising young fellows, had a very narrow escape from drowning. He was on the shore in company with two younger boys at a place a little below here, locally known as Gesner Cove. The waves were unusually high. The tide was well up on the beach, and feeling sure that it was at its highest and would soon begin to fall back, Vernon went out on a ledge or point of rock, and without a thought of danger was watching the fascinating motion of the waves, and singing, "Throw out the Life Line." Little did he think that in a few brief minutes he would want a steady hand and strong arm to throw out the life-line to him—but such was the case. The treacherous tides of the Bay often deceive even those who are used to them. There are times when the large waves roll in and make a sudden and unexpected rise of some feet in the height of the water. So it was in this case, and before the boy was aware of his danger the rock was surrounded; and the waters still continued to rise. His companions got a rope, probably from a near-by fish-house, and tying a bolt to one end, endeavored to throw it to him, but without success. They then ran for help. Fortunately Norman Hamilton, one of our stalwart fishermen, was working near, and was quickly on the spot with a coil of strong, new line. By this time the waves were breaking over the rock and once the boy was almost carried off his feet. The life line was thrown out, and tying it firmly around his waist, he leaped into the raging surf, and not a moment too soon. The next moment a large wave broke over the rock with a force which, had help not come in time, would have hurled him into the surf where human help could have been of no avail. The undertow was so strong that Mr. Hamilton was just able to hold the boy from being carried out to sea. Then the incoming wave hurled him end over end and slightly, but not seriously, bruised him on the rocks, and in a few moments Mr. Hamilton had him on shore—saved. We feel sure that Vernon's many friends will unite with us in expressing our appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Hamilton for his quickness and presence of mind, which with God's blessing, enabled him to effect a rescue.

Bear River and Western Annapolis

BEAR RIVER.

(Telephone.)

Dr. Byers, of Annapolis, was in town last Friday.

Jared Banks arrived home from Boston last week.

H. T. Warne, of Hill Grove, was in town Monday.

Fred C. Jones arrived home from the Northwest last week.

Miss Lydia Rice went to Boston last week where she will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Byron Harris entertained a few friends Monday evening.

Mrs. Carey Henshaw, Lansdowne, entertained a few friends Monday evening.

Mrs. A. E. Dunlop, of Kentville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Phinney.

M. C. Harris is having a new foundation put under the building occupied by George Frizzle.

The Mite Society meets this evening with Mrs. Wm. R. Rice at 6.30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Miss Avis Graham went to Amherst Head, Wednesday to visit her sister Mrs. (Rev.) Harry Patterson.

Curtis L. Denton, of the Oakdene staff spent Sunday with friends at Centreville, Annapolis county.

Mrs. W. D. Ryerson, who has been visiting her son Harry, in Boston, returned home Wednesday of last week.

L. M. Trask, of Yarmouth, was in town last Thursday and appointed R. A. Harris agent for gasoline engines, etc.

J. C. Berry and John C. Harris left for Lincoln, N. H., Wednesday where they will work the winter. They will be missed here especially by the gentler sex.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Clarke gave a dinner to a number of aged folk on last Friday in honor of Mr. Clarke's mother, Mrs. Richard Clarke, it being her eighty-second birthday.

Mrs. Chipman Harris entertained a number of friends at her residence on last Thursday evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent in music and the discussion of the local topics of the day.

Mrs. (Dr.) Laurence Braine and children who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Graham left for Glenmarget, Halifax, where the Dr. will succeed to a practice.

George A. Rugg informs us that his orchards, Centrevale, in fourteen acres killed a hog last week weighed one-half months old, which six inches 523 pounds dressed, and had nches clear fat on the back. This was fattened on barley and peas.

Eureka Tent No. 6 of the Knights of the Maccabees of the world was organized here last Friday evening with twelve members by Prov. Commander A. A. Daniels, of Middleton. Another meeting was held on Monday evening when six more candidates were initiated. Everything looks favorable for a large Tent here in the near future.

LAKE JOLLY.

Rain and mud are plentiful now-a-days.

Logging will soon begin at all the camps. Skipper J. Snell has got his No. 2 camp completed. He will have charge of two crews this winter. Skipper I. Banks will move into camp this week, occupying the same camp he did last winter. Skipper K. Litch is building a new camp which will be nearly completed this week, and Skipper "Claire" Hubley is working on his road and will have a crew logging here at the mill this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wright moved last week into the summer cottage here for the winter.

On last Friday morning the 9th, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hubley were made very happy by the birth of a son. We extend congratulations.

A wood house for the cook house is being built this week.

Twenty moose have been brought out this way this fall.

Warren Wright has been improving his residence by putting water in it lately.

Reginald Berry and his sister Lillian, of Morganville, and their friend, Mr. Jewel, of Stratham, N. H., called on friends here one day last week.

Mrs. Mary Donedale, of Princedale, has been visiting at Gilbert Hubley's for a few weeks.

PORT WADE.

The Cora B., Capt. Geo. Johnson, arrived in port Saturday afternoon, home from her last trip of the season. She will probably be hauled up near here for some repairs.

We are pleased to again see the faces of Ezra McGregor and John Holmes home again from a trip on the Cora B.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. A. Morgan is quite seriously ill.

James W. Snow and wife moved into their new home on Monday 19th.

Mrs. Howard Burke and daughter Frances are convalescing from their recent illness.

Mrs. Edward Connors, Karsdale, is here part of the time taking care of her mother, Mrs. Morgan.

C. B. Tupper, salesman for Singer Sewing Machine Co., made his regular monthly trip through this place last week. Mr. Tupper is doing a good business in sewing machines.

There were two services here Sunday Methodist in the morning, Mr Whitman, and Baptistin the evening, Mr. Kinley.

Capt. Ed. Slocumb visited his son James, at Digby on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Capt. Abram Holmes of schooner Mercedes is quite ill at his home here.

Arthur Hayden is visiting his friends at Kingston.

Mrs. Adeline Foster expects to move into her old home soon.

Harry C. Kendall, adjt. S. A., Toronto, is making a tour of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; also a call at Amesbury, Mass., visiting his parents, brothers and sisters.

CLEMENTSPORT.

Schooner Mercedes, Capt. Henshaw, left here for Boston a few days ago. Dame rumor says that she has been bought lately by W. Herbert Hicks of this town and others.

Mr. Cossett, from Round Hill spent Sunday last with friends in the village.

Old Colony Division has purchased a nice organ for its special use. This certainly bespeaks progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurr from Cleveland, Ohio, are the guests of Mrr. George B. Jones.

We are sorry to learn that William Roop was taken quite ill on Sunday last—so ill that the services of a doctor were required.

Miss Manning, of St. John, has organized a music class in the village.

Oscar Vroom from the great North West, made a short visit to his home at W. V. Vroom's last week.

Schooner Oscar F., Capt. Ossinger, from Tiverton, is now lying at this port taking in produce in exchange for fish.

Mrs. Elias Rawding spent days at Upper Clementsport a few She was the guest of last week, Gilliatt.

Mrs. Louisa Shaw Mrs. Sophia ton to spend the has gone to Bos-

Mrs. John Le winter.

Capt. Muse ave is quite ill. from ho ds who has been away last we the three months returned Mr ek.

s. Joseph Roop has been making r son Ashford Chesley, of the D. A. it., Kentville, a visit.

Miss Eva Rawding had friends to visit her from Bear River on Sunday last.

Mrs. J. N. Berry spent a few days at Mochelle last week with her husband, Capt. Berry, who was loading his vessel at that place.

On Kitchens.

(The Speaker, London.)

I had long intended to write in some full and final manner upon the subject of kitchens, but whenever I had sat down to accomplish my task something had failed me. Only those who write habitually (being driven to that trade by necessity) will understand the nature of my reticence; but they will understand it very well. For in ordinary matters, as in the writing of history, the reviewing of books, the passing of a judgement upon affairs of state, or the determination of things of the soul, every man should be ready—and most men are. There is a universal stuff to hand and common knowledge, nor have I ever seen a man hesitate to take his pen at command and write furiously for one hour upon any subject of this sort. But when it comes to matters of a concrete kind, where you are dealing with things tangible, there you require experience. I defy a man, for example, to sit down and turn off a column on the respective merits of carvel-built boats and clinker-built boats unless he at least know the meaning of the terms or have at least seen one boat of either kind. So again, men, owners of newspapers, very wealthy and head-strong, will hesitate before they order some one of their servants to speak strongly on Bimetallism; would it were so with theology!

In this matter of kitchens, then, I say I continually hesitated, never presuming that I had collected sufficient material and ever perceiving the complexity of the subject to grow as my knowledge advanced. I will confess also that a certain humility crept over my mind and belonged it when I saw the infinity of number and the infinity of detail which rose before me in the mere contemplation of the thing.

At last, after five years, whatever god presides over European literature (and especially over the destinies of English prose) determined that all this labor should find an issue, for by what seemed an accident but was a miracle I was under the compulsion to build a kitchen of my own and all my long research came as it were to a head, took form, and compelled me to write.

I will admit that before venturing to do so I had carefully examined every kitchen from the Rhine to the Atlantic, and from the Forth to the Ebro; for these are the permanent limits within which the civilized and Christian kitchen may be found.

Note you, that here, as in so many other things, we take too much for granted. Thus a man writing a story concerning the Arabian's bride will say, "Her duties called her to the kitchen, for the Arabians all live together in atent. Again, those who love negroes may talk of their domestic lives, and in passing [illegible] their kitchens, for those who speak of groes have never seen them. No love neignore the social truth [illegible]em. But they man has no kitchen [illegible] that the black hearth in the [illegible] he makes a little The same is [illegible] open air with stones, of the Pers[illegible]ue of toe Hindoo, and Esquimau [illegible]an, I have heard. The to cook [illegible], whose climate forbids him air, [illegible] with pleasure in the open of his round snow room, and cooks on that. So first and last, you must remember that the kitchen is not a universal institution among mea, but is peculiar to that Europe which is the pride and flower [illegible]mankind.

Before determining what qualities are essential to the true kitchen, what embellishments best suit it, what order of architecture is most germane to its purpose, and what situation it should have with regard to the rest of the house; how far it should be made to suit the cook, and how far the cook it, and in general, before I answer that prime question, "What should a kitchen be? Let me lay before the noble reader some survey of what actual kitchens are, and show him how in the search for the ideal it is possible to present certain examples of real excellence, which, when I have done it, I shall postpone further discussion on kitrhens to a future date.

There is a kitchen up in Redcdale, just beyond the place where Chevy Chase was fought, which is of singular value. The roof can be touched with the hand, which puts it into the third category of kitchens, or cosy kitchens; the beams of its ceiling are black, a vast number of polished vessels hang upon the wall. Nevertheless, it is not a kitchen that I would advise any man to cove, for it has an evil influence upon the mind. Sit [illegible] there one night with a gloomy [illegible]ding I was horrified by so many fellow, death and apparitions the stories of shape of the room won[illegible] the very evening were I to rep[illegible]d recall that Then, also, there [illegible]ce it. "The Royal Sove[illegible] is the kitchen of blehead, a very [illegible]eign," up near Ribble tic place, but Christian and comes- I think, so one whose virtues are, mind from me[illegible]what exaggerated in my upon it the fact that I came down Wherns[illegible] out of a snow [illegible]orm on have [illegible]de, in which I [illegible] thought to its [illegible]rished, I caught [illegible] the light of window [illegible] my la[illegible] extremity, and made a sort of [illegible] harbor light for me until I stum[illegible] kitchens of [illegible]ded in. Moreover, the something [illegible] these lonely inns leave of the in[illegible]o be desired. The kitchen Nag's H[illegible] at Hawes is a great deal too [illegible]ershed is feeble and [illegible]end on the w[illegible]d than of The [illegible]pick and span, a[illegible] under Cross that of the little inn[illegible] is hardly [illegible]ell, whose name I forget [illegible]ished by a kitchen at all, and is inh[illegible] people who cannot cook. [illegible] Eng-

As, however, I descend dow[illegible] before land in my mind there arise [illegible] me other kitchens which move me [illegible] a vague mood of memory and of [illegible]gret. Who does not know the kitchen of the Green Dragon in the fens beyond Ely, or the kitchen of the Peacock, at Boston, which I believe to be the only kitchen in the world where dinner is called tea.

The kitchens of Wales are not to be despised; that of the Unicorn, in Machynlleth, is of an inspiring sort, and feeds all those who come down from Plynlimmon. I know a kitchen also on Rayader Forest which may properly be called a mountain kitchen a term whose meaning every mountain man will very easily catch.

Then there are the kitchens of Shropshire, notably of the Feathers, at Ludlow; but take them all in all, the best kitchens is the kitchen of the Bear, at Gloucester, and if there is no Bear at Gloucester I cannot help you. I know that there is such an inn somewhere in the Severn valley, that it is very good, and that its kitchen is enormous.

But though I were to give you a list of all the kitchens of Normandy of of Brittany, where they burn wood fires, or of those in the Margeride, or of those of Auvergne (whose prince and head is the kitchen at Pontgibaud), and though I were to speak to you of the astonishing kitchens of Andorra, of the unique kitchen in Castelbo (a place to which there is no road) or of the extremely hot kitchens of Bonasque, or even of that Olympian kitchen set round about with marble, in the hotel of St. Mark at Vincenza, where cooks, all dressed in white with white caps and, what is more remarkable, white boots, take their leisure lordly drinking Malaga and singing ancient songs; were I to excite your wonder by a description of the kitchens of the Basques, which are often triangular, or of those of the Landes, which are remarkable for their open ceilings by which you can see the people in the room above through the joists; were I even to dazzle you with the story of the kitchen of St. Girons, where there is kept up from age to age by far the best cooking in Europe; were I to speak of the dim and cavernous kitchen of the Popes at Avignon or of that of Beaucaire, or to disgust you with the picture of the kitchen of Ulysses in Narbonne (for it is there that he settled down after so many wanderings, and it is there that he is still to be found keeping the hotel in front of the station) were I to speak lyrically of the kitchens up on the hills of gold where people make the wine called Beaune, the wine called Macon, the wine Chablis, as also Chambertin, Nuits, Pommard, Vosne, and many other kinds of wine; were I to evoke that street kitchen in Marseilles where fowls are roasted whole upon long spits, and thence taken away by the passers-by, each one choosing his own; were I carefully to portray all these and to make this sentence longer even than the longest sentence delivered by Mr. Balfour during his recent campaign in the City—it would be a preface and introduction to that noble, that divine kitchen round which clusters all the life of Sillano. For that is the kitchen of all human kitchens which is nearest to the idea, and upon that model have I determined to build my own kitchen now that the fates have spoken and the day was come.

In height it is perhaps fifty, perhaps sixty feet. All one side, say, partaken up by a sort of [illegible] of it is of stone which is the [illegible]alf pyramid and underneath this [illegible]er of its fire, trees are to be see[illegible] cavern whole does the size of [illegible] burning upon iron a flame in the [illegible] benches. Round such Apennines [illegible] cold evenings of the sometim[illegible]e people of Sillano gather them. [illegible]s with one priest among The [illegible] sometimes with two or more. [illegible]y know too well the harmonies of [illegible]ey depend for light upon the fire alone, and it plays tricks and dances the place to disfigure it with lumps; with its leaping flames veiling and unveiling the dark corners of the rafters above one. Here this happy community arrange what marriages there are to be in the next year, what land shall be bought and sold, what building shall be undertaken, what saints revered and what neglected, and whether or no, the bridge is worth their mending.

Here, also, they receive whatever strangers come down to them out of the woods—as did I during an unforgotten calm of twilight, when a little moon hung tilted over the hills of one, down in the chestnut groves, the Carrara and one could hear beneath noise of the river Serchio, which nourishes the Garfagnana and is the most blessed of Italian streams.

H. BELLOC.