

tice, and valuable appliances and instruments. His latest and most important paper, "Oral Prophylaxis," is challenging the attention of the profession, and markedly influencing practice and investigation. The editor of the *International Dental Journal*, under date of February 9, 1901, said of it,—“This system of prophylaxis of Dr. D. D. Smith of Philadelphia will in all probability be the ruling practice of the twentieth century.”

Dr. Smith is a member of the American Dental Association; an honorary member of the Massachusetts State Dental Society, the Northeastern (N. E.), the Odontological Society of Western Pennsylvania, and the Ontario Dental Society, Can. He is a member of the New England Society of Pennsylvania, the Presbyterian Social Union, and the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Religiously his affiliations are with the Presbyterian church, and he has been for years a teacher in the original Bethany Sunday-school in Philadelphia.

In 1861, when twenty-two years of age, he was married to Cynthia A. Shedd, the youngest daughter of Dea. Luther and Abigail Shedd, of Fisherville. Of her it may most truly be said,—“Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. . . . Her own works praise her in the gates.” Prov. 31: 28-31.

FRED H. BLANCHARD.

Fred Huse Blanchard, son of George F. and Ann (Huse) Blanchard, was born at Canterbury, N. H., June 27, 1872, where he resided until he came to Penacook. His schooling in the public schools of his native town was supplemented by a course at the High school at Concord. In 1891 he, with his father, opened a meat and provision store in the south store of Eagle block, under the firm name of Blanchard & Son. In 1897 the senior member of the firm retired from the business, which has since been successfully conducted by his son Fred.

Mr. Blanchard has taken an active interest in Masonry, being a member of Horace Chase lodge, Trinity chapter, Horace Chase council, and Mount Horeb commandery of Knights Templar. He has also been prominent in Odd Fellowship, and is a past

grand of Contoocook lodge. He is also a member of Merrimack River grange, but as yet has not found time to get married; however he is one of the youngest of the merchants and will doubtless find time to attend to that part of his duties later on. Mr. Blanchard represented his native town in the New Hampshire legislature in the session of 1899, being the youngest representative ever sent from that town, and one of the youngest in the whole house.



FRED. H. BLANCHARD.

In the autumn of 1900 Mr. Blanchard moved his business to the new store in the lower story of the Little block, which had been entirely rebuilt and refitted for his use. This new store contains all the modern improvements and appliances for carrying on the meat and provision business, and is a very long step in advance of anything in that line previously seen in the village, in fact, the establishment would be a credit to any city in our state.

Mr. Blanchard is a Republican in politics, and his religious affiliations are with the Congregational church.



CAPT. HENRY ROLFE.



CAPT. NATHANIEL ROLFE.

THE ROLFE FAMILY.

One of the original families who settled within the limits of Penacook was the Rolfe family, of whom the portraits herewith represent members of the last five generations.

Henry Rolfe of Newbury, Mass., one of the original proprietors of Concord, secured the land on the Merrimack river south of the mouth of the Contoocook, which has been the home of the family



ABIAL W. ROLFE.



HARRY G. ROLFE.

from the first settlement to the present day, a period of nearly two hundred years. Henry Rolfe, born in 1785, whose portrait is shown, was one of the fourth generation, and built the first sawmill on this estate in 1825. Nathaniel Rolfe, of the fifth generation, born in 1814, continued with his brothers in the lumber business established by his father, and carried on some farming operations. Abial W. Rolfe, of the sixth generation, born in 1844, with his elder brother, Charles, is still carrying on the lumber business at a sawmill at the Borough, and an extensive manufactory of doors, sash, and blinds, on the home property.



RICHARD ROLFE.

Harry G. Rolfe, born in 1875, the present alderman for his ward, represents the seventh generation, and is connected with his father's business as manager of the office, and his son, Richard, born 1899, represents the eighth generation. Of all the early families, the Rolfes have kept most closely to the old homestead, and are the most numerous, at this date, of any family in the village.

HAZEN KNOWLTON.

About the oldest carpenter in the village is Hazen Knowlton, son of Nathaniel and Ruth P. (Sargent) Knowlton. He was born May 13, 1824, at Concord, N. H., near St. Paul's School, and has resided in some part of Concord all his life. His school-

ing was obtained partly at Millville, at Horse Hill, and in the central part of the town.

He came to Penacook November 30, 1846, at a time when there were but six houses on the Concord side of the river, in the central part, but when, by the building of the Penacook mill, there were great expectations of a coming city. He first began



HAZEN KNOWLTON.

work with Rolfe Brothers (Nathaniel, Henry, Timothy, and Abial) in the sash, blind, and box shops.

Some twenty years later he went to the Concord Axle Works, where he was employed nearly twenty years, since which time he has retired from the carpentering business, and given his attention to the cultivation of his land. In 1866 he purchased a tract of land fronting on Penacook street, in what was called the "bog"

district, and built a substantial residence at the corner of Rolfe and Penacook streets. His land in that and other sections of the village has appreciated in value, and a considerable portion has been sold for house lots, so that he finds himself now in easier circumstances than when he was learning his trade as apprentice to Mr. Dimond at \$8.00 per month, boarding himself from the proceeds of that rather meager salary.

Mr. Knowlton was one of the earlier members of the Pioneer Engine company, and served with that organization some twenty-five years.

He was also one of the early members of the Congregational church, and has led a consistent Christian life until this day.

He has not sought public office, but has served his ward in the city council, also as prudential committee for district No. 20.

Mr. Knowlton was married November 27, 1850, to Eliza G. Shedd, by whom he has four children, two sons and two daughters; Edward S., the oldest son, is settled in the West; Clara, married Daniel K. Abbott of Concord; Emma, married Frank A. Main of Concord; and his youngest son, Capt. Arthur H. Knowlton, is a prosperous druggist at Concord, N. H.

GEORGE T. KENNEY.

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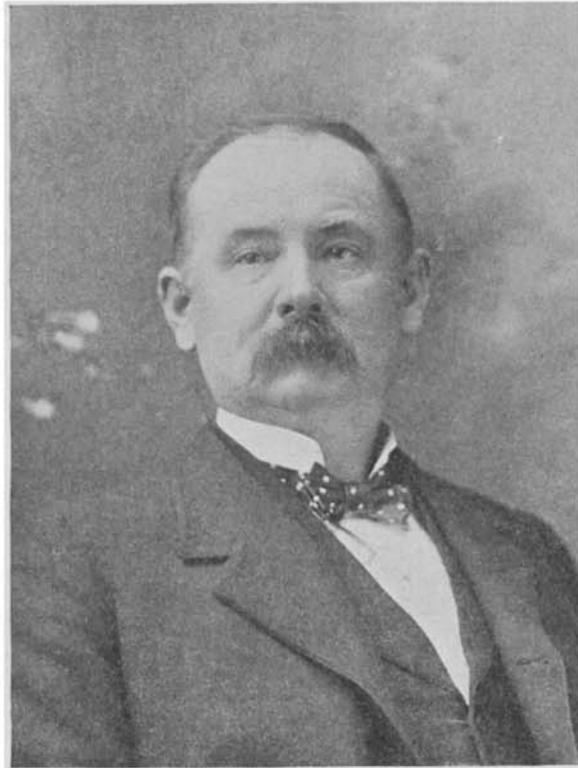
George T. Kenney, foreman at the Concord Axle Works, is the son of George and Mary (Maher) Kenney, and was born in Boscawen, a little beyond the old Ambrose tavern stand, on May 12, 1854.

His grandfather, also named George, came to this country from the County of Donegal, in the north of Ireland, in 1848. His family, consisting of six sons and two daughters, followed him in 1850. The father of George T. located in Boscawen shortly after his arrival, where for a time he worked at shoemaking, until that business declined, when he followed railroading until he entered the employ of D. Arthur Brown & Co. at the Concord Axle Works. He died on November 27, 1867, at the age of thirty-seven.

On January 20, 1868, but a few months after his father's death, George T. began work for D. Arthur Brown & Co. as office boy,

and from that time has remained continuously at the axle works—thirty-three years, fourteen of which he has been foreman. All of these years he has been painstaking and faithful, and his labors have been duly appreciated by his employers.

His son, George L. Kenney, has also been engaged under him, so three generations of the same name and same family have been



GEORGE T. KENNEY.

producing the "Concord axle," whose merits are known and appreciated all over the country, and, as well, in not a few foreign ports.

Mr. Kenney married Margaret, the oldest daughter of the late Lawrence Gahagan, in 1874. The product of the union has been three sons and three daughters.

Mr. Kenney is a thorough mechanic, and years of experience

have made him "master of his trade." He is practically in the prime of life, and in his own sphere is a good type of the men who have in his native state brought credit to the land of their birth, or of their ancestors, for some of New Hampshire's most useful citizens sprang from north of Ireland parentage. Mr. Kenney is one of the most prominent members of the Catholic congregation, and is often called on to superintend funerals and other functions of his society.

LAWRENCE GAHAGAN.

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Lawrence Gahagan, a native of the County Meath, Ireland, was a citizen of Penacook as early as 1852, and was employed for several years in the card room of the Penacook mill. In later years he engaged in the milk business, and in consequence became well known. His residence for many years was in the large double tenement house on Crescent street just north of the town line. There he brought up a family of three daughters and one son. The son, Richard, married Mary Mulligan, and has three children. Of the daughters Margaret married George T. Kenney, and has six children; Mary A. married Michael J. Linehan, and has seven children; and Rose married Andrew Linehan, and has four children.

Mr. Gahagan died January 1, 1894, aged sixty-eight years; a man of exemplary character and habits, and respected by all who knew him. His widow followed him on October 24, 1897, aged seventy-three years; both were buried in Calvary cemetery at Penacook.

EDWARD MCARDLE.

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Edward McArdle, one of the most popular men in Penacook, in his day, came here in 1852. He was born in the County Meath, Ireland, and was a brother of Peter McArdle, of Mrs. Lawrence Gahagan, and Mrs. James Connor. He died in 1871 or 1872. His body was buried beside that of his father in the Catholic cemetery in Manchester, N. H. His widow married John P. Foley. No family survives him.

THOMAS QUIGLEY.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

Thomas Quigley came to Penacook before 1856, from Leeds, England, but was a native of Kilkenny, Ireland. He was employed at the Harris woolen mill. He died April 15, 1876, aged seventy-four. But four of his family survive: Matthew, who married Mary, the oldest daughter of John Linehan, and who resides in Providence, R. I.; Annie, who lives in the same city, married Christopher Quinn; Ann and James, both of whom live in Penacook; the latter served in the navy during the Civil War.

FRANCIS O'NEIL.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

Among the pioneer Irish Catholics of Penacook was Francis O'Neil. He was here in 1856, and for a number of years worked for the Rolfe Bros. He died July 30, 1888, aged seventy.

He was a native of Omagh in the County Tyrone, Ireland, where President Buchanan's parents were born. One of his sons, John O'Neil, now a practising attorney at Manchester, N. H., represented ward one in the Concord board of aldermen some years ago.

His widow still lives (1901) in the homestead near Woodlawn cemetery.

EDWARD TAYLOR.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

Edward Taylor came to Penacook in 1852. He was born in Roscommon, Ireland. While in life he was one of the best known men in Penacook, and accumulated considerable property. He died before 1890, and left one son and two daughters. His son died before 1900. His widow and children reside in the block for so many years in possession of the family.

PATRICK KELLEY.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

Patrick Kelley was born in the town of Strokestown, County Roscommon, Ireland. He came to the United States in 1846. He married Elizabeth McKeon on July 8, 1851. He came to

Penacook a little later, where he made his home until his death. He was in the employ of the Concord Axle Works for many years. He died on July 15, 1895. His widow followed him in 1899.



PATRICK KELLEY.

His surviving children are James of the police force, John, Edward, and Ellen, the latter the wife of Frank Ferrin. He was sexton of the Catholic church for over twenty years.

JEREMIAH REGAN.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

Jeremiah Regan, another worthy representative of his race and creed, was born in Ireland near Macroom, Cork county. He came to Penacook in 1865, where he has since resided. He is

an honest, trustworthy man, whose word is as good as his bond, and in every way deserves the good wishes of all who respect truth and honesty, for in his daily life he well exemplifies both.

PATRICK BARRY.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

Patrick Barry, one of the best known of his race in Penacook, came to this country in 1850, and to Penacook in 1859, where he has since resided. He worked in the Contoocook mill or as yard hand for sixteen years. He has been through life a steady, industrious, thrifty man, and has, in consequence, provided for himself against a rainy day. He was born in the parish of Kilmichael, County of Cork, Ireland.



PATRICK BARRY.



KIARAN PENDERGAST.

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Kiaran Pendergast, a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, came to Penacook in the fall of 1852. He worked at the Harris mill as a jack spinner. He died in 1868. But two of his family survive, Mary, who is the wife of John C. Linehan, and Annie, widow of the late Thomas Igo, who resides in Concord. Mr. Pendergast was of a noted family of wool carders, many of whom were well known in various parts of New England. His son, John Pendergast, while in life was well known in Penacook and Concord; he married Annie, daughter of John Linehan.

JAMES DOLAN.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

James Dolan was for many years employed in the Penacook mill in the weaving room. He was in Penacook before 1856. His name is borne in kind remembrance by those with whom he labored, for he was a good man and a liberal supporter of his church, as well as a warm lover of his native land. He died on March 5, 1877, aged fifty-three. But one of his family survives him, Mrs Emily Supry, wife of George Supry. He had a brother Richard who worked for years for the same firm, and a brother Thomas who served in the Civil War. Richard died. A son of his, John Francis Dolan, belongs to the community of Notre Dame, at South Bend, Ind.

ANDREW KEENAN.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

Andrew Keenan is a native of the County Meath, Ireland. He came to Penacook in 1852. He was followed a little later by his brothers Peter, Francis, Thomas, and Lawrence. Andrew and Lawrence are the only survivors. Frank was killed at Fair Oaks in 1862, in the Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers. Thomas went to Australia in 1857, and Peter died here. Andrew married a sister of the late Lawrence Gahagan. Some of his children residing in Penacook are Mrs. Andrew Spearman, another daughter Rose A., and a son Alonzo, and a son Peter. Mr. Keenan was born in 1831.

JOHN GAHAGAN.

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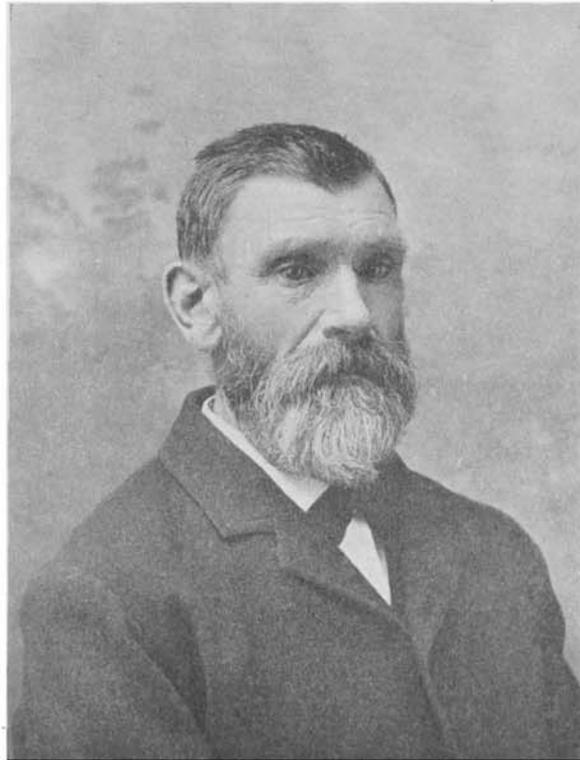
John Gahagan was undoubtedly the first Irish Catholic making his home in Penacook permanently. He was born in the County Meath, Ireland, in 1816. He was in Penacook before 1852. He died on March 20, 1856, aged thirty-eight. A stepson of his, Richard Nolan, was killed while with the Seventh New Hampshire Volunteers at Fort Wagner. A son of his, Thomas Gahagan, served through the war in the Fifth New Hampshire, Company A. This son and another named Vincent, and Mary,

the wife of James Kelley of the police force, are the sole survivors of his family. He built the house now occupied by the daughter named.

ANDREW FOLEY.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

Andrew Foley was born near Macroom, County Cork, Ireland. He came to Penacook in 1864, and has resided here constantly



ANDREW FOLEY.

since. During all of these years he has been in the employ of the Concord Axle company. He is a good, quiet, unobtrusive man, bearing his trials, and he has had his share of them, with Christian patience and resignation. He married a sister of Andrew Keenan. Four children survive, Patrick, Thomas, John,

and Allen. A brother, John P., resides in the village; another, Patrick, a former employé of the Concord Axle company, is now a prosperous farmer in Minnesota, where he has been since 1878.

MARTIN NOLAN.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

Martin Nolan came from Galway in the west of Ireland. He was in Penacook before 1860, and has resided there constantly since. During all these years, until recently, he had charge of the Penacook section of the Northern Railroad, and it can safely be said that the corporation never possessed a more faithful servant. His family consists of two sons, John in the West, and William in Laconia, and three daughters, one of whom is the wife of Andrew Lannan, a trusted employé of the Concord Axle company, and another the wife of Peter Keenan, son of Andrew.

JAMES CONNOR.

[CONTRIBUTED BY HON. J. C. LINEHAN.]

James Connor was a native of County Clare, Ireland. He came to Penacook in 1856. For some years he worked on the railroad, but nearly all the time while in Penacook he followed the occupation of stone layer, and proved to be a trusty man in that line. He married a sister of Edward McArdle; she died some years before he did. His death, which occurred before 1890, was caused by an accident, a collision with a team. He left three children, but one of whom resides in Penacook. A son, Edward, lives in Northfield or Sanbornton, and a daughter in Boston.

HENRY A. BROWN.

Henry Arthur Brown, of the fourth generation of the family resident in Penacook, son of D. Arthur and Susan M. (Follansbee) Brown, was born Feb. 8, 1868, in the Winn house on Brown's Hill, Penacook, N. H.

His early education was obtained at the district schools, and later at Penacook academy, when that institution was under the management of Rev. J. H. Larry. From there he entered the High school at Concord, being one of the first scholars from Pen-

acook to take the high school course, which he completed and graduated in 1886 in the same class with John J. Linehan.

After graduation he served an apprenticeship at pattern making under Mr. John Harris at the Concord Axle Works, and after a short term at that occupation was taken into the office of that company as shipping clerk and assistant. In that position he has



HENRY A. BROWN.

developed great proficiency in office affairs and business dealings generally. In 1897 he became assistant superintendent of the works, his natural mechanical ability making him a valuable man for such position.

Mr. Brown has much natural musical talent, and became a proficient performer on the cornet at an early age, and for several years did considerable work in orchestra and brass band music,

but gave up that line of work when he found that it would interfere with his duties at the office.

In another line of music Mr. Brown has given much study and practice, having been leader and manager of the choir at the First Baptist church during the last five years. He had previously been a member of a male quartette organization, in which he had done a considerable amount of singing for public and private occasions. With his mixed quartette choir at the church he has been unusually successful, and is singing a class of music but seldom heard in a country church. His present choir consists of Mrs. Emma Hoyt, soprano; Miss Martha Rolfe, contralto; Henry A. Brown, tenor; Geo. N. Robertson, bass, and Mrs. George Gale, organist, the latter being a performer of exceptional ability.

Mr. Brown is a member of Horace Chase lodge, F. and A. Masons, in which he now holds the position of S. D.

On Nov. 29, 1892, Mr. Brown was married to Grace Adele Prescott of Penacook, and has one son, Robert Arthur Brown, born Aug. 9, 1895. He resides at the homestead on Elm street, and is a member of the Penacook gun club, being quite proficient in the use of both gun and rifle.

In 1886 Mr. Brown joined the N. H. N. G., being commissioned as chief bugler on the staff of General White; he also served in the same position on the staff of General Patterson, being six years in the service.

ISAAC BATY.

While the advice of Horace Greeley to young men to "Go West" has still much weight, it does not follow that it is necessary for all young men to go so far from home to be successful in business. As an example of what a young man may accomplish by well directed industry in a New England country village, the life of Isaac Baty gives a striking illustration. Mr. Baty was born Oct. 31, 1847, at St. Albans, Vt., his parents being Isaac and Margaret (Herron) Baty.

His boyhood days were spent at Williston, Vt., where he obtained but scanty school privileges, and at an early age he learned the trade of tinsmith, which he has found to be a good trade to "tie to." When but seventeen years of age Mr. Baty

enlisted in Company A, Seventh Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, and served until after the close of the war, being mustered out March 14, 1866. Immediately after his war service he came to Penacook in 1866, and worked for one year as a tinsmith for Moses H. Bean in the basement of the store which he now occupies. Mr. Bean sold his business to Horace Sessions, for whom



ISAAC BATY.

Mr. Baty worked but three months, and then purchased the business for himself, and has continued the same business on the same spot for thirty-three years. Soon after taking up the business Mr. Baty moved up to the first floor of the building and put in a stock of stoves, and quickly developed into an expert salesman as well as a skilful workman at the bench. The stove business soon became the leading feature, although he has always kept the tin

shop in active operation. A few years later he added the plumbing and steam fitting branches to his business, and with additions to his store has enlarged his business by adding lines of hardware, plumbing materials, clocks, watches, and jewelry, crockery, glass, and furniture. His store has been enlarged four times, and is now at least six times as large as the original premises. His goods at



RESIDENCE OF ISAAC BATY.

the front of the store are tastefully arranged and make a very attractive display.

In 1872 Mr. Baty married Mrs. Mary (Mahony) Smith of Biddeford, Maine, who has taken an active interest in his business affairs, and is a capable and efficient assistant.

In 1882 they built an attractive homestead on Washington street with extensive lawns surrounding it, embellished with a large amount of shrubbery, flower gardens, and the like. Eight years

later he built a large tenement house on Charles street, and in 1893 he purchased the large block at the corner of Main and Washington streets, which has lately been refitted as a hotel, the Central House. Mr. Baty has given but little time to societies, but was for some years a prominent member of the Sons of Temperance organization and attained to the highest position in the state, being grand worthy patriarch of New Hampshire. Also for a few years he was a member of the G. A. R. post of the village. He is a Republican in politics.

JOHN A. COBURN.

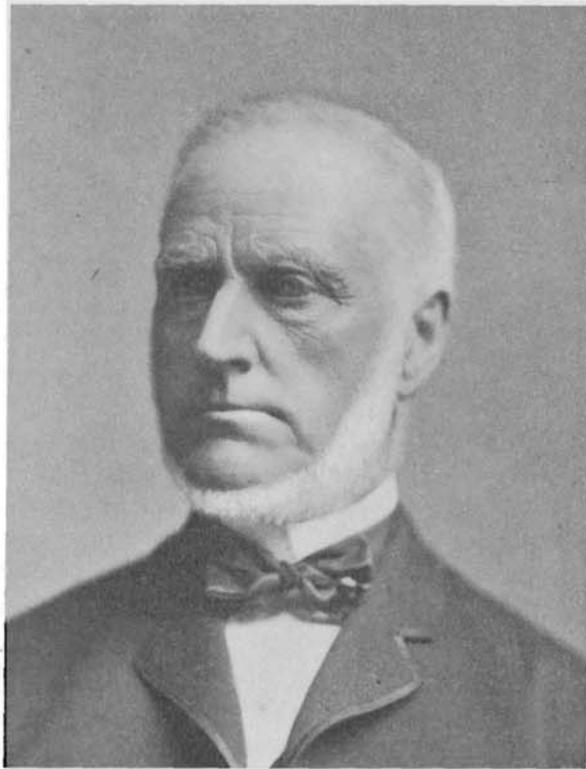
John Adams Coburn, son of Robert and Jennie (Adams) Coburn, was born October 7, 1812, at Springfield, N. H., where his boyhood days were passed, and where he obtained a limited education at the town schools.

When old enough to leave home, he went to Warner, N. H., to learn the harness maker's trade of his older brother, Asa. After some years in his brother's shop he started out to establish a shop of his own, and located at Boscawen Plain, somewhere about 1840, where he did a successful business for several years. While in Boscawen Mr. Coburn married Miss Malvina A. Reynolds. About 1847, or a little earlier, Mr. Coburn moved down to Penacook, where he soon built the Coburn block over the canal and a residence on Elm street, the house being now owned by Samuel N. Brown, Esq. Mr. Coburn established his harness shop in the north store, where he did a successful business in the manufacture of harness and trunks for a long series of years. It seems strange now, but at the time when Mr. Coburn was first in business in the village if a trunk was wanted it had to be made to order, of such size and quality as might be agreed on by Mr. Coburn and his customers. There are still many of Coburn's hand-made trunks in the attics of the older houses of the village. Another line of business taken up by Mr. Coburn shortly after settling in the village was trimming the plain pinewood coffins made by John Johnson, the carpenter, and this developed later into the undertaking business which Mr. Coburn was first to establish in the village.

Soon after Woodlawn Cemetery association was organized, Mr.

Coburn, who was one of the charter members, was appointed sexton, and held that office continuously for thirty-three years, with the exception of one year. On coming to the village, Mr. Coburn and his wife joined the Baptist church, and both continued faithful and efficient members during the remainder of their lives.

In Odd Fellowship Mr. Coburn took a prominent position, and



JOHN A. COBURN.

served in all the offices of the organization. He was also a charter member of Pioneer Engine company, and kept his membership in the company for a generation.

Mr. Coburn's first wife died in June, 1893, and he took for his second wife Mrs. Mary E. (Martin) Howe, but he had no children by either of his wives. His second wife, the widow of

Alpheus G. Howe, had three children, two sons and one daughter, now the wife of Ezra B. Runnels, who resides at the Coburn homestead on Cross street. Mr. Coburn died July 8, 1899, and was buried in Woodlawn cemetery. His widow survived him less than one year, her death being on February 13, 1900.

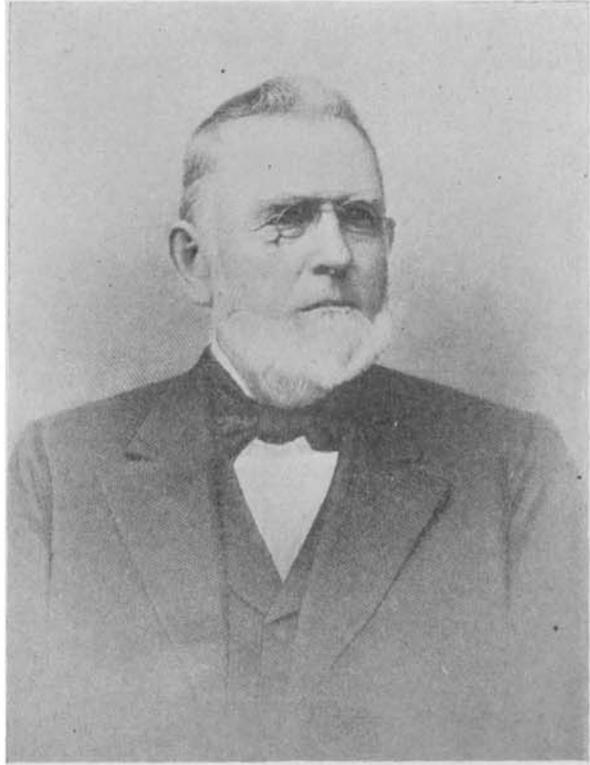
DANIEL HOLDEN.

Daniel Holden, although a resident of the adjoining village of West Concord, was, by his business connection as treasurer and agent of the Concord Manufacturing Co., one of the most prominent of the Penacook manufacturers. He was born in Billerica, Mass., April 20, 1809, a son of Asa and Nancy (Wyman) Holden, and a lineal descendant of Richard Holden, the Puritan, who came from Ipswich, England, to Watertown, Mass., in 1634. At thirteen years of age his school days were finished, and he worked as a farmer until twenty years old; then he left Billerica, and obtained work in the flannel mill of H. G. Howe of Tewksbury. He was first paid eight dollars per month, with board, and later twelve dollars per month. He soon obtained a complete knowledge of the processes of flannel manufacture, so that, at the end of the first three years' service, when only twenty-three years old, he engaged to run the mill by contract.

In 1837, at the age of twenty-eight, he was appointed superintendent of the Chelmsford company, in that part of Lowell which was then Dracut, and remained in that position for ten years. In 1847 he removed to West Concord, N. H., and in company with his elder brother, Benj. F. Holden, began the manufacture of woolen goods. After the death of his brother in 1874 a corporation was formed under the name of Concord Manufacturing Co., of which Daniel Holden became treasurer and agent, which position he held during the remainder of his life. Mr. Holden devoted his time and energies almost exclusively to his business, having rarely permitted himself to be drawn into public affairs. As a citizen of Concord, however, he felt it his duty, when called upon, to serve the city, and was alderman for his ward in 1874, and a representative in the New Hampshire legislature in 1865-'66, and in 1875.

Mr. Holden married, first, in 1834, Sarah Haynes, who died in

1843, leaving four children; and second, in 1844, Roxanna Haynes, who had seven children. The two wives were sisters, and daughters of Reuben Haynes of Sudbury, Mass. At his decease Mr. Holden had seven children living, viz.: Two daughters, Lucy L. and Ella R., of West Concord, and five sons; Wyman W. of Stockbridge, Vt.; Farwell P. of Penacook, N. H.;



DANIEL HOLDEN.

Edward D., of the Stirling Mills, Lowell, Mass.; and Paul R. and Adam P., of the Concord Manufacturing Co. of West Concord, N. H.

An intense desire for knowledge had made Mr. Holden a constant and industrious reader from boyhood, and this, combined with travel, had in a great measure made good the lack of schooling which he missed in his early days. His career affords an

illustration of the success in life secured by men who, with limited educational advantages in youth, have attained to honorable positions in the community.

When Mr. Holden was born there was, practically, no wool manufacture in this country by the machine system, and when he began work in a woolen mill in 1829 the business was still in its infancy, so that in his long business career Mr. Holden saw the whole development of the great woolen industry of the United States. For seventy years, a notably long term, Mr. Holden kept at his business, and was at his mill on the day before his death. Although somewhat infirm during his last years, Mr. Holden was a man of remarkable strength and vigor, partly owing to his good constitution, but largely to his temperate habits and careful living. His sight was remarkable, and he was a constant reader, preferring chiefly books on historical and scientific subjects. Few men of his limited opportunities in early life develop into culture so broad and so liberal. Few men commanded so implicitly the confidence and love of his neighbors, or bore more modestly or more faithfully his part in the life of the community.

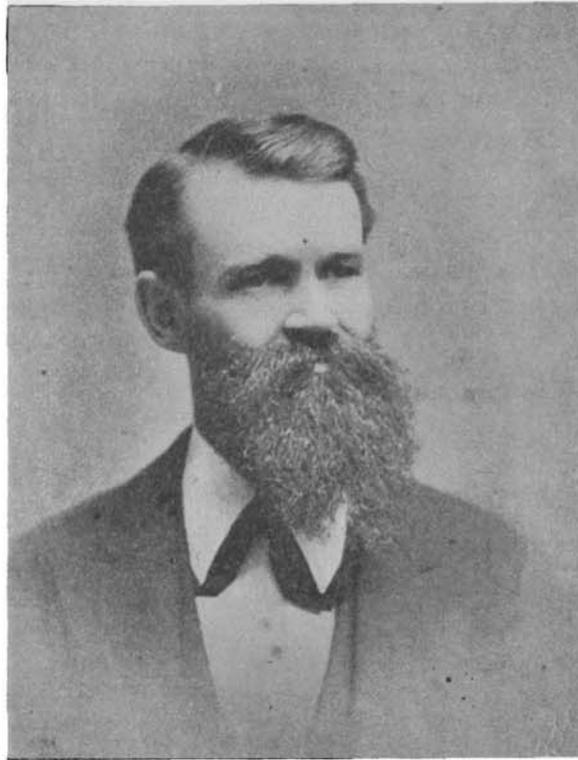
His religious affiliations were with the Universalist denomination, and in politics he was an ardent Republican.

Mr. Holden died at his West Concord home on April 11, 1899, in his ninetieth year, and his funeral was attended by a great concourse of citizens, and many distinguished men from abroad.

EDMUND WORTH, JR.

One of the young men who spent their boyhood days in Penacook and then went West to seek his fortune was Edmund Worth, Jr., son of Rev. Edmund Worth (first pastor of the Baptist church) and Amelia A. (Morse) Worth, born at Concord, N. H., in 1836. He came with his parents to Penacook in 1845, the family occupying the William H. Allen house on Elm street. Edmund was always a leader among the village boys, both at school and in their out-door sports, and early developed an inherited aptitude for gaining the good will and respect of all his associates. He attended the village schools, and at intervals worked in the Penacook mill, where most of the village boys found occupation.

About 1855-'56 he, with quite a number of the village boys and girls, attended the academy at New London, N. H., which school seemed to have unusual attractions for the Penacook youth, as there were thirteen from the village attending at New London at one time. At about that time, 1856, Rev. Mr. Worth moved his family to Kennebunk, Maine, and soon after that date Edmund



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started out to find his fortune at the opposite side of the continent, and settled in San Francisco, Cal., where he has resided most of the time since. He came East in 1876 and took a fine old mansion house in Kennebunk for his residence, but could not feel contented there, and so gave up the Eastern country altogether and settled permanently at San Francisco. He has been a successful merchant, and has a family consisting of a wife, one son,

and one daughter. His son joined the first California regiment that went to the Philippine war, serving as a bugler and returned with the regiment.

Mr. Worth retains the faith of his fathers, and has been a member of the Baptist church, and for many years served as organist for the church with which he was connected.

CAPT. JOHN SAWYER.

At a date as early as the erection of the first cotton mill in the village, one of the largest landowners was John Sawyer, son of Samuel and Lucy Sawyer, who was born June 16, 1798. He was the eighth child in a family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters.

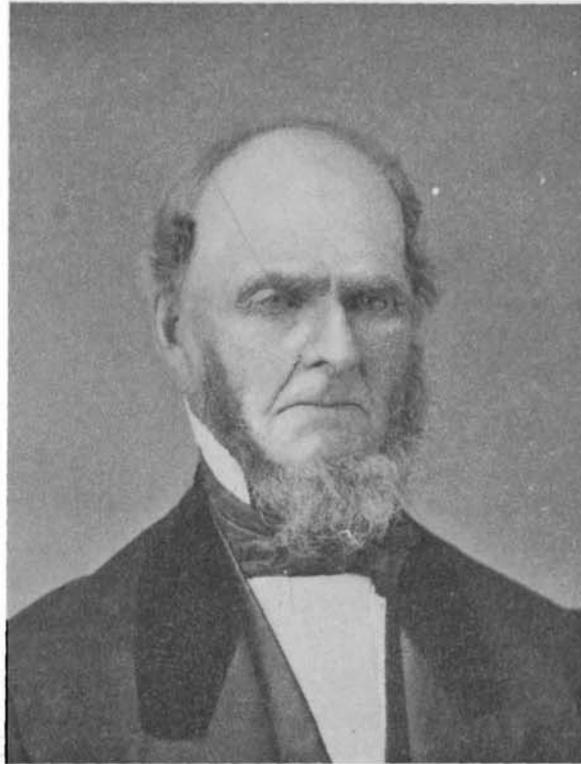
Captain Sawyer was twice married, first to Phebe C. Elliott, a sister of Theodore Elliott, the noted millwright of the borough. By this union there was one son, Warren P. Sawyer, born in 1835, and who died December 22, 1854. The mother died during the following year, November 30, 1855.

His second marriage was on March 5, 1857, to Hannah Hale, of North Boscawen, who had no children.

In early life Captain Sawyer learned the trade of carpenter, and worked at that business more or less until middle life, and was always engaged somewhat in farming. He earned his military title as captain of the Third Infantry in 1832. He was also captain of the Jackson Rifle company the last year of its existence, 1845.

Mr. Sawyer owned quite a large part of the land on which the village was built, on the Concord side of the river, previous to 1840, and the sale of house lots gave him a considerable income. In earlier years Captain Sawyer lived in the house which stood on the corner now occupied by the Washington House. Some time previous to 1840 he had a new brick house built by Mr. Hale (father of his second wife), on the lot now occupied by Exchange block; he had also a large farmer's barn standing on the land now occupied by Graphic block, and there was a small brook running down at the back of house and barn towards the Contoocook river, which brook has now disappeared from the surface of the ground, and dwelling houses now cover the place where the boys formerly gathered "water cresses."

In 1847 Mr. Sawyer, in company with Joseph Eastman, of West Concord, built the Washington House, and was proprietor of that property for several years. About 1852 Mr. Sawyer built the large dwelling house on Washington street, corner of Charles street, which he made his homestead during the remainder of his life. His old brick residence on Washington square



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was moved in 1870 back a few rods to Washington street, and is now owned by Charles Barnet. Captain Sawyer was a man of sterling qualities and unblemished character. In 1853 he was elected a representative in the New Hampshire legislature, and served occasionally in minor offices of his village. During the later years of his life he was a member of the First Baptist

church. Captain Sawyer died November 1, 1888, leaving no children, but his widow survived until May 25, 1899.

. JOHN LINEHAN.

John Linehan was born in Macroom, County of Cork, Ireland, on December 16, 1816. His immediate ancestors were Cornelius and Honora Vaughan Linehan, and John and Mary Riordan Linehan. His mother died soon after his birth. His grandfather, for whom he was named, took him when this event occurred, and he made his home with him until he reached manhood. He received a good education in a noted private school kept by a man named Burden. Several generations of the family had been engaged in the grain and milling business. On the death of his grandfather he inherited his property and business. At the age of twenty-one, in 1837, he married Margaret Foley, the daughter of a well-known farmer in the adjoining parish of Kilmichael.

The terrible experience of the famine period taught him as it had thousands of others that there was no earthly hope of success for either himself or family in Ireland; so like so many of his race, he turned his face towards the West, and came to the United States in the fall of 1847.

He landed in New York city. A little later he came to New Hampshire where he entered the employ of Superintendent Lombard of the Northern Railroad. His family, consisting then of his wife and five children, followed him in the fall of 1849. From their arrival until May, 1852, they had made their home in the town of Danbury. In May of the latter year he removed to Penacook where practically a home was made permanently.

For some years he was foreman of the Penacook section, and later was in the employ of Barron, Dodge & Co., at the flour mill. Still later he was in the cabinet shop of H. H. Amsden & Sons. He died on July 7, 1897, in his eighty-first year, and his body was laid beside that of his wife, whose death had preceded his, as she had departed this life on October 14, 1891, aged seventy-six. Both rest in Calvary cemetery, Penacook.

He was well versed in the history of his native land, and sympathized with every movement for the advancement of its people.

He was a good citizen and a public-spirited man. He was fully naturalized five years after his arrival here, and he never failed to cast his ballot for the candidate of his choice. Politically he was a Democrat, but independent; his first presidential ballot was cast for James Buchanan, his last for William McKinley.

In religion he was a Catholic—a loyal adherent to the faith of his fathers. He was one of the pioneers of his creed in Penacook, and while in life one of its most liberal supporters. He was a faithful husband, an affectionate, indulgent father, and a kind neighbor. He was blessed in his wife. She was one of the most devout as well as one of the most modest of her sex. A perfect type of the race of women whose piety and love of virtue have given their native land a world-wide reputation. Eight children, five sons and three daughters, blessed their union.

Mary, born December, 1837; she married Matthew Quigley. Two sons, both of whom survive, blessed this union. Their home is in Providence, R. I.

John Cornelius, born February 9, 1840; he married Mary E. Pendergast on January 2, 1864. They had four children grow to manhood and womanhood.

Annie, born in May, 1842; she married John Pendergast, the brother of the wife of John C. Of this marriage three children survive.

Joanna, born October, 1844, unmarried.

Timothy Patrick, born April 5, 1847; he is now pastor of St. Mary's church, Biddeford, Maine.

The foregoing five mentioned were born in Macroom, Ireland.

Andrew, the first of the American born, first saw light in Danbury, N. H., in September, 1850. He married Rose A. Gahagan. They were the parents of three sons and one daughter, all of whom were living in October, 1900.

George Henry, born in Danbury, in September, 1852. He married Margaret Lee. One daughter was the result of this marriage. The family live in Cambridge, Mass.

Michael Joseph, born in Penacook, in September, 1854. He married Mary A. Gahagan. She was sister of the wife of Andrew. Seven children were the product of this marriage, all of whom were living at the date of writing.

This family also resides in Cambridge, Mass. Michael has been a clerk in the Railway Mail service since 1886.

HON. JOHN CORNELIUS LINEHAN.

John Cornelius Linehan is the son of John and Margaret Foley Linehan. He was born in Macroom, County of Cork, Ireland, February 9, 1840. He came to this country with his mother, his brother Timothy, and two sisters, in October, 1849. Another sister followed a year later. His father had emigrated two years before, settling temporarily in Danbury, N. H., where his family joined him. In 1852 he removed with his people to Fisherville, now Penacook, making his home there permanently. His opportunities for securing an education were limited. He attended school in Ireland five years, and in America three. He studied hard at home under the direction of his father, who, more fortunate, had been able to get a good education in his native land. At the age of twelve he went to work in the Penacook cotton factory, which was then owned and operated by H. H. and J. S. Brown. He labored there from 1852 to 1857, five years, beginning as a doffer in the spinning room, and ending as a loom fixer in the weaving room. At the latter date he entered the employ of Rolfe Brothers, sash, blind, and box manufacturers, and remained there nearly five years, being foreman of the box department the greater part of that period.

He became a member of the Fisherville cornet band in 1860. On August 15, 1861, with six of his associates, he enlisted in the band of the Third New Hampshire Volunteers for service in the Civil War. On his discharge, August 31, 1862, he again re-entered the employ of Rolfe Brothers, but closed his connection with them in December. During the year 1863 he had charge of the packing department of the flour mill. In January, 1864, he was engaged by Caldwell and Amsden, then owners of the cabinet shop. He worked for this firm until April 10, 1866, being for the greater part of the time one of the shipping clerks. On the last date mentioned he entered into copartnership with Moses H. Bean, who was engaged in the mercantile business.

A month later Henry F. Brown, one of his tent mates in the army, and a lifelong friend, bought out the interest of Mr. Bean,