

MILFORD.

At the town meeting yesterday it was voted to accept the water company's charter, and to leave the matter of taking water for extinguishing fires, etc., with a committee. It was voted to appropriate \$3500 for printing the town history, and the selectmen were authorized to settle with J. D. Hunt, ex-tax collector, for \$307.60. Additional appropriations of \$250 were made.

One day last week six American persons lay dead in town, a very unusual occurrence. Two of these were children. The others: Mr. Nathan Paine, an inventor of some note, who died of paralysis, Mrs. H. C. Scott, who for three years previous to her demise had been a great sufferer from cancerous trouble; Mrs. Whitmore, widow of a former station agent of the Boston and Albany railroad cor-

poration at this point, and Mr. Rufus Thayer, a most estimable young man, who died very suddenly of apoplexy, aged 30 years.

The question of music in the churches during the coming year is one which agitates many minds, as the new choirs usually date their engagements from the first of April annually. The Congregationalist Society have been expending upward of \$2000 for music, and the Universalist Society have paid as high as \$1000 for music. The other churches have employed less expensive choirs, but there has been very little singing for nothing, and the organists have usually been well paid. These prices are said to be higher than the amounts paid in any other town of the size of Milford, and few city choirs have better or more expensive voices. Whether this style of music can be maintained is a question. The musical committee elected by the Congregational Society at the recent parish meeting have resigned, and the present committee declined a re-election. It is a duty which many do not care to assume, and at the Universalist Church the parish meeting was postponed without electing officers. Many express a liking for less expensive music, and prefer home talent rather than costly voices from the city.