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Visitors from Nearby Towns Attend Annual Old Home Day Program.

Pelham, N. H., Aug. 9.

Major activities for Pelham's Annual Old Home Day celebration centered today on the parade lawn at Pelham common. A day of family reunion prevailed throughout the day, making conditions ideal for such social occasions. More than 1,000 people gathered and many nearby towns availed themselves of the opportunity. The day began with a parade and ended with a dance.

The committee felt highly pleased with the response to their efforts, for the success of the occasion yielded much, both socially and financially.

People congregated early and enjoyed period of social activity before the opening event in the program of sports which was held just before noon. The event was the slow horse race which consisted of four entries by local sportmen.

Robert Leonard's "Lawless Lady" thrilled them all regardless of the persistent rain and was for herself a bag of oats, while Billy Lappold's "Eli Fitt," second in the tail end of the event, received a fine saddle blanket for his speedlessness. Roy Hardy's "Pinch Bunting" and "Hey, Fewer," driven by Richard Silske, showed much mettle and could hardly be held within the bounds of the slow class. No money was in evidence either for show place or on the nose.

Bill Richardson was started and Herb Currier judge.

Dinner was held at noon and more than a hundred people gathered at the church vestry to partake of an old fashioned country dinner served under the general supervision of Rev. Claude S. Adams.

The afternoon service was featured by a historical pageant: "Servia for Humanity," designed to show the spirit of service through the ages.

Episode I—The Christian Church служит.

A group of women bearing the Christsiag flag center and a choir of speaking voices are heard chanting:

"Praise the Lord!"—Episode II—The Facade of the Good Samaritan.

The Good Samaritan is pictured ministering to the injured traveler. Voices read the parable of the Good Samaritan from the Gospel of St. Luke.

Episode III—Service During the Middle Ages.

Young men are knighted for bravery by the king. They are told: "To serve and serve, many join the Crusaders. A voice is heard singing the Crusaders' hymn, "Jesus Christus, Prince of Peace."

Episode IV—The Saint Loup Abbey and Blotz.

St. Paul's gentle hands touch the poor and sick. Its is seen wandering through life's highway accompanied by little children and animals and the birds minister unto him.

Episode V—Florence Nightingale.

The Angel of the Crimea. Bearing aloft her lamp, Florence Nightingale walks down the lane of sick men. She speaks her shadow as she passes. Voices are heard reciting, "The Lady of the Lamp."

Episode VI—The Service of Todays Day.

Here they nursed the children parades distributed health banners. A small coaster wagon is trundled forward bearing a scale, and the long line of patients is weighed. Others are weighed for medical examinations. In case they hear the children sing flowers and toy march and to cheer them.

Episode VII—"Relief for the Needy."

1-1 girls and boys engage in fruit bearing and vegetable. The candy workers supply food for the needy. Voices repeat the motets of each organization.

Episode VIII—"People of the World United in Service and Fellowship." Americans come forward representing the American flag. The people of the world come forward and find them. George P. Wood presented a book where many were cookies were sold. Grapes in the charge of Mrs. Walter & Burton and Miss Ethel Atwood. Eisen Phelps of Windham, Mrs. George P. Wood had the "pops corn man." He worked on commission with satisfactory returns. Mrs. Helen Lory arranged a display of cut flowers, who were sold to admiring patrons. The Boy Scouts had an exhibit which interested.

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