Annual Gala Day Held on Church Grounds—Dr. George Clement Accepts Post Cane.

Pelham, N. H., July 29.

Gala day yesterday was a highly pleasing event affording the opportunity for many social visits among old friends and the happy homecoming of many former townpeople. The usual delegation of Girl Scouts of the Lowell Greater Council now encamped at Camp Runels, Island pond, who heretofore have invariably added so much to such events by attending in a body and participating whole heartedly in many features were sadly missed, all owing to the fact of a conflict in dates. It was "Lowell Day" at Camp Runels and the scouts were unavoidably absent, a genuine disappointment to all local people.

Table Committees.

The parsonage lawn was arranged with booths of varied description and purpose. There was the big food tent in charge of Mrs. Louella Mansfield ably assisted by Mrs. Ruby Hobbs, Mrs. Josie Richardson, Mrs. Rena Currier, Miss Jennie Stickney, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Raymond, Mr. Thelma Houle, and Billy Atwood. Aprons, were in charge of Mrs. E. Woodbury assisted by Mrs. E. Hyde Richardson, miscellaneous table, Mrs. Frank March, chairwoman, Mrs. Alice Overcock, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hinds, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kingsbury, Mr. Lilian Wood, and Mrs. Martha Hubley; the novelty booth, dispensed roses at 25c each, numbered to correspond with articles numbered on table in charge of Mrs. May H. Sherburne, Miss Mary E. Hobbs, Mrs. A. T. Bryant, Mrs. Frances Carleton, Mrs. Louella Dutton and Miss Helen Noyes; grab bags were sold by Mrs. Gertrude C. Jones assisted by Dotty Koehler; candy, Miss Florence Vinson and Miss Phyllis Atwood; tonic, Frederick Houle and Miss Velma Burton; ice cream, Mrs. Mabel Burton; ring game, Elmer Raymond Jr., Frank Atwood and Willia Atwood; dart game, Herbert Currier, Bobby Ouellette and Shirley Ann Atwood; milk bottle game, Carl Richardson and Russell Hayes and Mr. Benjamin Simpson.

The afternoon program was opened by a solo sung by Mrs. John Wood of Lowell, followed by readings by Miss Mary Ruth Atwood, also of Lowell. Rev. Duane Thistlethwaite, former pastor of this parish now of Indians after an absence of eight years greeted old friends and parishioners with a short address. solo by Harold Grant a pupil, Henry Jackson Warren of Lowell followed. Miss Mary Ruth Atwood read other selections. A girls sextet, directed by Rev. H. M. Gale sang "Sweet and Low" and a Negro spiritual "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" accompanied by Mrs. Gale on the piano. The girls were Mary, Koehler, Barbara Atwood, Shirley Ann Atwood, Rita Bennett, Frances Hobbs and Doris Leonard. The musical program was concluded for the afternoon with a novelty number, Mr. Gale directing a group of people in a human organ recital.

Children's Parade.

The children's parade then featured a pretty and colorful affair in charge of Mrs. Mildred Carleton assisted by Mrs. Gertrude C. Garland, Mrs. Lucy Koehler, Miss Mary Koehler and Miss Phyllis Atwood. There were 48 children entered, each child receiving a purchase slip good at any booth. Prizes were awarded as follows: Most original, Chinese rickshaw, drawn by Billy Bennett in cooche costume with liltle Eva Molander (Chinese costume) his passenger. Funniness, clowns, awarded to Barbara Atwood and Yvonne Ducharme, Prettiest: First prize to Barbara Richardson (a wild rose) second prize, Frances Koehler and Danielle Atwood Jr., dressed as bride and groom. Doll cars: First prize, Theresa Greenwood; second prize, Helen Ducharme. Bicycles: Robert and William Houle, who operated a tricycle and trailer.

The judges were Mrs. Fred Kingsbury of Lowell and Henry Spanuitch of Derby, N. H. Herbert Currier had charge of the sports. The ball throwing contest resulted in a tie between John Vining and Billy Bennett. The ball game (soft ball) between boys and girls played together resulted in victory to the boys, score 10 to 9. a practice game was also played. Visitors from seven different states were present.

The Amphon Trio, Mrs. Ernest Q. Bigelow, cello, Miss Bernice Mozat, pianist, Mrs. Mary Breen Boyle, violin, furnished music throughout the evening.

The general committee in charge; Mrs. Luella J. Mansfield, chairman, Mrs. Ruby C. Hobbs, Mrs. Josie Richardson, Miss Helen Morris, Mrs. Pearl Gage. The affair was highly successful in every way and netted well for the benefit of Pelham Congregational church.

Pelham Historical Society, Pelham, New Hampshire
William T. Hayes & Karen Genoter
Accepts Boston Post Cane.

As a part of the program at the annual Pelham "Gala Day" the Boston Post cane, awarded to the oldest citizen of the town, was present to Dr. George W. Clement. In making the presentation Rev. Herbert M. Gale mentioned some of the more interesting facts concerning Dr. Clement's life.

Dr. Clement, now 87 years of age, was born Feb. 27, 1850, in Dracut, Massachusetts, just over the town line. In some respects he might be regarded as a native of this town, for in those early days boundaries were not definitely set.

In 1870 Dr. Clement graduated from the Harvard Medical School and a few years later continued his medical studies at Vienna, Austria. For some 50 years he was an active physician and surgeon in the city of Boston. It is interesting to note that his life embraced a period of vast development in the medical profession.

Although Dr. Clement's permanent home has been Pelham for the past 15 years only, his family has an unusually long history in the town. The house now occupied by him was built by his fifth great-grandfather, and is more than 200 years old. One of his great-grandfathers was Jesse Wilson, prominent in military affairs in the early days, whose memory is honored at the Pelham town library. In this way Dr. Clement is recognized as a descendant of a long line of Pelham citizens.

Active Around Town.

Although honored as the town's oldest citizen in number of years, the recipient of the Boston Post cane is not old on the basis of more accurate standards of judgment. In both physical and mental alertness he surpasses many younger men.

Experience to him means as much as his medical training in the army on the battlefields of foreign lands. Not only have his arms of battle been trained, but his skill as an artist, his talent at music, and his interest in the classics stand testimony to his mental dexterity. Dr. Clement is full of energy. It is a tribute to his unusual and to the highest degree that he becomes the owner of the Boston Post cane. Accepting the cane Dr. Clement made appropriate remarks in response.