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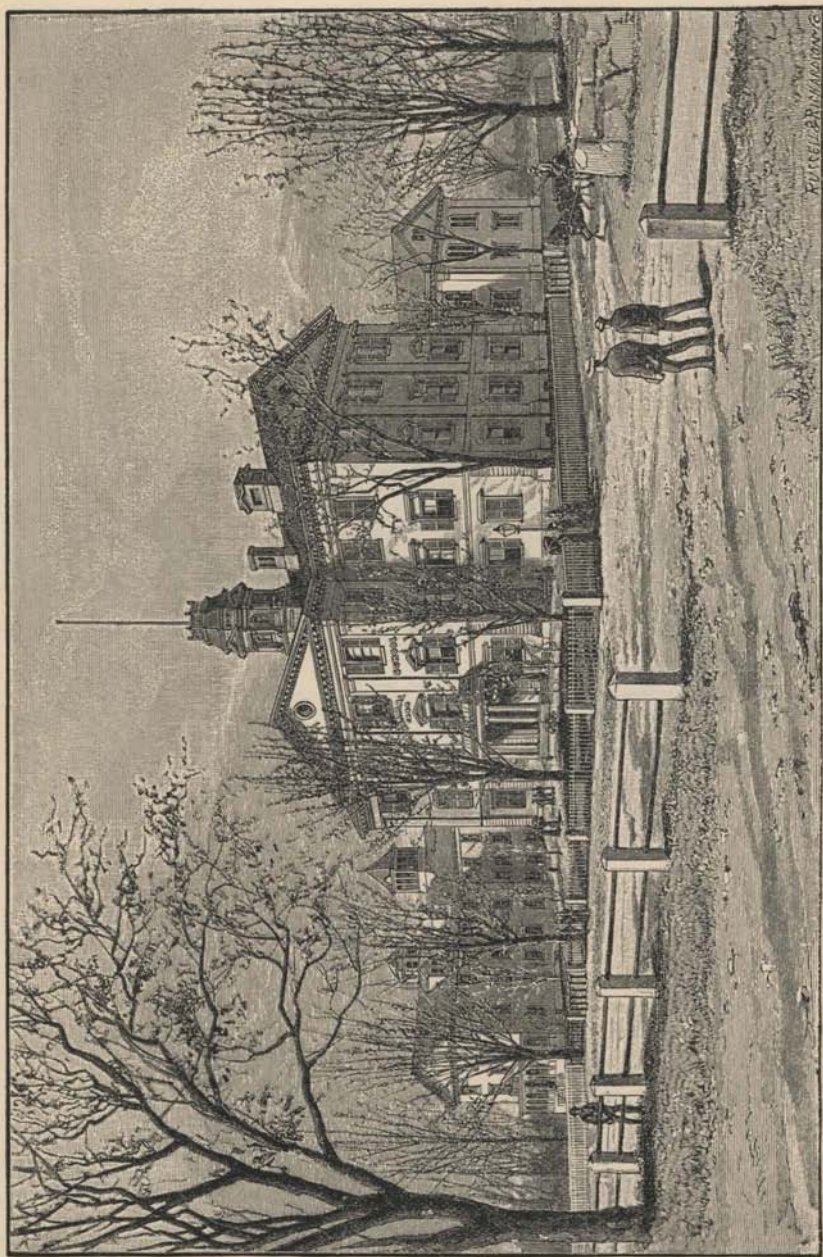
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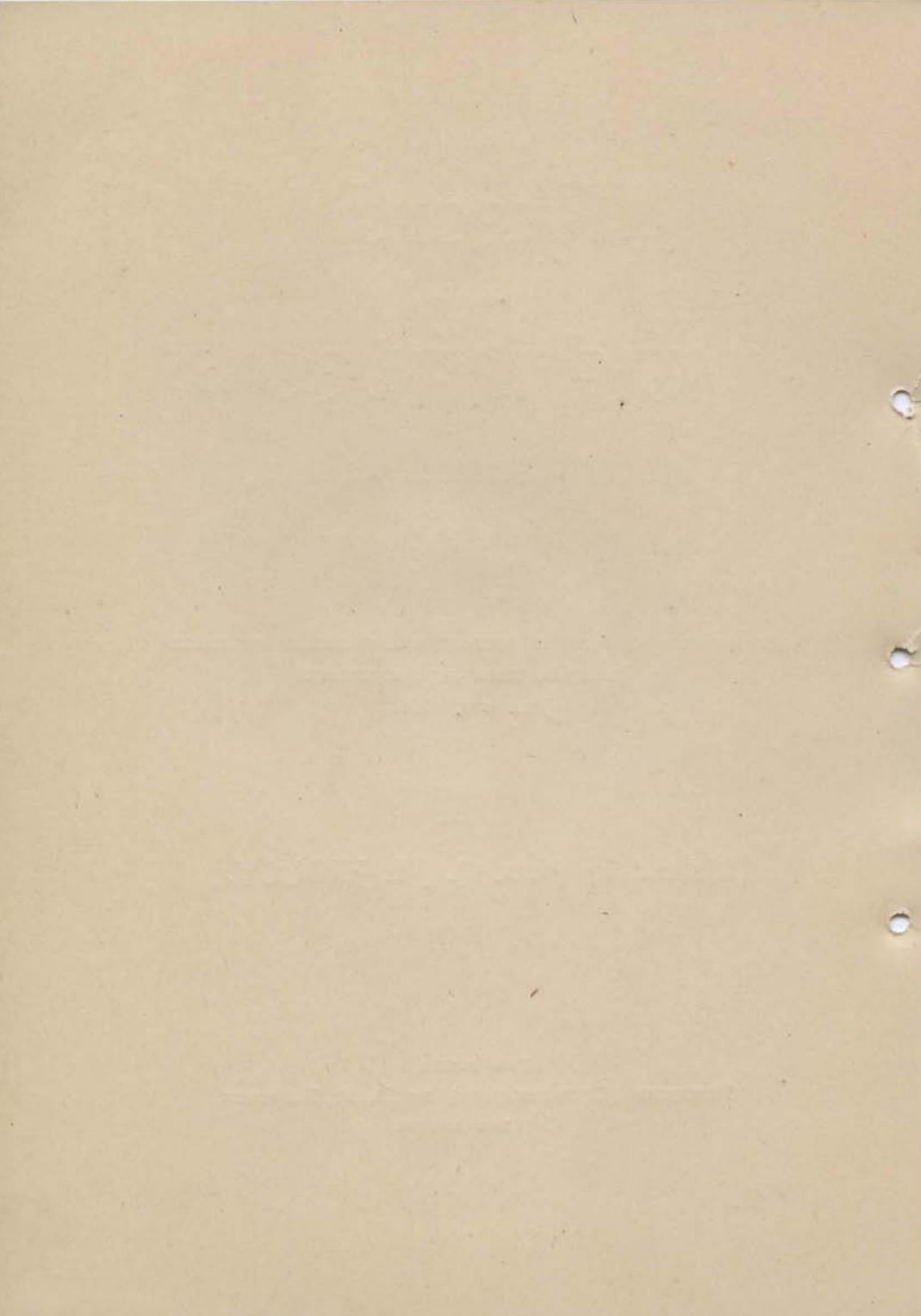
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AN ACCOUNT OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR
GRADUATION, HELD AT BRIDGEWATER,
JULY 1ST, 1886.

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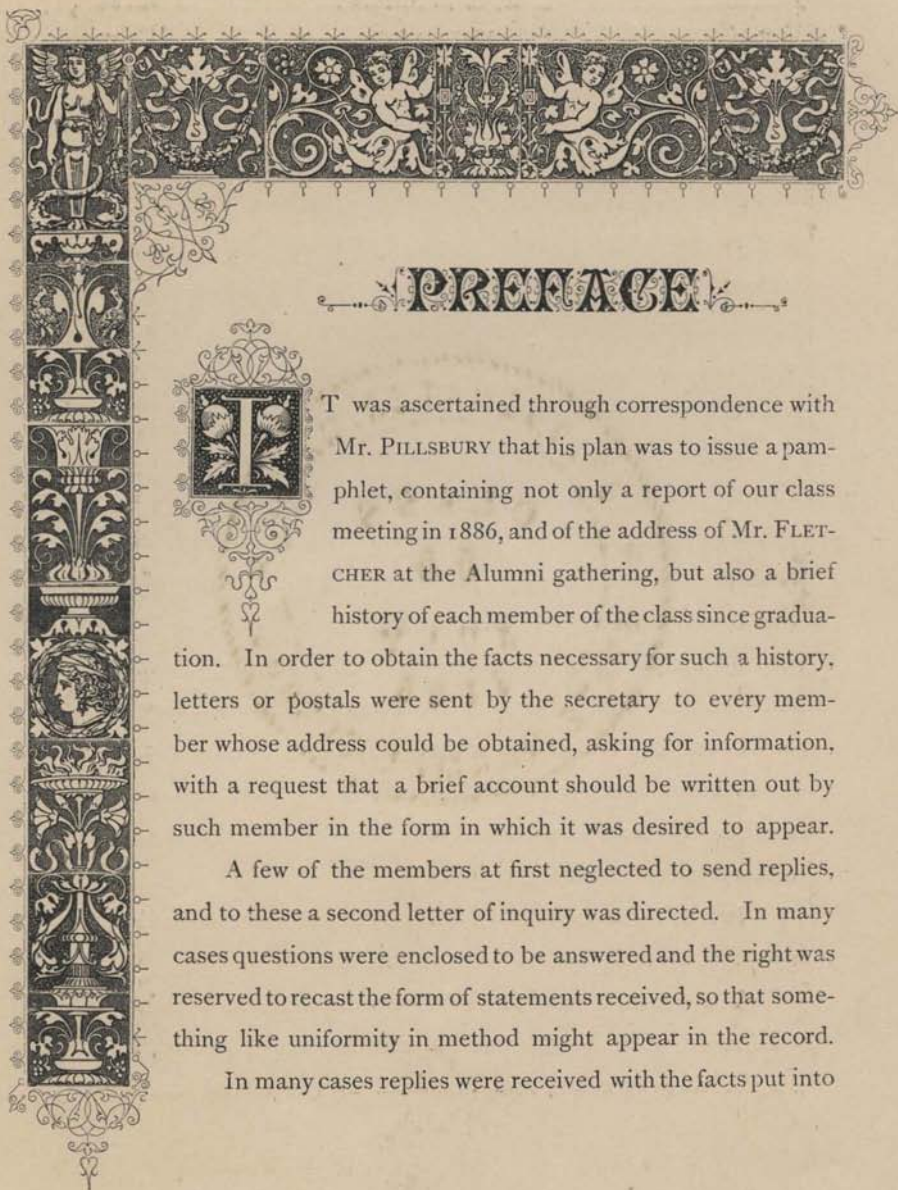
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PREFACE

T was ascertained through correspondence with Mr. PILLSBURY that his plan was to issue a pamphlet, containing not only a report of our class meeting in 1886, and of the address of Mr. FLETCHER at the Alumni gathering, but also a brief history of each member of the class since graduation. In order to obtain the facts necessary for such a history, letters or postals were sent by the secretary to every member whose address could be obtained, asking for information, with a request that a brief account should be written out by such member in the form in which it was desired to appear.

A few of the members at first neglected to send replies, and to these a second letter of inquiry was directed. In many cases questions were enclosed to be answered and the right was reserved to recast the form of statements received, so that something like uniformity in method might appear in the record.

In many cases replies were received with the facts put into



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the desired form. In some instances simply the facts were given, while the arrangement was left to the secretary. Replies were finally obtained from all but two members of the class, and it is believed that they received both letters of inquiry. Their records however have been secured by inquiries at the best sources of information known to the writer, and the facts stated are believed to be reasonably correct.

In the case of the deceased members, facts have been collected by corresponding with relatives and others.

Statistics concerning the teachers have been taken chiefly from the Alumni Record, supplemented by such other information as could be obtained from friends.

As most of the class have prepared the material parts of their histories, and little more has been done than to copy their own statement, there ought to be but few errors. But it cannot be expected that the accounts are all perfectly correct, as some mistakes will have doubtless crept in, in spite of intended careful compilation and repeated revision.

It is to be hoped that no one will find occasion to be deeply aggrieved by reason of mistakes or omissions.

The accounts are intended to commence from the date of graduation, which for most of the members was July 21st, 1861. In the case of a few, who remained in the school and took

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advanced studies, the date was six months later, and in one instance it was six months earlier; also one member of the 54th class graduated with the 55th. A few of the members never graduated at all, falling out of the class to enlist in the army and for other reasons.

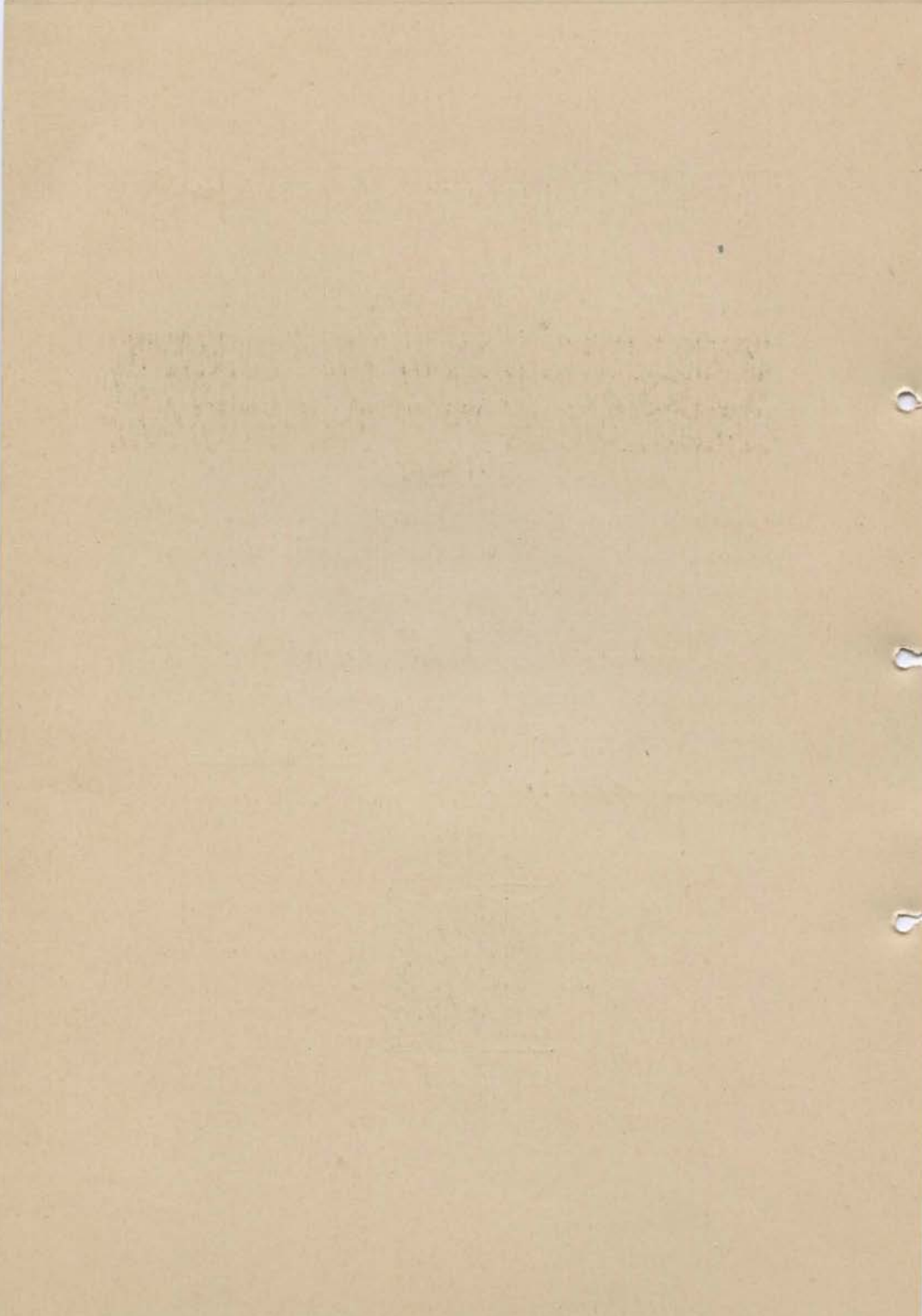
In preparing this record Mr. PILLSBURY has granted a wide latitude as to the amount of matter which should be inserted, and it is hoped that the facts herein collected may be of interest to the members of the class, and that his pamphlet, so kindly furnished, may prove a souvenir of value.

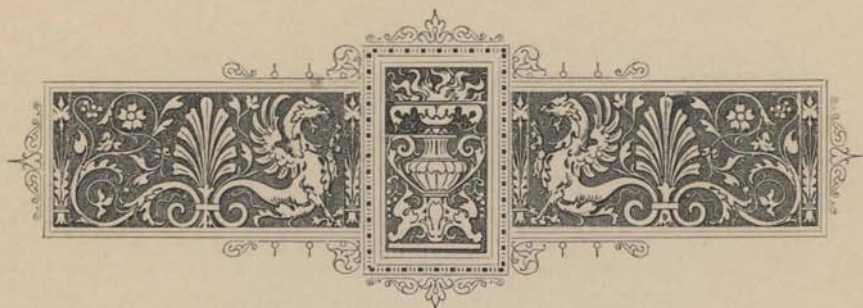
The writer takes this opportunity, in behalf of the class, to thank Mr. D. S. PILLSBURY for his generous offer to publish gratuitously this pamphlet.

CLASS SECRETARY.

ASHLAND, Mass., Feb., 1887.





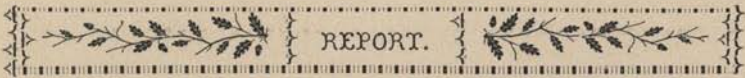


REPORT
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Meeting at Bridgewater
OF THE
55th Class

On the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of their Graduation.

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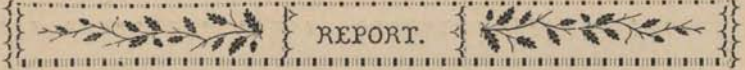
WHEN the 55th Class graduated from the Bridgewater State Normal School, in July, 1861, it was suggested by some one of their number, that all who were living at the end of twenty-five years should return to their Alma Mater and review, so far as possible, the personal history of the classmates from whom during this period they had been separated. By this means they hoped to renew and to make stronger those friendships which, during their course, had bound them so firmly together. Whether the suggestion was made in sport or in earnest the writer does not remember; but as the years rolled on,



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crowding out the incidents of their school life, this circumstance was forgotten by all except a very few. When the notice of the Bridgewater Normal Association was received, appointing a meeting for July 1, 1886, at Normal Hall, it served as a reminder that the time had at last arrived for that meeting. There was no class secretary, and all the information that could be obtained concerning many of the members was what was found in the Alumni Record, published in 1876. Since then many had changed their place of residence; but by persistent and well-directed effort on the part of a few members of the class, who labored to bring about this meeting, it is believed that the addresses of all but three were obtained, and that to each of those whose whereabouts had been thus ascertained a notice of the meeting was sent previously to July 1st. As a result of this effort sixteen members of the Class assembled at the appointed time and place. After the business meeting of the Bridgewater Normal Association had been called to order in Normal Hall, a request was made that all members of the 55th Class who were present should meet in the room in the rear of the platform. Coming together, after much study of faces in search of something familiar, and with great satisfaction finally recognizing one another in spite of the changes that had occurred, and exchanging cordial handshakes of welcome, they organized, at once for the transaction of any business which might come before them. Mr. Charles M. Barrows was chosen president, and Mrs. R. M. Higley, secretary. The names and post-office addresses of those present were then registered, after which letters from absent members were read by the secretary. Those present were then requested to give such information as they possessed concerning absent classmates. But before much progress had been made in this matter, a summons came for the class to join the procession which was then forming.

The president, Mr. Barrows, was requested to act as marshal



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of the 55th Class. Hastily adjourning the meeting they all fell into rank and marched to the "Central Square Church," to listen to the orator of the day, Rev. Henry Blanchard, of Portland, Me., on the "Study of History." At the conclusion of the church services the procession was again formed and marched to the Town Hall, where the Alumni dinner was served to about three hundred and fifty guests. Here they were joined by another member of the class, thus increasing the number to seventeen. After discussing at the table the abundant viands, interesting addresses were made by members of the Alumni, among which was included an address by our classmate, Mr. G. T. Fletcher, a report of which elsewhere appears. As the time drew near for departure a large number left the Hall, and assembled in the yard, where arrangements were made to have a list prepared by the secretary, of the names and addresses of the members, a copy to be forwarded to each one of the class, Mr. Pillsbury kindly offering to have this list printed. A small sum of money was then collected and placed in the hands of the secretary, to meet such incidental expenses as might arise in connection with this matter.

It was suggested that a notice of all changes of residence, or any other items of interest, should be furnished the secretary by each member, from time to time, from which "fund of information" all members of the class were invited to draw supplies, if they so desired.

It was then voted to have another class gathering on the occasion of the thirty-fifth convention of the Bridgewater Normal Association in 1890, after which the meeting was adjourned.

R. M. HIGLEY,

Class Secretary.

BRIDGEWATER, *July 1st, 1886.*



OF MR. G. T. FLETCHER AT THE ALUMNI DINNER.

MR. PRESIDENT:—

I did not expect a call at this late hour, and the circumstances are not favorable for a fitting response. The 55th Class is represented to-day by seventeen members. (Applause.)

We occupied a position, as regards the history of the school and of the nation, of vital importance.

When we entered there was a black cloud rising in the South, and the mutterings of the coming storm that should shake the nation to its centre, were distinctly heard.

Soon war broke out, and the spirit of patriotism was felt in the school. Two of our number left for the field of strife, winning renown in their country's service.

We entered school during the last years of Father Conant's service as Principal. The earnest manner, inspiring words and noble life of the "old man eloquent" made a deep and lasting impression upon our minds. Before the end of our course, Mr. Conant resigned his position, and Mr. Boyden was appointed to fill the place.

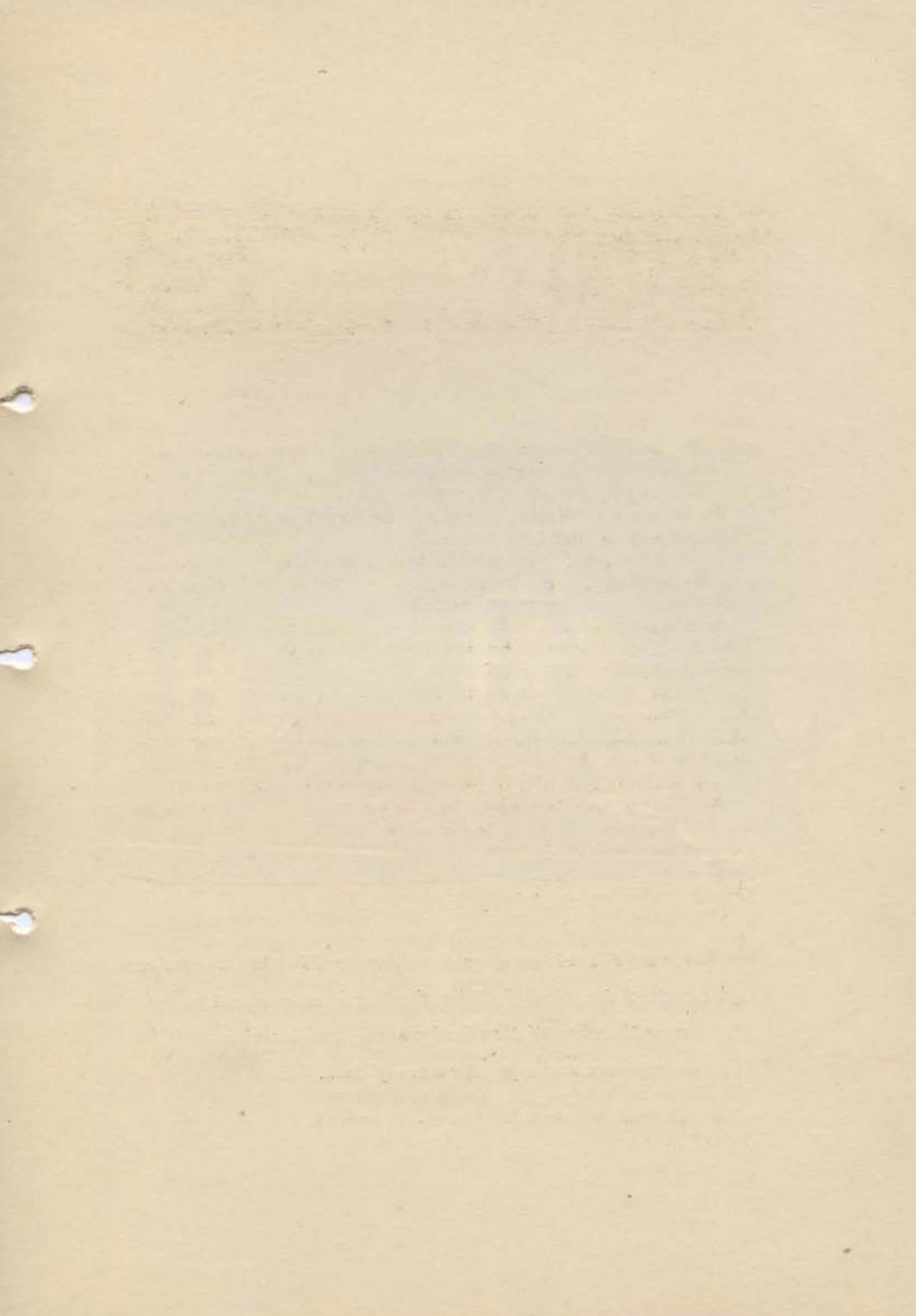
We had learned to respect him as a man and a teacher, and the loyal support of the 55th Class was at once and without reserve, transferred to the new Principal.

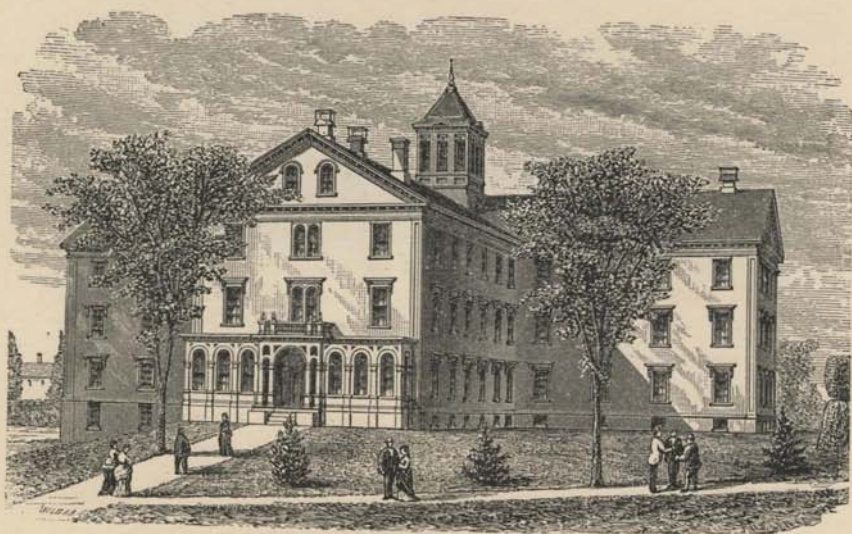
Thus we represent the foundation work of him who has made this to be the first Normal School in the land.

During our course there came to the school a young man fresh from college, learned and ambitious, without experience as a teacher, but with ability to take a high position in his chosen work. The 55th Class learned to appreciate his worth as a teacher, and to love him as a friend, and to-day we remember with affection and pride Mr. Schneider, who gave his life for his country.

In my personal experience, as teacher and superintendent, I have been associated with many graduates of Bridgewater, and I have never known them to dishonor their Alma Mater.

In behalf of my class I extend congratulations to teachers and school, with wishes for still greater prosperity.





Boarding Hall, erected in 1869, enlarged and improved in 1874, located seventy feet south of the school building, fronting in same direction, near the centre of the school grounds, which contain one and a quarter acres of land.



1859—1861.

MARSHALL CONANT. Second principal of the school, was appointed at the commencement of the fortieth term in August, 1853; resigning on account of ill health, at the close of the summer term, 1860. He removed to Grantville, Mass., where he remained two years. In 1862 he was called to Washington by Commissioner Boutwell, to aid in organizing the Department of Internal Revenue. He served in this capacity until 1872, with the exception of one year, during which he was granted leave of absence. After a most painful illness he died at Bridgewater, February 10th, 1873, at the age of 72 years, leaving a memory that will never fade from the hearts of those who came within the influence of his noble christian life, his earnest enthusiasm, and his deep love for humanity.

ALBERT G. BOYDEN, A. M. Graduated from this school July 3d, 1849, class 26. Assistant with Mr. Tillinghast, principal, from August, 1850, to July, 1853, and during the next term with Mr. Conant, principal; first assistant from September, 1857, to August, 1860; afterwards followed Mr. Conant as third principal—a position which he has filled until the present time. The 55th Class was under his instruction both while he was assistant and principal; and, though in the latter capacity he assumed duties in place of one whom the class had learned

to reverence, his unvarying firmness, combined with gentleness of manner and the earnestness and thoroughness of his instruction, served to increase the respect and admiration in which they had learned to hold him, as well as to afford assurance that none of the school's former prestige would be lost. Such love and enthusiasm for his chosen work and such entire devotion to the school as he then manifested, but foreshadowed clearly his ever-increasing success in making the school the foremost of its kind. His personal interest in his pupils tended to create bonds of lasting friendship, while his own earnest and hopeful spirit was communicated to them.

Besides the influences that have gone out from the school in the person of graduates upon whom he has left the impress of his own purposes, not a little has been done, largely through his direct effort, in making local improvements. The school building has been twice enlarged, a boarding hall erected and subsequently enlarged; the grounds surrounding the buildings have been beautified.

Partly as a result and partly as a cause of all the various work done at the School, the numbers have increased, so that, whereas, in 1860, there were eighty pupils, there are now over two hundred in attendance, of whom one hundred and sixty board at the "Hall."

Mr. Boyden's two sons graduated from this school, and afterwards with high honors from Amherst College, one in 1876, the other in 1883. The elder, Arthur C., after having taught three years in the Chauncy Hall School, at Boston, was appointed Teacher of History, Civil Polity and Natural Science in this school, where he has since remained. The other, Wallace C., taught one year in the Stoughton High School, and has since been Professor of Mathematics in Williston Seminary, at Easthampton.

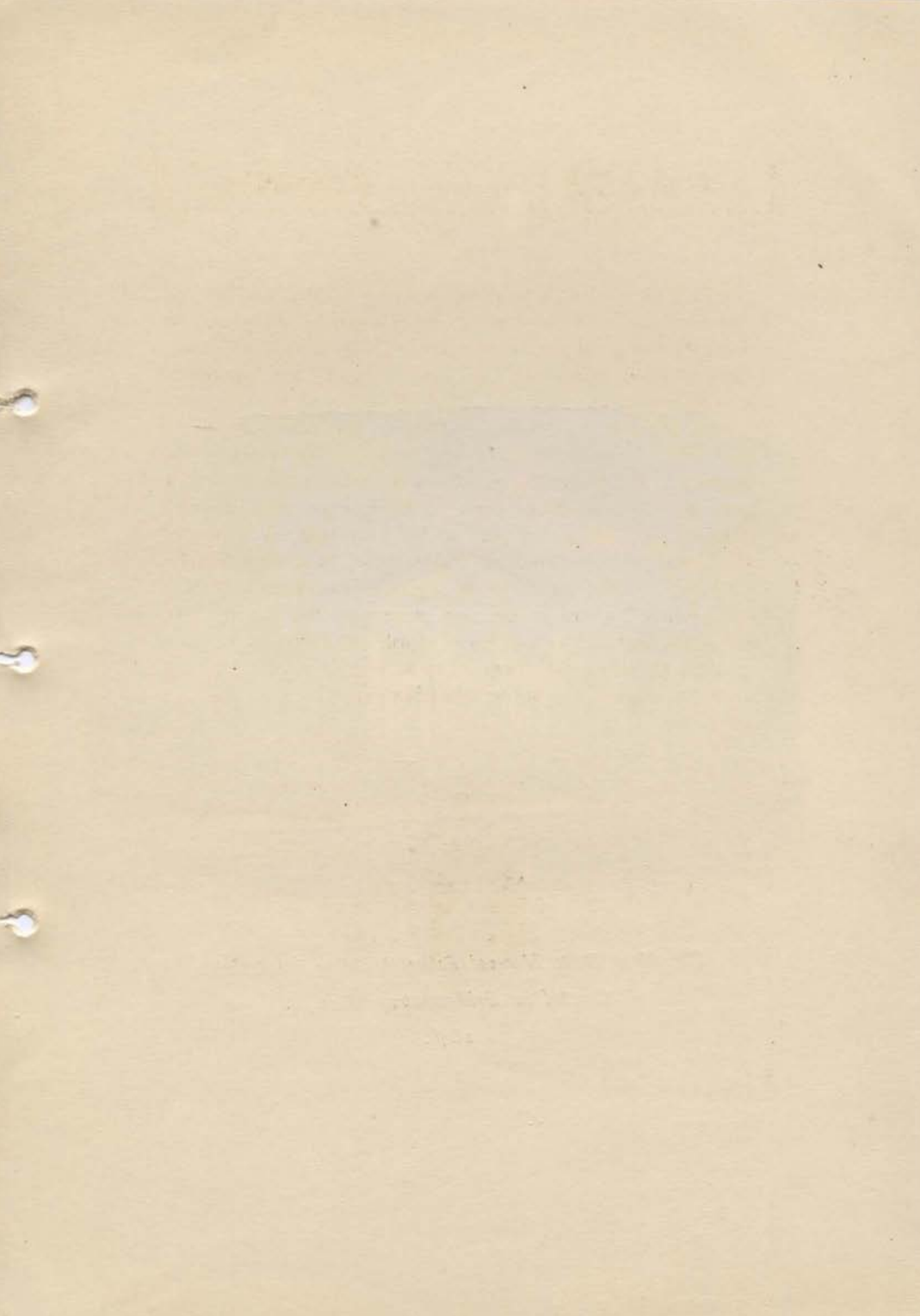
ELIZA B. WOODWARD. Was a graduate of this school, July 28th, 1857, class 47; was appointed assistant September, 1857. From that time to the present, a period of thirty years, she has continued in the school, without the loss of even one week's time, carrying on the work to which she has devoted her life, and for which she is so eminently fitted. Always a favorite with her pupils, even after the lapse of many years, those who came under her early instruction still feel inspired by the memory of her influence and friendship.

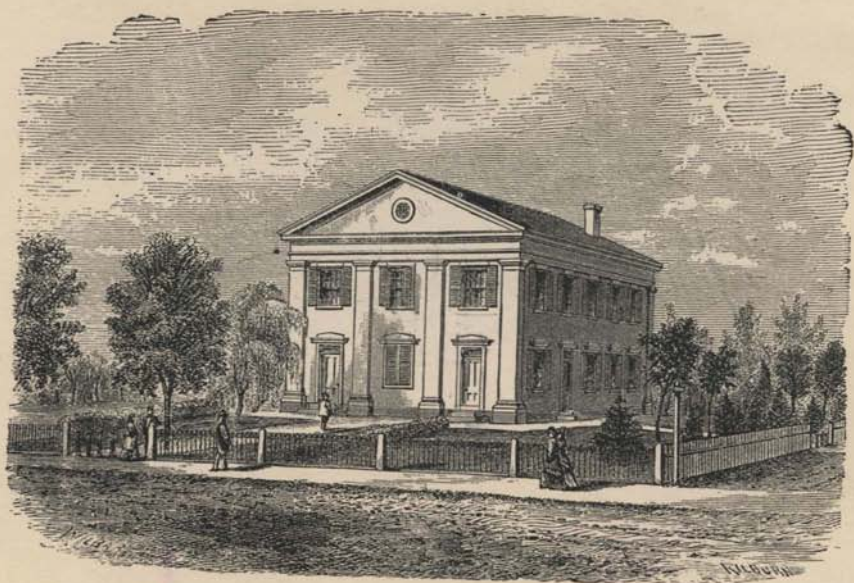
CHARLES F. DEXTER. Was a graduate of this school, class 52; received the appointment of assistant teacher, March, 1860; resigned, May, 1863. For a time was engaged in mercantile business in Chicago, Ill. He is at present Western Traveling Agent of Merchants' Dispatch Transportation Co. Was married in October, 1867, to Mary M. Norton of New Bedford; no children. Entering the Normal School as teacher at the same time the 55th Class entered as pupils, they early learned to appreciate his worth, and he is to-day held by them in kind and grateful remembrance. Address, 356 Warren Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

JAMES H. SCHNEIDER, A. B. Appointed, September, 1860. Resigned, September, 1863. Mr. Schneider was the son of Rev. Benjamin Schneider, D. D., Missionary at Aintab, Turkey. Graduated from Yale College in June, 1860. First assistant in this Normal School three years, when he was drafted into the service of his country. He regarded the draft as the call of duty, and resigned his position in the school. The Visitors of the School, in speaking of his resignation in their report, say: "His ardent and increasing love for his

work, with his habits of thorough and exact study, and his aptness to teach, made his services exceedingly valuable, and his resignation is greatly to be regretted." He entered the army, was examined before General Casey's board, and appointed second lieutenant. He was attached to the 2d U. S. Colored Troops encamped at Arlington Heights, and was soon offered the choice between the adjutancy and the chaplaincy of the regiment. He chose to be chaplain, because he could do more good in this office; came to Bridgewater, was ordained October 27th, 1863; returned to his duty with his regiment, which was soon ordered to Ship Island, Mississippi Sound. After two months' stay here the regiment was ordered to Key West, Florida, where, at the end of another two months, Mr. Schneider died of "yellow fever" April 26th, 1864, at 25 years of age. He was greatly beloved by all who knew him; an able scholar and teacher, a noble, Christian patriot.







The First State Normal School building in America.

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RECORD
OF THE
55th CLASS

SINCE THEIR GRADUATION, JULY, 1861.

—LADIES—

MARIA Q. ADAMS, SHARON. Taught five years. Was married to Erastus Smith, of Sharon, Dec. 18, 1869. Died in Sharon, Aug. 7, 1876. No children.

MARTHA W. BROOKS, SO. SITUATE. During the year 1863 and '64 taught mixed schools in the towns of Lakeville and Hanover; in '65 and '66 a large school of primary grade in Stoughton; in '67 and '68 a mixed school in So. Sitate; from '69 to '71 a large mixed school in Stoughton; from '72 to '78 the school in So. Sitate previously referred to; from '80 to '83 schools of grammar grade in Raynham, Easton and So. Sitate—the whole period of teaching extending over twenty years. In 1885 was elected a member of the school committee in the town of So. Sitate for a term of three years.

Address: So. Sitate, Mass.

REBECCA C. BROOKS, SO. SITUATE. Commenced teaching in 1863 in a private school in Winterport, Me. Taught mixed schools in Marshfield and Hanover during the following year; from 1865 to '69 an intermediate school in Stoughton. During the latter year had charge of a large grammar school in the same town. In 1870, and a part of '71, was in a mixed school in So. Sitate, and during the latter part of the same year was assistant in a high school in Abington. From 1872 to '80, and again in 1882, taught schools of a grammar grade in So. Sitate and Easton, the whole embracing a period of twenty years' experience in teaching.

Address: So. Sitate, Mass.

MARY E. DOWSE, SHERBORN. After graduating taught as assistant in the Weymouth High School six months, commencing in the fall of 1861. Since then taught one year in an intermediate school in same town, one winter in East Needham Grammar School, and the two following summers in mixed schools in Sherborn; also one year was principal of a private school in Weymouth. Afterwards was governess in a private family in Boston, giving up at the end of six months on account of ill health. Since 1874 has resided in Watertown.

Address: Watertown, Mass.

J. MARIA FRYE, BOSTON. Did not teach. Was married to James Mitchell, of Bridgewater. Died April 8, 1873, leaving three children—Edith, Nathan and Charles—all of whom are living at the present time.

MARY E. HAMMOND, MATTAPOISETT. Taught four years in the towns of Lunenburg, Wellfleet and Brockton. Was married in 1866 to Lemuel Pitts, of Brockton. Has six children,

the eldest of whom, a daughter, has been teaching in Sagamore for the last three years. The second daughter graduated last July from the Quincy High School.

Address: Box 310, Quincy, Mass.

SARAH A. HENSHAW, W. BROOKFIELD. From Sept. 12, 1861, to Dec. 24, taught in Dixwell Grammar School, New Haven, Conn; in Worcester, Mass., from April, 1862, one year; in Warren, through the winter of 1864-5; in Lunenburg, through the winter of 1865-6. During these years her work was frequently interrupted by imperfect health. In April, 1866, commenced teaching in Leominster, but left in Dec. to take charge of the Chapman Grammar School of Boston; remained here from Dec., 1866, to Sept., 1872, when she was granted a five months' furlough on account of illness; not recovering her health at the end of that time, gave up the position. Was feeble for four or five years and unable to do much work. Since that time has gradually improved, being now in comfortable health, but has never cared to continue teaching. She is keeping house with friends in Worcester.

Address: 84 Woodland St., Worcester, Mass.

HATTIE E. HILL, SHERBORN. Taught four years: one year in the town of Walpole, commencing in the spring of 1862; the remaining three years in an intermediate school in the city of Cambridge. May 1, 1867, married her classmate, Edward Southworth, of Quincy. Has three children—Edward Frank, born Oct. 27, 1872; Stacy Baxter, Sept., 1878, and a daughter, Dec. 25, 1885. Has lived in Quincy since marriage.

Address: Quincy, Mass.

MARY A. HOWES, BRIDGEWATER. Was in the school three terms, but, on account of ill health, was unable to graduate with the class. Was never well enough to teach. Died of consumption Jan. 5, 1869. Only one member of her family now survives her, the others, including father and mother, having died of the same disease.

MARY F. LEACH, BRIDGEWATER. Taught two terms. Was married to James Russell Tracy in June, 1863, and lived in Raynham. Died April 29, 1885, at the age of 41 years. She retained her great fondness for music until the close of her life. For many years weekly religious services were held at her home, to the interest of which she added greatly by the use of both voice and instrument. Two weeks before her death she was drawn into her music-room and played several pieces upon the piano to the accompaniment of her daughters' voices. She left two daughters, one of whom married the Rev. W. W. Hall, now stationed at Orleans, Mass. ; the other is at school in Webster.

ELLEN LINCOLN, HINGHAM. During the winter after graduation taught in Acushnet ; the following spring in Cohasset. In the fall of 1862 took charge of a primary school in Hingham; for thirteen years taught in the same building, part of the time in the primary and intermediate departments, and for two years as assistant in the grammar department. During the last four years has given private instruction. Spent a part of the winter 1881-2 in Washington, D.C. Has travelled somewhat in the New England States, New York and Canada. For the last three years has been collecting, analyzing and preparing an herbarium of the plants of Hingham. Is an active member of several literary associations of that town.

Address : Hingham Centre, Mass.

SARAH NEWELL, DOVER. Did not teach. Resided most of the time in Medfield previously to her marriage. Was married in Elmira, N. Y., July 24, 1870, by Rev. T. K. Beecher, to Alden Derby, of South Weymouth, Mass. Since then has lived in Elmira, with the exception of the year 1883, which was spent in Medfield. Has had four children—Cora A., born June 26, 1871; Eva N., April 27, 1873; Sanford A., Sept. 9, 1874, who died Sept. 1, 1881; Annie B., Dec. 20, 1875. The eldest daughter is at present in the Elmira Free Academy. The second graduated from the public school last June. In May, 1885, opened a variety store, which, with her daughter's assistance, has since been carried on with pleasure and profit. Her husband's occupation is carpentering.

Address: 75 Walnut St., Elmira, N. Y.

KATE M. NOYES, EAST BRIDGEWATER. Taught in Pembroke, Mass., the year following her graduation, and the next year in East Bridgewater. In March, 1864, married her classmate, Thomas H. West. Has had seven children. Has lived for the last twenty years in Randolph.

Address: Brookville, Mass.

SOPHIA E. PRATT, EASTON. After graduating in 1861 taught school for one year and six months in South Easton. Was married to Lewis W. Morse, of Sharon, Dec. 22, 1863. Since then has lived in that town upon a farm. Has four children—Edward Lewis, Clara Pratt, Clifford Ellis and Robert Grosvenor, aged respectively, 21, 19, 15 and 9 years.

Address: Sharon, Mass.

ROSE A. ROBERTS, BIDDEFORD, ME. From 1862 to '66 was principal of intermediate and primary school in Brighton,

Mass. June 20, 1866, was married to Peter C. Sears, of class 54, who resigned the principalship of a school in R. I. to enlist in the army, July, 1862, and who served till the close of the war, receiving promotion through the various grades from private to captain, now commission merchant, No. 122 South Water St., Chicago, Ill. Since her marriage has lived in Chicago. Has three daughters, the eldest, Sarah B., born June 5, 1867, a graduate from the High School last summer; Amelia N., born Aug., 8, 1872; and Rose Roberts, Feb. 18, 1877. Aside from home duties she is interested in the various charities of the city, her especial field of labor at the present time being in one of the industrial schools.

Address: 10 North Ada St., Chicago, Ill.

HANNAH AUGUSTA ROBINSON, RAYNHAM. Taught school in Taunton during the year 1862, resigning the position at its close on account of ill health. May 22, 1864, was married to Alvaris Clark Southworth, and removed to Lakeville, where she has since resided. No children.

Address: Lakeville, Mass.

ELIZABETH RODMAN, BRIDGEWATER. Taught three years after graduating, one year each in Bridgewater and North Easton, and one year had charge of the grammar department of the New Church Kindergarten in Boston. Aug. 23, 1866, was married to S. M. Colcord, of Boston, where they resided the following twelve years. In 1878 her husband retired from the drug business, in which up to that time he had been engaged, and purchased a farm in Dover, Mass., where they now live. They have two children, a son, born Sept., 1867, at the present time a student in Mass. Agricultural College at Amherst, and a daughter, born in 1873.

Address: Dover, Mass.

ROSINE M. SMITH, MEDFIELD. In the spring of 1862, was elected principal of a grammar school in Grantville. At the end of two years resigned to accept a position in Medway, remaining there one year. March 22, 1865, was married to A. H. Wenzel, of Framingham, a graduate of Amherst College, class of '53, and at that time principal of the High School in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard; was assistant in this school during the following year. In the spring of 1866 removed to Marlboro', where her husband was principal of the High School for four years, at the end of that time leaving the profession of teaching to engage in the practice of law, which he followed to the time of his death in April, 1871. In Oct., 1869, their son, John Wenzel, was born. After the death of her husband opened a private school in Marlboro', continuing it until the autumn of 1872, when ill health compelled her to resign its charge. During a part of 1873 was assistant in the Medfield High School. Oct. 2, of the same year was married to Geo. T. Higley, of Ashland, graduate of Amherst College, class of '57, who from that time to the present has been engaged in the practice of law in that town.

Address: Ashland, Mass.

EMMA THOMPSON, MIDDLEBORO'. For eight years immediately following graduation taught in the Massachusetts schools. The next four years were spent with a brother in New York City. Was married from there in 1874 to Leander A. Darling, of Middleboro', Mass, member of the 42d class of this school. Went south in Oct. of the same year and taught with her husband in Tongaloo University, located at Tongaloo, Miss., eight miles from Jackson. Remained at the south nearly four years. Came north in April, 1878. Since that time has lived in

Bridgewater, her husband having been a teacher in the public schools of that town since leaving his work at the south. Has two children—N. Marion, born at Tongaloo, Miss., Jan. 15, 1876; Wallace L., born at Bridgewater, Feb. 4, 1879.

Address: Bridgewater, Mass.

MARION THOMPSON, MIDDLEBORO'. Was connected with this school only two terms, being compelled to leave on account of her health. During the three remaining years of her life she remained at her home in Middleboro', filling, so far as she was able, the place of a beloved mother who had been taken from her by death. Her health gradually failed, when on May 28, 1864, she died of quick consumption at the age of 22 years. She was an earnest, devoted christian, and greatly beloved by all who knew her. The following is the inscription on her tombstone:

"She always made home happy."

MARY A. THAYER, WEST BRIDGEWATER. Taught two years in Sutton and four years in West Bridgewater. Superintendent of Schools and member of school committee of town of West Bridgewater for two consecutive terms of three years each, ending in 1877. In Nov., 1878, went to Texas. In spring of 1879 invested in several sections of "State Land" in Western Texas. Entered with a partner from New England upon the stock business; established a ranch, the main feature of which is sheep raising, but in connection with this there is a fair proportion of goats (angoras and grades), cattle and horses. In the autumn of 1886 returned to Massachusetts for a visit.

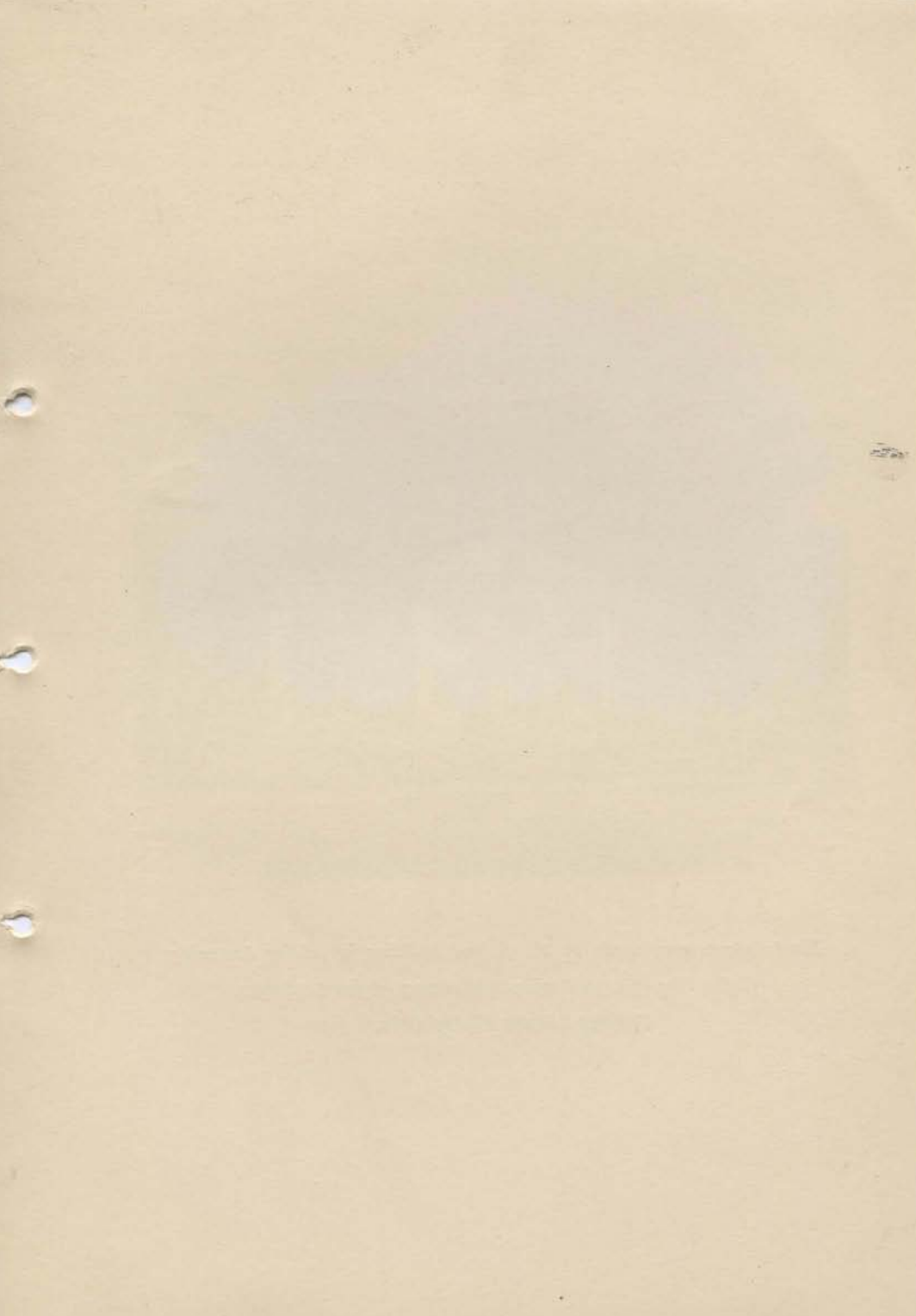
Present address: Matfield, Mass.

ANN MARIA WHITNEY, SHERBORN. The year following graduation was assistant in the Academy at Troy, Penn; resigned this position for a school nearer home. During the year 1863 taught in Ashland, Mass. Jan. 14, 1864, married G. H. Hooker, of Sherborn, and located in Holliston. During the year 1866 removed to Ashland, where she taught four terms—two in a primary school, two as assistant in the High School. Has had three children—Minnie G., born April 27, 1868, who died June 23, 1869; the other two are Gertrude L., born Jan. 29, 1870, and Lyman H., Jan. 12, 1872, both of whom are at present members of the Ashland High School.

Address: Ashland, Mass.









*First improvement made on the School building, by adding two wings
38 feet long by 24 feet wide, with change of front entrance.
Completed in the Fall of 1861.*



RECORD

OF THE

55th CLASS

SINCE THEIR GRADUATION, JULY, 1861.

—GENTLEMEN—

CHARLES M. BARROWS, BRIMFIELD. From 1861 to 1868 taught in schools of high or grammar grade, chiefly in Norfolk County and Boston. For a period of four years, ending in 1875, had the supervision of all the schools in Nantucket. From that time to the present has followed the pursuit of journalism in the different grades of work from reporter to editor. In September, 1864, was married to Adelaide V. Marden, of Quincy. No children.

Address: Brookline, Mass.

WILMON W. BLACKMAR, BOSTON. Entered the school September 21st, 1859, class 54. Graduated July 23d, 1861, class 55. Did not teach. Entered the army, enlisting as a private in the 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry; was promoted to

corporal, sergeant, orderly-sergeant, then to second lieutenant, and transferred to the First West Virginia Veteran Cavalry; in that regiment was promoted to captain; was made provost-marshal of the Third Brigade, Third Division (Custer's Cavalry Division) Sheridan's Cavalry, in which position he served until the end of the war. Among the battles where he was under fire are Antietam, Stone River, Murfreesboro', Winchester, Chicamauga, Chattanooga, Averill's Raids, Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaigns, and the final battles of the war, including Sailor's Creek, Five Forks and Lee's Surrender at Appomatox. Jan. 12, 1876, commissioned Judge-Advocate-General of Mass. on Staff of Gov. Rice, with rank of Brigadier-General; continued on Staff of Govs. Talbot and Long, resigning January 3, 1883. Admitted to Suffolk Bar, July 12, 1867, practicing law in Boston since that time. Was married to Helen R. Brewer, of Boston, Nov. 17, 1880. No children.

Address: (office) 246 Washington Street; residence: 70 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass.

OTIS J. BROAD, CANTON. Entered the school with the 55th Class, remaining until the close of the first term. After a few weeks' vacation went to an English and classical school in Foxboro' for one year. Was engaged in the carriage business until 1874, at which time set up a planing-mill in Hyde Park, remaining there until November, 1877. Since then has been in the elevator business in Boston. Was married November 1, 1875, to Elizabeth L. Eaton, of Boston, graduate of the Girls' High and Normal School, and for a time teacher in the public schools of Boston and vicinity. She died December 3, 1882, leaving two children—a daughter, born March, 1878, and a son, July, 1880. Since April, 1885, has resided in Newton. Address, Brighton, Mass., Box 2.

HENRY L. CLAPP, TAUNTON. After leaving Bridgewater, taught his first school of five months' duration in Middleboro', Mass., and received the first hundred dollar bill he ever owned. During this period he passed through the never-to-be-forgotten experience of "boarding round." In the Autumn of '62 attended school at the New Ipswich Appleton Academy, principally for the purpose of studying Latin. The sum of thirteen dollars paid all his expenses for eleven weeks' schooling. The following December found him teaching in the Summer Street Grammar School, Taunton.

Having finished the term of twelve weeks he returned to New Ipswich, and soon received an offer of the principalship of the Central Grammar School in Provincetown, at a salary of \$450 per annum. With commendable alacrity he accepted the offer began service in March, '63, and continued to serve till July, '64, when he resigned his position with the intention of fitting for college. The school committee urged him strongly to take charge of the High School, declaring that he was too old to start for college. In September, '64, entered the middle class in Phillips' Exeter Academy; entered Harvard College unconditionally in '66; returned to Exeter and entered the advanced class; entered the Sophomore class in Harvard unconditionally in the fall of '67, and graduated in '70. At Harvard was a member of the Glee Club, Pierian Sodality, and Pi Eta Societies. In Exeter taught the grammar school one term, and played the organ at the Congregational Church to help pay his expenses. During his course at Harvard taught one term in Norton, and played the organ in Taunton two years. In the autumn of '70 opened a private school for boys in Hartford, Conn.; sold it in the spring of '71 and began teaching as usher in the Lawrence School, So. Boston, at a salary of \$1,500 per

year, which position was secured through the kindness of his classmate, Mr. Edward Southworth. Was transferred to the Lincoln School in '75, and from there to the Dudley School in '76, where he was elected sub-master, serving there till the close of the school year in '82, when he was elected principal of the new George Putnam Grammar School at Egleston Square, without filing an application for the position. Since leaving college has been especially interested in mineralogy and botany, having made extensive journeys and large collections in pursuit of those branches of science.

July 9, 1874, was married to Florence S. Greeley, of South Boston. Has no children.

Address: 70 West Cottage Street, Roxbury, Mass.

WILLARD E. CLARK, ROCHESTER. Did not teach; but, after leaving school, remained with his parents in Rochester upon a farm. Enlisted Jan 5th, 1864, in Co. A, 3d Regiment, Mass. Volunteer Cavalry; and was mustered into U. S. service on the same day.

Killed Oct. 19th, 1864, in action, Cedar Creek, Va.

THOMAS CONANT, JR., EAST BRIDGEWATER. At the breaking out of the Rebellion, left the Normal School about two months before the graduation of his class to enlist as a volunteer in the East Bridgewater Co., which was mustered into service for three years at Fortress Munroe, Va., on May 22, 1861. This and six other detached companies were in the field before any three years' regiment from Mass. was organized, and were known as the Mass. Battalion. Later it received an addition of three new companies, and was designated the 29th Regt. Mass. Volunteers.

Upon his enlistment he received the appointment of second sergeant, and within a few months was promoted to first sergeant.

In Dec., 1862, after serving a year and a half in the ranks, he received a commission as second lieutenant, which he held until the expiration of his three years' service in May, 1864. He was engaged in twelve pitched battles and numerous skirmishes, receiving a slight wound at Antietam.

Soon after leaving the service he was appointed to a clerkship in the Navy Department in Washington. In 1865 he commenced the study of medicine, attending two courses of lectures at the Georgetown Medical College and one at the Harvard Medical School, receiving a diploma from each. Graduating from the latter institution in 1868, he located the same year at Gloucester, Mass., where he has been in practice as a physician ever since. In 1867 he was married to Mary S. Worcester of his native town. They have three boys, their ages being seventeen, eight and two. His chief interest, outside of his profession, has been in connection with the Cape Ann Scientific and Literary Association, which has elected him to its presidency during the last eight years.

Address: Gloucester, Mass.

GRENVILLE T. FLETCHER, AUGUSTA, ME. Immediately after graduation, or at the beginning of Sept., 1861, taught the Hallowell, Me., Grammar School. In March of the following year was elected principal of the Berlin, Wis., High School. In July, 1863, was married to Clara Fiske, of Medfield, Mass., member of the 53d class of the Bridgewater Normal School. In Dec., 1865, resigned the position in Berlin to accept the "Chair of Mathematics and Sciences" in the Academy of

Quincy, Ill. In Sept., 1867, was elected principal of the Maine State Normal School at Castine.

In June, 1870, their daughter, Annie Fiske, was born; in August, 1875, their son, Hewett Grenville; both are now living.

In June, 1879, resigned the position as principal of the Normal School on account of ill health and needed rest. During the remainder of the year, and until March, 1880, lectured upon Didactics in several of the colleges and seminaries of Me., and before Institutes. In March, 1880, was elected superintendent of city schools in Augusta, Me.

In June of the following year resigned this position to accept a similar one in Auburn, resigning there in April, 1884, to accept his present position as superintendent of schools in Marlboro', Mass.

Address: Marlboro', Mass.

AMOS K. HASWELL, ACUSHNET. Followed teaching for nearly three years after leaving Bridgewater. Then entered upon a business life, in which he continued until consumption claimed him as its victim. He spent one winter in the South, hoping to recover his failing strength, but there was no lasting improvement. After a long illness he died Feb. 23, 1876.

He was married Sept. 29, 1864, to Elizabeth Kelley, of South Yarmouth, who died in the fall of 1884. They left four children, three boys and one girl. Two of the boys are now in Providence, R. I., one in a store, the other attending the Friends' School. The other two children are with their grandfather in So. Yarmouth.

HENRY F. HOWARD, RUMFORD POINT, ME. Taught ten years in the public schools of Maine: for about two years in district

schools in the towns of Rumford and Woodstock, one term in Paris Academy, one term at North Bridgton Academy, and seven years in the Dixfield High School. Left teaching on account of ill health, and engaged in the business of Life and Fire Insurance in So. Paris, where he died of brain fever, Nov. 22, 1871.

Nov. 26, 1863, married Clara M. Woodbury, of Sweden, Me. April 12, 1870, their son, Charles H. Howard, was born; both are now living in So. Paris.

GEO. T. KEITH, BRIDGEWATER. After graduating in 1861, entered an engineer's office in Boston for a term of three years, for the purpose of learning the business of civil engineering. During these three years served for a period of nine months in the 3d Mass. Regiment, Co. K.

Graduated as civil engineer, Sept., 1864, and came to Bradford, Pa., as assistant-engineer for the Erie Railway, remaining three years. From this time until Oct., 1868, was in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. During the next five years was in the service of the Erie railway as engineer of the Land Office, located at Hornellsville, N. Y. In Sept., 1873, accepted a position as assistant-engineer of Lawrence Water Works, then building, and remained until their completion. In 1876 returned to Bradford, Pa., and engaged in the oil business in connection with the business of civil engineering. In 1878 removed to Olean, N. Y., remaining in this place up to the present time. Since 1876 has built three water works, two narrow-gauge railroads and two standard-gauge roads, besides being engineer for two pipe lines for the pumping of oil from the oil regions to New York and Philadelphia.

Never has taught (never found time). Was married Mar. 3, 1868, to Evelyn Agnes Moore, of Chicago. Has one daughter,

born Jan., 1869, who graduated from the High School last June.

Address: Olean, New York.

DANIEL S. PILLSBURY, HAMPSTEAD, N. H. In September, 1861, was chosen principal of High School near his native town. Resigned teaching to commence business in New York City in 1863, as bookseller and stationer. Married Miss Sarah J. Tisdale, of Middleboro', August 10, 1864. Drafted March 17, 1865, the last call for soldiers to crush out the rebellion; the surrender of the Southern forces taking place soon after, no call for service was made. Has two children—Annie M., born September 18, 1865; Millie S., born April 17, 1871. Both attended the Normal School in this city; are now engaged in the study of music. Mrs. Sarah J. Pillsbury died March 22, 1872, of typhoid fever, while on a visit to her mother, in Middleboro', Mass. Married Miss Mary F. Goldthwaite, of Medford, Mass., Feb. 4, 1874. Moved to present address in 1874, extending his business to Bank Note Engraving, Commercial Printer and Publisher.

Business address: 680 6th Ave.; residence: 61 West 39th St., New York City.

ELIAS B. RICHARDSON, RUMFORD, ME. Entered the school with the 55th class in March, 1860, but remained only one term. Afterwards attended for a time the Harvard Law School at Cambridge, Mass. Practiced law in Dixfield, Oxford Co., Maine; was a law partner of W. W. Bolster, now located at Auburn, Me. Was married to Mary K. Virgin, of Mexico, Me., Nov., 1865, on the day appointed for our first National Thanksgiving. No children.

Died at Dixfield, of consumption, Oct. 26, 1868, and was

buried according to the rites of the order of Free Masons. "He was a keen lawyer, thoroughly honest in his business transactions, and merited and won the respect of all who knew him."

EDWARD SOUTHWORTH, SO. SITUATE. Left the school during the senior term. Enlisted on the 31st of July, 1861, in Co. G, 18th Regiment Mass. Volunteer Infantry, Col White; mustered into service of United States on the same day for three years; was in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, receiving a wound Dec. 13, 1862, at the battle of Fredericksburg; discharged by General Order War Department Sept. 21, 1863; promoted to second lieutenant Second Regiment U.S. Colored Troops, Sept., 1863; stationed at Mississippi Sound, afterwards at Key West, Florida. Served in all three years, two months, or until the latter part of 1864.

Since leaving the army has taught twenty-one years in the public schools of Massachusetts. In 1866 was appointed principal of the Coddington Grammar School, Quincy; Sept. 23, 1867, usher in the Dwight School, Boston; Sept. 1, 1869, sub-master of the Rice School; Oct. 2, 1878, master of the Mather School, which position he now holds.

Was married Dec. 2, 1859, to Eliza S. Talbot, who died while he was in the army, May 16, 1864, leaving one daughter, Fanny B., born Feb. 19, 1861. Was married May 1, 1867, to his classmate, Hattie E. Hill, of Sherborn. They have three children. Has recently invented and patented an apparatus for illustrating operations in fractions.

Address: Quincy, Mass.

THOMAS H. WEST, RANDOLPH. Taught twenty-five years. For the first five years, subsequent to graduation, taught in So. Situate, East Bridgewater, Hanson, Bridgewater, East Stoughton and Weymouth. Has been principal of the Prescott School in Randolph for the last twenty years. In March, 1864, married Kate M. Noyes, of East Bridgewater. Has had seven children, five of whom are living. The eldest son, twenty-two years of age, is an organist and music teacher. The other children are—two sons aged respectively, seventeen and twelve, and two daughters, thirteen and seven.

Address: Brookville, Mass.

CHARLES H. WILSON, DERRY, N. H. In the autumn of 1861 commenced teaching in his native town, and during four years had charge of three different schools. The succeeding five years were passed in Salem. After teaching one term in Haverhill accepted a position as principal of a grammar school in Salisbury, and remained there five years. The following Sept. was elected first assistant in a union graded school (academic department) in Iliou, N. Y. At the close of the year visited the West, afterwards taking charge of the Lancaster Grammar School, Lancaster, N. H. Resigned at the end of three years and accepted the principalship of the Fincastle High School, in Fincastle, Va. Here he remained three years. Business compelling him to return North, a few months later, he became principal of the English department in a private school in New York City.

Trouble with the eyes obliged him at the end of two years to discontinue teaching. At the present time is with a gentleman of Brooklyn as private secretary. Has never married.

Address: Brooklyn, N. Y.



The Second Enlargement of the School Building in 1871, by adding a story sixteen feet in height, with Observatory on the centre.



In Memoriam

OF OUR BELOVED TEACHERS AND CLASSMATES.

TEACHERS.

JAMES H. SCHNEIDER,	-	-	-	Died April 26, 1864
MARSHALL CONANT,	-	-	-	Died Feb. 10, 1873

CLASSMATES.

MARION THOMPSON,	-	-	-	Died May 28, 1864
WILLARD E. CLARK,	-	-	-	Died Oct. 19, 1864
ELIAS B. RICHARDSON,	-	-	-	Died Oct. 26, 1868
MARY A. HOWES,	-	-	-	Died Jan. 5, 1869
HENRY F. HOWARD,	-	-	-	Died Nov. 22, 1871
J. MARIA FRYE,	-	-	-	Died April 8, 1873
AMOS K. HASWELL,	-	-	-	Died Feb. 23, 1876
MARIA Q. ADAMS,	-	-	-	Died Aug. 7, 1876
MARY F. LEACH,	-	-	-	Died April 29, 1885

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