We would love to have originals for the collection, but if not, we would like to make writing may be more of sentimental value than literary, they are nevertheless valuable. Hall by quoting one of the reflections written for "The Budget" in January 1899, by old as reflecting times long gone, and by many forgotten. Let me close the tales of Carleton our vast reading audience. If you have an attic which contains ancient family treasures, were probably read at meetings. From the few copies which we have, we can observe which it called "The Budget". The writings do not appear to have been published, but copies so that the literary efforts of our ancestors are not lost. And while their however, contribute to "The Budget". Now let me make an appeal to anyone out there in That its 92 years later, and the old hall is still going strong! It's a long poem but I shall quote only the last two verses.

Grey and grizzled are my school mates,
Few there are to take my hand,
Some lie neath the restless ocean,
Some have graves in foriegn land.

Many years since here we studied,
Tender memories of them all.
Flit like shadows o'er a curtain,
As I sit in this old Hall.

It's 92 years later, and the old hall is still going strong!
May 6 7:00 PM  Board meets with President Nancy
Jun 1 9:00  Lady Slipper Walk on the Indian Lands with Dr. Norton Nickerson.
10:30 AM  If you have never taken this walk—this is the year to do it!
Please make reservations with the Natural Resources Office at Town Hall. Leave your name and phone number in case the date is changed due to our EARLY spring!!

A SEA STORY

All of you know by now that maritime industries of various sorts were an important part of the economics of this town in most of its history. We tend to picture the north side, with its romantic shipyard tales and the many deep water captains who were raised there, as the center of this legacy. In fact, the ports at Bass River and Dennis Port probably had more of an economic influence on this town, beginning with the days when whaling lost its prominence and coastal trading and fishing became the maritime economic base. For a full examination of our maritime industries, you will have to wait for our book to be published! (Advanced orders will be accepted soon.) But for now, a tale of some adventures of Dennis men, in the waning days of sailing ships. On the maps drawn of Barnstable County in 1880, 3 wharves are shown extending from Dennis Port several hundred yards into the sea. They are home for a diminishing fleet of fishing and trading vessels, now in a threatened industry which must meet the challenge of steam trains and ships, and larger vessels which need deeper harbors than Cape Cod can provide. Still a brisk business is being carried on at Dennis Port. With financing from Fall River, the Dennis Port Fishing Company maintains a wharf there. Local sail makers, rope walks, and barrel makers are still earning a comfortable living. Dennis Port is not ready to give up its amphibious identity. But in March of 1888, a severe storm shakes the village. The first shock is assessing the damage done to docks and piers. The Schooner Wanderer, Capt. Chase, has dragged her mooring and crashed into Baker's Wharf, damaging both wharf and vessel. Several other small vessels which were in port have gone ashore and been damaged. In a week's time, the dreaded news.

The men and vessel have suffered greatly. It was necessary for the crew to be lashed to the rigging for twelve hours, before the storm subsided. Steward Moses H. Baker of Dennis Port was lost overboard. Capt. John L. Crowell of West Dennis had several toes frozen, which must be amputated. But the Schooner Wm. G. Lewis has not been heard from. In a subsequent report, news is received that the Sch. A. L. Belden has been found, severely damaged by the storm. The men and vessel have suffered greatly. It was necessary for the crew to be lashed to the rigging for twelve hours, before the storm subsided. Steward Moses H. Baker of Dennis Port was lost overboard. Capt. John L. Crowell of West Dennis had several toes frozen, which must be amputated. But the Schooner Wm. G. Lewis has not been heard from. Dennis Port will recover from the damage to piers and vessels, but the scars left by the loss of life heal much more slowly. The Sch. Wm. G. Lewis, with captain, officers and crew mostly Dennis Port boys, is never heard from again.

HELP!!!

Jericho still needs some volunteers for the school program on May 30 and June 3-7. It's easy and enjoyable!! If you can help for even just one day please call Lilla Smith 398-3367. You won't be disappointed, I promise!

NEW MEMBERS AND SNOWBIRDS

Isabelle announces new Life Members Mary Ann Gelsthorpe and Nancy Thacher Reid, and our other new members—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marshall, Mrs. and Mrs. David B. Allen, Mrs. Dodie Fast, Peter R. Flanagan, Harriet Baker Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. McNamara, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wentworth, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Clair. Also—you lucky people returning home to our beautiful spring—please be sure Isabelle has your change of address.

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