

September 26, 1892, the dwelling-house and barn of B. Frank Varney was burned. This was located at the Borough—away from the city hydrants—and the firemen found some difficulty in getting water on to the fire.

February 9, 1897, the storehouse of C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, located beside the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad, was burned, and a large quantity of doors stored therein were destroyed, the loss being about \$3,000.

June 12, 1897, a fire in the tenement house of J. W. Bean on Center street caused a loss of nearly \$1,700.

CHAPTER V.

MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER SOCIETIES.

Among the earliest musical organizations of the village one of the best was the choir of the First Baptist church, during the first years of that society, and it is doubtful if there has ever since been a choir of better singers in this village. The sopranos were Nancy Hosmer, Mrs. Ardel Hosmer, Hannah Brown, Mary Dickerman, and others; the altos were Frances Hosmer (now Mrs. Drew) and her sister, Mrs. Dr. Emery, and one or two others; tenors, Jacob Hosmer, Wm. H. Hosmer, and William and Eben Allen; bases, Dea. H. H. Brown, Edmund Brown, Dr. H. D. White, and several others not now recalled. The instrumental parts were rendered by David A. Brown and Jeremiah Burpee, violins; Samuel F. Brown, violincello; John S. Brown, double bass, and Otis Stanley, flute.

Nancy and Frances Hosmer both had very sweet and powerful voices, and were well-trained singers. Mrs. Ardel Hosmer was a professional concert singer, and one of the very best that ever lived in the state; she sang with the choir when at home, but Nancy was the regular first soprano. Jacob Hosmer was also a professional concert singer with his wife, Ardel, but had seasons at home when he sang with this choir. Dr. Wm. H. Hosmer sang much of the time with this choir for ten years or more; he had an excellent tenor voice and knew how to use it. The Allens,

William and Eben, both had strong, high tenor voices and were standby singers that could be depended on. The basses, Henry and Edmund Brown, were both good singers and always in their places in the choir. Modern church music is much changed from the style used in 1840 to 1850, and is much better arranged to show the proficiency of the singers, but it can not produce voices, and the voices of that old Baptist choir have never been surpassed in our modern choirs.

FISHERVILLE BRASS BAND.

The Fisherville Brass Band was organized in 1845, and began practice in the old Union Hall, with Prof. A. L. Drew teacher, and a membership of about fifteen men, but two of whom are living, in 1901. One of these is Geo. Frank Sanborn, who played a key bugle, the other is Charles Abbott, who played a snare drum, and who has continued playing the same drum to the present day. He was a drummer before playing for this band. He purchased the drum in 1840, and it is as good as ever after sixty years of service,—and the veteran Abbott can still handle the sticks with much of his old-time skill. This is a record that would be hard to match anywhere.

Professor Drew, the teacher, was a fine performer on the key bugle, as well as an excellent drill master, and brought this band up to first-class proficiency in short order. This band was playing so well in 1847 that they were employed Sept. 9, of that year, by the Concord Light Infantry Company, which acted as escort to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, which organization, with the celebrated Flagg's band, came to Concord on that day to celebrate their two hundred and eleventh anniversary. On this occasion an incident occurred that was not soon forgotten by one member of the band. On the parade down Main street, Jeremiah Burpee was playing slide trombone on the left of the front section, the band was playing for all they were worth as they came down opposite the foot of Pleasant street, but as soon as Burpee had passed that street he noticed that the band was playing much weaker, so he played the louder hoping to encourage the boys, but in spite of his loudest blasts on the trombone the band grew rapidly fainter, he finally stopped for a moment and

looked around to see what the trouble was, and to his infinite disgust found himself alone, and the rest of the band just disappearing up Pleasant street. He had been so intent on his music that he had not noticed the turning up Pleasant street by the men at his right. In after years Burpee loved to relate this incident, and always laughed louder over it than any of his hearers. This band did a considerable amount of business for a few years playing for entertainments in the village, and in the neighboring towns. On July 4, 1848, this band played for a celebration at Warner, N. H., on which occasion the Hon. Walter Harriman delivered the oration. The band also played at a celebration at Warner on the opening of the Concord & Claremont Railroad. At another date the band played for a celebration at Corser Hill in the town of Webster. The names of the members were as follows: Asa L. Drew, teacher; J. B. Hutchinson, president; Andrew J. Elliott, clerk; Gideon A. Peaslee, treasurer; David A. Brown, Samuel F. Brown, Jonathan Edmund Brown, Charles D. Rowell, Jeremiah Burpee, Geo. Frank Sanborn, Charles Abbott, J. S. Haselton, Abner B. Winn, C. W. Potter, John H. Willard. This organization was continued until September, 1850.

SINGING SCHOOLS.

Singing schools flourished during the winter months from 1840 up to about 1860. Prof. Asa L. Drew of Boscawen (later of Concord) was one of the first teachers. He was a strict master and thorough teacher, but not very popular with the scholars. Jacob Hosmer also kept singing school in the early years of the village. He was an excellent singer, but not so rigid a teacher as Mr. Drew. Prof. John Jackman of Boscawen also kept singing schools several winters. He was a man of genial, happy disposition, and had a thorough musical education under the best teachers at Boston and New York. His son, Joseph H. Jackman, inherits much of his father's musical ability.

John H. Willard, a painter by occupation, and a fine tenor singer, kept several terms of singing school about 1850.

Prof. George Woods of Concord kept singing schools in the village for a good many years, and was an excellent teacher. His schools were mostly kept in the old "Chapel" of the Congrega-

tional society. The teacher who organized the largest and most successful singing schools was Professor Cram of Epsom, N. H. His schools were kept in the Congregational church for two or three winters, with over one hundred singers in his classes. He closed up his schools in the spring with grand concerts. One year he had a musical convention for three days, with a quartette of soloists from Boston, and made a brilliant success, both musically and financially.

In 1869 Professor Jackman organized a class of singers to assist in the grand "Peace Jubilee," organized by P. S. Gilmore, at Boston, in June. He had classes at Boscawen, Penacook, and Concord, and those who went with him and took part in those wonderful concerts, will never forget that experience.

Other singing schools have been kept in the village by Prof. Ben. Davis and Jonathan C. Lane of Concord, Mason W. Tucker, and others.

MASONIC.

The village has thus far sustained but one Masonic organization, Horace Chase Lodge No. 72, F. & A. Masons, but that one has been quite successful from the date of its organization up to the present time; many of the clergymen, lawyers, physicians, and leading men in all departments have been enrolled as members.

This lodge was named for Hon. Horace Chase of Hopkinton, a former grand master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and the number of the lodge (No. 72) was the number of years of Horace Chase's life at the date of organization of the lodge.

The date of the charter was June 12, 1861, and the lodge was instituted by Most Worshipful Grand Master Aaron P. Hughes on June 21 of that year. The charter members were Albert H. Drown, David A. Brown, Samuel C. Pickard, John Whitaker, E. Frank Batchelder, Jacob B. Rand, Rev. Joseph C. Emerson, and Dr. Henry D. White, all prominent citizens of the village. One only of the charter members still resides in the village, Hon. John Whitaker, who still holds an important position in the lodge work, which position has never been intrusted to other or less vigorous hands. The first lodge room was in the upper hall of the Graphic block, and remained there until 1871, when the new rooms in Exchange block were completed, to which the lodge removed and

has remained there to the present date. The masters of the lodge have been Albert H. Drown, Rev. J. H. Gilmore, Rufus D. Scales, George N. Herbert, Samuel N. Brown, Rufus Cass, Levi N. Barnes, John B. Dodge, John H. Moore, Nathaniel S. Gale, Henry F. Brown, John Harris, Augustus H. Davis, William W. Allen, Willis G. Buxton, Edmund H. Brown, Anson C. Alexander, Edson H. Mattice, Charles H. Sanders, and Almon G. Harris.

The secretaries have been Samuel F. Brown for the first year, D. Arthur Brown for the next six years, Lorenzo M. Currier for six years, John Chadwick for two years, Lucius M. Hardy for two years, James H. French for fifteen years, and John B. Dodge for the last six years.

This lodge has worked very harmoniously during the thirty-eight years of its life and maintained a high proficiency in the work of the order, while its benevolent and fraternal interests have made it helpful to all its members.

Quite a large number of the members of this lodge have taken the higher degrees in Masonry at Concord, there being now something over twenty sir knights of Mt. Horeb Commandery residing in the village, who maintain an organization and meet at Masonic hall annually on Christmas day to participate in the regular exercises pertaining to that anniversary.

CONTOOCCOOK LODGE NO. 26, I. O. O. F.

The Odd Fellows were the first of all the fraternal societies organized in the village, and are to-day the largest of all the societies.

On November 13, 1848, a lodge of Odd Fellows to be known as Contoocook Lodge No. 26, was instituted by Grand Master John C. Lyford, with the following-named charter members: J. F. Witherell, Oliver N. French, T. F. Bassett, G. B. Davis, J. P. Hutchinson. There were fifteen members initiated on the first night, and T. F. Bassett was elected noble grand, with J. P. Hutchinson for secretary.

Of the charter members, J. F. Witherell was a printer, and kept a candy and variety store on Summer street, just the right distance from the schoolhouse so that the scholars could run over to the store at "recess time." He was a well-educated man and had

been a Universalist clergyman at Warner before locating in this village. He published the first directory of the village in 1849, copies of which are still seen about the village. He died within the last year. His last residence was in Maine.

Oliver N. French was a tailor who carried on that business for many years here and is now a resident of Concord, and has for many years been the senior member of this lodge.

T. F. Bassett was a merchant tailor having a store in Mechanic block, but resided here only a few years.

George B. Davis was also a tailor, and had a shop near the north end of the bridge on Main street. He removed to San Francisco, Cal., and continued in the clothing business there for many years.

J. P. Hutchinson was employed in the mills here a few years, and subsequently resided in Lake Village.

Among the members first initiated in this lodge were Samuel M. Wheeler, Esq., Isaac K. Connor, George Frank Sanborn, John C. Pillsbury, A. G. Howe, and John G. Warren.

In 1852 this lodge surrendered its charter and was dissolved; but in 1868, twenty years after the first organization, the lodge was reorganized by True Osgood, grand master; the following being the petitioners for the return of the charter: Alpheus G. Howe, Oliver N. French, John D. Fife, Albert H. Drown, and John G. Warren.

The original lodge room was in the upper hall in Graphic block, and the reorganized lodge held their meetings in that room until January 12, 1871, when their new lodge rooms in the new Exchange block were dedicated. The presiding officers have been:

T. F. Bassett,	Joshua S. Bean,	D. Warren Fox,	Benj. Gross,
M. A. Downing,	David E. Jones,	Henry T. Foote,	John H. Rolfe,
S. M. Wheeler,	Chas. G. Morse,	J. Edw. Marden,	E. Frank Bean,
S. D. Hubbard,	Job S. Davis,	Geo. W. Corey,	John G. Ward,
A. G. Howe,	John B. Dodge,	John H. Moore,	H. E. Chamberlin,
I. K. Connor,	John C. Morrison,	Lowell B. Elliott,	Enoch E. Rolfe,
Geo. F. Sanborn,	E. E. Graves,	G. Frank Blake,	James M. Morse,
J. C. Pillsbury,	Abial Rolfe,	H. P. Austin,	Geo. H. Sager,
Albert H. Drown,	Eli Hanson,	Robt. Crowther,	Geo. E. Huffman,
John D. Fife,	Geo. A. Morse,	A. H. Urann,	Chas. C. Bean,
John A. Coburn,	Loren H. Chase,	Moses H. Bean,	Stewart I. Brown,

A. C. Alexander, Willis G. Buxton, David F. Dudley, John G. Warren,
 Henry G. Ames, Henry Rolfe, John Knowlton, Joseph G. Eastman,
 Wm. H. Crowther, Alfred Sanborn, Fred C. Ferrin, Chas. P. Shepard,
 Edw. R. Currier, Chas. J. Ellsworth, John S. Boutwell, W. B. Cunningham,
 Lyman B. Foster, Edw. B. Prescott, Levi R. Hinds, Walter H. Rolfe,
 Robert L. Harris, Robert D. Morse, C. D. Ingraham, Wm. C. Ackerman.
 Fred H. Blanchard, Henry H. Roberts, Arthur C. Sanborn,

During the first years of this organization the secretaries were changed frequently, but since 1882 the secretary's office has been filled by John B. Dodge only; he also served at different dates before that time and has in all performed those duties for twenty-one years. The lodge honors itself in retaining so reliable and efficient a secretary in office. No other man who has ever lived in the village has done as much work as secretary for different organizations as has been done by Mr. Dodge. It is hardly necessary to say that Mr. Dodge is eminently qualified for such positions and executes the work in a most satisfactory manner.

Contoocook lodge has done in all these years and is now doing a beneficent work for the citizens of the village.

THE REBEKAHS.

Hannah Dustin Rebekah Lodge No. 49, an organization affiliated with Contoocook Lodge of Odd Fellows, was organized May 12, 1892, with fifteen charter members, as follows:

Edwin R. Currier, Maria M. Currier, H. E. Chamberlin, John B. Dodge,
 Benj. F. Morse, Emma A. Morse, James M. Morse, John H. Rolfe,
 Henry Rolfe, Nellie G. Rolfe, Enoch E. Rolfe, Chas. P. Shepard.
 Arthur G. Vinica, Carrie A. Vinica, Frances S. Webster,

The objects of this society are as follows:

1. To aid in the establishment and maintenance of homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives, or for widows of deceased Odd Fellows; and homes for the care, education, and support of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows.
2. To visit the sick, relieve their distresses, and in every way to assist subordinate and sister Rebekah lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows who are in trouble or want.
3. To cultivate and extend the social and fraternal relations of life among lodges and the families of Odd Fellows.

Their first board of officers was elected as follows:

N. G., Henry Rolfe; V. G., Emma Morse; secretary, Carrie A. Vinica; treasurer, Maria M. Currier. This association having both male and female members, has since the first year elected all female presiding officers, and those who have filled that position are: Emma A. Morse, Maria M. Currier, Mary J. Fox, Blanche L. Dudley, Mabel E. Towne, Roxana P. Rolfe, Emma J. Carter, Octavia H. Ferrin, and Alice M. Ackerman.

The secretaries to date have been Mrs. Carrie A. Vinica, Mrs. Ella M. Blake, Mrs. Roxana P. Rolfe, Mrs. Minnie Prescott, and Miss Winnie A. Hinds.

This society holds its meetings in Odd Fellows' hall and is in a prosperous condition, having one hundred and ten female and ninety-one male members now on the roll.

UNION CLUB.

In the summer of 1894 a few of the citizens began to talk of organizing a club for social purposes, and after several informal meetings, organized on October 4, by adopting a constitution and by-laws that had been prepared by D. Arthur Brown.

The original twenty-five members were:

John H. Moore,	A. C. Alexander,	Chas. H. Sanders,	D. Arthur Brown,
Edmund H. Brown,	Saml. N. Brown,	Stewart I. Brown,	Wm. W. Allen,
A. E. Emery,	E. E. Graves,	H. C. Holbrook,	W. G. Buxton,
D. F. Dudley,	J. A. Massie,	A. H. Hoyt,	T. B. Wattles,
L. W. Everett,	Chas. H. Amsden,	A. W. Rolfe,	F. P. Holden,
Robt. L. Harris,	Almon G. Harris,	Guy H. Hubbard,	F. A. Abbott.
Geo. W. Abbott,			

The first president was Farwell P. Holden; secretary, D. Arthur Brown, and treasurer, William W. Allen. The other presidents have been A. C. Alexander, Willis G. Buxton, A. E. Emery, and D. F. Dudley.

The original plan was to have a club consisting of male active members, and female associate members with one day of the week designated as ladies' day, but from some cause the ladies' part of the enterprise was not fully carried out.

Rooms for the use of the club were secured in Mechanics block and fitted up under the direction of the secretary. There was a billiard table, a pool table, card tables, etc., provided. Also a

kitchen was fitted up with a view to preparing refreshments on special occasions. In 1898 the rooms were remodeled, a new billiard table put in, and other improvements made for the convenience of the members. This club is still in a flourishing condition, with a membership of twenty-five, and bids fair for becoming a permanent institution.

Other clubs with male membership have been formed from time to time, but no other has continued long.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF PENACOOK.

[CONTRIBUTED BY ISABEL N. MOORE.]



MRS. MARTHA J. BUXTON,
President of the Woman's Club of Penacook.

Our Puritan grandmothers spun and wove, brewed and baked, and reared sturdy, God-fearing men and women. They were

shining examples of domesticity. No nobler, but a different type of woman, is the woman of to-day. The world still exacts fidelity in all domestic and social relations, but it demands more. The introduction of machinery, absorbing every species of manufacture, the coming of the canning establishment, the bake-shop, the ready-made garment emporium, has given immunity from severe domestic toil; the open doors of our colleges and universities have given thorough intellectual training, and it seems fitting that this training should be applied not in the home alone, but in the neighborhood, in the state.



MISS M. ANNIE FISKE,
First President.



MRS. SARAH E. A. SANDERS,
Second President.

Some one has said that "as a general, standing on the crest of a hill, watches the approach of an opposing army, anticipates and thwarts its manœuvres, and intelligently leads his forces to victory, so, woman of to-day, from the vantage ground of intelligence and well-directed effort, takes a survey of her duties and responsibilities, and, seeing them clearly, makes fewer mistakes in fulfilling them."

A desire for better preparation to discharge responsibilities may have been one factor leading to the evolution of the "Woman's Club." The problem of the solitary student is to keep enthusiasm alive, and, unless a woman has had some mental training, she will not find it easy to persist in a systematic course of study.

The club furnishes a meeting ground for those who are interested in similar topics, yet who look at questions discussed from a different standpoint, thus they are trained to take large and broader views of life. The club teaches self-control, composure, deference to others, and the realization that the success of one is the success of all. It is hardly possible to realize the far-reaching results of the great federation meetings, where the women of the cities meet their "country cousins" to their mutual benefit. They furnish an immense amount of material for conversation and study, and give a new impetus to universal culture.



MISS MYRA M. ABBOTT,
Second Treasurer.



MRS. GRACE P. BROWN,
Vice-President.

Realizing the benefits of these opportunities, and being not a whit behind "sister women" in intelligence and intellectual ambition, the question of a club was agitated among the women of Penacook, resulting in the organization, on January 3, 1896, of a "Current Events Club," with nineteen charter members. It was a literary and social organization, and owed its existence to the zeal and persistent efforts of its first president, Miss M. Annie Fiske, who labored with great energy to secure the requisite number of names for its formation. Miss Fiske served as president nearly three years, devoting time, thought, and personal effort to the success of the club. During these years the work was mostly of a literary character, and its topics largely confined to current events.

The club joined the State Federation February 26, 1896, and has since sent delegates to its annual meetings; it has once been honored by a visit from Mrs. Blair, president of the Federation.

Mrs. Sarah E. A. Sanders, a helpful vice-president, succeeded Miss Fiske as president, bringing to the work enthusiasm, culture, and executive ability. In its third year the club began to extend its influence; the membership, first limited to fifty, was increased to seventy-five, allowing the admission of new members, some of whom have proved most helpful in the social life of the club.



MISS ALICE F. BROWN,
Secretary.



MRS. IDA D. HARRIS,
Treasurer.

With increase of membership, more outside talent was available, adding to the interest and profit of the meetings. Mrs. Sanders served two years and was followed by Mrs. Martha J. Buxton, who is just beginning her work; a keen interest in and large knowledge of matters relating to club work especially fit her for the position. She is assisted by Mrs. Grace P. Brown as vice-president, Mrs. Ida Harris as treasurer, and Miss Alice F. Brown, who has efficiently served as secretary for four years. An executive committee of three members have arranged our programmes for the year, selected sub-committees to have charge of meetings, and with the other officers, have decided any questions coming before the club.

From the beginning the members have shown great interest in

the work of the club, and a willingness to perform any duties devolving upon them. As its name implies, it has tried to keep in touch with the current events of the season by considering subjects that were attracting world-wide attention, not forgetting those of minor importance. Two years have been devoted to the study of United States history; English literature will engage our attention the present winter. The programmes have been varied and enlivened by vocal and instrumental music by members of the club and invited guests. Club "teas" have been popular.



MISS GRACE WADE ALLEN,
Chairman Executive Committee.



MISS MARIA CARTER,
Member Executive Committee.

Beside many interesting and carefully prepared papers by members of the club there have been lectures on foreign travel by Mrs. Ayers of Concord, Miss McCutcheon of Charlestown, Mass., and Miss Lucy Holden of West Concord. Mrs. Lovering of Boston vividly described "Our Pilgrim Foremothers;" Miss McCutcheon told of "Nansen, the Modern Viking;" "The Relation of Nature Study to Character" was the subject of a fine paper given by Mrs. Plimpton of Tilton seminary. Miss Whitcomb of Keene addressed the club upon the "Educational Interests of New Hampshire." Two townsmen have entertained the club,—Col. John C. Linehan told "The Story of Ireland" in a manner both interesting and instructive, and Dr. Adrian Hoyt gave a fine lecture and exhibition of the X-Ray. "What's in a Name" was the title

of a scholarly address given by Dr. Waterman of Claremont. Mrs. Roper of Winchester introduced us to "New Hampshire Artists," and Mrs. Streeter of Concord aroused our interest in "Our State Charities."

A "Musical" has been given each year, and on these evenings gentlemen were welcomed. The musical ability of our own members, as well as that of out-of-town musicians, has been appreciated on these pleasant occasions. "Children's Day" has been once observed, the little folks and their mothers enjoying a picnic. The event of the year is "Gentlemen's Night," when the best gowns are donned and most careful preparations are made for the entertainment and pleasure of the guests; music and refreshments add to the evening's pleasure. This club may truthfully be called the "Mother of the Village Improvement Society." The public interests of Penacook were discussed at one of its meetings, and soon after, the president, Mrs. Sanders, canvassed the village for names, resulting in the formation of a flourishing society. It has also procured and planted vines at the schoolhouse of District No. 20, and given several pictures to adorn the walls of the school-rooms.



MRS. HARRIET P. HOLDEN,
Member of Executive Committee.

An "Art Class" for the study of "Renaissance in Art," under the leadership of Miss Mary Niles of Concord, was recently formed, thereby making the club a department club, and resulting in the change of its name to "The Woman's Club" of Penacook.

At the time of the Armenian troubles the club sent an offering to the Relief Fund, but, as yet, no philanthropic work has been attempted. As a social factor the club has proved a success, but perhaps its most helpful feature has been the individual work of its members, which has brought to light and developed hitherto unsuspected talents.

Doubtless some enter the club as they take up any "fad" of

the day; others look upon it as a source of entertainment only, but we believe that many club women all over our land value its privileges, and are using them as a preparation for service; to these we would say, with "Tiny Tim," "God bless us, every one."

THE UNION SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY.

The first meeting of this society was held September 18, 1862, in the ladies' room of the Baptist church. The preamble of the constitution is as follows:

"Believing that it is our duty to do all in our power for the comfort of the soldiers, who are periling their lives in defense of our Government, we whose names are here subscribed do unitedly agree to form ourselves into a society, the object of which shall be to procure funds and adopt such other measures as may be necessary to carry out the design. Said society to continue as long as the exigencies of the case may demand."

Ninety-eight names, of women only, were appended to the articles of agreement. There are also recorded the names of seventy-one men who contributed something to the funds of the society, but were not members. Members of the society were assessed twenty-five cents each quarter, or one dollar per year, as provided in the articles of agreement. The meetings were weekly, and nearly all were held at the ladies' room of the Baptist church. The first president of the society was Mrs. H. H. Brown, and the first secretary was Miss Harriet Chandler, who served in that office continuously as long as the society was in existence, and from whose excellent records this article has been prepared. Mrs. Brown, also, served as president all of the time except one term of three months; she had much executive ability, and was always earnest and active in the management of the society.

Previous to the formation of this society there had been considerable work done by the ladies of the village, along this line, and one or more barrels of supplies had been forwarded to soldiers at the front, but no list of the articles so sent is now obtainable.

This society began work immediately, and soon forwarded the first barrel of comforts for the soldiers to Colonel Cross, of the 5th regiment, N. H. Vols., at "Bolivar Heights," in September, 1862. Another barrel was sent to the same regiment in October of the

same year. After this the supplies were sent to the New Hampshire Soldiers' Aid society, at Washington, D. C. A printed circular of this society, issued from its rooms at 517 Seventh street, states: "It is purely a charitable institution. There is no diversion of its funds from its special object. Its officers and members serve "without charge, and what is sent to the society finds its way at "once to the sick and wounded, unchecked and undiminished." This circular contained a letter signed N. G. Ordway, committee for Merrimack county. In November and December, 1862, three lots of supplies were sent to this society.



MRS. H. H. BROWN,
President.



MISS HARRIET CHANDLER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

In 1863 four lots of supplies were sent to the "Christian Commission," at No. 5 Tremont Temple, Boston. A circular of this commission states that its aim is the "benefit of both soul and body" of the soldiers. Its agents in the field are "Unpaid volunteer delegates, ministers, and laymen, enlisted from all evangelical churches," and the plan was to distribute stores by these delegates. In 1864 the supplies from the Union Soldiers' Aid society were again sent to the New Hampshire Soldiers' Aid society at Washington. The last year of the war, 1865, two lots of supplies were sent to Miss Harriet P. Dame, an army nurse from Concord, and by her distributed. Receipts for the several lots of supplies are on file in the secretary's book, as follows:

September 29, 1862, one box received by Col. E. E. Cross, at camp.
October 26, 1862, one box received by Col. E. E. Cross, at camp.
November 17, 1862, one barrel received by James D. Stevens, at Washington.
November 19, 1862, one box received by S. S. Bean, at Washington.
December 11, 1862, one box received by S. S. Bean, at Washington.
January 15, 1863, two barrels received by L. P. Rowland, at Boston.
September 12, 1863, one barrel received by L. P. Rowland, at Boston.
November 30, 1863, one barrel received by L. P. Rowland, at Boston.
June 11, 1864, one barrel received by James D. Stevens, at Washington.
August 17, 1864, one barrel received by James D. Stevens, at Washington.
January 2, 1865, one barrel received by Harriet P. Dame, at Washington.
March 12, 1865, one barrel received by Harriet P. Dame, at Washington.

In all there were forwarded by this society thirteen barrels or boxes of supplies, containing the following articles: 71 bedquilts, 5 pairs sheets, 30 pillows with sacks, 5 pairs pillow-cases, 17 bed sacks, 223 shirts, 128 pairs drawers, 215 pairs stockings, 5 coats, 1 vest, 1 pair pants, 8 dressing-gowns, 59 pairs slippers, 157 handkerchiefs, 77 towels, 1 pair mittens, 69 housewives, 7 bottles wine and cider, 100 pounds dried apples, and a large quantity of lint, bandages, books, papers, sermons, almanacs, etc. The freight on these amounted to \$50. The society also sent \$50 to the Christian commission; \$180 to Miss Harriet P. Dame, and \$200 to Rev. Joseph C. Emerson, chaplain of the 7th regiment, N. H. Vols. This last was just before the close of the war, and was not all needed. Mr. Emerson returned \$100 to the society June 4, 1865. The records of the society show that they purchased materials, mostly woolen and cotton cloth and yarn, which cost \$615.50. These materials were made up into supplies for the soldiers by the women of this society. This shows clearly the spirit of the women of '61 in this village.

Much of the same work was done by local societies all over the state and throughout the whole North. The value of the supplies sent out, together with the cash contributions, amounted to about \$2,200.

The funds of the society were obtained from membership dues, from general contributions by citizens of the village, and from the proceeds of a grand fair held at the Baptist church, January 1, 1864. Dea. H. H. Brown and his wife were at the head of the committee of management, and were, with the other members,

eminently successful in conducting the largest affair of the kind ever held in the village. The receipts were \$1,065.64; expenses, \$129.19; leaving the net proceeds \$936.45.

This society was dissolved at the close of the war in 1865, leaving a record which is a credit to all of its members and an honor to the village.

O. U. A. M.

Union Council, No. 5, Order of United American Mechanics, was instituted at Penacook on December 1, 1883, at the Pantheon hall, on the Boscawen side of the river, with thirty-four charter members, as follows:

Hiram Holbrook,	John E. Hatch,	Albert E. Hatch,	Herbert Wilson,
Nat Watterson,	E. R. Ladieu,	Joshua W. Jones,	Geo. Ladieu,
Luther B. Elliott,	Alonzo B. Elliott,	Geo. W. Blake,	Samuel A. Minard,
Ruel G. Morrill,	David C. Sebra,	Wm. R. Green,	Phil. C. Eastman,
Hiram C. Norris,	Wm. H. Supry,	Charles G. Davis,	Lester W. Prescott,
Isaac Baty,	Abram Ladieu,	B. F. Varney,	Sid. A. Ketchum,
B. Frank Morse,	Henry G. Hardy,	John H. Royce,	Thos. C. French.
K. X. Codman,	Wm. H. Moody,	Fred N. Marden,	
Henry O. Moore,	Geo. W. Vinica,	C. M. Flanders,	

The objects of this order are as follows:

- " 1st. To assist each other in obtaining employment.
- " 2d. To encourage each other in business.
- " 3d. To establish a sick and funeral fund.
- " 4th. To assist the widows and orphans of deceased members.
- " 5th. To aid members who may become incapable from following their usual vocations in obtaining situations suitable to their afflictions."

From this it would appear that the order was something like the mutual insurance companies, but with some of the more questionable features of the mutual companies left out. The members of the local councils pay regular dues to constitute a fund, from which the weekly sick benefits and funeral benefits of limited amounts are paid. There is also connected with the national organization of this order a funeral benefit department, which pays funeral benefits of larger amounts, and to this department the members of the local councils are admitted on payment of the stipulated fees.

This local council continued its meetings at Pantheon hall for some fifteen years, and then secured more desirable quarters in the Chadwick block, over the canal, where they had the two upper stories fitted up conveniently for their own use.

The presiding officers, councilors, to the present date, have been :

Isaac Baty,	W. H. Putnam,	C. D. Ingraham,	Chas. G. Davis,
E. B. Runnels,	Wm. H. Moody,	F. P. Robertson,	Asher Ormsbee,
Chas. E. Blake,	Geo. R. Bean,	Geo. W. Blake,	Chas. Smith,
Thos. C. French,	G. H. Berry,	S. A. Ketchum,	Geo. E. Sargent,
Geo. C. Norris,	J. E. Hatch,	Wm. M. Cates,	George Matot.
H. J. Morrill,	J. I. Hastings,	Geo. B. Elliott,	
B. F. Varney,	L. H. Crowther,	Wm. A. Bean,	
H. O. Moore,	Asa Emery,	A. L. Churchill,	

The recording secretaries as well as the councilors are chosen semi-annually, but some have held the office for two or more terms. The secretaries to date have been: Joshua W. Jones, A. W. Elliott, Charles Smith, C. M. Quimby, George C. Norris, H. O. Moore, C. M. Flanders, Charles G. Davis, R. C. Corser, B. A. Nichols, William A. Bean, L. H. Crowther, and Frank P. Robertson.

This council holds regular meetings every Tuesday evening, and the present number of members in good standing is twenty-four.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The first organization of this order in the village was called Myrtle lodge, No. 14, K. of P., and was instituted on June 11, 1872, by Grand Chancellor Matthew T. Betton of Portsmouth, in Sanders hall, which was their place of meeting the first year; afterwards in Graphic block.

Of this lodge there were fifteen charter members, whose names were :

Stewart I. Brown,	Henry T. Foote,	D. Warren Fox.
John C. Farrand,	Isaac Cronk,	William Farrand,
Norman D. Corser,	Alvin H. Uran,	Charles N. Robertson.
H. R. Putnam,	William Musgrove,	Thomas Ridings,
John F. Abbott,	Valentine Lawson,	Robert Crowther.

The first board of officers was elected as follows :

Norman D. Corser, C. C.	Stewart I. Brown, M. of E.
Robert Crowther, V. C.	John C. Farrand, M. at A.
D. Warren Fox, P.	William Barnett, I. G.
Henry T. Foote, K. of R. S.	William Farrand, O. G.
Thomas Ridings, M. of F.	

This lodge continued for about eight and one half years, and then surrendered its charter, December 20, 1880.

After an interval of something over fifteen years this lodge was reinstated on April 30, 1896, as Myrtle lodge, No. 60, with twenty-three charter members, as follows:

Stewart I. Brown,	F. M. Garland,	I. M. Frost,
Edw. R. Currier,	Frank E. Senieff,	O. J. Fifield,
A. E. Sweat,	Edw. B. Morse,	F. P. Holden,
Wm. Farrand,	H. H. Randall,	A. H. Hoyt, M. D.,
P. R. Cutler,	Benj. F. Morse,	George B. Elliott,
Charles N. Bean,	Wm. H. Garland,	G. E. Farrand,
Ezra B. Runnels,	U. A. Ketchum,	A. C. Alexander.
Frank J. Morse,	W. H. Meserve,	

The first board of officers under the new organization was elected and installed as follows:

Stewart I. Brown, C. C.	W. H. Meserve, K. of R. & S.
Edw. B. Morse, M. of W.	W. H. Garland, M. of A.
O. J. Fifield, M. of E.	Henry H. Randall, P.
G. E. Farrand, O. G.	Frank J. Morse, M. of F.
Charles N. Bean, V. C.	E. B. Runnels, I. G.

This lodge has continued in a prosperous condition up to the present date, having at present thirty-eight members. The lodge holds its meetings weekly at the O. U. A. M. hall.

The names of past chancelors of the lodge are as follows: Stewart I. Brown, Charles N. Bean, Edw. B. Morse, Wm. H. Meserve, Arthur E. Sweat, Wm. H. Garland, Fred F. Carr, John W. McNiel, and Charles G. Davis.

This order has sick and funeral benefits, and in general principles is somewhat like the Odd Fellows' organization.

FISHERVILLE LYCEUM ASSOCIATION.

The Fisherville Lyceum Association was organized about 1868 for the purpose of securing a course of lectures during the winter seasons, lectures being at that date the most popular form of

entertainment, not only in the cities, but in many of the towns and villages of our state, and elsewhere throughout the country.

The business was largely in the hands of lecture bureaus in Boston and New York, and was so well arranged that even the villages like Penacook were enabled to secure some of the very best talent of the lecture platform. The following is a partial list of the lecturers who were heard in Penacook during the existence of this lyceum association: Mark Twain, A. A. Willetts, Mrs. Livermore (three or four times), Wendell Phillips, Frederick Douglass, Rev. J. O. Peck (twice or more), Hon. William Parsons (three or four times), Rev. J. D. Fulton, Hon. P. A. Collins, Hon. J. E. Fitzgerald, Fred Grant, Prof. Patterson, John B. Gough, Rev. W. H. H. Murray (two or three times), Charles Rollin Brainard, Matthew Hale Smith, Rev. George C. Lorimer. The famous Mendelssohn Quartette of Boston was also heard in one of the lecture courses.

This association was conducted most of the time under the presidency of Hon. John C. Linehan.

TEMPERANCE AND OTHER SOCIETIES.

As long ago as 1848 there was an association in the village called Mechanics' Division, No. 10, Sons of Temperance, having seventy members, meeting weekly at Sons of Temperance hall in the Pantheon block. This association had provision for sick benefits for its members, and continued in existence several years.

The Daughters of Temperance also had an association at the same time, with fifty-two members, and working on the same general lines as the Sons. These societies were disbanded after some years of good work, and in later years similar societies have been formed at two or three periods, but have not proved to be permanent organizations.

There are at this date (1901) other societies in active operation in the village as follows: The St. John's society, connected with the Catholic congregation; the "Foresters," and the Canado-Americaine societies; Court Lafayette, No. 19 (men), and Court Villa Bonsecour, No. 13 (women), all of which are organized for mutual benefit of the members, and are evidently in a prosperous condition.

THE PHILOLOGIAN SOCIETY.

The Philologian Society was organized about 1854 or 1855, having both male and female members, and held their meetings in the upper hall of the Graphic block. The name would seem to indicate that the object of the society was the study of language. How much they studied is not recorded, but it is certain that something was done in literary work, as the society had a small library. Several volumes of the history of England are now in the library of George W. Abbott, which were a part of the Philologian society library. The records of the society are not now available, but some of the members were Edmund Worth and his sister Hattie, David D. Smith and his brother Albert, John K. Flanders, Hiram and Abner Durgin, the Morrill sisters, Ada and Mary, and Franc Caldwell. George W. Abbott recalls that he took part in a play there in the winter of 1855-'56, called Fitz James and Roderick Dhu, in which he and David Smith fought a duel. The writer remembers attending one of their entertainments, consisting of recitations, dialogues, and short plays; they had a stage built across the north end of the hall, with curtains, costumes, etc., and gave an enjoyable performance.

THE GRANGE.

Dustin Island Grange, No. 252, was organized March 12, 1897, and was originated mainly by the efforts of B. Frank Varney, who spent considerable time in securing subscribers for the enterprise. As the result of his labors there were sixty-one charter members, and the membership was immediately increased to one hundred.

The object of the organization is "the promotion of agricultural and other kindred pursuits by inducing coöperation among farmers and those alike interested for their mutual benefit and improvement."

The presiding officers of this society have been as follows: B. Frank Varney in 1897, Almon G. Harris in 1898 and 1899, B. Frank Varney in 1900, and Walter E. Gushee in 1901.

The secretaries have been Dr. A. L. Parker in 1897, John C. Farrand served three months, then Mrs. Abbie E. Noyes took the position and still continues in that office.

The present membership (February, 1901) is fifty-two males and fifty-eight females.

W. I. BROWN POST, 31, G. A. R.

Wm. I. Brown Post, 31, of the Department of New Hampshire, Grand Army of the Republic, was instituted on the 12th of May, 1875, by Department Commander Alvin S. Eaton, of Nashua, assisted by Assistant Quartermaster-General J. A. Skinner, Post Commander Timothy B. Crowley, and Past Commander Alvin Tinkham, of Nashua, and Past Department Commander Timothy W. Challis, of Manchester.

The Post was named in honor of Major William Ide Brown, late of the 18th Regiment, N. H. Volunteers, who was killed at Fort Steadman, Va., March 29, 1865, being the last officer from New Hampshire killed in action in the war for the preservation of the Union. There are thirteen names on the charter of this Post as follows: Hiram H. Holbrook, Robert Crowther, George W. Corey, Freeman Deschamps, Charles Riley, William Barnett, James Riley, Joseph E. Sanders, John C. Linehan, James F. Chase, David E. Jones, D. Arthur Brown, John G. Lovejoy.

Of these thirteen charter members, two only—Charles Riley and Joseph E. Sanders—have since died, and of the eleven remaining, six are still residing in Penacook.

Twenty-five members were mustered in at the first meeting, May 12, 1875, and the first board of officers chosen as follows:

Commander—John C. Linehan.	O. D.—Norman D. Corser.
Senior Vice-Commander—Geo. W. Corey.	O. G.—Joseph E. Sanders.
Junior Vice-Commander—D. Arthur Brown.	Surgeon—Dr. C. C. Topliff.
Q. M.—Robert Crowther.	Adjutant—Samuel N. Brown.

Colonel Linehan served as commander for the first three years, and was followed in command by Geo. W. Corey who served the second three years, and in later years served two years more. Samuel N. Brown, the first adjutant, served six years continuously, and at later dates has served six years more. Robert Crowther, elected quartermaster on the original board, resigned one week later. Samuel F. Brown was then chosen for that place but served only a part of the year. On his resignation, Dr. James H. French was chosen quartermaster, and held that office continuously until

the year of his death, nearly nineteen years. He was succeeded by D. Arthur Brown who has held that position for the last eight years. Dr. French also served as chief marshal on Memorial Day for at least fifteen years; since his death that position has been filled for seven years by William H. Raymond. As president of the day for Memorial exercises, Colonel Linehan has served for some fifteen years or more, from which it appears that the original members have been working members throughout the life of this organization.

Previous to the organization of this Post, the graves of soldiers had been decorated for a few years by the Fisherville Memorial Association, which was maintained largely by the efforts of Col. John C. Linehan, and the members of Brown's band and their wives.

The first memorial service conducted by this Post, in 1875, was observed by the citizens generally throughout the village and the neighboring towns; business was suspended in the village during the afternoon, and a large concourse of people accompanied the Post to the Woodlawn cemetery. The procession was formed in Washington square in the following order: Chief marshal, Dr. J. H. French; assistant marshal, T. O. Wilson; Brown's band, D. Arthur Brown, leader; officer of the day, N. D. Corser; Wm. I. Brown, Post 31, in uniform, Geo. W. Corey commanding; carriages with disabled comrades, speakers, and flowers; Knights of Pythias, Robert Crowther commanding; St. John's Total Abstinence Society, James Kelley, president; Mechanicks band, Frank E. Bean, leader; Torrent Engine Co., Henry C. Briggs, foreman, thirty men; Pioneer Engine Co., Rufus Cass, foreman, forty men, James Riley, commanding; citizens in carriages and on foot.

The exercises at the cemetery were opened with a selection, "Chapel," by Brown's band, followed by prayer by Rev. L. E. Gordon, after which the graves of twenty-six soldiers were decorated by the comrades of the Grand Army, a small flag and a bouquet of flowers being placed on each grave.

Rev. M. D. Bisbee then delivered the oration. At the conclusion of the address a salute was fired, and the procession was then re-formed, marched back to Washington square and closed the public exercises with a dress parade. This was a most successful

beginning of the annual decoration exercises, which have been continued without a break for twenty-five years. At this first Memorial Day the graves of soldiers or sailors who served in the Civil War only were decorated, but in 1880, and since that date, the graves of Revolutionary and 1812 War veterans have also been decorated by this Post.

The number of graves has been increasing as the years have passed, until the last year, when the whole number decorated by W. I. Brown Post 31, or by details from the Post, was 195—located in ten cemeteries as follows: In Woodlawn cemetery, Penacook, 79; Canterbury, 23; East Canterbury, 8; Horse Hill, 27; River View cemetery, Boscawen, 17; Central, Boscawen, 18; Beaver Dam, Boscawen, 10; Water Street, Boscawen, 5; Webster, 7; Hardy's, 1. Of late, the Post has been assisted in decorating graves by the J. S. Durgin Camp, Sons of Veterans, and also by comrades from Post 44 at West Concord.

Since the organization of the Relief Corps, the making of wreaths and bouquets for decoration of the graves, has been in the hands of that Corps.

The W. I. Brown Post prospered, and increased in numbers rapidly during the early years of its existence, and in 1882 had seventy members on its roster. These represented about every New Hampshire regiment or organization that went to the war, as well as a number of the regiments from the neighboring states of Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York.

Soon after the first Memorial Day, the Post held a strawberry festival on July 3, at the grove in the rear of Penacook Academy, from which they realized \$54.57 for the Post fund.

By vote of the Post, Comrade Samuel N. Brown was requested to write a sketch of the life of Maj. William I. Brown for whom the Post was named; Comrade Brown prepared the sketch and read the same at the meeting of November 2, 1875. The sketch was copied in full upon the adjutant's record book. It was afterwards printed in pamphlet form at the request of (and at the expense of) Comrade D. Arthur Brown.

Memorial Day, 1876, was observed with much the same form as on the first year. The Brown's band and the two engine companies were in procession, and the oration at the cemetery was by

Gov. Walter Harriman. On this day the Post sent a detail of comrades in a four-horse team to the Horse Hill cemetery, where the graves were first decorated.

In 1877 the procession included Brown's band, Pioneer Engine Co., Concord Lodge, No. 8, Knights of Pythias, and Myrtle Lodge, No. 14, of the same order. The orator was Rev. Leander S. Coan, department chaplain of New Hampshire, who also assisted at an entertainment in the hall in the evening. At the close of the afternoon exercises a collation was served in Exchange hall.

August 23, 1877, on invitation of the city government, the Post went to Concord, and took part in the exercises of the reception to President Rutherford B. Hayes.

In 1878 on Memorial Day, all factories (except the flour mill) shut down for the whole day. The oration this year was at the cemetery, and was delivered by Rev. Henry E. Powers of Manchester. Brown's band furnished music, and Torrent Engine Company joined in the parade. A collation was served at Exchange Hall after the exercises at the cemetery.

Rev. H. Woodward delivered the oration on Memorial Day, 1879.

In September, 1879, the Post attended the dedication of the soldiers' monument at Manchester, accompanied by a drum corps.

A fair or levee was held in Exchange hall Nov. 20, 1879, which gave the Post net proceeds amounting to \$118.

In the following year, May 5, 1880, the Post invited the several pastors of the village churches to preach memorial sermons on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day.

On Memorial Day, 1880, a detail of comrades from the Post were sent to decorate the graves at Canterbury and Boscawen. The oration this year was by Rev. J. B. Robinson. In the parade were the Brown's band, the fire companies, and the cadets from the School of Practice, Rev. J. H. Larry, manager.

In 1881 both the fire companies declined an invitation to parade. The Post drum corps furnished music for the march. The cadets were again in line, and a delegation from Post 44 assisted in the decorative exercises. The orator was Rev. J. H. Larry.

October 2, 1881, the Post attended a memorial service on the death of President Garfield, at the Baptist church. April 16, 1882,

the department chaplain, Rev. D. C. Roberts, delivered an address on the G. A. R., at Exchange hall. In May, 1882, the great fair of the Post was held, from which the net proceeds were \$557.50, which replenished the treasury finely.

The city government first appropriated money for Post 31, for use on Memorial Day, in May, 1882. The orator on this occasion was Rev. G. W. Grover of Nashua. In November of this year the Post made a fraternal visit to Louis Bell Post at Manchester; January 25, 1883, visited Post 2 at Concord, to attend their campfire.

On Memorial Sunday, 1883, the Post first attended religious services together, at the Methodist church, where they were escorted by the Sons of Veterans. The orator on Memorial Day was Rev. C. H. Kimball of Manchester.

On April 3, 1884, a fine gold badge was presented to Department Commander Linehan, as a token of the esteem of his comrades of W. I. Brown Post 31. The badge was purchased by subscriptions and the presentation was by the Post Commander, Henry F. Brown. The orator on Memorial Day, 1884, was Rev. Welcome E. Bates.

The records of the Union Soldiers' Aid Society were presented to the Post on April 16, 1885.

The comrades attended services at the Baptist church on Memorial Sunday, 1885. The Memorial Day orator was Rev. C. E. Milliken, and the exercises were held in Exchange hall. A collation was served after return from the cemetery. In June, 1885, the Post obtained a Grand Army lot in Woodlawn cemetery, given by the Cemetery Association, in which burial could be made of deceased comrades who owned no lots.

In 1886 Rev. Dr. Cephas B. Crane of Concord was Memorial Day orator, and the Post attended church at the Methodist. In November of this year the Post held a campfire at the Boscawen town hall for the benefit of the comrades residing in that section.

The Post assisted in forming a Relief Corps in April, 1887, and on Memorial Sunday attended the Methodist church. Col. E. J. Copp was orator on Memorial Day, 1887.

In 1888 the orator was Rev. C. W. Heizer of Manchester, and the Sunday exercises were at the Congregational church.

March 14, 1889, a committee was appointed to memorialize the legislature in favor of establishing a New Hampshire Soldiers' Home.

This year's orator was Rev. F. H. Buffum. The Post went to Boscawen in the morning, and in the evening of Memorial Day Comrade Linehan gave a very interesting lecture at Exchange hall, the title of the lecture being "Music and Songs of the War." This proved to be so popular that Colonel Linehan has since been called to deliver it in all parts of the state. On October 12, 1889, the Relief Corps presented an elegant silk flag to the Post, which has since been carried in all parades of the Post. The Post attended the dedication of the soldiers' monument at Nashua, October 15, 1889.

Hon. Frank D. Currier of Canaan was orator on Memorial Day, 1890, and the Sunday service was at the Methodist church.

In April, 1891, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the G. A. R. was observed by a public meeting in Exchange hall. Among the speakers on that occasion were Capt. Jack Adams and Hon. W. M. Olin of Boston, also Hon. John C. Linehan.

On Memorial Day, 1891, the Post went to Boscawen in the forenoon, with the usual exercises in Exchange hall in the afternoon, including the oration by Rev. W. C. Bartlett, and singing by a male quartette and by the school children. In the evening the Post went to Canterbury and held a campfire in the town hall. Colonel Linehan gave his lecture on "Music and Songs of the War," with D. Arthur Brown as bugler. On this day one hundred and sixty-three graves of soldiers and sailors were decorated.

The fire in Sanders block, December 31, 1891, destroyed most of the property of the Post. Insurance on the property for \$200 was paid, and the Post gave \$80 from that to the Relief Corps, as there was no insurance on the property of that organization.

Services of Memorial Sunday in 1892 were at the Baptist church. The orator for Memorial Day, 1892, was Hon. Henry Robinson. For orator in 1893 the Post secured Rev. T. J. Conaty, a prominent clergyman of Worcester, Mass. The Troubadour Club of Concord (twenty male voices) sang on that occasion; also the school children sang several pieces and marched to the cemetery.

On January 4, 1894, Hon. Charles H. Amsden presented a memorial book (costing \$100) to the Post, at a public meeting held for that purpose. Mr. Amsden made a fitting speech of presentation, and Comrade Linehan delivered the address of thanks for the gift. Addresses were made by the department commander, Frank G. Noyes of Nashua, and by several comrades of Post 2.



POLICE STATION AND G. A. R. HALL.

Subsequently Comrades J. C. Linehan and D. Arthur Brown were made a committee to fill the memorial book with the personal records of each member of the Post, and of all soldiers and sailors who went to the war from Penacook. Comrade Linehan prepared the records of the men and a history of the Post, and several comrades wrote of their experience in camp and in battles; then the whole was copied into the memorial book by Comrade D. Arthur Brown, who by order of the Post deposited the book for safe keeping in the state library at Concord, on April 16, 1896.

After the fire at Sanders block the Post secured quarters at Pantheon hall, where the meetings were held until January 4, 1894, when the Post headquarters were established in the new Sanders block. That remained headquarters until January 1, 1901, when the Post took possession of the new hall in the police station. This hall was provided for use of the Post and Relief Corps by the city government, free of expense for rent or heating.

In 1894 services on Memorial Sunday were at the Congregational church. On Memorial day, Rev. E. G. Spencer was orator and music was furnished by Peabody's Cadet band.

The following year, 1895, the Post attended church at the Episcopal chapel. The orator on Memorial day was Hon. J. W. Remick. The school children sang again on this occasion.

In 1896 the church service was at the Baptist house. The orator on Memorial day was Frederick B. Eaton, Esq.; music by Peabody's band and the school children.

Rev. Frank L. Phalen was Memorial orator in 1897, and the religious services were held at the Episcopal church.

Rev. Dr. H. P. Dewey gave the 1898 oration on Memorial day, the music being given by the Schubert quartette and Peabody's band; the Sunday services this year being at the Methodist church.

In 1899 the Post attended service at the Baptist church. Rev. G. W. Farmer was Memorial orator. The Spanish War veterans were invited and joined in the parade: they also decorated the grave of one soldier of that war; music by Peabody's band and the Schubert quartette.

The wreaths used on Memorial day, 1900, were purchased ready made, and were much better than the homemade wreaths used heretofore. Instead of bouquets tied on the flags as used in previous years, the Post purchased potted plants to decorate the graves. The music for this year was by Mr. H. H. Gorrell of Laconia and the Peabody band. Rev. Frank L. Phalen was the orator, and the Sunday services were at the Methodist house.

The number of graves to be decorated has increased from twenty-six to one hundred and ninety-five, while the number of comrades capable of doing duty grows constantly less, the number of comrades belonging to the Post in 1900 being only forty-seven.

There has been paid out from the relief fund since November, 1885, the sum of \$308.92.

The whole number of members on the roll is one hundred and thirty-four, and of that number thirty-four have died up to April 22, 1901.

W. I. BROWN W. R. C., No. 45.

The first meeting to consider the subject of organizing the Woman's Relief Corps was held in Grand Army hall, April 29, 1887; this meeting was attended by the comrades and their wives, and the feeling was favorable for the new organization. At an adjourned meeting on May 6, committees were appointed for canvassing in behalf of the movement, and application for a charter was authorized. The charter is dated May 20, 1887, and carries twenty-seven names, these charter members being as follows:

Emma A. Morse, Philena I. Vinica, Elvira C. Annis, Annie A. Jones,
 Frances S. Webster, Ellen F. Farnum, Stella M. Dimond, Eliza J. Bent,
 Ella E. Emerson, Mary P. Atkinson, Susie A. Knowlton, Thirza A. Haines,
 Susie E. Haines, Sarah J. Moody, Eliza K. Chadwick, Rachel Davis,
 P. J. Ingraham, Mary A. Dimond, Cora E. Ladiou, Sarah J. Jerald,
 Carrie Shepard, R. C. Deschamps, Eldora L. Moody, Eva E. Ladiou.
 Kate Corey, Phebe A. Crowther, Julia A. Elliott,

The corps was instituted May 20, 1887, by Mrs. Mary A. Pratt, department president, who administered the obligation to twenty-seven members.

The work of the Order was then exemplified by Mrs. Staniels, president, and the officers and members of E. E. Sturtevant Corps, No. 24.

The original board of officers was as follows:

President, Emma A. Morse.	Secretary, Annie A. Jones.
Senior Vice-President, Philena I. Vinica.	Treasurer, Frances S. Webster.
Junior Vice-President, Elvira C. Annis.	Chaplain, Ellen F. Farnum.
Conductor, Stella M. Dimond.	Guard, Eliza J. Bent.
Assistant Conductor, Ella E. Emerson.	Assistant Guard, Mary P. Atkinson.

These officers were installed by Mrs. Mary A. Pratt.

The Corps immediately began active work, and assumed the work of making the wreaths and bouquets of Memorial Day, 1887, which work they continued on each succeeding year until 1900, on which later year the Post purchased the wreaths and flowers of

a florist. This corps also began on this first year furnishing a collation for the Post on Memorial Day, and have not neglected that duty a single year to the present date. Aside from the Memorial Day service, they have furnished collations for the Post at installations, public meetings and the like, times without number, and have done like service for the Sons of Veterans on many occasions. In fact, there has been no occasion on which a collation was needed, when the Corps has not cheerfully given their services.

This Corps also began, in 1887, attending church on Memorial Sundays, and have continued that practice with the Post and Sons of Veterans.

In the earlier years of the organization they increased in membership rapidly, and at one time had nearly one hundred names on the roll.

To secure funds for their use the Corps has been prolific in picnics, levees, suppers, and parties of various kinds. In the line of suppers they have had a surprising number of different kinds, or at least different names, some of which are harvest supper, Shaker supper, old folks' supper, colonial tea, inauguration supper, chowder supper, election supper, fireman's supper, etc., but the beans are relished just as well under one name as under any other. The Corps has also held apron and necktie parties, Fourth of July picnics, socials, bonnet parties, poverty parties, calico parties, etc., from all of which they realized more or less money for their relief or general funds. This would indicate that Corps 45 is a working organization, but it is not alone in the above mentioned departments that they have been active. Their visits to, and care of, the sick and afflicted of the families connected with the Post and Sons as well as those of their own membership, have been a blessing to the community, and their work in that line is deserving of all honor.

Another object on which their time, labor, and money has been expended is the Soldiers' Home at Tilton, N. H., where they have made annual visits, and have completely furnished a room in the hospital building, largely from their own funds, but with some help from the West Concord Corps, the amount expended there being about \$150.

The Corps has maintained a relief fund of ample amount for their own organization, and has contributed about \$150 to the

relief fund of the Post, besides a small amount to the Sons of Veterans. Aside from these sums the Corps has expended in direct relief contributions in cases of sickness or death about \$300.

The Post room in Sanders block, where the Corps held their meetings, was burned Dec. 31, 1891, and the Corps lost all their property which was not insured. To assist them the Post contributed \$80, the Department Council of the W. R. C. of New Hampshire gave \$20, and the West Concord Corps contributed \$10, and Corps 45 went forward with their work as prosperously as ever. The present number of members is forty-six. The officers have been as follows:

<i>Presidents.</i>	<i>Secretaries.</i>	<i>Treasurers.</i>
1887—Emma A. Morse.	Annie A. Jones.	Frances S. Webster.
1888—Annie A. Jones.	Ella E. Emerson.	Parmelia L. Ingraham.
1889—Emma A. Morse.	Sarah J. Jerald,	Ellen F. Farnum.
1890—Philena I. Vinica.	Annie A. Jones.	Mary E. Dimond.
1891—Ella E. Emerson.	Philena I. Vinica.	Mary E. Dimond.
1892—Susie E. Haines.	Philena I. Vinica.	Mary E. Dimond.
1893—Mary E. Dimond.	Eldora A. Moody.	Annie A. Jones.
1894—Mary E. Dimond.	Eldora A. Moody.	Annie A. Jones.
1895—Ellen F. Farnum.	Philena I. Vinica.	Annie A. Jones.
1896—Thirza A. Haines.	Philena I. Vinica.	Roxa P. Rolfe.
1897—Ella E. Emerson.	Annie A. Jones.	Lydia F. Smith.
1898—Eliza J. Bent.	Annie A. Jones.	Kate B. Wiggin.
1899—Fannie M. Blake.	Roxa P. Rolfe.	Kate B. Wiggin.
1900—Myrta C. Haines.	Annie A. Jones.	Ellen F. Farnum.
1901—Myrta C. Haines.	Annie A. Jones.	Ella E. Everett.