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of Portsmouth, N. H.

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Preface.

The word FEDERAL was much in vogue in the early days of the Republic. It had at that time a distinctly patriotic significance. The FEDERAL Constitution was everywhere discussed. The arguments for and against the proposed FEDERAL Government of the States were ably presented; and when in June, 1788, the Convention at Exeter by a vote of 57 to 46 made New Hampshire the Ninth State to adopt the FEDERAL CONSTITUTION, Portsmouth celebrated the momentous event by every token of public rejoicing.

So when in the following March the immortal fifteen founders of this ancient and honorable association adopted as its title the FEDERAL FIRE SOCIETY and for its rallying cry the word FEDERAL they selected the strongest designation by which to express their patriotism and their good citizenship.

Many years have elapsed since the Society took an active part in service at fires. During the first sixty years of its existence it was very much in evidence at all conflagrations. But for the past fifty years or more, by reason of the more perfect appliances for the extinguishing of fires and for the preservation of order and salvage of movable prop-

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erty on such occasions of disaster, its action has no longer been necessary, yet it still continues to exist and to hold its semi-annual meetings as an association, and should circumstances ever again demand its active co-operation it will beyond question be found as ready to lend a hand in time of need as it was a hundred years ago. So let the FEDERAL FIRE SOCIETY continue. In the words of its ancient motto "*Esto Perpetua.*" Let it be perpetual.

Articles of Agreement

WITH FAC SIMILE OF SIGNATURES OF THE
FOUNDERS.

Federal Fire Society.

WE the Subscribers, inhabitants of the town of Portsmouth, in the State of New-Hampshire, from a confideration of the danger of FIRE, and the rifque of having our property at fuch time destroyed or plundered,—agree to the following RULES to be obferved by us as a FIRE-SOCIETY, for preventing as far as in our power, the evils before mentioned, and others attendant on accidental fires.

ARTICLES agreed upon by the FEDERAL FIRE-SOCIETY, Portsmouth, March 6, 1789.

1st. WE will meet for the purpofe of tranfacting fuch bufinefs as may be thought beneficial to the fociety, the firft Friday evening in the months of March, June, September and December, the lift to be called at eight o'clock, any member then abfent to be fined one fifth of a dollar. Meetings for extraordinary bufinefs fhall be called by the Clerk when any five of the members defire it.

2d. OUR number fhall not exceed twenty-five members, and no bufinefs fhall be tranfacted requiring a general vote, 'till the lift is called, and a

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majority present of the members then belonging to the society.

3d. ANNUALLY at our March meeting the Officers of the Society shall be chosen, viz. a Chairman, Clerk, and two or more Wardens; the Chairman shall preside at the meetings of the society, and at the conclusion of the usual business shall enquire whether any member has any thing to propose for the good of the society. The Clerk shall keep their accounts and record their transactions, and shall notify each meeting by tickets sent to the members, for which services he shall be exempt from the quarterly contributions. The Wardens shall once a quarter at least examine each member's buckets, bags, and other fire-implements to see that they are in order, and shall at the same time by desire of any member visit his apartments to know the avenues thereto.—In time of fire the Wardens shall take care of any member's effects committed to their charge, and see such articles deposited in safety according to their best judgment, and shall stay by and keep the same in custody 'till relieved.

4th. EACH member shall be furnished with the following implements, viz. two good leather buckets, painted with perpendicular stripes of red, white and black; on one side the following words:

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The first letter of the owner's christian name, and the whole of his firname.

On one bucket N^o. 1. 1789.

On the other N^o. 2. 1789.

These buckets to be kept constantly hanging in some convenient place of the owner's apartments, with two good bags, with strings at their mouths, each capable of containing at least four bushels, and painted as the buckets except the stripes. Each member to be also furnish'd with a mop made of woolen cloths, the length to be at least fifteen feet, and a turn-screw for taking down bedsteads, &c.—Every member who neglects to furnish himself with the implements aforesaid shall pay a fine of half a dollar for every such neglect; the same fine to be paid as often as the wardens at their visits shall find any of said implements missing or unfit for use, of which they shall without favour or affection make report at the next quarterly meeting of the society.

5th. ANY of the aforesaid implements being lost at a fire, shall be replaced by the owner within three months, at his own expense.

6th. ON notice of a fire every member shall speedily repair to it with his buckets and bags; if any place in the occupation of a member be in danger, they shall use their best endeavours at the direction of the owner, if present, or otherwise ac-

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ording to the best of their judgment to remove and secure his effects.

7th. No person shall be admitted as a member of this society but by the unanimous vote of the members present at a quarterly meeting; and no such vote shall be put without such person having been previously nominated at the quarterly meeting immediately preceding that in which he is voted for.

8th. EACH member whether present or absent, shall pay to the Clerk by himself or some one for him, his proportion of the quarterly and other expenses of the society, on penalty of being dismissed therefrom by vote.

9th. THE society's watchword for collecting the members at a fire shall be FEDERAL; they shall also have a counterfeign, to be altered at their pleasure; any member not being able to answer it when demanded by the Clerk, shall pay one tenth of a dollar, any one who shall divulge the same, or any of the private transactions of the society to a person not a member shall pay one dollar.

10th. NOTHING but sickness or being out of town, except a vote of the society, shall excuse a member from paying fines incurred. Any member who shall refuse to pay his fines when demanded by the Clerk, or who shall unnecessarily absent himself from three successive meetings of the society, shall no longer be considered as a member,

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nor be again admitted without the usual ceremonies of election.

11th. THE society at the desire of any member shall visit his apartments to learn the avenues thereto, and to know where his most valuable papers, &c. are deposited.

12th. EACH member shall have the observations of the society respecting fires pasted up in some conspicuous place in his house. Every member must also be provided with a copy of these articles with the member's names, and times of admittance, which must be produced to the Clerk at every quarterly meeting, on penalty of one tenth of a dollar for every omission.

13th. ALL disputes to be decided by the major votes of the members present.

IN TESTIMONY of a strict observance of the foregoing articles, we hereunto subscribe our names.

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John Pickering
Danie Ritzge
Alk. Cutler
Jacob Sheaf jun^r
Thomas Sheaf
James Sheaf
Jos. Haven
Nath. A. Haven #
Benjamin Dearborn
Wm. Ince
Sam Haven Jr.
H. H. Weston
Oliver Whipple
Hall Jackson
In Jackson

Biographical Notes

OF MEMBERS OF THE
FEDERAL FIRE SOCIETY OF PORTSMOUTH, N. H.
ORGANIZED MARCH 6, 1789.

*Compiled in pursuance of a vote of the Society passed at
its Annual Meeting March 6, 1902.*

The Society was organized March 6, 1789, and
the following were the original members:

John Pickering,
Daniel Rindge,
Ammi R. Cutter,
Jacob Sheafe, Jr.,
Thomas Sheafe,
James Sheafe,
Joseph Haven,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Benjamin Dearborn,
William Sheafe,
Samuel Haven, Jr.,
Thomas Martin,
Oliver Whipple,
Hall Jackson,
John Jackson.

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JOHN PICKERING.

He was Judge of the United States District Court for New Hampshire. Graduated at Harvard College in 1761. Lived on Market Street at North corner of what is now Commercial Alley. His house was burned in the great fire of December 26, 1802, which broke out in the New Hampshire Bank building, destroyed every building on the Parade except the Court House and the old North Meeting House, all on Daniel Street as far as Penhallow, all Market Street as far as the Ladd house, Bow Street as far as Church Hill, Hanover Street from Market Street to the top of the hill, and every building but one on Ladd Street. The loss of property was estimated at \$200,000.

Judge Pickering was a man of great legal knowledge and eminent ability. He was a delegate from Portsmouth to the Convention for forming the State Constitution which was adopted in 1783. He was also a delegate to the Convention of this State which adopted the Constitution of the United States in 1788. It is said that his eloquence and power of reasoning had great effect in procuring its adoption.

He died April 13, 1805, in the sixty-eighth year of his age.

DANIEL RINDGE.

He was a Merchant. He lived at the corner of Market and Daniel Streets. His house was also burned in the great fire of 1802. In 1766 he was appointed Councillor in his Maj-

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esty's Province of New Hampshire, but in 1775 declined further allegiance to the British Government. He died January 12, 1799, aged sixty-eight years.

AMMI RUHAMAH CUTTER.

Born at North Yarmouth, Maine, in 1735. Graduated at Harvard College in 1752 at the early age of seventeen years. Lived at South-East corner of Congress and Fleet Streets. Soon after completing his studies he was appointed Surgeon of a regiment raised in this province to oppose the French and Indians, who were threatening the settlements. He continued with the regiment after it was ordered to Cape Breton, and was at the second capture of Louisburg in 1758. He then established an extensive practice in Portsmouth, but in 1777 accepted the charge of the medical department of the Northern Continental army, and remained in charge until the surrender of Burgoyne, when he resumed practice here. For nearly sixty years his labors in his profession were incessant, and the confidence placed in him by this community was unbounded.

He was for several years President of the New Hampshire Medical Society. He was elected an Honorary member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and of the Massachusetts Humane Society. He died December 8, 1820, in his eighty-sixth year.

JACOB SHEAFE, JR.

He was a Merchant. His house was situated on Buck (now State) Street, facing Washington Street. It was burned in the great fire of December, 1813, which consumed one hundred and eighty dwellings and sixty-four other buildings. He afterward lived at the corner of Market and Daniel Streets.

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He was eminent for his hospitality and genial disposition. He died in 1829 at the age of eighty-four years.

THOMAS SHEAFE.

He was a Merchant. In those times the merchants of Portsmouth sent their Portsmouth built ships to the West Indies, the Mediterranean, the Baltic, and more distant ports, generally with cargoes furnished by themselves and their immediate friends, and many a small "adventure" was sent out by others in charge of the supercargo, whose duty was to dispose of the goods in some foreign port and purchase return cargo for the various parties interested. This trading beyond the seas often brought handsome returns and enabled such merchants to live elegantly and to leave large fortunes to their children.

Mr. Sheafe lived at South-West corner of Market and Deer Streets. He died September 4, 1831, aged eighty years.

JAMES SHEAFE.

He was a Merchant. Graduated at Harvard College in 1774. His house was on Buck Street occupying the site of the present Rockingham County Court House. It was destroyed in the great fire of 1813. A year or two later he built a large and fine house on the same site, where he lived for many years, his death occurring December 5, 1829, at the age of seventy-four years.

In 1801 Mr. Sheafe was chosen United States Senator from New Hampshire for the term of six years but resigned his seat the following year. In Brewster's "Rambles about Portsmouth" he is spoken of as "our Duke of Wellington, in sagacity and in manners."

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JOSEPH HAVEN.

Merchant. He lived on Pleasant Street in the three-storied house corner of Richmond Street, which he built in 1790. He died July 14, 1829, aged seventy-two years.

NATHANIEL A. HAVEN.

He was bred a Physician. Graduated at Harvard College in 1779. Was Surgeon on board an armed vessel in the latter part of the Revolutionary War. Was captured by the British and confined on board the prison ship "Jersey" at New York, but soon exchanged at the special request of General Washington. At the close of the war he became a Merchant. He was the first President of the Portsmouth Savings Bank. He was also Clerk of this Society. In 1809 he was elected to Congress. His house, which he built in 1798, stands on High Street opposite Ladd Street. He died March 13, 1831, aged sixty-nine years.

BENJAMIN DEARBORN.

Schoolmaster. He taught the first school for girls in Portsmouth—at first in a large room in his own dwelling house which stood on Market Street, corner of Commercial Alley. He afterward built an Academy at the rear of his house, on completion of which Dr. Haven delivered an elegant address in the North Church in honor of the event, and Mr. Sewall wrote an ode. The scholars were all present. The next day they were introduced into the new Academy. He soon had assistant teachers and over a hundred pupils. Here he projected and first introduced "Dearborn's Patent Balances" which attained a very high reputation. He was a deep student of mathematics and the mechanical powers. Before the Power Printing Press was known he devised plans for such a

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machine which though not completed did him great credit. He moved to Boston where he died in 1838, at the age of eighty-three years.

WILLIAM SHEAFE.

Merchant. Lived in house on Congress Street between Chestnut and Middle Streets, which he built in 1797. He died in March, 1839, in his eighty-first year. "One of the most worthy and venerable of our fellow citizens," said the Portsmouth Journal of that date.

SAMUEL HAVEN, JR.

Clergyman. In South Parish records he is recorded as son of Samuel and Mehitable Haven, baptized August 11, 1754. He died at Northwood, N. H., in 1825.

THOMAS MARTIN.

Naval Officer at the Custom House. His house was on Deer Street, now part of the Boston & Maine Railroad Restaurant. Died February 4, 1805, aged seventy-three years. The "Oracle" of February 9 calls him "this excellent man," and adds "few men while living were more universally esteemed and respected."

OLIVER WHIPPLE.

He was a Lawyer. Graduated at Harvard College in 1766. Colonel Whipple built the house in which he lived (North-West corner of Court and Pleasant Streets) at about the time and in the same style as the Pickering house which stands next the Universalist Church. During the Revolutionary

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War he removed to Maine, but afterward returned to Portsmouth. The house was burned in the great fire of 1813. He died in that year, aged sixty-six years.

HALL JACKSON.

Born in Hampton, N. H., November 11, 1739. Educated in the public schools of Portsmouth, his father, Dr. Clement Jackson, having moved to this town in 1749. Studied the theory of Physic and Surgery under his father. Went to London where he attended lectures in the hospitals to perfect himself in surgery. No operation of importance was performed for many miles around Portsmouth without consulting him. In July, 1775, he served with the Continental Army at Cambridge in the siege of Boston. In November, 1775, the Provincial Congress of New Hampshire voted thanks to him and commissioned him as Chief Surgeon of the New Hampshire troops in the Continental Army. In September, 1776, he was Surgeon of Colonel Pierse Long's regiment.

In 1783 Harvard College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He was elected an Honorary Member of the Massachusetts Medical Society. At the time of his death he was Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire.

He died September 28, 1797, in the fifty-eighth year of his age. His sulky was overturned on Middle Street, by which accident several ribs were broken, and a fever set in which terminated his honorable and useful life.

JOHN JACKSON.

Apothecary and Surgeon. Born in Portsmouth September 3, 1745. Son of Deacon Daniel Jackson. He went as Surgeon on board the Continental Ship of War "Raleigh," thir-

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ty-two guns, Captain Thomas Thompson, which sailed from Portsmouth, August 12, 1777, with a crew of 160 men, bound for France. She fell in, September 3, with a fleet of British merchant ships under convoy, and immediately engaged the British Brig "Druid," twenty guns, inflicting upon her a loss of six men killed and twenty-six wounded, compelling her to return to port. The "Raleigh" lost three killed and wounded. She took no prizes—the convoy probably escaping during the action—but proceeded to L'Orient where she was to take on board arms and ammunition for America.

Doctor Jackson died November 22, 1808. The "Portsmouth Oracle" of November 26, says: "Doctor Jackson was a gentleman generally respected and much lamented."

By these fifteen public-spirited citizens the FEDERAL FIRE SOCIETY was launched upon its long career of usefulness. Among them we find one classed as Judge of United States Circuit Court for New Hampshire, one as Lawyer, two as Physicians, one as Apothecary and Surgeon, one as Clergyman, one as Schoolmaster, seven as Merchants, and one as Naval Officer at the Custom House. Several of them were men of great eminence in their calling, and there is no reason to doubt that all were of high standing in the community and devoted to its best interests.

At the meeting at which the Society was organized three additional members were admitted.

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JOHN HALE.

Admitted 1789.

He was a graduate of Harvard of the class of 1779. Third son of Major Samuel Hale, who for nearly forty years was Master of the Latin Grammar School in Portsmouth. Major Hale—H. C. 1740—went as Captain in the New Hampshire Regiment to the siege of Louisburg in 1745 and returned as Major. He died in 1807 in his eighty-ninth year. John Hale, the subject of this sketch, served as Tutor at Harvard, 1781 to 1786, then studied Law under Judge Pickering and was admitted to the bar in 1787. He took high rank as a Lawyer. He died July 13, 1796, in his thirty-fourth year. "A noble harvest gave yet promised more," was written by Jonathan M. Sewall in the epitaph composed by him after Mr. Hale's death.

PETER COUES.

Admitted 1789.

Born in Portsmouth July 30, 1736. Previous to the great fire of 1813, in which his house was consumed, he resided on the South-West corner of State and Atkinson Streets, where was also his store. In early life Captain Coues served in the British Navy. He was at one time sailing master of the "Royal George," which in 1782 capsized and sank with 800 men on board in the harbor of Portsmouth, England, while heeled over for repairs. Before the Revolution he returned to this town where he lived for many years, until his death in 1818, November 19, in his eighty-third year.

The local paper, in giving notice of his decease, thus remarked—"by that urbanity of mind and simplicity of manners for which seafaring men of liberal views are generally distinguished Captain Coues obtained a good standing among his fellow citizens."

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STEPHEN HARDY.

Admitted 1789.

He was a Merchant Tailor. His house stood on the North-West corner of Hanover and High Streets, with an old-fashioned English garden behind it. He was a member of an English family who settled in Portsmouth before the Revolution. Mr. Hardy is remembered by the writer of this note as a man of quiet habits and exemplary life. He died in Dover July 17, 1843, aged eighty-two years.

STEPHEN CHASE.

Admitted 1789.

Merchant. H. C. 1754. He was one of the founders of the "Portsmouth Library" destroyed in the great fire of 1813. He drew up its Constitution and By-Laws. His house stands at the corner of Washington and Court Streets. It is now the "Chase Home for Children," having been given to that Institution by his grandson, George B. Chase, of Boston. He died in 1805, aged seventy years.

JOHN HAVEN.

Admitted 1789.

Began his career as Shipmaster. Afterward for many years of the firm of N. A. & J. Haven, Merchants. In 1799 he built the three-storied house on Islington Street, on the site of which stands now the new High School building. He died there in 1845, aged eighty years.

SAMUEL BRIARD.

Admitted 1789.

He was a Shipmaster. His residence was on Deer Street. He died April 21, 1806, at the age of forty-four years.

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SAMUEL RICE.

Admitted 1789.

Shipmaster. A native of Kittery. His house stands next the "Home for Aged Women" on Deer Street. In 1781 he commanded the Privateer "Fancy," eight guns, and twenty-five men, and in 1782 Privateer "Retaliation," ten guns, twenty-five men. Captain Rice died in 1802, aged fifty years.

REUBEN SHAPLEY.

Admitted 1790.

Merchant. His residence was on Pitt (now Court) Street between Atkinson and Water Streets. He was a prominent citizen. He died January 10, 1825.

Upon a marble tablet erected in St. John's Church is this tribute to his memory: "Whatever virtues could command respect and insure attachment were united in the character of this estimable man. Kind, liberal and humane, his good deeds have erected a monument to his name more lasting than marble, and now that he rests from his labors his works do follow him."

A silver chalice presented by Mr. Shapley is still in possession of the Parish.

ICHABOD NICHOLS.

Admitted 1790.

He was a Shipmaster and lived on Mechanic Street. He removed from Portsmouth to Salem, where he died in 1839.

EDWARD ST. LOE LIVERMORE.

Admitted 1791.

Born in Portsmouth in 1762. Lawyer. He was a son of the famous Judge, Samuel Livermore, who was King's Attor-

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ney for the Province of New Hampshire until the Revolution, and afterward Delegate, Representative, and Senator in Congress, and Chief Justice of the State. Edward St. Loe received his education and practised law here. He lived at one time corner of Market and Daniel Streets. He removed to Lowell, where he died in 1832, aged seventy years.

RICHARD HART.

Admitted 1792.

Merchant. Lived on Russell Street. His garden extends through to Deer Street, opposite High Street. The house was built by his father-in-law, Capt. John Collings, in 1737. It is worthy of note that Mr. Hart's grandson, Commodore John Collings Long, was a midshipman on board the U. S. Frigate "Constitution" when she captured the British Frigate "Java," December 29, 1812. Mr. Hart died February 20, 1820, aged eighty-seven years. On his tombstone in the North Cemetery is inscribed this tribute: "His religion was without ostentation and his charity unlimited."

DANIEL HUMPHRIES.

Admitted 1792.

Attorney at Law. Lived on Daniel Street, corner of Mulberry. His house was burned in the great fire of 1813. In 1812 at the October term of the United States Circuit Court Judge Story ordered as follows:

The Court on mature deliberation do order that the degree of Barrister at Law be and hereby is conferred on the following gentlemen who are counsellors of this Court, viz:

OLIVER PEABODY,
DANIEL HUMPHREYS,
GEORGE SULLIVAN,
and DANIEL WEBSTER.

In testimony of the entire respect the Court entertain for their learn-

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ing, integrity and ability. And the Court further order that this order be entered among the records of the Court.

Barrister Humphries died in 1827.

DANIEL R. ROGERS.

Admitted 1792.

Cashier of New Hampshire Bank. His house was on Congress Street, being the third West of the North Church. He died in 1825.

JOHN WARDROBE.

Admitted 1793.

Shipmaster. He lived corner of Court and Pleasant Streets. Capt. Wardrobe was a native of Scotland. He died October 29, 1804, aged forty-two years.

CHARLES CHAUNCY.

Admitted 1793.

Graduate of Harvard College, class of 1748. His great grandfather of same name was the second President of Harvard. He lived on South Street, a few rods West of the Haven Schoolhouse. The house was taken down in 1835. Mr. Chauncy was a small, very erect old gentleman of quick movement; he wore a cocked hat and dressed in small clothes with black silk hose and diamond knee buckles. He wrote with great vigor and conciseness and often with eloquence. He was a very charitable man. He died in 1809 at about eighty years of age.

GILBERT HORNEY.

Admitted 1794.

Shipmaster. Lived on Buck (now State) Street, near

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Chapel Street. Died in 1802, aged fifty-two years, as appears on his tombstone in St. John's Churchyard.

EDWARD SARGENT.

Admitted 1794.

Shipmaster, and later in life Justice of the Peace. He died in 1820.

JOHN PEIRCE.

Admitted 1794.

Born in Portsmouth in 1746. Educated at the Latin Grammar School under Major Hale. Began his business career in the counting room of Daniel Rindge. At the age of twenty-one he took charge of the business and extensive property of his uncle, Mark Hunking Wentworth, father of John Wentworth, the last Royal Governor of New Hampshire. Was made Executor of his uncle's will. He also had charge of property belonging to persons residing in England, and was Manager of the affairs of Mason's Patent, of which he was one of the proprietors.

In 1791 he was elected Representative to the General Court and was repeatedly re-elected. In the same year he took charge of an Insurance office in addition to his other business.

In 1794 he was the principal agent in erecting the bridge over the Piscataqua river at Fox Point.

In 1798 he was appointed by President John Adams United States Loan Officer for New Hampshire.

For many years he lived on the Parade. His house stood on the East corner of High Street. In 1800 he built the fine three-storied dwelling house which faces Haymarket Square and is now No. 1 Court Street. He died June 14, 1814, aged sixty-eight years.

Mr. Peirce was a man universally respected as always open,

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honorable and correct in his conduct, and of a very benevolent disposition.

From March, 1794, to February, 1797, there were no new members added to the Society. In the latter year three new men were admitted—Edward Parry, John Fisher, and John Flagg.

EDWARD PARRY.

Admitted 1797.

He was a Merchant. Was born in Wales. While residing in Portsmouth he lived in the house which formerly stood on Pleasant Street, corner of Edward. When Haven Park was opened the house was moved to a location on Parrott Avenue, and altered into two tenements. Mr. Parry finally removed to New York, where he died in 1832.

JOHN FISHER.

Admitted 1797.

His house stood where the Rockingham National Bank now is, the garden covering the site of the present City Hall on one side and extending nearly to State Street on the other. It was destroyed in the great fire of 1813.

Mr. Fisher removed to England. He became private Secretary to Lord Grenville when that nobleman was Secretary of State. His death took place at Kensington, near London, in 1838—he being at the time seventy-four years of age.

JOHN FLAGG.

Admitted 1797.

Shipmaster. His house is still standing on Vaughan Street,

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being the last house before you come to the railroad crossing, and on the side toward the railroad station. Capt. Flagg died in 1817. He was Master of the Ship "Mentor" belonging to Thomas Sheafe; July 22, 1798, she arrived under his command from Martinique, where the yellow fever was prevalent, but all on board were well. In discharging the cargo, however, two men employed were taken down with the disease, which spread through the town until terminated on the 5th of October by frost. There were in all ninety-six cases, of which fifty-five proved fatal—among the latter were three of the children of Mr. Sheafe, the owner of the ship—Sally, aged seventeen, Thomas fourteen, and Horatio six.

Such a pestilence had never before nor has since visited our town, which ranks among the healthiest in the Union.— (*Brewster's Rambles, 2d series, pp. 193 to 196.*)

RICHARD SALTER.

Admitted 1798.

Merchant. Lived on South-West corner of Vaughan and Deer Streets. A memorial of the Salter family by William Salter says of him that in the war of the Revolution he commanded the Privateer "Scorpion" of eight guns. In memoirs of Andrew Sherburne of Portsmouth, published at Utica in 1828, occurs the following: "Letter of Marque Brig 'Scorpion,' Capt. Richard Salter, eight guns, fitted out at Portsmouth for the West Indies, was captured by H. M. S. 'Amphion' on return voyage from Guadeloupe and Montserrat to Alexandria, Virginia, within two days' sail of port. Crew sent to 'Jersey' prison ship, New York. Our Captain, Mr. Tibbets the Mate, and three others, continued on board the 'Scorpion,' which was afterward cast away, but I believe no lives were lost."

Capt. Salter died May 2, 1812, in his sixty-eighth year.

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WILLIAM NEIL.

Admitted 1798.

Merchant. Came to Portsmouth from Belfast, Ireland, in the year 1793. Lived on Buck Street. He died in 1825, aged seventy-nine years.

JOHN H. SEAWARD.

Admitted 1799.

Shipmaster. Lived in what was known as the Boyd house—corner of Raynes Avenue and Maplewood Avenue. He wore a queue and powdered hair—one of the last, if not the very last, in Portsmouth, to use that fashion. He died in 1845.

JACOB CUTTER.

Admitted 1799.

Merchant. His residence in the latter years of his life was in the three-storied Colonial house corner of Congress and Middle Streets. He died in 1857 at the age of eighty-six years.

WILLIAM BOYD.

Admitted 1799.

Ship Owner. He was a son of Col. George Boyd, who in 1770 was rated as the richest man in Portsmouth, his tax in that year being £67, while the next highest tax—that of Mark Hunking Wentworth—was £30. The entire tax list amounted to £1659.

The subject of this sketch in 1790 lived in a very spacious mansion which stood at the corner of Market and Bow Streets, The house faced to the North and in front was an open fence enclosing a small garden plot.—(*Brewster's Rambles, series 1, page 161.*)

From 1807 to 1809 Mr. Boyd served the town as Chief

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Fireward, and again in 1811. Later he removed to New Orleans and died in 1826 at the age of fifty-five years.

JEREMIAH MASON.

Admitted 1801.

Lawyer. Son of Col. Jeremiah Mason of the Revolutionary army who commanded a Company of minute men at the siege of Boston. Born in Lebanon, Connecticut, April 27, 1768. Graduated at Yale College in 1788. Studied law. Admitted to the bar in 1791. Practised his profession in New Hampshire, finally establishing himself at Portsmouth. In 1802 he was made Attorney General of the State, and later, when Daniel Webster was engaged in practice in the Courts in Portsmouth, Mason obtained wide reputation through the ability shown in his legal contests with that giant of the bar. From 1813 to 1817 he served as United States Senator from New Hampshire, taking an active part in debates. After retiring from the Senate he was several times elected to the New Hampshire Legislature. He was President of the United States branch bank in Portsmouth.

In 1808 he built the three-storied house on "Mason's Hill," corner of State and Summer Streets, where he resided till his removal to Boston in 1832. He continued the practice of law in the Courts of Massachusetts until his seventieth year. He died October 14, 1848, aged eighty years.

Yale bestowed upon him in 1796 the degree of Master of Arts, and he received that of Doctor of Laws from Bowdoin in 1815, from Harvard in 1817, and from Dartmouth in 1823.

GEORGE F. BLUNT.

Admitted 1801.

Shipmaster. His grandfather, Rev. John Blunt, (H. C 1727) was settled over the church at New Castle in 1732

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where he remained until his death in 1748. His father was the Capt. John Blunt, of Blunt's island, Little Harbor, who from his long experience in navigating the Delaware river was requested by General Washington to take the helm of the boat in which he embarked on that memorable night of December 25, 1776, when amid the floating ice cakes of the Delaware he crossed that broad river and fell upon the surprised Hessians at Trenton.

Capt. George F. Blunt resided on Vaughan Street. He died in 1831, aged seventy years.

SAMUEL HAM.

Admitted 1801.

Ship Owner. He built the Woodbury mansion on part of what was then known as the Boyd farm. He died in 1813.

WILLIAM TREADWELL.

Admitted 1801.

Printer. He published the "Portsmouth Oracle," a semi-weekly paper founded in 1793 by Charles Peirce and then called "The Oracle of the Day." About 1821 it became the "Portsmouth Journal—of Literature and Politics," under which title it continued for over eighty years. Mr. Treadwell died in 1820.

WILLIAM CUTTER.

Admitted 1801.

Physician. Son of Dr. Ammi R. Cutter, one of the founders of this Society. He studied medicine under his father and served as assistant to Dr. Hall Jackson. During the yellow fever epidemic which prevailed in Portsmouth during the summer of 1798 he was very active in his profession and was

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himself attacked by the disorder, from which however he recovered. His practice became very extensive and his advice was sought in all critical cases. He was benevolent in disposition, pleasant in manner, and very social. He died May 22, 1817, in his forty-eighth year.

SAMUEL JONES.

Admitted 1802.

Merchant. He resided at Christian Shore. Died in 1821.

ROBERT RICE.

Admitted 1802.

Merchant. Born in Kittery. The Rice Library in that town was the gift of his daughter, Arabella. Mr. Rice lived in the large brick house on Islington Street, corner of Parker Street. He died in 1853 at the age of seventy-three years.

DANIEL WALDRON.

Admitted 1802.

Merchant. Died in Dover in 1821, having removed to that town from Portsmouth several years before.

THEODORE FURBER.

Admitted 1802.

Grocer. Lived on Congress Street, opposite East corner of Middle Street. He died in 1809.

EBENEZER THOMPSON.

Admitted 1804.

Son of Judge Ebenezer Thompson, a leading citizen of Durham, N. H. The subject of this sketch was born in Dur-

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ham, July 12, 1762. In 1793 he represented the town in the Legislature and was six times re-elected, always by very large majorities. He engaged successfully in shipbuilding and foreign trade. In 1800 he was the largest taxpayer in Durham. He was a man of brilliant parts and used to conduct his own cases in the courts. He took an interest in military affairs, and being commissioned in 1799 Lieutenant Colonel of the 25th New Hampshire Regiment he was ever after called Colonel Thompson.

In 1803 he removed to Portsmouth where he acquired real estate. His loss in the great fire of 1813 was about \$40,000. He resided on Middle Street, and died February 4, 1828, in his sixty-sixth year.

JACOB S. PICKERING.

Admitted 1805.

Cashier of the Rockingham Bank. He lived on Vaughan Street in the house which stood half way between Congress and Hanover Streets, on West side of Vaughan. He was a son of Judge John Pickering, one of the founders of this Society, and was himself Clerk of the Society for several years and at the time of his death was its oldest member. He died in 1849 at the age of sixty-nine years.

CHARLES COFFIN.

Admitted 1805.

Shipmaster. Lived on Jaffrey Street, now Court Street. Died in 1842.

STEPHEN PEARSE.

Admitted 1805.

Grocer. For sixty years he occupied the same store in

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which he commenced business. It was on the Parade next the South corner of Daniel Street. His house was on Islington Street, nearly opposite Pearl Street. He was a man of courtly manner and sterling character, and had the respect of the community. He died March 26, 1861, in his eighty-second year.

PEYTON R. FREEMAN.

Admitted 1806.

Lawyer. Came from Hanover, N. H. He was Clerk of this Society. A man of very retiring disposition. Returned to Hanover in his old age and died there April 3, 1868, aged ninety-two years.

SAMUEL PEARSE.

Admitted 1806.

Shipmaster. He resided on Daniel Street. Died in 1816, aged fifty-six years.

GILMAN LEAVITT.

Admitted 1807.

He came from Northwood and was engaged in the West India business. He lived on Congress Street, between Chestnut and Middle Streets. His death occurred in 1842.

REUBEN S. RANDALL.

Admitted 1807.

Shipmaster. He died May 6, 1825, on board his brig, the "Martha and Jane," of Portsmouth, while on the passage from St. Jago de Cuba to Havana, and was buried at sea.

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THOMAS BROWN.

Admitted 1809.

Shipmaster and Owner. He lived in the Wentworth house on Hanover Street, and afterward in Kittery. He possessed at one time an ample fortune but died poor. In his prosperous days he was noted for his great liberality and benevolence. He was one of the two largest contributors to the rebuilding of St. John's Church after its destruction by fire in 1806—the other being Hon. James Sheafe, one of the founders of this Society. Capt. Brown died October 15, 1822, aged sixty years.

NATHANIEL BROWN.

Admitted 1809.

Innkeeper. He came from Wolfboro, where for several years he superintended the Gov. Wentworth farm. For many years he kept the Bell tavern on Congress Street. He died in 1844 at the age of seventy-six years.

LEWIS BARNES.

Admitted 1810.

Shipmaster and Owner. Born at Gottenburg, Sweden, October 28, 1776. He was of the family of Baarnhielm—ennobled in the sixteenth century for distinguished military and naval service. When a boy he accompanied his uncle, Karl Lorenz Baarnhielm, who commanded a flotilla of Swedish gunboats during a war then existing between Russia and Sweden. Conceiving himself ill-treated by his uncle, he jumped overboard and swam to an American ship lying in the same harbor, which received him on board and sailed with him to Salem, Mass. The Captain having taken a very friendly interest in him introduced him to the house of Rev.

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Dr. Bentley. The young sailor entered as Jacobi Ludwig Bäarnhielm, and came out as plain Lewis Barnes, the Doctor telling him that Americans would never be able to pronounce his Swedish name. He chose the sea for a profession, and in the year 1800 became master of a Portsmouth ship. Here in 1803 he married and established his home, never seeking to resume connection with his family in Sweden and never making mention of them. Years after his death, however, by advice of a friend, his daughter wrote to her father's cousin, Col. Ludwig Bäarnhielm, of Stockholm, from whom came a reply, beginning, "A happy New Year to you, my dear cousin," which was the beginning of a correspondence and of an exchange of photographs and presents of the deepest and most cordial interest to both the Swedish and the American branches of the Bäarnhielm-Barnes family.

Capt. Barnes died at his residence on Islington Street June 27, 1856, in his eightieth year.

CHARLES PEIRCE.

Admitted 1810.

Bookseller. He kept a large bookstore on Daniel Street, which was destroyed in the great fire of 1802. He published in June, 1793, the first number of the "Oracle of the Day," a semi-weekly newspaper. The building in which it was printed stood on Pleasant Street, next the North Church. It was subsequently removed to its present location on Court Street, corner of Haymarket Square, where it was known as the "Oracle House." The name of the paper was changed in 1802 to the "United States Oracle and Portsmouth Advertiser," reduced in 1803 to the simpler title of "The Portsmouth Oracle."

Mr. Peirce removed to Philadelphia, where he died in 1851, aged eighty-one years.

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RICHARD SHAPLEIGH.

Admitted 1811.

Shipmaster. Born in Eliot, Me., February 25, 1776. He commanded the ship "Granville," which was wrecked on Locke's ledge, off Rye Beach, early on the morning of April 14, 1813. The "Granville" was bound from Cadiz for Portsmouth with a cargo of salt, 800 boxes of raisins and a quantity of lemons. Thirteen of the crew were rescued by boats from shore, but Capt. Shapleigh while attempting to cut away the mizzen mast was swept overboard and drowned. There was a strong Southerly wind blowing and a heavy sea running and the ship went to pieces, the entire cargo being lost and nothing saved from the wreck except a part of the rigging.

The *New Hampshire Gazette* of April 20, in its account of the disaster, says of the Captain: "He was enterprising and industrious from his youth, an honest and useful member of society, and he has left behind him an irreproachable character."

He was thirty-seven years of age.

OLIVER C. BLUNT.

Admitted 1811.

Shipmaster. Brother of Capt. Geo. F. Blunt (F. F. S. 1801). Born 1774. It is related in "Rambles About Portsmouth" that his parents had decided to name him *William*, and he was taken to the Church at New Castle from the home on Blunt's island, which his father, Capt. John Blunt, owned, to be so christened. Rev. Joseph Stevens of Kittery, who that day officiated, was a Royalist, and gave a sermon in which Cromwell as a Revolutionist was denounced in no measured terms. This incensed Capt. Blunt, and when at the time for the christening the minister asked what name the

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child was to have, he roared out, in a voice that filled the Church, OLIVER CROMWELL! and Oliver Cromwell he was named. He and his four brothers followed the sea, as their father had done before them, and all became successful shipmasters. He built the house in which he resided on State Street, and died in 1844 at the age of seventy years.

WILLIAM LADD.

Admitted 1812.

Born at Exeter, N. H., in 1778. Graduate of Harvard College, 1797. In early manhood a Shipmaster. He afterward became widely known as President of the American Peace Society in which he was for many years of his life the most active member. He edited the "Friend of Peace," also the "Harbinger of Peace"—publications of that Society. In 1824 he published an address to the Peace Society of Maine, and in 1825 an address to the Peace Society of Massachusetts. His "dissertation on a Congress of Nations" was published in 1832. The American Biographical Dictionary in its account of him says "he was a man honest, earnest, benevolent and pious." He died in Portsmouth April 9, 1841, aged sixty-three years.

THOMAS NEIL.

Admitted 1813.

Son of William Neil, hereinbefore mentioned. He was a Merchant engaged in foreign trade. Born in Belfast, Ireland. Came to Portsmouth in 1790. Died here in 1850, aged seventy-seven years.

EDWARD CUTTS.

Admitted 1813.

Lawyer. Graduate of Harvard in class of 1801. His

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native place was Eliot, Maine. He resided on State Street, corner of Chestnut. He died in 1844.

SAMUEL LARKIN.

Admitted 1815.

Universally known as "Major Larkin"—a man of most agreeable and social disposition. He came from Boston and opened a bookstore on the Parade. His store was burned in the great fire of 1802. He was afterward an Auctioneer and during the war of 1812 sold under the hammer many prizes and prize cargoes captured by Portsmouth privateers. Major Larkin was the father of twenty-two children, many of whom died young. Two of his sons were officers in the United States Navy. A daughter lived to the age of ninety-six years. His residence was at 16 Middle Street, where he died in 1849, at the age of seventy-five years.

He was Chief Fireward of Portsmouth 1817 to 1825. The writer of this notice remembers the Major, at a fire which threatened the destruction of his father's house about sixty years ago, as very active with other members of this Society in removing the household goods to a place of safety. The house was saved, however, and the goods were returned the following day, uninjured.

JOHN W. FOSTER.

Admitted 1815.

Bookseller. He came from Boston and was for many years of his life very prominent in the Unitarian Church and in all benevolent work in this community, and was universally known and respected as "Deacon Foster." His residence was the house built in 1790 by Joseph Haven, corner of Pleasant and Richmond Streets. Deacon Foster died in 1852, in his sixty-third year.

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JOHN THURSTON.

Admitted 1817.

Physician. The annual bills of mortality for Portsmouth for the years 1818, 1819, 1820 and 1823, were compiled by Dr. Thurston. Copies of the same are preserved in the Athenæum. December 23, 1824, he was appointed Assistant Surgeon in the United States Army. He resigned his commission May 1, 1833, and died in Newburyport December 10, 1835.

CHARLES C. HAVEN.

Admitted 1817.

Merchant. Graduated at Harvard 1804. After leaving college he travelled abroad. He removed from Portsmouth to Philadelphia, where he resided many years. Late in life he made his home in Trenton, New Jersey. In July, 1873, at the age of eighty-six, he wrote a song commemorative of the return of the Sons of Portsmouth, which he enclosed in a friendly letter to Gov. Goodwin, and which was published, both song and letter, in the pamphlet entitled, "The Reunion of '73." Mr. Haven died in 1874, aged eighty-seven years.

JOSHUA WINSLOW PEIRCE.

Admitted 1818.

Merchant and Farmer. Born in Portsmouth May 14, 1791. Entered Exeter Academy in 1803. Commenced his business career in counting room of James Sheafe, a leading merchant of Portsmouth and one of the founders of this Society. Mr. Peirce was as a young man much interested in the Militia, and in 1813 was commissioned Captain of the "Gilman Blues," a noted Portsmouth Company. In 1816 he became Major of the 1st New Hampshire Regiment, in 1819 its Lieutenant Colonel, and in 1820 its Colonel. He resigned in 1823.

In 1816 he made a voyage to the Mediterranean as Super-

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cargo for Mr. Sheafe. After disposing of the cargo and finishing the business connected therewith he left the ship at Leghorn and passed a year visiting the principal countries and cities of Europe before returning to Portsmouth. In 1825 he removed to Salmon Falls as Agent of the Salmon Falls Manufacturing Co., remaining there till the destruction of the Mills by fire in 1834. In 1836 the Company decided to rebuild and the work was done under Col. Peirce's supervision. In 1838 he moved to his farm in Greenland, where he passed the next twenty-eight years of his life finding congenial occupation in the cultivation of his broad acres on the shores of Great Bay—the finest farm in Rockingham County. In November, 1866, being then in his seventy-sixth year, he came to his town house in Portsmouth, where he resided until his death, which occurred April 10, 1874—then the oldest member of the Federal Fire Society, of which he had been a member fifty-six years.

Col. Peirce was possessed of a vigorous constitution, and was a man of great force of character and fine intelligence, and commanded universal respect.

NATHANIEL LYDE.

Admitted 1818.

Purser in the United States Navy. Born in Massachusetts and appointed to the Navy from that State. He was stationed at the Portsmouth Navy Yard over thirteen years, from 1815 till his death in 1828. Mr. Lyde was killed by being thrown from a carriage in which he and Commodore Creighton, Commandant at the Yard, were driving. The accident occurred July 7, 1828, on Austin Street, near Middle Street. His skull was fractured and death ensued on the following morning.

The *Portsmouth Journal* of July 12 said of him: "In this community, and wherever he was known, the memory of Mr.

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Lyde will be cherished as that of one of the kindest and most benevolent of men. He has not left behind him here one man whom he had ever injured or offended, probably not one who did not entertain toward him feelings of regard and friendship."

CHARLES AUGUSTUS CHEEVER.

Admitted 1818.

Physician. Born in Boston, December 1, 1793. His youth was passed in Saugus, Mass., until his entrance at Harvard in 1809, from which he graduated in 1813. On leaving college he studied medicine with Dr. John Warren, Professor of Anatomy and Surgery at Harvard. After taking his medical degree he made a voyage to the West Indies, mainly for the purpose of introducing vaccination. This effective preventive of smallpox had been discovered by Dr. Jenner and given by him to the public eighteen years before, but was very slowly adopted this side the Atlantic. Dr. Cheever was successful in his mission. In the autumn of 1816 he established himself in Portsmouth, and became a leading Physician here. He was very highly esteemed, both as a citizen and in his profession. He died at Saugus September 22, 1852, in his fifty-ninth year.

GEORGE JAFFREY.

Admitted 1818.

Born Jeffries. Son of Dr. John Jeffries, of Boston. Hon. George Jaffrey (H. C. 1736) who had been Councillor, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, and Treasurer of the Province of New Hampshire, at his death in 1802 in his eighty-sixth year left his large estate to a relative on his mother's side—his nearest of kin—George Jeffries—at that time a lad in his fourteenth year. Thereupon Jeffries changed his name to Jaffrey. After his graduation at Harvard he came to Ports-

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mouth, where he took up his permanent residence, which was in the old Jaffrey house, off Daniel Street. He was for many years Librarian of the Portsmouth Athenæum. He died in 1856, at the age of sixty-seven years.

SAMUEL HALE, JR.

Admitted 1822.

A. B. Bowdoin College 1814. A. M. Dartmouth 1818. Merchant in Portsmouth for many years, of the firm Rollins (Ichabod) & Hale. President of Piscataqua Bank, Portsmouth Marine Railway Company, and of the Portsmouth Iron Foundry Company, and Director of the Piscataqua Bridge Company. Removed to Somersworth, where he died in 1869.

JOHN H. SHEAFE.

Admitted 1822.

Son of an original member (Thomas). Merchant in Portsmouth. Director of the Piscataqua Bridge Company and of the Rockingham Bank. Died in 1840, aged forty-six years.

EBENEZER L. CHILDS.

Admitted 1825.

Member of the bookselling firm of Gray (Harrison) & Childs, on Pleasant Street, in Portsmouth. Later, connected for many years with the the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., where he died in 1873, aged seventy-two years.

GEORGE SPARHAWK.

Admitted 1825.

Born in Portsmouth, but resided for many years in Kittery,

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the custodian of Fort McCleary. Died in Kittery in 1857, aged fifty-seven years.

JOHN BALL, JR.

Admitted 1825.

Dry goods Merchant in Portsmouth. Later, for ten years, City Missionary of Salem, Mass., where he died in 1859, aged fifty-six years.

OLIVER W. PENHALLOW.

Admitted 1825.

Clerk in Piscataqua Bank (1834). Town Treasurer and Collector (1839). Clerk of the Federal Fire Society. Died in 1873, aged seventy-six years.

DANIEL H. TREADWELL.

Admitted 1825.

Leaving Harvard College by reason of ill health, went to England at the age of fifteen, where he long resided. Later made repeated journeys through parts of Europe. Treasurer of the Sagamore Company, and Director in the New Hampshire Bank. Died in Portsmouth, in 1864, aged sixty-four years.

WILLIAM JONES, JR.

Admitted 1826.

Born in Kittery, Maine. A dry goods Merchant, founding in 1832 the very successful house of William Jones & Son, on Market Street. He was a Director in the Rockingham Bank. Died in 1855.

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STEPHEN H. SIMES.

Admitted 1828.

Dry goods Merchant, for many years, in Portsmouth. Director in the Portsmouth Aqueduct Company. Died in Portsmouth, in 1872, aged seventy-six years.

JAMES H. PIERREPONT.

Admitted 1829.

Physician of eminence. A. B. Harvard 1789. M. D. Dartmouth 1817, Harvard 1819. Died in Portsmouth, in 1839, aged seventy-one years.

EBEN WHEELWRIGHT, JR.

Admitted 1829.

Merchant. Was in business in Portsmouth several years, but before 1840 he removed to Boston. He died in 1877.

MESHACH B. TRUNDY.

Admitted 1829.

Merchant for many years on Market Street. Died in Portsmouth September 29, 1858, aged seventy-one years.

LORY ODELL.

Admitted 1829.

Lawyer. Born at Conway, N. H., September 16, 1801. Graduated at Bowdoin College 1823. Practised law in Hampton and in Portsmouth. He was for several years Collector of the Port of Portsmouth, and from 1855 to 1871 was Judge of the Police Court in Portsmouth.

Judge Odell was a tall, slender, erect man of prominent

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features and striking figure. He habitually wore a blue dress coat with bright buttons, a stiff neck stock and gold spectacles, and was altogether a man to attract attention anywhere. He was a very genial companion, but never married. He died at Portland, Maine, March 23, 1883, in his eighty-second year.

EDMUND Q. SHEAFE.

Admitted 1829.

Son of Jacob Sheafe, an original member of F. F. S. He was a Shipmaster and later a Merchant. He died in Portsmouth, December 1839, aged fifty-one years.

GEORGE MANENT.

Admitted 1829.

Son of George A. Manent, a well-known French Teacher in Portsmouth. Mr. Manent was for some years clerk in Tappan & Foster's bookstore, then clerk with James H. Foster in Boston. Returning to Portsmouth he opened a Stock and Exchange office on Congress Street, in which he prospered. He became involved however in the Eastern Land Speculation of 1837 and lost heavily. He was at one time Director in the New Hampshire Bank and a Warden of St. John's Church. He died March 3, 1884, on his ninetieth birthday.

THOMAS A. ADAMS.

Admitted 1830.

Auctioneer and Insurance Agent. He was at one time Clerk of this Society. About 1840 he removed to New Orleans and died in that city in 1880.

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ICHABOD BARTLETT.

Admitted 1831.

Lawyer. Born in Salisbury, N. H., (?) July 24, 1786. Graduated at Dartmouth College 1808. Admitted to the Bar 1812, and became one of the very foremost among its members. He was in practice in Durham for about six years and then made his permanent home in Portsmouth where he was an acknowledged leader in his profession. He was a Representative in the Legislature for several terms and was chosen Speaker of the House in 1821. In 1822 he was elected Representative to Congress, a position which he retained for three successive terms. He was an original member of the New Hampshire Historical Society and its President from 1826 to 1830. Mr. Bartlett was generous, sensitive and high spirited. He died in Portsmouth October 19, 1853, aged sixty-seven years.

ALFRED WOODWARD HAVEN.

Admitted 1831.

Lawyer. Born in Portsmouth March 14, 1801. Graduated at Harvard 1820, and was admitted to the Bar in 1825. Practised law till 1834. He was one of the earliest advocates of the building of the Portsmouth & Concord Railroad, and was its first President. He was also a Director of the Rockingham Bank and of the Portsmouth Athenæum, and for four years a Representative from Portsmouth in the State Legislature. He resided on Congress Street in house next East of the Young Men's Christian Association building, where he died December 27, 1885, in his eighty-fifth year.

JOHN RICE.

Admitted 1831.

Born in Kittery, Maine. He was for many years Cashier

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of the New Hampshire Union Bank, Portsmouth. He resided at 17 Court Street but removed to Kittery previous to 1851 and died in 1871.

CHARLES WILLIAM CUTTER.

Admitted 1831.

Lawyer. Born in Portsmouth June 11, 1799. Graduated at Harvard 1818. Studied law in the office of Jeremiah Mason and commenced the practice of law in this town. Was Associate Editor of the Portsmouth Journal 1825 to 1830. As a writer and political speaker he was highly successful. He represented Portsmouth in the Legislature several years. He was Clerk of the United States Circuit Court for this district several years, Naval Storekeeper 1841 to 1845, and Navy Agent 1849 to 1851, removing soon after to the West, where he died at Hatfield, Minnesota, August 6, 1856.

SAMUEL E. COUES.

Admitted 1831.

Born in Portsmouth June 13, 1797. Was senior partner of the firm of Coues & Goodwin, Shipowners. He was at one time President of the American Peace Society. He was a man of considerable literary ability. In 1851 he published a work entitled "Mechanical Philosophy—a Research into the Laws of Force," and in 1860 "Studies of the Earth." In 1858 he removed to Washington but returned to Portsmouth in 1866. Died July 3, 1867, at the age of seventy years.

JAMES KENNARD.

Admitted 1832.

Born November 14, 1780. Shipmaster. He lived on

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North-West corner of Austin and Summer Streets. After retiring from the sea he became a member of the Portsmouth Marine Society, and was for several years its President. Capt. Kennard died November 3, 1856, aged seventy-six years.

ICHABOD GOODWIN.

Admitted 1832.

Born in North Berwick, Me., 1794. Entered the counting room of Samuel Lord in 1808, and in 1817 went out as supercargo of ship "Elizabeth Wilson." In 1832 became a member of the shipping firm of Coues & Goodwin, which continued in business in Portsmouth for many years.

Between 1838 and 1856 he served six times as Representative in the State Legislature. He was a member of the Constitutional Conventions of 1850 and of 1876. He was twice elected Governor of the State, serving from June 1859 to June 1861. During his second term he was very energetic in raising the regiments called for by the general government at the outbreak of the Civil War, becoming personally responsible for loans necessary for their equipment until the Legislature could be convened to authorize them.

During his long and active life he was President of many institutions—among them the Eastern Railroad Company; the Portsmouth, Saco and Portland Railroad Company; the Portsmouth Steam Factory; the First National Bank; the Portsmouth Gas Company. In 1834 and again in 1837 he served as Chief Fireward of the town. He was also President of the Howard Benevolent Society.

Governor Goodwin died at his residence on Islington Street, July 4, 1882, in his eighty-eighth year. Five weeks before his death he had delivered with his customary force the Memorial Day address, full of patriotic sentiment.

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JOHN T. GODDARD.

Admitted 1834.

Graduate of Harvard College. Being possessed of ample means he followed no regular occupation. His membership in this Society, however, indicated an interest in the welfare of the town. He died in 1837.

ALEXANDER RICE.

Admitted 1834.

Born in Kittery. He was for many years Agent for the Eastern Stage Company which maintained a regular line of coaches between Portsmouth and Boston. On the advent of the Eastern Railroad he became the ticket agent of the road in this town. Mr. Rice made his home at the Franklin House on Congress Street, corner of Fleet. He died in 1876.

EDWARD RUNDLETT.

Admitted 1835.

Was a Physician. Graduated at Harvard. Resided on Middle Street. Dr. Rundlett died in 1874, aged sixty-nine years.

GEORGE WASHINGTON STORER.

Admitted 1835.

United States Naval Officer. Born May 4, 1789. In October of that year President Washington visited Portsmouth and while here called on the mother of his private secretary, Tobias Lear, at her home in Hunking Street. While at the house Mrs. Lear exhibited to General Washington her infant grandson, the subject of this sketch, and—as related in Brewster's "Rambles"—Washington placed his hand on the

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child's head and expressed the wish that he might grow up to be a better man than the one he was named for.

Young Storer entered the Navy as Midshipman January 16, 1809. He attained the rank of Captain February 9, 1837, and was in command of the Brazil squadron as Commodore 1847 to 1850. He was retired on account of age December 21, 1861, being then in his seventy-third year. July 16, 1862, he was made Rear Admiral on the retired list. Admiral Storer died at his residence in Portsmouth January 8, 1864, in his seventy-fifth year.

HENRY H. LADD.

Admitted 1836.

Mr. Ladd was a leading Merchant in Portsmouth. He resided in the fine three-storied brick house, No. 18 Middle Street, said to have been built after the plans of the celebrated architect, Charles Bulfinch, designer of the original Massachusetts State House on Beacon Hill, in Boston, as also of the Portsmouth Athenæum and of the Academy, now Public Library building.

DANIEL R. ROGERS.

Admitted 1836.

Merchant. Son of Daniel R Rogers, who was also a member of this Society, (admitted in 1792). Mr. Rogers lived on Congress Street, a few doors West of the North Church. He died in 1867.

CHARLES H. LADD.

Admitted 1836.

Born March 4, 1812. Became a Merchant in partnership with his brother, Alexander H. C. H. and A. H. Ladd

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carried on the business of refining crude whale oil at the stone building on Market Street, near the bridge, which was in their day known as the Oil Factory. Later Mr. C. H. Ladd removed to Galveston, Texas, where he was engaged in the cotton business and where he died April 20, 1893, aged eighty-one years.

CHARLES B. GOODRICH.

Admitted 1836.

Lawyer. Born in Enfield, N. H., March 26, 1804. Graduated at Dartmouth College 1822, and later received degree of L. L. D., from Dartmouth. Studied law in the office of Hon. Levi Woodbury. Practised at first in Lebanon, N. H.; afterward in Portsmouth ten or twelve years, and then removed to Boston, where he took high rank at the Bar, being regarded as an eminent authority on Constitutional law. He died in Boston, June 1878, aged seventy-four years.

ALFRED RUNDLETT.

Admitted 1836.

Born in Portsmouth 1811. Graduated at Dartmouth College 1831. Dry goods Merchant on Market Street for many years, and Fireward in 1839. Died in San Francisco 1851.

MARK H. WENTWORTH.

Admitted 1836.

Born in Portsmouth 1813, and dry goods Merchant on Market Street, removing to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1843; forming with his brothers, George J. and Alfred S., a wholesale dry goods house. He returned to Portsmouth in 1855, becoming a partner in the firm of Wm. Jones & Son, and a Director

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in the Rockingham Bank. He died in Portsmouth 1902, in his eighty-ninth year.

ISAAC D. PARSONS.

Admitted 1836.

Shipmaster. Died at sea, on passage from St. John to Bristol, 1850. Commanded ships "Marion," "Seine," "Olive & Eliza," "Pontiac," "Robert Parker" and "Kate Hunter."

JOHN P. LYMAN.

Admitted 1838.

Born in Portsmouth, and a grandson of Hon. John Pickering, an original member. He was an Importer of iron and steel, in business upon Market Street, and a Director in the Portsmouth Bank. He died in Portsmouth, 1874.

RALPH C. CUTTER.

Admitted 1838.

Born in Portsmouth. Son of a member and grandson of an original member. He went at an early age from Phillips Exeter Academy to Hayti, where he was for many years in business. Returning to Portsmouth he became there a Merchant and Shipowner and was a member of its last Board of Selectmen. He removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1853, where he died in 1884.

CHRISTOPHER S. TOPPAN.

Admitted 1838.

Born in Hampton, N. H. He was for many years a Director in the Piscataqua Bank, but at no time in active busi-

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ness. He died suddenly at Gorham, N. H., on a journey through the White Mountains, 1861.

HORATIO COFFIN.

Admitted 1838.

Born in Portsmouth and a grandson of Thomas Sheafe, an original member. Shipowner, having a counting room on Market Street. He died at Little Harbor, 1859.

JAMES WOODWARD EMERY.

Admitted 1839.

Lawyer. Born in Haverhill, Mass., November 30, 1808. Graduated at Dartmouth College 1830. Admitted to the bar 1833.

Mr. Emery studied law with Ichabod Bartlett of Portsmouth and afterwards was associated with him in practice until the death of the latter in 1853. He was the chief promoter, if not the projector, of the Portsmouth and Concord Railroad, which, though the original stockholders were losers, was only a little in advance of the times. In 1857 Mr. Emery removed to Cambridge, Mass., and became President of the Union Horse Railroad Company, which, under his management, was highly successful. In 1870 he returned to Portsmouth where he resided until his death. He was a Representative in the New Hampshire Legislature for six years, and Speaker in 1873.

He was long a member of this Society. He died in Portsmouth December 16, 1891.

WILLIAM P. JONES.

Admitted 1839.

Born in Portsmouth. Member of the firm of Wm. Jones

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& Son, and Shipowner, with counting room on Market Square, and a Director in the Rockingham Bank. He died in 1872.

WILLIAM F. PARROTT.

Admitted 1839.

Shipmaster and Merchant. Son of John F. Parrott, United States Senator from New Hampshire (1819 to 1825) and brother of Robert F., the inventor of the famous Parrott gun. For many years Capt. Parrott made his home at the Tremont House in Boston, where he was extensively engaged in the Calcutta trade. On retiring from business he returned to Portsmouth, long residing on Middle Street, where he died July 19, 1878.

WILLIAM A. RICE.

Admitted 1840.

Shipmaster. In 1839-40 he resided at No. 9 Market Street, but subsequently removed to the Sheafe house on State Street, where the Rockingham County Court House now stands, and where he died July 28, 1847, aged forty-six years.

JOHN D. SIMES.

Admitted 1840.

Merchant and Ship Chandler. In business at 59 Market Street in 1839-40, his residence being at No. 7 Court Street. He was at one time Clerk of this Society. Subsequently he removed to New York where he died in 1860.

GEORGE W. RICE.

Admitted 1840.

At the date of his admission he was Assistant Cashier of

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the New Hampshire Union Bank of Portsmouth, residing with his father at 17 Court Street. He afterward removed to Boston and was living in 1880. Date of his death unknown.

JOHN L. THOMPSON.

Admitted 1842.

Bank Cashier. Son of Capt. Thomas Thompson who in the Revolutionary War commanded the Continental ship of war "Raleigh," thirty-two guns, in which, on her passage to L'Orient in 1777, he had a successful encounter with the British man of war "Druid." Mr. Thompson at the time of his death, and for several years previous, had served as Treasurer of St. John's Church. He was prominent in the social life of Portsmouth. His death occurred in April, 1844, at the age of sixty years.

GEORGE B. CUMMING.

Admitted 1842.

Merchant and Shipowner. He resided in Savannah, Georgia, but visited Portsmouth in summer for many years. He was an intimate friend of Governor Goodwin and interested with him in Portsmouth built ships, among which were the "Susannah Cumming," the "Kate Hunter" and the "John Cumming," the last a large ship for those days, being of 721 tons burthen. She was commanded by Capt. William L. Dwight, with whom the writer of this sketch sailed from Portsmouth January 10, 1848, arriving at the mouth of the Tybee river, after a passage of seven days. At Savannah, after discharging her cargo of hay, she took on board a cargo of cotton with which she proceeded to Liverpool, crossing the Atlantic in nineteen days. Mr. Cumming was much interested in Portsmouth and a welcome summer visitor. He died in 1878.

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JAMES P. BARTLETT.

Admitted 1843.

Born in Portsmouth April 12, 1820. Entered the office of Thomas A. Adams, Auctioneer and Insurance Agent (F. F. S. 1830), and on his removal to New Orleans succeeded to his business in Portsmouth. In 1855 he was appointed Cashier of the New Hampshire Bank, and in 1866 became President of its successor, the New Hampshire National Bank. In 1882 he resigned to become Cashier of the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank, where he remained until his withdrawal from active business about a year before his death.

Mr. Bartlett was a man of scholarly attainments and prominent in the business and social life of Portsmouth for more than half a century. He resided in his later years on State Street, corner of Penhallow, and died there April 15, 1896, aged seventy-six years.

MARK R. WENDELL.

Admitted 1843.

Merchant. Was in 1839-40 a member of the firm of Wm. Jones & Son, Dry Goods Dealers and Shipowners. Afterward removed to Boston where he became associated with Oliver H. Perry, grandson of the famous Commodore Perry, who won the battle of Lake Erie against the British squadron, in 1813. The firm Perry, Wendell, Fay & Co., was for many years the selling agent of the Middlesex Mills. Mr. Wendell resided at Jamaica Plain. He died February 28, 1901, aged eighty-four years.

WILLIAM M. SHACKFORD.

Admitted 1844.

Shipmaster and Owner. Born in Kittery in 1789. In 1804 he went to sea on board the ship "Resolution," of 600 tons bur-

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den, the largest merchantman which had ever at that time sailed out of Piscataqua river. He became Captain of a ship when twenty years of age, and in a few years part owner.

He owned five-eighths of ship "Georgia," which he also commanded. He was afterward Captain and sole owner of the ship "Izette."

Early in the war of 1812 Capt. Shackford sailed for Havana with a cargo of flour. He there sold both ship and cargo at a handsome profit receiving over \$30,000 in bills in payment. He then took passage for home on a schooner of unmistakable American build but with a Spanish captain and under the Spanish flag. Knowing the possibility of capture by the British on such an evidently American built vessel, he had removed the bottom of his sea chest and chiselled a groove up in the front panel of the chest in which he stowed his papers and bills and then replaced the bottom. On the passage the schooner was brought to by a gun from the British ship of the line, the "Bulwark." Shackford and his chest were conveyed on board and the schooner was ordered to lie by during the night, but at daylight it was found she had slipped away. Finding nothing on Shackford to prove him other than a passenger on a vessel belonging to a friendly nation, the British Captain, when off the coast of Connecticut, set him ashore and he reached home with his papers and property safe. At Providence he saw the schooner on which he took passage safe in her home port.

The above incidents are related by his grandson, Capt. Wm. G. Shackford, of Orange, N. J.

During this same war he joined a coast defence company called the Sea Fencibles. It was made up principally of unemployed Shipmasters and Mates of vessels, uniformed and armed with pistols and cutlasses, and who also served a few pieces of artillery. About ten o'clock in the evening, June 21, 1814, the town was alarmed by a report that the British were

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landing at Rye. The Sea Fencibles (with other companies) started for the scene of action dragging their cannon by ropes. But before reaching Rye they learned that the alarm was false.

In 1834, having retired from the sea, Capt. Shackford became a Director in the Piscataqua Bank, and remained in its directory until his death forty-one years later. On the adoption of the National Banking System the institution reorganized as the First National Bank of Portsmouth.

He was also for twenty-five years, 1844 to 1869, President of the Portsmouth Savings Bank. For forty years he was a member of the Portsmouth Marine Society—part of the time serving as its Secretary and Treasurer.

Capt. Shackford was a man of uncommon sagacity and prudence. He lived to enjoy a vigorous old age, as well as the entire respect of this community. For many years he resided at 35 Daniel Street, where, after a brief illness, he died November 12, 1875, in his eighty-seventh year.

DAVID D. BAKER.

Admitted 1844.

Officer of United States Marine Corps. He was stationed at Portsmouth quite a number of years. Lieut. Baker was rather a striking figure of a man, with a very soldierly appearance. During the Mexican war he was attached to the frigate "Cumberland" in the Gulf of Mexico. He was promoted to be Captain September 28, 1847. In 1851 he was again in Portsmouth residing at No. 3 Jeffreys Court. He died at Pensacola, of yellow fever, August 31, 1853.

CHARLES COFFIN HARRIS.

Admitted 1844.

Born June 9, 1822. Son of William C. Harris, who for

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thirty-seven years conducted a private school for boys in this town with remarkable success. Mr. Harris was fitted for college at his father's school from which he entered Harvard College, graduating there in 1840. He became a Teacher in Portsmouth and also studied law. When the discovery of gold was made in California he crossed the Isthmus of Panama and in company with two of his brothers purchased a vessel for trading purposes on the Pacific. They finally ran down to Honolulu for a cargo of provisions, and there Mr. Harris left the vessel and set up the practice of law, in which he became very successful. He soon began to take a prominent part in Hawaiian politics and in 1854 was made Police Magistrate.

On the accession of Kamehameha V, he entered his cabinet as Attorney General, and was the chief adviser of that Monarch in all the important constitutional changes which were made. He was afterward Minister of Finance, and still later became Minister of Foreign Affairs in which office he continued until about a year before the death of the King, when—owing to a split in the cabinet—he resigned and never again occupied a ministerial position.

In February, 1874, he was appointed First Associate Justice and in February, 1877, Chief Justice of the Kingdom.

At his death, which occurred in July, 1881, the press of Honolulu thus eulogized him :

“We know that many will mourn Mr. Harris as a faithful friend and kindly adviser. Many a man in this community owes his success to his advice and assistance. Strong of will, of indomitable courage, both moral and physical, of great mental capacity, one of the greatest of Hawaii's adopted children has passed away.”

WILLIAM H. ROLLINS.

Admitted 1844.

Lawyer. Graduate of Harvard in same class (1840) with

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Charles Coffin Harris. Mr. Rollins is still living (1905) in the house 68 Pleasant Street, where his father and his grand-father lived, and which has been his own residence for over eighty years. The Eastern Railroad had not been built when he entered college, and so he travelled to Cambridge by stage coach—the only mode of passenger conveyance at that period. His honorable career in his chosen profession is well known to all his fellow citizens.

JOSEPH HOOKER.

Admitted 1845.

Born in Hadley, Mass., November 13, 1814. Educated at West Point Military Academy, and entered United States Army as 2d Lieutenant of Artillery. Served in the Seminole Indian War in Florida in 1837-38. Was subsequently appointed Aid to Col. Crane, Commander of the Eastern Division, U. S. A., and stationed for several years in Portsmouth.

He went to the Mexican War as 1st Lieutenant of Artillery and returned with rank of Captain. During the Civil War, 1861 to 1865, he held high commands in the field, being for six months of 1863 Commander of the Army of the Potomac. In 1864 he received the thanks of Congress for distinguished services. In 1868 he was retired with rank of Major General, U. S. A. He died at Garden City, Long Island, October 31, 1879, aged sixty-five years. His native state of Massachusetts has erected on Beacon Hill, Boston, an equestrian statue in bronze of this, her distinguished son.

SAMUEL LARKIN, JR.

Admitted 1845.

Son of Major Larkin (F. F. S. 1815). Lieutenant in United States Navy. Died in 1856.

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JOHN H. BOARDMAN.

Admitted 1845.

Physician. Resided 14 Middle Street. Col. Peirce, in the list of members compiled by him, mentions Dr. Boardman as also a Poet—one of the Poets of Portsmouth. He died in 1874.

ALEXANDER J. RICE.

Admitted 1845.

Graduated at Harvard in 1841, and studied Medicine. He was appointed Assistant Surgeon in United States Navy March 5, 1847. He died at Pensacola April 20, 1851, in the twenty-ninth year of his age.

JOHN A. BATES.

Admitted 1846.

Purser in United States Navy. While stationed at the Portsmouth Navy Yard he resided with his family on Austin Street. Purser Bates was a familiar figure on the streets of Portsmouth in those days, his rotund person, brisk manner, and hearty appearance presenting a picture suggestive of robust health and manly vigor. His death occurred in 1871.

GEORGE W. HAVEN.

Admitted 1846.

Son of John Haven (F. F. S. 1789). Graduated at Dartmouth College 1838. He afterward studied in Germany, where he met the famous poet, Goethe, to whom he had letters of introduction, and other German literary men. His knowledge of German and Italian literature was extensive. He was also well read in the science of political economy. He was for

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forty years a Director of the Rockingham Bank. He delivered lectures in Portsmouth on Dante, on political economy, and on banking. Mr. Haven resided in the house on Islington Street, erected by his father in 1799, which was demolished (a hundred years after its erection) to make room for the new High School Building, which now occupies its site. He died there August 9, 1895, aged eighty-seven years.

JAMES BRACKETT PARROTT.

Admitted 1846.

Born in Portsmouth, November 26, 1817. Iron Dealer—of firm of Spalding and Parrott. Noted as a lover of Nature, and for his pedestrian excursions, which extended for many miles around Portsmouth. He was also devoted to athletic exercises, and no less to literature, his favorite author being the immortal Bard of Avon. He was himself a man of considerable literary gifts, and with a strong poetic vein, exhibited in numerous short poems contributed to the Portsmouth Journal, and particularly in the fine ode always sung at the semi-annual dinners of this Society. In his will he bequeathed a very generous sum to the Society. The handsome silver loving cup, belonging to the Society, was purchased with part of the bequest. His interest in his native city was also exhibited in his will by the gift of one thousand dollars to be used toward the embellishment of the borders of the South Millpond. In recognition of this gift the broad road on the margin of the pond has received the name of Parrott Avenue.

Mr. Parrott's sturdy figure will long remain in the memory of his contemporaries. He died January 29, 1890, in his seventy-third year. His body lies in St. John's Churchyard near the remains of his ancestors, and of his brother, Admiral Enoch G. Parrott, U. S. N., who also was a member of the Federal Fire Society.

The following "Observations" were originally printed on a separate broadside:

PORTSMOUTH, MARCH 6th, 1789.

THE FEDERAL FIRE SOCIETY taking into consideration the danger of fire, and the fright and consequent mismanagement of many at the time, think it may be beneficial to have constantly exposed in their houses for the perusal of their families, such observations as may contribute to subdue a fire, or prevent or lessen any of its attendant calamities;—and as the greatest fires arise from small beginnings, they think no circumstance too trivial to mention, which has the remotest tendency to their security;—they therefore recommend to each other, and to the families with which they are respectively connected, an attention to the following observations:

Observations.

To Prevent a Fire.

ALL wood work in building should be so secured as to prevent all probability of fire communicating from the places for making fires; and every house ought to be critically examined by its inhabitants, especially after burning a chimney, and if dangerous places be found they should be immediately secured. Any member who knows of a dangerous building, is requested to inform the society, or complain to the Firewards. Hot ashes or embers ought never to be put into a wooden vessel, and the most proper time for taking them up is the morning. After the hearth round a fire be swept, the brush or broom should be carefully examined.—The utmost care ought to be taken of lighted candles and their snuffs, as instances of damage done by them are innumerable, therefore children and domesticks who are intrusted with them, should from time to time be cautioned of the danger, and forbidden to carry a naked candle into a place containing light combustible matter;—such combustibles should also be kept out of the way of children as much as possible, and no child at any time should

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be suffered to play with fire. At bed time but one fire should be raked up, the rest should be carefully extinguished, and the burnt sticks laid a distance apart, flat on the hearth, that if any stick should rekindle in the night, it should not communicate fire to the others, and the brands could not fall to scatter the coals. One or two pails of water should be set on the hearth; and every door in the house should be shut when the family retire, that the progress of a fire beginning in any room, might be retarded by confinement, and that it might not so rapidly communicate to other rooms, and its smoke suffocate the sleeping family. As a live coal will stick to the hair of animals, they should not be left where fire is raked up. The window shutters should be left open, or have holes in them, that if the room should take fire, it might be observed by those who pass by.

To Subdue a Fire.

As there is a critical moment in the time of every fire which carries it beyond the reach of any efforts which can be made to stop its further progress, every person should be ready to attend at the shortest warning, for which purpose every article of cloathing should be so placed when taken off as to be easily found in the dark; the candle should have one stated place, and be extinguished in such a manner as to be easily lighted, and some apparatus for lighting it should be kept constantly pre-

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pared in some convenient place. Buckets, Bags, Mops, Ladders, and every other implement for subduing a fire, or relieving or assisting distressed inhabitants, should be kept in constant readiness: Every house ought to have a scuttle on the top; every well should have a pump, or some other conveniency which may be depended on for drawing water expeditiously; every pump should have its spear so long, as that the upper box may play below the platform, to prevent freezing, and a box should be built with a cover at least two feet high by the side of the pump, that a pail may be let down if the pump should fail. The warm steam which arises in this box, is an additional guard against the freezing of the pump.

A BUILDING on fire should be kept as close as possible.—The utmost care should be taken to prevent the wasting of water. Earth is extremely useful in extinguishing fire on a floor, it should therefore be used when it can.

To Lessen the Calamities Attendant on a Fire.

THE fright which involves the reasonable faculties of many people in time of fire, should as much as possible be avoided by frequently conversing on what might be the most prudent steps to pursue in time of danger; that so the members of a family may first attend to the *most valuable moveables*, and see them properly secured; for which purpose it is prudent for every family to keep a number of

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trunks with strong handles, and the owner's name on them; as also for shopkeepers to be provided with box counters on wheels. Children should have particular directions to watch in some conspicuous place at times of fire, and observe the directions of the sparks, and to give immediate notice if any other building should catch. Spies should be placed in different parts to detect thieves in time of fire. Papers and valuable effects should be compactly deposited, that they may be secured at short notice.

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1874	Emil Richter, Physician,	Res.
1874	A. Sydney Wentworth, Merchant,	1900
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