Pelham

Only Words of Praise for the Old Home Day—Mr. Harris's Address

(Special Correspondence)

Pelham, Aug. 19—Everybody who was present at the old home day celebration yesterday—and there were very few not represented—agreed that the patriotic cake was the best ever given. A good word must be said today for the Ladies' club, with which the idea originated.

The affair was a success in every way, and many words of compliments have been spoken by out-of-town people who were present, and who thoroughly enjoyed the observance.

In yesterday's correspondence we overlooked the fact that the Pelham baseball team scored a victory over the Nationals of Nashua, 7 to 4. Likewise it was found impossible to publish the address of Mr. T. F. Harris of Nashua.

In the words of the announcement, "the establishment of this band caused no end of controversy. In fact, it was argued out in the British parliament for 20 years, but it was finally decided that so long as the waters came from the west the line should remain as it was, but when they took their way from the north, the line should continue in a westerly direction, and thus a definite and permanent state line was established for the southern boundary of New Hampshire.

"When the commission was appointed to establish the northern boundary of the Massachusetts Bay colony arrived at the site of the river at Franklin they determined that the Winnipesaukee was the true source of that river. which stream rises in the Proctor lake, 1700 feet above the sea, and having received such tributaries as the Winnipesaukee, the Concord, the Suncook, the Cocheco, the Nashua, the Merrimack, and hundreds of lesser tributaries and the siltage of much muskeg, was, as was the result, developed into a water power great as that of any rivers in France. It is a completely spoken, at the rate of 2,700 cubic feet per minute, into the boundless sea. Stand at its mouth.

"But not for a moment suppose that the interest in our valley is confined to anything of local value or to the manufacture of cotton cloth, for nearly one-half of the first things which have been of greatest importance to our nation has been recorded in our newspapers. The first American privateer was built on Merrimack. The first English mill was located on Merrimack. The first passenger train to New Hampshire was made at Pelham under the influence of the Lawrence Lawrence railroad. The first passenger train from Pelham was made at Pelham and ran as far as the railroad. "American literature has its inception along our shores, for here Ann Bradstreet wrote her "States of New Hampshire," and here at Pelham she first scratched the settlers' interest in constant danger of attack and constant protection for defense.

"I would refer to the long list of distinguished men and women that have been born from our valley, but lastly and most important I would refer to the multitude of voters and women in the ordinary walks of life who have become and disappeared into the south and into the west, all over our broad land, planting churches and school houses, and saving to the nation of industry, of frugality, of virtue, of Christianity and of patriotism, the greatest asset of which any nation can boast.

"One word more and I am done. I want to say something to the children. Nowadays we hear a great deal of the red snow, and the South, and the strange places to the north, and it is more or less true, but taking it all into consideration, the best place in which to make a home is New England, and some of the most attractive New England villages are located in the water towns of this river, and when you go out into the world and ask the fact, instead of putting on a long-sleeved coat of armor and muffing your face, you have the inquirer beside you, and truly, in a proud seat of the world you come from Pelham, New Hampshire, a good old town in the Merrimack valley."