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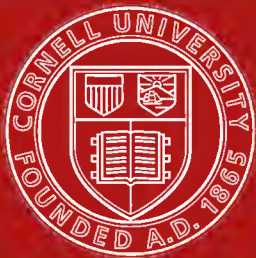


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A WHITE RIVER VALLEY LANDSCAPE AND SKY.

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Glimpses of the White River Valley, Vermont

Rising amid the eastern foothills of the Green Mountains and picking its way through hidden glen and tree-embowered valley, now nestling in the shadow of some majestic hill, and again, as if it would seek companionship with all the phases of nature, cutting in twain some broad extending intervales, and all the while swelling the volume of its waters, the White River flows in a southeasterly direction until at White River Junction it loses its identity in a union with the larger Connecticut. From its sources to its junction with New England's largest stream, the White River in itself is an object, glimpses of which quicken the most thrilling interest and invite the contemplation of even the indifferent. Truthfully it may be said that throughout its length it typifies the original human life and character that built and dwelt along its banks and their adjacent territory; rarely fitful and impetuous in its current, yet never stagnant nor languid, but moving along, accomplishing, accumulating, powerful, yet gentle in its waxing strength, and ever remarkable for purity and freedom from contamination of any nature. Its bed from sources to mouth and from shore to shore, is visible to the eye, because of the

transparency of those waters that give to the river its appropriate name. Purity, strength, harmony, and beauty of action were dominant traits of the first inhabitants of this valley, and likewise are they characteristic of the river, and while those earlier descendants of Pilgrim and Puritan have closed their earthly days, the river flows on the same as a century and a half ago.

And what of the physical characteristics of the valley through which the river flows? First, it is a valley in fact as well as in name. Due emphasis should be placed upon the fact that its aspect is toward the southeast, toward the rising and warming sun, while long, extending hills guard it from the relentless north winds. It is emphatically a realm of sunshine and warmth, and down the hillsides flow innumerable rivulets and brooks, the crystalline waters of which bear testimony that the soils of the valley are rich in those elements that unite in forming rich herbage, grain, fruits and vegetables, that impart to the grasses of meadow and pasture those nutrients that in turn make the milk and butter and cheese of the valley unapproachable in quality and substance. The White River Valley is alike remarkable for

the varied beauty of all its physical traits and the abundant natural fertility of its soils. Its beauty and attraction is not of the awe-inspiring kind that merely says, come and gaze, but rather the kind that says, "Here arise and build and abide." It is the kind of beauty that pleases the eye, the heart, and that endures. It is a valley that in its material conditions offers every opportunity for enterprise, expansion and the winning of success and prosperity. Human life is here simple, safe and satisfying. No other section of New England can equal it in all those advantages that unite in making possible the ideal existence. Here wheat, rye, barley and corn yield surpassing harvests, and all of a quality that is matchless because of those stores of mineral elements in the soil which, taken up by the growing grain, produce those nutritive constituents so essential to the best physical sustenance of man and beast. The products of the dairy, the orchard and the garden in the White River Valley are famed for their quality and abundant yields.

New comers to the different sections of the valley note first of all the excellence of its waters, which in the vast majority of instances come from hillside springs and free from contaminating surroundings. A well of any description is a rare thing in the White River Valley, and conditions are such that practically every community can have, at a minimum cost, a public water works system. The drinking water of the valley is, even in mid-summer, practically ice cold and is like crystal in its clearness and full of those phosphatic elements that make bone and muscle. The doctors are

agreed that biologically and chemically it is matchless. The inhabitants of the White River Valley, as elsewhere in Vermont, are singularly free from tuberculous diseases, more so, proportionately, than the people of any other state in the Union.

As a field of human life and endeavor, the White River Valley commends itself to the man in any calling. There are particularly tempting opportunities for industrial enterprise of every nature. The cities of Massachusetts are but from four to six hours away, and New York is as near to the half of Vermont as it is to the coast cities of the Bay State. Practically the entire White River Valley is a region that needs but a glance to win unqualified appreciation as a region in which to pass a summer vacation, for every feature the summer tourist seeks is there to be found. The scenery throughout is all that heart can desire: pleasing, exalting and restful. The walks and drives that are upon every hand are notable for diversity and change. Boating and canoeing are possible all along the river, and the woodland stroller will find it a veritable mine of interest. The hotels of the valley are of the best and the innumerable farm houses where the summer guest may stay, are places where the acme of comfort is to be enjoyed. Home-grown foods, milk, butter, fruit and vegetables have conspired to make the table of the Vermont farmer justly famed.

The instant one crosses the Connecticut River from the New Hampshire side at White River Junction, he places foot in the White River Valley. There it is a huge open gateway to Vermont and the lands beyond. There that

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This cafe, of country-wide fame, forms in effect the hospitable open door to the White River Valley and the regions beyond. Ninety thousand people patronize it annually.

beauty never absent from the valley begins. Verdure-clad hills, portals as it were of the gateway, rise on either side and proclaim an eternal welcome to the hospitality of the valley. Here is nature in all those aspects that bring serenity to the human mind and peace to the turbulent, weary soul, for there is nothing here that is rugged, rough, and repellent. Here the wild

flowers common to New England blossom earlier in the spring than is their wont even many miles farther south, for the White River Valley throughout its extent is protected from the north and northwest winds, and its multitude of warm, sunny nooks is thoroughly characteristic. The valley and the sun the livelong year are never at variance, but in winter as well as in

summer the beams of the latter rest upon and linger throughout the valley to the last expiring moment of the day. A White River Valley sunset, and particularly at its entrance at Hartford, is indeed a sight to behold.



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highways on either side of the river, or in the trains of the Central Vermont Railway Company, whose main line crosses the river here and there and traverses the entire valley, unfolding to the view of the tourist its countless charms of landscape, hill, and wooded glen. Just a mile above White River Junction is the village of Hartford, one of the five in the town of the same name. The village is the home of many of Vermont's best known men in business, commercial and political circles, and is clothed in an atmosphere of refinement and culture. To the village and town of Hartford there



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have come in the past few years no less than fourteen families from the Dakotas and Minnesota and made the town their permanent abode, and they make together a sterling addition to the material life of the community.

In Hartford, overlooking the river, the stately hills to the south and the entrancing valley, is located the widely known and justly famed Rockland Military Academy, with its students from every point in the Union from Mexico and Central America. At



STREET SCENE, WEST HARTFORD.

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the head of the school is Elmer E. French, A. M., and his wife, Blanche Cate French, L. A. The school is open the year round and therefore is a real home school. Camp Whittier is the name of its summer home for boys. The distinctive aim of the school is the training of body, mind and soul.

Continuing on up the valley from Hartford, the tourist is rarely, if ever, out of sight of hamlet or group of farmsteads, and this condition prevails for many a mile along the journey. A mile or so beyond Hartford

village is Centreville, a little hamlet sheltered in one of the snuggest and sunniest nooks in the whole wide world, and three miles or so beyond is the considerable village of West Hartford, with its church, hotel, creamery and stores. Here is a station of the Central Vermont road, telegraph and express offices. It is the trading centre for extensive farming regions to the north and south and is becoming more and more popular as a summer resort. The village is one of the fairest in all New England, and the



CREAMERY, WEST HARTFORD.

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more one sees of it the fairer does it become. The village proper consists in the main of a single street that continues for a mile or more along the left bank of the river, while highways running at right angles with the main thoroughfare lead into the country north and south, and upon which are found many a charming home. The highway extending from White River Junction to and beyond West Hartford has been especially well constructed under the supervision of

among the best in New England. With a capacity of one thousand pounds of butter in a day, with its product selling in and meeting the requirements of the most exacting markets, the West Hartford creamery is a particularly strong business enterprise. Its manager and butter maker is Frank P. Morse, a man of long and valued experience in his special field. A. H. Hazen is president and Henry Brockway treasurer of the association.

The postal facilities of West Hart-



WEST HARTFORD HOTEL.—FRANK WHEELER, MANAGER.

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Hartford's skilful Highway Commissioner, T. L. Hunt. This road has received from automobilists unqualified praises and commendation. It is a gravel road, smooth, hard, and free from depression.

West Hartford people are keenly alert to the adoption of such improvements as will further advance the village as a summer or permanent home. Its creamery, on the co-operative plan, receives the milk from a community of farms and farmers that are

ford include an incoming and outgoing mail on every Central Vermont train, and the post office is located in the very heart of the village. Robert C. Munsell is postmaster, and in his wife he has a most efficient assistant. Local and long distance telephones are in an office adjoining the post office, and close by are telegraph and express offices.

The commercial interests of the village include a commodious and well kept hotel by Frank Wheeler. The



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WHITE RIVER LOG DRIVE, WEST HARTFORD.

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A recent addition to the commercial interests of West Hartford is the meat and provision business of the Harrington Brothers. Their salesroom is in the A. L. Morse & Co.'s building, while their teams run to Hartford, White River Junction, Wilder and West Lebanon. They own in West Hartford one of the most perfectly equipped slaughtering and meat curing establishments to be found in northern New England.

diversified enterprise, his public spirit, rugged honesty and all around ability. Like many another Hartford man of affairs, Mr. Howard is a native of the town, and on both sides of his ancestry comes of some of the best stock that ever went from Tolland County, Connecticut, to settle and develop Vermont. His ancestors were of the first to take up homes in the territory now adjacent to West Hartford. A maternal grandfather before going to



AUSTIN HOWARD.

WEST HARTFORD.

By common consent West Hartford and the White River Valley have in Austin Howard one of their worthiest and most esteemed men, because of his

Vermont fought at Bunker Hill and served in the Continental army. The first farm owned in Hartford by any of his forbears was paid for by keeping sheep at a dollar a head. This char-



"GRANDVIEW"—RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. AUSTIN HOWARD,
WEST HARTFORD.



ERNEST S. HOWARD.

acteristic of resourcefulness, diligent industry and self-reliance has not yet become lost to the family, but each succeeding generation has taken up the work laid down by its predecessor and carried it forward in true conformity to the divine injunction to go forward.

Mr. Howard was born on an ancestral farm, March 7, 1837, the son of Abel and Mary E. (Hunt) Howard. The parental farm has ever been his home. There he passed his childhood and boyhood, attending the old-time district school, and when old enough, assisting in the work of the farm. When twenty-four years old he engaged in the lumber business and this he has successfully pursued to the present day. Yet not for a day has he ever forsook farming, but combined both callings and conducted both with



RALPH A. HOWARD.

a master hand. The farm of his ancestors bears to-day the distinctive name of "Grandview," and most appropriately is it named. Located upon what is known locally as the Quechee Gulf road, the views from the farm are grand indeed. The whole farm faces the rising and coursing sun, imparting to the place, summer and winter, a warmth and cheer that is most inviting. The farm residence is among the best of its class in all Vermont. It was planned and built by Mr. Howard before the death of his parents, and like its owner, is full of individuality and character. As a wholesale lumber merchant, Mr. Howard's transactions reach practically every state in the Union. He sends annually to California some thirty car loads; Canada, New Hampshire and Vermont. His office is in West Hartford village, and

it is interesting to note that it is the same building in which as a boy he for a season or two attended school. In 1875 Mr. Howard married Miss Emma A. Howard of the adjoining town of Pomfret. Born to them have been Ernest S., Ralph A., and Eula A., and all three children live at home. Ernest S. has the immediate supervision of the farm, and pity it is that there are not more of the sons of New England farmers like him. He is now in his thirtieth year, having been born Oct. 17, 1875. He was educated in the schools of Hartford, Kimball Union Academy and in a Norwich, Conn., commercial school. He with his brother Ralph has built at "Grandview" what is without question one of the best equipped and appointed private dairies in New England. Its

sanitation is simply faultless. All work is done by steam power and every facility provided for the production of gilt-edge butter, which is sold to a Boston hotel. All told there are fifty head of cattle at "Grandview."

Ralph, the second son, was born July 30, 1879, and more especially assists his father in the lumber trade. He is capable, energetic and not afraid to assume responsibilities. He was educated in the town schools and at the Vermont Academy, Saxton's River. Miss Howard is likewise a graduate of Vermont Academy, and at present a teacher in the schools at West Hartford.

The visitor in West Hartford is quick to perceive that the community in general genuinely appreciates J. William Watson, A.M., M.D., for his worth as both citizen and physician.

Dr. Watson is an earnest worker in all that is designed for the good of the community and the uplift of his fellow beings. Born in Lawrence, Mass., July 8, 1870, he is therefore just entering the strenuous and hopeful years of middle life. The son of Rev. Albert and Mary (Priestley) Watson, he passed his boyhood life in Hampstead, N. H., where his father held a pastorate of nearly twenty years. Graduating as salutatorian from its High School, he entered Phillips Exeter Academy and graduated therefrom with the class of 1890. He at once entered Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in 1893. His very decided literary tastes and talents led him upon his graduation to engage in the publishing business in the West. Having had an early desire to study medicine, he after a time relinquished the publishing business and wended his way to Baltimore, where he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons. It was the beginning of a course for a professional career that was long continued, thorough and comprehensive. Prior, however, to his entering the medical college, he had taken a post-graduate course of a year at Dartmouth and received the degree of Master of Arts. He graduated from the medical college an honor man in his class, a fact all the more creditable to him because of his having, to a material extent, worked his way through college. For a year he was house surgeon in the Presbyterian Eye, Nose and Ear Hospital in Baltimore, and he pursued special studies in other hospitals in that city, so noted for the excellence of its opportunities for the study of medical science. In June,



J. WILLIAM WATSON, A. M., M. D.
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1901, he located in West Hartford, and in the years since has built up an extensive practice. He at once entered zealously into the material, social and religious life of the community. He was a chief factor in the establishment of the now comprehensive telephone service of West Hartford and its neighboring villages. He is a member of Hartford's school board and clerk of the local Congregational Church. In 1901 he married Miss Cassina May Jones of Hanover, N. H. Mrs. Watson is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, and, like her husband, is a valued worker in the life of the village.

West Hartford is especially strong in the number of its young business men, a fact that would seem to assure its further progress and prosperity. Conspicuous among them is Albert Leroy Morse, one of the most widely known merchants in the White River Valley



ALBERT L. MORSE AND DAUGHTER.

He was born in Bethel, August 20, 1869, the son of Gilman and Hattie (Alexander) Morse. As a boy he lived in Bethel, Rochester, Braintree, and in addition attended school in Randolph while living in Braintree. Energetic, self-reliant, and resourceful, at eighteen he packed his belongings in a carpet-bag, ran a stick through the handle and throwing the load over his shoulder started afoot to see what the world had in store for him. Reaching Randolph in Orange County, he obtained work in a woodenware factory, but soon exchanged that position for work on a farm. Ambitious for a mercantile life he eventually obtained a clerkship in a Randolph store, from whence he went after six months to a combined store and market in his native Bethel. In this position he gained a valued practical knowledge of the meat trade as well as further

perfecting himself in the lines of general merchandise. After two years in Bethel he entered the employ of Edson & Chadwick, West Lebanon, N. H. After fifteen months he formed a partnership with R. D. Chadbourne and the firm operated a store in Hartford village. In less than a year Mr. Morse retired from the firm and bought a general merchandise store in West Hartford, which business he has conducted for nine years. During all his years in West Hartford, Mr. Morse has been active in its general affairs, public spirited and progressive. In 1896 he married Miss Estella H. Conrad of Waverley, Nova Scotia. One daughter, Victoria Wilhelmina, has been born to them.

In William Woodward Munsell, West Hartford has one of its most popular and representative citizens. His sincerity and uniform frankness are traits of which even a stranger takes notice. A blacksmith by trade and calling he ranks with the progressive young business men of the village, and his skill as a workman is a magnet that draws to him patronage from far and near. He was born in the adjoining town of Sharon, July 28, 1859, the son of Reuben and Amanda (Leonard) Munsell. Bereft of his father in childhood, he went when six years of age to live in East Barnard. At eighteen he went to West Hartford, and there he has since lived with the exception of a year in Lowell, Mass. He learned his trade of C. M. Hazen, and after a few years set up business for himself. Mr. Munsell is a member of United Brethren Lodge, F. and A. M., White River Junction; Ottaquechee Chapter, Wood-



WILLIAM WOODWARD MUNSELL.

stock; Vermont Commandery, Knights Templars, Windsor; and of Mt. Sinai Temple, Mystic Shrine, Montpelier.

A thoroughly representative citizen of the town of Hartford, and genuinely typical son of Vermont, is Trumbull Luther Hunt. A leading farmer and man of affairs he also is fast becoming known throughout Vermont as one of the most efficient highway commissioners in the State. He has a natural aptitude for the work and he reinforces this natural bent by thought, study and intelligence. To-day Mr. Hunt is serving the town of Hartford in his third term as its highway commissioner, his last election being for a

term of three years, and his fellow townsmen paid him the rare and distinct honor on that occasion to give him a unanimous vote for the position. The skill displayed by Mr. Hunt in the construction and care of highways has won for him the commendation of the State Highway Department and the unbounded approval of the people of Hartford. It was a small ancestral farm upon which Mr. Hunt was born in Hartford, August 20, 1851. His parents were Stiles and Emily (Dimick) Hunt. At thirteen years of age he began working out for neighboring farmers. Husbanding his resources he became eventually the owner of the parental farm, and from time to time added to its acreage until to-day he is the possessor of an estate of 200 acres. Originally his land maintained three cows



TRUMBULL L. HUNT.



REUBEN CLINTON MUNSELL.

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and a yoke of oxen. By skilful cultivation and intelligent improvements he has made the same care for his present stock of forty head he is at present wintering. In 1872 he married Miss Clara Marsh of Hartford. A son, Clayton Marsh, was born of this union, who now, at the age of twenty-three, has the active management of the home farm. Mr. Hunt is a Republican in politics, a Mason, with membership in the lodge and chapter, and the church home of the family is the West Hartford Congregational.

West Hartford's postmaster is Reuben Clinton Munsell, and in him the whole White River Valley has one of its most conspicuously successful young business men, and he has made his way unaided and alone. He was born in Sharon, April 19, 1863. His

parents were Reuben and Amanda (Leonard) Munsell. In childhood life he went, after the death of his father, to Pomfret, and when twenty-one located in West Hartford. He was for a time a clerk for Charles M. Hazen, after which he worked for a time at blacksmithing. Eventually entering business he has in a comparatively few years become one of the largest dealers in flour, grain and feed in the entire region, the business requiring two spacious buildings for its accommodation. Mr. Munsell has decided versatility of talent, as is shown by his work in amateur photography and again in taxidermy. One of the sights of his office at one time this season, was the mounted heads of twelve deer. In fraternal orders Mr. Munsell is a member of Sharon Lodge, F. and A. M. In 1886 he married Miss Addie Snow of Royalton. They have one son, Chauncey P., and one daughter, Elizabeth R.

Though born in the adjoining town of Pomfret, Charles J. Udall has since his sixth year been a resident of Hartford, and is to-day one of its representative business men, with his home in the village of West Hartford. His parents were Lionel C. and Amanda (Clark) Udall, and his birth was on June 25, 1853. The father combined the business of farmer and cattle buyer, and while the son was yet a boy he assisted his father in the purchase and shipment of live stock of all descriptions. Naturally the son gained a thorough and expert knowledge of the business, and just as naturally he became a buyer on his own account when he entered man's estate, and thus far it has been his

life's calling. In these years he has built up an extensive trade as a shipper of cattle to the Boston market and he has won the confidence and hearty good will of the people of the territory in which he operates. As he is but just passed fifty, there is reason to believe that Mr. Udall has but just laid the foundation of a business career that is bound to know even greater strides and successes. In fraternal life he is a member of the White River Junction Lodge of Odd Fellows. His is the distinct honor of having served for fourteen consecutive years as a member of Hartford's Board of Listers, or Assessors, as they are called in most states. For some years he has been chairman of the board, and at the last town meeting his election was by unanimous vote, a singular honor when is considered that popular disposition to charge to a lister all the evils to which flesh is heir. In 1881 Mr. Udall married Miss Retta A. Clark of Hartford. Two daughters were born to them, Lou M. and Linnie B., the latter of whom is a student in the Hartford High School.

SHARON.

The trip up the valley thus far has been wholly within the town of Hartford, but following the highway along the river bank or speeding over the Central Vermont, one reaches, five miles beyond West Hartford, the town and village of Sharon, within the limits of which one finds scenic features that rank with the most beautiful in all New England. It is varied, diversified, beautiful, and genuinely romantic in the truest sense of that term.



CHARLES J. UDALL.

PHOTO, FELLOWS

Sharon has every one of those facilities that go to make complete the commercial advantages of a community. The village proper extends for a mile or more along the left bank of the river and much of it lies snug and warm in a huge horseshoe valley opening to the south. At right angles to the river are smaller streams that flow through tesser valleys and making richer thereby the thrifty farm and garden along their borders. These streams of clear, swift-running waters abound with trout and form the favorite fishing haunts of many a man and boy.

The White River, as it flows through Sharon, affords one of the best water privileges in the State. By the liberality and enterprise of two of the

town's foremost residents, Charles Downer and Otis C. Sawyer, assisted to an extent by the townspeople in general, a substantial dam has been built across the river near the business centre of the village. This dam to-day awaits the coming of some industrial enterprise to utilize it and

service, in 1904, of Rev. Levi B. Steele, an aged member of the denomination in Vermont, and a long-time sincerely respected resident of Sharon.

The pastor of the Congregational Church is Rev. James W. Cone, who came to its pulpit in the spring of 1904.



ALONG THE RIVER BANK, SHARON.

thus further enhance the prosperity of the town. Possibly, even probably, the opening of another year will see ground broken for the construction of some manufacturing building.

Sharon's ecclesiastical life is found in four church organizations, the Congregational, Baptist, Universalist, and Adventists. The first two alone have church edifices. The Baptist Society is at present without a stated pastor because of the retirement from active

In social and fraternal organizations Sharon is alive to all the benefits and enjoyments that proceed from such associations. The Masonic order is represented by Sharon Lodge, No. 107, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows by White River Lodge, No. 56. Both organizations are strong in numbers, active and enthusiastic.

Sharon also has its well sustained brass band that for years has maintained a complete complement of mem-



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SHARON.

PHOTO, P. M. WILLEY.

bers and an unflagging interest. From the beginning it has been a valued feature of the social and general life of the town, adding much to its general interest.

Then, too, Sharon has its efficient baseball teams, two in number, and public games are frequent throughout the successive seasons. On these occasions some of the strongest baseball aggraga-

tions in central Vermont are seen in the town, and naturally local interest in the national game is intense and general.

Of special interest in Sharon's social life is the fact that for twelve consecutive years she has maintained an annual aged people's reunion. This custom was instituted by the late Rev. C. M. Palmer, pastor of the Congregational Church. The annual reunion is really the event of the year in the town, and the magnet that attracts thither the multitude from surrounding towns. Unquestionably, this idea of Sharon's aged people's reunion, original with the late Rev. Mr. Palmer, was the precursor and the real initiative of the Old-home Week, now an established feature in the New England life of to-day.

Sharon is the home of the Lake Mitchell Trout Club, an organization that represents in its existence the vast and varied possibilities of the White River Valley as a field for all those pastimes and recreations the dev-



SHARON HOUSE—PATTEN BROS.

otee of rod and gun delight in. The lake from whence this organization derives its name, covers sixty acres and it nestles amid thickly wooded hills that surround it on all sides, the whole constituting a scene of surpassing charm. The club house is most attractive in its architectural features, extensive and tastefully furnished. The value of the lake as a home of the trout is emphasized by the fact that the national government maintains an elaborate hatchery upon its headwaters, from whence countless fry are distributed annually. The membership of the club includes the names of men known in state and nation, of whom may be mentioned United States Senator Redfield Proctor, former Governor W. W. Stickney, W. B. C. Stickney, Henry W. Vaill of Woodstock and New York, James S. Morrill, Curtis S. Barrett, Allen M. Fletcher, State Treasurer John L. Bacon, J. P. Gifford, M.D., Judge C. H. Maxham, W. S. Dewey, and Charles Downer. Club life at Lake Mitchell has its allurements throughout the year, for after the trouting season come



THE WATERS AT SHARON—MT. CARMEL IN THE DISTANCE

the days of deer hunting and other game.

A distinct feature of Sharon's material life is its co-operative creamery, famous throughout the land for the excellence of its butter, indicative alike of superior farming and skillful management of the plant. The list of its prizes won at the greatest state, national and international shows is corroboration of the assertion that there are no better conditions for dairy farming than obtain in and about Sharon. Time and again has the butter of the creamery won the grand sweepstakes prize at Vermont state fairs, at county fairs, and special food fairs. It won a medal at a national dairy show held in New York, and a prize at the Chicago Exposition.



RESIDENCE OF D. E. PARKHURST, SHARON.

A strong and influential personality in Sharon and throughout the White River Valley is John Clement Kenney, M.D. His characteristics as man and physician are earnest, con-

scientific, and direct. As boy and man his daily life has been one constant, un-deviating and courageous application to the duty and work of the hour, and in this day of his middle life he is a splendid embodiment of a success won by diligence, thoroughness, and steadfast adherence to a purpose. His life record is an invaluable lesson to the youth of to-day whose pathway is filled with dis-



"WAYSIDE"—RESIDENCE OF GEORGE B. DROWN, SHARON.



JOHN CLEMENT KENNEY, M.D., SHARON.



RESIDENCE OF J. C. KENNEY, M.D., SHARON.

couraging conditions, for it teaches that hard work, hard study and hope overcome the most blighting circumstances.

Born in Boston, October 1st, 1854, his was the great misfortune to lose both parents while yet an infant, and a city orphans' home was his shelter until he was twelve years old. The next chapter in his life was an arrangement to live with a family in western Massachusetts until he became of age. The conditions of this agreement provided that he should have a suit of clothes and one hundred dollars at twenty-one, and that he should have three months' schooling each year of his minority. Arriving at the age of nineteen, his self-reliance, ambition, and that great trait called the initiative, were all demonstrated by a proposition he made the family with which he was living to pay three hundred dollars for his release from the original arrangement. The proposition was accepted and the boy went out into the world. He

lost no time in waiting for some streak of good luck to come his way, but worked with a will at every offered chance. At twenty-one he had paid his agreed three hundred dollars. He was then in Springfield, Mass., and entering the High School of that city he strove with all the ability in him to get the education unkind circumstances denied him in his youth. His out-of-school hours were

made to serve him by providing the means for paying his way as a student. It was his lot to obtain employment under Dr. Marshall Calkins of Springfield. By this means he paid his board and room rent, and before the close of his three years in Springfield, he had begun to study medicine. At twenty-five he went to the State almshouse at Tewksbury, Mass., as an assistant nurse, and after six months became head nurse in the male department. From Tewksbury he again took up student life, this time at



RESIDENCE OF C. A. MOSIER, SHARON.



RESIDENCE OF A. H. BADGER, SHARON.

removed or overcame them all by industry, courage and a most commendable thoroughness of work. In 1879 he married Sarah Frances Van Slyck of Kinderhook, New York. Three children were born of this union. The eldest son, Walter, was a graduate of Tufts College Medical School, class of 1904, and is now senior interne at Tewksbury. Clarence, a second son, is in a Newark, N. J., school. The third son was drowned in White River when seven

years old. Williston Academy, Easthampton, Mass., and there he remained for two and a half years, making his own way through the institution. From Williston he returned to Tewksbury for one and a half years, when he entered the medical school of Vermont University, taking a course of lectures. Again he returned to Tewksbury, in a higher position than ever, and yet, ever a persistent and clear-headed student. After a time he was sent to the Massachusetts State Farm at Bridgewater, in charge of its medical department. For eight months he was supervisor in the Taunton, Mass., Insane Asylum, at the end of which he returned to Tewksbury, leaving eventually to enter the medical school of Dartmouth College. From this he graduated in 1891, and received his degree. Back to Tewksbury he went, this time filling the responsible position of house physician, and for one year. In 1892 he settled in Sharon, and in the years since has built up an extensive and exceptionally successful practice. His, indeed, has been an heroic life, and of the barriers that so thickly strewed his life's pathway for near forty years, he

Dr. Kenney is a Mason. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a Congregationalist. He has membership in the American Medical Society, the Vermont Medical Association, and the White River Valley Medical Association.



WALTER KENNEY, M.D.



RESIDENCE OF MARCELLUS C. NOYES, SHARON.

Hiram Carlton Bruce is one whom all Sharon appreciates, for he gives to every project designed for the good of the community a lively interest and disinterested service. His is an integrity and sincerity of purpose that are accepted without question, and combined with his natural and acquired ability, make of him a strong and valued man in every phase of life that man calls worthy of acceptance. Born in Sharon, and a life-long resident, he has from boyhood been identified with its social, religious and material affairs, and has ever possessed in highest measure the confidence and esteem of the townspeople. As a result, he has thus early in life served his fellow citizens in almost every town office, manifesting in each an ability, judgment and discretion that ever led to new and increased expressions of regard and approval. In 1900 he received the Republican legislative nomination and was elected. In 1904 he was made President of the Vermont Dairymen's Association, one of the most representative organizations of the kind in the country. For many years he has held membership in the

Grange and served as master of his subordinate grange and as district deputy. From boyhood he has given active service in the Sharon Congregational Church, has been and still is superintendent of its Sunday school, and one of the deacons. In every office of whatever nature, his is a record of success in the discharge of its duties.

Born May 8th, 1858, Mr. Bruce belongs to one of Sharon's oldest families,

his father, Otis Bruce, having also been a native of the town. The maiden name of his mother was Lois Tucker. On the paternal side he is of Scotch extraction of the most virile type, as the family name so plainly intimates. The education of the subject



HIRAM C. BRUCE, SHARON.



"SUNNYSIDE"—RESIDENCE OF MRS. CLARA
WILLEY, SHARON.

output of the plant has increased from 30,000 pounds to 100,000 pounds annually.

In 1892 he married Miss May Hart of Sharon, who, like her husband, is prominent in the life of the town. Mrs. Bruce was for three years a student in the Littleton, Mass., High School, was a student in the State Normal School, Randolph Centre, was five years superintendent of Sharon's public schools, and possesses distinct literary acquirements. They

of this sketch was obtained in the public and select schools of the town, and at Royalton Academy. Always a practical farmer and progressive in aims and ideas, he was a pioneer in the formation of the Sharon Co-operative Creamery Association, and from its inception has been its secretary, its treasurer since 1894, and for years its general manager, in which time the

have one son, Robert Hart, a pupil in the public schools.

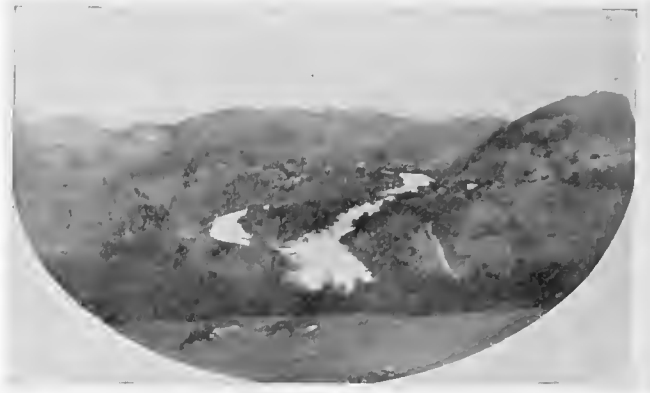
SOUTH ROYALTON.

Journeying up the valley from Sharon, the highway can be taken on either side of the river. Whichever route is followed the way runs close by the river's bank, and the tourist is upon historic



PINE TREE CEMETERY, SHARON.

ground, for it was along both sides of the river that the Indians and their allies went when they devastated this section of the White River Valley; and ere the Sharon line is passed one sees the site where stood the home of some pioneer the Indians destroyed. Every step up this portion of the valley discloses some form of nature that enraptures and delights. Hillside and vale, and meadow upon either side of the river, are all in full view of the observing traveler, and here and there are vistas of the river that excites the emotion of even the indifferent. Farms and gardens that bespeak thrift, contentment and prosperity succeed one another in quick



FROM SHARON TO SOUTH ROYALTON.

succession, and over the whole valley is that charm that dwells in the atmosphere of home. Here harmony holds sway without a discordant note. The river's banks are fringed with tree, shrub and vine, and the roadsides lined with a wealth of wild flowers



SOUTH ROYALTON.

and ferns. The journey is ever new, ever changing, in its beauties of nature, and time and distance are not noted until a vista in the river discloses a hamlet, the presence of which tells the tourist that he is but a mile or so from the village of South Royalton, the heart of the White River Valley. Reaching the village by the highway or railway he finds it the commercial centre of the surrounding country in both Windsor and Orange counties. South Royalton is clean, progressive, and every way attractive. It is a good place in which to live, viewed from any aspect of the life of to-day. It is a community of capable, intelligent men and women. It is a community of morality and Christianity, an educational centre and a place of abounding opportunity for one to make the most of his ability, integrity and industry. It is a village that is a credit to Vermont and in great measure a creation of its modern commercial and industrial life. It is one of the largest and most important stations on the Central Vermont road and a stopping place for its every regular train, whether of day or night service. South Royalton has a long list of stores of every kind and description, and to its industrial interests additions of importance are in prospect. The centre of a rich and intelligent farming community, its advantages as a shipping point enhance the value of its farms, while the administration of its public affairs comprehend the maintenance of excellent highways. The postal facilities of South Royalton are as convenient and efficient as are those of the average city in New England. The post office, now under the administration of J. O. Belknap, is close by the

railway station and is equipped with all that is best in the postal service. Three free delivery routes are maintained, and by these the surrounding country is served.

The religious organizations of the village consist of a Methodist Episcopal and Congregational Church, each of which has a large and attractive house of worship. The village has a



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SOUTH ROYALTON.

High School building, and the school itself is exceptionally efficient and comprehensive in its teachings.

The village has the electric light, miles of sidewalks, and many of the material advantages of the large city.

Of exceptional interest in all that pertains to South Royalton, is the fact that it is the home of Rising Sun



M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH ROYALTON.

Lodge, No. 7, F. and A. M. Chartered in 1807, it has thus survived the mutations, the storms and vicissitudes of practically a full century. Of course its crucial day was in the continuance of the anti-Masonic crusade that had its inception in the disappearance of Morgan. Vermont, for some inexplicable reason, was the very hotbed of that opposition to Masonry, and this fact seems all the more singular in this day when Masonry in Vermont is perhaps stronger, proportionally, than elsewhere in the country. In those years when the anti-Masonic feeling was at its height, many members left the order and lodges surrendered their charters, for the time being at least. But notwithstanding the relentless fury of the storm that centered in the White River Valley, the members of Rising Sun Lodge remained steadfast to principle and vow and bade defiance to threat and scoff. The charter of the Lodge was kept in



HOME OF RISING SUN LODGE, NO. 7, A. F. AND A. M., SOUTH ROYALTON.

their possession, and when the day came that it was deemed the wisest course to hold lodge meetings elsewhere than in the lodge rooms, the members met in some sheltered and secluded spot on a neighboring hillside, with the starlit sky for a canopy and the friendly forest as a safeguard from the eyes of an opposing world. The copy of the Bible that came to the lodge. The original charter, after all these years, is seen to-day in an almost perfect state of preservation. Its subject matter is wholly in writing and its ink shows no fading. The charter was given at Windsor and is signed by John Chipman as worshipful grand master, and E. D. Woodbridge as grand secretary. The lodge room altar of patriarchal architecture, has also an



SOUTH ROYALTON HOUSE.

lodge upon its organization remains to this day, after a continuous use for all these near one hundred years. At every stated meeting of the lodge this copy of the sacred book, hallowed by so many fraternal associations in generations that are past, is used, after which it is guarded in the fire-proof safe of Mark J. Sargent, who for near a generation of time has been the popular and efficient secretary of the

old and interesting story. It was made in 1824, and during the troublous times of anti-Masonic history was buried in the ground out of sight of a mob that would have burned it.

In addition to its Bible, altar and charter, the lodge has in its possession the partial records of its meetings since 1807. For some years in its earlier history the minutes of the meetings were written on small slips



WHITE RIVER BRIDGE, SOUTH ROYALTON

Its editorial department is strong and state-wide in its influence, while in its news columns are chronicled the events of the entire White River Valley with marked thoroughness and skill. The local editor of the Herald is M. J. Sargent.

The especial feature of to-day in

of paper and these in turn dropped in a high wooden box of the most ordinary appearance. In this box they were found years after by Secretary Sargent, who has them now safely collated and guarded. A secretary of the lodge in its earliest years was that honored son of Vermont, Jacob Colclamer, United States Senator and Lincoln's Postmaster-general, and once a resident of Royalton.

There is also in the possession of the lodge the original register containing the names of all the members from the year 1807.

South Royalton's material development is the work already begun for the construction of a first-class summer hotel. No other town in all Vermont, nor in all New England for that matter, has better opportunities for the exploitation of the summer hotel business than has South Royalton. Likewise is it true that there is no more eligible site for a summer hotel than the one selected for the proposed new one.

In the White River Herald, South Royalton has a paper that ranks with the best of its class of weeklies in all Vermont. It is the local paper of Sharon, the Straffords, the Tunbridges, the Barnards, and the Royaltons. It is a ten-page publication and as such is the largest paper in northern Windsor County.



WALDO CREAMERY, SOUTH ROYALTON.

The site selected comprehends some three acres of the summit of a gradually sloping hill adjoining the East Barnard road and distant from the South Royalton railroad station a ten minutes' walk. From the site views of incomparable beauty and exceptional diversity are had of the winding valley and river and of vast stretches of the country in all directions. The railroad, postal and commercial facilities of South Royalton are easily accessible to the spot, and, in short, it has every desired advantage for the complete summer home. The construction of the hotel is under the direction of Ira B. Spaulding, a South Royalton designer and builder. His plans provide for a building eighty-three feet in depth, fifty-five feet frontage and three stories high. The dining room will be especially attractive, opening as it will to the east and west. Broad verandas will encompass the house upon all sides, and careful attention will be given to grounds and driveways.



RESIDENCE OF MARTIN S. ADAMS, SOUTH ROYALTON.

A glance at the accompanying half-tone portrait of Julius Orlando Belknap shows him to be a splendid type of the best there is in Vermont's manhood. A well-knit frame shelters a generous heart that in turn prompts the actions of a well-balanced head and open hand. There is nothing of the angular or criss-cross in his nature and his soul is in harmony with its surroundings. He is a man that makes the community in which he lives the

stronger and better, for his judgments are sound and his conclusions wise. His has been a busy life, for as a boy he was aggressive, self-reliant and full of originality, and his steadfastness and integrity secured for him the unbounded confidence of all who knew him. He was born in East Barnard, April 16, 1840, the son of Seymour and Lydia (Campbell) Belknap. His first Vermont ancestor, Simcon Belknap, came from Ellington, Conn., and settled in Randolph. Returning to his Connecticut home at the close of the first season, he halted in Royalton until an acquaintance should complete some work, when the two designed to make the trip to Connecticut together. But both instead were carried prisoners to Canada, victims of that raid when Royalton was burned and its inhabitants massacred, carried away, or put to flight. Simeon Belknap was one of those who escaped after a year or more in a Canadian prison, when he and his companions made their way back to Vermont. The father of the subject of this sketch settled in the neighboring town of Barnard, where he became a

general merchant. The school life of the son was passed in Barnard and Royalton Academy. Between terms he worked in his father's store and after the end of his school days he entered the old-time Protective Union store, Division No. 248. In those days these union stores were in many New England cities and towns, but now

left the village for South Royalton in 1875. He served Barnard as selectman and in other town offices. Upon his removal to South Royalton he became the owner of the general store of Baine & Crane, the building he then occupied standing on the same location as does his present large department store. As a merchant he has



JULIUS O. BELKNAP, ROYALTON.

only a very few are in existence. After a clerkship of three years in the Barnard Union store, Mr. Belknap bought it out. He was only twenty-one at the time. His purchase of the store was in 1861, and he continued its proprietor until 1875. When only twenty, he was appointed postmaster at East Barnard and held the office until he

ever continued, and as such he is among the best known in eastern Vermont. He has served Royalton as its auditor from his first year in town, except in the late 90's, when he was a selectman for three years. He is a director in the White River National Bank of Bethel, and present postmaster of South Royalton. In reli-



STORE AND RESIDENCE OF C. P. ABBOTT, SOUTH ROYALTON.

gion he is a Methodist, and in politics a life-long Republican.

In 1865 he married Miss Mary E. Black of Barnard, daughter of Charles W. Black, now living in South Royalton at the age of ninety. Mr. and Mrs. Belknap have two sons, William O., associated with his father in business, and Perley S., assistant postmaster.

In the professional life of the entire White River Valley, there is no name more familiar or widely known than that of Edgar John Fish, M. D., of South Royalton. From childhood his has been an active, well directed and successful career. His personality, individuality and versatility of talent all conspire to produce the man competent to successfully participate in general affairs of community and state. He is a man of decided fertility of resource based upon a tireless energy, steadfast application

and acute perception. Though yet well upon the right side of sixty and still, in a sense, a young man, he is, nevertheless, the senior in years of active practice among White River Valley physicians. He was but twenty-three when he began his professional career, yet so quickly did he demonstrate his skill as a physician that his practice grew apace till it included a material portion of the White River Valley, while today it is largely that of a consulting physician.

Born in the town of Washington, and a life-long resident of Vermont, Dr. Fish typifies in his every fibre the characteristics of the State's strongest and most virile manhood. His natal day was February 7, 1851, and was the son of John Perry and Ann (Dufur) Fish. He attended the public schools of Washington and Chelsea and began his medical studies in the office of Dr. S. N. Goss, a former army surgeon, resident in Chelsea. His medical



RESIDENCE OF JOHN GOODRICH, SOUTH ROYALTON.

studies were continued at Dartmouth College and concluded at the University of Vermont, from which he graduated in 1874. That same year he began practice in Tunbridge, and in 1887 removed to South Royalton, which has since been his home. He is a member

of politics and accepted the Republican nomination as member of the popular branch of the State General Assembly, and was elected by a most flattering majority. His all-round ability and competence as a legislator had recognition in his appointment as



EDGAR J. FISH, M.D., SOUTH ROYALTON.

of the Vermont State Medical Society, the Windsor County Medical Association, and the White River Valley Medical Society, of which last he has twice been president. Since 1892 he has been Health Officer of Royalton.

In 1902 Dr. Fish entered the realm

as a member of the committee on insane, as a member of the joint committee on public health, and to the committee on temperance. The last named really was the big committee of the 1902 assembly, for before it came the proposal of the local option law of that year.

On the floor of the House Dr. Fish showed himself a forceful and ready debater, and by common consent he was classed as one among the dozen leaders of the House. In the election of 1904, Dr. Fish was elected to the Senate, his nomination and election receiving the heartiest support of the party. He served as chairman of the

Masters; Vermont Commandery, Knights Templars; Windsor Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., 14°; J. W. Robie Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; Delta Chapter, Rose Croix, 18°; Vermont Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°; Mt. Sinai Temple, A. A. O. M. S., and is Worthy Patron of Rising Sun Chapter, O. E. S.



MRS. EDGAR J. FISH, SOUTH ROYALTON.

committee on insane, chairman of the joint committee on public health, and member of the committee on education.

In fraternal life Dr. Fish has been long an active and prominent member of the Masonic order. He is Master of Rising Sun Lodge, a member of Whitney Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Haswell Council, Royal and Select

He received in the past year the appointment of representative of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars, of Connecticut, near the Grand Commandery of Vermont.

In 1872 Dr. Fish married Miss Eliza A. Lyman of Washington. She is an active and popular member of South Royalton society. She is a Past Worthy Matron of Rising Sun

Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and present District Deputy Grand Matron of the same order, also a member of the W. C. T. U. and W. R. C. Two sons were born to Dr. and Mrs. Fish. John Euclid is a graduate of the Dartmouth Medical School and holds the highly responsible position of Medical Visitor of the Massachusetts State Board of Insanity. Prior to his appointment to this position, he was for four years assistant physician at the Taunton Insane Asylum. The second son, Harold Dufur, is a member of Dartmouth's junior class, and is associate editor of the "Dartmouth," a member of the college glee club, and prominent in college athletics.

Dana Emerson Dearing, D.M.D., ever will have occasion to remember South Royalton, for the village was the field and scene of the beginning of his professional career. This was in September, 1904, and he is the most recent addition to South Royalton's professional men. A native of Vermont, he has chosen the State as a

realm in which to gain a livelihood and give to it his best talent and effort as man and dentist. At the very beginning of an acquaintance with Dr. Dearing one recognizes how thorough has been the preparation for his chosen life work, and next his characteristic conscientiousness and determination to succeed by the merit of skill and fidelity to his patrons. Already does South Royalton appreciate him as citizen and dentist, and already has he entered upon an extensive practice. Born in Randolph, June 10, 1880, the son of George T. and Abbie M. Dearing, his preparatory studies were in the schools of the town and at the Normal School, Randolph Centre, graduating from that institution in 1899, when only nineteen. He taught school for two years in his native Randolph, and in the year that he attained his majority, began the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. E. O. Blanchard of Randolph. In 1901 he entered the dental school of Tufts College, and pursued to the end the full, comprehensive course of that school, graduating with the class of 1904. Prior to his graduation he went before the

Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry, and passed its rigid and exacting examination, which gave him the legal right to practice dentistry in that State. After graduation he returned to Vermont and took the required examination before the State Board of Registration in Dentistry, and at once opened his office in South Royalton. Dr. Dearing is a member of Delta Chapter, Psi Omega dental fraternity.



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE H. MANCHESTER, SOUTH ROYALTON.

One of the best known and most widely respected business men in South Royalton and the entire White River Valley, and one whose rugged honesty, generosity and genial nature make him an ever-esteemed personality, is Anson Perkins Skinner. In his

to help neighbor and friend. Born in Marshfield, March 5th, 1845, the son of Edmund R. and Rebecca (Damon) Skinner, he went with his parents to Royalton when six years old, and passed his boyhood life on the parental farm and the district school, including



DANA EMERSON DEARING, D.M.D.

characteristics he embodies those traits so typical of the best Vermont manhood, possessing energy, a warm heart, an open countenance, and a fine integrity. His has been an active and useful life, a record of years well spent, and of a hand always outstretched

two terms at the famed Royalton Academy. At the age of twenty and in the closing year of the Civil War, he entered the service as nurse in the Sloane General Hospital, Montpelier. At the conclusion of his hospital life, he returned to Royalton and entered upon



ANSON PERKINS SKINNER.

his life calling, that of a cattle buyer and meat and provision dealer. From the smallest of beginnings his transactions grew to large proportions, for he was skillful, energetic, and had the confidence of the commercial world. In 1871 he opened a market and store in South Royalton, continuing the same to the present. He also continues to be an extensive shipper of dressed meats, mainly of veals, in which class of products he is one of the largest dealers in Vermont. His business enterprises include an extensive slaughtering plant, a well-stocked farm, and the leasing of large areas for pasturage of cattle and sheep.

In 1894 Mr. Skinner was the choice of the Republicans of Royalton for member of the Legislature, he receiving a handsome election. In 1875 he married Miss Nellie R. French of Tunbridge. Two sons and a daughter were born to them. The daughter, Edith Nellie, is married and lives in Boston. Leon A. is a student in Vermont University. The second son, Archie C., died when eight years old. Mr. Skinner is a member of Rising Sun Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

Prominent among the business men of South Royalton and the White River Valley, is Mark John Sargent, for years the leading druggist of the entire region. He was born in the adjoining town of Tunbridge, March 9, 1838, the son of William and Mahala (Noyes) Sargent. At twelve years of age he left Tunbridge to see what the world had in store for him. He worked in the towns of Strafford, Thetford, and again in his native town. June 20, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, 2d Vermont Regiment, and went to the



RESIDENCE OF A. P. SKINNER, SOUTH ROYALTON.

front, remaining with the Army of the Potomac for three years. Upon the expiration of his term of service, he returned to Vermont and settled in South Royalton and has ever since remained a resident of the village. The beginning of his business life was as a manufacturer of hoopskirts, which interest he conducted for two years, when he bought the drug store he has since conducted. For eighteen years he has been a justice of the peace, and in many ways has been honored by his fellow townsmen. He has from the first been prominent in Grand Army circles, having served as junior vice-commander of the Department of Vermont; assistant inspector-general on the national staff; inspector of the department, and two terms as chief mustering officer. He was the second commander of Orville Bixby Post of Royalton, and again fills the same position this year. Early in life he became a Mason, and has now membership in the Lodge, Chapter, Council, Consistory and Commandery. For twenty-three years he has had continuous service as secretary of Rising Sun Lodge, and prior to that time had served two years in the same office. In 1868 Mr. Sargent married Miss Maria Hartwell of Tunbridge, who died in 1874. In 1877 he married a second time, Miss Hattie L. Pike of South Royalton, who died in February, 1902. A son, William Mortimer, was born by the first marriage. He is at present associated with his father in business.



MARK J. SARGENT, SOUTH ROYALTON.

throughout is likewise of the best. This creamery, since 1899, has been owned by Leon H. Richardson, a graduate of the dairy school at Burlington. The capacity of the plant is one thousand pounds of butter a day.

For more than a century the Adams and Skinner families have been potent factors in the religious, educational, and material life of Royalton. Each succeeding generation has furnished its men and women of sterling worth and progressive action. In the development of town and State, members of the two families have been leading participants and valued counselors. In the present day members of the families are conspicuously sustaining the family traditions of old with a wisdom and ability that show no impairment. A representative of the first named

South Royalton possesses one of the best constructed creamery buildings in Vermont, and its equipment

family in this day is Martin Skinner Adams, South Royalton, who, as his name indicates, is, in his being, a union of both families. His grandfather was the first of the name to settle in Royalton. A son, Forest Adams, was born in 1805. He became in his years a useful and influential citizen; was for thirty consecutive years town treas-

urer and the holder of other offices and positions of trust. He married Susan Skinner and they became the parents of the subject of this sketch, who was born March 2, 1835. His boyhood days, until he was fifteen, were passed at the parental home and at the town schools. In September, 1850, he went to Northfield to be a clerk in the store



MARTIN S. ADAMS, SOUTH ROYALTON.

of John P. Davis. At the time he was but fifteen, a fact that shows he had grit, self-reliance, and the courage of a genuine manliness. In Northfield he remained for ten years, growing to full manhood and ready to go out and see what the world had in store for him. Early in 1860, he applied for appointment as a census enumerator and se-

ured it, though only one among scores of applicants. One-half of Washington County was the territory assigned him.

Completing this task with credit to himself and to the utmost satisfaction of the federal authorities, his next step was to decide upon South Royalton as the place of his perma-

ment abode, and in November, 1860, located there as a merchant, dealing in flour, feed, lumber and like commodities. In 1888 he became a dealer in lumber exclusively and thus continues, selling at wholesale only. Today he is handling the product of some twenty mills, his sales covering all New England, the West, and even California. He owns and operates one mill in Granville. Since settling in South Royalton, Mr. Adams has been an untiring and valued worker for the welfare of the community. In 1878 he was sent to the Legislature by the Republicans of Royalton. He has been clerk of the South Royalton Congregational Church since the day of its organization, one of its deacons for thirty years, and was for seventeen years superintendent of its Sunday school.

In June, 1858, he married Miss Ellen A. Abbott, daughter of the late Deacon Orcutt Abbott of Williamstown. She died in 1900. Of their three children, a son died when three years old. Two daughters, Lizzie A. and Nellie J., live at home and both are active in the promotion of the social welfare of the town and village.

That South Royalton and the White River Valley constitute a field in which a young man with courage, diligence, determination, and intelligently directed industry, can win success, is aptly illustrated in the career of Caspar Philo Abbott, a leading personality in South Royalton's commercial and industrial affairs. Born in Pomfret, February 18th, 1858, Mr. Abbott has passed his years in the White River

Valley, and has gained a splendid success in his chosen fields of effort. His parents were Collamer Perry and Ervilla (Hackett) Abbott. As a boy he attended the schools of Pomfret until the age of ten, when he went to Chelsea and there he attended its academy. Upon the conclusion of his school life he went to Hartford and served an apprenticeship at the harness trade. As soon as he became a journeyman he bought out the harness shop of Benjamin Dutton, and continued the business for six years. Disposing of this interest he went to South Royalton, which has since been his home. His present business ventures comprise a harness manufactory, a carriage and harness store, and all pertaining thereto, an extensive livery stable, saw mill, and wood and wood lots. Although a Democrat in a strong Republican town, he has served



CASPAR PHILO ABBOTT, SOUTH ROYALTON.

four years on the Royalton school board. Mr. Abbott is a Mason, and in religious affiliation a Congregationalist. In 1883 he married Miss Abbie M. Hazen of Hartford. Two daughters and one son have been born to them.

The death of John Baker Durkee, March 16th, 1904, closed the earthly

earnest advocate. His earlier years in South Royalton was as a farmer, he having purchased the Joseph Lee farm and upon this he lived for ten years. He then became identified with the mercantile interests of South Royalton, and as a merchant he lived until 1891, when, having acquired a competency, he retired from active business and passed the remaining years in



THE LATE JOHN B. DURKEE, SOUTH ROYALTON.

career of one who for more than half a century had been identified with the growth and progress of South Royalton. In all that concerned the prosperity of the religious interests of the community, he was a zealous promoter in both counsel and labor, and in all that was designed to enhance the material good of the town, he was an

the enjoyment of the rest he had so justly earned. His first experience as a merchant was as a partner with William Smith in the furniture, carpet and tinware trade. Later he was in the drug business with Mark Sargent, and after retiring from this he formed a partnership with E. Winslow, the firm conducting an extensive trade in hard-

ware, flour and grain. In 1883 he bought out his partner and thereafter was sole owner of the business until his final retirement in 1891. In the years of his active career he had served his fellow citizens as selectman for repeated terms, and for many years was the Royalton town agent appointed to represent the town in legal causes and the like. For years he was a deacon in the village Congregational Church, and member of the church committee, and the memory of his occupancy of these honored offices is one of untiring devotion to duty. Deacon Durkee's retirement from active business did not mean for him a time of idleness and inactivity. Such would not have been in harmony with the nature of the man which was to be active and useful. At sixty-nine he became an apt pupil in pencil and color sketching, with himself as teacher. Ere his death he completed many paintings of genuine merit which to-day adorn and make beautiful his late home. In his early life he had learned the carpenter's trade and his skill in this calling never deserted him, as throughout life he was wont to design and make articles of furniture to embellish his home.

Born in Greenwich, N. Y., January 11, 1826, he with his parents removed to Fort Edward, at ten years, where he remained till 1852, when he took up his home in South Royalton. He was twice married. His first wife was Laura L. Wheeler of Randolph Centre, who died in 1861, leaving besides her husband, two sons, Fredwin and Daniel. His second wife was Arlottie D. Wheeler, a sister of the first Mrs. Durkee, whom he married in 1862. To them were born four children, all of whom, together with the son Fred-

win by the first marriage, are now dead. Of the children by the second marriage, Lucy died at three, Mary at eighteen, Walter at sixteen, and Alice at five. Mary and Walter died during an epidemic of diphtheria, their deaths casting the deepest gloom over the entire town. Daniel, the only living child of Deacon Durkee, is a present resident of California. Mrs. Durkee lives in the family homestead and remains, as ever, a valued member of South Royalton's social and religious life.

It has been South Royalton's good fortune, almost from the day when it became a new community consequent upon the building of the railroad, to possess in the South Royalton House a leading hotel of the entire State. The conditions that led to the building up and growth of the village also made possible the prosperity of the other. South Royalton is the geographical and commercial centre of an extensive region and it must so remain, and in this fact alone is the assurance of the town's continued expansion. The South Royalton House is midway of Woodstock, the shire town of Windsor County, and of Chelsea, the shire town of Orange County. South Royalton is the railroad centre of the Barnards and the Tunbridges, Chelsea and other settlements. The first proprietor and landlord of the South Royalton House was the late Harvey H. Woodard, and to this day the hotel has remained in the possession of and under the management of the same family. Harvey H. Woodard was not only a successful hotel man, but a progressive and public spirited citizen. He died in 1878; when



CHARLES H. WOODARD,
SOUTH ROYALTON.

his son Charles H. succeeded to the ownership and management of the property. The son was born in the hotel building, and with the exception of two terms of one year each when it was rented, it has ever remained his roof-tree. In the half century of his life, Charles H. Woodard has become known to the great traveling public of the State and county in which he dwells. The South Royalton House is every way admirable for situation. It is diagonally opposite the railroad station, but as there is no shifting of trains in the immediate vicinity the noise of the trains is at a minimum. It has twenty rooms, is steam heated, electric lighted, has local and long distance telephones, and its parlors and dining room overlook the park and the business centre. Mr. Woodard was educated in the schools of his

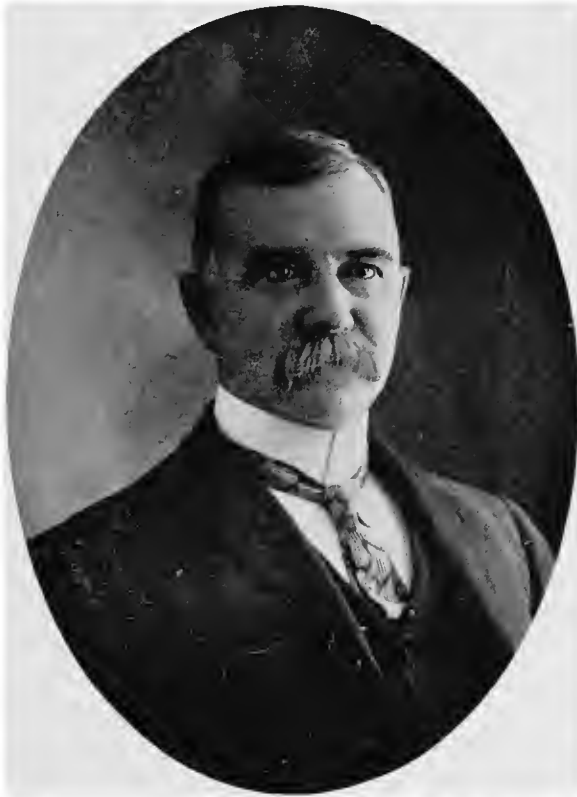
native village, at Royalton, and Pembroke, N. H., academies. He married in 1883, Catherine A., daughter of the late Congressman Dudley C. Denison. She died in 1889, leaving besides her husband, a son, Denison B., now a student in the famed Holderness, New Hampshire, school.

Connected with the South Royalton House is an extensive and faultlessly managed livery and feed stable. Associated with Mr. Woodard is Frederick Culver, a widely known resident of South Royalton.

Vermont genius, enterprise, initiative, and steadfast adherence to purpose find apt illustration in Marvin Hoyt Hazen, who, though he has not as yet in this year of 1905 completed a half century of life, has, nevertheless, accomplished a measure of work that would be counted much in the lifetime of three score and ten. While he has keenness of perception, sound judgment, and clear discernment, the one trait that most distinguishes his personality is one consisting of an ability for continuous work and the wisdom to make every action count. Another characteristic predominant in his career is a remarkable courage to assume responsibility, but always with a discretion that inspires confidence on the part of others. In these days of a strongly expressed desire for a "new Vermont," as regards its material progress, one instinctively turns to him as the kind of man the State must seek for the accomplishment of this end.

In every fibre of his being, Mr. Hazen is a product of Vermont and a member of a family that for generations has been active and prominent in the affairs of the town of Hartford and the White River Valley. He was born in the village of West Hartford, May 18th, 1856. His parents were Hoyt and Atlanta (Snow) Hazen.

sketch was passed in his native village. He attended the public and select schools, always displaying aptness as a pupil and the ability to learn quickly and surely. While yet not in his teens he learned much of telegraphy and the routine work of the railroad station. At the early age of fourteen he showed such proficiency as a telegrapher that



MARVIN H. HAZEN, SOUTH ROYALTON.

That Gen. William B. Hazen who so distinguished himself in the Civil War and who likewise was a native of Hartford, was a cousin. Hoyt Hazen was for forty years and two weeks the station agent of the Central Vermont Railroad at West Hartford, and also for many years the village postmaster. The childhood of the subject of this

the Central Vermont Railway Company employed him to work in its various offices as a spare man. While yet only fourteen he was sent to the South Royalton station, then as now one of the most important on the road. While in service there he at one time performed all the work of the station in the forced absence, because of ill-



RESIDENCE OF MARVIN H. HAZEN, SOUTH ROYALTON.

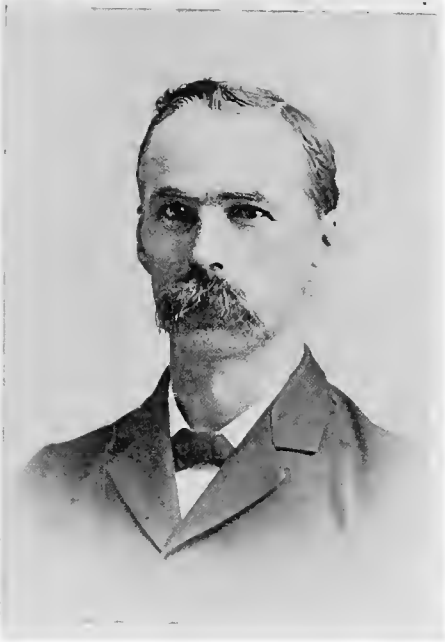
ness, of the regular agent and assistants. When but eighteen he became the station agent at Quechee, at the opening of the Woodstock Railway. From Quechee he went to St. John, Province of Quebec, in charge of transportation. At the conclusion of two years in the Canadian town he assumed charge of the station in Royalton proper and there remained for eight years, with the exception of a few months as agent at the Ludlow station. He was next given the station at South Royalton, a position he filled for fourteen years. At the time of his going to South Royalton it was a station of especial importance consequent upon the fact that it was the point for the transferring of all the freight passing over the road. It was during the years he was agent that the present commodious passenger and freight stations were built at South Royalton. It was he who located and placed the stakes for both structures, the late Governor Smith, then president of the road, deferring to his judgment in the matter. It was while

station agent he became the owner of the South Royalton and Chelsea stage line, a property he still owns and operates. He early foresaw the possibilities of the telephone, and when opportunity arose for him to engage in the business he improved it. To-day he owns two hundred miles of pole lines and six hundred miles of wire, and is one of the largest operators of independent telephone lines in New England. His principal line extends from White River Junction to the city of Barre, and the further development

of this territory receives his constant attention. The efficiency of the service is made all the greater by an arrangement with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company whereby both plants work together.

Mr. Hazen has been an extensive traveler in his day. In 1889 he, in company with his wife and party of friends, made a trans-continental tour of two months, and in 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Hazen made an extensive tour of Great Britain and continental Europe. Mr. Hazen is one of the present auditors of Royalton and a deputy sheriff for Windsor County. In fraternal life he is a Mason, with membership in the lodge and in the order of the Eastern Star. In 1879 he married Miss Caroline H. Gile of West Hartford. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen, located near the village park, is not only one of the best in South Royalton, but in the whole White River Valley.

Not the least of the many important phases which combine to make a splen-



CHARLES P. TARBELL,
SOUTH ROYALTON.

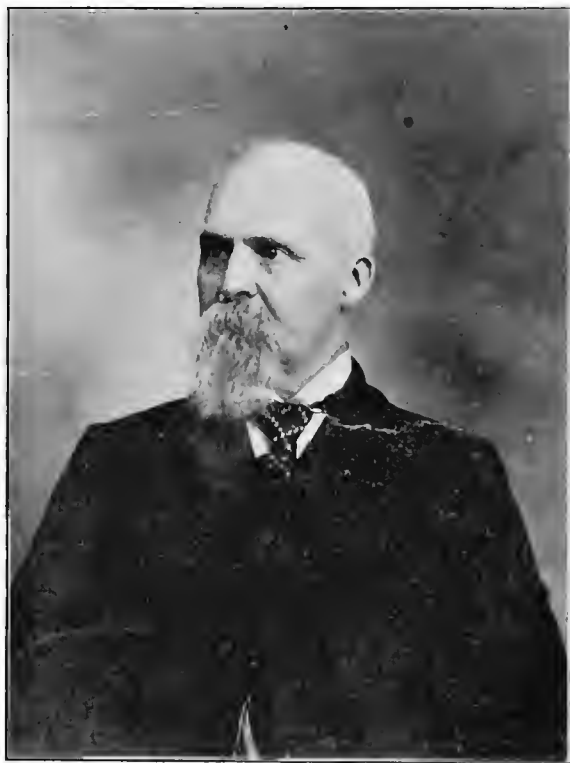
County and served the State with a consummate courage, justly and without fear or favor, and gained thereby the commendation of the State's best citizenship. Mr. Tarbell was born in Royalton, the son of the late Daniel Tarbell, who did much toward the building up of the town. He married Lucia D. Dickerman, daughter of Judge Dickerman of Tunbridge. They have an adopted daughter, Florence, a miss of ten years. Mr. Tarbell is a Republican and a Congregationalist.

South Royalton has in John Harvey Hewitt one of its most representative men and merchants. His is a strong, active and virile personality. He has the respect and confidence of the community because of those innate traits of character that unite in forming that sort of man upon whose judgment and discretion others seek to rely. It is the possession of just such men as he that gives to the whole White River Valley one of its most distinctive features. It is to men natural with its soil that the towns in the valley, to a marked degree, are indebted for their present material well being and growth. In Mr. Hewitt one also finds a pertinent illustration of that manhood strength that so characterized the early settlers of central eastern Vermont, a strength that has been in many instances transmitted to their descendants, as is so notable in the life of the White River Valley to-day. Mr. Hewitt's Vermont ancestry came from Connecticut and settled in Pomfret, a town noted in all the generations for manhood worth. There he was born May 28th, 1846. His parents were Harvey and Jane (McIntire) Hew-

did whole of South Royalton's material life, is the law and insurance firm of Tarbell & Whitham. Their legal business carries them into both Windsor and Orange Counties, and the same may be said of their insurance department. The senior member of the firm, Charles Paine Tarbell, has come to be one of Vermont's best known lawyers in a practice that dates from 1870. He is likewise esteemed for his worth as citizen and man, for every project designed for the good of the community has his disinterested support. Mr. Tarbell is a graduate of the Albany Law School and his admission to the Vermont bar was in Orange County. In 1873 he removed to South Royalton, which since has been his home. He was formerly associated with C. M. Lamb, in his day a lawyer of wide repute. From 1900 to 1902 he was State's Attorney for Windsor

itt. Passing his boyhood days on the parental farm and in the public schools, early manhood life saw him a dealer in potatoes and hemlock bark. In 1870 he left his native Pomfret and settled in South Royalton. He continued his original business until 1879. In 1880 he began as a general merchant in South Royalton and laid the founda-

lectmen from 1885 until 1887, and in 1898 he represented the town in the Legislature, serving on the committee of insane. In 1870 he married Miss Jennie Smith of Sharon. Four sons were born to them: Clinton E. is in Boston; Ernest J. is a graduate of Tufts College, class of '97, and at present is associated with his father in bus-



JOHN H. HEWETT, SOUTH ROYALTON.

tion of his present extensive business in flour, grain, groceries, paints and oils. His flour and grain departments are among the largest of their kind in the White River Valley. Incident to his regular mercantile lines he conducts an undertaking department in all its branches. Mr. Hewitt served the town of Royalton on its Board of Se-

iness; Winfred H. is a student in Goddard Seminary, and Earl S. is at home.

In the death of Joseph Warren Waldo, December 13th, 1901, South Royalton lost one of its most valued and public-spirited citizens of the present generation. His life was one con-

tinuous effort for the advancement of the material interests of the community, and his greatest memorial is the grateful remembrance by which he is held in the hearts of his former townsmen. His was a lively interest in all measures that had for their end and purpose the making of South Royalton a better place in which to live. He

town. His ancestors came to Vermont from Pomfret, Connecticut, and on both sides they represented some of the best Puritan stock of the day. The Waldos in all the generations of their life in America have been noted for ability, enterprise and push. The parents of the subject of this sketch were Ralph and Pamela (Wheat)



THE LATE JOSEPH W. WALDO, SOUTH ROYALTON.

was a natural born leader and a man who followed up words and recommendations by acts. He created business where none existed before, and prompted enterprise and confidence among others. Born in Royalton, April 23d, 1838, he was but sixty-three at the day of his death, and all his years had been passed in his native

Waldo. His boyhood life was passed on the parental farm and in the public schools. In the War of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company A, 16th Vermont Regiment, and he was made Second Lieutenant of his company, a fact that showed his popularity among his comrades and the estimate they placed on his ability. Returning from the

war he married, December 20th, 1863, Miss Nettie M. Woodworth, a native also of Royalton. Starting his manhood life with an already creditable record in defense of his country's liberties and integrity, he entered zealously in the pursuits of peace. He became a large manufacturer of lumber, purchasing much of it on the stump. His judgment on all matters of business was sound and his faith in the growth of South Royalton was never shaken. He made business and in doing so gave employment to a large number of people. Mr. Waldo was the real founder and father of that now important portion of South Royalton north of the river, for he either built or caused to be built nearly all the fine residences that constitute the neighborhood. The idea of a creamery in South Royalton was original with him, and it was he who built and operated for years the present creamery which to-day bears his name. Included in his extensive business interests was the carrying on of the homestead and his own farm at South Royalton. A few years before his death he had completed one of the most stately residences in South Royalton, and this is still occupied by his surviving widow.

Mr. Waldo was always strong in the regard of his fellow townsmen. He served as Commander of Orville Bixby Post, G. A. R.; was an ardent Mason with membership in the lodge, chapter, council. He had been Master of Rising Sun Lodge, and at the date of his death was serving as Patron of Rising Sun Chapter, O. E. S. He also had been Master of White River Valley Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Besides his wife Mr. Waldo left six

children: Joseph H. is a leading citizen and lumber manufacturer in South Royalton; Minnie D. is the wife of Fred B. Titus of New York; Benjamin F. is in Concord, N. H.; Nettie Pamela is the wife of H. C. Sargent, a South Royalton merchant; Samuel A. is in New York city, and Pearl Daniel at home.

South Royalton is strong in the number of its young business men who are alert to the needs of the village and determined in their efforts for its future prosperity. Prominent in this class is Perley Seymour Belknap, son of Julius O. and Mary E. (Black) Belknap. He was born in Barnard, April 23, 1870, removing to South Royalton with his parents in 1875. After completing his studies in the village schools he attended Royalton and St.



PERLEY S. BELKNAP, SOUTH ROYALTON.

Johnsbury academies, graduating from the former in 1888. He became a clerk in his father's store and there remained until 1892, when he became assistant postmaster under his father. For four years he was collector of taxes in the graded school district. He is a member of Rising Sun Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and of the Order of the Eastern Star. He married Miss Kitty E. Shepard, a well-known musician, and they have three children.

large afforded. Indeed, it were the brains, skill, and intelligence of just such towns as Royalton produced that made possible the development of the country. The village to-day is filled with fine old colonial residences that bespeak of the energy and prosperity of the early settlers, and the descendants of these are still to be found in the community and ably maintaining the name and work of their ancestors. It is a home of culture, refinement, and



SOUTH ROYALTON.

ROYALTON.

A short two miles up the White River from South Royalton, is Royalton, from whence the town derives its name. It is a village with a resplendent past and a pleasing, interesting present. It would need a book of good size to adequately tell the just story of Royalton. From its earliest days it has been a community of much prominence in Vermont. From it have gone many a son who gained honor, success, and distinction in the many fields of endeavor that the country at

a fine social life that is in harmony with the best type of American progress. It has two churches, St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal, and the Congregational. The first is without a settled rector, while the pastor of the second is Rev. J. F. Whitney, a former missionary in the Micronesian Islands. Mr. Whitney is the owner of a stately colonial residence in the centre of the village. The distinctive name of the home is "Imwer," which in Marshall Island language means "our home." Mrs. Whitney is the author of "Goldie's Inheritance," a historical novel



STREET SCENE, ROYALTON.

brought out in 1903 and published by the author. It is a story of the siege of Atlanta. For much of the material woven into the book the author was indebted to two sisters, one of whom lived in Atlanta in the time of the siege. It is a book worthy a place in every library for its purity of aim, its true spirit of patriotism and historical worth.

Royalton for almost a century has been the home of that famed institution of higher learning, the Royalton Academy. Founded in 1807, for generations it was a leading school of the

state and to it came the youth of both sexes from all eastern Vermont.

Conspicuous among Royalton's sons in all generations was William Rix, who was born in Royalton, July 10, 1811, and died in his native town June 27, 1892. His early life was passed in Royalton, where he prepared for college and entered the University of Vermont in 1833. Failing health induced him to visit Alabama in 1835. He returned in 1836, riding on horseback through the then Choctaw and Cherokee reservations, guided by



AN OLD-TIME PRINT OF ROYALTON ACADEMY.



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ROYALTON.

blazed trees, intending to take his degree with his class. But the dawn of commencement day found him and his faithful horse no nearer home than the Natural Bridge, Virginia, but later his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. Arriving at Philadelphia he left his horse and completed the journey to New York by public conveyance. Failing to regain his wonted health he returned to Alabama and taught school for a year. In 1837 he returned North and married Miss Katherine Fletcher Kendall of Burlington, and soon returned to Alabama, where, with his brother and brother-in-law, he entered business under the firm name of Rix, Kendall & Co. Their business as merchants was for some years conducted at Sumterville, Gainesville, and Mobile, but finally centered in the last named city. It was exceptionally successful from the beginning. Strong, faithful and courageous, as he always proved himself to

be, the great test of his character came at the beginning of the Civil War. He was at all times and under every circumstance for the Union and the government. His extensive acquaintance and friendly relations, socially and commercially, with the leading men of Mobile who favored secession rendered his position unpleasant and even dangerous. He, however, remained steadfast in his adherence to the Union cause. At one time he was under nominal arrest



TOWN HALL, ROYALTON, ON ELECTION DAY.



THE LATE WILLIAM RIX, ROYALTON.

and with one of his daughters, now Mrs. William Skinner of Royalton, was imprisoned under guard in their own home. His life throughout the war was full of interesting experiences, and he wrote for the *Rutland Herald* a series of papers, later published in book form, that were full of graphic interest and of great historical value. With the coming of peace he and his family returned to his native Royalton in 1865, where he lived until his death.

Mr. Rix was a man of profound convictions, of great probity of character and ever esteemed for a magnificent manhood. His ancestors were among the

first settlers of Royalton, and the family remains to this day a leading one of the town. He had marked literary tastes, and a favorite recreation was the use of pencil and brush, and his creations with these had decided merit. A brother, Edward Rix, still lives, at the age of 84, at the old homestead, which is one of the historical sights of Royalton. The original house was the last one to be burned by the Indians in their descent upon Royalton, but a shed belonging to the house failed to burn though set on fire. The frame of this shed still stands on the estate, an interesting memento of that fateful day.

The stranger in Royalton inquisitive as to its present and past persons of note and general interest, is quickly told that it is the home of Katherine Fletcher Kendall Rix. All Royalton and all Vermont, in a way, will pause



KATHERINE FLETCHER KENDALL RIX.



AN EARLIER PORTRAIT OF KATHERINE F.
KENDALL RIX.

to tell, at least, that she is a remarkable woman. Those who know her as townswoman and friend sing her praises for womanly qualities, largeness of heart, and greatness of intellectual attainment: The fact that she is past ninety years old is almost incidental in its mention, for this woman lives and acts in the present. Her hours are not yet of a reminiscent nature, nor her life that of the "yesterdays." Indeed, she is one of Vermont's grandest daughters in any generation and a woman who, were she a resident of Boston, New York, or any centre of literary America, would unhesitatingly be assigned a place among the intellectual lights of the day, because of her acquisitions in scholarship and mental breadth. Especially would interest in

her deepen by a recital of those events in the history of the country of which she had personal acquaintance and of which she in very truth was a part. It was given to her to know of the history of Vermont in the earlier decades of the last century and of its University at Burlington; she knew from a young graduate of that institution what it was to make a journey on horseback from Alabama to Philadelphia, because it was the most expeditious method of covering the distance, and when this same young man returned to the Gulf State she went with him as his bride. It was at the time of the removal by the government of the Choctaw and Cherokee tribes of Indians to the Indian Territory, and the taking up of their lands by the Southern cotton planters. She, a young woman reared amid all the comforts of a prosperous Northern home, educated and refined, started life in the South in a cabin built of plank. In that cabin was placed her piano that was shipped from Vermont, and she gleefully tells at this day how upon one occasion when her cabin was filled with Choctaw braves and squaws, she, thinking to please them,



IN ROYALTON.

went to the piano and played a spirited march. It was the first piano those Indians had ever heard, but to the surprise of the fair player from the far North, not one among them all moved a muscle, but stood as stoically and undemonstrative as a stone post. Journeying to the South with this bride and her husband, William Rix, was her brother, George Wilkins Kendall, who later founded the New Orleans Picayune, was an aid on the

years of what is now the Louisville Courier-Journal.

The beginning of the war between the states found the family resident in the city of Mobile, Alabama. There they had lived for a goodly number of years and there Mr. Rix had become one of the leading merchants and cotton factors of the whole Gulf Coast. While all about them hailed the attempted dissolution of the Union, and every social and material interest



CASCADNAC HOUSE, ROYALTON, GEORGE D. HARRINGTON, PROP.

staff of Gen. Worth in the Mexican War and author of those valuable contributions to American literature, a history of the Mexican War, and of the Sante Fé Expedition. In her possession to-day Mrs. Rix has autograph letters from Gen. Worth, Daniel Webster and other notables of the middle years of the nineteenth century. An intimate acquaintance and near friend of the family was that brilliant man in American letters and journalism, George D. Prentice, the editor for

prompted the family to yield at least a tacit adherence to the southern cause, the family bid defiance to social ostracism and loss of trade and stood loyally by the Union and steadfast to every tradition of the family. The closing of the port of Mobile by the Federal blockade and the cessation of railway communication, shut the family in Mobile, and there they remained all the long, dreary and anxious years of the war. At one time when the Southern cause was in



RESTING IN THE SHADE OF THE CASCADNAC HOUSE,
ROYALTON.

its throes, the order came for the conscription of the boys in their early teens. Mr. and Mrs. Rix had a son of such an age. The thought of his forced service in the Confederate army was like that of death itself. Every risk, even to the direst extreme, was to be taken to prevent its consummation. To escape from the enemy's ground seemed well nigh impossible. Once it was practically decided to place the boy in a coffin-like box, stow it in the hold of a harbor boat and smuggle him out to the Federal fleet. Finally, a less ghastly way was determined upon. The blockade was run and the son eventually found his way to New Orleans and the Northern army. Months of the most agonizing suspense passed ere the mother knew the fate of the boy.

With Farragut once in Mobile Bay the family boarded the first sailing craft bound for the North, and in due time reached Royalton. In Mobile were left the bodies of four children who had died of yellow fever.

Mrs. Rix was born Katherine Fletcher Kendall. Mount Vernon, New Hampshire, was her birthplace.

She was the daughter of Thaddeus and Abigail (Wilkins) Kendall, and her natal day was January 31, 1814.

Her father was a man of extensive business interests and these led him, when his daughter was a mere child, to Montreal, where he lived until she was fourteen. Burlington became the place of their next abode, and here the daughter grew to womanhood, and until her marriage to William Rix and their removal

South. As a girl in Burlington she was given every advantage the times offered to obtain an education. She was especially talented in music, and her ability in this led her to have much to do with the musical programmes at the commencements of the Vermont University. Hers has been a buoyant life



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full of good deeds, active and well directed. In the twilight of the evening of her life she retains possession of her faculties to a surprising extent. Her penmanship is clear, distinct, and accomplished without a tremor of the hand. Her literary accomplishments are strongly manifest on every occasion and show a breadth of acquaintance that includes every master of the past and present in British and American literature. Burns is her favorite poet. Her enunciation is clear, strong and wonderfully perfect. Every syllable is given its correct inflection, and her choice of words, no matter what the topic of conversation, shows the scholar and well-trained reader. Mrs. Rix was the mother of seven children: George W. Kendall died in Mobile; Katherine Kendall Rix is the wife of William Skinner, Royalton; Wm. E.; a second George W. Kendall died in Mobile; Elizabeth A., who married Joseph D. Denison of Randolph, and died in 1903; Abigail, who died at the age of six weeks; and Susan Hale died in Mobile.

It is but four years since Rufus Bishop Galusha took up his residence in Royalton, yet in that brief length of years he has been accorded by his fellow townsmen a foremost position in the general affairs of the town. A man of positive convictions, of intellectual attainment, and interest in town, state and national interests, and of keen and discriminating judgment, he is one of those to quickly inspire confidence and trust. Already had he

served Royalton almost from the year of his first coming to the town in various offices, when, at the election of 1904 he was elected by the Republicans a member of the lower branch of the General Assembly. As a mem-



RUFUS B. GALUSHA, ROYALTON.

old man of Vermont, Dudley Chase Denison, lawyer, statesman and congressman. In all the eighty-five years of his active and well-spent life, he devoted the best there was in him for the advancement of his State, for the welfare of his native town, and for the good of his fellow being. In his early manhood his fellow citizens of town and county recognized in him those qualities of courage, discernment, and wisdom that represent the leader, and he was sent by them to the Vermont Senate. This service as a State Senator was in 1854 and 1855, years when the slavery agitation was nearing its height, and when the voice of those who would disrupt the Union was arrogant, inflammatory and insolent. The time was also on the eve of the formation of the Republican party, and in this movement there was no more zealous participant than Senator Denison. When in 1860 the time came for men to prepare for the perpetuity of the Union and for the hurling back of those legions organizing for its destruction, he was again at the Capitol, this time as a member of the lower branch, and in 1861 and 1862 he was returned as a member of the House. He was one of the few who foresaw the real magnitude of the struggle between the North and the South, and he urged that preparations for the contest be made accordingly, and after events proved him to have been in the right. From 1864 to 1869 Mr. Denison served as United States District Attorney for the District of Vermont. He had at this time taken a leading position in the political affairs of the State, and thus it came about in 1874 that he was given the Republican nom-

ination for Congress. Receiving a flattering election he took his seat in the term beginning December, 1875. In that Congress were Blaine, Garfield, Conkling, and a score of others whose names are famous in the political history of the land. In 1876, the centennial year of the country, Congressman Denison was renominated and re-elected to Congress and he served until the expiration of his second term, in 1879. From that date he had not been a candidate for political office, but ever to his last day maintained a lively interest in political doings. His first vote at a national election was cast for Harrison and Tyler, and in every year since had voted in town, State and national elections. Into the last presidential campaign he entered with all the zest and enthusiasm of his youthful years, and at its very be-



THE LATE DUDLEY CHASE DENISON.

ginning predicted the election of Roosevelt by a phenomenal popular and electoral vote, and all his prognostications as to the result of the contest he lived to see verified.

Mr. Denison came from an old and distinguished New England ancestry. He was born in Royalton, September 13, 1819, the son of Joseph Adam and Rachel (Chase) Denison. His ancestors on the paternal side came, originally, from Stonington, Connecticut,

ing the University of Vermont he graduated with the class of 1840, and at once entered upon the study of law. Admitted to the bar, he began practice in Royalton. In his earlier professional career he was in partnership with the late Judge Marcy. For three years he was State's Attorney for Windsor County, and he filled at one time or another all town offices. From the time of his early manhood down through all the years to 1904, he



STREET SCENE, ROYALTON.

and on the maternal side from Sutton, Massachusetts, later settling in Cornish, New Hampshire. His mother was a sister of Philander Chase, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Ohio and Illinois and one of the most noted divines in his day. The father of Dudley Chase Denison was a widely known physician of Royalton. The son passed his boyhood in his native town, getting his preparatory education in the public schools and Royalton Academy. Enter-

served as moderator. In 1846 he married Eunice Dunbar of Hartland. Of the children born of this union, Joseph D. is a lawyer in Randolph; Catherine died in 1889, the wife of Charles H. Woodard of South Royalton; John H. is a lawyer in Denver, Col.; Gertrude M. lives in Royalton; Lucy D. is the wife of E. W. Elder, Denver, Col.

The strength and life of a community

is its citizenship, and Royalton, from its settlement down to this day, has been especially noted for its men and women of individuality and all-round strength of character. Because of the number of such within its limits, Royalton early took rank with the leading communities in the State and still maintains a reputation for the ability, culture, and intelligence of its resi-

counted her own in the preceding generation. He was a leading merchant and trader and one of the founders and most active factors in the old Royalton State and National Bank. The son was born in Bethel during a temporary residence there of his parents, but when under a year old the return to Royalton was made. He attended the public schools and pursued the



WILLIAM SKINNER, ROYALTON.

dents. Prominent among present day representatives of this character is William Skinner, whose family name is most honorably conspicuous in the annals of town, county and State. He is the son of William and Maria B. (Smith) Skinner. The father was one of the most energetic, enterprising, and public-spirited citizens that Royalton

course at Royalton Academy. In early manhood he spent a year in Wisconsin and then returned to Royalton and entered zealously into its general affairs. In the passing years he was called by his townsmen to serve them in practically all town offices and for the past nine years has been town clerk and is a present auditor. In bus-

ness he is an extensive dealer in wagons, carriages, farm implements, and all that pertains to the trade. He has the direct management of some four or five farms. He is a man of varied information, of soundest judgment, and for these reasons his advice and counsel are much sought by his neighbors. In 1888 he was chosen by the Republicans of Royalton to represent the town in the Legislature. In 1871 he married Miss Katharine Kendall Rix, daughter of the late William Rix, and his wife, Katharine F. Kendall Rix, who is yet living at the age

of ninety and close by the home of her daughter. Mrs. Skinner, as a girl in her teens, was in Mobile, Alabama, with her parents during all the years of the Civil War, and, like her parents, was true to the cause of the Union. Mrs. Skinner is widely esteemed for her sterling qualities of heart and mind, and is extremely popular in the social life of the town. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Skinner were Katharine M.; Lucia Denison, now the wife of Nelson M. Gay of Boston; William Rix; and Richmond Kendall.



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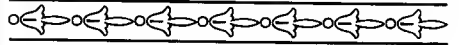
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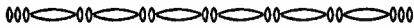
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