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Wallingford, Connecticut.

 1895 

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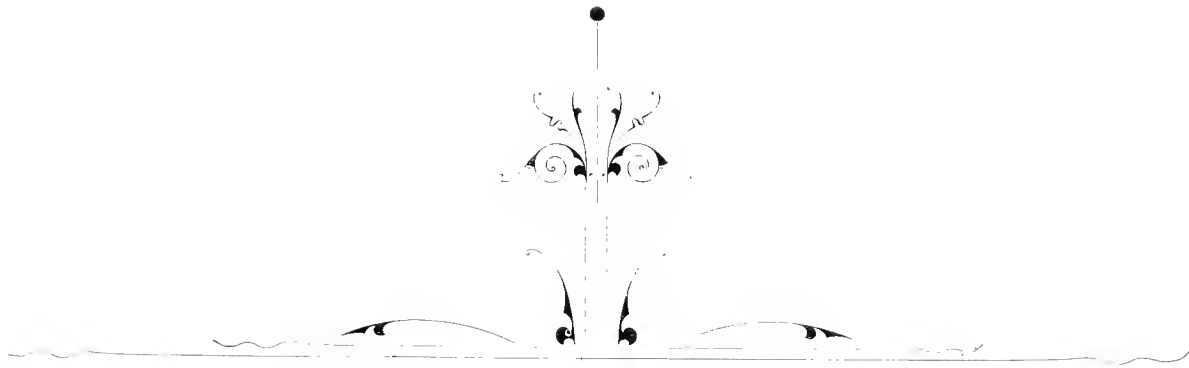
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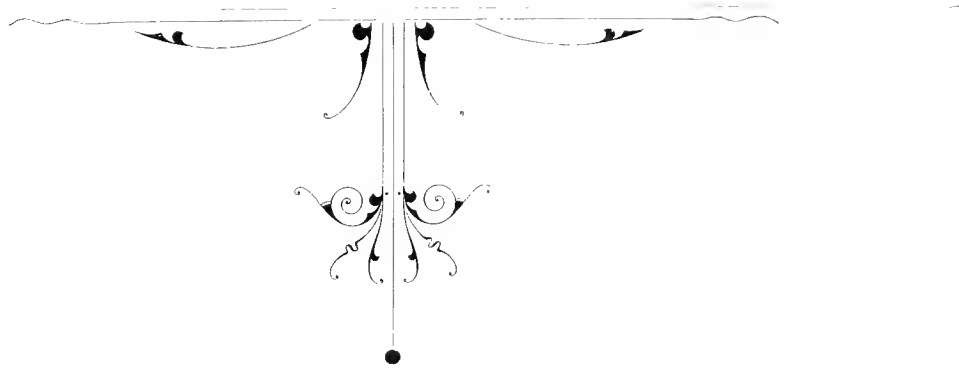


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Souvenir History of Wallingford.

THE recent marked growth of Wallingford in the mercantile world has brought this substantial and time-honored locality more before the eye of the public than at any other period of its existence. With a wealth of natural advantages, only recently to any great extent availed of, the common question arises as to just "Why is not Wallingford as large in population as many Connecticut cities within whose borders no more and oftentimes fewer inducements are found to attract the manufacturer, the merchant and the resident?" Materially assisted in its growth by resources provided by Dame Nature as is this locality, it is at once made obvious that the town is destined to become at some time, one of the principal cities of the State. The co-operation and harmony of its citizens, the cultivation of public spirit, and the formation of a properly supported board of trade, or some organization whereby more friendly relations would be brought about among its business men, would long ago have told to the advantage of the town. The recent movement towards increasing the population by extending a general invitation to manufacturing concerns on the lookout for suitable sites for their industries, is a step in the right direction.

Wallingford is one of the many New England towns with which nature has dealt most generously. In point of picturesque surroundings, beautiful streets, good water supply, and healthful atmosphere, the locality is without a peer. The discovery of the features conducive to good health found in this town, has attracted many retired from business life, the comfortable and oftentimes handsome residences that are occupied by them, coupled with the many owned by older residents, enables Wallingford to make an enviable showing of comfortable homes and beautiful places.

The ancient town of Wallingford included all the lands now known as Meriden, Cheshire and the eastern part of Prospect, and for many years after its settlement was one of the largest and most important of colonial towns. The first permanent settlement was made in Wallingford by New Haven colonists in April, 1670, in conformity with a resolution of the general assembly at Hartford of October 10, 1667, granting the plantation a charter. Wallingford has therefore existed over two and a quarter centuries. The town is conveniently located, twelve miles north of New Haven, and is twenty-three miles south of Hartford and six miles south of Meriden, being on the direct line of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad. The situation of the town is most picturesque, a hill running a mile and a half from north to south forming a pleasant relief in the center of the town to the valleys on either side, the latter affording excellent grounds for manufacturing. The streets of

Wallingford, many of them lined with stately trees forming arches nearly their entire length, are rarely equalled in New England towns. The walks and drives in and about the town are much appreciated by visitors, and the place is a most popular place for summer residents, the hospitality of Wallingford people being equal to that of the South. Beautiful views may be had of the Blue, and also of the Hanging Hills from the windows of almost any house. The face of the country is somewhat rolling and is generally well adapted to agricultural pursuits, and on the outskirts are well cultivated farms whose owners have become prosperous in tilling the soil, and in so doing accumulating a well earned independence. The farms supply the town with fresh products, and it may be said that the food supply of Wallingford is unsurpassed. In the various hills in and about the town a wealth of sandstone is procured, while fields of sand suitable for building purposes are as yet untouched.

The valuation of the town property at the present time is \$5,000,000.

Its prominent manufacturing establishments are: R. Wallace & Sons, employing 450 hands; Simpson, Hall & Miller, 400 hands; H. L. Judd & Co., 250 hands; Metropolitan Rubber Company, 175 hands; Hall, Elton & Co., 100 hands; Maltby, Stevens & Curtiss, 200 hands; G. I. Mix & Co., 150 hands; Housatonic Manufacturing Company, 80 hands; New York Insulated Wire Company, 75 hands; Wallingford Wheel Company, 40 hands; Biggins-Rodgers Company, 50 hands; Backes Brothers, 60 hands; Wallingford Gas Company; Jennings & Griffin, 150 hands; The Charles Parker Company, Burghoff & Wilcox and W. J. Hodgetts, box manufacturer. The goods manufactured in Wallingford comprise largely the britannia, nickel and plated, and sterling silver ware, and the products of the several factories,

turning out these goods, are used all over the world. While this industry is the leading one, and Wallingford is the oldest town in the country producing this class of goods, several other branches of manufacturing are pursued here to the prosperity of the community. Rubber goods, wagon wheels, insulated wire, brass novelties, toy percussion caps and torpedoes, wood, paper and fancy boxes, augers, cutting edge tools, brass and iron bedsteads, ornamental lamps, brass and iron novelties, and other goods are turned out in Wallingford.

The public buildings of Wallingford add to the appearance of the town and borough. The Town Hall, an imposing brick structure with tower containing a well regulated clock, is located on Center street in the heart of the town. This building is one of the most substantial of buildings and is fitted with modern improvements. In this building are the headquarters of the



TOWN HALL.

selectmen, court of borough burgesses, town clerk, judge of probate, tax collector, water commissioners, and here also is the borough court held

Wallingford also possesses a state armory, an interior view of which appears on one of the following pages. The town looks well after its poor, the institution known as the poor farm being under the direction of the board of selectmen. This institution is admirably conducted. The churches of the town with their handsome edifices add much to the beauty of the locality as well as to the spiritual welfare of its inhabitants. Excellent telephone, telegraph and express services are enjoyed. There is also a well equipped gas plant, and the streets are soon to be lighted by electricity.

Owing to the generosity of the late Samuel Simpson the citizens enjoy the advantages of a free public library, which is now located in the Simpson block, but will in the course of a few years be removed to its own building, provisions for which were made in the will of the donor.

The town is furnished excellent street railway service by a line of electric cars, capitalized at \$1,000,000, and extending through to Meriden. The police and fire protection are ample. Wallingford contains a first class opera house with a generous seating capacity and is well managed, the leading attractions being provided for its patrons. The opportunity for the erection of factories in Wallingford is apparent on every side. It is indeed doubtful if any town in New England offers more natural advantages for manufacturing than does Wallingford. Excel-

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road, convenience to Long Island Sound and the metropolis, low water rates, ten years' exemption from taxation, and the co-operation of local capitalists are among the inducements offered to substantial industries to locate here. This liberal treatment has already had its effect, and will, doubtless, in less than a decade, double the number of manufactories in the town.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

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THIS, the first church of Wallingford, stands with parsonage adjoining at the corner of Main and Center streets, and its lofty steeple is most prominent from distant parts of the town. This church was organized about 1675, and its services have been held in five different edifices, the present one being dedicated in 1869.

The first pastor, Rev. Samuel Street, under whose pastorate the church was organized, was formerly a New Haven preacher. He accepted the invitation to preach in Wallingford in 1672, and presided over the church until his decease in 1717. During the last few years of Mr. Street's life and service, he was assisted by Rev. Samuel Whittlesey, who was ordained in May, 1710. He was followed by Rev. James Dana, D. D., who was the next regular pastor, who presided over the church until 1789. Rev. James Noyes was the next pastor who served as colleague pastor with Mr. Dana, and later as pastor, until June 5, 1832. Rev. Edwin R.

Gilbert was next ordained in October, 1832, and until his decease in 1874, was more than forty years its esteemed and able pastor. He was followed by Rev. Herbert M. Tenney, who acceptably filled the pulpit from February, 1877, to July, 1885. He was succeeded by Rev. Charles Henry Dickinson, ordained in December, 1885.

The church has for its regular pastor at the present time, Rev. J. J. Blair, whose ability as a preacher has been much appreciated by the members of the church. The church being the oldest in Wallingford, is naturally one of the most influential, and possesses about 450 members.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

BY virtue of its having been started as far back as 1740, the parish of this church is by far the oldest of its denomination for some miles of Wallingford, and has been known as St. Paul's Church since 1765. It was in the middle of the eighteenth century that the first steps were taken by persons residing in North Haven, Wallingford, Cheshire and Meriden, towards organizing a permanent society.



REV. J. EDMUND WILDMAN.



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Shortly after the act passing the General Assembly at Hartford, legally recognizing societies of the Church of England, which occurred May, 1727, Wallingford became one of the first to establish a parish, citizens at that time being compelled by law to support the church.

March 21, 1740, the parishioners of Wallingford and North Haven became united and formed what was known as the Union Church, by a vote which was taken at that time. It was then that the formal beginning was established of a lawful society composed of the members of the Church of England residing in Wallingford and North Haven, according to the researches of the present rector of the church. A plain building was about that period erected on Pond Hill, where the residence of Mr. Geo. Allen now stands, parts of which structure are now standing at Clintonville. Although the number of communicants at that time was not known, in 1844, after the retirement of Rev. Mr. Morris, there were twenty-five families in the church who, after being left without a rector, met together every Lord's day. Rev. Mr. Morris was succeeded by Rev. James Lyon as rector, who in turn was followed by Rev. Ebenezer Punderson. The next pastor was Rev. Ichabod Camp, a native of Middletown, and a graduate of Yale College. Under his ministrations the church had so increased in numbers that the Union society was dissolved, and in 1757, the Wallingford branch of the organization took steps towards erecting a church in the village here. The building, finished five years later, was dedicated in 1762, and stood at the corner of Main and Christian streets, and was occupied by the society until 1832. It was at that time that the Wells society meeting house was purchased and moved into.

In 1770, the membership of the original first society embraced sixty-three families, eighty-six communicants, and there were baptized by the rector at that time 165. In New Cheshire there were forty-seven families, and in Meriden six. In 1785, the Rev. Mr. Andrews removed to Canada, and from the time of his successful pastorate until 1841, sixteen different clergymen followed each other in succession, and the church was frequently without a pastor, the progress of the church being but slight. It was in 1841 that Rev. Hillard Bryant became its rector, under whose pastorate the church took a fresh start and grew rapidly. In 1843 a new rectory was built at the cost of \$1,500, and in 1846 a new church of the gothic style of architecture was erected at the cost of \$5,000, which stood on the site of the old Wells house until 1865, when it was destroyed by fire. This structure, however, would contrast strongly to the present handsome structure of brown stone, erected in 1869, at a cost of \$70,000, to which a parish house has been recently added, greatly enhancing the property. In 1891, from sixty-five, the church had multiplied in numbers 375 per cent.

From this time-honored church society various churches have sprung in the course of the many years it has existed. These are St. Andrew's of Meriden, St. John, the Evangelist, at Yalesville, St. John's of North Haven, St. Peter's of Cheshire. The clergymen who have had charge of the parish from its foundation, are as follows:

Rev. Theophilus Morris, 1740; Rev. James Lyon, 1743; Rev. Ebenezer Punderson, 1750; Rev. Ichabod Camp, 1753-1760; Rev. Samuel Andrews, 1762-1785; Rev. Reuben Ives;

Rev. Tillotson Bronson; Rev. Solomon Blakesley; Rev. Abraham Blakesley; Rev. Charles Seabury; Rev. Seth Hart, 1795-1802; Rev. Joseph Perry, 1803; Rev. Elijah G. Plumb, 1818; Rev. Virgil Barber, 1818-1819; Rev. James Keeler, 1819-1825; Rev. Mr. Botsford; Rev. Ashbel Baldwin; Rev. William Lucas; Rev. William Curtis, 1832-1836; Rev. Lemuel Hull, 1836-1840; Rev. R. M. Chapman, 1840-1841; Rev. Hilliard Bryant, 1841-1850; Rev. Joseph Brewster, 1850-1853; Rev. Charles S. Putnam, 1853-1858; Rev. John Townsend, 1858-1864; Rev. Edward M. Gushee, 1864-1870; and Rev. J. Edmund Wildman, 1870.

REV. J. E. WILDMAN,

the well known rector of the time-honored and prosperous St. Paul's Episcopal Church, was born in Brookfield, in 1840, where he spent his boyhood days, and obtained his early education. He fitted himself for a teacher, but later studied theology at Berkeley Divinity School in Middletown, his first charge being at North Haven where he presided over St. John's Church. He was afterwards called to Goshen, Indiana, and had charge of St. James' Church for a year at that place. He came to Wallingford in July, 1870, and has ever since been rector of St. Paul's.

During his successful and lengthy pastorate here, the church has been largely increased in membership, significantly shown by the church books, which proved the membership to be 170 in 1870, while in 1894 the number had increased to 344 communicants. The financial standing of the church has also been greatly enhanced by the wiping out of a twenty thousand dollar debt in 1878, and later, one which had accumulated, of \$3,000. Notwithstanding that still another debt of \$4,000 was incurred and a new parish house and other improvements added to the edifice, the property at the present time stands free from debt. Under their pastor, the congregation and society of St. Paul's has ever been a most harmonious one.

Mr. Wildman is known as an able preacher and a kind and sympathetic pastor. He also has had charge for the past five years of the Episcopal Church at Yalesville, which twenty-five years ago was founded by the members of St. Paul's residing in that locality. Mr. Wildman is chairman of the Board of School Visitors, and takes a deep interest in educational matters and the enlightenment of the young. He has for the past twenty-three years been chaplain of Compass Lodge, F. & A. M., and has twice been chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows, and has served as chaplain of Accantant Lodge, of this town. He is also dean of the New Haven County Congregation.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

THIS influential Baptist society was organized as far back as 1822, and possesses a large and thriving membership. The edifice now occupied is a handsome brick structure, the steeple of which can be seen for several miles distant. The church is located in the very center of the borough and easily takes a leading position among the churches of its denomination in the State. The society became an incorporated body in 1891, and within the past few years a long standing debt of large pro-



VIEW ON ELM STREET.

portions has been liquidated by its members. This speaks well for their liberality, and is an assurance that they will see that the society is kept free from incumbrance in the future.

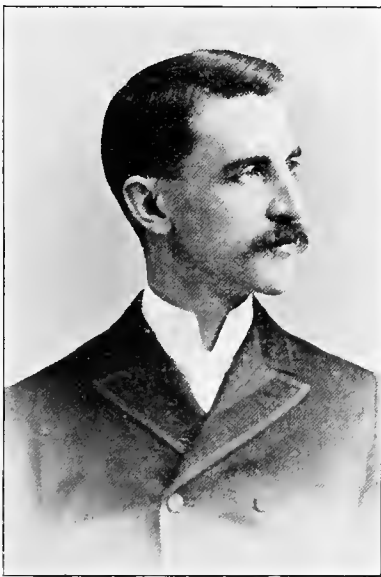
REV. F. E. MARBLE,

the pastor, has been preaching the gospel since the summer of 1887, and has presided over the Baptist Church in this town



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

since August, 1890. He was born at Honoye Falls, N. Y., June 21, 1861. He pursued his education at Cook Academy, Havana, N. Y., and later entered the University of Rochester. After concluding his academical course at that excellent college,



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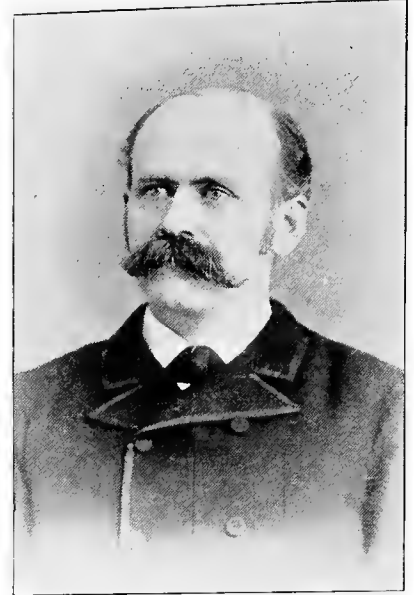
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he prepared for the ministry at the theological seminary of the same institution. Mr. Marble has ever been a close student of his profession, and at the present time is engaged in taking a post-graduate course at Yale, where he soon expects to take a degree in New Testament interpretation. He preached his first sermon at Orangeport, N. Y., in the summer of 1887, and later presided one year over the Lyall Avenue Mission at Rochester. August 10, 1890, he was installed pastor of the First Baptist Church here, in response to the unanimous call of its members, this being his first regular pastorate. Since becoming settled in Wallingford a gratifying harmony has been established between the church and congregation and its prosperity and growth.

REV. HENRY STONE.

REV. HENRY STONE, pastor of the Advent Christian Church, was born at West Winsted, Conn., March 18,

1851. His father's name was Timothy G. Stone, and his mother's name was Jane A. Fowler. He was reared in the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school and naturally had strong attachment to that denomination, and in December, 1872. While attending a series of meetings in the M. E. Church, West Winsted, conducted by Rev. Miles Grant, he became interested and finally thoroughly converted. He immediately gave himself to the study of God's word with a prayerful desire for knowledge upon the same, that he might "be ready always to give to every man that asketh, a reason of the hope within him." He was very soon filled with amazement to find that the long cherished doctrine of natural "soul immortality" could not be found in the Bible, and indeed, that it was anti-scriptural, and that the Bible revealed



REV. HENRY STONE.



ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

the following important doctrinal truths: That man is completely and absolutely a mortal creature; he is dependent upon Christ for a future life; that all future life is associated with corporeal reanimation at the resurrection; that the resurrection is dependent upon the second personal coming of Christ, at which time the earth will be purified and become the Kingdom of God and of his Christ, and the eternal abode of the saints."

Having imbibed these scriptural theories, he very naturally found a congenial church home in the Adventist denomination, and soon the call came from God to go and preach the Gospel, and for several years he labored as an evangelist and local preacher, and in October, 1889, he was ordained by the Connecticut Advent Conference, at Bridgeport, Conn. He almost immediately received a call to the pastorate of the Advent Christian Church at Wallingford, Conn., which, after due consideration, he accepted, and on January 1, 1890, began his pastoral work.

The society at that time worshipped in the second story of the old South Main street school house, and were very weak numerically and financially, and yet, with strong hearts and unyielding purpose, they were in good condition to take whatever advanced steps might be suggested. Very soon a building fund was started, a desirable building lot procured on Whittlesey avenue, in the center of the town, and the work of building was carried forward under the personal direction of the pastor, and on February 4, 1891, their new church edifice was dedicated, and the growth of the congregation and Sunday school from that time has been very rapid. The entire indebtedness of the church was cancelled in about one year and a half, and since that time they have kept free from debt; they have tripled their membership, and they now have the largest Sunday school in the denomination. They hold meetings in the church or in "outposts" nearly every night in the entire year, and the church has not been closed on Sunday since its dedication, and the pastor has never taken a vacation; the seats are all free, and rich and poor alike find a hearty welcome. No money has ever been raised by fairs, suppers or other festivities, but all expenses are met by voluntary contributions; beside their regular expenses much home and foreign mission work is done by this self-sacrificing people.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

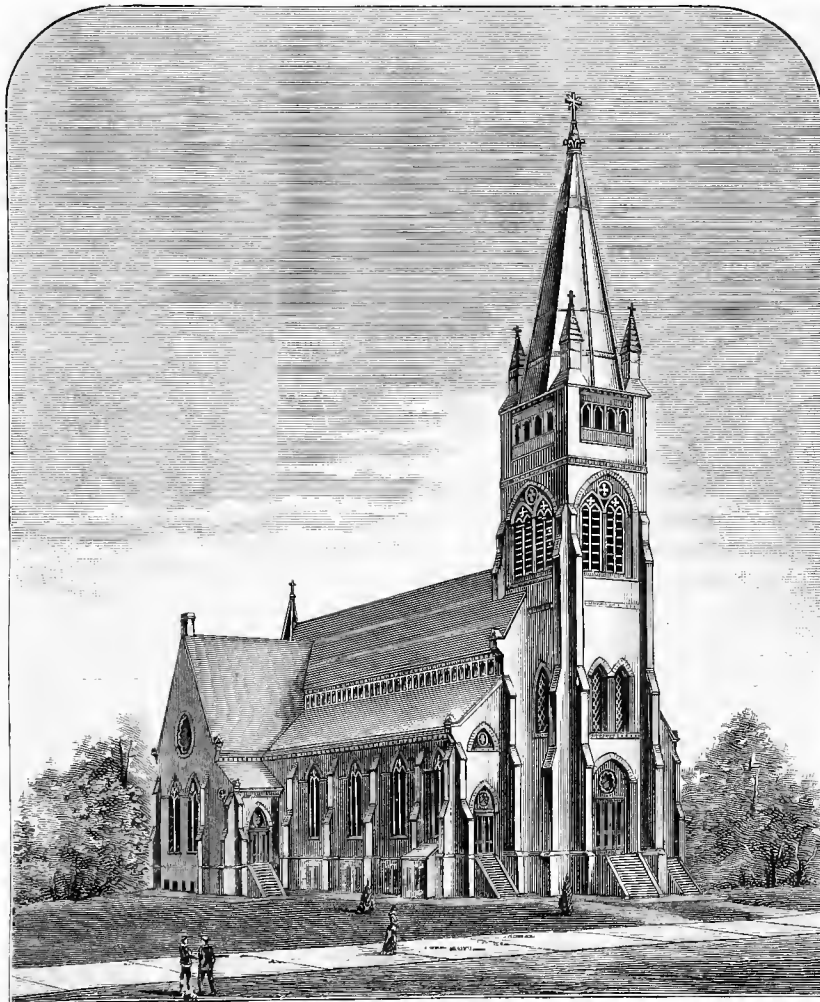
FROM the records it is found that the first services of this prosperous church of the Roman Catholic faith were held at the residence of James Hanlon in December, 1847. Previous to that time the nearest church of this denomination was at New Haven. Soon after the nucleus of an Irish settle-

ment was formed, the need of the services of a priest was made evident, and Rev. McGarick came to Wallingford as a missionary, presiding at the first service of the church. There were then but twelve persons in attendance, contrasting remarkably to the thriving parish of the Holy Trinity now comprising 2,700 members, or over one-third the whole of the town's population. The second priest to minister in the town was Rev. Philip O'Reilly. Meantime, Catholicism had become established at Meriden, and the Wallingford branch was taken up as an out mission of that parish. Father Teeven was the next priest to preside over the little band. He was succeeded by Rev. Hugh O'Reilly, under whose pastorate the building of a church was agitated, and three acres of land from the estate of Philip McCabe were purchased as a site.

From 1854 to 1856, Rev. Thomas Quinn rendered pastoral service, coming from Meriden. He soon after became the resident priest. The services having up to this time been held in different houses, Union Hall was engaged, the services being participated in by an attendance of 150. The necessary funds for building of a church were soon after raised, the subscription list being added to liberally by the Protestants of the town. The first church was a building forty by sixty feet in dimensions, the corner stone of which was laid November 23, 1857, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Thomas Quinn. Before the building was completed, during the saying of mass, part of the unfinished floor gave way, resulting in the injury of several persons and causing great confusion. Upon the completion of the edifice, in 1859, Rev. Father Sheriden was installed as resident priest, the parish taking in the territory of Wallingford, Hamden and Cheshire. In 1860 he was succeeded by Rev. Charles McCallion. The breaking out of the war caused his pastorate to become short lived and the parish depreciate in members to such an extent, that it was again taken under the wing of the

Meriden church, and in the care of Father Walsh so remained until 1867. In August of that year, an independent parish was again established, and under the jurisdiction of Rev. Hugh Mallon has so continued to the present time, growing in membership, prosperity and influence, to the present time.

In 1875, the old church having become too small for the growing membership, ground was broken for a new edifice. On account of the scarcity of funds, progress was slow in the building of the new church, and while in an uncompleted state, in the summer of 1878, the old church was completely demolished by the tornado visiting Wallingford at that time, thirty members of the congregation being included among the citizens who perished thereby. The following year the new church had become so far completed as to admit of services being held in the basement, the present edifice, however, was not completed



HOLY TRINITY R. C. CHURCH

until 1887. The church property is among the finest of the State. The church is of cuneiform shape and a brick structure, 148 feet in length and 104 feet in its extreme width. From the

priests in Rhode Island, he entered upon his duties as pastor of the Wallingford church, which under his guidance has grown to its present prosperous condition.

THE BEACH HOUSE.

WALLINGFORD possesses one house which would be noteworthy anywhere for the reasons enumerated below. It is known as the Beach House, having been built by Moses Y. Beach, and having absorbed of his large fortune the respectable sum of \$62,000.

Mr. Beach gave his architect, Mr. William A. Austin, *carte blanche* as to expense, and at every point the house gives evidence not only of thorough workmanship, but in outline and detail exhibits an exquisite artistic taste and skill.

In what noble contrast, for instance, is the outline of the house itself seen from the street with the pretentious and meaningless broken lines and filigree work which render commonplace so very many of our more modern houses. It is perfectly simple, a fine symmetry and unity of design characterizes it, and every ornament has its own utility. Consider, for instance, the piazza, which completely encircles the house. Its thirty-seven columns, each one of which measures four or five feet in circumference above the base, are of carved wood and doubtless cost a great deal of money, but they are there for a purpose, that of giving adequate support to the broad and massive roof. This last is so high that it does not in the least interfere with an abundance of sunlight within, as is so often the case with the piazza of modern days. Doubtless, also, the broad walk with its massive paving stones, cost a pretty penny, but not only was it in itself considered an appropriate approach to the house, but it has remained in place ever since exactly as it was originally laid, saving someone, doubtless, a great many "pretty pennies" in the way of expense.

Inside, also, the house exhibits the work of a true artist. The lower rooms in the main part of the house are no less than fourteen feet and seven inches in height. The doors are of solid mahogany, almost or quite as perfect as on the day when they were first put in. The mantel pieces are of so pure and fine a marble that although several are very elaborately carved, they show not a single sign of injury during the time since the house was first built. They are worthy of very especial study by anyone and every one who loves artistic work of a pure and artistic quality. Each flower, each stem and leaf has an individual grace and beauty of its own and stands out with distinctness that recalls the famous bronze doors of Ghiberti at Florence, or the figures of St. Sebald's tomb in Nuremberg. Ornamentation of this character is so much out of date that these mantels have a historical interest, as marking the taste of a former generation.



REV. HUGH MALLON.

floor to the apex of the roof the height is nearly 50 feet. The windows of the edifice, presented to the church, are marvels of art. Connected with the church is a handsome parochial residence, and several organizations of charitable and social natures have sprung up among its members. Among these are St. Vincent de Paul's Society, the Christian Doctrine Society, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Pinta Council, Knights of Columbus, and the Young Men's Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society, all of which are closely identified with the work of the church and have large memberships.

REV. HUGH MALLON,

the able pastor of the Holy Trinity Church, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, October 20, 1827. Left an orphan, he came to America when seventeen years of age. After following the trade of a stone mason for ten years he began the study of theology at different Catholic institutions, and in 1863 was ordained to the priesthood. After having served as assistant to various



THE BEACH HOUSE.

The pure white color, it is true, has its disadvantages when compared with the darker shades of oak or ebony that prevail in more modern houses, but nothing after all can exceed in intrinsic beauty and purity this Carrara marble. It varies in tone surprisingly with the varying hours of morning, noon and night. It has a truly "living quality" of its own which the old Greeks well appreciated when they selected it as the embodiment of their finest conceptions, whether of gods or goddesses, heroes, or nymphs, or gladiators.

Of course money was of little account to Mr. Beach at the time he built this house and he had simply and solely in mind personal comfort and luxury. As a business venture one is reminded in considering its history of the now famous "elephant song" of Wang. It was four times over too expensive a house for the uses of any ordinary citizen of Wallingford. To enumerate in detail its various owners would be to write a small encyclopedia, but it stands there to-day essentially perfect, both inside and out, a lasting monument to the fact that he who builds a thoroughly good house renders a service not only to himself but to posterity. Of

the land originally with it there is still a frontage of 158 feet and a depth of 300 feet, enough for the purposes of a generous lawn in front and reasonably large garden in the rear. The property has been leased for the next two years by James F. Merriam of Springfield, Mass. Mr. Merriam spent the spring and summer of 1880 at the Sanitarium of Dr. Atwater and received such benefit that Wallingford has always had a special attractiveness ever since. After ten years of incessant devotion to business he finds that his health demands an outdoor life, and he gladly took advantage of the opportunity to secure so attractive a home in which to take a long vacation and rest.

Mr. Merriam believes, it may be added, that the charms of Wallingford, both on its magnificent central street—scarcely surpassed in New England for the beauty of its elms—and also in the rolling picturesque lands a little to the east, entitle it to recognition as one of the most attractive summer resorts in New England. Long Island Sound is only twelve miles distant, Hartford and New Haven are both close at hand, and in point of lakes, charming woods, wild flowers, and all rustic charms, it is easily the natural peer of either Lenox or Stockbridge.

ROSEMARY HALL.

ONE of the attractive spots about Wallingford is the old Atwater farm on Elm street, now called Rosemary farm, after the old home of the Atwaters in England, and near which is now established Rosemary Hall, an excellent school for girls. This successful institution, and a most attractive school for boys recently started in Wallingford, have made the old town well and favorably known among those interested in education. Rosemary Hall now comprises several buildings, one of which, with its charming grounds, is shown in the accompanying illustration. Just opposite is the old Atwater homestead, now the sum-

mer residence of Judge and Mrs. Wm. G. Choate of New York, which, although built in 1774, still possesses the original old fashioned fire-places and hand hewn timbers in a remarkable state of preservation. This building, over a century old, where the pupils of Rosemary Hall are often entertained, possesses all modern improvements and is even elaborately furnished, but the same simple charms of the typical New England homestead of olden times are preserved with great care. The walls contain the excellent oil paintings of the ancestors of Mrs. W. G. Choate, all of whom resided in the homestead, which has been handed down nine generations.

Rosemary Hall owes its origin to Judge and Mrs. Choate. Under the excellent management of the accomplished principal, Miss Ruutz-Rees, Rosemary Hall has become known as one of the most excellent schools for the education of girls. The school stands in a delightfully rural part of the village and is cheerful in its arrangements. Each room is exposed to direct sunlight during some part of the day, and the drainage and plumbing have had careful and intelligent supervision. The



ROSEMARY HALL.

pupils have the liberty of the large grounds of Rosemary farm, with ample opportunity for outdoor exercise and healthful sports, to which every encouragement is given. There is a cricket field, a tennis court, and a charming small lake fed by springs, where pupils of the school are privileged to learn to row and skate. There are also hills near the grounds which offer good and safe coasting in the winter months. The regular course of study is such as to prepare any pupil to enter college, and at the same time provides as excellent an education as possible for

such as are not to pursue a college course. While it is strongly recommended that the regular prescribed course should be followed, individual tastes are considered, and elective courses of study are arranged. In addition to the regular courses of study there are weekly lessons in sewing and mending as well as regular instructions in cooking. There are also lessons in fencing and class singing, as well as lectures on various subjects for the benefit of the whole school. The school is divided into six forms, taking in all branches from the preparatory instruction provided for younger pupils, to the classical and scientific, finishing off the well educated graduates. Miss Ruutz-Rees, whose reputation is well established in New England, is assisted by a corps of efficient teachers

WARDEN HORACE M. BOTSFORD.

HIS Honor, the warden of the borough of Wallingford, was born in Seymour sixty-one years ago, and has been a resident of this locality since 1866, with the exception of a few years. His election to his present office, the highest executive position within the gift of the people of the borough, has insured a careful business-like administration of affairs. Although this

is the first public trust assumed by Mr. Botsford, he has been several times urged to accept other positions. His unwilling acceptance of the nomination, subsequent election and support by an able court of burgesses, has been particularly gratifying to



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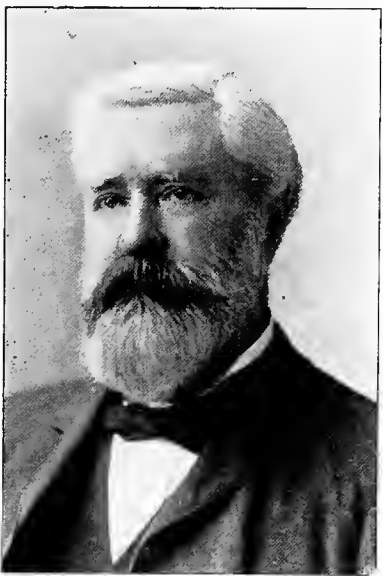
to the majority of the citizens of the borough. He obtained his education in the public schools of Seymour and since coming to Wallingford has for many years been engaged in the mason building and contracting business, in which he has become noticeably successful. The stone and brick work on a large number of the principal buildings have been done by him, and at times he employs as many as forty men. Having resided here for many years, Mr. Botsford has grown up with the town and taken an active part in its development.

Mr. Botsford, in 1877, went to Florida and engaged in the hotel business, but at the end of five years returned to Wallingford and has since continued in the

contracting business here. In politics he is a liberal Republican and although not in any sense a politician, has a strong following. He is a Mason both in business and fraternal relations and holds the esteem of a large circle of friends. His whole-souled disposition and geniality makes harmony the most natural in the meetings of the court of burgesses over which he presides.

G. G. THOMSON.

THE senior burgess of the borough of Wallingford, from his long association with public affairs has become a valuable member to the present court. He has been thrice elected to this



G. G. THOMSON.

body, and from the length of time he has served, familiarity with the routine work and ability as a presiding officer, is particularly adapted to the position his colleagues have tendered him. He first saw the heather hills of Scotland about sixty years ago. In his early youth he taught school in Melrose, within a stone-throw of that ancient abbey which has been immortalized in Sir Walter Scott's poetical works. School teaching not being congenial to his taste he turned his attention to vocal music, and after a course of study in Manchester, England, of the then popular system of music called the Tonic Sol Fa method, he returned to Scotland and for several years was engaged by different church presbyteries to give an im-

petus to Congregational singing and met with the greatest success. Wishing a broader field for labor he came to this

country and opened classes in New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City, the novelty of the system of music he introduced took at once and success was assured, but it was of short duration. He took a throat trouble, a surgical operation had to be performed, and on his recovery the fine tenor voice he once possessed was gone forever. He then turned his attention to mercantile pursuits and with two brothers conducted a large business in ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods on Sixth avenue, New York City. One of the brothers died suddenly and the other got discouraged and returned to Scotland. Mr. Thomson then removed the business to Newburgh and continued it until his health failed when he gave it up and accepted a position as traveling representative for the Wilson Sewing Machine Company of Cleveland, O., visiting nearly every state from Maine to Colorado. When the business was removed to Chicago he went to that point and took charge of the office. When the entire business was transferred to Wallingford he came here and was in the office until the business was discontinued. He then took a trip to Scotland, remaining several months, and on his return accepted a position in the office of the New England Telegraph and Telephone Company in Boston. He remained there only a short time and returned to

Wallingford to take the position of superintendent with the R. L. Spencer Company, who had leased the Wilson factory; their success was also of short duration. He was then engaged by H. L. Judd & Co., where he has charge of the office and the finances of that large and prosperous manufacturing concern where he is at the present time engaged.

His connection with the court of burgesses has been a most creditable one, having never missed a meeting of that body since he has served as a member. Mr. Thomson has for thirty-five years been a Mason, having taken his degrees in Scotland. He is now a member of Compass Lodge of Wallingford, and is also enrolled in the membership of the Knights of Honor. He is known as one of the ablest men ever serving in the court of burgesses. He is a Democrat, but is exceedingly liberal and conservative in his views, his jovial and happy disposition making him popular among all classes irrespective of creed or politics.



CAPT. D. S. BARBER.

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THE military member of the court of burgesses, Capt. D. S. Barber, was born at Litchfield, Conn., about forty years ago and was educated in the public schools of that town. He has resided in Wallingford for the past fifteen years, the last five years of which he has been filling contracts at the factory of R. Wallace & Sons, employing about forty men in the sterling and German silver department. Captain Barber has an admirable military record, having become a private in the First Regiment, at New Britain, in 1875, and serving almost continuously in the National Guard to the present time. His long service and knowledge of military discipline has won him promotion through all the grades to second lieutenant. After having served in that capacity for four months, he was elected captain of Company K. This was three years ago, and the noticeably high standing of his company in the Second Regiment, has shown the good results of careful drilling.

Captain Barber is a prominent member of several secret orders, and is the present colonel of the Second Regiment, U. R., K. of P. He is a member of Compass Lodge, and of Eastern Star Lodge, F. & A. M.



GEORGE BACKES.

He is also a member of the Order of United American Mechanics. He has been a member of the court of burgesses for the past year and a half and adds strength to that worthy body.

Captain Barber is well known and popular as a citizen of Wallingford, is esteemed by a large circle of friends. He is also held in high regard by the members of Company K, which organization now presents a better showing than ever before in its history from a military standpoint.

GEORGE BACKES.

THIS well known member of the court of burgesses is one of Wallingford's well known manufacturers and a member of the firm of M. Backes' Sons, at

whose factory in the rear of Fair street toy percussion caps and torpedoes are made and shipped over the country. Mr. Backes is a native of this town, where he was born December 12, 1854. He obtained his education in the public schools of the town and learned the first rudiments of manufacturing at the factory of Simpson, Hall & Miller, where he became a practical lathe burnisher. He, later, was employed at the works of Hall, Elton & Co., and devoted six years to working at the plant of the Meriden Britannia Company. Returning afterwards to Wallingford he entered his father's factory, upon whose decease, five years ago, he assumed control of the business, in company with his several brothers, under the firm name of M. Backes' Sons, which firm employ from fifty to sixty hands.

This is his second year as a member of the court of burgesses, and he is a member of the A. O. U. W., and a good citizen of the locality.

F. W. PHELPS.



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THIS member of the court of borough burgesses was born at Northampton, Mass., in June, 1852, where he was educated in the public schools. He has however, for over twenty years, been a resident of Wallingford, and has ever added his part towards its prosperity and advancement. Upon coming to this town from Northampton, he engaged in the stove, roofing, tinning and sheet iron business, to which he has devoted himself exclusively ever since.

His store and workshop are at 17 Colony street, and from his long and successful business career has become widely known. He makes and fills contracts for

roofing, stove, tin, sheet iron and copper work, and employs several men in busy times. The building in which he does business was purchased by him some years ago, and he owns and lives in a comfortable residence on Whittlesey avenue. As a member of the court of burgesses, his straightforward and conscientious work for the borough has gained him the good will of his colleagues and constituents. He is a Republican in politics and is a prominent Odd Fellow, having passed through the chairs of Accanant Lodge and Friendship Encampment. He is also a member of Grand Canton Sassacus, No. 1, of New Haven.

WILLIAM HASSETT.

THIS able member of the court of burgesses is known as one of the most progressive men of the borough, while his prominence in business circles makes him one of the most influential of Wallingford men.

He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1850, and came to this country thirty-two years ago. His aptitude for business was soon demonstrated, and from a small beginning he has won substantial success. After having learned the trade of a machinist, in 1870 he went to work for the old Judd Manufacturing Company, whose works were then in New Haven. When their plant was removed to Wallingford, in 1877, he was among the employes who came here with the company. He has therefore, been in the employ of the concern for over a quarter of a century and for some years has been the efficient superintendent of their vast factory. His knowledge of manufacturing and natural mechanical ability make him a valuable man in his present position, for at no factory in this live manufacturing center is



WILLIAM HASSETT.



WILLIAM HASSETT'S RESIDENCE.

there a greater output for the number of buildings occupied, nor better workmanship executed, than by the small army of

workmen under Mr. Hassett's supervision. From so many years' faithful service, ever in the interest of the company, he has naturally fully earned the position which he now fills. Having worked in all the different departments of this rapidly growing industry, he is fully alive to the requirements of the workmen, and it is said that he has the esteem and respect of every man under his charge.

A few years ago Mr. Hassett bought out the coal business of the late John Kendrick, which he has since conducted, with his brother in charge, building up the largest business in his line in this locality. His yards are advantageously located beside the tracks of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., where the coal pockets have a capacity of 2,000 tons. The pockets, now taxed to their fullest capacity, will, in the near future, be equipped with devices for unloading coal from the cars by means of an elevated chute, through which the coal will be carried automatically and screened. His coal business is conducted on the same liberal scale as was that of his predecessors, he being the first in every instance to lower the price of coal and invariably leading in prices for local trade, his honorable business methods fully meriting the confidence reposed in him by his many patrons.

Mr. Hassett has assumed his full share of public trusts. As a member of the Central district school committee, none have proven themselves more interested nor more enthusiastic supporter of the public school system. His popularity as a citizen was perhaps most significantly indicated at the late borough election, when he was made a member of the court of burgesses by a most flattering vote. As a member of the court, his quick perception, courteous bearing and amiable disposition, make him most popular in that board, while his keen interest and conscientious methods have made him many friends outside of his party.

Outside of business Mr. Hassett is a man whose family fire-side has the greatest attraction for him. Fifteen years ago he was united in marriage with Miss Helen M. Hoey, one of the brightest young women of Wallingford, who has ever been a most helpful helpmate in all his undertakings; and, as much as he has been successful in his business, so has he in providing for himself and his family, a happy home, where eight children show the results of careful bringing up, and give promise to take advantage of the vast opportunities of this life. Mr. Hassett's residence in Wallingford would concede the right to no one to truthfully say that there is a more staunch supporter of the institutions of the land of his adoption than he. Mr. Hassett is per-

haps most esteemed by those who know him best. His generosity in assisting the T. A. & B. Society, of Wallingford, enabling them to erect their building on Center street, by advancing sufficient funds, has further demonstrated his interest in that organization. This has recently been supplemented by his offering to advance further funds sufficient for the new contemplated addition to the same building.

WILLIAM LUBY, JR.

THIS well known member of the court of burgesses was born at New Haven forty years ago, but has resided here in Wallingford since he was five years of age, when his parents removed to this town. He



WILLIAM LUBY, JR.

obtained his education in the public schools and for a number of years worked in the shops of R. Wallace & Sons. He ob-

tained his start in business life by a gift of a lot of land on Colony street, 100x170 feet in dimensions, upon which he erected his present building in what was then one of the most un-

promising of locations, as scarcely a house stood in the vicinity. Still continuing his work in the shop, being neither dismayed by the direful prophecies of his friends or the visitation of the tornado which destroyed the foundation of the building together with the other structures in the vicinity, he put up the block and opened a liquor store, engaging his brother, Thomas, from Meriden, then in the employ of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Company, to carry on the business for him. Sixteen years ago he severed his connection with the shop and formed the partnership of Luby Brothers, the business soon warranting his devoting his full time to it. Groceries were afterwards added and have



JOHN B. MIX.

since become the principal goods dealt in. A little over two years ago his brother died, and the business has since been conducted under the same name, the entire management devolving upon William Luby, Jr. The store occupied by him is at the corner of Colony and Christian streets, where he owns a substantial wooden building and controls a large family trade. He is also interested in the meat market above his grocery store, carried on by his nephews, Peter and John Luby, and is well patronized from that locality. Mr. Luby has for six years been a continuous member of the court of burgesses, is this year chairman of the fire committee and serves on the road committee. By virtue of his long public service he is well versed on the affairs pertaining to the borough. He has also served in other public capacities, including the grand jury and the Democratic town committee, and as delegate to different political conventions. Mr. Luby is an influential man in politics and has a wide circle of friends. He is a prominent Forester, being a member of Court Windermere, No. 7282, of that ancient order. He is also a member of Pinta Council, Knights of Columbus, and is one of the many citizens of Wallingford able to discriminate between movements for and against the welfare of the borough.

JOHN B. MIX.

FIRST Selectman John B. Mix was born in Cheshire; his parents, however, removed to Yalesville when he was but six years of age. He has, therefore, practically resided in Wallingford all his life. He was educated in the public schools, and upon the breaking out of the war he enlisted as a private in Company K, Fifteenth Conn. Vols. While in the army he made a highly creditable war record. Upon the organization of Company K, Second Regiment, C. N. G., in 1871, he was its first sergeant, and served six years in the militia, retiring as first sergeant of that local company. While an officer in the company he was a member of all the different rifle teams and won no small honor as a marksman.

Mr. Mix has for many years been identified with manufacturing here in Wallingford. At the close of the war he entered the works of Hall, Elton & Co., where he remained ten years. Since 1876, or nearly a score of years, he has been engaged at the factory of R. Wallace & Sons.

Mr. Mix has a creditable record as a public servant, and is a

Republican in politics, and was a member of the State legislature in 1887. He is now serving his second term as first selectman and in serving in that capacity looks well after the best interests of the town. His efficiency as first selectman, demonstrated in divers ways, is perhaps most significantly shown by



RESIDENCE OF JOHN B. MIX.

the care exercised in keeping the public streets and highways in first class condition, vast improvements having been made in the roads since the advent of his term as first selectman.

Mr. Mix is a member of the G. A. R., the American Mechanics, and the New England Order of Protection. He is also a member of the I. O. R. M., and a prominent Mason. In the latter he belongs to Compass Lodge, Keystone Chapter, and Hamilton Council. He takes a deep interest in church work and has for the past eighteen years been an active member of the First Baptist Church. He resides on North Main street, his comfortable residence being presented in the accompanying illustration with that of his portrait.

GEORGE S. WILCOX.

THIS member of the Wallingford board of selectmen is a manufacturer at Yalesville and a member of the firm of Burghoff & Wilcox, who make patent articles in the way of britannia spoons and table ware. Mr. Wilcox was born at



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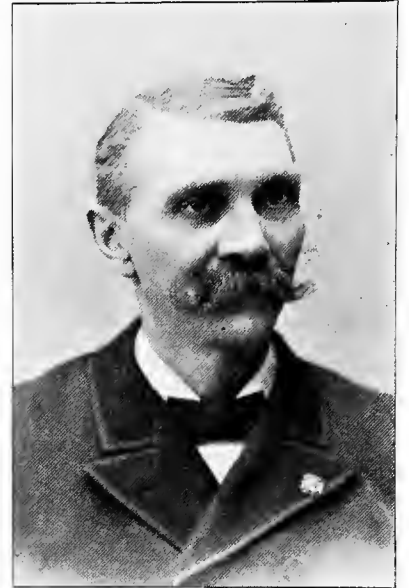
South Lee, Mass., fifty-two years ago. He came to Yalesville and entered the employ of G. I. Mix, a year before the war. Upon the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted from Meriden in Captain Upham's company, serving fifteen months, being severely wounded in the battle of Antietam. Returning from the south he entered the works of G. I. Mix, but later accepted a position in the spoon department of the factory of Charles Parker. In 1880 he engaged in the manufacture of britannia ware in company with Mr. Burghoff, with whom he has ever since been associated. The goods made comprise a patent wood filled handle knife, now in

good demand on the market and in use all over the country. The concern of which he is a member, occupy a portion of the augur factory at Yalesville, the firm of Jennings & Griffin being their selling agents in New York.

Mr. Wilcox is a member of Merriam Post, G. A. R., and is now serving his first term as a member of the board of selectmen. He is known as a capable public servant and esteemed resident of the town.

CLARK BUCKINGHAM.

BY the recent appointment of Clark Buckingham as superintendent of the newly opened State Masonic Home, Wallingford adopts as a citizen, one of the best known Masons in the state. He was born in the town of New Milford, August 5, 1831, is a veteran of the late war, and since 1871 has been enrolled in the F. & A. M. He enlisted in the Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry at Pittsburg, and served three years in the war of the Rebellion. In 1868 he went to New Haven, where for fourteen years afterwards he held the position of superintendent of the envelope works. Previous to coming to Wallingford he was a foreman of The National Folding Box and Paper Company, which position he resigned upon his appointment to his present position at the State Masonic Home.

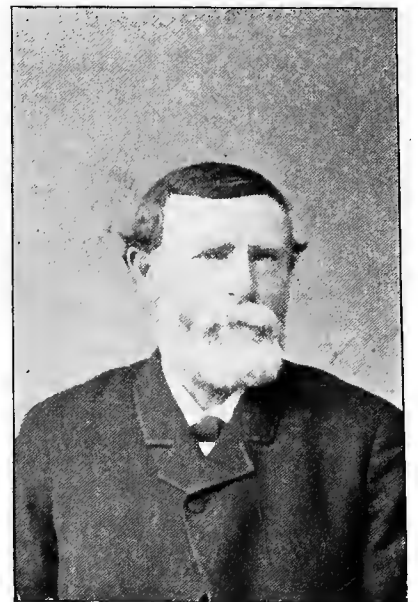


CLARK BUCKINGHAM.

Mr. Buckingham is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Connecticut, Past Grand Patron of the Eastern Star, a Knight Templar and a member of Mystic Shrine. He was also for five years a member of the State Board of Managers previous to his appointment, having resigned his seat in the board at that time.

The final selection of the present suitable property was largely brought about by its discovery by him, the site being the most desirable one considered by the board. In his present position as superintendent, the State Masonic Home is assured careful business management, and those whose fortune it is to live under its roof will be well cared for.

Mr. Buckingham is possessed of a happy disposition, generous nature and has the faculty of making friends with those with whom he comes in contact. The home fitted up under his supervision contains all the improvements of a modern hotel, each room being light and well heated and aired. In his new duties Mr. Buckingham is assisted by his excellent helpmate, Mrs. Buckingham, who assumes the duties of matron, and is assisted by a corps of servants. As the home is not only for the Masons of Connecticut, but their widows and orphans, Mrs.



J. R. CAMPBELL.

Buckingham will be of great service in the management of the household affairs.

Few institutions are more picturesquely located or have better management than that presided over by Mr. Buckingham.

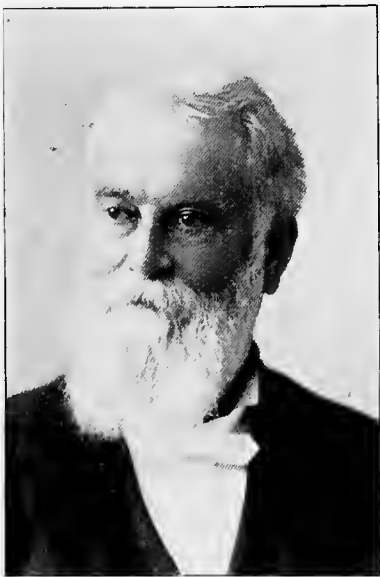
J. R. CAMPBELL.

MR. CAMPBELL is descended from the Scotch Presbyterians who settled Derry, N. H., his grandfather serving with General Stark during the Revolutionary War. His boyhood days were spent in Nashua, N. H., where he attended the public schools. Later he was for two years and a half on the Engineering Department of West Point Military Academy. Going to New York in 1853, he joined a firm of dock and bridge builders engaged in government and city work.

Poor health led him to come to Wallingford and purchase the farm where he now resides. He is allied with the church and is a member of several secret societies. He has always taken a deep interest in our public schools, serving upon the Central District Committee and also upon the building committee of the Colony Street and High School buildings. Both in school and town matters he has always advocated all progressive improvements for Wallingford.

LYMAN MORSE MONROE.

FROM a life-long residence here, Lyman Morse Monroe has been an eye witness to the steady growth of Wallingford. He was born on Main street, April 5, 1827, but for several years



L. M. MONROE.

resided in the house which stood where the Beach house now stands, the old homestead having been occupied by his ancestors for eight generations before him. He traces his ancestry back to John Moss, born in 1604, who died in this town in 1707, at the remarkable age of 104 years, and who was appointed by the court of New Haven to set off the town now known as Wallingford. The subject of this sketch was educated in the district schools and commenced his business life in the store of Carrington & Kirkland, in 1844. The store in which his first experience in mercantile life was obtained being next to his home, his employers were acquainted with him from childhood up to the time they received him as clerk. This old store, now occupied by the Dickerman Hardware Company, was established about the year 1812, and during the early years of its existence a most complicated and extensive stock of goods was carried, the variety of which was of such magnitude that it is said by some of the old residents, that a person might purchase most any article in use there in those days. Upon becoming proprietor of the store in 1858, he preserved the old original account books of the firm, which he still keeps as a souvenir of the oldest store in Wallingford. These books have since been several times referred to in respect to the tariff question for political purposes. After having been associated with this historic store as clerk and proprietor nearly forty years, in 1881 he sold out the business and retired from active mercantile operations in order to look after his investments, which he had become largely interested in.

Since severing his connection with the store, Mr. Monroe has dealt largely in real estate and has found some time to devote

to travel. He has visited nearly every state in the Union, and in addition to that has traveled through Mexico, California and all parts of Canada. He has also spent many winters in Florida.



RESIDENCE OF L. M. MONROE.

Having lived a temperate life, his extensive travels have to all appearances been but conducive to his present good health, as at the age of sixty-eight he is hale and hearty and free from aches and pains so common to men of his years. Mr. Monroe indeed, furnishes substantial proof that "age is not measured by years." This old resident was one of the organizers of both the local savings and national banks, and has for many years been connected with their management, being at the present time one of the board of directors of the National bank. He resides on South Main street, his handsome residence shown in the accompanying engraving, being the second house in which he has ever resided.

HARRY BARRETT.

BORN in Yorkshire, England, Harry Barrett, the talented designer at the largest of Wallingford factories, has been a resident of this borough about one year. His life-long study of art coupled with an aptitude for his profession, makes him one of the best known artists and designers of silverware in this country. He was brought up in London, England, and first studied under Antoine Celite. He was also a student at the Royal Academy of Art at Kensington, a school conducted by the English government. He was first apprenticed to Hunton Rosko, under whom he served some sixteen years. While associated with this noted artist he designed much silverware for the nobility, and under his employer soon developed a rare talent for the execution of all kinds of art work. He next spent fifteen years in the employ of Stephen Smith & Son, during which time his paintings were exhibited at the art galleries of London, and received medals at the Paris Exposition. His original designs in stained glass, terra cottas, models, busts, paintings, and statues, won universal admiration, and he was soon known as one of the most versatile of English artists. His fame soon extending across the water, a few years ago he was engaged by the Gorhams, of Providence,

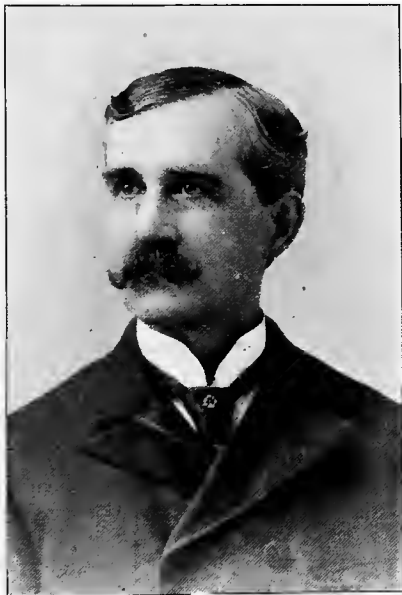


HARRY BARRETT.

R. I., as the first designer of London and brought over to this country, where he has since remained. Upon the establishing of a silverware department at the factory of R. Wallace & Sons, that concern induced him to come to Wallingford, and the remarkable success of their new venture has significantly proven that they made no mistake in employing the finest talent procurable in the person of Harry Barrett, whom they engaged for a term of years and who has since been an adopted citizen of the borough.

GEORGE ADAM GLAHN.

ONE of the best known and most talented designers of silverware in the country is George Adam Glahn, who for the past seventeen years has been employed at the factory of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., where he has charge of the ornamental chasing and engraving department. He is also president of the Wallingford branch of the American Protective Tariff League, and State secretary of the Connecticut League of that organization. Mr. Glahn was born in New York City in 1842, and was educated in the public schools of the metropolis, graduating from school number 4, many of his classmates having made their mark in the world. Early in life he developed a talent and



G. A. GLAHN.

and desire for drawing, and has devoted his whole life to that profession. About thirty years ago he was engaged by the Meriden Britannia Company, to whom he devoted his time and best efforts for thirteen years. Seventeen years ago he accepted the offer of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co. to come to Wallingford and has since been an adopted citizen of this borough, and added his work to the local talent of this town. Mr. Glahn is of German descent, his father coming to this country from Germany in 1835. He therefore speaks both German and English fluently. His articles and poems on the tariff question have been frequently contributed to the press, and one of his poems entitled "Hans Dummer-

micle's Lament," was adopted by a member of congress in a speech during the session in which the tariff question was the prime issue. Although deeply interested in economic questions and an acknowledged authority on the Republican side on the tariff question, Mr. Glahn is by no means a politician nor does he aspire to public office. His study of political economy has been, however, conducive to his prominence in the American Protective Tariff League, in which organization he is deeply interested and a prominent figure. It was through his instrumentality that a local branch of that League was established in Wallingford. He has been several times urged by his friends to accept nominations, but has invariably refused, allowing nothing to interfere with his work of designing. He has served as delegate to several different conventions and was a member of the delegation which nominated sheriff Spiegel.

The American Protective Tariff League of which he is a member, is an organization founded for advancing the best interests of the manufacturers and their employees, and its members are largely composed of the most influential business men and manufacturers of the United States. The league has over 3,000 correspondents and 500 or more newspapers print and publish their protection articles.

As an artist, Mr. Glahn has few peers, the high standard of the work emanating from the factory in which he is employed



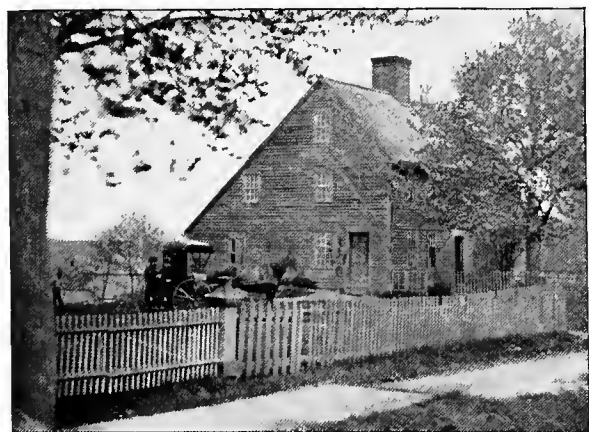
WALLINGFORD TOWN FARM.

winning the admiration of the trade. Mr. Glahn is much esteemed as a citizen of Wallingford and is a member of the American Legion of Honor.

HARRY WILLIAMS.

HIS ability as an all-around wood worker, has made Harry Williams, whose shop is on Wallace avenue, one of the best known young business men of Wallingford. Mr. Williams has one of the most interesting shops in the borough. His high reputation as a wood turner, scroll sawyer, stair builder, and hard wood interior fitter, is justly accorded him, although he has been in business for himself but three years. He manufactures rails, newels, balusters, wainscot dados, and mantels, as well as attending to work in the line of jobbing brought to his shop.

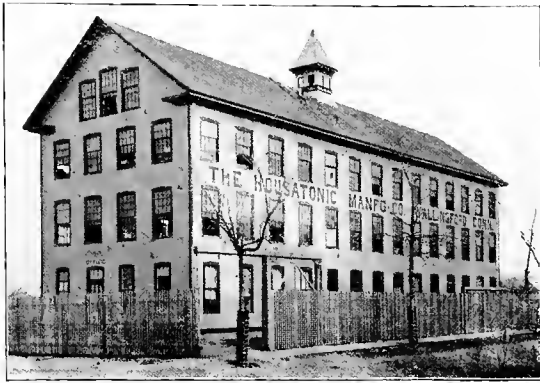
It was in 1892 that he made his first start as a member of the firm of Foster & Williams. In 1893, however, he bought out his partner's interest and has since conducted the business alone. His shop is fitted with all necessary machinery, such as planer, lathes, scroll saws, etc., and furnishes his own power. He is particularly well known among the local contractors for whom he does work. Twisted and turned articles in wood, metal, gold plated, oxidized, or plated silver, or copper, all come under the branches of work emanating from his shop.



OLD HULL PLACE.

The interiors of many handsome residences in Wallingford also show his apparent ability and taste as an interior wood worker. He is a member of the Ramblers' Cycle Club and Odd Fellows.

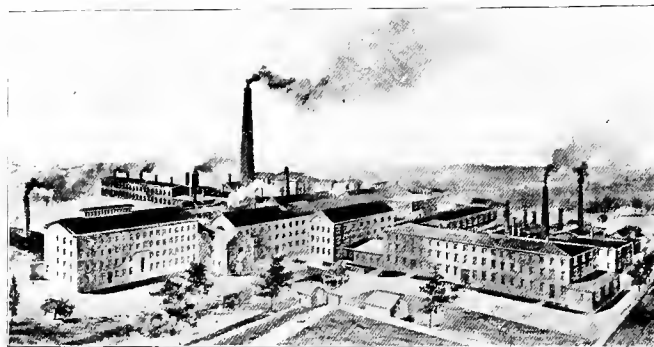
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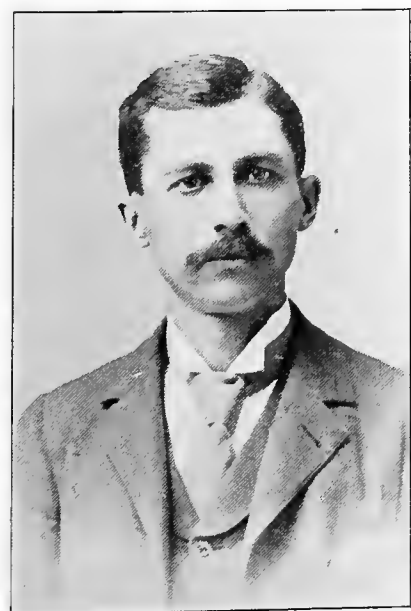
JUDGE OTHNIEL IVES MARTIN.

FROM long years of public service, this veteran official is doubtless one of the best known and most respected Wallingford men. He is a native of the town and was born here a little over three score and ten years ago, and with the exception



O. I. MARTIN.

of a few years, has always resided here. In his early manhood he served four years as a clerk in a New Haven wholesale house, but upon obtaining his majority, in 1841, he went to Waterbury and engaged in the grocery and dry goods trade on his own account. While there he was commissioned major of the Light Infantry, by Gov. Ellsworth, and was later honored by being chosen colonel of the regiment, which he soon after resigned. In 1846 he sold out his business in Waterbury and returned to Wallingford, engaging in the purchase of horses for the West India market.



GEO. T. JONES.

tax collector. In 1872 he was elected town clerk and the same year was shown the confidence and esteem of the district by being elected judge of probate. The former office he has each succeeding year been re-elected to fill to the present time, and by virtue of his having served continuously in that capacity, makes the second if not the oldest town clerk in the commonwealth. His career as judge of probate was scarcely less remarkable, as he held that office also continuously from 1872 to 1892, when his having reached the age of seventy, made him non-eligible to further become a candidate for the office he had so many years held to the satisfaction of the citizens of the town and to the gratification of his many friends. In 1861 he represented Wallingford in the State legislature. As a public servant, Judge Martin has earned the respect of his fellowmen.

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He has been a Mason for many years, is one of the incorporators of the Dime Savings Bank and is a member of the Congregational Church. He is a son of the late Wooster Martin, and traces his antecedents back to the early settlement of Wallingford.

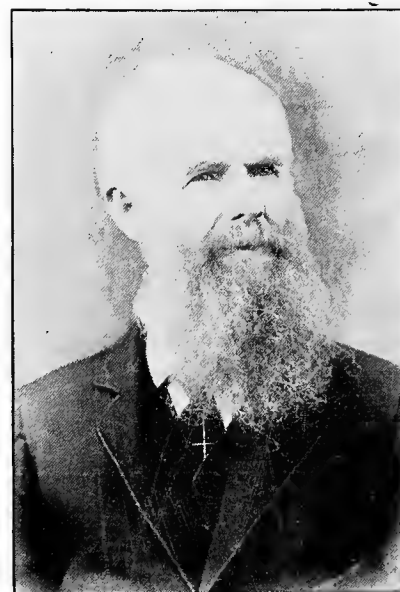
Mr. Martin has been twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth A. Hall, daughter of Judge Augustus Hall. For his second wife he married Sarah A. Cook, daughter of Thaddeus Cook, who served in the war of 1812, and whose father, Colonel Thaddeus Cook, figured in Revolutionary

POSTMASTER JONES.

THE mail service of Wallingford is under the supervision of Postmaster Jones, who was appointed to the office in 1894 by President Cleveland and duly confirmed by the Senate. He is a Wallingford boy and has always lived here; and although but thirty-five years of age has acquired a snug little nest egg and been several times honored by political preferment. He was educated in the local public schools and subsequently attended and graduated from Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He entered politics early in life and in 1888 was chosen town clerk. He has also served as town treasurer and has represented Wallingford in the state legislature where he served on important committees and took a most active part in the proceedings. Before assuming the postmastership he was extensively interested in the real estate market, where with the exercise of good, sound judgment he became noticeably successful. He is at the present time a large owner of property and taxpayer, and is known as one of the level headed business men of the borough. He is a member of Compass Lodge, F & A. M., and is counted among the prominent men of Wallingford.

DEPUTY JUDGE MCLEAN.

THE deputy judge of the borough court, is A. D. McLean, who has recently been appointed to that position by the legislature. He is a native of Bloomfield, orce a part of Windsor, where he saw light of day in May, 1829, and is ten years younger than Queen Victoria. He spent his boyhood and until 1864 lived upon the home farm. Nearly a half a century ago he commenced the study and practice of civil engineering, which vocation he has more or less followed ever since. Mr. McLean in 1864 went to Newington where he remained five years. He later went to Wisconsin, where he resided for some time and was engaged in the practice of law to no small extent. Although he never applied for admission to the bar his knowledge of law and ability were fully recognized. While in Wisconsin he also held the office of justice of the court. He went west to engage in the tobacco trade, which business he was for several years engaged in and has but recently given up on account of having sustained heavy losses. He has also spent some years in the South, four years of which he was located at Chester, Va. In 1881 he removed to the Farms of Wallingford and a few years ago removed to his present home near the fair grounds. Mr. McLean has ever been a hard worker, and although he has passed through the vicissitudes accompanying a long business career has at the present time some real estate possessions in and about Wallingford. Since becoming an adopted citizen he has added his mite to the welfare of the town and borough. He was two years justice of the peace here in Wallingford. His present office is one in which he is well qualified to serve, as he is a veteran in public service, having in Bloomfield officiated thirteen years as constable, three years each as assessor, selectman and tax collector, as well as having officiated in nearly every office there within the gift of the people, including representing that town in the state legislature in 1863. Judge



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McLean is a prominent member and chaplain of Wallingford Grange, and although well advanced in years is to all appearances hale and hearty, and although he has met with several severe accidents still seems to have many years of activity before him.

O. H. D. FOWLER.

OSWIN H. D. FOWLER, the youngest attorney of Wallingford, was born in North Haven, January 17, 1857. His father, Henry Baldwin Fowler, a native of Guilford, was a thrifty farmer and one of the hardy pioneers who braved the perils and hardships of the overland route to California in the early days of '49. His mother, Lucy E. Doolittle, who now resides with Attorney Fowler, is a native of Wallingford, being a lineal descendant, in the fifth generation, of Abraham Doolittle, the emigrant, who was prominently identified with the first settlement of Wallingford in 1670. It is a singular fact that all of the ancestors of Mr. Fowler since the early colonial days have been born and bred in New Haven county. At least six of them, Theophilus Fowler of Guilford, Nathaniel Hart and Joel Doolittle of Wallingford, Jonathan Dayton and Jonathan Dayton, Jr., of North Haven, and Enos Brooks of Cheshire, rendered military service on the patriot side during the Revolutionary war. Mr. Fowler



O. H. D. FOWLER.

received a good common school education in the schools of his native town, and continued his studies at the Hillhouse High School in New Haven until the end of the junior year. He then, being seventeen years of age, taught the Clintonville district school for two terms with marked success. Determined to secure a college education he completed his preparatory course at the Hopkins Grammar School in 1875, and in the fall of that year entered Yale and graduated in the class of 1878, S. S. S., being among the nine who read theses at the graduating exercises of the class. The following year he resumed teaching in his native town. In the fall of 1879 he entered the Yale Law School, ranking fourth in his class of over thirty members at the end of the year. While pursuing his studies during the senior year he filled the position of principal of the Center street graded school in Fair Haven, and was at the same time the acting school visitor and secretary of the joint board of education of the town of North Haven. Graduating from the law school in 1881, Mr. Fowler was immediately admitted to the bar, and in September of that year he located in Wallingford, where his ability, integrity and self-reliance, notwithstanding strong and sometimes bitter competition, soon gave him a successful and lucrative practice.

In September, 1884, he married Carrie B. Parmelee, daughter of Samuel B. Parmelee, one of the prominent citizens of Wallingford. Two promising daughters are the result of the union. In 1888 Mr. Fowler purchased the Burdett Cannon homestead, on Center street, which he has enlarged and remodeled into one of the most attractive residences of the borough.

Mr. Fowler has been retained in many important cases, and has had a large experience in the settlement of estates for which he has an especial aptitude. He is a member of the Democratic town committee, with which party he has been identified for the



O. H. D. FOWLER'S RESIDENCE.

past ten years. While preferring law to politics he has held various elective offices, and for the past two years was the capable and efficient judge of the probate court for the district of Wallingford.

J. W. LANE.

J. W. LANE is the oldest business man in one location in all Wallingford, and his well known weather beaten sign adorns the front of the grocery and dry goods store at the corner of Cherry street and Hall avenue. He is a native of the town and is a son of George Lane, who came here from Southington. Upon the breaking out of the war he enlisted as a musician in the Fifth Connecticut Band. After serving a year and a half he re-enlisted, and in the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Eighteenth brigades was



J. W. LANE.

under General Harland in North Carolina, where he saw active service. At the close of the war he returned to Wallingford and engaged in business in a small store in the location of his present establishment, which as the years have rolled by has been rebuilt and added to until there now stands a substantial building which has been erected and the lower floor occupied by Mr. Lane as a store for some years. This, the oldest and one of the most substantial grocers of the town, owns considerable real estate and is a member of the G. A. R. His success has been attained by close attention to business and an unswerving application to the work of building up a large trade. Few have a higher reputation for fair dealing or more generous treatment of patrons than this merchant.

M. O'CALLAGHAN.

EX-REPRESENTATIVE Michael O'Callaghan, who has for many years been a resident of Wallingford, is one of the best known citizens of this locality. He is also one who has



M. O'CALLAGHAN.

done his full share towards advancing the best interests of the town and borough. He has several times been honored by election to public office, and his service in different public capacities has been marked by the characteristic traits he possesses. He was born in the parish of Farmoy, County Cork, Ireland, about fifty-five years ago and received a good practical education in his native town, but is largely a self-made and self-educated man. When quite young he developed an interest in agricultural pursuits. In his native country he first served seven years as a shepherd boy, where he obtained a practical knowledge of the business of raising sheep. In 1857 he emigrated to the

United States, and in May of that year came to Wallingford. Upon locating here he worked in the shops of R. Wallace & Son, and Hall, Elton & Co., where he became familiar with the manufacture of spoons. In 1858, however, he sailed for Australia. Arriving there in 1859 he continued in the sheep business. His experience gained by his service as shepherd in the old country served him to good advantage in Australia and he progressed rapidly, being promoted from shepherd to overseer, and later to general manager of a sheep growing estate covering fifty-five miles of territory. When appointed to this position he held the distinction of being the youngest manager of a sheep ranch in all Australia. He filled the position for a period of nine years, at the expiration of which, on account of his wife's ill health, he resigned and returned to Wallingford. At the time of his resignation he was given, and still preserves with just pride, a written testimonial

the sheep of which he had charge were infested with disease before he assumed the management, under his supervision they were kept entirely clear from the ills which they so easily incur. Since returning to Wallingford in 1871 Mr. O'Callaghan has continuously resided and done business in this borough with the exception of the times he has made trips abroad, traveling over Ireland, England, Scotland and France. He has served in nearly all the town and borough offices of Wallingford. He was four years a member of the board of relief and for seven years a member of the board of water commissioners, two years of which he was its chairman. He has also served a term on the board of selectmen, and when elected to the legislature in 1889 he was honored with the largest majority given a Democrat here in fifty years, receiving over two hundred majority. While a member of the house he served on the important committees of roads and bridges and constitutional amendments. As a member of the former committee he was well qualified, his wide experience in foreign lands coming well into play. It was through him that the bill passed the house, and subsequently the senate, requiring guards to be put on all drawbridges, rendering the same child proof as well as horse proof. Mr. O'Callaghan supervised the construction of the Colony Street school building, and through his instrumentality the old house which stood where the handsome building now stands was condemned and succeeded by the present one. He is also a large real estate owner and heavy taxpayer. Although he has been engaged in the wholesale liquor business on Colony street for the past twenty-three years, where he sells principally by measure, a game of cards or disorderly conduct is never permitted, his place of business being closed at 10:30 P. M. He was also instrumental in the purchasing of the site upon which now stands the handsome Holy Trinity Church, which he secured in 1872 for the parish.



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LUBY BROTHERS.

THIS well known sign is a familiar one at the corner of Colony and Christian streets, and adorns the well patronized grocery and liquor store in that location.



THOS. LUBY.

The business was founded sixteen years ago by William, Jr., and Thomas Luby, and was conducted by them until the regretted decease of the latter, two years ago last March, but since continued under the same name by William Luby, Jr., a well known member of the court of borough burgesses. The late Thomas Luby, the deceased member of the firm, died at the



LUBY BROS' STORE.

handed him by Elizabeth Fryer and John Burke, Esq., showing the highest appreciation of his services, and stating that although

age of thirty-six, much esteemed in the community. Like his brother, he was born in New Haven, but obtained his education in the public schools of Wallingford, his parents having moved here when he was a child. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters and the Knights of Columbus, and had for some years been an active member of the fire department and treasurer of the Hook and Ladder Company, and previous to that a member of Byxbee Hose Company of Meriden. The business of Luby Brothers principally is that of supplying groceries to a large and regular family trade, where low prices and good goods are invariably in order.

MCCORMACK STEAM HEATING CO.

THE name of this concern at once suggests the principal line of its operation, the business of which was established by J. H. McCormack, well known in the business circles of this locality and far outside of it. The present concern, a joint stock company, was formed by Mr. McCormack two years ago, and is



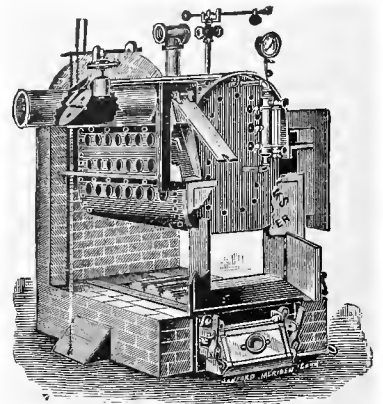
J. H. MCCORMACK.

the outcome of the business formerly conducted by him alone. This well known plumber went to Meriden from Hartford in 1867, and became associated with F. J. Wheeler, looking after the plumbing and steam heating branches of the business. Three years later he opened a store and engaged in the same business alone. At the end of six years he took in a partner, forming the concern of McCormack & Cashen, for many years after known as the leading plumbing concern of Meriden. In 1882 the firm increased their operations by establishing a branch store in the growing locality of Wallingford. The business here, in 1888, had grown to such large proportions that the firm dissolved partnership, Mr. McCormack assuming the Wallingford business and Mr. Cashen the Meriden store. It was previous to this, however, that Mr. McCormack had invented and patented the celebrated McCormack steam boiler, of which illustrations are shown, making his name a familiar one among the trade, and which now has a large sale and is in general use throughout the country. This boiler has become generally used from its obvious good points making it superior to others, being a pronounced improvement over low pressure steam heating boilers.

In 1893 he got out patents for the McCormack hot water boiler, which has filled a long felt want, and easily takes its place among the best manufactured. The increase in the demand for the boilers gradually made such urgent calls upon the time of their inventor, that in 1892 he formed the present concern of which he is now president and treasurer, taking in two of his employes, P. J. Leonard and P. J. Fagan, the former having since been the general superintendent and manager, and the latter secretary. Both of these gentlemen are well known in this locality and are expert and practical plumbers and business men. The former is a prominent charter member of Y. M. T. A. & B. Society.

Since the formation of the company, Mr. McCormack has been enabled to leave much of the management of the business to his two lieutenants, and devote the necessary time to the man-

ufacture and sale of the boilers, having established agencies in different parts of the country, the local agency being at the home office in Wallingford. These celebrated boilers are made for Mr. McCormack by the Bigelow Company of New Haven. This well known business man, although a resident of Meriden, has proven himself deeply interested in the growth and progress of Wallingford, having identified himself with many of its public movements, and the company of which he is president, enjoys a large business and enviable reputation.



MCCORMACK STEAM BOILER.

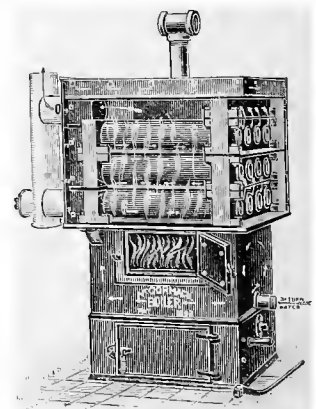
W. WILLIS.

AMONG the recent inventions making a pronounced hit with the trade is a device for holding stubs down in books. This article, simple as it is in construction and inexpensive in price, is destined to a large sale and universal use. This article of stationers' goods



MCCORMACK STEAM HEATING CO.

is the invention of W. Willis, a bookkeeper for several years at the office of the McCormack Steam Heating Company of Wallingford. For holding down the stubs of check and receipt books this handy piece of nicked brass is most convenient. The article is made by William Willis in three or more sizes and is made applicable to any size of book used in an office. The holder is simplicity itself in construction, comprising only two pieces of spring brass nicked, one of which slides through slits in the cover of the book and the other being a movable spring under which the stubs or leaves are slipped and held. Many a busy bookkeeper has recognized the need of such an article in his office. The rights of Mr. Willis have been fully secured on this, his valuable patent, and stationers throughout the country will find a ready sale for this article. Those who would save blotting their books are advised to write for sample or apply to their stationer, the price being but ten cents for the smallest sizes.



MCCORMACK HOT WATER BOILER.

CHARLES F. WOODING.

ONE of the youngest contractors and builders in New Haven County, but by no means the least active, is Charles F. Wooding, who succeeded to the business of his father in 1891. The business he conducts at the present time furnishing employment to thirty-four men was established by Fenn & Wooding, and was carried on by that firm until the death of Mr. Fenn in 1884. The late Newton C. Wooding then continued alone until 1891, when his regretted decease deprived Wallingford of one of its most substantial residents. Upon his father's death, the son, C. F. Wooding, the subject of this sketch, assumed, and has since carried on the business, using the experience gained while associated with his father in retaining the unsullied name of the concern.

His shops and yards on Wallace avenue contain facilities for filling the largest contracts, and he estimates

on, and executes the erection of all sorts of buildings, from laying the foundation to completing the whole. His equipments comprise derricks, ropes and all the facilities required for the work. Many structures in and about Wallingford, and many far outside of the town, show the results of his thorough and artistic work. He is at the present time engaged in the building of the Leighton block on Center Street, and in addition to that has several smaller contracts, all being filled at this time.

Mr. Wooding is a native of Wallingford, where he was born twenty-four ago. He was educated in the public schools of this town. He has been engaged in his present business on his own account since he obtained his majority. He is a member of Accanant Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is one of the trustees of the

First Baptist Church. His life-long residence and creditable business career, makes him one of the most favorably considered young business men of the town.

His father, the late Newton C. Wooding, whose portrait appears on this page, was born in 1831, and was actively engaged in the building and contracting business continuously from 1861 to the time of his death in 1891. He was a member of the firm of Fenn & Wooding until 1884, when Mr. Fenn died. He was a member of Accanant Lodge, I. O. O. F., and for fifteen years was one of the trustees of the First Baptist Church. His decease removed from Wallingford one of its best known and most esteemed

citizens; a manly man, who was looked up to by his associates in business and social life as the exemplification of honor and probity.



THE LATE NEWTON C. WOODING.

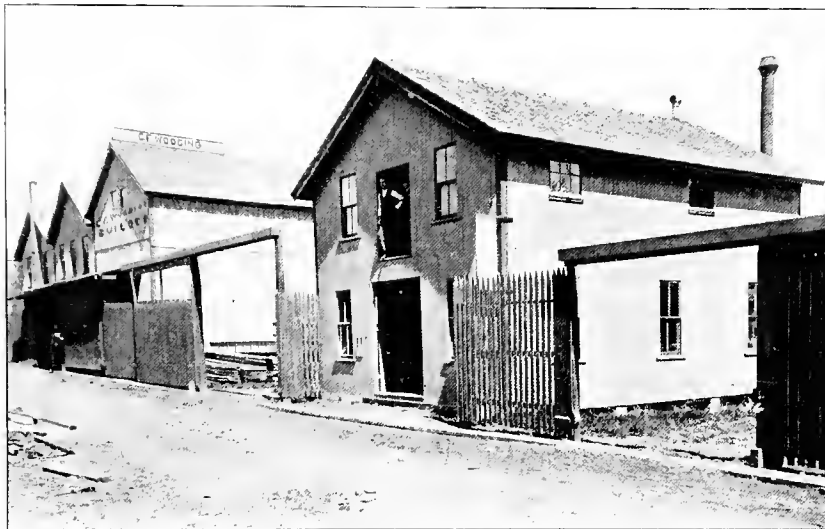
RICHARD TALBOT.

FROM thirty-five years in active business in Wallingford the above named gentleman has fully earned the distinction of being the oldest continuous business man in the town. His reputation as a custom boot and shoe maker is second to none probably in the state, and he conducts a well patronized retail boot and shoe business on Center street. He first engaged for himself in his present business in 1861 in a small wooden building on Main street where the Botsford building now stands. After the old hotel property was destroyed by fire he erected his present building which he has occupied for the past eighteen years. While Mr. Talbot has one of the largest and best selected stocks of boots and shoes in his store, he is one of the best judges of shoe leather, having been associated with custom shoe making for forty-four years. The second floor of his establishment contains a large

stock of leather used in the making of shoes for his patrons. His reputation extends far outside of Wallingford and many of his customers have patronized him for years. For the past thirty years he has held the trade of several Meriden customers, whose lasts he possesses and has made shoes from regularly during that length of time. Mr. Talbot is well known outside of business. He is a prominent Odd Fellow, having been enrolled in the membership of that order since 1857. He is a member of Accanant Lodge, Friendship Encampment and the Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of Compass Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he has been for seventeen years its continuous treasurer. He also belongs to Keystone Chapter, Hamilton Council, St. Elmo Commandery, and the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Montowese Tribe, I. O. R. M., of Meriden. Mr. Talbot is a great lover of music and was the leader at one time of the Wallingford Cornet Band. He was also until four years ago choir master at the Baptist Church.

DR. GEO. H. CRAIG.

AMONG the rising young dental surgeons of New Haven county is Dr. George H. Craig, whose office is in the Fahey block on Center street. He has been in practice here in Wallingford for the past four years, and by careful and painstaking work, has won an enviable reputation as an operator. His skill as an extractor of teeth has also significantly demonstrated that he is of the modern school of dentists. He was born at Cold Springs, Steuben County, N. Y. twenty-four years ago, but attended the Meriden public schools, fitting for



C. F. WOODING'S SHOPS.



CHAS. F. WOODING.

his profession at the New York College of Dentistry. He began active practice at Meriden, in the office of Dr. Eager with whom he was associated for two years and a half. He has therefore had nearly seven years' practical experience in the practice of



DR GEORGE H. CRAIG.

enrolled in the membership of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows' fraternities.

F. W. MINER.

WALLINGFORD'S recognized leader in the grocery trade is F. W. Miner, as can be seen by a casual glance at the New York cash grocery store operated by him on Center street. As its name suggests this grocery store is conducted under the same progressive ideas as the stores of the metropolis. Mr. Miner has gained a high reputation and large patronage in Wallingford by putting forward low prices and giving patrons of his



F. W. MINER.

necessities put up each day at this grocery store would do credit to one with twice the room enjoyed by Mr. Miner and his three clerks. Goods are delivered in all parts of the town and borough

with promptness and despatch, a point highly appreciated by his customers, comprising residents of probably every street and avenue in the locality. A large storehouse on Meadow street has been recently pressed into service for holding the surplus stock of the cash grocery. The proprietor is a shrewd buyer and is ever on the alert to save his customers money on purchases, there by increasing his trade and popularity as a grocer. He is a good citizen of Wallingford, a member of St. Paul's Lodge, F. & A. M., and is one of the wide-awake business men of this thriving locality.

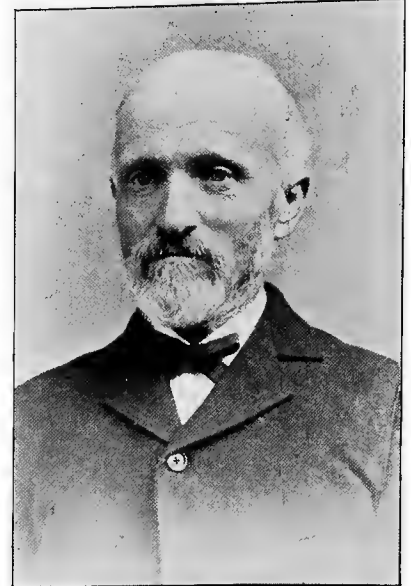
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GEORGE H. ROWDEN.

STRONGLY suggestive of the sunny South is the interior of the extensive greenhouses in Wallingford owned and conducted by George H. Rowden. This place is a most attractive one to the lovers of flowers, plants and shrubs, and underneath the 4,000 feet of glass, a day could be pleasantly and profitably spent. This greenhouse has been conducted by Mr. Rowden for the past ten years, and the establishment covers about an acre of ground, being located at the corner of Academy and Elm streets.

The proprietor has been associated with plants and flowers from the time he was sixteen years of age, and has therefore a good knowledge of their profitable cultivation. He was born in Wiltshire, England, fifty-four years ago, but for the past twenty-eight years has lived in the United States. He came to Wallingford ten years ago from Meriden, and has since built up a large patronage and enjoyed a good reputation here as a florist. Previous to going to Meriden he had charge of a large nursery plant at Chambersburg, Pa., where he remained three years.



GEORGE H. ROWDEN.



OLD WALLINGFORD ELM. Branches spread 110 feet.

His well equipped hot houses here in Wallingford are heated by hot water and contain all modern conveniences, and it may be added that Mr. Rowden has the faculty of making the most of his plants and flowers, the ground being used over and over

again in the raising of the flowers. He has a high reputation in regard to excellent taste in getting up designs for floral decorations, appropriate for the purposes for which they are used, and supplies several flower stores out of town.



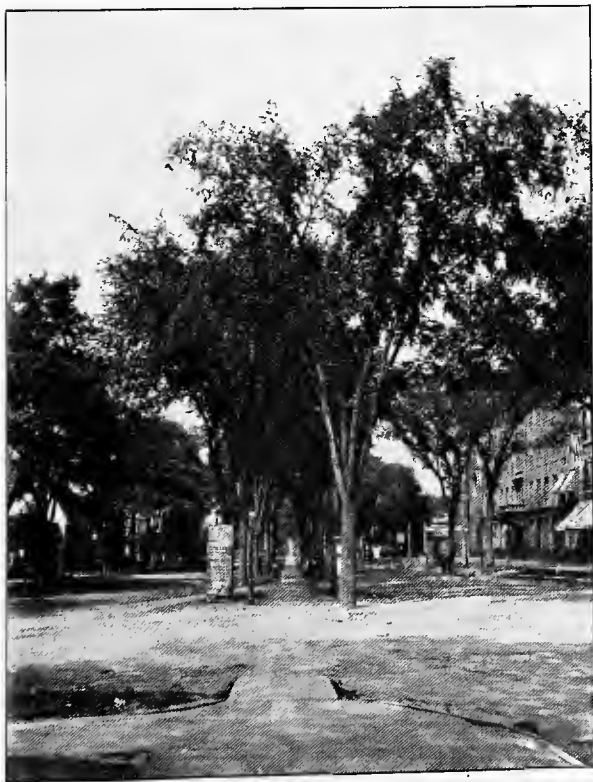
ROGER S. AUSTIN.

Mr. Rowden is a prominent member of the Society of American Florists, of which order he has served as vice-president. He is also a member of Pacific Lodge of Meriden, I. O. O. F., Court Meriden, Order of the Foresters of America, and Wallingford Council, Royal Arcanum.

ROGER S. AUSTIN.

A PROMINENT figure in Wallingford is "Sheriff" Roger S. Austin, a member of the concern known as the Wallingford Ice Company, and for many years collector of the town, borough and school taxes. He is a native of the town, and was born in the section of Wallingford known as the

Farms, in 1845. He is descended from one of the oldest families of the place and has ever been associated with the growth of the town and borough. Mr. Austin has for many years been in public office in the service of the people. He has been eighteen years constable, twenty years collector of taxes, and has just concluded his second term as deputy sheriff. His remarkable



VIEW ON NORTH MAIN STREET.

record of twenty years' service as collector of taxes, an office to which he has been continuously re-elected, shows conclusively his efficiency in that capacity, as a public official. As a constable and deputy sheriff he renders valuable service to both

the town and county, his wide knowledge and long experience with criminals coming well into play.

Sheriff Austin has a wide acquaintance and is well known as a valuable townsman. He was for five years a member of Company K, C. N. G., and was five years a drummer for the New Haven Grays. He has therefore served ten years in the State militia. He was one of the charter members of Accant Lodge, I. O. O. F., and has for some years been a member of Compass Lodge, F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Arcanum club, and is well known in social circles.

Being one of the most active of Wallingford business men, he has gradually become interested in different enterprises, but at no time does he feel anything but a deep interest in the town and its progress.

C. A. SMITH.

THE above, whose interests are centered in sewing machines in general, but more particularly the White and Domestic, is a well known man in Wallingford. He is in reality the only sewing machine agent who possesses headquarters and who does business exclusively in the town. The fact that he has the agency of two of the most popular machines in existence and has been remarkably successful in placing them would make it appear that he is almost too well known to require an introduction through the columns of this art souvenir. The White, the acknowledged king of the modern sewing machines, is a most popular article of Wallingford household furniture. Mr. Smith informs the writer that there are 600 of these machines in use at the present time here, which



JUDD BLOCK.

statistics show that the superior makeup of the White is appreciated here as much as elsewhere. Mr. Smith is located in the Judd block in the rear of Cook's shoe store, having bought out the sewing machine branch of the business three months or more ago. He is one of the hustling young business men of the town and has resided here for the past seven years, having previous to buying out his present business been a clerk at the shoe store where his quarters are at the present time. He does all kinds of repairing on sewing machines and is thoroughly familiar with every part of their construction. He also gives instructions to those requiring them. Mr. Smith is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is one of the progressive business men of the town.

L. M. PHELPS.

PROMINENT among the substantial men of Wallingford is L. M. Phelps, who has resided and done business here for the past score of years. He is a native of Northampton, Mass., where he was born fifty-four years ago. He obtained his education under the shadow of Mount Tom, and before he was

twenty-one spent two years in the west, where he gained valuable experience and a glance at the country. He afterwards returned east and remained for a time in Northampton, where he enlisted in Captain Spalding's



L. M. PHELPS.

company, which in the late war was attached to the Nineteenth Corps, Massachusetts Volunteers. He remained in active service a year and returned home. He subsequently went to Springfield, and still later to New Haven, coming to Wallingford April 1, 1875. He then engaged in the stove and plumbing business, which, with twenty years' careful management, has enabled him to accumulate a well earned independence. Twelve years ago he leased his present store in the Wallace block, one-half of which substantial business structure was purchased by him in 1888, the other half being secured by George E. Dickerman two years later. He has become quite interested in real estate and has erected several houses, setting the good example of investing what he has had to invest in the town where he resides. Mr. Phelps is a member of Arthur Dutton Post, G. A. R., and Compass Lodge, F. & A. M. He is also a prominent Odd Fellow, having passed through the chairs of the subordinate lodge and having for a number of years been a member of the grand lodge of the state. He is also a member of the Encampment, Rebekah and Canton branches of the order. He was the prime organizer of Accant Lodge and is one of its charter members, and was its first vice-grand. He has also served as treasurer of Friendship Encampment. He has ever taken an active part in matters pertaining to the welfare of the town and has served two years as a member of the court of burgesses of the borough.

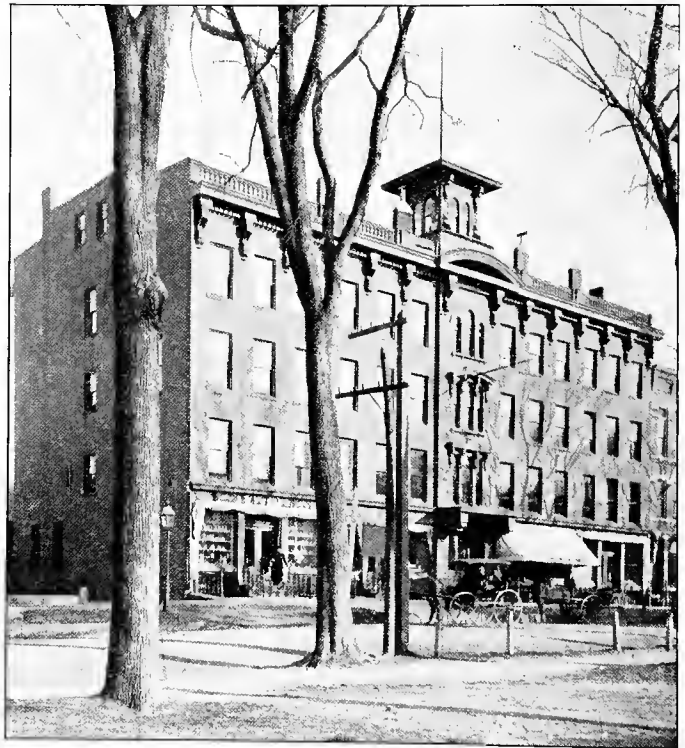


GEORGE E. DICKERMAN.

constitution and good morals. In his early manhood failing health, brought on by hard study, compelled him to go to Minnesota where he remained until his health was recuperated. His desire for an active life returned with health, and he came back to North Haven where he engaged in the building busi-

ness. He came to Wallingford in 1871, and has ever since been continuously engaged in the contracting business. Quite a large share of the principal buildings of Wallingford have, in the intervening years, been erected by him, and stand as monuments to his skill as a builder. He employs at times a large number of men, and he makes estimates and contracts for erecting all sorts of structures, from the stone work to the building complete for occupancy. A few years ago he purchased and now resides in the old Noyes' place on Main street, the interior of which he has remodeled with all modern improvements. This place is one of the oldest and most historic of Wallingford, but notwithstanding the vast improvements made to the inside, the residence still retains the old colonial style of architecture, the design of which centuries have failed to make obsolete.

Mr. Dickerman has gradually become interested in enterprises of a local nature, and is largely connected with the Dickerman Hardware Company, a joint stock company conducting the well known hardware store on Main street bearing his name. He was for some years a director in the savings bank, and has taken his full share of the burdens of public office. He



PHELPS & DICKERMAN'S BLOCK.

was for three years chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners and has served as a member, and two years as warden of the court of burgesses. He is a member of the Central school district committee, and is a prominent Odd Fellow, being a member of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is also a half owner in the Phelps & Dickerman Block, one of the largest and one of the best paying business blocks of the town.

THE PHELPS & DICKERMAN BLOCK.

THIS imposing block formerly known as the Wallace Block, standing commandingly in the center of Wallingford, is the largest and of the best paying pieces of property in the borough. The building is a substantial brick structure four stories in height, fronting 101 feet on Main street, extending back fifty-five feet in depth. From its central location and ample room it possesses, the building is a most convenient one for its many tenants. The block is used for business, residential, lodge and club room purposes, and contains a large hall on the fourth

floor, the whole of which part is now used by the Odd Fellows. The ground floor contains four well-lighted stores, the tenants occupying them enjoying the advantages derived from a good location. The north end of the ground floor and basement is occupied by L. M. Phelps, one of the owners of the building, who has for twenty years conducted a prosperous plumbing and stove business. The other occupants of the street floor are G. H. Clayton, the leading baker and restaurant keeper; Dondero, retail fruit dealer; and A. I. Martin, a leading grocer and dealer in feed. The rooms on the upper floors are used for offices and residence purposes. This building is the home of the Ramblers' Cycle Club, possessing a large number of members, and several different societies and clubs.

METROPOLITAN RUBBER COMPANY.

ADDED to the list of Wallingford's prosperous factories is that operated by the Metropolitan Rubber Company, whose goods are sold and used in every state and territory in the Union. The company also conduct a similar but larger fac-

It is six years ago since this factory was first operated in Wallingford and it has since that time added much to the prosperity of the locality by furnishing regular employment to its employes, which has not been lessened during the depression of the business of the country. The company is capitalized at \$250,000. Its officers are as follows: C. A. Place, president, New York; A. J. Tower, treasurer, Boston; and W. B. Dowse, secretary, New York. The superintendent is William Pool, now an adopted citizen of Wallingford, who has looked after the company's interests at the factory since it was established here.

H. L. HALL, 2d.

THIS well known substantial citizen is descended from one of the oldest families of Wallingford, his ancestors figuring prominently at the settlement of the town in colonial times. He was born here and has always resided and done business in the borough. Obtaining his primary education in the local public schools he concluded by graduating at the Waterbury High School in the class of '57. Mr. Hall has for many years been



FACTORY OF THE METROPOLITAN RUBBER COMPANY.

tory in New York. The rubber works located here are beside the tracks of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., and give regular and remunerative employment to from 200 to 250 hands. The factory comprises two substantial brick buildings and a boiler house. The main factory is a four-story structure 320 feet in length, to which is connected by platform, a new brick building recently added to the plant, 157 feet long. The power used is furnished by two one hundred and fifty horse power engines. The goods made are largely in the form of rubber clothing and mackintoshes and are turned out in great variety, from the cheapest to the highest grades. Some press and mould work is also made here, and in addition a large amount of stock is manufactured for insulating purposes, used largely by the New York Insulated Wire Company, who occupy a portion of the Wallingford factory. The goods made by this company are recognized as standard by the trade, the company having earned a national reputation by keeping up the quality of the outputs of their factories. The goods of the company are sold from their wholesale headquarters in New York City at the foot of Grand street, East River, and they also maintain a salesroom at 676 Broadway, N. Y.

engaged in the coal trade, his extensive yards on Cherry street bordering the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, where his coal pockets have a capacity of 800 tons. The land he resides on is a part of the twenty acres located on Elm street, handed down to him, passing through several generations.

Mr. Hall, while he has for many years been a prominent business man of the town, has been frequently honored by election to public trusts. He was first made one of the assessors of the town. He then for five years—from 1874 to 1879—was roadmaster of the town. Later he was chosen a member of the board of selectmen, of which he was four years a member, and in 1882 served as first selectman. He has also served four years on the court of borough burgesses. He has officiated as superintendent of the water works and as a member of the board of water commissioners for the past three years, during which time a pumping station has been added to the works, the rate to manufacturers has been reduced one-half, and all rights through the river have been secured by the borough.

Mr. Hall is esteemed as a good and interested citizen of

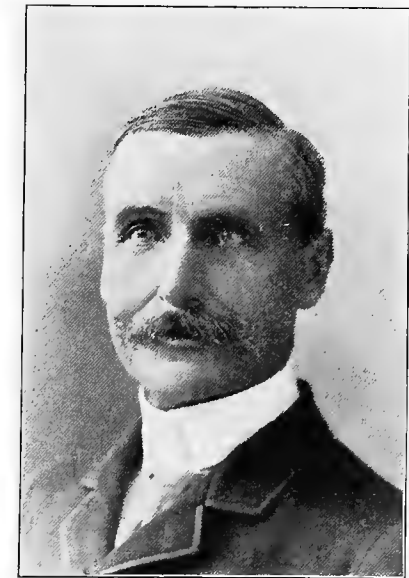
Wallingford, and has for thirty years been a member of St. Paul's Church, much of which time he has been one of the vestrymen. As superintendent of the water works his knowledge of the system and wide acquaintance make him a most valuable public official.

C. A. HARRISON.

AMONG the leading attorneys of New Haven County is C. Albert Harrison, whose office is in the Simpson block. He is a native of North Branford, where he was born July 21, 1843. He is descended through a long line of ancestry for many years prominent in the affairs of that town, and on the paternal side is descended from Thomas Harrison, one of the earliest settlers of Branford. On the maternal side he is descended from Rev. John Williams, who

with his family were taken captive by the Indians during the Deerfield massacre in 1703. He also traces his ancestry on his mother's side to Rev. Eleazer Mather, one of the first settlers and clergymen of Deerfield. He is a son of Albert Harrison and Anna Hall Foote, his father being one of the prominent citizens of Branford. He obtained his early education in his native town and at New Haven. He subsequently attended select schools at New Haven. He studied law, however, with Judge Chandler Richards and Judge Alfred J. Mills, in Van Buren County, Michigan, where he was admitted to the bar in 1878, and built up a lucrative practice. While in Michigan he was several times honored by election and appointment to public office, being appointed deputy registrar of deeds and deputy

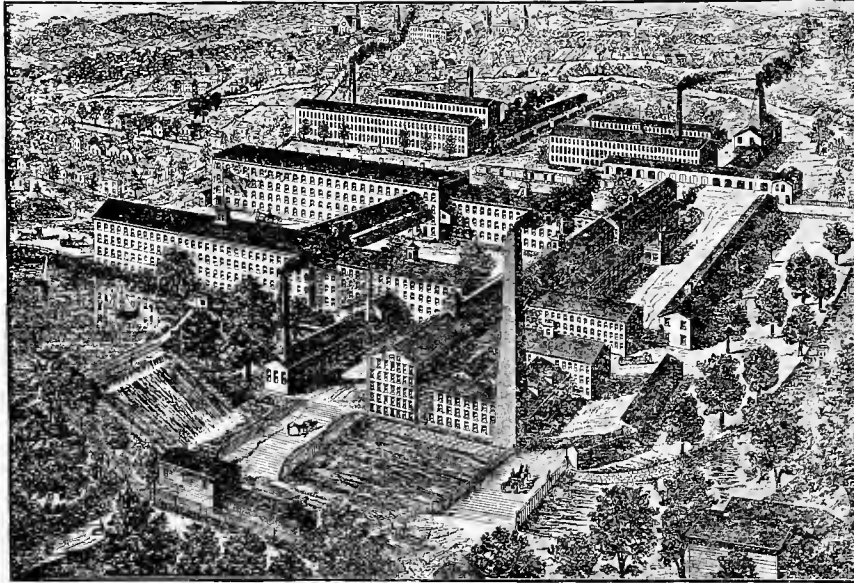
county clerk. He was also ex-officio clerk of the circuit court from 1867 to 1875, and was a member of the executive board of the Michigan State Board of Agriculture from 1878 to 1883. It was in 1883 that he removed to Wallingford where he has since practiced, becoming a familiar figure in the higher courts, and building up a large clientage. In 1886 he was elected to the State legislature, as a member of which he was most active on the floor, looking well after the interests of his constituents. He is also a veteran of the late war, and enlisted in Company B, Twenty-seventh Connecticut Volunteers. While in the army he saw much active service, being present at both the battles of Fred-



C. ALBERT HARRISON.

ericksburg and Chancellorsville. He is a prominent member of the Grand Army, and in 1893 was judge advocate of the

department of the State. Attorney Harrison is a good citizen of Wallingford and in the practice of his profession is an able pleader and looks well after the interests of his clients.



FACTORIES OF SIMPSON, HALL, MILLER & CO.

bought and sold more property, and has built and owns a greater number of houses than any other man in Wallingford. He has attained success by indefatigable work and well merits the same. He has proven his interest in the town in divers ways and at various times. Perhaps the best public spirit any man can show is in investing what he has at home. This policy has invariably been followed by Mr. Morris. In questions of a public nature he has not been found wanting nor afraid to take a stand on the side he thought right. He is a keen student of human nature and since he has the best interests of the town really at heart is a valuable citizen. Mr. Morris is probably one of the best posted of men on the value of Wallingford real estate. He resides on Main street where he has a handsome residence with well kept grounds. He has for many years been an active member of the Baptist Church and is a member of the board of trustees of that society.

AMERICAN STEAM LAUNDRY.

LIKE all communities of the pretensions of Wallingford, a steam laundry exists here, only it may be truthfully stated that the above has a better reputation for turning out high grade work with the least destruction of goods sent them from day to day than that of the average laundry. Let this also be added to the credit of the town. This laundry, which is, of course, well known locally, is a model one, so to speak. It contains all latest laundering machinery, good and careful help is employed, and the careful eye of the proprietor is ever looking to the interest of his

DENNIS E. MORRIS.

IF THERE is any citizen of Wallingford who has the interests of the town he resides in at heart, it is Dennis E. Morris. He came to Wallingford in 1857, having just graduated from the Connecticut Literary Institute, and has since devoted himself to the buying and selling of real estate in this locality. Mr. Morris first commenced operations in real estate about twenty years ago and now makes this his principal business, although a stockholder of and a supply buyer for R. Wallace & Sons. It may be said that in the past twenty years he has



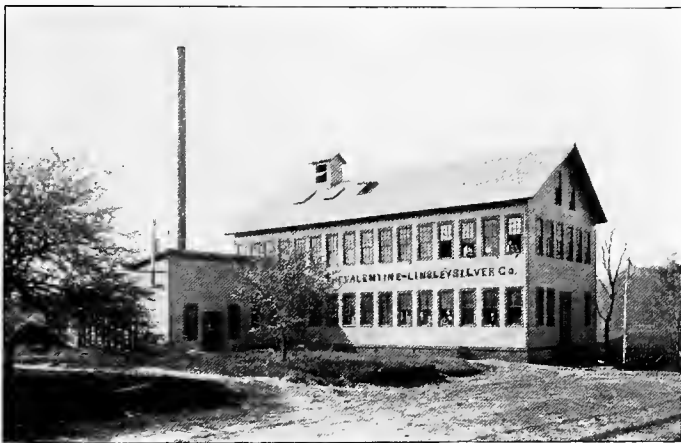
DENNIS E. MORRIS.

patrons. The laundry is located on Center street, near the new Leighton building. Prompt attention, good work, and courteous treatment, are enjoyed by its many patrons. The proprietor, J. R. Taylor, has had a practical experience of from fifteen to twenty years in the laundry business, and since starting his present establishment has held the patronage of a large share of the best families.

THE VALENTINE-LINSLEY SILVER COMPANY.

RECENTLY added to the list of Wallingford's manufacturing concerns is The Valentine-Linsley Silver Company, who occupy a newly erected factory on Wool avenue, near the Quinipiac river, and railroad. This concern turns out silver plated hollow ware, and although started but little over a year ago, have a busy factory in the present one, which has been occupied since January last. The force of employes has been increased from ten hands employed at the start, to forty hands at the present time. This concern is composed of local men and conducted with local capital, and enjoys the privileges granted by the borough of being ten years exempted from taxation with five years free use of water.

The plant although but yet in its infancy, is well equipped with modern machinery and steam power engine and boiler, and the goods made are well up to the standard in variety of quality and price, many new novelties having been introduced by them,



FACTORY OF THE VALENTINE-LINSLEY SILVER COMPANY.

and their product has already invaded all parts of the country. A large amount of their output is taken by The R. Wallace & Sons Manufacturing Company, and agencies are established at Chicago, San Francisco, and New York.

The members of the concern whose names that of the company bears, are well known in Wallingford and manufacturing circles generally. Mr. Valentine was for twenty-five years at the factory of The Simpson, Hall & Miller Company, and the latter is well versed in machinery, tool making and die sinking

L. R. COOK.

PROMINENT among the progressive young business men of Wallingford is L. R. Cook, engaged in the boot and shoe and men's furnishing goods business in Judd's block on Center street. He made his entrée into the business circles of the town two years ago by buying out J. L. Pomeroy. When the Judd Building was completed he leased his present handsome store where his low prices, courteous treatment of customers and fair dealing with all, have won for him a large share of patronage. It is a well known fact that his prices are lower for the same quality of goods than those put forward at out of town stores. Patrons of his establishment, therefore, serve well their best interests in trading with him. He is a careful buyer, and

his stock of boots, shoes and furnishings proverbially contains the latest styles in all grades. Previous to coming to Wallingford he was engaged in the monumental business at Yales-



L. R. COOK'S RESIDENCE

ville, where he resided for twenty-five years, and where he was for three years in company with George C. McKenzie.

Mr. Cook is a member of Accanant Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is also interested in the Royal Arcanum. He is known as one of the most active of Wallingford business men. He resides on Main street, the house he occupies being one of the handsomest in the borough and is shown in the accompanying illustration.

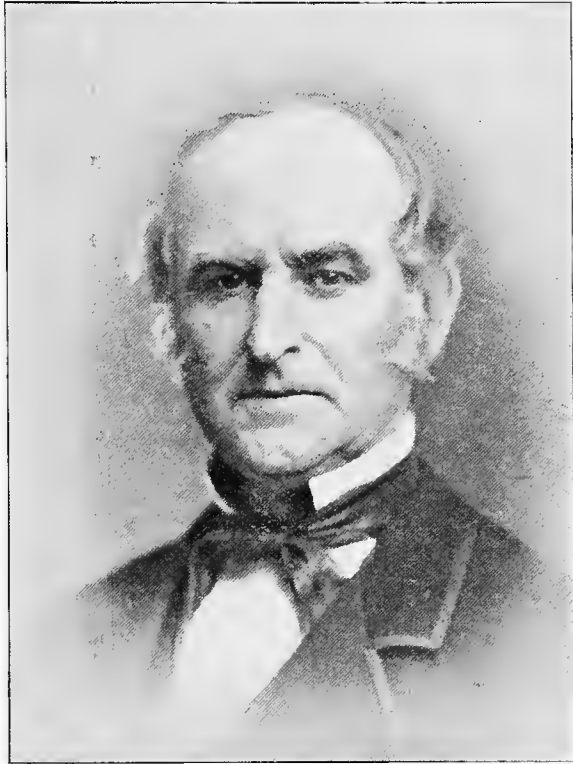
C. C. CARROLL.

OF the younger business men is C. C. Carroll, the well-known jeweler, whose handsome residence on North Main street is shown herewith. This live merchant conducts a profit-



C. C. CARROLL'S RESIDENCE.

able jewelry business in the Judd block on Center street, where he has a full line of watches, jewelry, diamonds, silver ware, etc., and does all kinds of watch repairing in a thorough manner. He is prominent in social life, and is known as one of the best citizens of Wallingford.



THE LATE ROBERT WALLACE.

WALLINGFORD manufacturing suffered a severe loss in the decease of this leading citizen, through whose energy and ability the largest factory of the town, and the largest industry of its kind in the world, was built up and successfully conducted to the time of his death. He was born in Prospect, Conn., November 13, 1815. He was of Scotch-English descent, and the son of James Wallace, a small farmer of Prospect. His ambition to become a manufacturer developed in his mind when a boy, and to that end he pursued his course with unswerving fidelity. When but eighteen years of age he made a bold start, and with a mere pittance for his capital he laid the foundation to a successful business life. It was at that age that he hired an old grist mill at Cheshire, and began the manufacture of spoons on his own account. After his modest industry had been in operation about a year with more or less success, his eye, ever on the alert for something to improve his goods, was directed to German silver. He purchased a bar of this metal (which has since formed such a prominent substance in the making of table-ware) had it analyzed, rolled the material, and made from it four dozen spoons. He afterwards, in 1834, bought a recipe for compounding this metal, he being the first manufacturer in the United States to compound German silver, Wallingford thus passing down in history as the first town in the Union to make German silver ware from material prepared in this country. He then moved the machinery from the old grist mill in Cheshire to the present location of the largest manufacturing plant in the town, that of R. Wallace & Sons. In the course of time and under the skillful management of this practical manufacturer, the business grew steadily, new additions being frequently made to the plant, while new machinery and other facilities all contributed to the possibility of increased output and better goods.

In 1865, the capital of the concern was increased to \$100,000, and the industry was carried on under the name of Wallace,

Simpson & Co. In 1871, however, Mr. Wallace purchased the interests of his individual partner Mr. Simpson, and with his two sons, who are at the present time associated with the industry, formed the company known as R. Wallace & Sons, one-third of the stock being held by the Meriden Britannia Company. The variety of the goods made had at this time increased greatly, and the capacity of the plant and number of hands employed also were materially larger. Sterling silver, high grade nickel-silver plated ware, both flat and hollow were then made. Shortly after, a new and most important branch of the industry was established within the old, from the results of Mr. Wallace's long and patient experimenting. This was in founding the concern known as Wallace Bros., its members comprising himself, two sons and son-in-law. This new branch was that of making table ware with steel for a basis. The factory is now the largest of its particular kind in the world, and previous to the death of its founder consumed nearly three tons of steel per day, and about a ton and a half of nickel silver.

Mr. Wallace's life furnished an excellent example of sterling integrity, perseverance, keen foresight, public spirit and benevolence, and was held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen. In founding the largest manufacturing establishment, he added his full quota to the prosperity of Wallingford, while his name was familiar in the manufacturing and business circles of the whole United States.

WM. J. HODGETTS.

BOX manufacturing has been pursued in Wallingford by William J. Hodgetts since 1879, when this well known maker of plain and fancy boxes and cases made a modest start here on his own account. With a jack knife and straight edge Mr. Hodgetts cut his first boxes for the use of local manufacturers, subsequently cutting the prices of his out of town competitors and gaining a good hold of the business in his line. In starting his industry he was substantially aided by the local manufacturers, proving that they have encouraged everything of benefit to the town. His box factory, on Academy street, in the rear of his comely residence, has steadily grown larger, recent additions to which have materially changed its appearance and added to the capacity for turning out goods. The place now contains all modern machinery and conveniences, including steam power, and fifteen hands are employed. It is said that this box manufacturer turns out as fine boxes as any concern in the country. The goods of his customers, packed in his boxes, are sent largely to the jewelry trade, therefore high grade boxes are essential to the wants of his patrons.

Mr. Hodgetts is an Englishman by birth, but has for many years been an adopted citizen of the United States, and since 1869 has resided in Wallingford. He was for five years an inspector of goods at Simpson, Hall, Miller & Company's factory, and since starting in his present business has filled the wants of his trade with entire satisfaction to both himself and patrons. He has been successful by personal application, thrift and industry. He is a Mason and an esteemed citizen of the borough of Wallingford.

Mr. Hodgetts has outlived several competitors, and has justly attained the success he has achieved.



W. J. HODGETTS.

J. P. STEVENSON & CO.

THE above name is a familiar one to the male element of Wallingford and vicinity, for no clothing store in the history of the town has ever been held in higher esteem by its patrons than this. Mr. John P. Stevenson, whose portrait



J. P. STEVENSON.

appears in this connection, is perhaps one of the best known and most popular citizens of the borough. He was born in Clinton, Mass., in 1860, and since 1879 has been in the clothing trade. It was in 1883 that he came to Wallingford and took a position among the merchants of the town in the race for success. That he has achieved this is easily shown upon entering his up-to-date store in the Simpson block, where the same great variety of goods is to be selected from, the same low prices and other advantages to be enjoyed, as at any of the numerous stores of the giant New England clothing combination, of which he is a member. The store is easily the finest and best patronized of Wallingford cloth-

ing houses, naturally made so by the spacious quarters and central location occupied and business aptitude and popularity of its proprietor. Mr. Stevenson is a prominent member of several secret organizations, and resides in one of the most comely of Wallingford's comfortable homes.

DEPUTY SHERIFF W. A. BOOTH.

NEWLY appointed deputy sheriff William A. Booth is a well-known livery stable keeper of Wallingford. He was born in Newark, N. J. When he was four years old his parents removed to New Haven, but subsequently to Stratford, where he resided a number of years. He has been a resident of Wallingford for the past ten years, the first four years of which time he carried on a thriving express business between Wallingford and New Haven. Six years ago he branched out in the livery business, and now conducts two well equipped stables. The larger of these is located in the rear of the State Armory, which, with the enlargements he has made, now possesses accommodations for twenty-seven horses, fourteen of which are "boarders," and the remainder for public use. His stables at the Center contain a large number of



W. A. BOOTH.

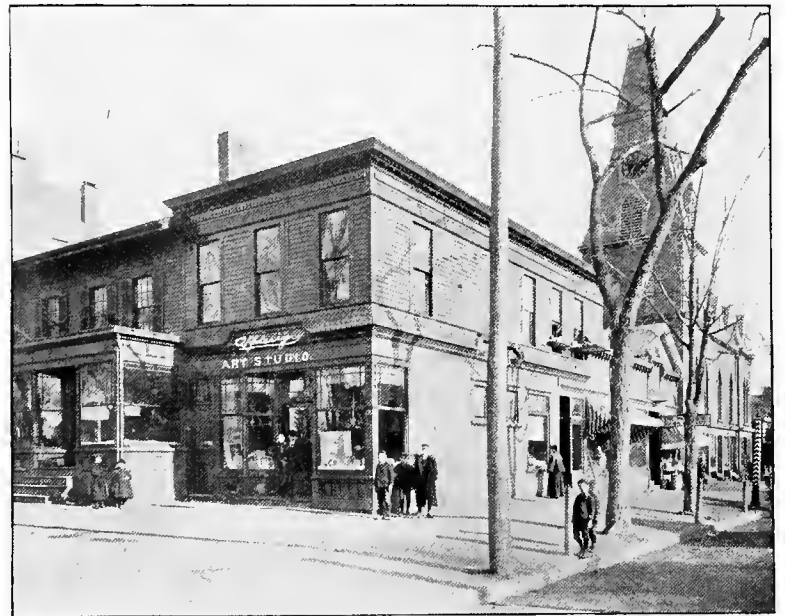
fine vehicles of nearly every description for pleasure driving, and carriages are furnished for parties, weddings, funerals, etc.,

at short notice. From its central location and creditable manner of being conducted, the customers of this stable naturally comprise a large number of the leading families of the borough, and many fine specimens of horse flesh are quartered there. The increase of the business since taken in hand by Mr. Booth has been marked, as is signified by the fact, that at the start, but five horses were contained in the stables. The second stable owned and conducted by this liveryman is located on the plains directly opposite the railroad station. Here twenty-five horses are kept, and the same courtesy is extended to patrons, and prompt attention given to all orders for teams and carriages.

In receiving an unsought appointment to the office he now holds under Sheriff Spiegel, Mr. Booth serves in his first public office, and although he has ever been a staunch Republican, his appointment was not tendered him through the influence of the "ring." He succeeds one of the ablest deputy sheriffs who has ever filled that office in Wallingford, and is considered a good man for the position. Deputy Sheriff Booth has served in the C. N. G. as a member of Company K, Fourth Regiment.

J. W. ALDERIDGE.

ALTHOUGH less than two years numbered among the residents and business men of Wallingford, J. W. Alderidge is one of the best known men of the borough. His name



J. W. ALDERIDGE'S ART STUDIO.

is at once associated with photographs and those of the highest order. He conducts an art studio in the finest of all locations, at the corner of Main and Center streets, his building shown in the accompanying cut being a most familiar and conspicuous one. His success since coming to Wallingford, although fully merited, has been nothing short of remarkable. His start in the building next the Post office was a modest one. Good and painstaking work and a desirable location soon increased his patronage to such an extent, that he was compelled to look for larger quarters, which he found in his present studio, that in a few months he removed to.

His studio now comprises two floors elaborately furnished. The ground floor, which is the office and art store, contains a choice selection of photographs, pictures and frames, and includes the likenesses of a majority of leading citizens. As an all around photographer Mr. Alderidge has few peers. His work like that of all artists, speaks for itself, and is invariably of the highest grade. He is painstaking and conscientious, and

from his long experience is thoroughly familiar with all branches of photography. His work in making photographs of manufacturers' samples has developed into the recently formed Heliogravure Company of which concern he is president and superintendent.

Mr. Alderidge is a member of Accanant Lodge, I. O. O. F. and is enrolled in the Knights of Pythias. He resides on Main street, where he has recently erected a handsome residence. A large number of the excellent engravings adorning this Souvenir History are reproduced from the handiwork of this leading photographer.

HANOVER PARK.

THE close proximity of this, the finest and most attractive pleasure resort between New York and Boston, adds greatly to the surroundings of Wallingford, and is easily reached by a short ride on the electric cars. Hanover Park, although in existence but two seasons, has had a most remarkable growth in public popularity, made so by the expenditure of over fifty thousands of dollars on the part of the street railway company who established it, and manager James A. Griffiths who has recently leased the resort, and whose wide experience in catering to a pleasure loving public, has already increased its value. When under the management of the railway company last year, it would seem as though nothing were wanting to complete the pleasure and comfort of the thousands who availed themselves of the opportunity of spending a few hours there, the park becoming so attractive that it drew like a magnet the people in search of a day's outing. Not so according to manager Griffiths' idea, and at the present time the park is greatly enhanced in point of attractions.

This park, now a popular and most desirable one for Sunday-school and other picnics, is delightfully situated at the head of Hanover Lake and comprises some thirty acres. Stately shade trees, formed into small groves, beautiful lawns, picturesque spots and mounds, bridges crossing the inlets of the lake, the cool breezes, a healthful atmosphere and cool spring water are among its physical good points. An imposing casino standing about two hundred feet from the entrance of the park and surrounded by spacious promenade piazzas, overlooks the



PISCAPAUG POND.

lake, while in its interior temperate refreshments are served. In respect to providing for the wants of the inner man, Hanover Park easily excels under the new management. At the tables in

the pavilion there is now a seating capacity of 240, and while ice cream and other palatable viands are served, the strains of orchestral music of a high order fall pleasantly on the



PISCAPAUG POND.

ear, the orchestra being provided every afternoon and evening. To add to the pleasure of the visitors to the Hanover park of 1895, a new switch-back railway has been erected. These railways, of which Mr. Griffiths has the agency of the United States, are used in nearly all pleasure resorts, including those of Philadelphia and Omaha, operated by his brothers. A new feature inaugurated at Hanover Park, proving also a great drawing card, are daily balloon ascensions and parachute leaps. A merry-go-round of the most modern pattern enclosed in an octagonal shaped building is operated by electricity, and affords much attraction for the children. A photograph studio and several phonographs are much patronized. As fine a base ball grounds as could be desired is enclosed in the park, which is to be enlarged and fitted with a handsome and costly grand stand of 2000 seating capacity.

As regards boating and fishing, few summer resorts have better facilities. Some fifty-five row boats are in charge of competent boatmen. A sail around the lake and through the picturesque Quinnipiac river is also furnished to parties at regular intervals, the fare being but a small sum for each person, on the naphtha launch Amelia.

Unlike the ordinary summer resort, Hanover Park is never the scene of disorderly conduct. The grounds, though free as the open air to the legitimate pleasure seeker, are kept well rid of objectionable characters, with the aid of ample police protection. While this park has naturally become a most popular local resort, its charms have gained it a wide reputation, for at no time, day or evening, would it be any but a respectable, a proper place for the smallest child. Under the new management no effort will be spared to have some new attraction constantly presented. When it is learned that a large number of Sunday-schools in different parts of the state are making arrangements to hold their summer picnics here it appears but most natural.

WATER SUPPLY.

WALLINGFORD is peculiarly fortunate in its ample supply of good water, obtained by force of gravitation, the works being owned and operated by the borough. At higher points in the borough, a pressure of nearly 100 pounds to the inch is obtained, while on the "Plains" a still greater pressure of 130 pounds to the cubic inch is given. The service provided as

regards power is therefore excellent, and is of great value to the fire department in case of conflagration, the high pressure given greatly lessening the need of fire engines.

The principal supply is found at Piscapaug Pond, a natural lake located a short distance outside the borough limits, and within the boundaries of Wallingford, Durham and North Branford. The lake is one of 160 acres with an unusually clean bottom, very deep in some parts. The absence of vegetable growth and the particularly clear water found, makes the supply an admirable one. Notwithstanding that the quantity of water over the mains is usually 500,000,000 gallons, a two years' supply when the pond is full, an extra provision has been made by the borough in case of a drought. This is in the form of an auxiliary reservoir, where a pumping station has been recently erected, all rights through the river having been secured by the court of burgesses through an appropriation of \$8,000 granted by them in 1893. Through a recent act passed by the court, the meter rates have been greatly reduced to manufacturers. In this regard, it may be said, that probably no town, city or borough in all New England, provides water service to its manufacturers at as low a rate as that recently established by the borough of Wallingford. That the borough encourages and invites manufacturing industries

board of school visitors, in addition each district having its own school committee elected at regular intervals by the people. The



NEW PUMPING STATION.

by a most generous plan, is significantly proven by the fact that new concerns are given free service of water for five years, when application is formally made to the court of burgesses and approved by that body. The extension of water pipes has now pervaded nearly every street and avenue in the borough, there being over nineteen miles of pipes laid in the public highways at the present time. There are also eighty or more fire hydrants, a number which is being steadily increased. There are nearly 850 individual takers, and the service is one admirably managed and well appreciated.

The water works owned by the borough, are under the efficient superintendence of H. L. Hall 2d, who with Henry L. Davis and G. M. Hallenbeck form the board of water commissioners.

SCHOOLS.

WALLINGFORD points with just pride to its excellent schools, the subject of educating the young being uppermost in the minds of its residents. The town is divided into several districts which are under the supervision of the



MAIN STREET SCHOOL.

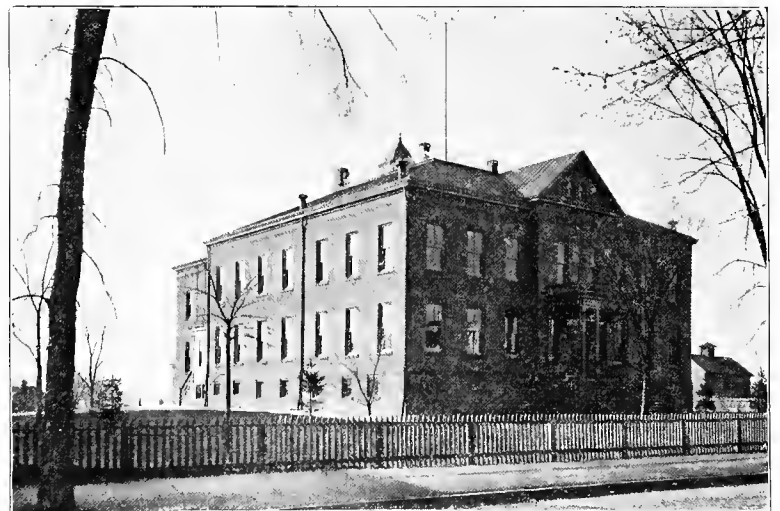
school government is composed of men well qualified to look after the educational interests of the town, and additions to the branches of study are made at the beginning of nearly every new term. Competent teachers only are employed, and it may be said that the scholars of the Wallingford public schools are well above the average schools of the commonwealth.

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,

as signified by its name, embraces the schools in the center of the town. This district is the largest of the school districts and contains five buildings.

THE MAIN STREET SCHOOL,

known as the "High School," is one of the old landmarks of the town, standing commandingly on the brow of the hill at the corner of Main and Christian streets. From its prominent position this handsome building can be seen for some distance away, while out of its windows in almost any direction a magnificent view of the town is obtained. The grounds surrounding this building, ever well kept, are objects of much comment by strangers visiting Wallingford, which is not to be wondered at when it is stated that



COLONY STREET SCHOOL.

few college buildings have a greater amount of lawn, walks, or more beautiful trees surrounding them. The scholars privileged

to attend this school are indeed fortunate, for who shall say that more progress is not made in a school in such a healthy atmosphere than in a building surrounded by the noise and bustle of a large city? This school contains nine rooms, and as many different grades, and also a High School which occupies three rooms. A force of twelve teachers is employed. The scholars graduating from this school are in reality prepared to enter college. The statistics from the report of the superintendent show an unusual growth in the attendance in this district during the past year, some of the schools being taxed to their utmost capacity.

THE COLONY STREET SCHOOL,

belonging to the Central district, dates its origin to November 9, 1867, when a committee was appointed to purchase a suitable site for its erection. The following men were appointed: Samuel Simpson, Augustus Hall, John C. Roach and Almer I. Hall. The committee reported at a special meeting of the district that they had decided on a piece of land 200 feet front on Colony street near Church street, and extending back to the rail-



JAMES E. MCCABE.

road, but could not agree in regard to the price wanted for it by the heirs of the property. Thereupon an appeal was made to the Superior Court to have commissioners appointed to appraise its valuation, and the following men were appointed: Benjamin A. Jarvis, Edward A. Cornwall and Bradley Miles of Cheshire. After the land had been purchased at the appraised amount it was voted, June 28, 1868, that \$7,500 be appropriated for the erection of a brick school containing four rooms. But the rapid growth of that section made it necessary to build an addition to the building in 1887, and again in 1894, making it a handsome brick structure containing twelve rooms with

all the modern advantages for teaching. Children are admitted to the school at the age of five years, and are taught in the primary, intermediate and grammar grades.

PRINCIPAL JAMES E. MCCABE,

the present principal of the Colony Street school of the Central district of Wallingford, was born in Cheshire, Conn., May 18, 1868. He obtained his education in the public schools of that place. He attended subsequently and graduated from the Episcopal Academy in 1885. He afterwards took a special course in mathematics and began teaching in the public schools, continuing until appointed to his present position at the Colony Street school here, in the academy of his native town. August, 1893, he was invited to accept the principalship of his present school, which position he has since filled efficiently.

THE COTTAGE SCHOOL

is appropriately named from its style of architecture, being of the Swiss cottage pattern. This school is located on Center street a short distance from the station of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. Generous playgrounds surround this well attended school, and the building is pleasantly situated. The pupils of this school are those of younger ages, and are embraced in grades one, two and three. There are enrolled in classes of this school about 120 pupils residing in the western

section of the Center district. Two efficient teachers are em-



THE COTTAGE SCHOOL.

ployed and the school is admirably conducted and perfectly ventilated and heated.

THE SOUTH MAIN STREET SCHOOL

is a two-story wooden structure and is situated on the street designated by the name of the school. This building is also for young pupils and last year the names of sixty scholars were placed on the books. The first floor of this building is devoted to a kindergarten, where remarkable progress is made in developing the minds of the little tots attending, some of them scarcely out of their mother's arms. In the second floor of this school of



THE SOUTH MAIN STREET SCHOOL.

the Central school district, is a primary grade, the graduates from which, upon being promoted, are sent to the Main Street

School to take higher branches of study. Three excellent teachers are in attendance and great care is exercised in regard to the welfare of the children who are committed to their care.

THE SIMPSON SCHOOL

is a comfortable wooden structure located over east on Center street near the factory of Simpson, Hall & Miller. This school



SIMPSON SCHOOL.

is conveniently situated for the younger scholars who attend it residing near the building. Grades one, two and three are taught and excellent instruction is given. This school, like the other four school buildings of the district, is surrounded by a healthful atmosphere and roomy grounds. Thirty-eight pupils attend this school previous to entering the Main Street School for the higher grades.

THE EXCELLENT INSTRUCTION

provided at each and all schools in the Central school district is enhanced by the teaching of music and drawing. These two



YALESVILLE SCHOOL.

branches are taught by special instructors of marked ability, who at regular intervals divide their attention among the schools of

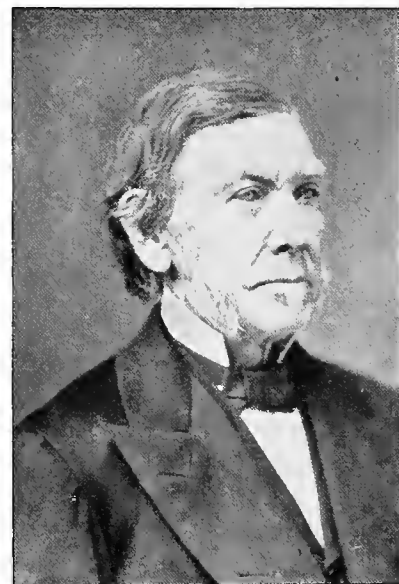
the district. On account of the high standard of the High school, pupils from which enter college without further preparation than that taken at this school, the superiority of the Wallingford public schools is significantly shown and advantageously compared with the schools of any city in the State. The schools of the Central school district are fortunate in being under the charge of an excellent school committee, who make every possible provision for the advancement of the pupils attending. The present committee is composed of C. H. Brown, George E. Dickerman and William Hassett, all well known men of business ability and well qualified and interested to keep the schools of the district up to the highest plane of excellence.

YALESVILLE SCHOOL.

The Yalesville district possesses one of the most picturesque of Wallingford schools from its charming location and beautiful grounds, as shown in the accompanying cut. This school contains the best of teachers and ranges in grade from the primary to the grammar. The school has an enviable percentage of attendance and turns out the same bright pupils as any of the districts of the town. The building is located conveniently in the center of Yalesville, and from its flagstaff floats the stars and stripes.

WALLINGFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHILE many creditable statements may be made about Wallingford, it concedes the palm to no place of its population in the way of protection against loss of property or life by fire. The borough possesses as well an organized and equipped local fire department, and as brave and active men as is possible for any volunteer or paid department, the records of the local fire "laddies" corroborating this to a marked degree. The department's members consist of a chief engineer, first and second assistant engineers and four well drilled companies, comprising Engine Company, No. 1, Simpson Hook and Ladder Company, Wallace Hose Company and Hubbard Hose Company. The members of the department, nearly 100 in number, are largely composed of young men of athletic attainments, who, in connection with the apparatus operated, are shown in the accompanying engravings. The houses occupied by the different companies are conveniently located in different parts of the borough, and all respond to each and every alarm, day or night. The organization, while insuring admirable protection against the ravages of conflagration, has also its social attractions for its members, and, while honorable and loyal duty is uppermost, the well fitted up rooms of the several companies are the scenes of manly and congenial sociability.



SAMUEL SIMPSON.

The equipment of apparatus consists of a first class steamer, hook and ladder and two hose carriages, the two former being drawn to fires by pairs of well trained horses. The high pressure of the present excellent system of water works makes the steamer practically unnecessary, excepting when fires occur near the rivers and ponds, and outside the reach of the numerous hydrants, the mean pressure obtained through the hydrants being about 120 pounds to the inch; thus in the highest points of the borough, streams can be easily thrown much higher than the

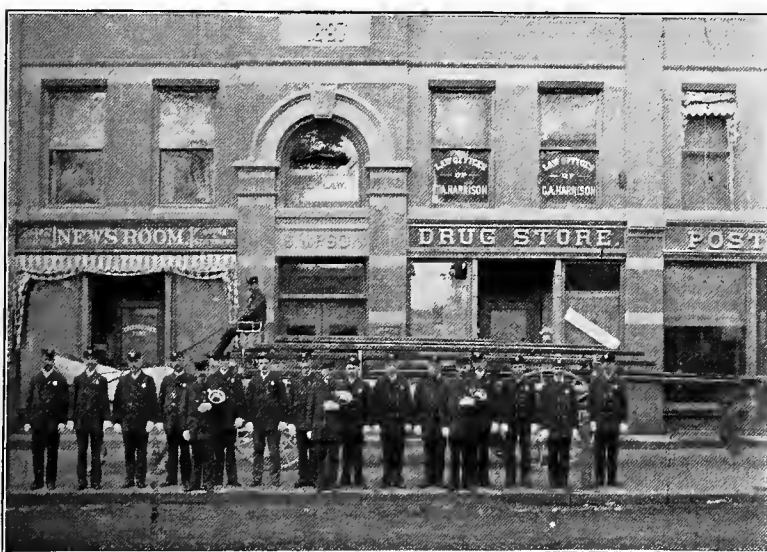
tallest buildings. The hook and ladder apparatus comprises all the modern implements for fire fighting, and shows up favorably with the hook and ladder paraphernalia of the larger cities. The



ENGINE COMPANY.

two hose companies are possessed of modern four-wheeled hose carriages, and several lines of good hose. Additions to the equipment of the department are being continually made, while in justice to its management, it may be said that it is also operated at as little expense to the borough as is possible in making public safety a surety. A recent appropriation of \$8,000 has been made by the court of burgesses, for a new building to be added to those already owned by the borough. This substantial new building will be known as the "central house" and will be located in the most central part of the borough, adding no little to the public buildings of the town.

That Wallingford can boast of an admirable and efficient fire department, is but in keeping with its other possessions, and which are all well supported by its citizens. The members, when on parade, are neatly uniformed in navy blue, and present a vastly different picture than after having hastily donned their



SIMPSON HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

fire hats, rubber boots and blankets to subdue a fire. A commendable pride is taken by each company in having both their

apparatus and parlors in good order. The department stands highly among those of the state as entertainers, and a recent fireman's ball given at the state armory, excelled in point of decora-



HUBBARD HOSE COMPANY.

tions, music and supper; those from out of town who were privileged to attend conceding it a most enjoyable occasion.

The department is headed by Chief Engineer Luke Martin, a man of wide experience and undaunted bravery, whose coolness under the most trying circumstances is ever apparent. He is assisted in his duties by Wm. M. Casey, a young man of equal courage and of wide experience, and M. J. Redmond, whose interests are largely bound up in the department, and whose qualities well fit him for the position of second assistant.

The officers and members of the several companies are as follows:

ENGINE Co. No. 1.

Walter T. Steele, foreman and engineer; John Brodlin, assistant engineer; William Riley, stoker; James Bettis, driver.



WALLACE HOSE COMPANY.

SIMPSON HOOK AND LADDER Co. No. 1.

J. P. Foster, foreman; J. B. Gavin, 1st assistant; J. P. Bowe, 2d assistant; P. D. Leonard, secretary; P. H. Luby,

treasurer; Albert Roberts, driver; Thomas F. Daily, Richard Downey, Alfred Bampton, Frank Gannon, James Conheady, John E. Downes, Charles D. Wooding, Thomas Fahey, George H. Clayton, P. J. Hogan, Frank Downey, P. J. Leonard, J. F. Laden, Thomas E. Daily, Nicholas Camp.

HUBBARD HOSE CO. NO. 1.

W. P. Bridgett, foreman; John Carey, 1st assistant; J. J. Tobin, 2d assistant; J. F. Dooley, secretary; J. J. Hennessey, treasurer; T. F. Taylor, Edward Riley, Fred Darley, James Hall, John Clark, H. E. Parker, D. J. Buckley, J. J. Doyle, M. J. Smith, M. J. Hanlon, Charles Gannon, John Flynn, George Bellows, John Bartek, Edward Fahey.

WALLACE HOSE COMPANY.

J. F. Downey, foreman; W. J. Hayden, 1st assistant; William Fogarty, 2d assistant; William J. Hogan, treasurer; J. L. Merchant, secretary; E. J. Callaghan, T. Callaghan, M. P. Costello, P. H. Curren, John A. Downey, James A. Downey, N. J. Downey, E. M. Daily, M. J. Doody, James Dunn, T. E. Fitzgerald, D. Francis, E. J. Heineman, Thomas Kenney, James Kenney, William Kershaw, J. D. Leonard, R. W. Lynch, Charles Paden, J. J. Hurley.



LUKE MARTIN.

CHIEF ENGINEER

LUKE MARTIN.

NEVER in the history of the Wallingford Fire Department has this organization reached so high a state of proficiency as at the present time. Few realize the spirit of self-sacrifice that actuates the men who become members of a volunteer fire department, who work together in harmony at a sometimes thankless duty, for the benefit of their fellow-men. The Wallingford Fire Department is no

exception, and when it is asked, "to whom is due its present efficient state of discipline and harmonious action in all its recent undertakings?" the answer is invariably, Chief Luke Martin.

Mr. Martin is of Irish parentage, and was born in the city of Manchester, England, on July 10, 1851. His boyhood was spent in that country until at the age of sixteen, he came to America, which had long been the goal of his hopes, and the year 1867 saw him at work in G. I. Mix's shop. The following spring he commenced to serve his time with Horace Botsford as a mason and builder, his first job being on the present Congregational Church edifice. He was not at that time attached to the fire department, but did good service at the old Washington Hotel, which he vividly remembers as the scene of his first fire duty. Upon his removal to Birmingham, soon after his apprenticeship was served, he became a member of Storm Engine Company, No. 2. of that place, and at a large fire, that afterwards occurred there, did such gallant work that he was unanimously elected foreman of the company, after a service with them of only two months. He remained foreman for two years, and brought that company to the highest standard in the Naugatuck Valley. For good work he was later promoted to Chief Engineer of the Birmingham Fire department. At the many fires that occurred in town, his coolness and judgment won much praise from his fellow citizens. Twice in the pursuit of his duty in Birmingham he almost lost his life, on one occasion at

the destruction of the Organ shop, he fell into the cellar among the burning ruins and climbed out on the hose, having a most providential escape from a horrible death. At the burning of Fox's block he had another narrow escape from the same fate. After two years of service as Chief Engineer, he was appointed chief of the Birmingham Police department, and resigned from the fire department, to the regret of his subordinates. His next fire duty was after his return from Birmingham to Wallingford, when he became a member of the Wallace Hose Company. On the election of G. A. Smith to be chief of the department he was appointed to take charge of Simpson Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, and was eventually elected its foreman, remaining in that position for four years, until appointed chief engineer in 1894 at the unanimous request of the entire fire department of the borough. This was but the natural result of his assisting in perfecting the details which had enabled Chief Smith to restore order out of chaos when he had assumed the reins of government.

The department under his administration has reached a high state of efficiency and the *esprit de corps* was never so great as since he assumed control. Mr. Martin was a potent factor in raising \$600 00 whereby the Hook and Ladder Company was uniformed and equipped to compare favorably with the rest of the department. Mr. Martin was recently the recipient of a gold headed cane, suitably inscribed, from the members of the fire department, as a slight token of the esteem in which he was held by them, and also as a recognition of the genial disposition that has universally characterized his treatment of each individual member under him as a friend and brother fireman.



WILLIAM M. CASEY.

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FIRST assistant chief engineer Wm. M. Casey, of the Wallingford fire department, has resided in this borough since 1886, and has served as a member of the department since 1889. He was born in Washington, D. C., November 12, 1861. Seven years later his parents removed to Meriden, where he concluded his education in the public schools. Mr. Casey is employed at the Judd Co.'s works, where he has been located for the past nine years, and is foreman of the polishing and buffing department. Mr. Casey is a member and president of the Wallingford Y. M. T. A. & B. Society, and is pitcher of the Wallingford Baseball Club. He is also well versed in dancing, and is known as the best dance prompter in this vicinity. He is also a talented performer on the snare drum, and has given instructions on the drum both here and in Meriden for the past twelve years.

As a member of the fire department, Mr. Casey has given efficient and gratuitous service to the borough for several years. His appointment as first assistant to Chief Martin insures a fearless and able handling of fires. Mr. Casey, from his wide acquaintance and association with the various organizations of which he is a prominent member, is known as one of the most popular young men of the borough.

DR. WILLIAM P. WILSON.

DOCTOR WILLIAM PATRICK WILSON, the physician appointed to attend members of the Wallingford Fire department in case of accident, is one of the leading regular

practitioners. He was born in Montreal, Canada, March 6, 1857. In 1862 his parents removed to Boston, where he obtained his early education in the public schools, and from there his



DR. WILLIAM P. WILSON.

father enlisted in the army to serve in the late war. He first began the study of medicine in the office of his brother, and in 1886 entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, graduating and obtaining the degree of M. D. in 1890. After three months' service in the Baltimore hospitals, he came to Wallingford, and commenced the practice of his profession. Since locating here, Dr. Wilson has built up a lucrative practice and high reputation as a physician. His good fortune in performing difficult surgery cases, has made him favorably known as a surgeon of high merit. Since residing here, Dr. Wilson has taken a great interest in the fire department, and on many a night he has assisted in

getting the hose carriage nearest his house to a fire. He is therefore well known among the members of the four different companies. His popularity among the fire "laddies" was duly shown, when at their request he was appointed their physician.

Dr. Wilson is a member of both the State and New Haven County Medical societies, and is also interested in the Knights of Pythias and Ancient Order of Foresters.

COMPANY K, C. N. G.

WALLINGFORD possesses in the Leavenworth Guards a military company ranking high among the companies of the state. This well drilled company is attached to the Second Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard, and has been in existence since 1871. The headquarters of the company are in the State Armory, a large brick structure located in the center of Wallingford, where ample room is provided for drilling and the holding of social events. A partial view of the interior of the state armory, with the members of Company K at drill is presented. The company's roster of June 1, 1895, composed of many of the leading young men of the town, is as follows:

Captain—Daniel L. Barber.

First Lieutenant—Robert E. Hall.

Second Lieutenant—Henry Norton, Jr.

First Sergeant—Thomas Mottram.

Q. M. Sergeant—Fred. E. Blake.

Sergeants—Zerah P. Beach, Albert Doehr, Fred. W. Hawkins, Willis F. Johnson.

Corporals—Robert W. Miller, Leon L. Hall, Thomas Ward, Chauncey M. Way, Frank A. Burdick, William E. Hall, Edgar B. Rawson.

Trumpeter—Ernest M. La Barnes.

Musicians—Albert M. Foerch, Robert J. Lane.

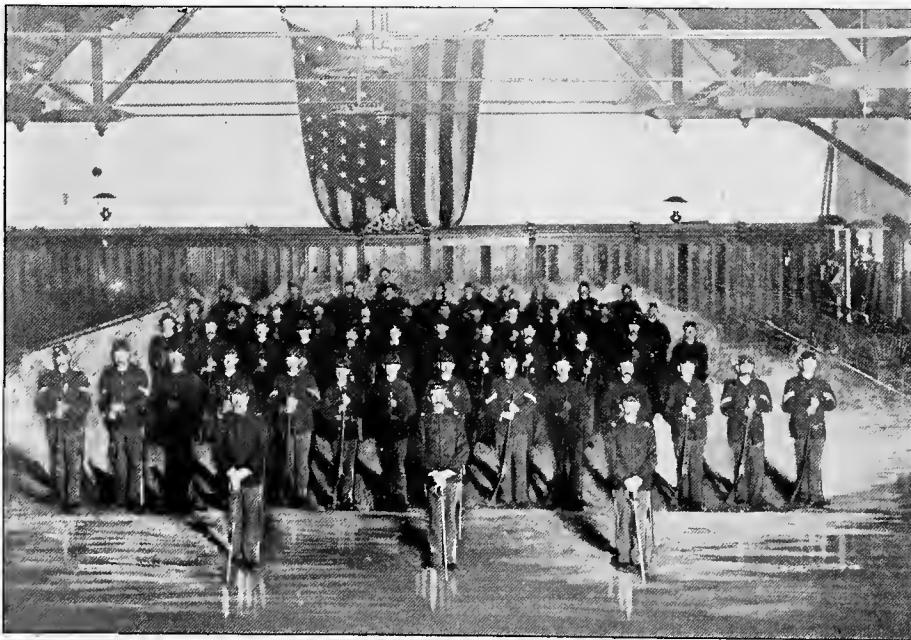
Privates—William N. Andrews, George C. Abbott, Charles M. Allen, Willis M. Ashborn, Edwin Bolton, Joseph Brennet, Freland Burdick, William H. Burke, Jacob Cannengeiser, John E. Curran, John F. Cosgrove, Percy Dawes, Wilfred E. Doolittle, Roy A.

Desmond, David C. Dudley, Jr., Edward F. Foerch, Christopher J. Gibney, Charles H. Hawley, David H. Hawkins, Samuel E. Iveson, Gus. A. Johnson, David Kelly, David Kelly, Jr., Peter H. Kelly, Harry Mitchell, Alexander McKay, Gus. P. Miller, Patrick J. Maher, Henry M. Mottram, Albert J. Miller, Arthur H. Miller, Albert J. Odett, Arthur F. Payne, Frederick Powell, James Rollinson, John W. Reynolds, Albert E. Sherman, John Shipke, Harry C. Spring, Edward E. Safford, William E. Toelle, John J. Tulley, August Tessmer, Clifford K. Todd, Whitney A. Todd, Edward Tompkins, Frederick C. Voeke, Charles D. Wooding.

THE JOURNAL PUBLISHING COMPANY.

THE MERIDEN DAILY JOURNAL, while not printed in Wallingford, nevertheless is the leading newspaper that commands the respect, appreciation and patronage of the town and borough. It is in touch with the spirit of enterprise and push that pervades the community, and everything that is for the best welfare and benefit of all, is boldly championed and stood up for. THE JOURNAL is the property of one of Meriden's best known corporations, The Journal Publishing Company, whose business is not confined to the publication of THE JOURNAL alone, but who own and conduct a general printing and publishing business in a large four-story, fireproof building on Journal square, with connecting offices at 27 East Main street, Meriden. The building contains what is probably the most complete printing establishment in the New England states, embracing as it does wood and photo-engraving and electrotyping departments on the top floor, book and job printing, book binding and blank book manufacturing on the second floor; complete news composing, editorial, stock and stereotype rooms on the first floor and a large and well-lighted press room in the basement. Every department is as complete as it is possible to make it, and under the charge of experienced foremen, with its own force of skilled workmen. To this establishment a manufacturer may bring the articles he wishes catalogued, and he may receive his catalogues completed under one roof, from the most perfect of illustrations to the gold stamped or color embossed covers.

The Journal Publishing Company, the owners of this establishment, representing an investment of \$150,000, was formed April 2, 1886, less than ten years ago. Its incorporators were



ARMORY, COMPANY K, C. N. G.

its present officers: Francis Atwater, president; Lewis Allen, vice-president; T. L. Reilly, secretary; and F. E. Sands,

treasurer. The company was formed for the purpose of publishing a daily paper and to conduct a general job printing business.

the growing circulation of THE JOURNAL, although up to that time several changes had been made in presses, each one of which it was supposed would meet all demands. Accordingly



THE JOURNAL BUILDING.



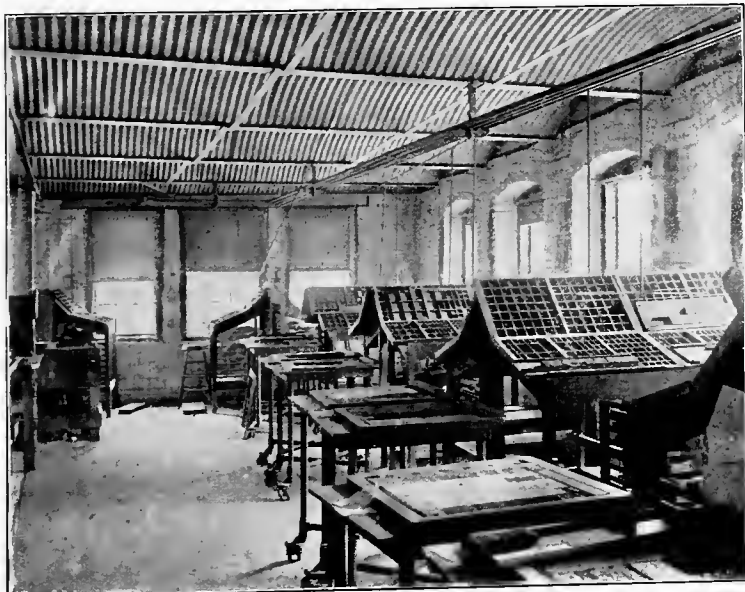
ELECTROTYPE DEPARTMENT.

THE MERIDEN DAILY JOURNAL made its first appearance on the afternoon of April 17, 1886. The success of the new daily was assured from the start. It is a widely read, largely patronized and highly prosperous paper, and is still growing. It has been changed and enlarged frequently, as the demand upon its advertising or news columns demanded more space.

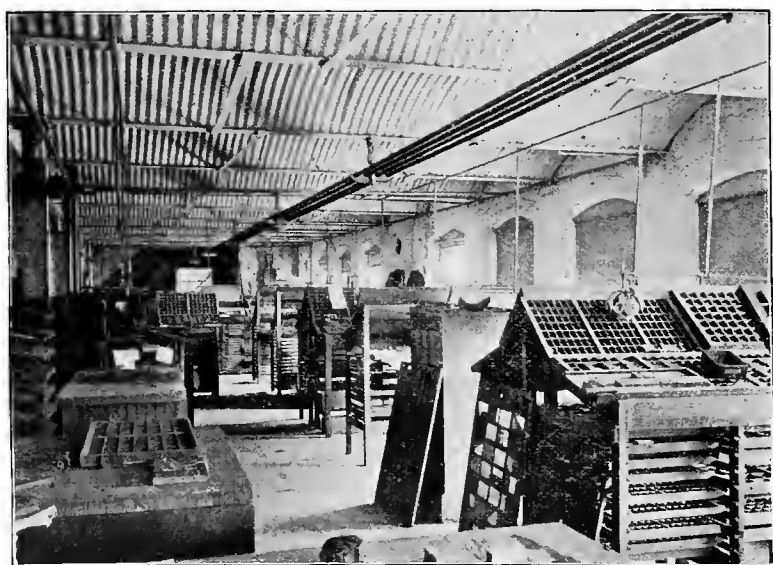
The job printing business had kept pace with the growth of the newspaper, and in February, 1888, a book bindery was added. To add to the ability of the company to turn out the book and job work in its mechanical department, on March 7, 1889, they bought the business of Charles E. Bibeau and Richard A. Owen, who had conducted a prosperous printing establishment under the firm name of Owen & Bibeau, and Mr. Owen became fore-

a contract was made with the Goss Printing Press Company to design and build for THE JOURNAL a web perfecting press, with a capacity of 12,000 complete eight-page papers per hour. It was built and put in, and THE JOURNAL was first printed on it November 29, 1889. That press has run ever since and given the best satisfaction, until it has been found necessary of late to publish a ten, twelve and sixteen-page paper. To meet this demand a new press will shortly be added.

While the many changes in the paper were being made, others in other departments were required. More room was needed, and the store at 27 East Main street was leased in October, 1890, fitted up as a handsome office and the business departments moved there, connection having been made direct with the main building. This even did not give desired room, and the



NEWSPAPER COMPOSING ROOM.



JOB COMPOSING ROOM.

man of THE JOURNAL's book and job printing department, while Mr. Bibeau took charge of the press room.

Press facilities at this time had become totally inadequate to

next month the property was bought of Morse & Cook, enlargements made, and in January, 1891, the large electrotyping plant of D. S. Griswold was purchased and moved into the building.

The following October, so crowded was the building, that operations looking toward the erection of the present fireproof structure were begun by a contract being made with James Kane &



BOOK BINDERY.

Son for the partial construction of the foundation walls, the setting of a new fifty-horse power boiler, and the building of extensive coal bins under the sidewalk.

Early in 1892, the work on the new building began. It was attended with great difficulties, as all the departments had to be kept at work in the old building while the new one was constructed around it, and the old one afterward torn out piecemeal. The new building was built entirely of brick, iron and concrete. The outer walls are of brick and the beams and girders of iron, while the floors are of concrete over corrugated iron arches. The partitions are all of pressed iron, the only wood being the window frames and roof girders, the latter carrying a steel roof.



PRESS ROOM.

In the fall of 1892 the work was completed, and in December the wood and photo-engraving departments were added, the photo-engraving establishment of the W. W. Wheeler Company having been purchased by THE JOURNAL.

Nine short years have witnessed wonderful growth for the company. In February, 1892, the capital stock was increased

from \$8,000 to \$60,000, the original capital representing at that time about the amount of paper stock carried at all times to meet the demands of the business. The company has the same officers and directors as when first started, and its business comes fully as much from outside Meriden as it does from it. Several periodicals are regularly issued from its book department. It owns various valuable patents and patent rights, which it has found advisable to gain control of.

The big establishment is divided into distinct departments, each under a separate head. These are the business, news, news composing, stereotype, stock, job and book, bindery, electrotype, engraving or art and press departments. THE JOURNAL employs about eighty hands, many of whom have been for a long time connected with it.

The Southington and Plantsville field is managed by John J. Moran. To reach those towns THE JOURNAL sends a pony express daily over the mountains. THE JOURNAL is a member and stockholder of and is represented on the board of directors of the Connecticut Associated Press, with principal offices in New Haven, and capitalized at \$20,000. Its telegraph news service is the best in the world for Connecticut papers.



ENGRAVING DEPARTMENT.

This souvenir is a fair specimen of the work turned out in THE JOURNAL's engraving and book department.

W. R. GILBERT

has been the able representative of THE MERIDEN DAILY JOURNAL in Wallingford for the past four years or more and his unflinching vigilance in news gathering, and business aptitude in looking out for the advertising and job printing, have been fully appreciated by the corporation employing him. In placing Mr. Gilbert on its staff with headquarters in Wallingford, THE JOURNAL was practically the first newspaper to maintain a permanent office there. The success of the venture, as in other towns where THE JOURNAL is represented, is well known. Mr. Gilbert was born at Waldron's Ridge, Tenn., Oct. 23, 1853. His parents, when he was an infant, removed to New York and subsequently to Meriden. In 1863 he returned to New York City, where he concluded a good practical education in the public schools, and first commenced to learn a trade under his father. In 1869 he came to Wallingford and entered one of the factories, continuing until 1891. He was drawn toward newspaper work in the early seventies, when he assumed the position of correspondent of the Sunday Union in order to keep up the sale of that paper in Wallingford, which he had the handling of. Still working in the shop, he continued his newspaper work after hours. He was about five years ago secured by THE

JOURNAL, when that paper was practically in its infancy. In 1891 the circulation of THE JOURNAL had so increased that he was offered inducements to give up his work at the factory and



W. R. GILBERT.

devote his whole attention to the work of building up the circulation, advertising and job printing in that territory. That he has attained good results by his efforts coupled with the merit of the paper, is easily proven by forming a comparison between the business done by The Journal Publishing Company in Wallingford four years ago and that done at the present time. Mr. Gilbert is known by all as a man who has the interests of his work at heart; unbiassed in his opinions, he invariably dishes up the news as it is in a creditable and readable manner. He is a member of several fraternal organizations including the Masons, Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows. With

a regard for giving honor where honor is due, the fact that he is influenced by no cliques or individuals in furnishing matter for the news columns of THE JOURNAL, makes him popular among the people as a whole in this vicinity.

HALL AVENUE HOTEL.

RECENT enlargements and improvements entitle this hotel to the name of the best in Wallingford, while the popularity of its host and commendable management make it a leading one. Its central location, convenience to railroad station and business portion of the town, coupled with the well-known hospitality of the house, attract a large share of the traveling public. The proprietor, D. J. Lynch, upon assuming control of the place six years ago, soon indicated his intention of making the house one worthy of patronage by making noticeable improvements. These changes have been steadily continued until now the hotel being thoroughly remodelled and refitted throughout, offers to its guests all the conveniences of a strictly modern hotel. A new and broad piazza, extending along the whole front, is but one of the additions made for the comfort of patrons and the improvement of the appearance of the building.



HALL AVENUE HOTEL.

The new dining room, bar and other parts of the interior, make the house much more attractive than formerly.

Mr. Lynch, by his pronounced success in the Hall Avenue Hotel, has proven himself well adapted to the business. His

genial disposition, courteous bearing and knowledge of the wants of his guests, have made him many friends among the traveling public, while his local patrons invariably praise his generous table and well stocked side-board.

This hotel is a most popular one for sleighing and bus parties from out of town, and its proprietor is well known far outside the limits of the town. He is a native of Wallingford, but has resided some years in Waterbury. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and has ever proven himself alive to the interests of this borough.

LAKE GROVE HOTEL.

FRONTING on Hanover Lake, but a short distance from Wallingford, and situated in a charming grove of trees, is the Lake Grove Hotel, famous for its hospitality and present good management. This summer hotel is in the immediate vicinity of Hanover Park, electric cars passing the door every seven minutes. The house has been known as a hotel for the past twenty years or more, but was never more popular among its patrons than at the present time. The superb location, overlooking the lake and distant hills, make it more than ordinarily attractive, and since being conducted by the present proprietor, Harry Clark, vast improvements have been made to both the surrounding grounds and interior of the hotel. The house itself has recently been thoroughly remodeled, refitted and refurnished. Especially noticeable is the office and bar on the ground floor which has been refitted in modern style.

The grounds about this hotel add much to the beauty of the locality. A wealth of stately shade trees, forming a beautiful grove, fanned by the refreshing breezes of the lake, furnish the coolest of spots on a hot day. Swings, settees and hammocks



D. J. LYNCH.



LAKE GROVE HOTEL.

all add to the comfort of the guests. The hotel is conducted on the European plan, the cuisine being personally supervised by the host. The house contains sixteen rooms, nearly all of which give a view of the lake. The good management of the hotel and ample provision made by the proprietor for the comfort of his guests, make the Lake Grove Hotel a most popular one for those who come in this direction in search of good boating, fishing or hunting. The proprietor is a native of Torrington, and is naturally adapted by disposition and wide experience to successfully conduct a hotel.

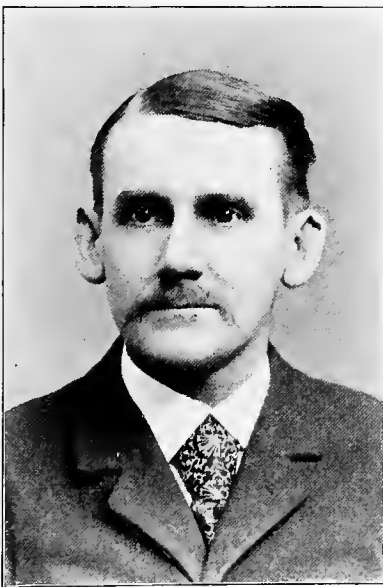


HARRY CLARK.

Hall, one of the early settlers of Wallingford. The Hall family has ever been prominent in the affairs of the town, and the subject of this sketch has assumed his full share of the obligations of a good townsman.

Obtaining his early education in the public schools, he concluded his schooling by taking a course in the New Haven Business College. Mr. Hall engaged in business on his own account when quite a young man. For some years he was located at the corner of North Main and Academy streets, where his wide acquaintance and equitable business principles soon gained him a substantial and steady trade. Twelve years ago keen foresight prompted him to remove to his present location, next the Simpson Block. The building being purchased by him, has within a few years been greatly improved by the putting in of a whole new front, and being thoroughly remodelled. The better class of goods are kept by him, and he numbers among his customers his full share of the best families, his trade also extending to all parts of the town.

Mr. Hall has proven himself an interested citizen of Wallingford, and has added his mite to its advancement. He has served as town treasurer a number of terms, and is one of the incorporators of the Dime Savings Bank. Few men have a higher reputation as careful business men or are better known than this merchant.



SIDNEY J. HALL.

Long residence here has given him the opportunity of being an eye-witness to the growth of the locality.

JOEL H. PADDOCK.

JOEL HALL PADDOCK was born in Meriden, August 21, 1849. The family traditions in Mr. Paddock's line of descent trace back his lineage to Zachariah Paddock, who came from Wales, Great Britain, and landed in Rhode Island: he afterwards settled in Middletown, Conn., and died, May 13, 1800, in the seventy-third year of his age; and also to Hannah, his wife, who died March 3, 1819, in the eighty-first year of her age. Their family included several sons, one of whom was Samuel Paddock, who was born June 18, 1758, lived in Middletown and married Mehetable Loveland, May 13, 1782. She was born January 29, 1759. Their son Samuel was born February 22, 1784, and married Polly Sears, August 30, 1803. He moved to Meriden in 1806, and was recognized by his townsmen as worthy of the civic trusts bestowed upon him, and died August 7, 1869. Charles L. Paddock, the son of Samuel Paddock was born June 6, 1807, and died March 13, 1879. He was a prosperous Meriden agriculturist, who owned the largest farm in East Meriden. He married Elizabeth Day Hall of Wallingford.

Well and favorably known among the substantial men of the town is Joel H., the son of Charles L. Paddock. He was educated at the Meriden public schools with a finishing course at Stevens & Wells Business College, New Haven, Conn. In 1871, he came to Wallingford, and took possession of the farm he now owns. During the tornado of 1878 his farm suffered severely. Mr. Paddock's property is desirably located on East Main street, about a mile from the center of Wallingford. It is counted among the most desirable farms, being convenient to the town, and presents an excellent view of the village. During the past few years he has devoted part of his time to stock raising, in which he has become noticeably successful. He has ever been active in the local agricultural fairs. He is also interested in and was one of the founders of the Wallingford Creamery. Mr. Paddock is a member of the First Congregational church of Wallingford, of Accanant Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F. and a member of Wallingford Grange, No. 33, P. of H. Mr. Paddock was united in marriage April 26, 1871, to Delaphine Hall of Wallingford, daughter of Eliza and Eunice J. Hall, and two daughters have been born to them, Mrs. George E. Hough of Yalesville, and Grace D.



S. J. HALL BUILDING.



J. H. PADDOCK.

MARCUS E. COOK.

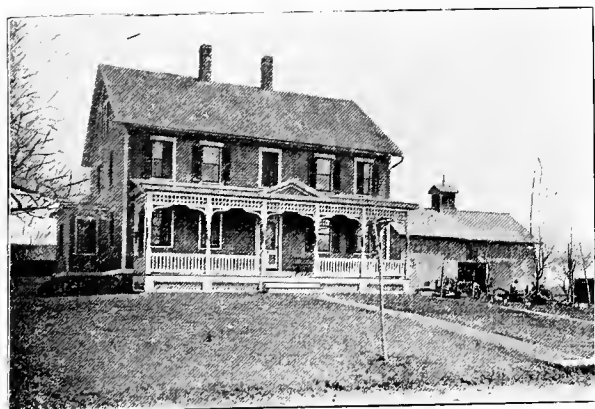
THE Cook homestead, situated one-half mile east of Main street and at the head of Constitution street, has a commanding view of the east side of town. It was established by



MARCUS E. COOK.

Chester Cook in 1793, who carried on the shoe manufactory at this place for a number of years. The present house was built in 1830. During the war of 1812, Chester Cook headed a force of men and teams from Wallingford, going to the high point of land east of New Haven Harbor and there helped to dig out what is now called Fort Wooster; Uncle Sam at that time was not flush and work had to be donated. Chester Cook died in 1864, aged eighty-nine years. He left one son, Hiram Cook, who was born at the old homestead in 1805. He held various town offices and was the first borough court judge, and held the office at the time of his death in 1873. Marcus E. Cook, his son, was born in 1849; he be-

came the owner of the old homestead in 1873, and in 1892 made quite extensive repairs in the place. The original farm contained fifty acres of land, but has been added to in the last few years. Mr. Cook has been quite prominent in public affairs. He represented the town in the legislature in 1883, and is a director in the Dime Savings Bank, a growing institution of Wallingford. He has always been identified with the agricultural interests of the town, being president of the Wallingford Creamery Co., also president of the Wallingford Agricultural Society, which was organized two years ago, and has held two successful fairs. Wallingford Grange was organized at the Cook homestead, May 27, 1885, and Mr. Cook was its first master and held the office for two terms; it is now ten years old and a very successful grange. While Mr. Cook is a farmer, he has been largely interested in roads and road machinery, and has been identified with laying out of all the new streets and highways in the town since 1879, which work he

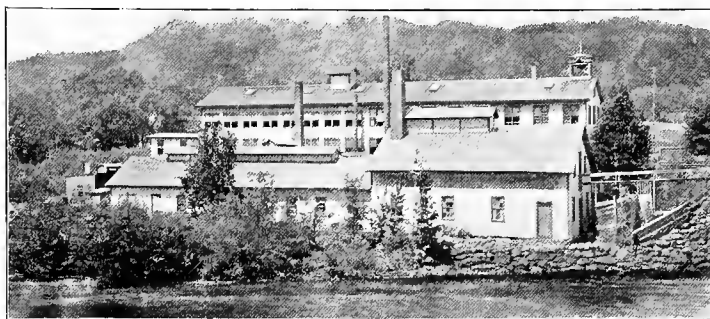


RESIDENCE OF MARCUS E. COOK.

has directed. He also has invented and patented seven different road working machines. There are always to be found at the Cook homestead the standard plows, harrows, mowing machines, horse hay rakes, cultivators, and the repairs for the same.

WILLIAM W. WILLIAMS.

A WELL known citizen, is the subject of this sketch whose long residence here has made him a familiar figure. His talent and skill as a violinist and his long association with orchestras has made him especially well known in musical circles. He was born in Wallingford, educated in the local public schools and early in life took up the study of the violin. He was a pupil under Professor Frantz Milcke, and for the past twenty



FACTORY OF MALTBY, STEVENS & CURTISS.

years or more has played solo violin in public. Besides having for several years conducted Williams' orchestra, which, during its existence, was one of the finest in the state, he has figured in nearly all principal concerts and social gatherings, and used to play with Theodore Fleischer. He has also turned out some talented pupils, now experts with the violin, and has written several compositions for orchestra use. He is the possessor of one of the finest and oldest violins, which he values highly, and although he has become interested in other pursuits which will not admit of his playing as much as formerly, he still plays in the theater orchestra and is as much sought after as ever. Mr. Williams owns a large tract of land on Center street which includes the fair grounds. The locality in which he resides is destined to become a thickly settled one in the near future. His especial hobby is the fair grounds, now leased to the Wallingford Cycling and Trotting Association, which he is constantly improving, having recently graded the race track. He is also a great lover and judge of horses and owns some promising young trotting stock. Mr. Williams is recognized as one of the progressive men of Wallingford, who invariably adds his quota to its advancement.



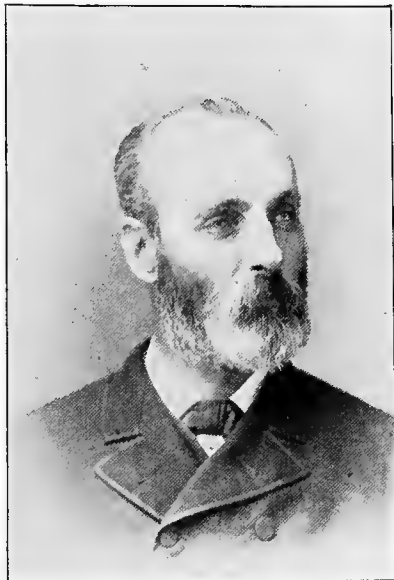
F. H. SMITH.

AMONG the leaders in the grocery trade of Wallingford, F. H. Smith is entitled to a position. His attractive store, located at the corner of North Main and Academy streets, is one of the oldest stands in the town, and has been conducted by him since 1888. He has been continuously engaged in the grocery business since 1879, and

therefore is possessed of wide experience in buying and looking after the interests of a large trade. He is a New Yorker by birth. Since coming to Wallingford, his straightforward manner of conducting business, has earned him the confidence

LATE C. D. YALE.

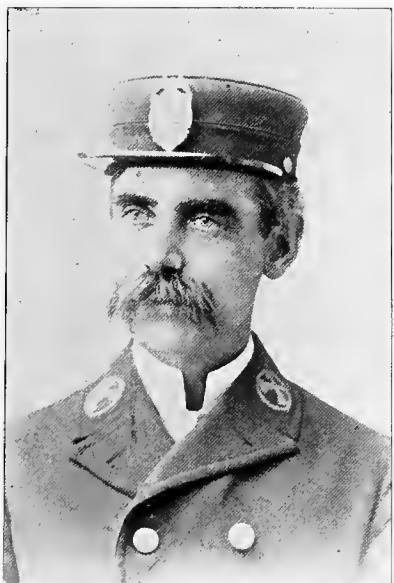
of the buying public. His store is ever bright and attractive, and invariably contains a generous supply of the necessities and luxuries such as are to be found in an up-to-date grocery establishment. His orders are delivered promptly and accurately,



RICHARD TALBOT.

See Sketch, p. 21.

Englishman by birth, is one of the many genial restaurant keepers possessing the faculty of pleasing all who enter his place. Unlike the average lunch room, everything put before his guests is palatable. Mr. Collett is known as a generous provider, and at his tables nothing but the best to be had in the market is offered. Particularly is this true in regard to his roasts, steaks and chops. The fact that many traveling men place themselves at no little inconvenience by going considerably out of their way, in order to get a meal there, when near enough to make it possible, speaks volumes for his restaurant



M. J. REDMOND.

and personal popularity. The place is neatness itself; prompt service and courteous treatment are invariably in order there.

M. J. REDMOND.

SECOND Assistant Chief Engineer M. J. Redmond of the Wallingford Fire Department is one of the leading business men of the borough, and conducts a prosperous plumbing business in the Simpson block. He is a Hartford boy, where he was born and spent his early days. He, later, lived several years in Philadelphia, where he concluded his education in the public schools. It was in the Quaker city also that he first learned the science of plumbing, for modern plumbing can be conducted

only on scientific principles. His experience in his present line of business is of twenty-three years' duration, and therefore when he engaged in business five years ago here in Wal-

lingford, his success was practically assured. Mr. Redmond employs a large number of men, and has filled several large contracts in this vicinity, having but recently completed the putting in of the heating apparatus at the State Masonic Home. While he does all kinds of plumbing, he makes a specialty of sanitary engineering, and steam and hot water heating.

His new quarters in the Simpson block, but recently occupied by him, comprise one of the finest equipped establishments of the kind in the state, while the central location of the store,



FACTORY OF THE BIGGINS-RODGERS COMPANY.

and personal popularity of the proprietor, have done much toward increasing the amount of business done. Mr. Redmond has been a continuous member of the fire department for the past five years, and in the capacity of assistant chief is a valuable man to the borough.

He is a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, the Knights of Pythias, and Free and Accepted Masons. He also is enrolled in the membership of the Wallingford Trotting and Cycling Association, and stands well in business circles and as an adopted citizen.

DR. J. D. MCGAUGHEY.

STANDING well up in the front ranks of the medical profession, this well-known physician scarcely needs any introduction to the readers of this souvenir history. Since 1872, he has been in continuous practice here in Wallingford, taking an active part in the affairs of the community.

He was born in Greenville, Tennessee, August 6, 1848. He is descended from Scotch-Irish parentage on his father's side and German-English on the maternal side. His ancestors were among the earlier settlers of Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather, Samuel McGaughey, was born in York County, Pa., on July 15, 1763. He served under John Sevier and Colonels Evan and Isaac Shelby in fourteen different expeditions against the Indians, also fought in the Revolutionary war, having been in Captain John Pemberton's company, Colonel Shelby's regiment at the battle of King's Mountain, and captain of a company in John Sevier's regiment, under General Marion, at the bloody battle of Entaw Springs, South Carolina. The doctor's grandfather, Major John McGaughey, was a soldier



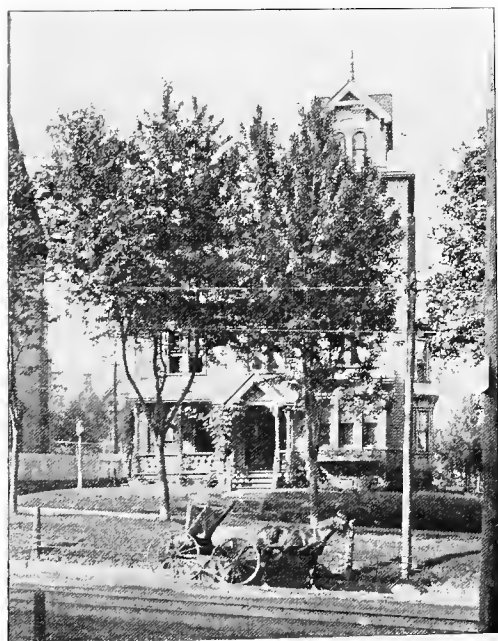
DR. J. D. MCGAUGHEY.

under General Andrew Jackson in his expedition against the Indians in Georgia and Alabama. He served in many public capacities for years in the state, and was a delegate to the convention of 1834 to revise the constitution of 1796, representing the counties of Greene, Sevier, Cocke, Munroe, Blount and McMini. His father was Samuel McGaughey, a prosperous merchant, doing a large and extensive business in Greenville, Tennessee, a man of sterling worth and integrity, a Christian gentleman, having served for many years as deacon of the First Presbyterian Church.

On his mother's side Dr. McGaughey is descended from Peter Burkhart, who settled in Frederick county, Maryland, long before the Revolution. His grandfather, George Burkhart, erected the first paper mill and made the first sheet of paper manufactured in Tennessee, for which he received a premium of fifty dollars from the government.

The subject of this sketch first attended school in the small boys' department of a young ladies' seminary in his native town in 1854, presided over by Mrs. Valentine Sevier, daughter of Deacon Lyman Cannon of Wallingford. He later entered Greenville College, the oldest institution of learning in the state. While at college, the civil war broke out, and the buildings of the college were confiscated for quarters by the confederate soldiers. Determined to continue in his studies, he entered a private school, which was soon after closed on account of the hostilities in that section. He next received instruction from a private tutor, Robert McCorkle, but pursued his studies under great difficulties, as for many days at a time he was unable to reach the house of his trained tutor on account of the guerilla warfare and fighting in the streets of the town. He finally entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia in 1866, from which he graduated with honors in 1870, with his much coveted degree of M. D. He immediately commenced the practice of his profession.

In 1871, he was united in marriage with Sara V. Cannon, daughter of Burdett and Juliett (Merriam) Cannon of Walling-



DR. MCGAUGHEY'S RESIDENCE.

ford. In 1872, he removed to this town, where he has since built up a large practice and continuously resided. He has for many years served as medical examiner for the town, and is also examiner for a number of insurance companies, Post Surgeon for examination of exemption from military taxes, and examiner of recruits for the local company of the C. N. G. He is a member of the Connecticut State and New Haven County Medical Societies, and has contributed quite a number of articles on

medical subjects to the various journals, at intervals, during the last twenty years.

In 1880, he represented Wallingford in the state legislature, and while a member of the house, took part in the debate on the final settlement of the boundary line between New York and Connecticut, which had been in dispute nearly 200 years. Dr. McGaughey is enrolled in the membership of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Masons, and Ancient Order of Foresters, and is greatly esteemed as a resident and physician. He occupies a handsome residence on Center street, which, with his portrait, are shown in the accompanying illustrations.

HASSETT'S COAL YARDS.

WALLINGFORD'S coal supply through local dealers is ample for its consumption. The largest business in this line is carried on by William Hassett, whose extensive yards,



HASSETT'S COAL YARDS.

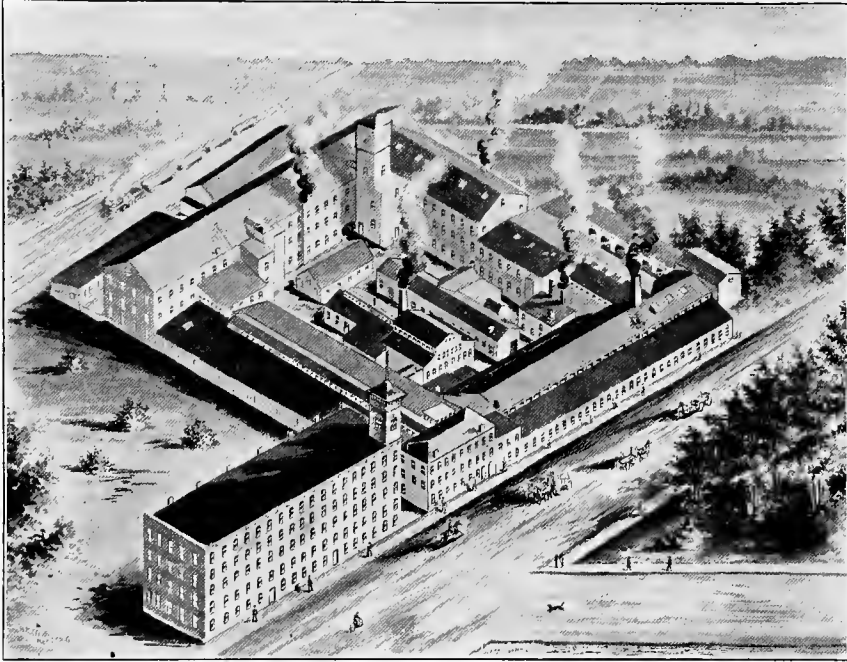
located on the main line of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, are shown in the engraving presented.

Mr. Hassett is one of the best known of Wallingford's men, and is a prominent member of the court of burgesses. His coal yards, since coming under his control, have invariably been the headquarters for clean coal, while his prices have been the first to be lowered when the market price would permit. It is thus that his business has been increased to such large proportions, and the just confidence of the coal buying public obtained. These yards are soon to be equipped with apparatus for hoisting coal direct from the cars, which will then be automatically screened, thus improving the facilities of the yards to no small extent. The business while owned by Mr. Hassett, is largely managed by his brother, the proprietor being superintendent of the H. L. Judd Company's works.

H. L. JUDD & CO.

PERHAPS no manufacturing concern has, in the history of the town, made Wallingford more famous than that of H. L. Judd & Co., who operate the works shown in the accompanying engraving in the manufacture of ornamental brass goods, stationers' and upholsterers' hardware in great variety. The business of the company has been of rapid growth, duly demonstrated by the frequent enlargements of its several plants in Brooklyn, N. Y., Wallingford and Chattanooga, Tenn. The combined force of hands now employed is six hundred and fifty, nearly half of which number are required at the Wallingford factory. The growth of the business, brought about by the

unusually salable goods made, has necessitated frequent enlargements, and at the present time marked additions in the way of buildings are contemplated here, embracing the consolidation of the interest now at Brooklyn, N. Y. When these additions are



H. L. JUDD & CO.'S FACTORY.

completed, the capacity of the works will have been more than doubled. But a small part of the enlarged plant is presented in the accompanying bird's-eye drawing.

From the superior grade and diversity of its product this concern has attained an almost world-wide reputation, the goods of the company being shipped to the four quarters of the globe. The hands employed in this large factory are high grade workmen, while the designs, comprising marvels of art in the way of



RESIDENCE OF H. L. JUDD.

brass, nickel and other and more expensive novelties, require the services of a large force of talented artists and artisans. The goods made comprise brass and iron bedsteads, onyx tables, brass fixtures, mirrors, banquet and piano lamps, and an endless

variety of novelties in bric-a-brac, etc. The company find a ready market for their goods, and new designs are continually being presented to the trade. The main office and salesrooms of the company are at Nos. 87 and 89 Chambers street, New York City. From the remarkable growth of this concern in the business world, making it now one of the largest in the country in its line, it is made evident that this Wallingford factory will, in the near future, be the largest plant, and furnish employment to the greatest number of hands of any industry in this borough. The business was started by the present head of the concern, Mr. H. L. Judd, in 1869, and ten years later Mr. John Day, the present treasurer of the corporation, was admitted as a partner, under the style of H. L. Judd & Co. In 1885 the concern was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, with a capital of \$350,000, preserving the firm name, H. L. Judd & Co., and the management has continued without interruption.

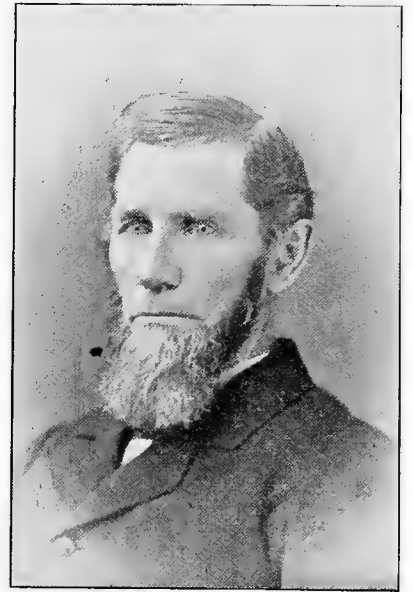
The present board of directors consists of H. L. Judd, president; John Day, treasurer; A. L. Woodworth, secretary; W. H. Edsall and F. W. Prentice.

LATE J. H. HARMON.

A RESIDENT and merchant of Wallingford who will ever be remembered as a valuable townsman was the late J. H. Harmon, whose decease last April removed one of the most estimable of men. Mr. Harmon was born in West Suffield, Conn., where he obtained

his early education in the district school, and became the owner of a farm. His tastes for mercantile pursuits however, developed in him early in life, and in 1867 he went to Meriden and engaged in the grocery business in partnership with William A. Hall, conducting for four years a store on Colony street, under the firm name of Harmon & Hall. He, later, associated himself with L. N. Thomas at Meriden, continuing in the same line of business. In 1872 he removed to Wallingford, and opened a grocery and hardware store in the Hall block, next the post office, in the location now occupied by S. J. Hall. This business he conducted up to the time of his regretted decease, building up a large patronage and wide circle of staunch friends in the community.

In 1882 he erected a substantial block on Center street, opposite Fair street, to which the business was at that time removed, and a partnership formed with his son Charles, and since continued under the well-known name of J. H. Harmon & Son. Under his careful and upright management the business grew to one of the largest of its kind in Wallingford, the patrons of the store comprising a large number of the first families of the town. Mr. Harmon was known as one of the leading merchants of this vicinity, his prominence in local business circles making him one of the most influential of business men, while his retiring disposition, courteous bearing and equitable business principles, won him the esteem of all who knew him. He was much interested in church work, and was for many years a member of the First Congregational Church. He was also one of the charter

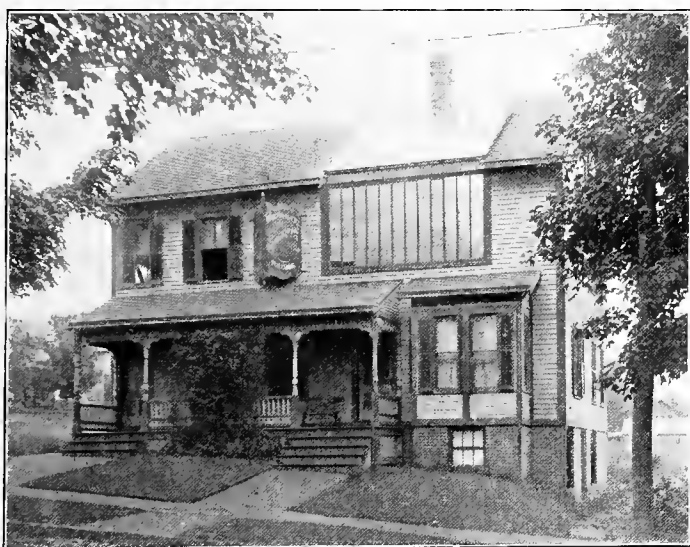


LATE J. H. HARMON.

members of Accanant Lodge, I. O. O. F. of this town. From a temperate and well spent life, at the age of seventy-four he was still hale and hearty, and his clear eye, elastic step and keen intellect made him much younger in appearance. His sudden death was a severe loss to the community, depriving Wallingford of one of its ablest business men. Two sons and two daughters survive him. These are Messrs. Charles and J. H. Harmon, the former who continues the business established by his father in this town, and the latter who resides in Meriden, and is associated with the Meriden Britannia Co., and Misses Minnie and Ella Harmon.

GEORGE W. BARTHOLOMEW.

THAT this Wallingford photographer takes a front position in the ranks of the army of artists of the state, is easily proven at his studio. The products of his camera are reproduced on several pages of this souvenir of THE JOURNAL. Mr. Bartholomew, although a young man, is well versed in his business, having been actively engaged in it one way or another from the time he was sixteen years of age. He was born in Northford, and attended the C. C. I Military School at New Haven, concluding his education by a course at the Yale Business College. After obtaining a substantial education, he entered a



G. W. BARTHOLOMEW'S STUDIO.

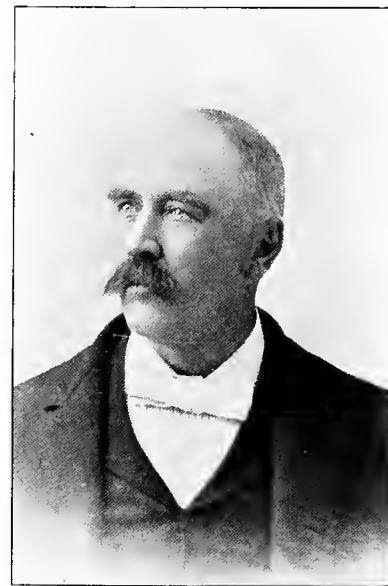
studio in New Haven, and, previous to engaging in business for himself, operated for the leading photographers of that city. In 1889 he opened his present admirably fitted up establishment on Center street, where he has since conducted a successful business and made a high reputation for himself. His quarters in the Bartholomew block comprise a suite of seven rooms, admirably adapted for turning out high grade work. His studio contains as fine an equipment as is possessed by the artists of the larger cities and includes a variety of the Dallmeyer lenses and cameras for both interior and exterior work. He has recently added to his facilities an electric light apparatus for taking pictures at night. Mr. Bartholomew has also made a name for himself by taking flashlight pictures of groups and interiors. He is well versed in the mysteries of electricity, which he applies with good results in making his exposures and in lighting his studio.

The appended illustration of his Center street studio will doubtless be readily recognized as a place where painstaking work and prompt attention are given each and every patron.

Mr Bartholomew has achieved quite a high reputation as a photographer and gained a large acquaintance since coming to Wallingford. He stands high in business circles.

STANLEY BOTSFORD.

A WELL-KNOWN citizen of Wallingford is Stanley Botsford, the owner of Botsford's block, a substantial three-story brick structure situated on North Main street, directly opposite the post office in the heart of the borough, and on the most frequented thoroughfare. Mr. Botsford has been an adopted resident here for the past twenty-one years, and has taken a deep interest in the advancement of the town. For several years he conducted a hotel in the Wallace block, where he gained a wide acquaintance with the traveling public, and built up a substantial patronage, and had the name of being a most genial host and good provider.



STANLEY BOTSFORD.

Ten years ago he erected his present substantial three-story business block, the street floor of which he has since occupied. His place, where liquid refreshments are compounded and served, is one of the best fitted up establishments of the kind in the state, and easily deserves the name of being the Delmonico's of Wallingford. The place is patronized by the better class of men, and is proverbially the scene of gentlemanly sociability. The basement of this block is occupied by a bottler of beverages, and is also used as a local express office. The top floor of the building contains a large hall, used by the Wallingford Grand Army Post. Mr. Botsford, from long association with business, has become somewhat interested in other real estate, and also owns and resides in one of the most comely of South Main street residences.

PETER CULLEN.

HAVING been for several years established in the painting, paper hanging and decorating business, Mr. Peter Cullen is known as the leader in his line, a distinction he has duly merited. Long experience as a journeyman painter, gained previously to starting in for himself in his present store on Center street, has made him familiar with the many details of the business. This, coupled with his natural good taste for interior and exterior decoration, make him a man much relied upon by the general public hereabouts.

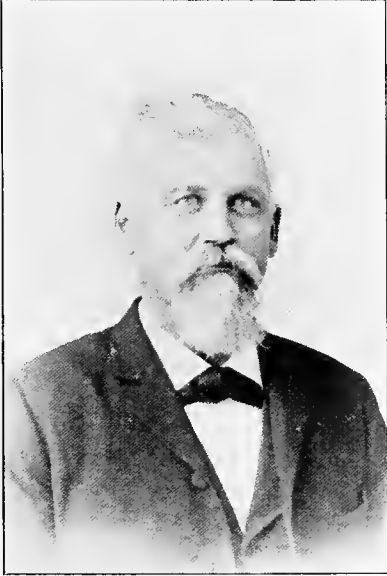


PETER CULLEN.

Mr. Cullen started his present establishment in 1889, the business of which, by good management and painstaking and thorough work, has been increased to no small extent in the meantime. He employs in busy seasons a number of men in house painting, and many of the best residences and Walling-

ford buildings show the results of his high grade work in the truest of colors. A large stock of paints, oils, brushes, etc., and all the stagings, ropes, ladders and pulleys for doing all kinds of exterior work, are found at his place, and at times several contracts are filled at the same time.

He also carries a large stock of paper hangings in the latest novelties, in both high grade and low priced goods. Mr. Cullen is known as one of the energetic and reliable men of the borough, who has attained success by steady application to business.



H. B. TODD.

H. B. TODD & SON.

THROUGH the medium of this reputable firm, Wallingford is peculiarly fortunate in its local lumber supply. The yards of H. B. Todd & Son have supplied the wants of builders in this vicinity for the past twelve years. The property occupied and owned by Mr. Todd is located on Cherry street, and

extends back to the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, where the firm have 250 feet front for receiving lumber direct from the cars. The yards contain all the different sizes, grades and kinds of dressed and undressed lumber, and in addition, doors, sash, blinds, and masons' supplies are dealt in.

The firm is composed of Messrs. H. B. who was formerly, for twenty-five years, engaged in the contracting and building business, and W. I. Todd,—father and son. The former has for many years been a prominent citizen of the town, and represented Wallingford in the general assembly of 1874, the last year the legislature met at New Haven, as a colleague of Hon.

C. D. Yale. He has taken an active part in public affairs as a member of both the school board and court of burgesses. He is known as one of the public spirited and esteemed residents. Mr. William I. Todd, in connection with his association with this firm, is the New England representative of a wholesale lumber manufacturer of New York.

C. N. LANE & SON.

THE name of this concern at once suggests the largest and best patronized store of the kind in Wallingford, where are the headquarters of the daily and weekly newspapers, periodicals and magazines, and where stationery, confectionery, cigars, tobacco, toys, sporting goods, fire works, etc., are found in infinite variety. The location of the store in the Simpson block and the equitable business principles of



W. I. TODD.

known to require comment. It is but a comparatively few years ago that Wallingford possessed a very meagre news service, but since the establishing of the business of Lane & Son, a systematic delivery of the Boston, New York, New Haven,



RESIDENCE OF H. B. TODD.

Meriden, and Hartford papers has been in vogue, much to public accommodation and convenience. The store occupied is in the finest of central locations, the management of the business being careful and honestly conducted. A small army of news carriers, each with their respective routes, is employed. Complaints are rare of customers not receiving their papers. A particularly inviting display of fine candies and confections attracts a high class trade in sweets, while a well charged soda fountain is productive of the finest soda. The stock of books, novels, stationery, blank books, periodicals and magazines is all that is to be desired, and a well filled show case contains all the popular brands of cigars. Fourth of July, Christmas, St. Valentine's and other days when demonstrations of local patriotism are called for make the store of Lane & Son a busy one, and no mistake, although the great variety of goods carried, convenience of the store, and popularity of the proprietors, make a busy one at most any time every day or evening.

R. E. BADGER.

BICYCLE riding is indulged in as frequently in Wallingford as in any place of its population in the state, good roads and few hills making excellent grounds for this healthful exercise. The bicycle agency of Robert E. Badger on North Main street opposite the post office does much towards furnishing the wheels



C. F. LANE.

C. N. LANE.

ridden in this vicinity. This is the first season of this popular agency, but that it has been successfully conducted is acknowledged on all sides. The proprietor is one of the best known young wheelmen and is considered a remarkably good judge of the merits of the innumerable wheels made this year. The fair treatment given to all who call at his store, where bicycles and bicycle sundries are dealt in, coupled with the excellent makes of wheels for which he is agent, have built up a good name for him and his place of business. He represents the Eclipse Bicycle Company, of Beaver Falls, Pa., the John P. Lovell Arms Co., of Boston, and The Gormelly & Jeffrey Mfg. Co., of Chicago and others. The wheels made by the companies he is agent for comprise as great a variety in price as a would-be purchaser could desire, while every wheel is fully warranted by him in every respect, and invariably proves to be as represented.

LOTHAR A. M. VON GRAVE.

AMONG the best known men of Wallingford is this talented and versatile artist. He was born in September, 1858, in Prussia, and is descended from one of the oldest military



LOTHAR A. M. VON GRAVE.

families of Germany. He was educated at Latin school and the military academy and academy of war, after which he entered the Prussian army, and after serving years as a cadet and being promoted to lieutenant, by permission of William I, took part during the conclusion of the Turko-Austrian war. Returning home wounded, he retired from the service and devoted his entire time to the systematic study of the fine arts. With the present emperor, William II, he attended the university at Bonn, taking a special course in the history of art, archaeology and practical anatomy. He still further pursued his study of art at Munich, graduating from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts. His teachers there were Professors Lindenschmidt, Piloty and Kaulbach, the famous Hans Makart in Vienna, and Piglheim at Paris. He next studied the specimens of ancient and mediæval art during his extensive travels through Germany, Russia, Austria, Hungary, Turkey, Greece, Asia Minor, and Egypt, where he engaged in assisting in the excavations of the

Sakkâreh pyramid. After his return he opened a studio in Munich, his first picture, "Hunting Scene," being purchased by Prince Regent Luitpold, of Bavaria, and now adorns the private royal gallery.



INTERIOR—RESIDENCE OF LOTHAR A. M. VON GRAVE.

Eleven years ago Major Von Grave came to America on a visit, but was so deeply impressed with the country that he decided to remain, locating in New York. His studio was in the Knickerbocker building at the corner of Fifth avenue and 14th street, where his time was fully occupied in making the original sketches for the well known firm of J. Ottmann, of the Puck Building. He later branched off in the architectural line, carrying off several prizes in the composition of designs in the way of public buildings. He soon found himself wrapped up entirely in industrial art, furnishing special designs for silver, bronzes, ceramics, interior decorations, etc. Following the call



RESIDENCE OF F. W. MINER.

of The Craighead & Kintz Co., he went to Massachusetts as head designer and modeler for that concern. When the head

of that company retired, Mr. Von Grave accepted the offer of his present position, from H. L. Judd & Co., at their Wallingford factory, where he manages the art department and superintends an excellent force of modelers, chasers, patternmakers and casters.

Mr. Von Grave is a member of Compass Lodge, F. & A. M., Ivy Lodge, K. of P., and is aid-de-camp on the brigadier general's staff of the uniform rank Knights of Pythias, with the rank of major. He is also a member of the Arcanum Club and Ramblers' Cycle Club of Wallingford, and Cosmopolitan Club of Meriden. His splendid education, extensive travels, and high social connections on both continents, render Major Von Grave one of the best known of cosmopolitan men, while his liberal ideas and generous disposition win for him the steadfast friendship of those with whom he comes in contact or who have tested the hospitality of his cozy and artistic home. Since becoming a widower, in 1893, his home at the house formerly occupied by the late Dr. Davis, has been superintended by his sister,

MISS ELSA BARONESSE VON GRAVE,

who is a celebrated pianist of rare talent and a pupil of the late Hans Von Bulow and Professors Thuile of the Royal Academy of Music at Munich and Lambert of the New York College of Music. She is engaged at different concerts, and is now under contract to play in a series of concerts under Professor Damosch in New York. Her wonderful playing is a strong attraction of the pleasant and happy home circle where cordial hospitality at once makes all visitors feel at home.

HELIOGRAVURE COMPANY.

NOTHING sets forth the artistic designs of table ware and other goods made by Wallingford manufacturers to better advantage than the prints of their samples made by the Heliogravure Company. This company, although recently founded,



J. W. ALDERIDGE.

turns out a grade of work equal to the best artotype reproductions in the country, a point easily demonstrated by the fact that since the company was started, outside concerns have entirely

given up the field. It is conceded on all sides that next to seeing the goods themselves, their reproduction in artotype prints gives the most accurate idea possible of their style, design, and make-



RESIDENCE OF J. W. ALDERIDGE.

up. This process has almost entirely been adopted by manufacturers for illustrating their catalogues, being far superior to the ordinary photographs and wood engravings at one time almost entirely used. Especially is this process most desirable in showing pictures of silverware, as the color of the ware is identical to that of the prints. While large quantities of pictures are used and this process of reproducing is a hundred per cent. better and more like the goods from which the pictures are taken, the cost is greatly lessened also. The large amount of goods made in Wallingford, comprising nearly every day some new novelty, offered a good field for the founding of the Heliogravure Company, since broadened by the high grade work done and the generous capacity of the plant. Two presses at first were put in. It was but a few weeks that three more presses were added and although the quarters occupied were at first deemed amply sufficient, more room is now a necessity. Orders from out of town have been received, showing conclusively that the reputation of the concern for turning out perfect and prompt work has already been established. The concern now, but yet in its infancy, has a capacity of turning out 2,000 pictures a day. The works are fitted with all the facilities for doing the highest grade work, and none but the most skilled hands are employed. The business is conducted on local capital and its founders are well known Wallingford men. The president, J. W. Alderidge, has devoted his life to photography and is well qualified by experience to superintend the work. The secretary and treasurer, C. H. Brown, is a well known manufacturer and is treasurer of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co.

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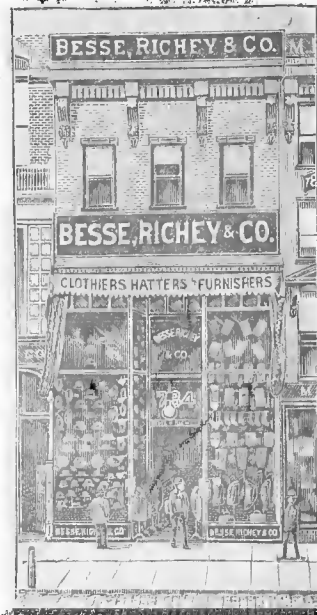
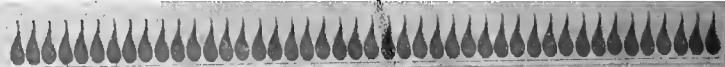
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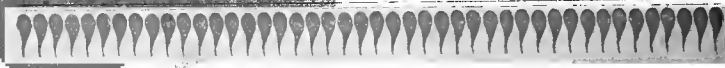
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