

## Telephone at Gilmanton.

The completion of the line to Gilmanton Corner on Friday last was the occasion for quite a celebration. Communication was opened to the store of W. F. Knight & Co. and several communications, telegrams, etc., were sent.

Dr. Wright sent greeting to Laconia doctors and advised them not to give too much medicine.

Mrs. Mack, aged 86, was present and expressed her thankfulness that she had lived to see this day and her amazement at its wonderful operation.

Rev. Mr. Greely offered a few impromptu lines, composed on the spot, as follows:

How wonderous is the day our eyes behold,  
When we who live beneath the mountains old,  
No longer live in silence and alone,  
But greet our neighbors through the Telephone.

All hail! good friends,  
If we can't send you budgets  
By this strange wire  
We'll talk at Neighbor Mudgett's.

A telegram was sent to John B. Clarke, Esq., of the Manchester *Mirror* by F. M. McCutchins, proprietor Prospect hall and principal Gilmanton academy, as follows:

Prospect hall sends greeting to its patrons by telephone, via Laconia.

Many others were present and had the privilege of speaking and witnessing the manner of speaking with friends and business acquaintances so far away.

Gilmanton Corner has now communication with any point accessible by the wires of the Winnepesaukee Bell Telephone Co., including Laconia, Lake Village, Belmont, Weirs and East Tilton, and the line will soon be completed to Meredith.

Rates for messages to any point on its lines has been fixed at fifteen cents.

Telegrams can be sent to any part of the U. S. and Canadas over the telephone wires of the Winnepesaukee Telephone Co. to the telegraph office of the Western Union at the usual telegraph rates.

Manager Champlin is to be congratulated upon the successful completion of this line, it works finely and shows that great care has been taken by him and his assistants in putting it up.