

NOTES

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Franklin Branch

OF THE

DANIELL, OR DANIELS FAMILY.

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The data upon which the earlier sections of the following notes are founded are chiefly from the town histories of Medfield and Medway, and the records of the "Daniels Fraternity," with the address of Waldo Daniels, at its meeting in Franklin, August, 1877, have furnished important material, later portions.

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DANIELS FAMILY.

The foreign habitat of this family has not been ascertained, but the opinion prevails that it was in Wales. The first of the name in Massachusetts so far as known was Robert Daniell, who in 1636, was of Watertown. [All the older families of the name wrote "Daniell," while the later generations, excepting a small minority, now write "Daniels." Of sixty-nine families noted in Medway history, seventeen, all early, followed the original form, and fifty-two, all later, wrote "Daniels.']] Two others appear early in the records, namely William of Dorchester, in 1648, and Joseph of Dedham. As to the latter there is considerable obscurity. It has been asserted by some who have studied the subject that he was a resident and land owner at Dedham prior to 1649, and that he was one of the grantees (or their associate) of a tract of land in the region known as Boggastow for a town later called Medfield. True, this name appears on the original list of grantees as given in facsimile in the Medfield history, but it is the opinion of Mr. Jameson, author of Medway history, who has investigated the matter thoroughly, that this was an interpolation, at a later date than that of the earliest signatures. But the question of identity is not important in this connection as all who are familiar with the facts agree in the opinion that Joseph of Medfield

was the son of Robert, nearly or quite all of whose children, as is well known, became residents of that town.

Robert was grantee at Watertown, of five lots, and also purchased the homestead of Nicholas Jacobs, 13 acres, situated near the present United States arsenal. This land passed into the possession of Samuel, and later of Joseph, his sons, and on 28th 3d mo. 1662, about the date of his settlement at Medfield, the latter conveyed it to David Fiske. Robert was freeman 14 March, 1639. He married (1) Elizabeth ~~Mead~~ who died 2 Oct. 1643. In 1651 he removed to Cambridge, and m. (2) 2 May 1654, Reana Andrews. He died 6 July, 1655.

His seal was an anchor with a fragment of rope attached encircling the shaft, on an oval field. His children were Elizabeth, b. 1630, m. 1655 Thomas Fanning. She died 27 Jan. 1722. Samuel, b. about 1633, m. 1671, Mary Grant, and in 1683 settled at Medfield. They were the ancestors of Moses Grant Daniell, A. M., of Boston. *Joseph* b. about 1635; Sarah b. about 1640; lived at Medfield; Mary, b. 2 Sept. 1642, m. 1660, Sampson Frary of Medfield, where they lived for a time and removed to Deerfield, where she was killed by the Indians in 1704.

The grant for Medfield covered a considerable territory lying west of the Charles River, now in Millis, being a part of the region known as Bogastow, and which at the time of Joseph's accession was in the main a wilderness, one family only, that of George Fairbanks, having then settled in that part of the town. Here Joseph took up his residence, and on Feb. 3, 1662, was accepted as a townsman, and in October following drew lands, indicating that he was already the owner of a farm. He built a house, probably, says Medway

history, before 1665, near Boggastow brook, at the place late the homestead of Dea. Paul Daniell, a descendant in the fourth generation from Joseph.

Early colonial dwellings were often built near streams and meadows for the advantage of water and grass for the cattle. The location of this home was chosen not merely on this account, but for its picturesque surroundings as well. The house stood a few rods (probably some eight or ten) easterly of the present one on an elevated point of land extending into the meadows which stretched away from it to the northward and eastward, and a curtain of forest trees (among them a state-ly oak, which stood until about 1880, the decaying trunk of which only now remains) skirted the low lands, while in close proximity on the north ran the brook, partially encircling the site. This place has continued in the family ownership up to the present time and is now (1897) occupied by John Bullard who married Pearlee, daughter of Paul Daniell, and Louis LaCroix, whose wife was daughter of Mr. Bullard.

On 16 Nov. 1665, Joseph, being then about 30 years of age, married Mary, or Maria, the daughter of George Fairbanks, "then a mere school girl" of fifteen years. For eleven years, during which four children were born to them, they lived here a quiet secluded pioneer life, and then occurred — 21 Feb. 1676 — the burning of Medfield, an incident of Philip's War. At this time six families, in the present Millis, and six others not far distant in the present Sherborn, had settled on the "west side," and for their safety a stone garrison-house situated near Boggastow pond, an expansion of the brook, a half mile or more northeasterly from Joseph's residence, had been erected. This house, says the

history, was at one time occupied as a dwelling by Mr. Fairbanks. Tradition says at the time of the raid upon the west side, (which was on the morning following the burning of the town) Joseph was at home alone attending to his cattle, his wife and children (the eldest being 10 years of age) having been previously sent to the stronghold, and knowing his peril, was on the watch, and seeing at a distance the enemy approaching fled to the blockhouse. The Indians came up, burned his buildings, and followed on to the rendezvous in which most of the residents of the vicinity had gathered, besieging it persistently for days, but failed in all their attempts, and finally withdrew. Two months later there was another alarm and a second unsuccessful attack on the garrison here assembled. It is related that on one of these occasions a farm cart was loaded with hay, flax and other combustibles, set on fire and started on its errand of destruction down the slope on which the house was situated, but turning aside it rested against a rock and the garrison was unharmed. A shot from the house is said to have dispatched one of the venturesome assailants who attempted to start it again on its course.

In 1675, Mr. Daniell subscribed toward building a new brick college at Cambridge, one bushel of corn and 1s, 6d, in money. [His. Medfield.] In 1678, for the same he contributed two bushels of corn and 2s, 6d. in money. [His. Medway.] In 1670 he was chosen one of a committee of two to build a bridge over the brook, between his own house and that of George Fairbanks. A bridge now exists for the convenience of the farm, probably in the same location, near the Daniels' homestead.

In 1687 the "west side" was in need of a mill; and at a meeting in February, the Town "Granted to Joseph Daniell the stream of Boggastow Brook so far as shall be needful for y^e advantage of his mill and not to endanger any proprietor on y^e said Brook, provided he maintain a good mill on y^e said Stream for y^e supply of y^e said Town."

At the February meeting 1688, further rights were voted him, as follows: "Granted.... liberty to Land a Dam on y^e Comon Land on Boggastow Brook where he intends to set a mill, and also liberty to Flood the Comon Lands there so far as shall be convenient For a mill at all times forever.." Mr. Daniell soon thereafter formed a copartnership with Zechariah Buckminster of Sherborn, and together they built the mill, the location of which was up the stream nearly a mile north-westerly from the homestead. In 1692, Joseph deeded his share to his son, Joseph Jr., who, in 1694 bought Buckminster's interest, thus becoming sole owner. For several years, from 1690 to 1700, "Sergt." Joseph Daniell, Sen. had charge of school affairs on the west side and was himself a teacher. In 1693 and 1695, he was selectman and the former year Constable and Collector. In 1702 he, (designated as "sergeant") and his son Joseph had lands laid out to them as proprietors. In 1705 he was chosen one of a committee to build a new meeting house at Medfield centre, which was erected in 1706, he having furnished for the same, boards valued at £18. 9s. and shingles valued at £12. 14s. 6d. On its completion he was chosen tithing-man, an office not likely to be conferred on one not a habitual church goer, and also one of a committee to "seat the meeting house," a position requiring sound judgment, decision and strength of character.

On 11 April, 1715, Rev. David Deming, the first minister of Medway, gave a receipt for £26. for preaching, which was dated "at the house of Joseph Daniell, Sen." indicating his interest in, and probably official connection with ecclesiastical affairs. His name appears on the church roll at Medfield in 1697. A story, not fully authenticated, is current to the effect that in his early days at Medfield, Joseph, while still domiciled at the town was accustomed to cross the river to work upon his land, clearing and subduing it, preparatory to its occupation, spending the week there and coming home on Saturday night. On a certain day, as related, he failed to return as usual. His friends awaited his coming with considerable anxiety, until the afternoon of the next day, and as he did not appear, formed a searching party to go in quest of him. Crossing the river, and entering the forest, they pursued cautiously their shadowy way, and, listening intently for indications of peril, or the presence of the lost one, they at length discerned in the far distance, faintly reverberating through the solitudes, the stroke of a woodman's axe. All fears were instantly dissipated by the familiar sound, and pressing on, they soon emerged upon a clearing, where they came upon the delinquent whacking vigorously away at the forest growth, all oblivious to time, or aught else outside his little domain. He awoke at once to the realization of the fact that he had lost a day in his reckoning.

He was thrice married, and had eight children by Mary Fairbanks. The eldest, *Joseph*, was b. 23 Sept. 1666, from whom the Franklin branch descended. Mary, his wife d. 9 June, 1682; he m. (2) Rachel Sheffield, by whom

he had three children, the eldest, Jeremiah, having been a leading man of his day in Medway, town clerk eight years and selectman thirteen years, successor of his father in the ownership of the homestead. Rachel, wife of Joseph d. 1687, he m. (3) Mrs. Lydia Allen. He d. 23 June, 1715, and is supposed to have been buried in the old cemetery in the borders of Sherborn, a mile or two distant from the homestead, but his grave is unidentified.

In his will he gave to his widow, Lydia, all the estate he had with her, all the "movables," and £40 money, he had with her, she to live, and the little boy, in one end of the house during her widowhood—to Joseph £20, and confirming to him lands formerly received—to Ebenezer, 6 acres of land, described, and 40 s. money.—to Jeremiah the remainder of upland on the north side of the brook.—to his daughters, equally, his house and land in Boston,—to his widow, three acres of land about the house, and a pasture near, during her life, and after her decease, to Jeremiah, his house and barn and all the upland about them lying southerly on the brook, the remainder of the meadow to Jeremiah and Ebenezer, equally. His executors were his son Ebenezer, and Michael Metcalf. Dated 18 June, 1715, Probated in Suffolk Co. 21 July, 1715.

We have been able to learn but little of the second Joseph who appears to have been less active than his father in public affairs. As before noted, in 1692, being then twenty six years of age and recently married, he received from his father one half the grist mill, and about two years later became sole proprietor. He afterward built a saw mill at the upper dam. In 1693, and probably prior to that date he resided at the mill, and un-

til 1728, a period of thirty-five years, was doubtless the chief miller of the vicinity. At the latter date, he, at sixty-two years of age, conveyed the property, reserving one half the grist mill, to his sons Samuel, Joseph and Ezra, and probably then retired from the more active duties of life. The ownership of the estate remained in the family, down to Amos Daniels, who died in 1823, having been held in the name a period of one hundred and thirty-four years. Remains of the dam, and mill sites may now be seen, but many years ago all business operations here terminated. A comfortable modern dwelling now occupies the site of the original house, and a narrow town road leads past the premises; a thrifty growth of forest trees and underwood covers the grounds on all sides and with the placid stream flowing through forms a landscape worthy the pencil of a artist.

In 1713, at the incorporation of Medway, both Joseph, Jr., and his father were enrolled among the founders of the town. On 4 November, 1723 he was chosen on a committee to provide a minister, indicating his good standing as a citizen, as well as his interest in ecclesiastical matters.

[Medway history recites that Joseph, Jr., in his will refers to "rights in lands granted by General Court to soldiers who went on an expedition to Canada," etc. This must have been one of a late generation, perhaps "Capt. Joseph," the fourth of the name in the line. The fifth Joseph, son of Capt. Joseph, resided at Worcester. He was an ancestor of Rev. Chas. H. Daniels, D. D., the Missionary Secretary at Boston.]

He m. (1) Rachel, daughter of John Partridge of Medway. He m. (2) Bethia Breck of Sherborn. He d. 14 June, 1739. She d. 1754. He had eight

children, of whom the third, *David*, was b. 21 Feb., 1699, probably son of the first wife. He is named as of West Medway, but we have little knowledge of him there, from the records.

[A David Daniels appears on the roll of men "impressed by Capt. Whiting and done service for his Majesty, June 17, 1745," in the French and Indian war. David, son of Joseph, was at this date forty-six years of age. As the name is rare in Medway history we might incline to believe this to have been Joseph's son; but we find enrolled in the Medway militia in 1775-7 a "Mr. David Daniels," which would lead to the conclusion that probably he and the David of the former enrollment were identical.]

He appears to have been a man of full average business talents, and in young manhood a real estate owner. Among deeds to him we find, in 1722, for £100, forty-nine acres in Bellingham, in which the grantor reserved one ninth of all "mine" [ore] found on said land, the grantee to receive only one tenth of "all iron found" on the same. This furnishes a plausible key to the name Mine Brook. [Query, was this a speculation?]

Thus early he evidently had means and a disposition for business operations, and became familiar with the locality in which later he made a permanent home. In 1737, for £114, he received two thirds of the dwelling house and barn with six acres of land and a meadow in Medway, formerly the property of Zachariah Partridge, his father-in-law. In 1741 he bought for £255 a lot of land in Holliston. On 25 May, 1747, being then of Medway, he came into possession of the Franklin homestead, having purchased of Thomas Rockwood (who appears to have removed to Oxford,) and removing thither, probably that year, spent

his remaining days there in the cultivation of its productive acres. In 1751 he was chosen tithing-man, an office of importance at that day. His duties were to exercise a general police oversight of the precinct, and more especially to enforce attendance upon divine service, and to keep order therein—a kind of Sunday constable. The legitimate inference is that David was a person of ability and strength of character, and an attendant habitually upon Sunday worship. He with his wife Magdaline united by letter in 1754, with the Franklin church.

He m. Magdaline, dau. of Zachariah Partidge, b. 4 Feb., 1704, at Medfield; he d. 17 Nov., 1781; she d. 13 Oct., 1780. Their children were Henry, b. 8 May, 1731 [resided at Franklin, several years constable; d. 3 Oct., 1803; his descendants now living in F. David, his son, lived at the farm next south of the Daniels' homestead. m. 16 Apr., 1794, Lucy Wood, d. 1825, aged 61.] *Seth*, b. 30 Oct., 1737. Abigail, b. about 1740, m. Malachiah Fisher. Seth, at twenty-four years of age, on 13 Aug., 1761, became owner of the farm by deed from his father. Here he spent a comparatively short married life, having died at the age of forty-eight. He does not appear to have been much identified with public affairs. But from the few allusions to him in the records it is evident that he was a man of good character and natural capabilities, who, as well as his father, enjoyed the confidence of the public. In 1779 he was chosen constable of Franklin, which had then been but one year a town. In those days the constable was not only a police officer but also collector of taxes, which was at that date a position of special responsibility on account of the deranged condition of the currency. This service he de-

clined and was excused by the town. Two years later he was elected to the same office and again objected, and persisted in his refusal to serve. He was consequently fined £375, which he paid. This sum was conferred upon the man subsequently chosen "for extraordinary services in collecting." In 1783 he was again chosen to the same office, and accepted. That he was not lacking in enterprise is clear from the fact that in addition to his farming interests he opened a country store in a building adjoining his house, which he probably erected for the purpose, where he continued trade until near his decease. Among the family papers are deeds as follows: From Ezra Pond, Jr., 19 March, 1770, one eighth of sawmill spot and privilege on Mine Brook [now Unionville.] In 1783, of two "city lots" at Fox Point, Providence. In 1778, from David Daniels, his father, of all the farming implements on the homestead.

There are indications that in his religious opinions he was somewhat at variance with his near kindred, and the majority of his townsmen. In 1769, at a precinct meeting, when the question of the settlement of Rev. Mr. Fitch as minister was acted upon, the result was yeas 54, nays 36. Voting in the majority were David Daniels, Henry Daniels, Dea. Daniel Thurston, Hon. Jabez Fisher, Dr. John Metcalf and other influential men, while we find Seth voting with the minority, opposing his father, his father-in-law and his brother. In 1771 he moved to have his parish taxes remitted, which was refused by the precinct. Later he gained his point and was "discharged" from this obligation for the years 1770, 1771 and 1773. We can only conjecture the circumstances, but the probable solution is that he allied himself for the time with some neighboring religious society, as

was permitted by the State law. He was widely known as "Quaker Daniels;" whether he attached himself to this denomination we have no means of knowing at present, but it is not at all improbable, as there was in Mendon for many years a society of this persuasion.

He m. Unity, daughter of Dea. Daniel Thurston, b. 7 Jan., 1748—a person of more than ordinary mind. Her grandson, Seth Daniels, who remembered her well, said "she was very energetic, and when she sat at the loom in the weaving chamber, the treadles and lathe moved rapidly, while the tow cloth, of which the boys' shirts were made, wound fast upon the beam. She was a pious woman and had great force of character." She joined the Franklin church by profession in 1778. Her father was the first precinct clerk of West Wrentham in 1738, and for several years selectman of Wrentham before Franklin was incorporated. Later, at Franklin, he was a leader in public affairs contemporary with Hon. Jabez Fisher.

Children: *Julia*, b. 13 Dec., 1769, d. 30 Nov. 1785; *Joseph*, the only son, b. 14 Oct., 1771; *Susan*, b. 2 July, 1773; m. 1805 Job Carpenter, and had *Julia*, b. 1806, d. 1816; *Unity T.*, b. 1809, d. 1831; *Unity T.*, b. 27 Oct., 1778, m. 1810, Job Carpenter, and had *Martha B.*, b. 1812, d. 1825; *N. Emmons*, b. 28 Feb., 1816. Joseph succeeded his father as owner of the farm. For more than seven years after his father's decease business at the store was suspended. During this time the son was the right hand of his wise and energetic mother, and apparently the affairs of the farm moved on satisfactorily. There is evidence that he was accomplished in the narrow line of education of those days, and very soon after coming of age he demonstrated his self-reliance and enter-

prise by stocking anew the store and re-opening the trade. The spring of 1793 saw him assuming the management of what in those days was an important business undertaking, and his account books, still extant, show that for the first year or two his transactions were encouraging. In September of this first year of his business life he brought home to the farm his handsome bride to share with him his bright prospects. He dealt in dry goods, groceries and varieties, and, as was the case in all like operations of the time, spirituous liquors, wines, etc., were in stock. But from some cause at present unknown, the business declined. The books indicate, after the first year, a gradual decrease of trade, the entries in 1797 being few, and 1798 they ceased entirely. Numerous reasons for this might be suggested, but competition from similar undertakings at the centre of the town, with the youth and inexperience of the proprietor furnish an explanation plausible, to say the least.

In early manhood he was a school teacher and officiated at Poverty Lane, his own district, and his eldest son, Seth, was among his pupils. From 1796 to 1807, he was sergeant in the Franklin militia. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and in politics a decided Federalist. His attitude in relation to religious affairs may be in a measure inferred from the fact that in 1789, at eighteen years of age, he became the owner of a pew in the gallery of the meeting house. Three years later, in company with Billings Fairbanks, he bought at £9 3s. pew, No. 45, on the floor of the house, continuing for seven years, until 1799, when he sold out to Fairbanks for twenty dollars, and about the same time purchased another pew, No. 13, in the gallery. At thirty-eight years of age, in 1809,

he with his wife Susa united by profession with the church.

[About 1793 Unity Daniels, Susa Daniels (who had then been but a short time a member of Joseph's household), David Daniels and Nathan Daniels, Jr., together, bought a pew in the gallery.

This fact is of interest as indicating the loyalty of the several families to religious institutions, and the strong hold upon them of their able minister, Nathanael Emmons.]

Joseph was particularly fortunate in his choice of a life partner. She was tall and rather spare in person, a brunette in complexion, with a heavy brow and a piercing black eye. She had a large sympathetic heart, and was by nature fitted for the somewhat peculiar circumstances of the family. Her son, Seth, said of her, "she had great energy, was a ceaseless worker, and would, regardless of her own comfort, do anything for us children, proper to be done, by night or day. Her kind heart yearned over all her large family of little ones, and one pair of hands was not enough to do for us what her tender sensibilities prompted her to do. She enjoyed good health and took cheerfully the largest share of the care and toil consequent upon the bringing up of her large family."

Joseph was a person of refined nature, exceedingly fond of music, and possessed a lively imagination. He had a minor chord in his temperament which early in life exhibited itself in some of his poetic effusions. On the title page of one of his school manuscripts written at about fifteen years of age, we find the following, which, whether original or not, doubtless voiced his real feelings :—

The Rose's age is but a day,
Its bloom the pledge of its decay :
'Tis sweet in scent, in color bright,
It blooms at morn, and fades at night.

1786.

His poetic bent is later illustrated in an advertisement of the homestead, which was inserted in the Worcester Spy, Nov., 1814, as follows :—

FARM FOR SALE.

In the good town of far-spread fame,
Which boasts great Doctor Franklin's name,
Where a divine his years has spent
Calling the vilest to repent ;
And still in his declining day
Points to the path that soars that way—
In Norfolk county, where the Feds
Have ever dared hold up their heads ;
Though on some spots the Dems abound
Like Indian weeds on Southern ground—
In good old Massachusetts State,
Erect and firm to meet her fate—
Within New England's sacred pale,
Where *Strong* still stems the Southern gale.

If further you should wish to know,
Call upon him whose name's below :
Who sometime's in the mansion found,
At others, traveling round and round.

JOSEPH DANIELS.

N. B.—It stands retired on rising ground
Where's Sol's first rays appear,
And last at night, displays his light
Throughout the rolling year.

[It may perhaps be a matter of congratulation that this publication did not bring him a buyer for the old homestead.

The names applied to different portions of the farm are indicative in a degree of the fancy of the owner, and of his regard for Old Testament names. The first to use these appellations we may never know, although from his poetical bias we should infer that Joseph originated the idea, but "Jericho," "Zoar," and "Goshen" were names thus employed, and were household words in the family in the first half of the present century. "Chubbywaug," the designation of another locality, was probably of Indian origin, and descended from earlier days.]

His later years were clouded by ill health, and general inefficiency. He was at times subject to severe depression of spirits, and for several years prior to his decease was unfitted for active participation in business affairs.

He m. 4 Sept., 1793. Susa Fisher; he d. 19 July, 1828; she d. 17 Feb., 1829, aged 54.

Joseph Fisher, a carpenter by trade, lived on the farm on King street, Franklin, later owned and occupied by his son Maxcy, and still (1897) in the possession of the family. On the estate adjoining this, on the south, lived the then most influential man of the town and vicinity, Hon. Jabez Fisher, once member of the Governor's Council. His daughter, Susa became the wife of Joseph Fisher. Seth Daniels, a grandson, said of her: "She was of more than common mind, quite a politician, a Federalist, and could hold a strong argument on public affairs." Susa, their daughter, m. Joseph Daniels.]

Children—Seth, b. 14 Sept., 1794; Fisher, b. 2 Aug., 1795; Julia M., b. 4 Aug., 1798; Unity Myra, b. 17 Aug., 1800; Albert E., b. 25 Sept., 1802; Caroline M., b. 24 Oct., 1804; Willis George, b. 22 Oct., 1805; Susan F., b. 6 Oct., 1808; Hiram

A., b. 30 Oct., 1810 ; Martha C., b. 9 March, 1813 ; Darwin J., b. 12 Jan., 1815 ; Harriet L. b. 25 May, 1817 ; Charles A., b. 30 August, 1820.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND SUSAN DANIELS.

SETH lived on the homestead, attending school at Poverty Lane until fourteen years of age, when he was apprenticed for seven years to Simeon Perry, at Lincoln Corner, Franklin, to learn the trade of a saddler and harness-maker, and while serving his time was several winters in the district school at the corner with Horace Mann and others. He served his time faithfully, and in the spring of 1816, soon after his majority, engaged as journeyman with Benj. F. Town of Oxford, with whom he continued until near the close of 1817, when he went into the employ of Dea. Nathaniel Bird, chaise and harness-maker at Walpole. While living here he was married in Nov., 1819 and began housekeeping. In the spring of 1821 the factory of Deacon Bird was destroyed by fire, and himself was so burned that he soon after died and all business was suspended. Mr. Daniels, with John Mellish, a fellow employee at Bird's, soon after began business at Oxford, at chaise and harness making at the present dwelling of George R. Larned, near the south end of the Plain. In 1823 Mellish left, and Benj. F. Town and Sylvanus Harris, brother-in-law of Daniels, joined him under the name of Daniels, Town & Co., which arrangement continued until 1826, when Town withdrew, and the firm became Daniels & Harris. In 1822 Mr. Daniels bought and occupied the house now Josiah Barnes', by the elms (which Daniels later planted) at the south end of the Plain, and in 1828 Daniels & Harris built the shop now standing, on Daniels' estate near the

house. Sanford Gilmore entered the firm as partner in 1830. In 1832 Harris retired, and Daniels & Gilmore continued until 1836, when the business was organized on a new basis, and shoe manufacture was substituted for the old line, new partners were admitted, and plans laid for increased operations. But the reverses of 1837 coming on, this arrangement was soon discontinued. Daniels engaged in the shoe business thereafter as a life vocation. In 1844 his sons, George F. and Albert H., joined him, and operations were continued at the south end of the Plain until 1847, when they were removed to the Sigourney homestead, near the railroad station at the centre, which they later bought. In 1851 Stearns D. W. Harris became a partner, continuing until Nov., 1854, when he and Albert H. left—the latter soon after removing to Manchester, N. H. Thereafter the manufacture was continued by Seth, George F. and Franklin G., as Seth Daniels & Co., until 1872, when the concern closed its affairs. Seth Daniels continued the trade in shoe tools and findings (which had for many years been a part of the business) for perhaps two years, and then retired.

In 1851 he bought a house lot near the common, on which in 1852 he built the house in which he lived during his later years. In 1831 and 1832 he was selectman, in 1848 assessor, 1860 in representative to the General Court. For many years he was superintendent of the Sunday school, and also a member of the church choir. In 1835 he was chosen deacon, and held the office until his decease—nearly forty-three years. In 1869 he celebrated his golden wedding, for which Rev. S. F. Smith wrote an original hymn.

Personally he was slightly above the ordinary height, rather slender, of a dark complexion, with

a full black eye, and an ample growth of black hair, which in his later years had changed to clear white. In manner he was open, frank and cordial, and his candor and rectitude of character were clearly apparent to all who came within his influence. He had the confidence of all as a sincere man who had the courage to live up to his convictions. His first experiences in Oxford brought him into contact with a company of jolly young men who frequented the village tavern, almost all of whom were wrecked in the current of inebriety then sweeping over the place, but he foresaw the evil, acted wisely and came off unharmed. When the temperance and anti-slavery questions were agitated, he allied himself with the minority, which stood firmly for the right when it required moral courage and firmness to do so. He had no ambition for public advancement, to act well his part wherever placed was his highest aspiration, and sincerity and thoroughness in every department of life, his inner sense demanded and approved. He was simple in his tastes and turned instinctively from the vulgar and mean, and found his highest temporal enjoyment in home and his domestic life. He was a lover of nature and especially delighted in a good garden, which he cultivated, and he hailed with pleasure the song of the birds which heralded the spring-time he so much appreciated. He was by nature frugal and industrious, constant at his daily labor and rarely indulged in recreation. A catalogue of his pernicious habits would be short. He learned to use tobacco in youth, but in mid-life, of his own volition, as a matter of conscience, abandoned it after a severe struggle. Underlying, controlling and modifying his every act was the inner, hidden life, the main inspiration of which was the first

sentiment of the catechism he had been familiar with from a child: "To glorify God and enjoy him forever." His christian character none doubted, and his position as a member and an officer in the church for many years he dignified by his upright walk and conversation. A good judge of men who knew him intimately applied to him the quotation following:

"Oh good grey head whom all men knew!
That tower of strength
Which stood four-square to all the winds
That blew."

He m, Nov., 1819, Huldah, daughter of Jonathan Harris of Oxford, a true helpmeet, of superior mind, and sterling character. He d. 23 Feb., 1878. She d. 5 Nov., 1890, aged 92. Children: GEORGE F., b. 9 Aug., 1820, at Walpole Shoe manufacturer, deacon, representative to General Court in 1876 and 1877, twenty-eight years chorister, ten years superintendent of Sunday school, Notary Public, thirty-five years Justice of the Peace, author of the History of Oxford, honorary member of Worcester Society of Antiquity; residence in 1897 with his son Frederick J., at Putnam, Conn.

[This volume was made ready for printing a few weeks before the death of the author in April 1897. The sketch he made of himself naturally fails to show some of the qualities he possessed and to do fuller justice to his memory this is added by other hands.

He early developed a great love for music, became skillful upon several instruments, and with good voice sang with fine effect. The rendering of the works of the great masters by skilled artists afforded him great pleasure, and after listening

to Madame Nordica in the last year of his life, he said he should find no higher joy until he joined in the new song hereafter. His love of music was joined with a love of poetry and all good literature. He was an enthusiast in his researches into the past, especially all matters relating to the early history of New England and Worcester County. His rambles in boyhood often brought him to the remains of the abandoned settlement of Oxford by the Huguenots, the old cellars and wells, the church foundation and burying ground adjoining the old fort, and the mill dam. His interest in these resulted in his Monograph, "The Huguenots in the Nipmuck Country," his first attempt at authorship. This work received high praise from men of letters. He also edited and largely compiled "The Genealogy of Samuel Davis of Oxford and Joseph Davis of Dudley," published by Hon. Geo. L. Davis of North Andover, a volume of six hundred pages, containing many interesting sketches of character. His largest work was the "History of Oxford." This volume shows a great amount of labor extending over years, involving patient research for facts, and a wise and intelligent arrangement of them, and is a model town history.

His love of Art amounted to a passion. By his own unaided efforts he brought himself into the company of the best landscape painters of the country, as shown by the selection of one of his works by a committee of artists from a large exhibition in Boston, to make one of the limited number allowed from Massachusetts by the managers of the Centennial at Philadelphia. His close application affected his health so seriously that he reluctantly abandoned this favorite pursuit. His taste and skill in drawing and coloring enabled

him to produce many pieces which will endure as faithful transcripts of New England scenery.

He enjoyed the esteem and confidence of the entire community where most of his years were passed.]

He m. (1) 9 Oct, 1845, Ann E. Whitner of New York city, a very estimable person, whose father was Daniel Whitner, of German descent, and whose mother was Antoinette, dau. of Isaac Jennings, of Norwalk, Conn. She d. 1 Mar. 1863. He m. (2) 7 Sept., 1869, Ellen M. dau. of Dr. C. M. Fay of Charlton. She died 11 May, 1878. Chil. by first m: *Homer B.* d. young; *Mary B.* b. 22 Oct. 1849, residence Putnam, Conn., *Frederick J.*, b. 12 May 1854, coal dealer; m. 26, Oct. 1881, Abbie Laura, dau. of Dr. R. H. Page, of Candia, N. H., and had Anne W. b. 26 July, 1882: Ruth L. b. 2 July, 1884: Mary H. b. 15 Feb. 1891. ALBERT H. b. 15 June, 1823, hardware merchant at Manchester, N. H., in high standing as a citizen, many years a pillar and deacon in Franklin street Congl. church: representative to the General Court: celebrated in 1896 his golden wedding, an occasion of unusual interest. He m. 4 Mar. 1846, Julia M. dau. of Thaddeus Read, of Grafton: they had *Frances M.* b. 16 Aug. 1847: m. 16 Jan. 1872, Henry B. Fairbanks, an active enterprising business man, auctioneer at Manchester, and had Elsie D. b. 26 Oct., 1873, educated at Wellesley. Albert G. b. 3 Feb. 1884, drowned at Massabesic Lake, near Manchester, 13 Aug. 1892; *Lucia H.*, b. 22 Apr. 1849; *Isabel R.*, b. 22 June, 1851. FRANKLIN G., b. 23 Mar. 1828, owned and occupied the Oxford homestead, successful shoe manufacturer, a competent business man, assessor, treasurer of Congl. church; 1897 retired; m. 18 Dec. 1879, Emma F., dau. of

Thomas Appleby of Oxford, and had *Charles F.*, b. 17 Apr. 1884. *CHARLES E.*, b. 14 Feb. 1830, shoe dealer at McGregor, Iowa, eighteen years on the Board of School Directors, sixteen years its President, has been since 1893 Town Clerk, deacon of Congl. church, chorister; has been several years retired from business; he m. 20 Oct. 1862, Elizabeth, dau. of Dr. S. C. Paine, of Oxford, they had *Anne P.*, b. 30 June, 1863, organist and music teacher at McGregor. *Philip C.*, b. 20 Nov. 1865, studied two years at Carleton College, Minn., banker at Azusa, Cal., m. 15 June, 1892, Florence Hubbard of Des Moines, and had Dorothy, b. 9 Aug. 1893; Sarah P., b. 15 Jan., 1895. *Elizabeth H.*, b. 19 Dec., 1868, *Edith P.*, b. 2 Sept. 1876, educated at Carleton College: *MYRA L.*, b. 6 Jan. 1835, d. suddenly 20 Sept. 1892, at Prairie du Chien, Wis. while on a visit to her brother Charles E., at McGregor, Iowa; one of the salt of the earth, highly esteemed and honored by a large circle of acquaintances:

"None knew her but to love her,—
None named her but to praise."

FISHER was the home boy, the most vigorous physically of the seven. He might be in the main portrayed by a single word, worker. With the exception of three years when he was in trade with his brother Darwin J. at Amoskeag, N. H., he spent his whole life upon the homestead. In his youth he was indispensable there, and while yet young assumed the ownership of the home and the care of his parents, his grandmother and some of his younger brothers, and to Charles A., the youngest, especially he was as a father. He

became early interested in educational matters and for four years between 1824 and 1829 was on the board of school committee of the town. For twenty years or more he each winter taught a school in Franklin, or some neighboring town and had a wide reputation as a first-class master. Such was the demand for his services that at one time he had received applications from each of the ten districts of the town to become their teacher, and often he officiated in different districts two terms the same winter.

He was a model of economy and thrift, but by no means penurious, and through his efforts added by purchase from time to time to the homestead until the acreage had increased from forty-five to nearly five hundred and fifty. In his disposition of this, he gave to each of his three sons an ample farm, and the remainder, he in 1871, made over to his son, Lucius W., (in addition to what he had previously given) as a compensation for the support of himself and wife during their lives. Some portions were sold, and there now, 1897, remains in the estate a round two hundred acres. In 1858 he took down the old barn which stood on the west side of the road, and built another on the east side of the house, which was burned by an incendiary fire in 1886. The present barn was built by Lucius W., in 1887.

In 1871 Fisher removed the old house about a third of a mile southerly on Pond street, selling it after fitting it for tenants. The present house was built by Lucius W., in 1871-2, of material chiefly from the farm.

Fisher was in person, of medium stature, hardy and well-knit, with unusual powers of endurance, and so fully devoted to his farm and teaching, that he had little time or energy for other affairs.

He had a strong mind, and kept well up to the times in his reading, was sedate in manner, and as a friend was cordial and responsive, a good conversationalist, with a fund of information on matters in general. He had a reverential regard for religion and its institutions, was by nature devout, and constant at public worship, and for a long series of years acted as usher at the meeting house at the centre, but did not until 1868, at seventy-two years of age, unite with the church.

In 1872, he laid aside his heavy burdens, and somewhat enfeebled, for a short time enjoyed the comforts of the new house, and the ease of an unwonted leisure. Only a few months however were thus allotted to him, as early in 1874 he went to his final rest.

He m. (1) 8 Oct. 1823, Eunice Adams, she d. 14 Oct. 1827, he m. (2) 30 Nov. 1830, Ann Eames of Hopkinton. He d. 10 Mar. 1874, she d. 16 Feb. 1876. Ch. by first m. WALDO, b. 11 Aug. 1827. He was widely known in Norfolk County as a person of uncommon executive ability; early gave attention to educational affairs and became noted as a teacher, excelling as a disciplinarian, was many years on the Board of School Committee, also surveyor, conveyancer, and insurance agent, and long a prominent manager and librarian of the free public library, the reorganization of which on its present basis he was chiefly instrumental in effecting. He held places of public trust, and at his decease was Auditor and Town Clerk. He was a member of the order of the Knights of Honor. He wielded a vigorous pen, and at various times contributed articles of historic interest to the local press, and was the chairman of the committee of arrangements for the celebration of the centenary anniversary of the incorporation of

the town in June, 1878, which was a remarkably successful occasion.

He was highly esteemed for his real worth, and exemplary character. During his last illness which was peculiarly painful and distressing he exhibited rare fortitude and patience.

He m. 15 Oct. 1848, Helen R. Gilmore, b. 18, Dec. 1825, he d. 16 Nov. 1886, they had *Ella G.*, b. 11 Oct. 1849, m. 30 June, 1891, David H. Campbell, reside at Franklin, farmer. *Arville F.*, b. 14 Aug. 1851. In 1896, head inspector in packing room of National Straw Works, Milwaukee, Wis., m. (1) 19 Nov. 1872, Mary L. Boyden, she d. 10 May, 1874, they had Myrtis R. b. 27 May, 1873, resides 1897, at Franklin, he m. (2) 25 Dec. 1877, Sarah J. McCully, they had Mabel Helen, b. 21 Aug 1883, Bessie W., b. 4 Nov. 1886. *Ida M.*, b. 30 June 1855, d. 28 Apr. 1878. *George C.*, b. 30 Nov. 1859, Travelling Passenger Agent for Southern Railroad, office in Boston, m. 23 May, 1885, Eva N. P. Boyden, they had Mildred, b. 20 Mar. 1887. Clifton B., b. 10 Dec. 1889. *Harry W.*, b. 10 Apr. 1872, d. 8 Jan 1877. *Eunice A.*, b. 2 Sept. 1831, d. 23 Feb. 1837. *JOSEPHUS WHEATON*, b. 9 Feb. 1833, successful in straw bonnet business at Philadelphia, residence Palmyra, N. J., m. 31 Dec. 1857, Harriet E. King, of Franklin, ch. *Edwin F.*, b. 20 Feb. 1859, m. 1 Jan. 1885, Anne Wittig, b. 18 May 1863, at Philadelphia, they had Edwin F., b 15 Aug. 1886. *Frank W.*, b. Apr. 1863, d. Feb. 1865. *LUCIUS W.* b. 5 Apr. 1839, succeeded his father on the homestead the fifth generation from David, in possession, of which the present year, 1897, is the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, of good abilities and standing as a citizen, has been a judicious and hospitable conservator of the old home, notwith-

standing adverse circumstances. His most trying experience was in the burning of his out-buildings in Aug. 1886, in which his loss was considerably over two thousand dollars above his insurance, including four horses, thirteen head of cattle, and seventy-five tons of hay.

He m. 3 Sept. 1861, S. Helen Warfield of Franklin; they had *Mary L.*, b. 3 June, 1862, missionary under A. B. C. F. M., at Harpoot, E. Turkey, was an eye-witness of the horrible massacre there, of the Armenians by the Turks, in 1895, and of the burning of the buildings of the Mission in Nov. of that year; but with a few co-workers remains (1897) on the ground, in hopes that the work may be resumed.

Hattie A., b. 9 Oct. 1863; *Ernest D.*, b. 29 July 1865, studied three and a half years at Bridgewater, was graduated at Amherst in 1890, taught two years at Medway, one year at Lancaster, and now 1896, is in his fourth year at Franklin, as principal of the High school, and superintendent of schools; among the leading men of the vicinity in his profession; m. 26 Mar. 1893, Gertrude Goodwin of Dorchester, and had Gertrude H., b. July, d. Oct. 1895, Dorothy, b. 28 Dec. 1896, *Edith N.* b. 28 Aug. 1877.

EUNICE A., b. 1841, d. 1843.

L. ADELAIDE, b. 11 Aug. 1844, m. 8 Jan. 1874. William Schlusemeyer, carpenter, res. W. Dedham; they had *Ernest F.*, b. 30 Apr. 1875. *Sarah J.*, b. 16 Mar. 1877, *Irving C.*, b. 1880, d. 1882.

JULIA was, more than any other of the daughters, in person, disposition and manner, a repro-

duction of the mother. She was of a dark complexion, tall and spare—had good health, vigor of constitution, and fortitude, which fitted her for her position as wife, and mother in a comparatively new country where few modern aids to comfort and ease in living were known. She had in youth limited advantages for education, home duties having been engrossing, and she having been married before reaching the age of twenty years. Settling on a large farm in the sparsely inhabited town of Union, Me., she devoted herself unremittingly to her home duties, and having no daughters, took upon herself almost unaided the burden of domestic affairs, and had little to diversify her life work until she reached nearly her three score years and ten, when she was relieved by younger hands. She was not however, inefficient in other directions, but being loyal to her early associations was an active and devoted member of the church, was socially influential, and held in high regard by the people of the town. She had the tender, sympathetic nature which was characteristic of nearly all the members of the family.

She m. 18 Feb. 1818, Philo Thurston, of Franklin, b. 15 July, 1794, a respected, thrifty, independent farmer, unambitious as to public office. He d. 2 May, 1877. She d. 20 Dec. 1869. Children, PHILO, b. 22 Sept. 1819, machinist and millwright, a substantial citizen of Rockland, thirteen years member of the city government, four of which he was president of the Common Council, ten years a bank director, several years assessor; he m. 11 Jan. 1844, Olive Robbins, of Union; she d. 19 Oct. 1890, at R., they had *Willis E.*, b. Oct. 1849, d. Mar. 1862.

HIRAM A., b. 1821, d. 1824.

ALBERT, b. 19 July, 1824; d. in 1866 ordained deacon in Methodist church and commissioned to preach and to marry: stationed at Washington, Me., and Appleton, Me.—a good man, and an honor to his calling. He d. 20 Jan. 1862: he m. 9 Apr. 1848 Lavina A. Hawes of Union: they had *Charles A.* b. Feb. 1849, d. Dec. 1850: *Irvel*, b. 14 June 1851, casket maker at S. Union: m. 21 Aug. 1871. Clara E. Larrabee: *Julia L.*, b. Jan. 1852, d. Jan. 1865: *Charles A.*, b. 2 Apr. 1854, expressman at Weymouth, Mass., m. 30 Oct. 1875, Adelia Perry: had chil.: *Joseph D.* b. 17 Oct. 1855, partner with his brother Irvel, in the manufacture of caskets, at South Union; m. 3 June, 1880, Jennie A. Kallock: had chil.: *Willey*, b. and d. 1856. NATHANIEL E., b. 12 Nov., 1827, a capable, prosperous farmer at the Union homestead: m. 17 June, 1851, Sarah Hills: they had *Herbert M.*, b. 8 Jan. 1853, expressman at Everett, Mass., m. 25 Dec. 1875, Martha E. Fall: had chil.: *Joseph D.*, b. and d. 1854: *Arthur R.* b. 12 Aug. 1856, d. 18 Jan. 1864: *Flora E.*, b. Apr. 1859, d. Mar., 1861: *Ralph*, b. 5 Jan., 1861, contractor and builder at Everett, Mass., m. 30 June, 1887, Nelly H. Searle: had chil.: *Carl W.*, b. 23 Nov., 1863, farmer at the homestead, grain dealer; m. 21 Dec. 1893, Josephine D. Andrews: had chil.: *George*, b. 2 Aug. 1866 manufacturer and dealer in lumber at N. London, N. H.: m. 10 June, 1892, Clara B. Messer, had chil.: *Julia M.* b. 13 Nov. 1869, book-keeper at Boston: *Philo*, b. 3 Sept., 1871, farmer at Union. JOSEPH D., b. 12 July, 1830: machinist: d. 7 Oct. 1853 at Rockland: HARLOUS W., b. 16 Mar. 1837: contractor and builder at Boston: m. Laura Nickerson: he d. 4 Jan. 1886: DARWIN D., b. 13 Apr. 1843, d. at the homestead, 11 June, 1861.

UNITY MYRA was a person of strong mind, sagacious, energetic and of steadfast purpose, firmly grounded in the principles so ably championed by her beloved minister: an active christian, and as a friend, warm-hearted, unaffected and true. In person she was slightly above ordinary size, of healthy physique, and in address pleasing and attractive. In girlhood she filled a large place as a trusty helper to her mother in the multitudinous cares of the family, and early in life became a successful teacher, beginning Sept. 1823, at Oxford and continuing at Franklin and Northbridge among other localities, and in 1829 engaging at Middletown, R. I., where she remained over three years. For several years before her marriage, which occurred at mid-life, she was engaged in philanthropic labors among the wayward in Boston.

She was an intimate friend of, and warm sympathizer with Harriet Ware: had a large and compassionate heart, and was greatly beloved in the circle in which she moved. She very ably seconded the labors of her husband, and her later years were fruitful in the ordinary duties devolving upon a New England pastor's wife.

She m. 14 Nov., 1844, at Boston, Rev. James R. Cushing. She d. 3 June 1880: he d. 11 June 1881, both at Haverhill. He was born 1800, at Salisbury, N. H., studied at Bangor, was pastor at Boxboro, and later at E. Haverhill until 1844, which year he was for a short time city missionary at Boston, where he met Miss Daniels. Six days after their marriage he was installed as pastor at Wells, Me., where he labored with a good degree of efficiency until the spring of 1854, when he went as stated supply to E. Taunton. He remained there seven years, doing a good

work, a house of worship having been built through his instrumentality. He went thence Dec. 1861, to N. Rochester, and after six years removed to Cotuitport, continuing three years, and in 1870, removed to Marston's mills. Later he preached for a time at Waquoit, (was there in 1875) whence he soon removed in precarious health to Haverhill. He thereafter had no pastoral charge, but preached occasionally. He was a man of more than average ability, and devoted to his profession, but in his later years was seriously handicapped by ill health.

Lines by Unity Myra Cushing.

As one evening we sat in our snug domicil,
And at times we were chatting, at others were still,
Ding, ding, went the bell and a friend was announced

Who modestly thus his message pronounced:

"A turkey for Christmas, of quality rare,
From your friend, Mr. Caswell, selected with care;"

He knows the best turkies and such always sends
To show how he values and honors his friends.

Now if turkies could talk I am sure this would say

"I think I have not mistaken my way:"
For the minister's larder is terribly low,
And his pocket book empty or very near so.

His wife would be generous if 't could be afforded,
But alas! all is gone which in youth she had hoarded;

These minister's wives! O ye neighbors have pity—
Are as poor as church mice are in village or city.

We thank you dear sir, and we thank your dear wife.

May you still bless your friends all the days of your life.

We wish you a Christmas more merry than ever.

And joys that are promised the bountiful giver.

ALBERT E. and Fisher were the only sons of the seven to become active citizens of their native town. As was the case with all the older children, Albert had only the educational advantages of the common school. He went in young manhood, as clerk into the store of Davis Thayer and Hermon C. Fisher at the centre, remaining for four or five years, the latter part of the time having an interest in the concern as partner, straw braid and bonnets, (then a new industry in New England,) being an important part of the business. On leaving this situation he engaged in trade at the stand previously of Jarvis Hill, and alone continued for two or three years, next removing to the store which had been occupied by Horace and Fisher Thayer, where with Archibald Witt as partner he remained some two or three years, when he gave up traffic and began straw manufacturing, which was thereafter his life business. He soon took in as partner Ward Adams, with whom he continued some two or three years. His next partner was Rufus Bassett who was with him longer, perhaps five or six years. He afterward joined a firm consisting of Mr. Day, (a pioneer in the trade in New York) Asa Norcross and Albert E. Daniels, manufacturing at Franklin and selling in New York. This concern flourished for a time, but in a year or two met with reverses which resulted in the closing up of its af-

fairs. He then began alone at Franklin, Henry M. Greene coming in after a time as partner, continuing perhaps five or six years, when he sold out to Greene, and building a new factory on the corner, nearly opposite his dwelling, later burned, he went on for a time alone. His son Joseph H. was his next associate. They carried on the business some ten or more years, Joseph selling the goods in New York. After the expiration of this partnership his operations were limited chiefly to the making of ornamental millinery from straw. His health having become precarious he retired from active business some fifteen years prior to his decease.

In the fall of 1848 he bought the commodious and beautifully located residence formerly Rev. E. Smalley's near the common, now occupied as a hotel, where he dwelt until his death, Alpine street, one of the finest in Franklin, was a part of his estate, and was laid out and opened mainly through his influence.

He was a popular citizen, and esteemed as a sincere, honorable man, and was somewhat in public life. In 1832 at thirty years of age, and for several subsequent years, he was captain of a military company, in 1832 and 1835, member of the school committee, in 1841 and 1842, selectman, in 1841, representative to the General Court, and for many years Justice of the Peace. He was for a long time one of the leading, influential business men of the town, and was on the whole prosperous financially, although he encountered strong competition, and met with severe reverses from business failures.

In person he was tall and slender, with prominent features, an engaging address, lively and cheerful manner, and abounded in dry wit and

pleasantry which rendered him a very agreeable companion. He had a remarkably warm-hearted, generous nature, and a ready ear for any who came to him for sympathy or advice, and was, during his adult life, a willing supporter of religious interests, but did not until his later years, 1868, become a member of the church. His health was never robust, and for many months of his last years he was confined to his house by a painful disorder, in all of which he maintained the patient, buoyant spirit which was characteristic of him. His decease was lamented by a large circle of friends as a public loss. He was the last survivor of the seven brothers.

He m. 29 Dec. 1825, Olive G. Hills of Franklin. He d. 21 Sept. 1887, she d. 18 Jan. 1877: chil. JOSEPH H., b. 22 Apr. 1827: many years in straw goods trade in New York, later livery stable keeper at Franklin, removed 1896 to Wrentham: m. (1) intentions recorded 28 Sept. 1849, S. Samantha Scott, who d. 2 June 1870: they had *Albert B.*, b. Nov. 1852, m. 22 June, 1887, Mary E. Conkey, residence 1896, Chicago: clerk in railroad office: m. (2) 10 July 1871, Coraline Morrison of Wrentham, well known in literary circles as a poetess under the name "Cora Linn Daniels" has published two volumes of prose.

SYMPATHY.

BY CORA LINN DANIELS.

I toiled so hard the live-long day,
And yet so little seemed to do;
I was so weary by the way,
And longed for something sweet and new;
Tired of the same old round of care,
I had no heart for praise or prayer.

I longed to wander in the woods,
To leave the dusty, smoky town :
To frankly show my changeful moods,
And not forever press them down ;
My body and my nature free,
One little hour of respite see.

Soon to my lonely room I came,
Where spent were many weary hours,
And every object seemed the same,
Except a knot of fresh-cut flowers
Upon the window sill: their bloom
Filled with sweet fragrance all the room.

The legend on the little fold
Of paper, fastened to a rose,
I would not part with now for gold.
It simply said, "From one who knows."
The quick tears sprang into my eyes,
So deeply sweet was my surprise.

I knew not then from whence they came,
But all my soul grew strong and brave ;
I asked not then to know the name,—
I only felt the joy they gave ;
For in this token I could see
Some tender heart had cared for me.

O faithful souls ! If you would fain
Do some sweet deed, divinely fair,
Give sympathy to human pain,
And kindly show you see and care.
Lives shall to such dear service given,
In flower-like perfume rise to heaven.

ELLEN M., b. 7 July, 1829, m. 16 Apr., 1855,
Geo. F. Brown of Medway. She d. 29 June, 1875:
they had *Jeannie A.*, b. 25 Jan. 1856, m. 22 Sept.

1881, Samuel P. Abbott, lawyer in Boston, residence Watertown: they had Gladys, b. 19 Aug. 1882: Bancroft, b. 18 Sept. 1886: Phillips, b. 13 Aug. 1893. JANE A. b. 18 Apr. 1833, d. 27 May, 1852. MARY L., and MARTHA E., b. 6 Apr. 1836. Mary L. m. 29 Dec. 1870, Nathaniel T. Hubbard, straw manufacturer at Franklin; successful financially, and much respected. He d. 20 Jan. 1880. She resides, 1896, at Wellesley: they had *Ethel D.*, b. 22 Jan. 1876: educated at Wellesley college. Martha E., m. 22 Oct. 1857, Edwin H. King of Franklin, removed to Albany, N. Y., straw bonnet business: she d. 12 Mar. 1875: they had *Nellie F.*, b. 29 May, 1859: m. 13 June, 1882, Charles Croissant: hardware dealer at Albany: they had Charles, b. 8 Apr. 1883: Martha E., b. 22 Oct. 1885: Martin, b. 16 Nov. 1887, Mary A., b. 13 Sept. 1889. Mary A., b. 27 May, 1862, m. 29 Sept. 1878, William Von Borche: market man at Jersey City, N. J. ADA, b. 17 Dec. 1843: resides, 1897, at Wellesley with her sister, Mary L.

CAROLINE M., was of a sunny and vivacious disposition, attractive manner and domestic tastes. She was for several years house-keeper for her brother, Fisher, at the homestead, prior to his marriage, and in her later years was unremittingly devoted to her own family and household matters. She was slender in person, but of good constitution, yet the cares and responsibilities of life bore so heavily upon her that her health failed and she died at fifty years of age.

She m. 21 Sept. 1828, Fisher A. Kingsbury of Franklin, where they settled on a farm. He d. Oct. 1875, at Wrentham. She d. 31 Dec. 1854 at Franklin. Chil. GEORGE, d. young. SUSAN F.,

b. 8 Apr. 1831, m. 3 July 1858, William J. Walker of Franklin, straw bonnet worker: removed to Fishkill, N. Y. They had *Carrie M.*, b. 1853, d. 1857: *Charles E.*, b. 9 Sept. 1858, m. 9 June, 1892, R. Louise Doane of Fishkill. GEORGE D., b. 4 May, 1834, resides South: MARIA H., b. 11 Feb. 1836, m. 23 Sept. 1858, Chas. Wilson: EMERY T., b. 2 Oct. 1839, m. 25 Mar. 1874, Louise Reed of Southbridge, Mass., nine years in the employ of the N. Y. & N. E. railroad, removed West: and for twenty-one years was a highly valued employe (as fast freight conductor) on the Michigan Central road: 1897, retired, residing at Saginaw, Mich.: they had *Roy R.*, b. 1876, d. 1878. *Bernice L.*, b. 16 May, 1879: *Flora Aileen*, b. 26 Apr. 1886. MARTHA B., b. 12 July, 1842, resides at Franklin: FLORA A., b. 13 May, 1845, m. 24 Nov. 1865, Edwin Trowbridge, of Norfolk. He d. 2 Apr. 1896, an enterprising and successful manufacturer of piano fortes at Franklin, talented musician, organist and teacher of music, dealer in musical merchandise: highly esteemed.

WILLIS GEORGE, was a young man of much promise with fine natural endowments and literary tastes. He united with the church in 1825, was fitted for college and entered at Amherst in 1828, with a view to the ministry. He engaged in teaching in the winter season, to defray his college expenses, and from exposure to cold contracted disease and was obliged to relinquish his studies the second year: returned to the homestead and there died of consumption, 15 Jan. 1830. He wrote :

“Fit emblem of man is the twilight of day,
Which glimmers awhile, then passes away;

Like sun-setting beauties the race is soon o'er,
And his frail fleeting bark hails eternity's
shore.

SUSAN was of a quiet, retiring manner, and a genial kindly disposition, much beloved. She m. 1829, Albert Cleveland. He went in 1849 to California, and d. there, date unknown. She d. 6 Feb. 1834, at Franklin. They had WALTER F., b. 1830. He was brought up in the family of Timothy Fisher, went in young manhood to Woonsocket, learning the carpenter's trade. After a time he removed to New Bedford where he carried on business and was burned out, losing heavily. He next removed to Brockton where he has since resided. He there was in ice business and later in wood trade—has been successful financially, stands well as a citizen, and has been on the board of commissioners and superintendent of the water works, resigning in 1893, and is now, 1897, superintendent of sewers.

He m. 1851, Marietta Whipple. They had Susan L., b. 1852, d. 1854; Albert A., b. 1854, m. 1883, Eva F. Cook; Frances R., b. 1856, m. 1879, Charles A. Braley; Lillian G., b. 1858, d. 1863; Harry W., b. 1860, m. 1886, Helen Rawson; Carrie A., b. 1862.

HIRAM A. spent his boyhood on the farm, and went in young manhood to Medway, into the family and employ of Dr. Oliver Dean, a shrewd business man then agent of the Medway cotton manufacturing company, and in time learned book-keeping and the details of the cotton business. In 1826, he accompanied Dr. Dean to Amoskeag, N. H., where he was accountant and assistant supervisor with Dean, (who left in 1834) and suc-

ceeded him as agent, continuing until the latter part of 1838 or early in 1839, when he was chosen manager of the mill at Hooksett and removed thither. Early in 1842 he returned to Amoskeag where he was employed in the country store of his brother, Darwin J. In the spring of 1844 he removed to Milford, N. H., taking in time the agency and treasurership of the old "yellow mill" and also that of a mill in Wilton and the Pine Valley carpet mill. A business enterprise of his originating was the formation of a company for the manufacture of lumber in western New York of which he was treasurer and chief manager. A tract of woodland was purchased at West Salamanca, men and machinery sent on, and for a time a promising business in hard wood lumber was carried on, the products being marketed mainly in the eastern cities. But the operations of the concern were of short duration. Through the inefficiency and mismanagement of employees heavy losses were incurred from the unsatisfactory quality of the materials turned out, the embarrassment of the finances resulted, the outcome of which was the final winding up of the affairs of the company.

In 1852 he was representative to the General Court, and was instrumental in procuring the charter of the Souhegan Bank, Milford, of which in Sept. 1855, he was elected cashier. This position he held until Apr. 1861, when he was made president, and his brother Charles cashier. The latter, however, did not enter fully upon his official duties until about three years later. In Oct. 1864, Hiram removed to Boston that he might better serve the interests of his mills. In Jan. 1872, he resigned his office as president of the Bank and in October following removed to Phila-

delphia. There he was canvassing agent for the sale of church furniture and bells, and later accountant for an excavating company for two or three years, until his removal in 1878 to West Salamanca, N. Y., where he had a contract with a Philadelphia house to furnish, in blocks, material for shoe lasts in which he was unfortunate, his contractor having failed in business. His health became impaired after a year or two, and 1881, brought his decease.

In person he was short in stature, and of a dark complexion; was prompt and systematic in his affairs, of a sanguine temperament, and untiring industry, plain and unostentatious in dress and manner, a sensitive organization, and an amiable disposition. He was popular at Milford, public spirited, active in town matters, selectman, chairman (1862) an officer and leader in the young men's lyceum, and aided personally in planting the shade trees which now adorn the common. He had a kindly regard for the interests of his employees and made personal sacrifices on their account, and in his transactions with them was considerate and generous. In religious belief he was a firm adherent of his old friend Dr. Dean, (who was a prominent Universalist) and was one of the charter members of the Manchester Universalist church formed at Amoskeag in 1833. At Boston he was an associate in Dr. Miner's church and a member of his Bible class, and in the Doctor's absence took his place as leader. On his leaving Boston the class made him a present of a valuable set of books as a token of regard.

His love for the old Franklin associations and rural pursuits is evident from the fact that about 1842 he bought the farm adjoining the homestead on the south, which he held for several years,

hoping probably that at some future day he might make a permanent home there, but which at length he sold.

He possessed literary taste and in his young manhood seems to have indulged considerably in metrical composition, quite a collection of which remains among his papers, exhibiting considerable skill in versification, and occasionally approaching the plane of genuine poetry.

He m. (1) 1831, Syrena Emerson of Chester, N. H. She d. 28 Dec. 1844, a 30. He m. (2) 19 Nov. 1845, Susan E. Lovejoy of Milford, d. 8 Dec. 1857. He d. 9 Feb. 1881 at West Salamanca, N. Y.: Chil. by first m. HARRIET D. b. 8 Aug. 1832, m. 19 Mar. 1857 Andrew J. Hutchinson of Milford: he d. 5 Jan 1864 a 36: they had *Andrew J.*, b. 30 Apr. 1859 dry goods dealer at Milford, active member of the Congregational church: much esteemed: he m. 18 June 1881, Effie E. Marvell of Milford, and had Ina E., b. 25 Feb. 1884: Harriet R., b. 23 Oct. 1889. BENJAMIN F., b. 1835, d. 1843. Chil. by second m. ELLEN S., b. 23 Oct. 1848, resides 1896 with her mother at Salem, Mass.

Lines by Hiram A. Daniels :

Our Betsey has got her a Beau.

Alack and alas what things come to pass !

Our Betsey has got her a beau ;

Though the stranger may happen many a day

Nothing better *will* happen I trow :

I am glad it is thus, there's been such a fuss,

While all but herself had a beau ;

I now hope she's content and will never repent,

A circumstance so apropos ;

For I should suppose, though nobody knows,

That it might by and by be too late ;

Though many engage, regardless of age,
Ah ! many, to get an estate.

In short, I am glad that a man can be had
To improve and manage her farm ;
Her money to keep, her cows and her sheep,
As well as herself, from all harm ;

For I'm sure it is double the toil and the trouble
For *one* to manage the pelf,
And not have another, some sister or brother,
Or even a husband himself.

A Fragment.

[Illustrating his descriptive talent.]

The sun as brightly shone as at its birth,
When his clear rays first met the smiling earth;
The valleys echoed with the sounds of love
From pheasant, red-breast and the turtle dove ;
The waters tranquil lay, save when a breeze
Loaded with fragrance from the blooming trees
Ruffled its bosom, or some sporting fry
Skimmed o'er the surface for a luckless fly :

On such a day, to shun the scorching heat,
I sought the murm'ring flood—a cool retreat.
And as I sat and listless gazed around,
There came withal the most enchanting sound
Soft floating past—now gentle, plaintive, clear ;
Falling like distant echo on the ear,
Anon like torrents leaping o'er their bound
It swelled and soared and seemed to spurn the
ground,
Until, as if fatigued, it died away,
And left me but the moaning brooklet's play.

MARTHA C., in girlhood, went to live with Aaron Fisher, in Franklin, remaining several years, attending the district school each season. In 1832, at nineteen years of age, she went to Middletown, R. I., where her sister Myra was a teacher, taking a school near her, for one summer. In 1833 and 1834 she taught at Amoskeag. One of her pupils at the latter place recently wrote, "she was a lovely teacher, a perfect lady; I remember her as I remember no other." In 1835 she removed to Boston, taking charge of the school of the Children's Friend Society in Prince street, where she continued about two years, and afterward, in 1837, conducted a school in another part of the city, until 1838, in Sept. of which year she was married.

She was a person of rare qualities, of good mind, refined, amiable, delicate in her tastes and genteel in manner; in person slightly under medium size, with fine features, a clear complexion, a winning address, and in every respect graceful and attractive. Mr. Mason, her husband, was an affable, gentlemanly person, a skillful wood-carver, and executed some very artistic and remunerative work in the line of figure-heads for vessels. The culture and urbanity of city life had many attractions for her. She was mistress of a tastily furnished home in a pleasant part of the city, in which were her two bright and promising children; moved in good society, and with her husband enjoyed the cordial, helpful fellowship of the Mount Vernon church (Rev. E. N. Kirk, pastor), of which they were members. But these conditions were destined to be of short duration. At thirty-two years of age she sank under disease—the light of a beautiful earthly life was quenched, and a pure and gentle spirit was transferred to the city of golden

streets. Her remains with those of her husband and sons, lie in Mount Auburn cemetery.

She m. 25 Sept., 1838, John W. Mason of Boston. He d. 21 May, 1866; she d. 3 June, 1845. They had JOHN H., b. 1839, d. 1840; JULIUS P., b. 17 Mar., 1842; entered in young manhood a broker's office in Boston, operated in stocks for himself and accumulated a moderate fortune, which he later lost in speculations; removed to New York, operating in the same line with little success, returned to Boston and soon after died suddenly at the Parker House, 21 Apr., 1874. SAMUEL WARREN, b. 1843, d. 1847.

DARWIN J. was from childhood delicate in health and in his younger years suffered much from a rheumatic trouble. But he had a superior intellect, and later made up by tact what he lacked in physical vigor. He went in young manhood to Oxford with the intention of learning a mechanical trade with his brother, Seth, but finding his strength unequal to its requirements, returned after a few months to the homestead, where he employed himself in the lighter duties of the farm, in the meantime giving himself to study, attending in the fall of 1832 a select school at Medway. In 1833, at eighteen years of age, he went to Amoskeag, where he taught for two years in succession a winter school. He, about this time, also taught one season at Chelmsford, Mass. Soon after his majority he began business at Amoskeag, trading in company with one Jones, in a brick building now standing (1897) and occupied as the post office. His next venture was in the large corporation store at Amoskeag, where, with partners (his brother Fisher, for about three years, and John Allison), he transacted a flourishing and

profitable trade, having received the appointment of postmaster, until the beginning of 1847, when he removed to Franklin, N. H., where he, with three associates, having hired a mill, began the manufacture of cotton denims. [Rev. M. Blake, at a meeting of the Daniels Fraternity, referring to this fact, gave as a toast: "Blue denims vs. blue Devils--when one goes up the other goes down."'] He was also agent and treasurer of the Franklin Hosiery Company. His expectations here, however, were not fully realized, and in 1854 he returned to Manchester, engaging in hardware trade, and until his decease was at the head of the leading establishment of the kind in the city. He was also a large stockholder in the Manchester Machine company, later Hunter and Daniels (to whose plant an iron foundry was attached), a leading article of their manufacture being scales in a great variety.

In 1859 and 1860 he represented the city in the State legislature. For five years at least and at his decease he was the treasurer of the Manchester and Lawrence Railroad company. In the fall of 1864 he was elected mayor of the city. This office he filled ably until the following summer, when his health gave way under the pressure of his responsibilities and soon after his life work terminated.

A leading local paper noticing his decease said "he was held in universal respect and esteem both as a business man and a public officer. He found and made friends everywhere. With feeble health he acted with assiduity and exactness and a liberal and kind spirit till late in June, when he was obliged to absent himself, and a few weeks later to try the effects of the sea air. But his time had come."

He died of chronic heart disease. His funeral was very largely attended at the Universalist church, Mr. Bowles, his pastor, officiating. In his sermon he said "All speak well of him and of his wisdom and goodness. As teacher, merchant, manufacturer, or mayor, he brought rare ability and fidelity. He was of fine texture, sensitive, modest and almost timid lest he should say or do some wrong." In a report of his funeral the day afterward appeared the following: "The people of Manchester have quietly demonstrated the love and respect they bore him by the general observance of yesterday afternoon as a day of public sorrow and mourning." The city council passed the following: "Resolved, That during the period of our association with the deceased as members of the city council his soundness of judgment, his inflexible integrity, his anxiety to promote the welfare of the city, his respect for the opinions of others, his unaffected modesty and his gentleness and amiability of disposition have won our admiration and respect, our affection and tender regard."

Personally he was tall and slender, with a gentlemanly bearing, a kindly and pleasing address and a quiet and unobtrusive manner. In religious belief he was a Universalist and a generous supporter of religious institutions.

He m. 6 May, 1838, Eliza A. Forsaith of Goffstown; he d. 15 Aug., 1865; they had CHARES II. b. 4 April, 1840, d. 7 Nov. 1860; FLORA A., b. 3 April, 1843, m. 20 May, 1862, Geo. B. Chandler, a leading banker of Manchester; she died 31 May, 1868; they had *Flora A.*, b. and d. 1868. MARTHA M., b. Sept., 1845, d. July 1846; FRANK W. b. 7 Oct., 1848; merchant at Boston, of the firm Cumner, Jones & Co.; tailors' trimmings, etc.

Resides, 1897, with his mother at Winchester, Mass. (Died 8. Dec., 1897).

HARRIET L., the youngest daughter, remained in the home only until about her eighth year, when she went into the family of Philander Ware, of Franklin, remaining until she was seventeen or eighteen years of age. She was a kind and faithful girl of excellent mind, and a pupil in the King Street district school, where, as her cousin, Hon. M. M. Fisher, her teacher, recently wrote: "She was the best scholar in the school." In person she was a little under the average height, of good physical constitution, social and genial in manner, and of affectionate disposition. After marriage she was assistant to her husband in the then flourishing Franklin Academy, and later at Mansfield and Taunton, was a wise, capable and ready helper in his parish work, and by her kindly sympathetic nature attached herself strongly to her numerous acquaintances. Since her husband's decease she has continued to reside with her daughter, Mrs. McDougall, and later her grand-daughter, Mrs. Peck, at the Harrison street home, in Taunton, purchased soon after his settlement, by her husband. She is (1897) the sole survivor of the thirteen.

She m. 21 Feb., 1837, Rev. Mortimer Blake, D. D. He was b. 10 June, 1813, at Pittston, Me. The family returned, when he was four years of age, to Franklin, where they had formerly resided. He studied at Wrentham and Medway academies, and with Elam Smalley, D. D., then the minister at Franklin; was graduated 1835, at Amherst, whence he received, in 1868, the degree of D. D.; opened an academy and taught three years at Franklin then accepted the principalship of Hopkins, Aca-

demy at Hadley, and after one year resigned to take up his life profession. He was ordained 4 Dec., 1839, at Mansfield, and left Nov., 1855, to accept the pastorate at Winslow Church, Taunton, where he continued with uninterrupted prosperity to his decease.

He was a man of remarkable mind and rare accomplishments, whose knowledge covered a field of large extent, had a retentive memory, and being observant in an uncommon degree, became a kind of living cyclopedia. He was domestic in his tastes, simple and unassuming in manner, with a gentle quiet flow of wit and humor which rendered him socially very engaging. In the pulpit he aimed at no display, was not remarkable as an orator, but in his short discourses there were depth and originality of thought, and point, clearness and beauty of diction which held closely the attention of his hearers to the last word. He was responsive to every call of needy humanity, and by his sympathy and apt and judicious helpfulness as a pastor, greatly endeared himself to his people. He possessed much practical ability, and was for several years the chief director of the business affairs of Wheaton Seminary at Norton. He was for sixteen years, to his decease, on the Board of Managers, and for the last three years General Secretary of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, at Boston, a most faithful and valued officer.

In a minute prepared by a committee of the Society on his death, they say: "Scholarly in his tastes, a lover of good books, well read in general literature, of deep and positive religious convictions, learned in theology, thoroughly evangelica and biblical in his faith, he was eminently fitted for the difficult and often tedious labor of making

a wise selection of manuscripts for publication. At the same time his kindliness of spirit and gentleness of manner, his remarkable evenness of temper and considerateness in speech, his Christian charity and unfailing courtesy, all maintained and intensified by his unpretentious, but deep piety, secured for himself the admiration and warm affection of his brethren." In ecclesiastical matters throughout Bristol county his opinions and advice were often sought, and held in the highest regard.

Several volumes, under various titles, have been published, made up of selections from his discourses. He was at home on historical topics, and was the author of a history of Mendon Association, and also of the town of Franklin. His first published work, "Gethsemane and Calvary," has passed through many editions. He gave the address at the dedication of a monument to Dr. Emons, and also that at the centenary celebration of the incorporation of the town of Franklin.

He d. 22 Dec., 1884, at Taunton. Chil., *EVELYN L., b. 21 Mar. 1839, at Hadley; m. 26 Nov. 1857,

*Evelyn Laura (Blake) Morse was born in Hadley, Mass., March 21, 1839 and died at Taunton, August 16, 1897, leaving a husband and two daughters, Mabel Harriet (Morse) Peck and Idella Evelyn (Morse) Taylor.

She attended Pierce Academy, Middleborough, Mass., and on November 26, 1857, was married to Bradford Fisher Morse, of Franklin, Mass.

Mrs. Morse was a home woman, filled with love and good works for others. Little children were her special care, and for many years she led the infant departments of the Winslow Church Sabbath School in Taunton. Her musical gifts and literary ability were marked. "Nests of Stories," a book for children, written by her; "Children's Sermons," and "Soundings," edited by her, pub-

Bradford F. Morse, of Franklin; have resided many years at Taunton; manufacturer and dealer in millinery goods. They had *Mabel H.*, b. 7 Apr. 1860, at Franklin; m. 1 Sept., 1883, Frank O. Peck, of Taunton, carriage maker and dealer. *Idella E.*, b. 14 Feb., 1863, at Taunton; m. 11 June, 1884. Thomas J. Taylor, private clerk and book-keeper in Boston, residence Taunton; has antiquarian tastes, collector and dealer in rare books. They had Barbara E., b. 12 Apr., 1885; Lucien B., born 20 Dec., 1893. PERCY M., b. 2 Apr., 1850, at Mansfield; educated in the public schools at Taunton, graduating 1869 at the High School; began 1870 the study of civil engineering with Cushing and Farnham, Providence; went thence, in 1871, into the employ of the U. S. Government as assistant engineer on river and harbor improvements, continuing until Oct., 1874; in 1875 opened an engineering office at Taunton, in 1877 removing the same to Boston, where he began an independent practice with water supply, sewerage and hydraulic engineering as specialties. During 1880 he studied municipal finance while acting as receiving teller in the city treasurer's office at Providence. In 1881 became continuously engaged in the construction of water-works, and from 1877 to 1896, inclusive, constructed from personal designs twenty-two several systems in New England, including those at Dedham, Wakefield, North Attleboro, Milton, Turner's Falls, Manchester-by-the-sea, Mansfield, Middleboro, North East-

lished by the Congregational Publishing Society, have had wide circulation. Her love and sympathy for neglected children and dumb animals elected her again and again as Secretary of the Taunton Humane Society. Hers was the life of an unselfish, consecrated christian.

ton, in Massachusetts; and Dover, N. H., Rockland, Me., and New Britain, Conn. In 1882 he removed to Hyde Park, his present residence, where he is now, 1897, designing and constructing engineer of a sewerage system to cost \$250,000. In late years he has acted as expert for commissions and in law cases, and as consulting engineer for numerous cities and towns; at present, 1897, including Newburyport, Gloucester, and Manchester, Mass., and the Water companies at Dedham and Milton. He m. 22 Oct. 1873, Phebe E. Sheffield, dau. of Edmund and Lucy A. Sheffield, of Lyme, Conn. Child., *Edmund M.*, b. 13 Aug., 1874; in 1897 a senior at Amherst College, among the leaders in his class, with rare musical talent, a composer, his works having been published and quite extensively sold. *Lucy I.*, b. 29 Nov. 1875, in 1897 a senior in Bradford Academy, proficient in music. *Philip W.*, b. 29 May, 1877, in 1897 a senior in Hyde Park High School, where he is a leader in athletics. *Isabel S.* and *Percy M.*, b. 29 Sept., 1887. *Percy M.* d. 18, Mar. 1889.

LUCIEN I. b. 12 Sept., 1853, at Mansfield, prepared for college at Taunton High School; graduated in 1877, at Amherst. In addition to excellent scholarship he signalized his college course, first, by taking a plaster cast of Dighton Rock, 14 by 4 feet—now in the college museum—a difficult task; and next, by the purchase and planning of the first athletic ground of the college, now known as Blake Field, with funds solicited personally by him from friends of the college. On his graduation he became principal of the Franklin High School, continuing in 1878-9. In 1880 he went to Berlin where he studied under Helmholtz and Kirchhoff, was awarded the John Tyndall Fellowship for two years, and received, 1883, the degree

of Ph. D. from the Royal University of Berlin. While pursuing his studies he made a discovery which was commended by Helmholtz, and which has been taken up by Prof. Thomson of Cambridge, Eng., as a matter of importance in the modern theory of electricity. Returning to America, he accepted the position of assistant in Mathematics at Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, remaining for one year, and in 1884 was elected to the chair of Physics and Electrical Engineering at Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Ind., where he continued three years. Here he began experiments in Wabash River on a submarine system of fog signalling, to prevent collisions at sea, and to warn vessels approaching land in a fog, on which a patent was granted. By permission of Secretary of Navy experiments were made at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H., on U. S. vessels, and are not yet, 1896, completed. In 1887 he was called to the Professorship of Physics and Electrical Engineering at the State University, Lawrence, Kansas.

In 1892 the State Legislature appropriated fifty thousand dollars for a Physical and Electrical Laboratory, which was planned by him and built under his supervision, and is considered the most complete Electrical laboratory west of the Alleghanies. In 1894 he was granted ten months' leave of absence to apply and test his method of telephoning between light-ships and shore. The Scotland Light-ship off Sandy Hook, N. Y., was equipped personally by him under authority of the U. S. Light House Board, and the test plant has now continued in successful operation for six months, and, it is believed, will be permanently adopted. The German government has signified its intention to test the method. Patents have

been granted in the United States and foreign countries. He has lectured extensively in the larger cities of Missouri and Kansas, and has published scientific articles on a great variety of topics, in scientific journals, both in Europe and this country, and is widely known as a learned and popular member of the Faculty of that thriving institution of a thousand students.

*HARRIET D., b. 11 Nov., 1855, at Mansfield; m. 16 Dec., 1886, Rev. D. Macdougall, B. D., b. 4 Aug., 1854, at Horisary, Inverness, Scotland. Graduated at Harley college, London, in 1879, came to America in 1880, and entered Princeton Divinity school in Sept. Licensed to preach by

*Harriet Daniels (Blake) Macdougall was born Nov. 11, 1855, at Mansfield, Mass., and died Nov. 21, 1897, at Taunton, Mass. She was graduated at Wheaton Female Seminary, Norton, Mass., in 1878. In 1886 she was married to Rev. Donald Macdougall, of Horisary, Hebrides Isles, Scotland, who was then pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Taunton, and from 1893-5 pastor of the First Presbyterian church in New Bedford. The following two years were spent in travel in Great Britain, in Australia, and in New Zealand. She returned in June, 1897, to visit with her mother her childhood home, where she died the following November. She left one child, Esther Blake, born in Taunton, June 16, 1887.

Mrs. Macdougall was a lovable and loving christian woman, ever assisting her husband in his church work, particularly capable in teaching little children in the Sabbath school, and ever doing works of charity and sympathy. She possessed special gifts in painting and literary work, and several articles of hers describing her travels and observations have appeared in religious and other papers; the most noteworthy are those on Colombia, India; the Maoris of New Zealand, and the Parliament sittings in New Zealand, which have been printed in "The Presbyterian."

the Presbytery of New Brunswick, N. J., May, 1881. Entered Yale in the Fall and graduated in May, 1882. Preached for a few months at Moors and Beckmantown, then took charge of the church at Black Brook, N. Y., where a revival took place which resulted in a great blessing to the church. Mr. Macdougall was ordained by the Presbytery of Champlain, 3 Feb., 1883. In 1884 he took a post graduate course in Union Theol. Seminary, New York city. In Mar. he began work at organizing Presbyterian churches in New England cities, having gathered twenty-seven members at Portland, Me., and one of sixty-six at Fall River, Mass. In July 1885 he began work at Taunton, where he laid the foundation for a church, after the most strenuous efforts on his part he succeeded in erecting a fine stone church building at a cost of twenty-eight thousand dollars, in which was placed a memorial window to Rev. Dr. M. Blake.

This enterprise he sustained through many trying vicissitudes for seven years, in the meantime giving efficient aid in mission work at large in the city, and the building stands today as a monument to his indefatigable labor. In 1894 he removed to New Bedford, Mass., taking charge of the Presbyterian church already organized some seven years ago through his efforts, which became under his guidance a power for good in that city. He remained there nearly two years, when, because of an overtaxed constitution, he took his wife and daughter for a visit to his relatives in Scotland, and to his two brothers, successful business men in New Zealand. He is now, Jan., 1897, doing evangelistic work in various towns in the island, which has been greatly blessed, while extending his visit, but will probably return at an

early date to the United States. They had Esther B. b. 16 June, 1890, at Taunton.

CHARLES A. spent his boyhood at the homestead, and at about sixteen or seventeen years of age began study with Mr. Blake at Franklin Academy with the hope of obtaining a collegiate education, but instead went, in the latter part of 1838, to Amoskeag, N. H., into the store of his brother, Darwin J., where he continued until the following July, when he went to Hooksett into the counting room of the manufacturing company of which his brother, Hiram A., was the agent. He remained there (having been married at twenty-one years of age) under Hiram A. and his successor, until 1855, when he removed to Milford, N. H., and was there accountant and assistant to Hiram A. at the Souhegan bank, and the mills for which he was agent. In the early part of 1858 he removed to Manchester, where he was book-keeper in the flourishing hardware establishment of which his brother, Darwin J., was the head, for about one year. Early in 1859 he went to Philadelphia, where he opened an agency for the sale of scales made by a concern in Manchester in which Darwin J. was a partner. For some reason, perhaps on account of the civil war, this project was not successful, and in about three years he returned to Manchester and took up his old position in the hardware store. In 1864 the calls of business under his brother Hiram, at Milford, became imperative, and in June of that year he returned thither and entered upon his duties as cashier of the bank, to which office he had been elected in 1861, on his brother's promotion to the presidency, continuing with ability until his resignation in Dec., 1869. He later had no permanent occupation; was employed considerably with the affairs of the Pine Valley Mill Co.;

was in the latter part of 1875, for several months, in Chicago with his brother-in-law, Mr. Lovejoy ; returned to Philadelphia, where, in 1876, he was for a time in the employ of his old and tried friend, Mr. Ballard (the successor at Hooksett of his brother Hiram), under whom he had there been for ten years book-keeper. He owned a small lot of land at Milford, which he improved. His health was precarious during his later years. The death of his only child, Mrs. Ludwig, in 1875 was a fearful blow to him, from which he suffered intensely. For his last few years he lived in retirement, at Milford, at the residence of Major George Daniels (who in his later years was a confirmed invalid) having the care of him.

He was a man of sterling qualities, the personification of candor, a devoted christian, active in church work, of quiet and serious deportment, mild and amiable temperament, excellent mental endowments, but subject occasionally to severe dejection and melancholy, which at times was so intense as to oblige him to suspend his usual avocations. He was domestic in his tastes, and did not figure at all in public life.

He m. 31 Aug., 1841, Sarah A. Ames of Hooksett, a person of great excellence of character—like gold well refined. He d. 28 Jan., 1881 ; she d. while temporarily insane, by her own hand, 6 Sept., 1892, both at Milford. They had EMMA A., b. 15 Oct., 1843 ; of superior mind and lovely character ; she m. 23 April, 1867, De Beunneville K. Ludwig, an accomplished, worthy man, many years principal of Rittenhouse Academy in Philadelphia : they had *Howard*, b. Sept., 1872, d. March 1875. She d. (as did the son) of malignant diphtheria, 28 Mar., 1875.

THE DANIELS FRATERNITY.

On the 4th of September, 1849, by invitation of Fisher Daniels, the owner of the homestead, his brothers and sisters, with as many of the next generation as were interested sufficiently to join, met under the old roof-tree, the company numbering forty-four. The occasion was one of very great interest, good cheer and enjoyment. An important result, anticipated at the issuing of the invitations, was the organization of the Daniels Fraternity, the design of which was to bring together at stated times the scattered members for the purpose of promoting mutual acquaintance, the enjoyment of the festivities of such occasions, and the collecting of historical matter pertaining to the family. A brief constitution was adopted and officers were chosen. These were an executive committee of three, of which the first was to act as president, and the third as secretary. Seth Daniels, Rev. M. Blake, and Hiram A. Daniels, were chosen to this office. The order of exercises for each meeting was indicated in article 7, which follows: "The exercises shall be prayer, introduction of new members, reading the records of the last meeting and the intervening period, the communication of such genealogical and antiquarian facts as may have been gathered, speeches, sentiments, singing, etc." The sum of forty-one dollars was contributed as a fund to meet any expenses which might be incurred. Sentiments and informal speeches were given, and at the close an adjournment to meet at the call of the committee was voted. Subsequently, thirteen meetings were held, the last having been in 1881, thirty-two years after the date of the first.

The second meeting was on 4 Sept., 1851, at the homestead, at which there were thirty-nine pres-

ent. Sentiments and informal addresses were given.

The third meeting was on 7 Sept., 1853, at Wells, Me., with Mrs. U. M. Cushing, twenty-seven present; informal addresses were given. A lithographic view of the homestead was voted. [It is not known that this vote was carried out.]

Fourth meeting, 5 Sept., 1855, at Oxford, with Seth Daniels. No record of number present, nor of address. An obituary notice of sister Caroline M. Kingsbury was given by Rev. J. R. Cushing, also of Jane A. daughter of brother Albert E. Daniels, by Rev. M. Blake, read by his daughter Evelyn L. Voted, That each member be requested to have in reserve a true likeness, which at his or her decease shall become the property of the Fraternity. [This vote seems to have been ineffective.]

Fifth meeting, 2 Sept., 1857, at Franklin, with Albert E. Daniels, fifty present. Rev. M. Blake gave the address, original hymns by U. M. Cushing and Darwin J. Daniels, were sung.

Sixth meeting, 1 Sept., 1859, at Taunton, with Rev. M. Blake, thirty-one present. Mr. Blake gave the address. Original hymn by D. J. Daniels. A program for the next meeting was arranged and the parts assigned.

Seventh meeting, 4 Sept., 1861, at Milford, N. H., with Hiram A. Daniels, thirty-two present. Rev. J. R. Cushing gave the address: sentiments followed.

Eighth meeting, 2 Sept., 1863, at Manchester, with Darwin J. Daniels, thirty-five present. Communications from absent members were read; address by Waldo Daniels; an essay by Flora A. Chandler, daughter of the host; history of the tribe of Joseph, by Ada Daniels; obituary notice

of Mrs. Ann E. Daniels of Oxford, by Huldah Daniels ; sentiments, etc.

Ninth meeting, 5 Sept., 1866, at Milford, N. H., with Chas. A. Daniels ; twenty-eight present ; letter from Rev. M. Blake read ; chronicles of the tribe of Joseph, by Emma A. Daniels, daughter of the host ; sentiments and informal addresses given.

Tenth meeting, 2 Sept., 1868, at Oxford, with Seth Daniels ; a red-letter day ; forty-seven present ; address of welcome given by the host ; hymn by Harriet L. Blake ; obituary notice of Flora A. Chandler, by A. H. Daniels ; address by A. H. Daniels ; poetical contribution by Rev. M. Blake, sentiments. Mrs. Harriet L. Blake was chosen historian. [The company was successfully photographed in a group by a Worcester artist.]

Eleventh meeting, 31 Aug., 1870, at the homestead, fifty present ; address by Chas. A. Daniels ; hymn to the homestead by Harriett D. Hutchinson, annals by the historian ; sentiments ; song by Edwin Trowbridge.

Twelfth meeting, 27 Aug., 1873, at the homestead ; forty-five present ; exercises informal ; miscellaneous addresses. The office of secretary being vacant, Waldo Daniels was chosen.

Thirteenth meeting, 27 Aug., 1877, at Daniels Hall, Franklin Centre ; forty-three present ; reminiscences of olden times, by Seth Daniels, U. M. Cushing, and Harriet L. Blake ; a sketch of past meetings, by Evelyn L. Morse ; poem by Coraline Daniels ; genealogical record of Daniels family by Waldo Daniels ; informal addresses.

Fourteenth meeting, 31 Aug., 1881, at the homestead with Lucius W. Daniels, forty present ; Seth Daniels, the senior brother and former president, had deceased, his son George F. Daniels, was cho-

sen protém. ; Geo. F. Daniels, Albert H. Daniels and Bradford F. Morse, executive committee ; Waldo Daniels, secretary ; Lucius W. Daniels, treasurer—all of the younger generation ; a letter was read from Lucien I. Blake, then a student in Berlin, Germany ; reminiscences of foreign travel were given by Rev. M. Blake, D. D. ; and also miscellaneous addresses.

As the years elapsed, one after another of the more active and efficient members passed away, the younger portion of the circle became more dispersed, and naturally, the interest declined ; and although with a portion of those of the younger generation there was much enjoyment of the reunions, and a strong desire to have them continued, the expression of interest among those who had been most active in sustaining the exercises (which required a considerable sacrifice of time and strength), has not at any time, since the last meeting, been sufficiently strong, in the opinion of the committee, to warrant the issuing of a call for another meeting, " The Fraternity," therefore, rests *in statu quo*.

