

To them were born five children, Lewis B., who was a soldier of the Sixteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, in the Civil War and died in service, leaving a widow, Roxann, daughter of Ephraim C. Elliott; Dorcas F., who died at the age of five years; Ruth A., who married Henry L. Ferrin, a prosperous farmer of West Concord; Cora A., wife of Eli Hanson, who lives on a part of the old home farm; and Joseph W. who is now employed by the General Electric company at Lynn, Mass. Mr. Elliott died October 23, 1878, and was buried in Woodlawn cemetery.

DEA. FISHER AMES,

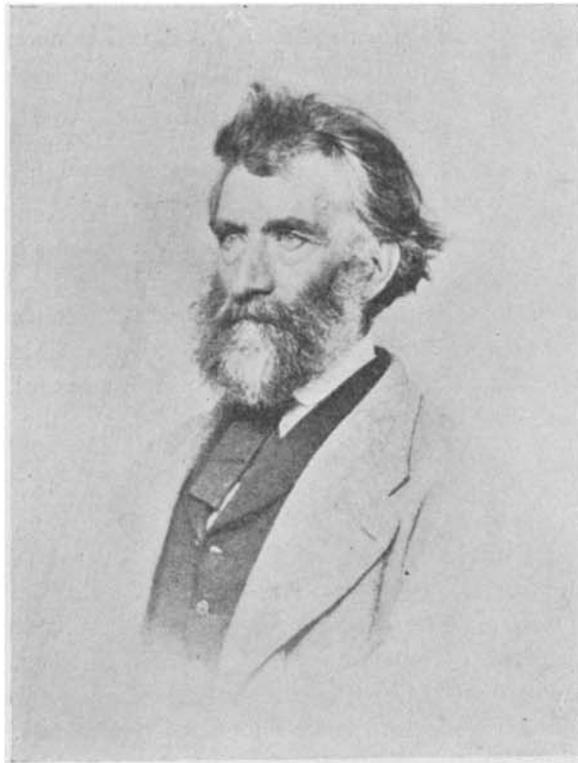
son of Thomas and Lucy Foster Ames, was born in 1814, at the old homestead farm, located on the top of the hill west of the Freewill Baptist church in Canterbury, N. H. He remained at the farm with his parents, and attended the town schools in the winters, until their large, increasing family warned him that it was time to be taking care of himself. He then went to Dorchester, Mass., and engaged in the business of raising early vegetables and fruit for the Boston market, in which he was quite successful.

From this occupation he was called back later to the old homestead to care for his parents in their declining years.

Soon after the death of his mother he married Miss Mary Plummer, daughter of Nathan Plummer, of Boscawen, February 15, 1844, and came to Penacook in 1847. In 1849 Mr. Ames, in company with his brother Albert, and Calvin Gerrish, purchased the stone foundry building, built by T. W. Pillsbury, and began business as manufacturers of stoves and castings, under the firm name of Ames, Gerrish & Co. The foundry was located where the boiler house of the cabinet shop now stands. In 1852 the great flood on the Contoocook river destroyed the building and contents, leaving the Ames brothers penniless.

Mrs. Ames owned a house on the Boscawen side of the river (now owned by Charles Clough) which had come to her from her father's estate; this property she mortgaged to secure a loan of one hundred dollars, which enabled Mr. Ames to make the journey to the gold mines of California, where he remained seven years. He returned to New Hampshire just in season to catch the "spirit of 1861," and enlisted October 1, 1861, in Capt. Dur-

gin's Company E, Seventh Regiment, N. H. Vols., serving with his regiment on the South Carolina coast until his health failed, when he was honorably discharged for disability, and returned to Penacook, where he remained most of the time, except a few years in Colorado, during the remainder of his life. Mr. Ames was one of the oldest men who went into the service from this village, being forty-seven years old at the date of enlistment. Mr. Ames early in life



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joined the Congregational church, and led an upright Christian life; at the date of his death he had been a deacon of the church in Penacook for several years. He was one of the original members of Pioneer Fire Engine Co., serving with that company a long term of years. He was a member of W. I. Brown Post, No. 31, G. A. R., but never sought or accepted public office.

After his misfortune in the foundry business, he did not go into

any other business, but preferred working at various occupations, in many of which he was quite proficient. Mr. Ames died August 14, 1893, leaving a widow who survived him less than two years; her decease occurred on April 13, 1895. There remain of his family two children,—Sarah Plummer, born at Canterbury January 10, 1845, and Henry Gerrish, born at Penacook, September 16, 1848, both of whom still reside in the village.

REV. MILLARD F. JOHNSON.

Millard Fillmore Johnson, son of Warren Johnson (seventh in descent from Edmund Johnson of Hampton, N. H., 1639; and from Henry Elkins of Boston, 1634) and Sarah Ann (Sargent) Johnson (eighth in descent from William Sargent of Ipswich, Mass., 1633; and seventh from John Hoyt of Amesbury, Mass., 1638), was born in Springfield, N. H., October 27, 1850. He attended the public schools in Lawrence, Mass., in 1856; in Andover, N. H., 1857-'59; and in Penacook, 1859-'65. He attended the Penacook Academy one term in 1866 and two terms in 1868. Having decided to prepare himself for the ministry, he entered Colby Academy at New London, N. H., in 1870, and graduated in 1872. He entered Brown University at Providence, R. I., in 1872 and completed the course there in 1876; being one of the honor men of his class, he was assigned the philosophical oration at commencement. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity while in college, and became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society at commencement by virtue of his scholarship. From boyhood Mr. Johnson was a worker, and obtained his education by his own exertions. While a youth he worked in the Penacook cotton mill, Robinson's cabinet shop, the cooper shop, Harris's woolen mill, and Caldwell & Amsden's cabinet shop, between schools and in vacation times.

After graduating at college, he entered Newton Theological Institution at Newton Center, Mass., in 1876, and graduated in 1879. During the years of his educational term he did a considerable amount of teaching. In 1870-'71 he taught the school at Boscawen Plain, and the following winter at Burpee Hill in New London, N. H. In the winter of 1872-'73 he had a place at the grammar school in Penacook. He taught in the evening

schools of Providence from 1874 to 1876; he also taught at the Baptist Academy in Saxton's River, Vt., in 1877. While in college he was licensed to preach and began that work soon after. He preached for the Baptist church at Grafton, Vt., in the summer of 1877, and for the Baptist church of South



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Berwick, Me., in 1878 and 1879. Mr. Johnson was ordained as a Baptist minister at Foxboro, Mass., September 25, 1879, and remained as pastor of the First Baptist church in that town until February 3, 1889. He was next settled as pastor of the Central Baptist church at Middleborough, Mass., February 10, 1889, where he labored until September 1, 1898, at which date he accepted a call and became the pastor of the First Baptist church

in Medford, Mass. Mr. Johnson at fifty years of age enjoys robust health, and is emphatically a strong man mentally and physically. He seems to thrive on constant hard work, as aside from his regular pastoral duties he manages to find time for much outside work. He is an enthusiast on young people's work, Sunday schools, and temperance, having delivered sermons or addresses on those lines in twelve states and the Dominion of Canada. He has also been orator six times for the Grand Army of the Republic on Memorial days.

Mr. Johnson has been president of the Alumni Association of Colby Academy, and at present is the president of the Boston Alumni Association (of Colby Academy). He was secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union of Massachusetts, from 1892 to 1898, and from 1898 to 1900 was its president. He has held positions in the governing boards of the Baptist Vineyard Association; Massachusetts Baptist Convention of Churches; Massachusetts Charitable Society; Baptist Ministers' Conference; Northern Baptist Educational Society, and others. While in Foxboro he was chairman of the school committee and a trustee of the public library. At Middleborough he was also trustee of the public library. At association meetings, councils, ordinations, and the like he has done much work, and has written occasional articles for the secular and religious press, quite a number of his sermons having been printed in the newspapers. He is not a member of any fraternal societies, as the duties of his home, his church, and his country absorb his time and attention.

Mr. Johnson married Eunice Adeline Allen, daughter of Dea. William H. Allen, at Penacook, December 17, 1879. They have three children—Allen Montague, Warren Clifford, and Helen Martin. He has made occasional visits to the village of his boyhood, where he is esteemed and beloved by a wide circle of friends, who take a just pride in the good work that he has done, and is doing, for humanity. In November, 1900, Mr. Johnson began his labors as pastor of the First Baptist church at Nashua, N. H.

JOHN CHADWICK.

John Chadwick, son of Laban M. and Eliza H. Chadwick, was born in Boscawen, N. H., April 24, 1842, where he resided until he was twenty-eight years old, obtaining his education at the

town schools and at Boscawen academy. On coming to the village he first engaged in trade with his brother Hale, in dry goods, boots and shoes, in Sanders block, and later in the block



RESIDENCE OF JOHN CHADWICK, MERRIMACK STREET.

on the opposite side of Main street, which block he purchased about 1875 and still owns.

In 1872 he was appointed assistant city marshal, and filled that office most acceptably for eight years. He was appointed local agent for the American Express Co. in 1877, and held that

position until April, 1900, when he resigned. In connection with his express business he added the livery stable business in 1878, and purchased the stable property in 1881. This property (which he still holds) included a dwelling-house, which stood on the ground occupied now by the block containing the Tetrault market. The dwelling-house, which was one of the earliest built in the village, by Arey Morrill, was moved to Merrimack street, and occupied by Mr. Chadwick until he purchased the fine homestead, formerly the Baptist parsonage. In 1888 Mr. Chadwick purchased the old Batchelder store block which stood on the east side of Washington square and moved it to its present location near his stable.

Mr. Chadwick has been quite successful in business, and accumulated a handsome property, much of it being invested in real estate in the village and vicinity. He was married the first time in 1866 to Mary E. Graham of East Concord, N. H. She died in 1868. He was married the second time in 1874 to Miss Ella J. Hosmer, daughter of Dr. Wm. H. Hosmer of Penacook. They have two daughters, twins,—Julia and Jennie Chadwick.

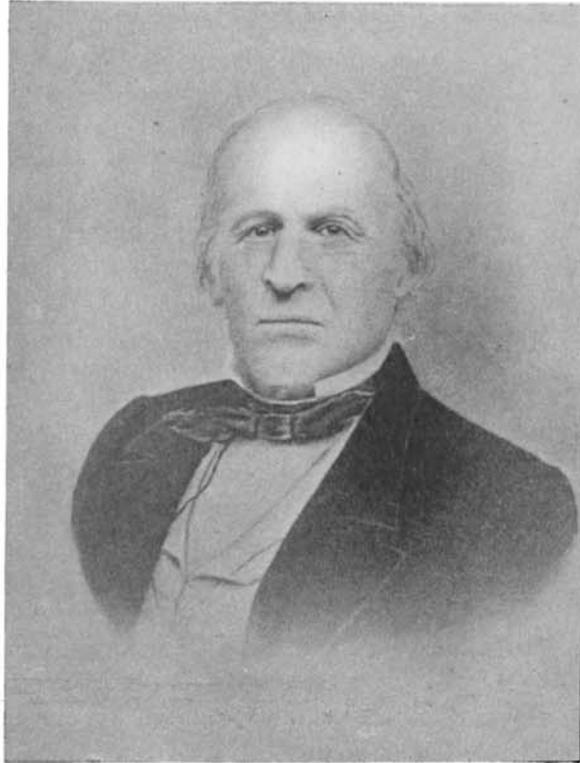
Mr. Chadwick has never sought public office, although well qualified for public business, preferring to attend closely to his own business affairs. He has been a member of Horace Chase lodge, F. & A. M., for many years.

DEA. ALMON HARRIS.

Almon Harris, a descendant of Scottish ancestry, son of Bethuel and Deborah Harris, was born August 29, 1800, in Nelson, N. H., his father being a celebrated manufacturer of woolen goods in that town.

He remained with his father until he was twenty-one, and probably knew the woolen business very well by the time he left home to work for himself, in 1821. His first move was to Watertown, Mass., where he worked in a woolen mill for five years. He then returned to his native town and married Phebe, daughter of Ezra Sheldon, June 26, 1826. He next moved to Marlow, where he built mills for sawing lumber, grinding grain, carding wool, and dressing cloth, continuing there until 1832, when he moved on to a farm in Winchester. He tried agricultural life for three years,

then gave it up and returned to Nelson, and again engaged in woolen manufacturing until 1847. At that time the village of Fisherville was growing rapidly, and as its great water power became known many manufacturers came to see and investigate. Mr. Harris was one who came, and purchased land and water power of the Gage family, and erected the Dustin Island Woolen



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Mills, which he, his sons, and his grandsons have operated successfully until the present day. This enterprise of Mr. Harris added materially to the prosperity of the village and has always been an important factor in the business life of the community. Mr. Harris was universally respected and esteemed by his fellow-citizens, who several times called him to attend to the public affairs of the town as selectman; they also elected him to repre-

sent the town of Boscawen in the New Hampshire legislature in the years 1864 and 1865.

Mr. Harris was a member of the Congregational church for forty-four years, and was deacon and superintendent of the Sunday-school in the towns where he resided, for many years.

Deacon Harris died in September, 1876, leaving a widow and three sons,—Ezra Sheldon, Bethuel Edwin, and Almon Ainger.

JOHN S. BROWN.

John Sullivan Brown, son of David and Eunice (Hayes) Brown, lineal descendant of Peter Brown, one of the *Mayflower* Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth in 1620, was born in Seekonk, Mass., February 26, 1809.

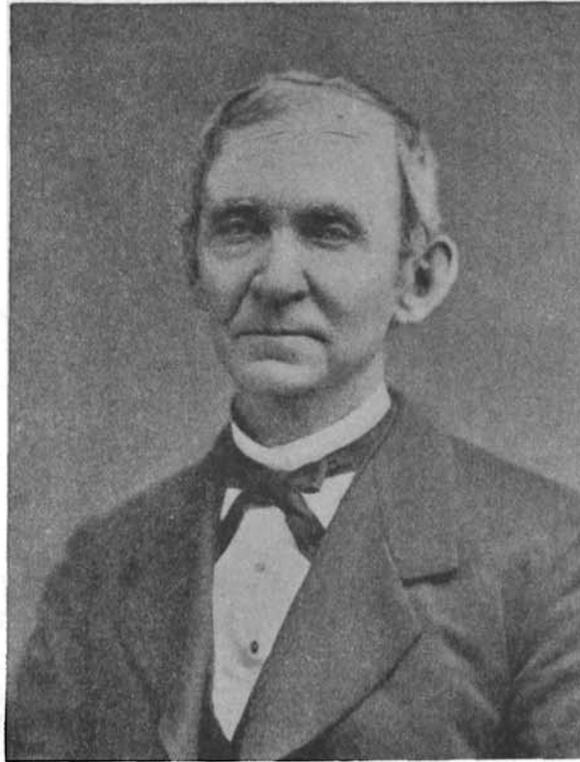
His only schooling was at the district school four months in summer and three months in winter until the age of fourteen, after which he worked for his father until he was twenty-one years old, giving to his father all of his earnings up to that time. His father's business was the mason trade, which John learned early.

At the age of twenty-one he went to work for his older brother, Henry, who was already well started in business as a mason. After working for Henry some time and taking charge of a gang of men he was taken into partnership with his brother, and continued with him for about forty years. Shortly after forming a partnership with his brother they were employed to build a stone factory at Attleboro Falls, Mass., to be used for cotton goods, on the completion of which they were requested by the proprietors to set up the machinery and superintend the mill. Neither of the brothers had any previous experience in that line, with the exception of a short time spent by John in a small weave room of a neighboring mill, but they concluded to try it, and succeeded to the entire satisfaction of the owners.

After running the mill about three years, John and his brother purchased the machinery, leased the mill, and started in the business of manufacturing cotton cloth on their own account.

As their first lease of the mill at Attleboro was about to expire they learned that the proprietors were to make a large advance in the rent for a renewal of the lease, and as the power at that place

was not satisfactory, they looked for some other location. Learning that the Fishers of Boston had a new mill at Fisherville, N. H., unoccupied, they came up here, looked over the property and leased the mill. Mr. John first came up in December, 1841, but did not move his family up until March, 1842, when he occupied the chambers of the house now owned by Mrs. Polly Mann.



JOHN SULLIVAN BROWN.
(At seventy years.)

The Contoocook mill was then filled with new machinery—their old machinery at Attleboro being left in charge of a younger brother, David, who operated it for a short time, and it was then sold to the Daggett Brothers. Mr. John and his brothers continued operations in the Contoocook mill until after the Penacook mill was built, and having leased the new mill they moved the machinery from the Contoocook to the Penacook. During the

removal Mr. John met with a serious accident; he was taking the spinning frames from the third floor and lowering them to the ground; just as one of the frames was about to leave the floor the rope broke, and the men below shouted. Mr. John immediately leaned out of the door looking over the frame to see what the trouble was, the frame falling away from under him, he could not save himself, but had to go with it; fortunately he had the presence of mind to spring forward just as his feet left the floor, and that carried him beyond the machine, otherwise he would have been crushed to death in the wreck of the spinning frame. He came to the ground on his feet, shattering the bones of one ankle and crippling him for life. Even this severe injury could keep Mr. Brown away from his work but a short time, and he was soon about the mill again, though obliged to use crutches for a long time. His business at the Penacook mill continued in company with his brother until 1869, when it was thought best for the brothers to divide their property. The division left the Penacook mill property in the hands of John, who ran the mill alone for several years, and finally sold that property to the Contoocook Manufacturing & Mechanic Co., retiring from active business after a laborious and well spent term of some fifty years. Mr. Brown has been always closely attentive to his business, so that he had little time or inclination for public office; he did, however, serve as alderman of the city of Concord two terms, and was elected to the New Hampshire legislature for two sessions, and was a member of one New Hampshire constitutional convention.

Mr. Brown joined the Baptist church at an early age, thus following the example of his ancestors for at least three generations.

He was one of the original members of the First Baptist church in Fisherville and at this date, June, 1900, the sole survivor of the original members. His love and zeal for church work has been constant, and his liberality unsurpassed.

In building the church and the parsonage of the Baptist society in Penacook, he gave not only his time to superintend the construction but a very large portion of the money to pay for the same. To the missionary societies and other interests of his denomination he has been a liberal contributor.

He was much interested in educational affairs, serving for

several years as a member of the board of trustees of the academy at New London, for which institution he contributed a large amount of funds. He gave two of his sons a college education, and sent another son through the academy course at New London.

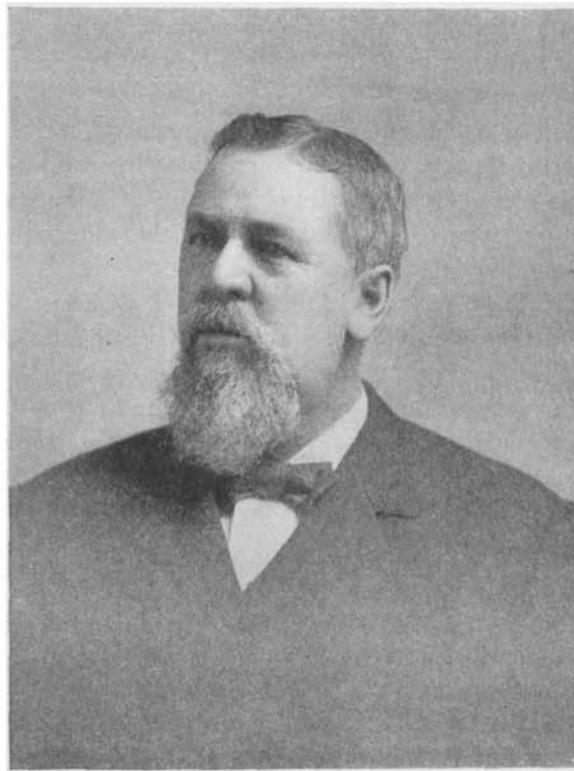
Besides these larger interests, Mr. Brown was a liberal contributor to countless worthy charities all through his business life. Undoubtedly Mr. Brown enjoys the distinction of having been the most liberal giver to good and worthy interests that ever lived in the village.

Mr. Brown has been twice married: first, on June 26, 1834, to Miss Deborah Freeman Ide, of Seekonk, Mass., by whom he had two children, Emily Frances, who died in 1853, aged seventeen, and William Ide, major of the Eighteenth regiment, N. H. Vols., killed at Fort Steadman, Va., March 29, 1865. His wife Deborah died February 20, 1840. His second marriage was on February 26, 1841, to Miss Sophia Carpenter Drown, of Rehoboth, Mass., by whom he had seven children, two of whom died in infancy. There are still living in the village two daughters, Sophia and Sarah, also two sons, Samuel N. and Walter L.; a third son, Stewart I., resides at Bristol, N. H.

GEORGE W. ABBOTT.

George Whitefield Abbott was born in West Boscawen (now Webster) on March 13, 1837. His parents were Nathaniel and Mary (Fitts) Abbott, the former a resident of West Boscawen, and the latter of Sandown, N. H. After attending the public schools in his native town, Mr. Abbott completed his schooling at a private academy at West Salisbury, N. H. Immediately afterwards he went to Boston, Mass., where he was employed as a clerk until 1860, when he went to Norwich, Conn., and opened a grocery store, from which place he came to Penacook in 1861, to engage in the grocery business with his older brother, under the firm name of H. & G. W. Abbott. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Seventh regiment, N. H. Vols., joining the regiment at St. Augustine, Fla., and was with the regiment at Morris Island, Fort Wagner, Fort Gregg, and Fort Sumter, also on St. Helena Island, all in South Carolina.

Mr. Abbott was severely wounded in the battle of Olustee, Fla., February 20, 1864, and remained in the hospital until April, 1865; he then returned to his regiment, and was mustered out at Goldsboro, N. C., in June, 1865. Mr. Abbott then returned to Penacook, and engaged in mercantile pursuits; for several years he was the traveling salesman for the firm of H. H. Amsden & Sons, furniture manufacturers of Penacook.



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In 1876 he formed a partnership with J. E. Symonds for the manufacture of tables, under the style of J. E. Symonds & Co. Mr. Abbott attended to the purchase of materials and the sale of their goods, while Mr. Symonds managed the factory. This business was carried on successfully as a partnership for a number of years, and was then organized as a corporation, of which Mr.

Abbott was president and general manager. When about sixty years of age, Mr. Abbott decided to give up the active management of that business, and disposed of his interest in the corporation.

Mr. Abbott is still connected with several interests which claim more or less of his time, being president of the Penacook Electric Light Co., a director of the Concord Street railway, the Sullivan County railroad, and of the First National bank of Concord. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. In 1892 he was a presidential elector, and in 1895-'96 he was a member of the state legislature.

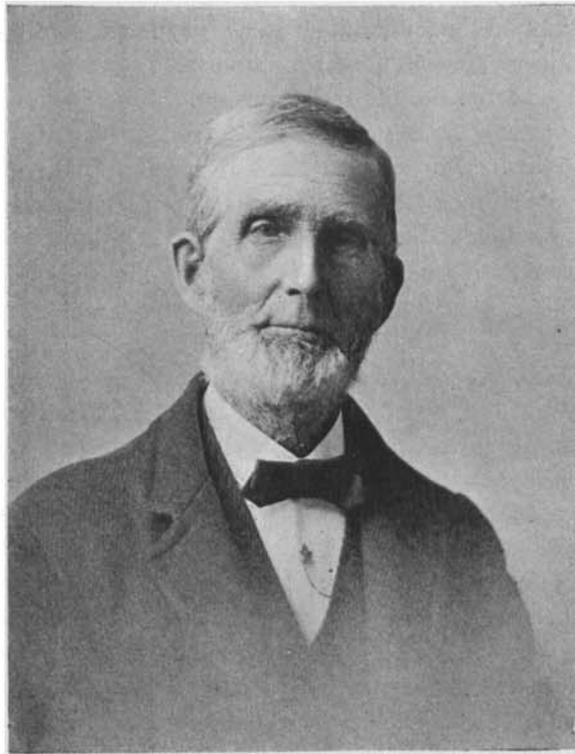
Mr. Abbott was first married on August 15, 1865, to Miss Myra Tucker of Boston, who died after giving birth to one child; the child also died. He was again married on December 14, 1869, to Mrs. Addie (Morrill) Batchelder, and by this alliance there has been one daughter, Myra M. Abbott. Mr. Abbott is a member of W. I. Brown Post, No. 31, G. A. R.; of Horace Chase lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Mount Horeb Commandery, Knights Templar, of Concord. His residence, located on a lot extending from Summer to Merrimack street, is a large and elegant mansion, fitted and furnished in the best style. He has also a summer cottage at Lake Sunapee, N. H., where the family are located a part of each summer.

COL. ABIAL ROLFE.

Abial Rolfe, one of the best known citizens of Penacook, was born March 29, 1823, on the estate where he now resides, son of Henry and Deborah (Carter) Rolfe, and a descendant in the fourth generation from Henry Rolfe, one of the original proprietors of Pennycook (Concord). Colonel Rolfe was educated in the town schools, at the private school of John Ballard at Hopkinton, and at the academies of Pembroke and Salisbury. After completing his studies he taught school for four winter terms, acquiring a high reputation as a disciplinarian, and successfully managed a school which several preceding masters had failed to control. Since that time Colonel Rolfe has retained a warm interest in public education.

After giving up school teaching, he was engaged, in company

with his brothers Nathaniel and Henry, in the manufacture of doors, sash, and blinds. In 1855 he was first elected to the school board of Concord, on which he served thirty years. In 1856 and 1857 he was sent to represent the town in the state legislature, and in 1860 was appointed an aide on the staff of Governor Goodwin, which gave him his title of colonel. In 1882 he was elected ward assessor, which office he filled for eight years.



COL. ABIAL ROLFE.

Colonel Rolfe has always been a zealous Republican, and in his earlier years was quite a noted public speaker. His first presidential vote was cast for Henry Clay in 1844.

In his later years Colonel Rolfe has been employed as bank messenger and personal expressman, making daily trips to Concord. Colonel Rolfe has published a small pamphlet containing

new and concise rules for computing annual interest on notes bearing partial payments. These rules are the invention of the colonel, and are said to be better than anything before published in that line.

Colonel Rolfe was married in April, 1847, to Sarah Elizabeth Call, of West Boscawen, who died in 1881. They had one daughter, Lizzie E., who was a successful teacher in the graded schools of Penacook for twenty-two years, and now resides with her father.

The colonel has accumulated some property, owning several tenement houses, besides his own homestead, and a considerable portion of land from the old family estate.

He is a veteran fireman, having served for thirty years as a member of Pioneer Fire Engine Co. He has for many years been a member of Horace Chase lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, also of Contoocook lodge, I. O. O. F. His religious belief is the Congregational.

GEORGE W. WADLEIGH.

George Washington Wadleigh, son of William and Annie (Russell) Wadleigh, was born in Sutton, N. H., March 10, 1819. He attended the town schools at Sutton, and finished his schooling at Franklin academy. He began school keeping in 1835, at the age of sixteen years, and followed that occupation for seven years.

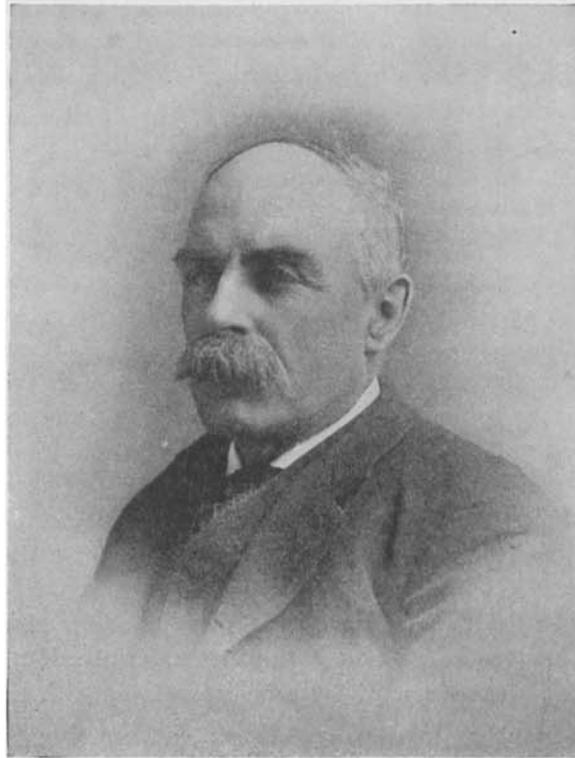
In 1842 he commenced mercantile business in Concord, but in the spring of 1843 he removed to Sunapee, where he carried on business for five years. In 1848 Mr. Wadleigh came to Penacook and bought the Graphic block, completing it during the following year. He also built a house on the corner of Washington and Union streets, where he resided for a number of years. He kept a millinery store in his new block for some ten years, and then removed his business to Concord, where he remained in trade during the remainder of his life. Since his death the business at Concord has been continued by his daughter. Mr. Wadleigh owned some farming land north of the village on which he bestowed considerable personal attention in the summer season, in the later years of his life.

Mr. Wadleigh was married June 10, 1841, to Almira A. Challis,

of Sutton, who died December 11, 1860, leaving four children,—William R., a corporal in the Fifth Regiment, N. H. Vols. ; Ella A., Almira C., and Frank C., of whom Ella alone survives. Mr. Wadleigh died at Concord, April 10, 1896. His son William lived but nine years after the war ; he died at Penacook, July 24, 1874.

CHARLES M. ROLFE.

Charles Moody Rolfe, eldest son of Capt. Nathaniel and Mary J. (Moody) Rolfe, and lineal descendant in the fifth generation from Henry Rolfe, one of the original proprietors of Concord, was born



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in Penacook, August 18, 1841. His education was obtained in the village schools, common and high, and at the close of his school days he was employed in the manufacture of doors, sash, and blinds in the shops of his father. After his father's company

had retired from the business, in 1866 Charles formed a new company with his brother Abial, the firm name being C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, and the line of goods which they manufactured was the same as made by the older firm in which their father was manager. The new firm leased shops and sawmill on Water street, where they operated for several years, and then moved back to the Concord side of the river, locating on Merrimack street, using a portion of the original Rolfe estate.

Mr. Rolfe has found an increasing business from year to year, and now employs some fifty or more men, using about two million feet of pine lumber annually. Mr. Rolfe married Miss Maria L. Morrison, and has three sons,—Harlow, Henry, and Ben,—and one daughter, Mrs. Dr. Mary Farnum. Mr. Rolfe, like his father, is a strong Democrat in politics, and a member of the Congregational church. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and of Dustin Island lodge, P. of H.

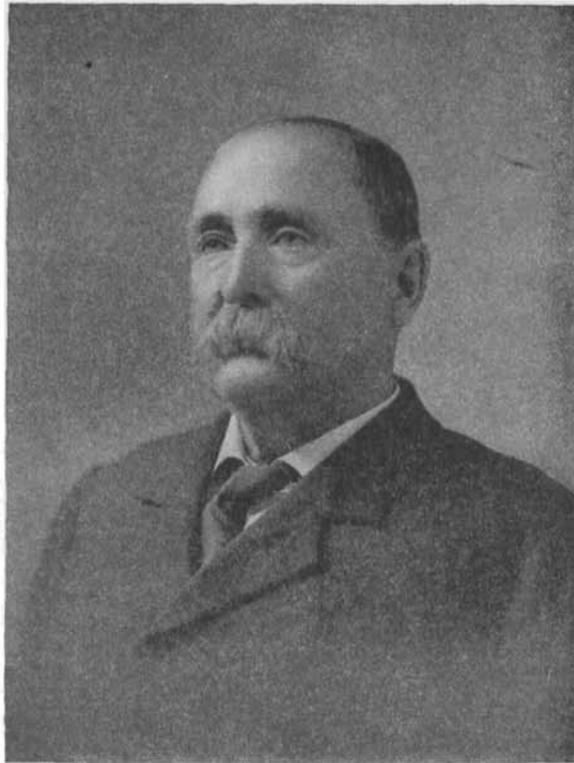
S. PRENTICE DANFORTH.

Sylvester Prentice Danforth, for many years a prominent citizen of Penacook, was born in that village, Boscawen side, August 14, 1838. His parents were Nathan C. and Sophia C. (Brown) Danforth. His father and grandfather were engaged in the lumber business for several years, while his maternal ancestors were farmers in a neighboring town.

In his youth, Mr. Danforth attended the public schools of the village and the Boscawen academy, where he completed his schooling at the age of eighteen years. He then learned the cabinet maker's trade with Caldwell & Amsden, for whom he worked eight years as foreman. On September 1, 1867, he moved to Concord and took a position as superintendent for Isaac Elwell & Co., furniture manufacturers, remaining with them three years. He next entered the shops of E. B. Hutchinson, contractor and builder, where he was foreman of the molding and finishing department for twelve years.

In 1882 Mr. Danforth purchased a half interest in the business of Charles Kimball, manufacturing interior and exterior building finish, and dealing in lumber. In 1887 George S. Forrest became a partner. Mr. Kimball retired in 1893, and F. A. Morgan came

in, but the present firm consists of Mr. Danforth and Mr. Forrest only, the firm name being Danforth & Forrest. This firm have an excellent reputation as contractors and builders, and have been quite successful. Mr. Danforth has been twice married. First, on August 14, 1863, to Miss Caroline A. Morgan of Penacook, who bore him one son, Herbert Milton, who is now engaged in



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the business with his father. The name of his second wife was Flora Augusta Wheeler. When residing at the village he was a member of the Fisherville Cornet band, and an excellent bass player, as well as the handsomest man in the organization. In politics Mr. Danforth is a Democrat, and prominent in the councils of his party. He was an alternate at the National Democratic convention at Chicago in 1896.

Mr. Danforth has been a successful officer in the Masonic fra-

ternity for many years, being a past master of Blazing Star lodge, past commander of Mount Horeb commandery, Knights Templar, past district deputy grand master, past grand lecturer of the fourth Masonic district, and is also a Thirty-second degree Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

HENRY E. CHAMBERLIN.

Henry Eastman Chamberlin, for nearly twenty years the station agent at Penacook, was born at Newbury, Vt., May 28, 1854. His parents were Charles and Ruth (Eastman) Chamberlin. His father was born in Newbury, Vt., and his mother in Haverhill, N. H.; and he is a lineal descendant, on the maternal side, of Roger Eastman, the founder of the family in America. Mr. Chamberlin attended the public schools of Newbury and Haverhill until fourteen years old.

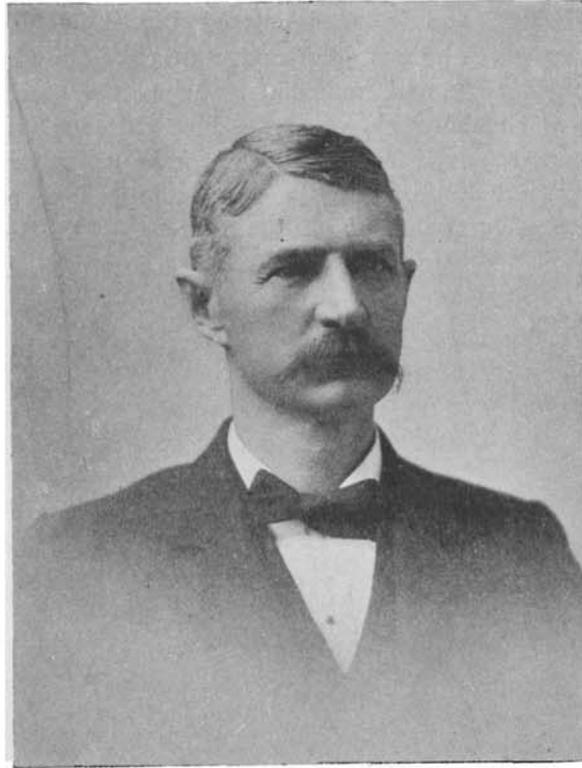
In 1869 he went to Union City, Ind., where he entered the employ of the Belle Fontaine R. R. Co. as a messenger boy and rose to the position of telegraph operator. In 1870 he took charge of the office in Anderson, Ind., and after working in a similar capacity for the company at various stations along the line, he came to Concord in 1873 and entered the train despatcher's office of the Northern Railroad.

Two years later he was appointed station agent at Penacook, and held that position until April, 1893. The patrons of the railroad, whom Mr. Chamberlin had served, were so well satisfied with his conduct of the office that at the termination of his services here a public meeting was held, and a fine gold watch and chain presented to Mr. Chamberlin to testify to the high esteem in which he was held by the citizens.

Mr. Chamberlin resigned his position as station agent to accept the office of superintendent of the Concord Street Railway, which position he still holds (June, 1900.)

Mr. Chamberlin was married November 23, 1875, to Miss Mary E. Livengood, of Union City, Ind. They have now three daughters, Myla, Iyla, and Ruth Elizabeth.

In politics Mr. Chamberlin is a Republican, and was elected by his party in 1892 a member of the board of aldermen from Ward 1, and in 1896 he was elected a member of the state legislature.



HENRY E. CHAMBERLIN.

He is a member of Contoocook lodge, No. 26, I. O. O. F., of Penacook, and of Penacook encampment, No. 3, of Concord. Also he is a member and past captain of J. S. Durgin camp, No. 7, Sons of Veterans.

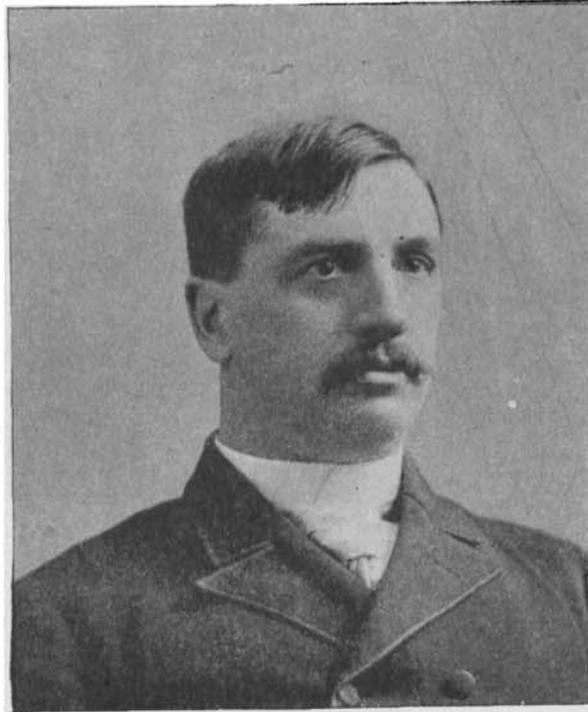
HON. W. G. BUXTON.

Willis George Buxton was born in Henniker, N. H., August 22, 1856. His parents were Daniel M. and Abbia A. (Whitaker) Buxton.

His father was born in Henniker, and his mother in Deering, N. H. After receiving his elementary education in the public schools of Henniker, he pursued a higher course of study in the Clinton Grove and New London academies. In 1876 he commenced the study of law in the office of B. K. Webber of Hills-

borough Bridge, and in 1878 entered Boston University Law school, from which he was graduated in 1879. He was admitted to the bar in 1879, and immediately began the practice of his profession at Hillsborough.

In 1882 he removed to Penacook, where he was associated with Judge Nehemiah Butler for a time, and continued to occupy the same office after the death of his partner. Mr. Buxton was



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instrumental in establishing the Penacook & Boscawen Water Works, of which he is at present the treasurer and superintendent.

He is clerk of the Penacook Electric Light company, also treasurer of the town of Boscawen, and has served on the board of education. For several years past he has been secretary of the New Hampshire Orphans' Home. Mr. Buxton has been a member of the Republican State committee since 1886; was a mem-

ber of the Constitutional Convention of New Hampshire in 1889; and was elected to the house of representatives from Boscawen in 1895, where he served as chairman of the committee on elections. Two years later he was elected to the New Hampshire senate, where he served as chairman of the committee on the judiciary.



RESIDENCE OF HON. WILLIS G. BUXTON.

Mr. Buxton was married June 4, 1884, to Miss Martha J. Flanders of Penacook; they have had one daughter, but she is not now living. Mr. Buxton is a member of Contoocook lodge, No. 26, I. O. O. F., Horace Chase lodge, No. 72, F. & A. Masons, of which he is a past master, Trinity chapter, No. 2, Royal Arch Masons, and of Mount Horeb commandery, Knights Templar.

Mr. Buxton conducts a large and profitable law practice and insurance business, and resides in his commodious homestead on North Main street.

HON. JOHN WHITAKER.

John Whitaker, son of John and Hannah (Bickford) Whitaker, was born at Hopkinton, N. H., June 9, 1835. His ancestors were patriotic men, his great-grandfather serving as a soldier in



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the Revolutionary war, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill, and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne. The father of Mr. Whitaker was also a soldier in the War of 1812, enlisting at first for three months, and at the expiration of that time, he enlisted for three years.

Mr. Whitaker attended the public schools at Hopkinton until sixteen years of age, and then came to Penacook, entering the employ of Seth Hoyt (his brother-in-law) in the livery stable and

express business. In 1858 he opened a livery stable on his own account, and continued in that business for four years.

In 1864 he went into the lumber business in company with George F. Sanborn, who withdrew at the end of one year. Mr. Whitaker next formed a partnership with H. H. Amsden and B. F. Caldwell, under the firm name of John Whitaker & Co.



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This firm contracted to furnish the pine lumber for use in the cabinet shop of Caldwell, Amsden & Co., and continued the connection for many years. In 1886 Mr. Whitaker purchased the interests of his associates, and conducted the business alone until 1890, when he retired from active business, having accumulated a competency during the years of his business life.

Mr. Whitaker is a Democrat in politics, and takes an active interest in public affairs. He served as assessor of ward one in 1859, and represented his ward in the common council, also on the board of aldermen for two years, 1871 and 1876. He was

elected representative in the state legislature in 1862, and state senator in 1893-'94.

Although out of active business, Mr. Whitaker has a number of interests which claim more or less of his time, being a member of the board of water commissioners; a director of the Penacook Electric Light company; president of the Concord Axle company; trustee of the Guarantee Saving bank, and other positions which require some attention. His most active work during the summer season is the care of his steamboats and smaller boats which run on the Contoocook river above the park; this occupation has brought him the title of "Commodore."

Mr. Whitaker is a thirty-second degree Mason, having a membership in Horace Chase lodge, No. 72, of which he is a charter member, and has occupied one important position ever since the lodge was instituted; in Trinity chapter, Royal Arch Masons; in Mount Horeb commandery, Knights Templar, and Edward A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua; also in Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Boston. He is also a veteran fireman, being a past foreman of Pioneer Fire Engine company, and served as assistant engineer of the fire department several years. On February 6, 1860, Mr. Whitaker was united in marriage to Miss Frances E. Caldwell, and their homestead on Washington street is one of the finest places in the village; their lawns, shrubbery, and flower gardens are particularly attractive, those being under the special care and direction of Mrs. Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker enjoys the distinction of being the largest man in the village, his height being six feet three inches, and his weight 300 pounds, and when on parade with the Knights Templar his commanding form is always seen at the right of the line.

HON. EDMUND H. BROWN.

Edmund Hayes Brown was born at Penacook, October 29, 1857. He is the youngest son of Deacon Henry Hayes and Lucretia (Symonds) Brown, and traces his ancestry directly back to the early Pilgrim settlers.

He was educated in the district schools, the Penacook academy, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston. After completing his studies he entered the works of the Concord Axle

company, where he applied himself to learning the various branches of the business, and in 1887 was appointed superintendent of the manufacturing department, which position he filled most successfully for ten years. Mr. Brown was one of the incorporators of the Concord Axle company, has been a member of the board of directors since its organization, and is also the clerk



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of the corporation. He was one of the organizers of the Penacook Electric Light company, and is a director in that company also. In 1897 Mr. Brown became associated with Mr. Charles E. Foote in the well-known house of Foote, Brown & Co., having purchased a half interest from Stewart I. Brown.

In politics he has been an earnest supporter of the Republican party from the day he became a voter, and has served the party

zealously in his ward organization, and upon the state central committee of which he was a member from 1887 to 1893.

As a candidate for the house of representatives in 1893, he contributed his full share towards redeeming his ward, and was elected by a fair majority. At the Republican convention in 1895 he received a unanimous nomination for senator in the eleventh senatorial district, and at the subsequent election was handsomely elected as the first Republican ever sent from that district. In religious and educational matters Mr. Brown has always taken an active interest. He joined the First Baptist church at the age of fifteen, and is now one of the deacons. He has been a member of the Sunday-school since childhood, and was for several years its most successful superintendent. He was president of the New Hampshire Baptist State convention in 1893, and is still a trustee.

Mr. Brown is a trustee of Colby academy at New London, and has been on the board of education in ward one; he is also a member of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

In Masonry Mr. Brown has attained the thirty-second degree, being a past master of Horace Chase lodge, No. 72, and a member of Trinity chapter, Horace Chase council, Mount Horeb commandery, Knights Templar, and Edward A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua.

On October 11, 1881, Mr. Brown married Miss Mary Belle Proctor, daughter of the late Dr. William Proctor of Pittsfield. They have had three children,—Helen L., Howard H., and William P.; the latter died in infancy. The family residence is on Elm street.

DR. A. C. ALEXANDER.

Anson Colby Alexander was born in Littleton, N. H., October 10, 1855. His parents were Wesley and Sarah B. (Bray) Alexander. Both paternal and maternal great-grandfathers served in the Revolutionary war. He acquired his early education in the public schools of Littleton, and at the New Hampton and New London academies. His medical studies were begun under the instruction of Doctors Daniel Lee Jones and Charles W. Rowell, both of Lancaster. He next went to Philadelphia, and in 1879

graduated from the Philadelphia School of Anatomy and Surgery. In the following year he graduated from the Hahnemann Medical college in Philadelphia. He also graduated from the Pennsylvania hospital. He was the only New England student in many years who won the gold medal at the Hahnemann college for superior scholarship in every department.



DR. A. C. ALEXANDER.

In the spring of 1881 he came to Penacook and began the practice of his profession, succeeding to the practice of the late Dr. S. M. Emery, and occupying the Dr. Emery residence. He soon secured a very large practice in the village and surrounding towns. His office for several years was in the Knowlton block, but in 1890 he purchased the Mechanics block and fitted up a

commodious set of offices in that building, and there he has remained to the present date. Besides his regular practice, Dr. Alexander has devoted much time and study to the production of several specific remedies; one of these being the specific exhalant for catarrhal troubles, which is now manufactured by a corporation organized for that business. Of late he has attained a wide notoriety by his discovery of a new treatment of cancer. His practice in this specialty brought so large a number of people for treatment that it became necessary to secure a permanent hospital for their use.

A corporation was formed in 1898, and built the Alexander sanatorium. That is quite a large building located a little to the west of the old hotel on the Boscawen side of the river, fitted up conveniently for the purpose, having rooms for some thirty-five patients. There is a resident physician at the sanatorium so that Dr. Alexander can devote a portion of his time to his general practice. The success of his treatment has led to the establishment of offices in Boston, where he is associated with Dr. Frank O. Webber. The business is growing rapidly, and the remedy is now given to the medical profession at large. Physicians in all sections of the world are now using the remedy successfully.

On June 22, 1882, Dr. Alexander was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Goodwin, a native of North Attleboro, Mass. They have two children, Marion, who is early developing unusual talent as a performer on the violin; and Harold Wesley Alexander. The doctor himself has much natural talent in the line of music, being a strong tenor singer, a violinist, and an excellent conductor of chorus singing. He is a member of the First Baptist church, and conducts the music for all the Sunday-school concerts at Easter and Christmas.

Dr. Alexander is well advanced in the Masonic fraternity, being a past master of Horace Chase lodge; a member of Trinity chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and of Mount Horeb commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a past grand of Dustin Island lodge, I. O. O. F., as well as a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the New England Gynecological and Surgical society of Boston, also a trustee of the New Hampshire Savings bank at Concord. Dr. Alexander has been an active member of

the school board on the Boscawen side of the river, and has served the citizens of his town as a representative in the New Hampshire legislature. He was one of the organizers of the Union club of Penacook and is a past president of that organization. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party.

DAVID F. DUDLEY, ESQ.

David Franklin Dudley was born in China, Maine, October 17, 1857. His parents were Matthew F. and Patience A. (Hutchins) Dudley.



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While a boy David attended the schools of Saco and Biddeford for a time. After his father's death his mother was married again, and they removed to Newmarket, N. H., about 1866, and later to

Deerfield, N. H., where David cast his first vote in 1879. After graduating from Pembroke academy in 1879, he spent some time in the occupation of school teacher at Deerfield, N. H. Having chosen the law for his profession in life, he entered the office of Leach & Stevens, where he studied three years. In August, 1883, he was admitted to the Merrimack County bar, and began the practice of law at Penacook and Concord. Having won the confidence and good will of his townsmen, he was elected to the city council in 1885 and 1886, and to the board of aldermen in 1895 and 1896. In politics he is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Garfield in 1880. He belongs to Horace Chase lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M., Contoocook lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Union club, of which he is a past president.

In 1879 Mr. Dudley married Miss Blanche L. Fowler, a daughter of Trueworthy L. Fowler of Pembroke, N. H. They have four children,—Gale, Trueworthy F., Roy, and Ethel May, and their residence is on High street.

At the election of November, 1900, Mr. Dudley was honored by election to the office of county solicitor for Merrimack county.

MAJ. RICHARD GAGE.

Richard Gage, son of Thaddeus, was born in Methuen, Mass., December 11, 1776. He was an older brother of Hon. William H. Gage, and came to Penacook about the year 1800, and settled near the lower falls of the Contoocook. In 1805, February 6, he married Susannah, daughter of Capt. John Chandler, the landlord of the first tavern in the village. He was at first engaged in farming and subsequently, in company with his brother William, engaged in the lumber business at the sawmill which they built where the Stratton corn mill now stands. This business he continued during his lifetime, and his sons, Calvin and Chandler, continued it for another generation. Mr. Gage was a man of good abilities, and may be justly called one of the founders of the village, which he served as representative in the New Hampshire legislature for the years 1838 and 1839.

Mr. Gage was a man of strict religious principles and practice, and of the Congregational faith. So strong was his aversion to

card playing that he burned a pack of cards found in his barn, declaring that he would not have dared to tie up his cattle in the barn if he had known that cards were secreted there. Major Gage died May 18, 1855, aged 79 years, leaving six sons, Calvin, John Chandler, Hiram, Luther, B. Franklin, and Richard, also one daughter, wife of Nehemiah Butler, Esq.

REV. JOSEPH F. FIELDEN.

Joseph Flanders Fielden, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Scott) Fielden, was born October 23, 1844, at Somersworth, N. H. He



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fitted for college at the Somersworth high school, and took his college course at Brown university, Providence, R. I. Having decided to prepare for the ministry, he took the course of train-

ing for that profession at the Rochester (N. Y.) Theological seminary. Before beginning his pastorate, and while continuing his studies, he came to Penacook, uniting with the First Baptist in 1868, by letter from the First Baptist church of Providence, R. I. While at Penacook he was a teacher at Penacook academy nearly two years. Mr. Fielden was licensed to preach by the First Baptist church of Penacook, and so began his life-work while a resident of the village. In 1870 Mr. Fielden went to New London, N. H., and taught in the academy there one term.

In May, 1872, he was ordained at Franklin Falls, N. H., and installed as pastor of the Baptist church there. He remained as pastor at Franklin Falls over nine years, and did much to build up that church. His knowledge of schools led to his appointment as superintending school committee, in which position he served the citizens for several years.

Soon after his settlement at Franklin, he came to Penacook and took for his wife Miss Nellie Maria Brown, daughter of Deacon H. H. Brown. They were married January 16, 1873, and one child, Henry B., born June 29, 1874, is still living.

The second pastorate of Mr. Fielden was at Winchester, Mass., beginning in August, 1881, and continuing until February, 1892.

In March, 1892, he was installed as pastor of the Baptist church at Newport, N. H., where he remained a little over four years. In August, 1896, Mr. Fielden assumed the pastoral duties for the Baptist church at Winchendon, Mass., in which position he is still at work.

Mr. Fielden is a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, having served in the Sixtieth regiment, Massachusetts Infantry, during their term of service in 1864.

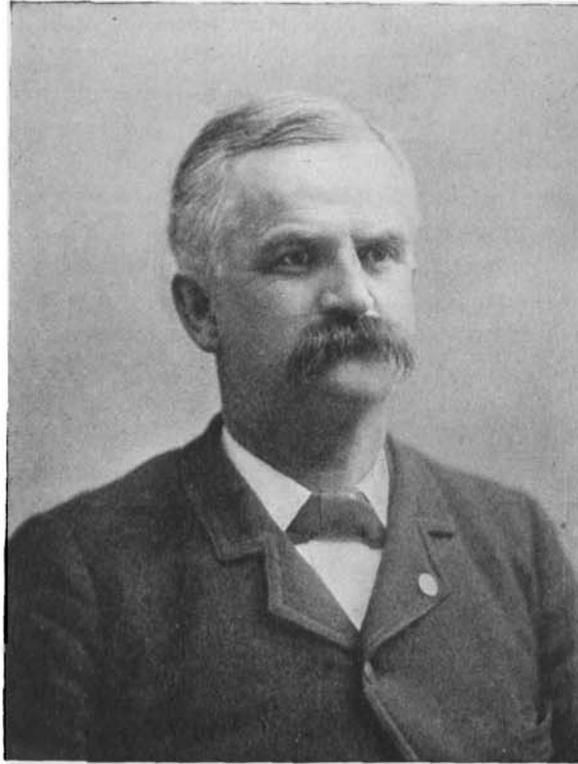
Mrs. Nellie M. Fielden died at Winchester, Mass., July 10, 1884, and Mr. Fielden married, on May 4, 1886, Miss Ada G. Gardner, daughter of Rev. Dr. George W. Gardner, former principal of New London academy. From this union they have six children,—Paul, born February 7, 1887; Margaret, born April 8, 1888; Laura, born January 14, 1890; Andrew G., born October 28, 1891; Clarence B., born August 22, 1894; Ruth E., born October 30, 1897.

Mr. Fielden still retains an interest in the Penacook church and

people, and occasionally makes a short visit to his relatives. He is a stockholder in the Concord Axle company.

DR. A. E. EMERY.

Alfred Eastman Emery, son of Isaac and Eliza L. (Eastman) Emery, was born in Concord, N. H., April 21, 1841. He was educated at the Concord High school, Franklin academy, and the



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New Hampton institute. In 1858 he began reading medicine with Dr. Charles P. Gage at Concord, and later took two courses of lectures at Harvard university and at the University of Vermont, receiving his degree of M. D. from the latter institution in 1865. Dr. Emery was appointed assistant surgeon in the United States navy on March 28, 1863. His first service was on the

hospital ship *Red Rover* attached to the Mississippi squadron. Later he was on the U. S. S. *Keystone State* with the North Atlantic squadron. He resigned February 9, 1865, after serving twenty-three months.

After receiving his degree of M. D. he first settled in Wilton, Conn., where he remained thirteen years, then in 1879 he moved to Penacook, where the remainder of his life was spent, and where he attained a wide practice in Penacook and West Concord.

He was admitted to the New Hampshire Medical society in 1865, and belonged later to the Center District Medical society and to the Connecticut Medical society. While at Penacook Dr. Emery served a term as physician at the New Hampshire state prison, also as a member of the United States Pension Examining board, also as assistant city physician. Dr. Emery was mustered into W. I. Brown Post 31, G. A. R., on November 28, 1879, and maintained his connection with it during the remainder of his life, serving as commander for one term, and as surgeon for many years. He was assistant adjutant-general of the department of New Hampshire, G. A. R., in 1884, during Commander Linehan's second term. He was prominent in the Knights of Honor, being one of the grand officers for New Hampshire, and was also a member of Horace Chase lodge, F. and A. Masons.

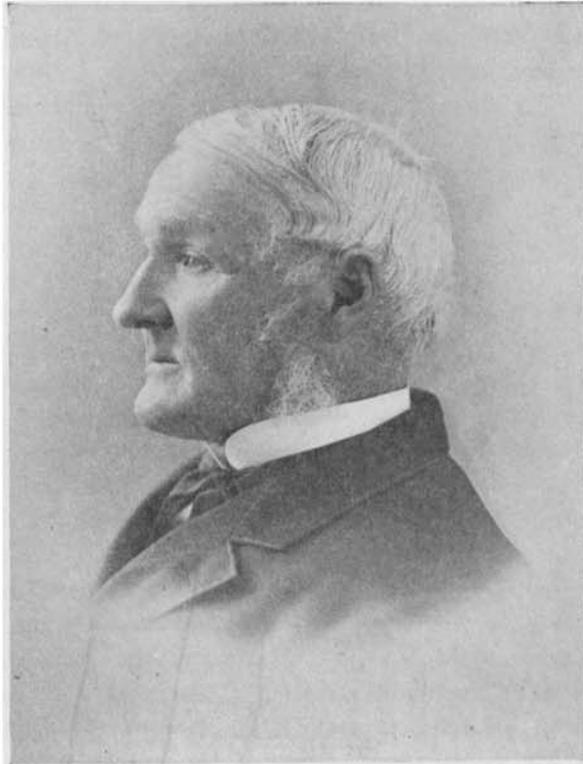
Dr. Emery served as a member of the board of aldermen under Mayor Cogswell, and was for several years a member of the board of education in district No. 20. He was always deeply interested in public affairs, a keen observer of men and measures, widely read, well posted, strong in his convictions, and a staunch Republican in politics. In religious matters he was inclined towards the Unitarian denomination.

Dr. Emery was married April 6, 1863, to Annie E., daughter of Philip Stark, by whom he had three children, Annie K., Mary S., and Arthur B., all of whom with their mother are still living. Dr. Emery was a man who deserved many friends and had them. By his professional associates he was esteemed for his ability and for his devotion to the ethics of his profession. Others knew him as the kind and loving husband and father; the genial friend and acquaintance; the public-spirited citizen; the upright man. He died May 23, 1900, and was buried at Pine Grove cemetery, East

Concord, the G. A. R. burial service being given at the grave by W. I. Brown post, B. Frank Varney commander, and John C. Linehan chaplain.

CALVIN GAGE.

Calvin Gage, son of Richard and Susannah (Chandler) Gage, was born November 17, 1811, in the old Gage house which stood on the lot now occupied by the residence of Abram Hook; the present house being the home of Calvin and his brother, John C.,



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during their later years. Mr. Gage early engaged in the occupations of his father, farming and lumbering, but the latter branch took the largest share of his time and attention. In company with his brother, John Chandler, he rebuilt the first Gage sawmill

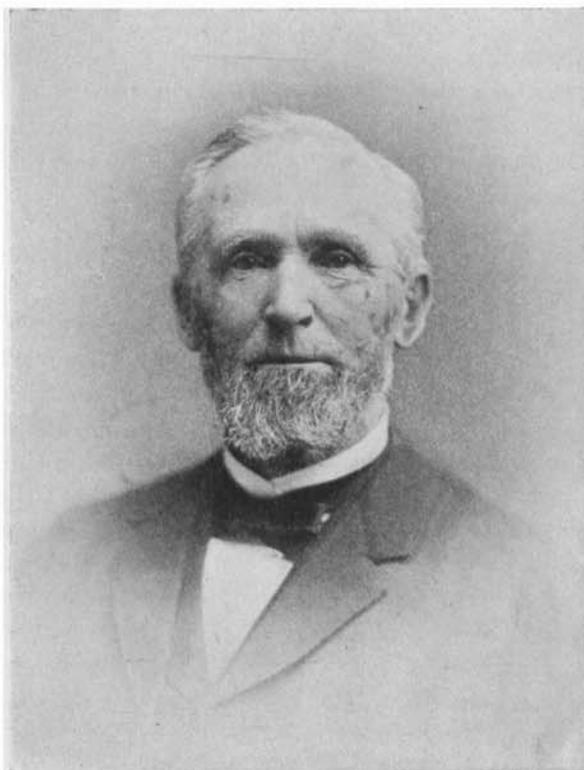
and did an extensive business for many years. They also built and operated a large lumber mill at Ottawa, Canada, for a few years. Calvin was also a member of the firm Gage, Porter & Co., saw manufacturers, which company was under the management of his cousin, Isaac K. Gage, for a long term of years. Mr. Gage was active in making arrangements for building the first cotton mill in the village. Previous to the purchase by the Fishers, the ownership of the land and water power in the central part of the village was in several different hands, and Mr. Gage bought up all the different lots, which later were purchased by the Fisher Brothers of Boston, who organized the Contoocook Manufacturing & Mechanic Co., built the cotton mills and so gave the village a good start. Mr. Gage was a man of excellent mechanical ability and sound judgment in all matters pertaining to dams, flumes, and water powers. He built over the dam for the Penacook mill in 1886, also the dam at the Contoocook mill at an earlier date, as well as the small dam at the Concord Axle Works, and others in various places.

Calvin Gage was one of the original members of the First Congregational society, organized in 1848, and continued in the faith of his fathers during life. He served his native town in nearly all the offices of honor and trust, and was a member of the state legislature in 1849 and 1850. He was one of the proprietors of Penacook academy, and did his full share in building up that school. In all general matters of interest or importance in the village Mr. Gage was always active and prominent. In personal appearance Mr. Gage was a fine sample of American manhood, tall and broad shouldered, with full robust body, great strength and endurance, and a most genial, attractive countenance, which made him one of the handsomest men that ever lived in the village. During his later years Mr. Gage went to Minnesota in 1887 for a few years, where three of his sons were living, but passed his last year at the old homestead. Mr. Gage died January 30, 1889, and was buried in River Dale cemetery at Boscawen. Mr. Gage was twice married,—first to Rebecca, daughter of Isaac Pearson, September 25, 1835, by whom he had two daughters; Hannah Pearson and Martha A.; second to Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Ryan, April 29, 1846, by whom he had ten children, five

sons and five daughters: George W., Rebecca P., Annie B., Harley C., Hannah P., Mary H., Nettie A., John F., George M., and Spicer R.

HANNIBAL BONNEY.

Hannibal Bonney, proprietor of the Penacook house, was born in Winthrop, Maine, February 26, 1815. His parents were James and Cynthia (Cole) Bonney; his father was also born in Win-



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throp, and his mother in Massachusetts. There were nine sons in the family of whom Mr. Bonney is the only one now living.

The only education that he received was from the schools of his native town. He worked on the farm at home until he was eighteen years old, and then on September 4, 1833, enlisted in a Dragoon regiment of the United States army, and served with

that regiment eight years. After that he enlisted in the Texan army for the period of "during the war." He also served in the Seminole Indian war in Florida, making a record of longer and more arduous service for his country than any veteran in this vicinity.

Soon after leaving the army Mr. Bonney engaged in the hotel business which he has followed over forty years. He came to Penacook in 1862, purchased the old tavern stand, and has since kept one of the very best country hotels to be found in New England. His family includes Mrs. Bonney, his son, William, with his wife and two grandchildren. His son is associated in the care of the hotel with his father, and undoubtedly will maintain the excellent reputation of "Bonney's Hotel" for many years to come.

HON. JOHN C. PEARSON.

John Couch Pearson, son of Nathan and Eliza (Couch) Pearson, was born in Boscawen, N. H., May 25, 1835. His education began in the common schools of his native town, was continued at Kimball Union academy, and at Merrimack Normal institute. After his school days Mr. Pearson remained with his father on the old home farm until 1867, when he moved to Concord, and took a position in the freight office of the Concord railroad. He remained there but a short time, as his father's failing health necessitated his return to the homestead; he was the only child. After his father's death, which occurred in 1868, he remained on the farm about three years; he then, in 1871, bought out the country store at Corser Hill in the town of Webster, where he remained in trade five years. In 1876 Mr. Pearson came to Penacook, where he has resided to the present time. His first business in the village was also store keeping in the old Batchelder store building. He bought out J. P. Hubbard, but continued the business there only one year, when he sold out to John McNeil. After retiring from the store business, he engaged in the Western Loan business, which he made his principal occupation for a number of years. In this business he was particularly successful, for of all the loans which he placed each and every one was paid, both principal and interest complete, so that no one of his customers ever lost a dollar on the business placed by Mr. Pearson.