

and under the firm name of Brown & Linehan the business was continued until May, 1869, when he purchased Mr. Brown's interest in the firm, operating alone until he finally sold out in January, 1891. He was located for nearly twenty years in the Exchange block on Washington square.

During his business career he acquired a reputation for honesty and integrity not confined to Penacook. In religion he is a Catholic, and through life loyal to that faith. Like his father he has been a liberal contributor towards the support of his church, and for forty years one of its most active members in Penacook. For twenty-five years he was the superintendent of the Sunday-school connected with the Penacook parish.

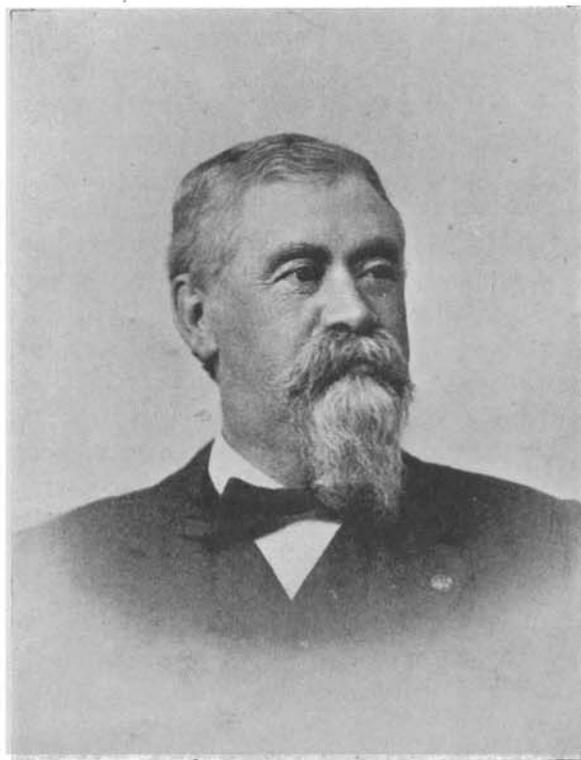
The best proof of the efficiency of his labors is the fact that while under his supervision not a Catholic child in Penacook was an absentee except in case of sickness from the Sunday-school.

In 1867, at the urgent solicitation of Rev. J. E. Barry, whose pastorate included Penacook, he negotiated for the purchase of the building occupied for many years as a place of worship by the Methodists. To secure a note given for payment, he and John Thornton, another member of the congregation, mortgaged their homes to John L. Tallant, from whom the money was borrowed, as additional security, as he was unwilling to accept the mortgage on the church alone. When additional land was secured for Woodlawn cemetery, of which he was one of the trustees, he made an appeal to his associates to set aside a part of it for a cemetery for the Catholics of Penacook. His request was granted, and the land deeded to the bishop of the diocese in trust for the Catholic congregation in the village.

When Brown's band was organized in 1865, he was one of its first members, and during its existence, except the last year, was its secretary and treasurer. He was president of the Fisherville Lyceum Association, during the greater part of its existence. This was founded shortly after the war, and was the means of providing some of the best speaking talent in the United States for the people of the village.

He has affiliated with the Republican party since early manhood, and has been honored by being elected or appointed to various positions of honor and trust within its gift. He filled

nearly every office in ward one. He was a member of the common council in 1872-1873, and a member of the board of aldermen from 1877 to 1878. He was chosen a member of the executive council of the state of New Hampshire to serve during the term of Gov. Charles H. Sawyer in 1887 and 1888, and during his term of office was chairman of the committee on state prison.



HON. JOHN C. LINEHAN.

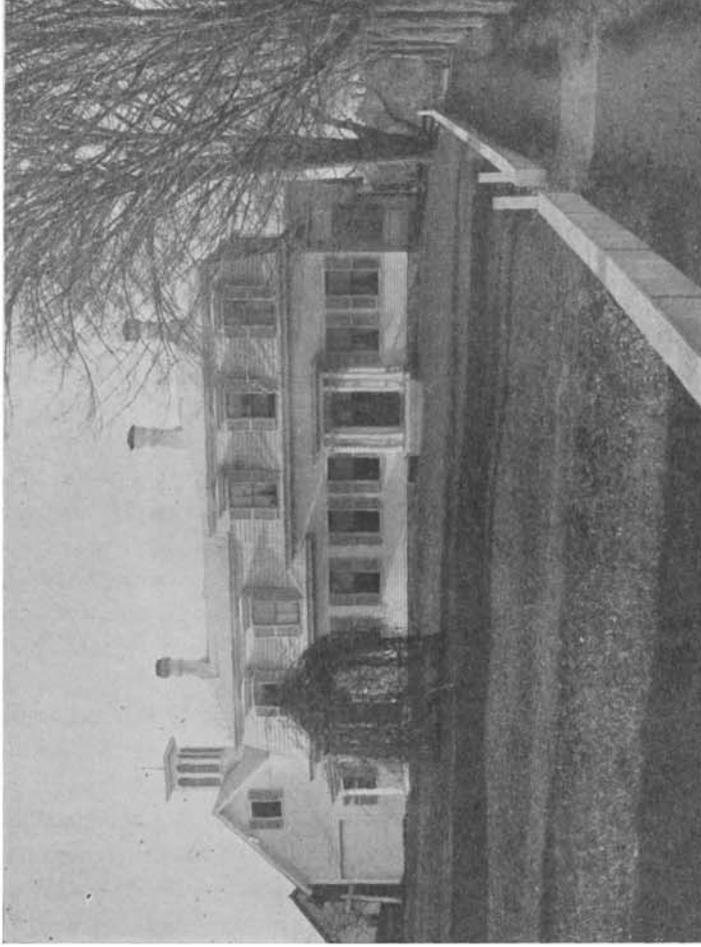
He was appointed trustee of the Industrial school by Gov. Samuel W. Hale in 1884, and except for a brief interval of a few months has served continually since. He was secretary of the board for several years, and since 1897 is its president. He was also one of the committee chosen to build the Penacook public school, and one of the committee to select the location for the Concord soldiers' monument, as well as to select its design and inscription.

He was appointed insurance commissioner of New Hampshire for three years by Gov. David H. Goodell, on September 28, 1890. He was reappointed in 1893 by Gov. John B. Smith, in 1896 by Gov. Charles A. Busiel, and in 1899 by Gov. Frank W. Rollins. His record as insurance commissioner is well known. He has been fearless and conscientious in the performance of his duties, and has received the commendation of his superiors, the governors and councils, as well as the people of the state. Circumstances when he was first appointed obliged him to face a situation requiring courage as well as discretion. How well it was done the records of the insurance department, as well as the press of the state, will bear witness.

He was one of the charter members of William I. Brown Post, G. A. R., and its first commander, filling the position over two years. He has always taken an active interest in the welfare of his own post, and before its formation had been partly instrumental in the formation of the Fisherville Memorial Association, which was composed mainly of Brown's band and several public-spirited citizens, for the object of observing Memorial Day. With a few exceptions, he has been president of the day on Memorial days every year since the institution of the post. He was chosen to represent the Department of N. H., G. A. R., at the National Encampment in Albany in 1878, and a member of the National Council of Administration in 1880-1881. He was elected department commander of New Hampshire in 1883 and 1884, and appointed a member of the national pension committee, serving until 1887, when he was unanimously chosen junior vice commander-in-chief, G. A. R. He was president of the New Hampshire Veteran Association in 1885 and 1886, and from its institution, with the exception of several years, its musical director.

He is a trustee of the Loan and Trust Savings Bank of Concord, a member of the N. H. Historical Society, Knights of Columbus, Charitable Irish Society of Boston, and the American-Irish Historical Society. He is the treasurer and one of the founders of the latter.

Although a busy man through life, he has found time to study and occasionally write out his thoughts and observations. In conjunction with his lifelong friend and comrade, D. Arthur



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Brown, he wrote a memorial history of Penacook in the Civil War. The book contains a sketch of every person, so far as known, who served in that great contest from Penacook, and also of the comrades of William I. Brown Post who came to reside in Penacook or vicinity since the close of the war. He dictated the sketches to a stenographer, who copied them on the typewriter. They were then written in the book by Mr. Brown, each person being given a page. Every soldier's and sailor's record corresponds with that printed in Ayling's record of New Hampshire in the Civil War. When completed the book was placed for preservation in the New Hampshire state library. The typewritten sheets Mr. Brown had bound in book form, for use in the post-room.

He has been a steady contributor to weeklies and periodicals. He contributed a chapter, "The Irish in New Hampshire," to McClintock's History of New Hampshire, also a chapter to the History of the First New Hampshire, on "The Irish of New Hampshire in the Civil War," and a chapter to the History of the Seventeenth New Hampshire, on "Music and Songs of the War."

He has also written many sketches on the early Irish settlers in the thirteen colonies, which have been published in papers and magazines. For his services in this line he received a degree from Dartmouth college in 1887. He has also been in demand as a speaker and lecturer, and has spoken more or less during every political campaign since 1884.

When the movement to mark the regimental positions on the Gettysburg battlefield was first mentioned in 1880 at the National Encampment, G. A. R., in Dayton, O., he warmly advocated it. In 1885 he was appointed one of the directors of the Battlefield Association, holding that position until 1895—ten years. The government then assumed charge of the field, and presented each of the retiring directors a beautifully engraved testimonial for the services rendered.

While serving on this board of directors he was largely instrumental in securing appropriations from the New Hampshire state legislature for the placing of monuments marking the positions held by the New Hampshire organizations on that great battlefield. In response to the invitation of the surviving veterans of

the Second and Fifth New Hampshire regiments, and the New Hampshire Battalion Sharpshooters, he accompanied them to Gettysburg in the summer of 1887, and received from them, on behalf of the directors, the monuments of the three organizations. By special request he also received the monument of Meagher's Irish brigade, which was dedicated at the same time.

As a recognition of his labors, his name is cut, with that of the other directors, on the high water mark monuments located near the historic copse of trees which was the objective point of Pickett's men in their celebrated charge on July 3, 1862.

He was married to Mary E. Pendergast by the Rev. John O'Donnell, at the parochial residence in Nashua, on January 2, 1864.

Of the children born to them four survive,—Margaret Ann, born October 2, 1864; John Joseph, born October 9, 1866; Timothy Patrick, born December 7, 1869; Henry Frances, born June 27, 1877.

REV. TIMOTHY PATRICK LINEHAN.

Rev. Timothy Patrick Linehan was born in Macroom, County of Cork, Ireland, April 5, 1847. His parents were John Linehan and Margaret Foley Linehan. He came to the United States with his mother, his brother John, and two sisters, in October, 1849. He resided with his family in Danbury, N. H., and in Penacook until 1869. While in Penacook, during boyhood, he was employed for a time in the cotton mill of H. H. & J. S. Brown. In 1863 he worked in the packing department of the flour mill for a year with his brothers John and Andrew. Later he learned the machinist's trade in the shops of D. Arthur Brown & Co., remaining in the employ of that firm five years. In 1869 he went to Fitchburg, Mass., where he worked a year. Then he went to Worcester, where he was engaged in the same occupation another year. He was a painstaking mechanic, never failing to give satisfaction to those for whom he labored, being honest and conscientious in the performance of his duties.

He was blessed with a genial, sociable disposition, which never failed to find him friends. While a resident of Penacook, in 1866 and 1867, he was a member of a military company, composed

mainly of veterans of the Civil War, known as the Smythe Guards. He held the rank of corporal; his brother John that of first lieutenant. He was also on the roll of Pioneer Engine company, No. 8, which in its day was one of the most efficient organizations of its kind in the city of Concord.

He acquired his rudimentary education in the public schools of Danbury and Penacook, and at the Penacook academy. His collegiate studies were made at St. Charles college, Maryland, founded by Charles Carroll of Revolutionary fame, and at Nicolet college, in the province of Quebec, Canada. In September, 1875, he entered for the collegiate course the Grand seminary of Montreal, where he was graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Theology, and in the chapel of which institution he was ordained to the priesthood for the diocese of Portland, Me., by Archbishop Fabre, December 21, 1878. Father Linehan was immediately assigned to the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at Portland, Me., where he remained until July, 1890. Besides his duties at the cathedral, he attended the missions of Westbrook, Gorham, Yarmouth, Fryeburg, North Conway, Sawyer's River, and Upper Bartlett. He was for a time chancellor and secretary of the diocese, and in January, 1881, he was named by the late Bishop Healey rector of the cathedral, which position he held to the time of his appointment to the church and parish of St. Mary's at Biddeford.

As rector Father Linehan was charged not alone with the spiritual, but as well with the material, interests of the cathedral, the orphan asylum, St. Joseph's home, the school, and other institutions, some of which were founded during his incumbency. On the occasion of his departure from Portland he was presented with an address and a purse of \$1,200, in recognition of his services and of the esteem entertained for him.

Father Linehan has been ten years in Biddeford; within that time he has greatly improved the parish property. St. Mary's church has been renovated, the presbytery has been completed, a house has been remodeled and furnished for a convent, a magnificent school building in brick and stone, one of the finest and best equipped in the diocese, has been erected, and is occupied by nearly three hundred and fifty boys and girls, who are taught

by the Sisters of Mercy; some sixteen acres have been added to the parish cemetery, and at Old Orchard, on a most eligible and spacious site, stands the beautiful summer church, "St. Margaret's-by-the-Sea," where thousands of devout Catholics from every state in the Union and the Canadas worship in "the pleasant summer days," and doubtless make pious remembrance of her whose



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namesake and patron Margaret was. (He named the church in memory of his mother.)

Father Linehan is a public-spirited man. He takes an active interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare, with the result that he stands high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens in Biddeford, regardless of creed or nationality.

He is connected with the Irish-American Relief Association of Portland, and a member of the American-Irish Historical Society.

He is chaplain of the York county division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and of the local council of the Knights of Columbus. He is diocesan attorney, vice-president of St. Elizabeth orphan asylum; is on the board of trustees of the Clergy Relief Fund, the examiners of the clergy, and the school board.

He is in the prime of life as well as in the best of health, and takes a keen, though unobtrusive, interest in state and national affairs and in all that concerns the community in which he lives.



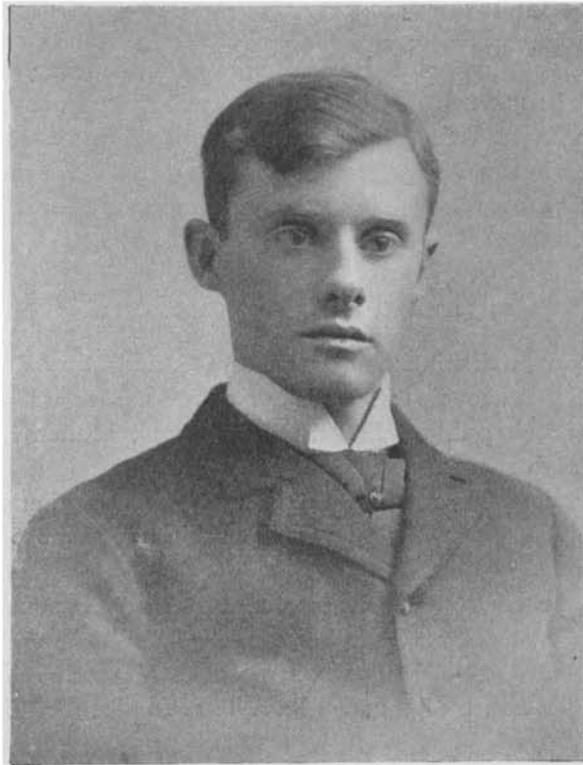
SISTER M. JOSEPH.

MARGARET ANN LINEHAN.

Margaret Ann Linehan,* the first born of John C. and Mary E. Linehan, was born in Penacook on October 2, 1864. She was educated in the Penacook schools, the Penacook academy, and

*In religion Sister M. Joseph.

in St. Joseph's academy, Deering, Me. She entered the order of Sisters of Mercy, in 1885, in the Convent of Mercy, Portland, Me., assuming in religion the name of "Sister M. Joseph." For the greater part of the time since the completion of her novitiate she has been engaged in teaching in the academy and in the parochial schools of Portland.



JOHN J. LINEHAN.

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John J. Linehan, eldest son of John C. and Mary (Pendergast) Linehan, was born in Penacook, October 9, 1866. He was educated in the public schools of Penacook and of Concord. After the conclusion of his studies in the High school he went to Minneapolis, Minn., in March, 1885. Here, shortly after his arrival, he entered the employ of the dry goods jobbing house of Dale, Morse

& Barnes. On January 1, 1887, he severed his connection with this firm, and returning to the East engaged his services with the jobbing house of Brown, Durrell & Co., Boston, Mass. He was connected with this firm for eight years as department buyer, being one of the largest, if not the largest, handlers of corsets, in the United States.

He resigned his position with Brown, Durrell & Co., and later purchased an interest in the Bay State Corset Company of Springfield, Mass., and was elected a director of the corporation. In the early part of 1900, he was chosen secretary of the company. He was married in August, 1893, to Elizabeth J. Barrett, the daughter of Thomas Barrett of Worcester, Mass., one of that city's most prominent citizens, as well as one of the best known and most reputable building contractors in New England.

TIMOTHY PATRICK LINEHAN.

Timothy Patrick Linehan, son of John C. and Mary E. Linehan, was born in Penacook on December 7, 1869. He was educated in the Penacook public schools, the Penacook academy, and the Concord High school.

After leaving school he worked as clerk in his father's store in Penacook. Later, in 1893, he was clerk in the Windsor hotel at Manchester.

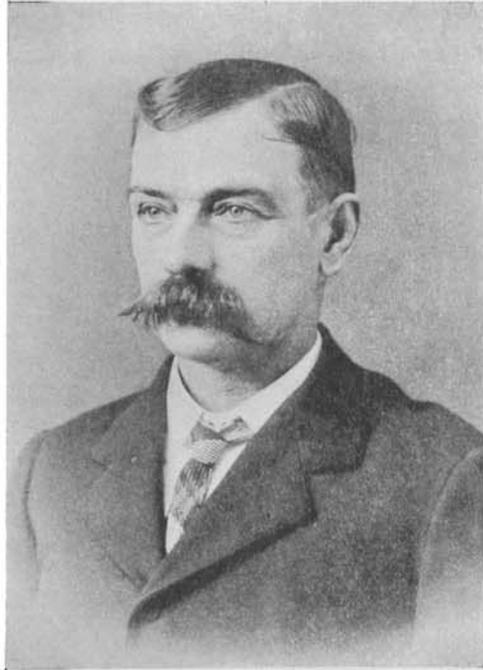
In 1895 he entered the employ of Fowle & Johnson, proprietors of the Wolfe tavern, Newburyport.

He was married on January 22, 1900, to Mary Cunningham of Amesbury, Mass., by his uncle, Rev. T. P. Linehan, of Biddeford, Me.

He has made a success of his chosen occupation, and is very popular with the patrons of the house, especially so with the knights of the road, the traveling men.

HENRY FRANCES LINEHAN.

Henry Frances Linehan, son of John C. and Mary E. Linehan, was born in Penacook on June 27, 1877. He received his education in the public schools of Penacook and the parochial schools of Concord.



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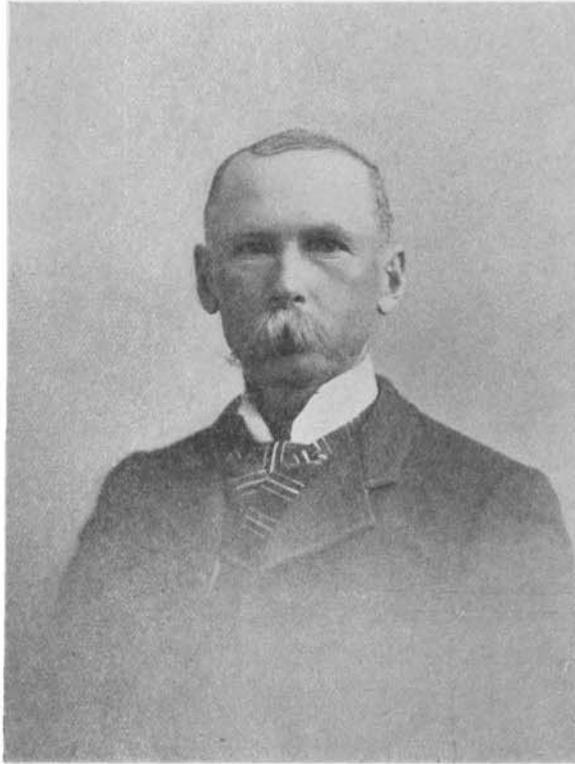
dealer in meats and provisions, has carried on his present enterprise since August 21, 1894, and during that period has been successful in building up a trade that will compare favorably with any market in town.

Mr. Tetrault was born in North Stukley, Quebec, Canada, in 1855, and began his business career at the age of twenty-four years. He moved to Massachusetts in 1876, and began buying and dressing cattle, running a delivery cart to deliver to his many customers from the farm where he raised a good share of the stock. He was successful financially, and soon became known as one of the leading traders in that part of the country.

He has always kept the best meats, oysters, fish, and vegetables in their season that can be procured, and these are always varied and tempting. His prices are invariably low, and every caller is assured of careful attention.

WILLIAM P. CHANDLER (SECOND).

William Palmer Chandler, son of Nathan and Lovisa Webster (Ferrin) Chandler, great-grandson of John Chandler, who built the old hotel, and descendant, in the tenth generation, from William Chandler, who came from England and settled at Roxbury, Mass., in 1637, was born at Penacook, in the old Chandler house



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now occupied by E. L. Davis, on November 20, 1849, and he has always resided in the village of his birth. He attended school in district No. 20, and later on continued his schooling at Penacook and at Pembroke academies.

On completion of his school days, Mr. Chandler learned the carpenter's trade, and has continued in that occupation until the present time. He has built a very large number of the houses

and shops in Penacook and neighboring towns, and is skilful and competent in all department of his business.

His own homestead is located on Winter street, and his family consists of his wife, Alice Fessenden, daughter of Jeremiah and Azelia M. (Foye) Boyce, to whom he was married November 25, 1875, and one daughter, Florence, who is a teacher in the graded schools of district No. 20. Among the cherished relics of the Chandler family Mr. Chandler has a valuable sword and belt, formerly worn by his uncle, Col. William P. Chandler, who was the commander of the Thirty-fifth Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, during the Civil War. This sword was presented to Colonel Chandler by the Soldiers' Friend society of Danville, Ill., in acknowledgment of his distinguished services, he having participated in thirteen battles.

Mr. Chandler affiliates with the Congregationalists in religious interests, and is a member of the Republican party in politics; also is a member of Horace Chase lodge of Masons, and of Con-toocook lodge of Odd Fellows.

ADRIAN H. HOYT, M. D.

Dr. Adrian Hazen Hoyt, son of Joseph and Susan M. (Currier) Hoyt, was born at Magog, Canada, March 7, 1862. He obtained his education at Montreal, Canada, and at Hanover, N. H.

He graduated from the medical department of Dartmouth college with the degree of M. D. in 1887. Instead of taking up the practice of the medical profession, Dr. Hoyt became interested in electrical experiments immediately after leaving college. He soon located at Manchester, N. H., and became the electrician of the Whitney Electrical Instrument Co., and general manager of the business.

Dr. Hoyt made early improvements and inventions in the line of electrical appliances, for which he obtained patents, and the manufacture of his patented electrical instruments constituted the business of the Whitney Electrical Instrument Co. This business, in Dr. Hoyt's hands, increased in volume rapidly, so that he soon felt the need of a larger factory, and in 1892 he made arrangements with Hon. C. H. Amsden to occupy the new factory at the Borough, which had just been built for his accommodation.

Dr. Hoyt became a citizen of Penacook in the fall of 1892, and has since occupied a prominent position in the business and social interests of the village. He has become an acknowledged authority on all electrical matters, and has been called to lecture before schools and societies on the X-ray phenomena, illustrated by apparatus of his own manufacture.



DR. ADRIAN H. HOYT.

Dr. Hoyt has taken great interest in Masonic societies since coming to Penacook, having been an officer of Horace Chase lodge, F. & A. M., also a member of Trinity chapter, R. A. M., and Mt. Horeb commandery of Knights Templar. He is also a member of Contoocook lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Knights of Pythias, and was a charter member of the Union club. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist denomination.

Dr. Hoyt was married on June 13, 1887, to Lizzie C. Shedrick, and has one son, Wallace C. Hoyt, born October 15, 1888.

ROBERT L. HARRIS.

Robert Lincoln Harris, son of Ezra Sheldon and Cassandra A. (Green) Harris, was born at Penacook on May 3, 1865, and has



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resided in the village to the present day. His early education was obtained at the village schools, and later at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston. From boyhood Mr. Harris has been interested in the manufacture of woolen goods at the factory built by his grandfather, Dea. Almon Harris, and subsequently operated by his father; and is one of the third generation engaged in the same business at the same place. This fact is abundant

proof that this family have not only known the art of manufacturing woolen goods, but have possessed the business ability to conduct this enterprise successfully. After the death of his father, the manufacturing business was incorporated under the name of the Dustin Island Woolen Mills, the stockholders being the heirs of Ezra Sheldon Harris, and Mr. Harris, the oldest son, assumed the responsible position of superintendent. Under his management extensive improvements have been made by discarding old machinery and substituting machinery of the latest and most effective type.

Mr. Harris has become prominent in Masonic affairs, being a member of Horace Chase lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M., of Penacook, Trinity chapter, Horace Chase council, and Mt. Horeb commandery of Knights Templar at Concord; also of the Edward A. Raymond consistory at Nashua, in which he has attained to the 32d degree of Masonry. He is a past grand of Contoocook lodge of Odd Fellows; also master of the grange; and was a charter member of the Union club.

Mr. Harris is an attendant at the Congregational church, and in politics is an earnest Republican. He is unmarried.

ALMON G. HARRIS.

Almon Green Harris, the youngest son of Ezra Sheldon and Sarah A. (Green) Harris, was born at Penacook, N. H., January 24, 1870, and has always resided in that village. He first attended the district school, then Penacook academy, Concord High school, and lastly Comer's Commercial college at Boston, where he acquired a thorough business education. When his school days were completed he, like his older brother, went into his father's mill, and began learning that business, as his father and grandfather had done before, but giving most of his attention to office work.

After his father's death he with the other heirs organized the corporation known as the Dustin Island Woolen Mills, of which he became the treasurer, and has managed the financial and office departments to the present time.

Mr. Harris is still unmarried, and has devoted his time to business and public affairs. He has served for several years on the board of selectmen for the town of Boscawen, and in other

public interests. In Masonry Mr. Harris has attained to the thirty-second degree, being a member of Horace Chase lodge, and is worshipful master at the present time, 1901; a member of Trinity chapter of Horace Chase council, and of Mt. Horeb commandery, Knights Templar, at Concord, also of the Edward A. Raymond consistory at Nashua.



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Mr. Harris was a charter member of the Union club. He is also a prominent member of the Grange, and in religious matters he affiliates with the Congregationalists.

Among his other gifts Mr. Harris possesses an exceptionally fine base voice, much of the same quality as that of his father, and has sung with quartettes and choirs since boyhood.

HON. JOHN KIMBALL.

One of the most distinguished men who ever lived within the limits of the village of Penacook is Hon. John Kimball of Concord, son of Benjamin and Ruth (Ames) Kimball, born at Canterbury, April 13, 1821. He came to Penacook with his father's family in 1830, and resided in the Plummer house, next east of the old hotel. He attended the town schools on the Boscawen side, and in 1837 at the Concord academy. He was apprenticed as a machinist to Col. Wm. Moody Kimball in 1838, and after completing his term was employed in building machinery at Boscawen, Suncook, Manchester, Lowell, and Lawrence.

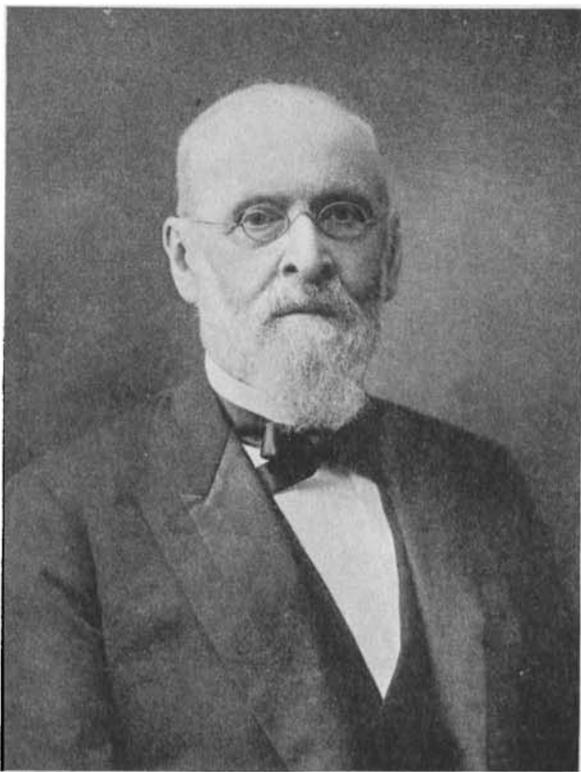
In 1848 he took charge of the new machine and car shops of the Concord Railroad, and became master mechanic in 1850, continuing there until 1858, at which date he left mechanical life and devoted his attention to public affairs. He had previously, in 1856 and 1857, been a member of the city council, and in 1858 was elected to the state legislature; reelected in 1859, he served as chairman of the committee on the state prison. He next became city marshal and tax collector for the city of Concord, holding that position until 1862, when he was appointed by President Lincoln as collector of internal revenue for the second district of New Hampshire. He served in that responsible position seven years, and collected some seven million of dollars, establishing a high reputation for efficiency and integrity. In 1870 Mr. Kimball was prominent in the organization of the Merrimack County Savings bank, and was elected treasurer, which position he has held to the present date (1901), and managed the business of that institution most successfully.

Mr. Kimball served his city as mayor in 1872-1873-1874-1875, and during his term constructed more public works than any other mayor of Concord, including five bridges, the Central fire station, the Long Pond water-works, the sewer system, school-houses, extension of Blossom Hill cemetery, etc.

In 1877 Mr. Kimball was called on by Governor Prescott to serve as chairman of the board of commissioners to build the new state prison; this work he did in a most satisfactory manner, and at a cost within the appropriation of \$235,000. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1876, and chairman of its

committee on finance. Chosen a state senator in 1880, and president of that body, he discharged the duties of that high office with credit to himself and honor to his state.

Mr. Kimball has served as treasurer, for long terms, of the Republican party of New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Bible society, the New Hampshire Orphans' home, and other societies,



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president of the Home for the Aged, and many other positions of honor. Mr. Kimball is emphatically one of the great men of New Hampshire, both mentally and physically, but has never lost interest in his early home at Penacook, where the citizens are reminded of his generosity by the sweet tone of the bell on the Congregational church, which was a gift from Mr. Kimball and his brother Benjamin.

Mr. Kimball joined the Congregational church at Boscawen in 1843, and has continued a member of that denomination to the present time; having been for many years one of the leading members of the South Congregational church at Concord.

Mr. Kimball was married May 27, 1846, to Maria H. Phillips of Rupert, Vt., and has one daughter, Mrs. Clara Maria Ayers, wife of Augustine R. Ayers, a veteran of the Fifteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. His first wife died December 24, 1894. Mr. Kimball was again married October 15, 1895, to Charlotte, daughter of Hon. Daniel C. Atkinson of Sanbornton.

OLIVER J. FIFIELD.

Oliver John Fifield was born June 25, 1855, at Franconia, N. H. While quite young his parents moved to Lowell, Mass., and a few years later, after his father's death, which occurred at Valparaiso, South America, he with his mother returned to Franconia.

His father was John G. Fifield of New Hampton, a contractor and builder. His mother was Mary Sargent Knapp; her father's people were among the first settlers of Franconia, coming from Sturbridge, Mass.

Mr. Fifield received his education in the public schools of Franconia, and at the New Hampton Institute. He came to Penacook in 1872, and commenced work for John A. Coburn September 1 of that year, continuing with him for seven years, when having thoroughly mastered the harness maker's trade, he bought out the business of his employer, and began business on his own account. Having conducted that business successfully for eight years, he then bought out the undertaking business of John A. Coburn, thus adding another branch to his business. He then formed a partnership with his cousin, Guy H. Hubbard, to carry on the new branch of the business; continuing the harness business in his own name until January 1, 1892, when he sold out that part of the business to William F. Hoyt. On December 1, 1892, Mr. Fifield purchased the Washington House livery stable of Harry Harris, but in October of 1893 he sold that property to E. B. Morse of Haverhill, N. H. During the following five years Mr. Fifield had but little business in hand

except his undertaking business, but in April, 1898, he again purchased the stable at the Washington House, and engaged in the livery and hacking business, which he still conducts in 1901, as well as his partnership business with Mr. Hubbard.

Mr. Fifield's good business judgment has caused him to be elected as assessor for ward one during the past four years, and for



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the coming two years also. He is a charter member of Myrtle lodge, Knights of Pythias, in which organization he holds the office of chancellor of exchequer. In politics Mr. Fifield affiliates with the Republican party. He is a member of the First Baptist church, and a trustee of the same.

In May, 1876, Mr. Fifield was married to Miss Estelle Philbrick of Lowell, Mass. Four children have been born to them,

three of whom are living in 1901. Their homestead is pleasantly located on Washington street, where he has considerable other property, and a large tract of land is that vicinity.

CAPT. HENRY H. AYER.

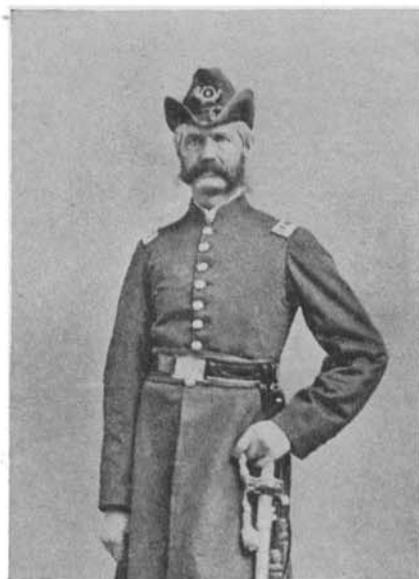
Henry Harrison Ayer was born in Saratoga, N. Y., on March 4, 1819. His opportunities for obtaining an education were quite limited during his youth, but being ambitious and persevering he later acquired a good education, so that he was well prepared to do business or take command of men. He came to Penacook in 1847, and was then a military man of some experience, having been in the United States service during the Mexican war.

He was first employed in the furniture shop of B. F. Caldwell, and soon after went into business for himself in the manufacture of table and bed castors, his shop being in the basement of the long wooden shop on Commercial street, where the stone polishing shop is now located. He resided with his family on Tremont street.

When he first came to Penacook he was connected with the state militia, serving as ensign and second lieutenant of the First company of Eleventh regiment, and later as drill master of the Third brigade with rank of major, a position for which he was well qualified by character and disposition. He was "every inch a soldier," tall, erect, vigorous, and decisive in all his actions, with ample knowledge of the military code, painstaking and persistent, and, with the air of one born to command, he made an ideal drill master.

When the War of the Rebellion broke out Captain Ayer realized that his services were needed, and early decided to give his life if needed to save the Union. He immediately recruited a number of men in the village, took them to Concord, and with them joined the Third Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, which was then just forming. He was commissioned as first lieutenant of Company B, and rendered efficient service in getting the regiment into military form. He was promoted to captain October 16, 1862. The men under his command were at first disposed to find fault because of the rigor of his discipline, but

later, when they came into active service, they realized the great benefit of his strict military drill and discipline. They learned to respect and admire Captain Ayer not only for his military knowledge, but for his character and habits, and his justice in the treatment of all under his command, as well as for his courage and fortitude in battle. So that after one year's service the men of his company purchased a very valuable sword and presented it to him as a token of their esteem and affection.



CAPT. HENRY H. AYER.

Captain Ayer was twice wounded before being mortally wounded, first on July 18, 1863, at the charge on Fort Wagner, on Morris Island, S. C., slightly, and again on August 26, following, at the same fort, he was shot through the neck by a rebel sharpshooter, and thought to have been killed, and it was strange why it did not kill him instantly. He was carried to the Regimental hospital where he remained only *eight days*, and then returned to his company. Shortly after this (September 19) he went home on "leave of absence," but returned to the regiment again November 9, 1863.

Captain Ayer received his mortal wound at the battle of Drewry's

Bluff, Va., on March 16, 1864, being shot in the thigh, and died in one hour after receiving the wound. His body was buried and the grave marked under direction of the regimental surgeon, A. J. H. Buzzell. At a later date the body of Captain Ayer was exhumed and brought North, and buried in Woodlawn cemetery at Penacook. This service was performed by George Murdough, Company H, of Manchester, who was a nurse in the Third Regiment hospital.

None of Captain Ayer's family resides at Penacook, but two daughters are still living at Boston, Mass.

SQUIRE FARRAND.

One of the most prominent of the English families residing in Penacook is the Farrand family. The head of the family was Squire Farrand, the seventh child of Edmund and Hannah (Knight) Farrand, who was born in the village of Saddleshorth, County of York, England, on May 24, 1812. He began working in a cotton mill in 1819. Like most boys of his time, he had only a limited time for schooling, but having a very strong desire to gain an education, after working twelve hours a day, he attended evening schools, and being of a studious disposition he soon acquired the rudiments of an education. His father dying when Squire was fourteen years old, his mother then removed her family to Dukinfield, Cheshire county. At the age of twenty-three years Mr. Farrand married Mary Goldthorp of Peniston, York county, who proved to be a true helpmate, and bore him thirteen children. They also adopted a boy and a girl, making in all a family of seven boys and eight girls.

When the Civil War in America began, the cotton trade in England was completely paralyzed; no work for the operatives could be obtained, as the mills were unable to procure cotton, because of the blockade of the Southern ports. Thousands of families then migrated to different parts of the world. Mr. Farrand had two brothers then in New Hampshire; James in Penacook, and John C. in Milton Mills, with whom he corresponded, with the result that his oldest son, William, and oldest daughter, Sarah, came to Penacook in 1864; and the remainder of the family arrived on July 31, 1865. Mr. Farrand and most

of his children were employed for many years in the cotton mills of H. H. and J. S. Brown. They were all industrious and thrifty, and soon became excellent American citizens.

Mr. Farrand was baptized in the Episcopal church when a child, and continued in that faith during his life.

In early life he joined the Odd Fellows, and was a member of



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that organization for more than fifty years. His wife died in 1877, aged fifty-nine years. Squire Farrand died in 1899, aged eighty-seven years, and both were buried in Woodlawn cemetery. During the last ten or fifteen years of his life Squire Farrand was one of the most familiar figures seen on the streets of Penacook. He spent much time in walking, and retained apparently good health until the last year of his life.

Five of his sons remain in Penacook: William, the oldest, James, and Thomas, who are employed at the Concord Axle Works; and John C. and George E., who are prominent merchants; all being men of excellent character as well as substantial citizens.

GEORGE S. LOCKE.

George Seldon Locke, the noted saw manufacturer, was born at Concord, N. H., June 18, 1852. His father was the late E. T. Locke, formerly of Loudon, N. H., and his mother, H. J. (Allen) Locke, formerly of Cabot, Vt. His education was obtained in the common schools. The family came to Penacook while George was quite young, and when but fifteen years of age he entered the employ of Gage, Porter & Co., and has never been out of the saw business to the present date.

The difficult part of the saw maker's trade is "saw smithing;" that part is not easily learned, it requires long years of practice, a good mechanical eye, good judgment, steady nerve, and strong, muscular arms. Mr. Locke had the natural requirements for that trade, and the ambition and staying power to learn that difficult trade thoroughly. After that was accomplished, his course was comparatively plain sailing.

In 1882, having been in the employ of Gage, Porter & Co. for fifteen years, he with J. E. Marden bought out the old firm and started in business under the style of Fisherville Saw Co. Five years later Mr. Marden retired from the business, and Mr. Locke has since conducted the business alone in a successful manner, and has accumulated considerable property.

Mr. Locke has a taste for music; he joined Brown's band early in the term of that celebrated organization, and remained a member as long as the band was in existence. Since that band dissolved he has played more or less in other organizations in the village, and occasionally with the band at Concord.

Mr. Locke is well advanced in Masonry, being a member of Horace Chase lodge, No. 72, of Penacook, Trinity Royal Arch chapter, No. 2, Horace Chase council, No. 4, and Mt. Horeb commandery, Knights Templar, of Concord.

Mr. Locke was married in June, 1874, to Miss M. Anna Pres-



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cott, a sister of Edward B., Leander C., and Lester W. Prescott of Penacook. He has no children, but has two sisters, Mrs. John M. Hill and Mrs. Wm. H. Bonney, both of Penacook.

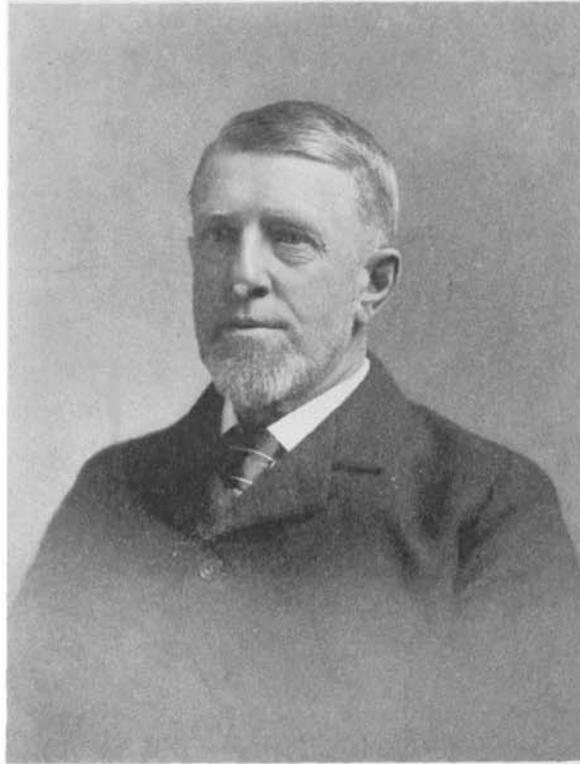
The family residence is pleasantly situated on Merrimack street.

FARWELL P. HOLDEN.

Farwell Puffer Holden, president of the Concord Manufacturing company, and one of the prominent citizens of Penacook, was born in Dracut, Mass., June 21, 1845. His parents were Daniel Holden and Roxanna (Haynes) Holden, and his boyhood was mostly spent at the West Concord home. In that village he attended the district schools, and later on attended the Boscawen academy. In his early years he served a good apprenticeship in

the woolen mill of his father, and when twenty-four years of age he went to Gaysville, Vt., and became clerk for Thomas Greenbanks, a woolen manufacturer of that place. He remained in that situation six years, and then moved to Bethel, Vt., where he secured the position of cashier in the National White River bank.

After discharging the duties of that position successfully for



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six years he resigned, and moved back to Gaysville, where he engaged in the manufacture of underwear on his own account.

He continued manufacturing at Gaysville for ten years, and established a reputation for making superior goods. When the Holden family decided to commence operations at Penacook, Farwell closed up his business in Vermont, and moved to Penacook, where he took an active part in the building of the factory

and establishment of the manufacturing business, taking also an active interest in all the public affairs of the village. He has recently purchased the John Sawyer homestead, and refitted it for his family residence.

Mr. Holden has been twice married; first, on October 25, 1870, to Miss Laura Greenbanks, by whom he had one son, Lawrence Greenbanks Holden, born January 21, 1872. Mrs. Holden died January 24, 1872, and Mr. Holden's second marriage was on March 5, 1874, to Miss Sarah Frances Tupper, by whom he also had one son, Royal Daniel Holden, born November 5, 1880.

Mr. Holden is prominent in Masonry, being a member of Horace Chase lodge at Penacook, and has taken the chapter, council, and Knights Templar degrees at Concord. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was an original member and first president of the Union club. In politics Mr. Holden (like his father) is an earnest Republican. In religion he is of the Universalist faith, but with his family attends the services at the Congregational church.

JOHN C. FARRAND.

One of the most enterprising of the village merchants, and one of the largest owners of real estate in the community, is John C. Farrand, son of Squire and Mary (Goldthorp) Farrand, who was born in Dukinfield, Cheshire county, England, on May 18, 1848.

He received his education in the public schools of his native town, where he resided until seventeen years of age, when he came with his parents to America, arriving at Penacook July 31, 1865.

For the first twenty years of his residence in Penacook he was employed in the Penacook mill, which was then operated by H. H. and J. S. Brown. After graduation from the cotton mill he took up life insurance business for a few months, and next went to the Dustin Island Woolen mills, where he was employed for one year. Mr. Farrand then went into trade as the manager of the Coöperative Association store, retaining that position for five years. In 1891 he began business on his own account as a retail merchant, at Washington square, where he has continued