

PELHAM, N. H.

Pelham, N. H., Oct. 22.

A large crayon portrait of Dr. Amos Batchelder, prominent for over half a century in the public and social affairs of this town, has been presented the Public Library by his descendants. The picture will be hung in the reading room.

Amos Batchelder M. D. was born in East Kingston, N. H., May 27, 1811, and died in Pelham, N. H., Aug. 27, 1892.

He was a descendant of Rev. Shephen Bachiler, who established the first church in Hampton, N. H., in 1638.

Dr. Batchelder was a graduate of Dartmouth college and began the practice of medicine in Pelham in 1837. He married Rebecca H. Atwood of Pelham, Nov. 23, 1837. Of their six sons and daughters, all but one daughter were living when they celebrated their golden wedding.

Dr. Batchelder was superintendent of public schools one year; on the board of selectmen three years in succession; town clerk, by appointment in 1866, and elected to the office in 1868-69, and was representative to the legislature in 1859-60.

He was a "forty-niner," making the trip overland, and returning via Panama.

A country doctor of the old school, he kept abreast of the times in his profession, being a studious man.

He was a careful observer and an extensive reader in natural history and general science. He had a museum of several thousand specimens of minerals, insects and miscellaneous objects of his own collecting. Microscopy was a source of much pleasure to him. He made a large collection of drawings of the animal life revealed under the microscope.

Having mechanical genius, he not only made all the cases in which his specimen were exhibited but he also made some of the musical instruments which he played, for he had musical gifts.

A quiet, modest, peace loving citizen, he was held in affection and high esteem by his fellow townsmen, among whom he practiced for over 50 years.

A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was born Friday at Shaw's hospital, Lowell, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Koehler of this town. Incidentally this is Mrs. Koehler's 20th birthday anniversary.

A masquerade ball was held at the town hall Thursday evening under the direction of Miss Lillian Keyes. The affair was delightfully successful in every way and a large number attended from surrounding towns. Music was furnished by the Armstead Melody boys of Lowell. John W. Peabody, Shirley Vining and Miss Theresa Quigley were the judges, awarding prizes as follows: Miss Blanche Lamontagne of Lowell captured ladies' first prize as pop corn girl and the first gentleman's prize went to Charles Therrien of Lowell in a George Washington costume; Miss Alice O'Brien of Collinsville was given a prize for her clown's rig and Ernest Mercier of Dracut Navy Yard, in Jewish costume, won an award for the funniest rig of all.