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FIRST CHURCH—NOTE VII.

The resignation of the Rev. R. M. Sargent made it necessary to assemble an ecclesiastical council in accordance with the usages of the Congregational churches. The council met on April 21, 1869, and released the pastor as desired. The latter, about to remove to Princeton, Mass., was in town for a short time after the date named, and on May 2 he conducted the communion service and baptized Mrs. Elizabeth J. Hurd, the mother of the late Mrs. Alonso Davis.

Mr. Sargent was followed by the Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, who served during two years as acting pastor, and resigned his position in 1871. He received a large number of persons into church membership, and in the course of his stay with the parish, the church was erected which on February 10, 1875, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Kimball held pastorates also in Dexter and Wells, in Maine, and early in 1882 intelligence of his decease, from pneumonia, at Presque Isle, saddened his many friends. He was less than forty years of age.

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Devoted to his one little daughter, he suffered bitterly in her death, and perhaps there began at that time to be a slight lessening of health and vitality. In 1889 there was apparent an alarming change in his condition, and at almost the same hour in September his close friend, Dr. D. W. Edgerly, and he were called to the world beyond. Mr. Darling's funeral was attended in Kennebunk by a great number of sorrowing friends, including several from Farmington, and Mrs. C. A. Cooke gave the sweet service of her voice.

Since then the older Mr. Darling and one of his daughters, Mrs. Alice Johnson of St. Stephen's have passed away, leaving a sister and brother surviving our former pastor. The brother is the Hon. S. C. Darling, a well-known lawyer in Massachusetts.

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INTERESTING LETTER.

FROM ADELBERT C. BERRY TO FARMINGTON FRIENDS.

Is at San Francisco and has had a pleasant passage at time of writing.

Dear friends—After so long a time I will try and answer your kind and welcome letter begun at that time to be a slight lessening of health and vitality.

We were 40 days making the trip, which was a very pleasant one, although we encountered some very severe gales.

We were 64 days from time of leaving land until we sighted the coast of Patagonia.

During the last few weeks the water was very bad, but when we arrived in the Straits of Magellan we got plenty of good water.

On the 2nd of March we saw the villain standing on the top of a hill, and as he laughingly pointed to the ponderous and cumbersome iron safe in his wife's boudoir.

My wife acts as my cashier, and let me tell you that a man who trusts his wife with his financial interests has discovered an infinite way to save money.

After the day on which Bismarck was shot (at May 18, 1867) by Karl Blum his wife said, "If I were in heaven and saw the villain standing on the top of a hill, and as he laughingly pointed to the ponderous and cumbersome iron safe in his wife's boudoir."

"Hush, my dear," replied Bismarck,

"you would not be in heaven yourself, with such thoughts as those."

When his son was married, he kissed his daughter-in-law's hand, and to a friend who remarked that he seemed to

find great pleasure in kissing young women's hands he said: "My young master used to say that when a lady kisses one's hand it is an official intimation that you are an old man. As long, however, as you are allowed to carry their hands to your lips depend upon it there is a drop of young blood somewhere in your veins."

He was caught in a storm as he was strolling through the woods near Kinsingen, and a servant girl ran out of a restaurant and offered him an umbrella.

He thanked her courteously and, taking her arm, escorted her to a place of safety. Then he gave her a kiss, which she accepted with good grace, saying, "You have done me a great honor, prince."

To which he replied: "On the contrary, it is I who am in your debt, for be-

lieve, my dear, you have indeed given me great pleasure."

Shortly after Bismarck had taken his seat in the First Prussian parliament in 1848 an opponent said: "You alone in all your party have always treated us with politeness. Let us make a bargain. If we gain the upper hand, we shall spare you; if fortune should favor you, you shall do the same by us."

Bismarck's reply was: "If your party has its way, life will not be worth living; if ours victorious, there will have to be executions, but they shall be conducted with politeness up to the last step of the ladder."

A few years ago the chancellor, who was greatly shaken in health, seriously made up his mind to retire. He had placed his resignation in the hands of the emperor, but the aged monarch returned it to him in a few minutes with a single word for answer, "Never!"

Yielding to the urgent wish of his master, he remained in office. At the first audience afterward his majesty said: "I cannot understand why you want to retire. Here am I, much older than you, but I can still mount my horse."

"Just so, sire; that's the rule," answered Bismarck. "The rider always holds out much longer than his horse."

After passing the equator, had dead winds all the way up. Had one big blow of several days duration, which run us out to sea about 1400 miles from land. Thinking perhaps the wind might change, we ran in shore, sighting land on July 11—68 days from the island. After 3 days of loosing headway, decided to run into San Francisco.

The Oregon lay in the same bay with us one night, in the Straits. Hearing of the sinking of the Maine and seeing the Oregon made us think there was trouble somewhere.

So when the pilot informed us of the war. We were greatly surprised and it must have been quite a surprise to the Spanish, the way the Americans "done them up." Since coming here several transients have left here for Honolulu and there are several more to go soon. There are a large number of troops encamped near here. This city is very hilly and sandy and the wind has blown ever since we came in.

The rest of our company are to arrive the 28th. It will be decided then when we shall leave here.

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The brave girl quailed.

"They must think we're dead anxious to be nurses!" an exiled maid-of-all-work, perturbed.

Detroit Journal.

Every woman is naturally much sur-

prised at a direct attack like this.

They were very simple folk, leading a very quiet life, and they were rather frightened at the reputation for high living which the candidate enjoyed.

As however, their daughter intimated in indiscreet terms that she did not look upon the young gentleman with an unfavorable eye, Herr von Puttkammer wrote to young Bismarck inviting him to come to see his irrigated meadows and plantation thriving and at home I took pleasure in my wife and children.

They speak their vows in the self-same tongue.

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And when the stars and stripes are unfurled, Where the shamrock and thistle and rose find place.

Tis the freedom and manhood of man we preach:

The tyrant and craven we scorn alike.

It is our purpose, and dear our speech.

And our war song, "Glorious and terrible strike."

Then here's cheer for your cheer to a kinsman land:

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Eloise Saxon and Baxton clasp friendly hand.

And our war song, "Glorious and terrible strike."

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