On Thursday, January 19 at 8:00 P. M., there will be a concert in Library Hall by the Avia Quartet of Boston, assisted by Miss Mozelle Bennett, violinist, of New York City. The Avia Quartet is composed of the following singers: James Corey Richardson, tenor; Mrs. Jessie Dozier Richardson, soprano; Miss Lena Evelyn Tufts, contralto; and Erskine Allen Gay, baritone. Miss Sara L. Gardner is their accompanist. These artists are all highly recommended, and they have sung together as an organized quartet for a long time.

Miss Mozelle Bennett was born in Michigan. She is a graduate and a post graduate of the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati. She studied two years with the great Belgian violinist, Eugene Ysaye. For some years she has devoted most of her time to concert
work. She has been soloist in Saint George Church in New York for the last two years. Mr. Charles Safford, the organist of this Church will be her accompanist.

In the afternoon at 3:30, Miss Bennett will give a concert for young people only to which the admission will be 15 cents.

The attendance at Mr. Underwood’s lecture on “Wild Brother” to the young people was 260, and at his lecture on “Fisherman’s Luck in Florida Waters,” 120. “Florida Enchantments” by Anthony W. and Julian A. Dimock, the book he recommended so highly, is in the library.

The week of January 17 to 23 is National Thrift Week. It begins appropriately enough on the birthday of the immortal Franklin, the great apostle of thrift. In his Autobiography, Franklin says in reference to his “Poor Richard’s Almanack,” of which he compiled and printed 25 numbers for the years 1733 to 1758:

“I filled all the little spaces that occurr’d between the remarkable days in the calendar with proverbial sentences, chiefly such as inculcated industry and frugality, as the means of procuring wealth and thereby securing virtue.

“These proverbs which contained the wisdom of many ages and nations, I assembl’d and form’d into a connected discours prefix’d to the Almanack of 1758, as the harangue of a wise old man to the people attending an auction.”

This preface, which is sometimes called “Father Abraham’s Speech to the People at the Auction,” and is also called “The Way to Wealth” is described by John Bach McMaster as “the most famous piece of literature the Colonies produced.” Professor McMaster in his book “Benjamin Franklin as a Man of Letters,” says:

“No other writer has left so many just and original observations on success in life. No other writer has pointed out so clearly the way to obtain the greatest amount of comfort out of life. What Solomon did for the spiritual man, that did Franklin for the earthly man. The Book of Proverbs is a collection of receipts for laying up treasure in Heaven. ‘Poor Richard’ is a collection of receipts for laying up treasure on earth.”

In regard to the Autobiography, McMaster says:

“If it be judged as an autobiography, it is beyond doubt the very best. If it be treated as a piece of writing and judged as literature, it must be pronounced the equal of Robinson Crusoe, one of the few everlasting books in the English language.”
These two works of Franklin — "The Way to Wealth," and the Autobiography—should be read by every American.

On January 11, 1757, Alexander Hamilton was born on the Island of Nevis in the British West Indies. At a dinner of the Hamilton Club of Chicago on January 11, 1922, Vice-President Calvin Coolidge is reported to have expressed the following sentiments:

"We may not know the source of greatness, but when once it is revealed, we disregard it at our peril. The great man is he who can express the unuttered opinions of his time, direct energies along profitable channels, divine the spirit of the people and unify action under just and stable institutions of government. Such a man was Alexander Hamilton. When America ceases to remember his greatness, America will no longer be great."

Hamilton's wife was Elizabeth Schuyler, daughter of General Philip Schuyler. Their son, John Church Hamilton, a New York lawyer, was the father of General Schuyler Hamilton. General Hamilton was at one time a summer resident of Branford. He owned the Cherry Hill property from 1858 to 1866. He was a Vestryman of Trinity Church from 1859 to 1863.