Pelham, N. H.

Valuable Painting, Gift of Former Resident, Is Hung In the Public Library.

(Special Correspondence)

Pelham, May 5—The people of this town greatly appreciate the handsome present that has come to them in the shape of a beautiful oil painting—the gift of one of Pelham's former residents, Mr. Charles W. Sherburne, now of Boston, Mass.

The painting was put in a prominent place in the public library last week and is greatly admired by all who have seen it. It is beautifully framed and bears the following inscription:

Fête Day—Bay of Naples
N. Briganti
Presented by
Charles W. Sherburne
April, 1683

The picture was imported from Italy and was purchased in Boston by Mr. Sherburne, who had it sent to this town and had it hung in its present position at his own expense. It weighed in its case 400 pounds.

In size the painting is about 7 feet 3 inches in length and about 5 feet in width, and forms a magnificent addition to the ornamentation of the room in which it is hung.

Mr. Sherburne keeps alive his interest in this town in which he lived for many years, as he spends considerable of his time here, stopping generally at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Herbert.

Mr. Sherburne's father owned the farm now occupied by G. W. Sherburne. Mr. Sherburne's two brothers, Waren and Reuben, made liberal gifts at the time the public library was being built.

It happened that last year Mr. Sherburne was inspecting the library and he thought that a nice painting over the open fireplace would add much to the appearance of the room and since that time he has kept the matter in mind, with the result that the town now possesses the valuable painting.

It is a possession of which the town has every reason to feel proud and Mr. Sherburne can rest assured that the people of Pelham fully appreciate his kindness.

At the present time Mr. Sherburne is the president and treasurer of the Armstrong Transfer Company and manager of the Star Brass Company of Boston. He is quite a heavy taxpayer in the town of Pelham.

In addition to the above mentioned gift, Charles W. Hobbs reports that he has just received from Mr. Sherburne a check for $100, which is to be used to purchase new books for the library.

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