

Laid at Rest

Miss Johnson's Funeral the Largest Ever Held at Andover.

The funeral of Miss Geneva Johnson, the unfortunate victim of the automobile accident on Friday evening of last week, took place from the house of her father, Mr. Wm. Johnson, on Sunday afternoon, and the multitude of mourning friends who came from different points throughout the county was ample evidence of the deep affection and esteem in which the young lady was held by all with whom she came in contact in her all too brief career. It was without doubt the largest funeral ever held in this section, and it was remarkable how the news of the calamity spread in so short a time. Vast throngs visited the house of mourning throughout the morning and up to the time of the funeral obsequies, and the coffin was almost concealed from view in a mass of beautiful floral tributes, some of which came from a considerable distance. A solemn hush seemed to pervade the large throngs that gathered, and onlookers in discussing the cutting off of this beautiful young life spoke almost in a whisper and tears were observed in the eyes of many long unaccustomed to any display of emotion.

The obsequies were conducted by Rev. J. B. Hopkins, rector of Trinity Church, Andover, of which deceased was a constant attendant, and where only a few short months before, she, in company with her father, had received the apostolic rite of confirmation at the hands of the bishop of the diocese. Long before the funeral cortege reached the church, the sacred edifice was crowded to the doors. It is estimated that over four hundred people were in the church, while twice that number congregated in the churchyard within sound of the solemn litany of the Church of England, so soothing to the hearts of those who mourn. While the grief of the father, doubly bereft of wife and daughter within a few short months, and that of the other relatives, was most intense, this funeral lacked much of the gloom often associated with the visit of the death angel.

It seemed rather the triumphant entry of a bright young soul into a higher, nobler sphere, where the reward of a blameless life awaited her.

The casket was borne by her business associates in the Wade Drug Co., Dr. Lorenz Chapman, Harry and Arthur Wade, Gordon Merrell, W. E. Coombs, and Harry Malloy. At the church the rector delivered a most sympathetic address, in which he reviewed the sad circumstances of the taking off of one of the most promising young women in the congregation, and held forth to the mourners the divine consolation of a glorious resurrection in the Paradise of God, and the hope of an ultimate reunion when the scenes of earth have passed away. The entire congregation, at the conclusion of the service,

followed the remains to the cemetery, and stood with heads bowed to the hot sun, as the committal to the grave was made. Then with saddened hearts the large assemblage of mourning friends returned homewards, leaving on the newly made grave a bank of beautiful flowers.

The grief-stricken father, Wm. Johnson, has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community, who will in a measure share his sorrow in the loss of one who had enjoyed the love and esteem of all with whom she had come in contact in a social or business way during her life amongst us. The continual prayer of all: "Peace to her ashes, and a long rest to her soul."

PERTH

Mrs. G. B. Graham left on Tuesday for a month's visit to relatives in Fredericton.

Mrs. Margaret Graves of Groveton, N. H., who is visiting in this vicinity, spent last week with friends at Plaster Rock and Wapke, and this week with her nephew, Mr. Kelley of Aroostook Junction.

The condition of Patrick Hefernan, who was in the fatal automobile accident on Friday evening, is much improved. Although much shaken up, and suffering from shock, Mr. Hefernan is slowly recovering, and his friends hope to see him around in a few days.

The rains have put the roads in bad condition, particularly where loose earth has been thrown upon the roadbed by those performing statute labor. The road between Andover and Four Falls furnishes an example of the effect of this method of tinkering with the roads.

Reports are coming in of the damage done by lightning during the electrical storm on Wednesday evening. An electric bolt did considerable damage to the steeple of the Roman Catholic church at Plaster Rock, and also entirely consumed two barns belonging to Sylvanus Knowlton at Dow Flat on the Tobique River.

A matrimonial event in which many in this section will be interested took place at Upper Knoxford on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bishop, when their daughter Florence became the bride of Freeman Longstaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Longstaff of the same place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Hopkins, rector of Trinity church, Andover, the young couple being unattended. Among the guests

from this vicinity were Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop, Mrs. A. E. Hitchcock, and the Misses Fannie and Edna Larlee.

Some excitement was caused last Friday, when inspector R. H. Stewart and Constable E. W. Sisson visited Wade's drug store and seized several barrels of liquid, which they claimed was liquor. Twelve barrels in all were removed, and several trips were made in removing the stuff, but it somewhat puzzled the sleuths to observe that Mr. Wade seemed to be enjoying some big-sized joke. The reason was not long forthcoming, when two embassadors of the law carted back the barrels, which were found to contain nothing more than what is known as citrus lemonade and pop. The inspector and his assistant have apologized and asked to be released from liability for damages, but it is understood Mr. Wade intends to begin proceedings against them.

An Unwilling Guest

Perth had a somewhat unwilling guest on Thursday and part of Friday in the person of Rev. J. M. P. Scott, pastor of the St. John's Presbyterian church, Toronto. Mr. Scott and his family came about a week ago to spend their summer vacation with Mr. Fraser of Plaster Rock, and were at the latter's summer lodge at Nietan when a telegram was received by Mr. Fraser conveying the intelligence that on Wednesday a trolley car carrying a large number of Mr. Scott's congregation, who were enjoying a Sunday School picnic at Niagara Falls had fallen over an embankment at Queenstown, killing fifteen outright and injuring sixty. Mr. Fraser immediately started out in his automobile to convey the sad news to Mr. Scott, and endeavor to reach Perth in time for the latter to catch the C.P.R. 3:30 train. Although the roads were in deplorable condition, all went well until Arthurette was reached, when the automobile broke down, and by the time the party reached Perth the train had departed and Mr. Scott was reluctantly compelled to remain over until Friday afternoon, a guest at Dionne's hotel. Among those killed are Mrs. Scott's maid, and several leading members of his congregation. It will be remembered that Mr. Scott was some month's ago the victim of a would-be assassin, who shot him with a revolver on the street, and although two bullets entered his body he eventually recovered. Mrs. Scott and family will remain for another week.

Fort Fairfield Notes

The Observer is indebted to the Fort Fairfield Review for these interesting items:

Mrs. D. H. Boyd has been visiting in Hartland.

Misses Bessie Cheney and Susie Hunt arrived home Monday from a week in Hartland.

Mrs. O. R. Merritt and children returned home early this week from their visit in Bath and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. William Amies returned home last week from a visit of a week or so with friends and relatives in New Brunswick, including their daughter Mrs. Myrtle Anderson Dickinson of Hartland.

Miss Gertrude E. Baker, daughter of Rev. S. A. Baker of Fredericton, editor of The King's Highway and formerly Reformed Baptist pastor in Fort Fairfield, was one of 75 nurses who sailed from New York June 22 as a unit sent out by Harvard University to form a staff in a base hospital for the British. Miss Baker was born in Caribou.

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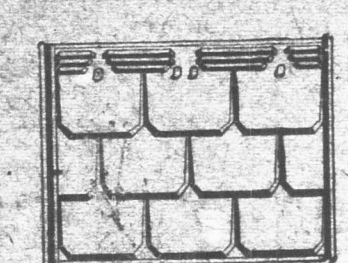
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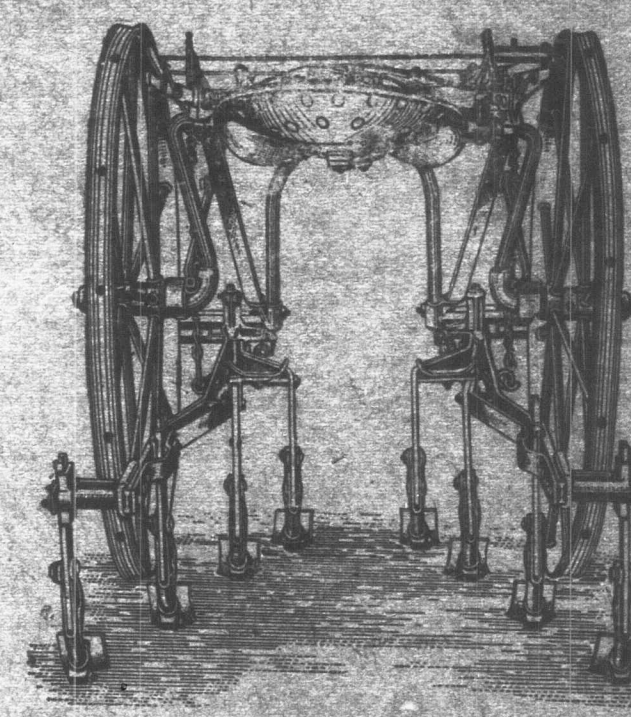
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