

## PELHAM MEETING HOUSE.

### Generous Aid Given Towards its Restoration.

The rededication of the meeting house at Pelham, N. H., took place on the 15th inst., and was a time of general rejoicing among the people. There had been such free-handed giving on the part of the resident citizens, so many kind remembrances, such large gifts had come from the sons and daughters who had gone out from the old town, there had been such unanimity of plan, and such satisfactory results, that every look, every hand grasp, was a congratulation. The services of the talented architect, F. W. Stickney, a grandson of the town, which were freely given, will long be gratefully remembered. A beautiful pulpit set of carved oak is the gift of Mr. Seth Gage and Mrs. John N. Gage of Chicago. Just before the opening of the services a beautiful Bible was laid upon the desk. The volume had come all the way from the Garden City and was the gift of Albert S. Gage and wife. The part of the town known as Gage Hill has certainly won for itself new laurels. Among the list of helpers from abroad we read the names of the Pelham Gages now of Haverhill, Worcester. Gage, Mrs. Edwin Gage, Miss Mary Reed, Mrs. Charles Kelley, also Sarah Webster, Methuen, Mrs. S. J. Proctor, Nashua, and her brother, John C. Gage, of Kansas City. An aged mother in widow's garb was looked upon with tender eyes, not only for her own sake, but for that of the noble son, so often by her side, Reuben Griffin of Haverhill, who has joined hands with his old comrades, not only in giving but in working. An old family pen transformed into one of upholstered oak and bearing the card of its owner, E. B. Gage, reminded one of the rich mines of Arizona and the handfuls of gold and silver that had helped on the work. Among other names of the sons and daughters from abroad, who have come with generous aid, stand the honored family of Tyler, Joseph, Daniel, and John; the Wymans of Boston, who give in remembrance of a father, who in past years often returned to the home and church of his boyhood; Miss C. H. Marsh and Miss H. E. Patch, also of Boston; then follow the large-hearted, whole-souled W. P. Clark of Lawrence, Miss J. P. Walker of Manchester, Mrs. Lizzie Swan and Mrs. Matilda Marsh of Lowell. Gibson, Chase, Spofford and Wheeler, also of Lowell, have stood shoulder to shoulder with their old townsmen both in interest and in help.

*If it is true that the country furnishes the men and the women for the city, it is equally true that the benefactions of these successful sons and daughters return to keep alive and to make prosperous the institutions of the country.*