

a Yankee thought of his ideas of preaching, and thought no more of it. Imagine our surprise when we found the following beautiful and courteous note in our mail of Saturday last, dated, Liverpool, Feb. 3, 1897. "I received your letter of the 21st of January, and hasten to thank you for the review itself, and for your kindness in forwarding it to me. One is always glad to receive a word of encouragement from those who have trodden the same road, and the word does not lose its flavor by coming from a brother beyond the sea.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN WATSON."

On the whole, we think quite as much of this genuinely fraternal note of Ian MacLaren's as we do of some of these anonymous things which we have received.

**PRICES IN 1866.**

A few weeks ago we gave samples of prices for groceries in New England 30 years ago. Below we give some from bills here in Highland Park:

One cord of wood.....	\$11.50
One cord of wood.....	14.50
One-half cord of wood.....	7.75
One cord of wood.....	16.00
One box of grape.....	1.25
One box of honey.....	2.60
25 lbs. coffee.....	10.00
One barrel of apples.....	5.00
One barrel of apples.....	6.50
Six tons of coal.....	78.00
One barrel of flour.....	15.50
One box of starch, 36 lbs.....	4.32
One box of soap, 59 lbs.....	7.37
25 lbs of rice.....	3.00
One barrel of flour.....	16.50

The average price of gold that year was a fraction over \$1.40, or \$16.50 then went as far as \$11.64 would go now. How much flour can a man get now for \$11.64? That tells the story of whether he wants cheap money or not. We copied these prices right off the original bills as receipted.

**WANTED.**

Highland Park wants and wants badly just now, one more baby. Its population by the last and only accurate and truly reliable census, is just 2999 persons. Now if someone would kindly get one more baby and keep the chit long enough to be counted, our population would stand just 3000, and that is vastly different from 2999. It means of course, but one more added to our popula-

tion, but it means much to the city. Let our official records bear the sonorous significant figures 3000 or more and it puts a different phase on all the real in the city: the market value is enhanced: the long promised and looked for prosperity will be materially nearer. One more baby would be an advance agent of prosperity in earnest. Let us have the baby.

**EXMOOR CLUBHOUSE.**

We learn that our esteemed neighbor W. W. Boyington, the architect, of as many or more important buildings of note than any other western architect, has plans for our new local Exmoor Golf Club. As our readers know, the club has leased or purchased the large Stupey farm just north of Alfred St. Peter, and are having the grounds fitted up so as to be the finest in the west. Now Mr. Boyington has matured his plans subject to modification, for a club house in keeping with the tastes, ability and purposes of the Club and in harmony with the extent and perfection of their grounds. The general style will be the plain, stately Doric, the earliest as well as the simplest and most majestic of the Greek orders.

It will be two stories high, 21x65 feet ground dimensions, beside the extension. The foundations contemplated, will be of brick, and high, so as to give a large, light, airy and convenient basement, where will be the kitchen, pantry, a large dining room, toilet and dressing room with shower bath, and a good-sized locker. The first floor will have a large general assembly room, 30x50 feet, with a central air and light well extending up through the roof, with colored sky-lights, etc. A large stone and brick chimney will stand in one end of the room and the broad stairway wind up around it, somewhat after the admirable style of Lawyer Millard's Ravine Lodge. On the south and around to the west, overlooking the grounds, will be a broad and spacious porch, that modern sine qua non of a summer home.

On the second floor will be the ladies' retiring rooms and a smoking room, with seven living rooms and a bath room for the members. The extension will be two stories in height, so as to afford a fine balcony for the second floor. The interior finish will be pine, painted in colors, with hard wood floors. It is proposed to expend \$10,000 to \$15,000 on the structure this season.

**EAST DEERFIELD'S GROWTH.**

Ex-Postmaster W. E. Brand has just completed one of the most careful, accurate and valuable census canvasses of the town that was ever made, and he finds, as all had hoped and expected, that the town has a population of over 4,000. See what follows:

The new law passed at the last session prescribes that beginning "on the first Tuesday in April, A. D. 1897, in each town, in counties under township organization, \* \* \* there shall be elected two justices of the peace, and two constables and one justice of the peace and one constable for every one thousand inhabitants, of such town or precinct."

Therefore, East Deerfield having over 4,000 inhabitants is entitled to four justices of the peace, and four constables, and all these are to be elected this spring, April 6th.

**BICYCLES AGAIN.**

The problem of the poor and the problem of the wheel are always with us of this city. There is a petition out, which Wednesday morning had considerably over 100 signatures to allow wheels on the sidewalks during the winter months, at reasonable rates of speed, any violation to be fined, and every wheelman to dismount when passing ladies, or be fined also. This petition represents the best and most enlightened sentiment of the city. The people of Highland Park, who own the property of the city, who pay the taxes, support its churches and schools, pave its streets and build its sidewalks wish to ride their wheels on said walks during these sloppy, muddy months under suitable regulations, and they are therefore entitled to have their petition granted.

**CONGRESSMAN FOSS.**

Our brilliant young congressman denied himself the pleasure of meeting with his home club, the Marquette, at the Lincoln banquet last week, for the sake of responding to a call for service at a similar gathering in Grand Rapids, Michigan. There was a brilliant assemblage in the city across the lake, but Mr. Foss sustained his reputation as an orator, no easy task as other talented speakers were on the program. He displayed his talent for statesmanship as usual by his mastery of his subject, and the Grand Rapids papers are enthusiastic over him and his speech. We don't have any solicitude when he is called out, for we know he will acquit himself and honor his district and estate.