Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Byler Leave for New Duties at Straitsville, Ohio -- Guests at Reception.

Pelham, N. H., June 11.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Byler and relatives who have been visiting them the past week, Jona Byler of New castle, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ballie and their son and daughter, Forrest and Margaret of East Fultonham, O., left today for Pennsylvania on the way to Ohio.

Rev. Mr. Byler preached a farewell sermon at Pelham Congregational church Sunday and was graduated Monday from Boston university, School of Theology. His pastorate here covers a period of one year and seven months and he recently accepted a call to New Straitsville, O., where he will assume his duties June 15. Candidates will supply the pulpit at Pelham Congregational church during the summer months.

A farewell party was given Rev. and Mrs. Byler at the town hall Friday night with more than 150 parishioners and friends present. The sincerity of both in their work here during Mr. Byler’s pastorate has been much appreciated and the people were equally sincere in extending hearty best wishes to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Byler and their relatives visiting at the parsonage were escorted into the hall by a group of members of the local Christian Endeavor. Mrs. Byler and her mother, Mrs. Robert Ballie, were presented corsages. The hall had been decorated for the occasion and the guests in receiving line were greeted by the townspeople.

A short program of entertainment followed the reception as follows: Songs, “If I Had My Way,” “And They Called It Ireland,” by Mrs. Hector Parker; piano solo, Miss Helen Leonard; reading, Miss Doris Leonard; community singing led by John Vin- ing, Arthur Ducharme, Pauline Harris and Shirley Atwood, members of the Christian Endeavor; songs, “The Singing Hills” and “Alice Blue Gown,” Miss Avis Cricton; songs, “Leaning on the Old Track Rail” and “To You, Sweetheart Aloha,” Miss Doris Sil- loway; piano solo, Miss Helen Leonard; reading, Miss Doris Leonard; sng, “Hills of Old New Hampshire,” Mrs. Elizabeth Da- vies; closing song, “God Bless America,” Miss Glennie Boutwell, all present joining in the second chorus.

Ernest O. Bigelow in behalf of the friends of the guests, then presented Mr. Byler a purse of money contained in a wallet. Mr. Byler responded in appreciation. Refreshments were served in the banquet hall.