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THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

ITS ATTRACTIONS AND
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While there is no city in the state more favorably located than Concord, N. H., as a seat of industrial activity, if there is one thing above all others upon which its people may justly pride themselves it is not simply the political prominence of



The Old State House

their city, as the capital of the state, but the advantages which it offers as a place of residence for the intelligent and aspiring home-seeker. Portsmouth may surpass it in historic associations, Manchester in the magnitude and Nashua in the variety of its industries; but when it comes to the combination of facts and circumstances rendering a city attractive



N. H. State Library

as an abiding place for the man and woman who have a family of children to rear and educate amid the best associations and under the most favorable conditions, or who seek the most desirable location in which to enjoy the well-earned leisure following years of fruitful activity, Concord



Merrimack County Court House

may properly be ranked in advance of all other New Hampshire cities, comparing favorably, on the whole, with Hartford, Conn., Springfield, Mass., or Burlington, Vt.

LOCATION.

In the first place it may be said that the city is peculiarly fortunate in the matter of its location, from a physical or geographical point of view. Situated in the beautiful valley of the Merrimack, whose waters separate its more than sixty square miles of territory into two nearly equal sections, it embraces within its limits a wide variety of soil and surface—broad and rich intervalles, wide-stretching plains, rolling uplands and rugged hillsides, with the accessories of lake



U. S. Government Building

and forest to complete the picture; while the fine variety of scenery within the city limits is supplemented by much that is attractive, within ready access in the surrounding towns. But two hours' ride by rail from Boston, the great New England metropolis; five hours to the heart of the White Mountains, and three or four to any given point on the Atlantic beach from Salisbury to Old Orchard; while a single hour carries one to Winnepesaukee—"The Smile of the Great Spirit"—at the north, or to beautiful Lake Sunapee at the west, the advantages of the location are readily discerned,



Looking Down Main Street from Opera House

whether from a business or health and pleasure-seeking point of view.

The compact portion of the city is mainly located upon the plain and adjacent hillside, in the central southern section, overlooking the river, extending some two miles from north to south and of varying width. Main Street, for half a mile on either side of its central section, is lined with substantial brick blocks, in which the bulk of the city's business is transacted, and compares favorably in appearance with any business street in any city of similar size in the country. A notable group of public buildings, to the west of Main Street,



Looking Up Main Street from Pleasant

in the central section, so placed as to be visible from a single point, includes the state house, state library, United States government building and the city hall; while an elegant new granite, brick and marble building, to be occupied by the New Hampshire Historical Society, now in process of construction, which is expected to cost about \$200,000, occupies a commanding position in the group, which also includes the Unitarian Church, Central Grammar School and the large and imposing Christian Science Church, the costliest in the state. In no other city of its size in the Union can



Central Grammar (Parker) School

so imposing a display of public buildings be found. Indeed, within a thirty-rod radius of the postoffice are found buildings, which, when all are complete, will have cost not less than two millions of dollars.

STATE HOUSE.

The state house, which was built in the early part of the century and remodeled at the expense of the people of Concord about fifty years later, when a strong attempt to remove the capital to Manchester was defeated, although by no means as large or expensive as many state capitols, has always been regarded as a handsome building, its stately pillared front portico giving it a fine architectural appearance. But it has been practically outgrown by the state, and, at the last session of the legislature, when another attempt was



Concord High School

made to remove the seat of government to Manchester, an appropriation of \$400,000 was made to remodel the interior of the building and erect a large addition in the rear for offices and committee rooms, work upon which is in progress and will be completed before the close of 1910. The state house occupies an entire square on the west side of Main Street, fronting the Eagle Hotel, the ample surrounding grounds, adorned by statues of Stark, Webster and Hale, forming a delightful park, which is appreciated alike by visitor and resident.



Railway Passenger Station

CONCORD, THE CITY BEAUTIFUL.

STATE LIBRARY.

The state library building, which also contains the Supreme Court chamber and accessory rooms, as well as quarters for the state board of agriculture and the superintendent of public instruction, located at the northeast corner of Park and State streets, on a fine lot provided by the city, was erected some eighteen years ago at an expense of about \$350,000, Concord and Conway granite being used in combination in its construction. Massiveness and strength are the leading ideas conveyed in its architectural appearance, and it makes a safe



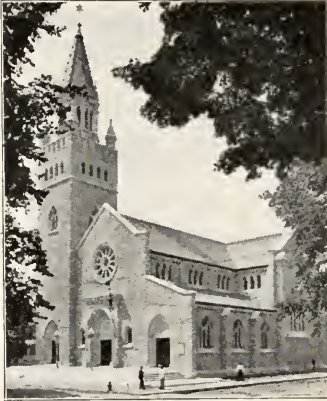
Looking Up Pleasant Street

repository for the 110,000 bound volumes and vast accumulation of pamphlets and papers stored within its walls.

U. S. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The United States government building, which occupies a full square directly west of the state house, between State and Green streets, also donated by the city, is of graceful design, constructed entirely of selected Concord granite, and completed about twenty-five years ago, at a total cost of nearly a quarter of a million dollars. There are, of course, many much larger federal buildings scattered through the country, but men who have traveled extensively and observed

carefully declare this to be one of the handsomest buildings owned by the government. In addition to the postoffice it contains quarters for the United States Pension Agency for the district of New Hampshire and Vermont, also for the United States District and Circuit courts, which hold several terms per annum in the city.



Christian Science Church
South Congregational Church

Curtis Memorial F. B. Church
First Methodist Church

CITY HALL.

The new city hall building, completed eight years ago, at an expense, for land and construction, of about \$150,000, is located just across Green Street, to the west of the government building. It consists, practically, of two buildings in connection, that in front being utilized for office purposes and the meetings of the city government, the aldermanic and council chambers being separated by a steel curtain, which can be raised, throwing the two rooms into one whenever the two bodies meet in joint convention. The office rooms are spacious, finely furnished and conveniently arranged. All the city officials, except those connected with the municipal



Baker Memorial M. E. Church

North Congregational Church

court, are here accommodated. The latter have their quarters in the police station building, erected some twenty years ago, on Warren Street, at an expense of \$20,000 or more. In connection with, and in the rear of the office building, is what is known as the "auditorium," designed for the accommodation of public gatherings, with seats for about twelve hundred people and so arranged as to be highly eligible for theatrical purposes. Indeed, it is at present leased to a theatrical manager for such purpose, with the reservation to the city of its use for lecture courses and other public purposes.

COURT HOUSE.

At the time when the erection of the new city hall was determined upon the city's interest in the building on North Main Street, about a quarter of a mile above the state house, generally known as the "court house," and owned jointly by the city and the county of Merrimack, was disposed of to the latter, and during the year 1906 the building was thoroughly reconstructed, everything being torn down but the walls, and rebuilt in the most substantial and convenient manner, furnishing ample and pleasant quarters for the Superior and



St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Pleasant St. Baptist Church

Probate courts and the various county offices. The expense of reconstruction, including furnishing, has been about \$45,000, and it is safe to say that it is the finest, handsomest, most convenient and most substantial county court house to be found in the state—both a credit to the county and an ornament to the city, which, by the way, constitutes about one half of the county, as regards both wealth and population.

SCHOOLS.

The schools of Concord have long been noted for their excellence, the grade of teachers, the quality of work done, and

the compensation given, being far superior to that in most cities of its rank throughout New England, and its equipment of school buildings is also unsurpassed.

Several spacious and substantial modern buildings for grammar and lower grades have been erected within a comparatively recent period, while after the destruction by fire of the former high school building some twenty years ago, an elegant new structure was erected on its site at a cost of nearly \$100,000, which is by far the handsomest school building in the state, but which, unfortunately, or fortunately, as may



Unitarian Church

ultimately prove to be the case, was practically outgrown in the first half dozen years, through the unexpectedly rapid increase in high school attendance, so that it was greatly overcrowded for several years, until at the annual school meeting in March, 1904, of Union District, which embraces the compact portion of the city and the villages of East and West Concord, it was voted to erect a new high school building, and a committee was appointed to carry out such purpose, the sum of \$90,000 being appropriated for the work. At the same time \$30,000 was voted for the erection of a new eight-room building at West Concord, the amount to be raised by the issue and sale of long-time bonds of the district.

It was determined by the committee that a building should be constructed which, while thoroughly modern and first class

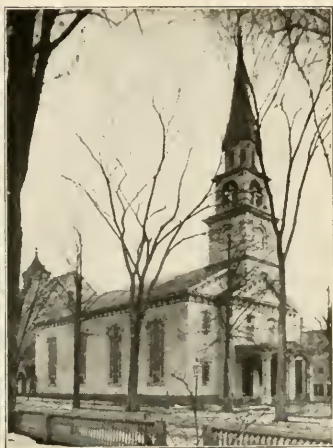
in its arrangement and appointments, should be of sufficient capacity to meet the wants of the district, and such outside pupils as may be attracted, for many years to come. To this end it was decided to avoid unnecessary expenditure for a site, and to indulge in no expense for mere ornamentation. A site on North Spring Street, near Pleasant, and thus in ready access by the electric car line, which included the old manual training school lot, was secured, and a plain, but



St. John's Catholic Church

substantial and commodious granite-trimmed brick building, of three stories and basement, erected thereon and the same completely equipped in every department, including a large room for the commercial course, which is now a prominent feature in the high school work. The building is designed to accommodate from 500 to 600 pupils, and has a fine assembly hall in which they can be gathered.

Upon the occupancy of the new building by the high school the former high school building was taken for a central grammar school, all the grammar or ninth grade pupils in the compact portion of the city here attending. This is now the largest grammar school in the state, and is regarded by

**Universalist Church****First Baptist Church**

competent educators as unsurpassed in New England for the thoroughness of its instruction.

With the construction of the two buildings just referred to, and a new manual training school provided for in 1906, at an expense of \$30,000, the same being located near the high school building so that it is heated by the same plant, there has been expended within about twenty years an amount not much less than \$400,000 in the construction and equipment of new schoolhouses, putting the city far in advance of most places of its size in the matter of school accommodations. At the same time the quality of the instruction furnished, in all departments and grades, as well as of the supervision, is fully commensurate with the material equipment, so that no better place for the public education of the young can be found in the entire country, except it be some town where a state university supplements the ordinary public school system.

Aside from the public schools of the city, it should be stated, there are the parochial schools, connected with both the St. John's, or Irish-American, and the French Catholic churches of the city, the accommodations of the former having been largely increased during recent years, and the attendance upon all reaching some six or seven hundred. A fine boarding school for girls (St. Mary's), under Episcopalian auspices, has been in successful operation in the city for several years; while St. Paul's, the most noted private fitting school for boys in the country, established half a century ago at Millville, two miles to the west of the city proper, but within the corporate limits, is attended regularly by hundreds of young men from all parts of the country.



Margaret Pillsbury General Hospital

Here there has been expended more than a million dollars in buildings and equipment, and the architectural display alone which the buildings present is sufficient to attract hundreds of visitors yearly. To the high character of the instruction given, the wide fame and wonderful success of the school furnish ample testimony.

CHURCHES.

The excellence of the Concord schools is fully paralleled by the superior character of its church privileges. The pioneers



Odd Fellows Home

in the settlement of the place established Sunday worship upon their coming, and the same has been continued from that time to the present. All the leading denominations of Protestant Christianity, as well as the Roman Catholics, are



State Hospital Buildings

well represented, convened in spacious and well-built houses of worship and ministered to by some of the ablest clergymen of their respective denominations. There are in the central portion of the city one Advent, two Baptist, two Catholic (one French), two Congregational, three Episcopalian, two Free Baptist, two Methodist, one Swedish Lutheran, one Unitarian

and one Universalist church. Most of the edifices are finely located and of attractive architectural appearance. Several have fine vestries or chapels in connection, while St. Paul's Episcopal Church has a substantial, commodious and finely-equipped parish or guild house adjacent. The Christian Scientists have here the handsomest and most expensive church edifice in the state, located at the corner of School and State streets, in close proximity to the principal public buildings, erected five years ago at a cost of about \$200,000, mainly the gift of Mary Baker G. Eddy, whom they revere as the discoverer and founder of their faith, and whose home was at



Concord Y. M. C. A. Building

"Pleasant View," near St. Paul's School, for many years previous to 1907.

There are Congregational churches, also, at East and West Concord and Penacook, also Baptist, Catholic and Methodist, and an Episcopalian mission at the latter place, and a similar mission at East Concord. Supplementing the work of the Protestant evangelical denominations, so called, there is a large and prosperous branch of the Young Men's Christian Association in the city, which recently erected, at a cost of some \$35,000, a handsome and commodious building, which is finely equipped and occupied for its purposes. Another branch of the Y. M. C. A. organized in connection with the

railway service has also erected a fine brick building for its uses, in the vicinity of the railroad station.

HOSPITALS.

A spacious, substantial, well-arranged and well-furnished general hospital, located at the south end of the city, erected



N. H. Savings Bank Building

a few years since through the liberality of the late Hon. George A. Pillsbury of Minneapolis, of the great flour manufacturing firm of that city, formerly a prominent resident and

mayor of Concord, and named the Margaret Pillsbury Hospital in honor of the donors' wife, with the best physicians and surgeons of the city included in its operating staff and board of management, is an institution in which citizens generally take due pride, and which materially enhances the eligibility of the city from a residential point of view. The



First National Bank Building

New Hampshire Memorial Hospital for Women and Children, which was established here some ten years ago by an association organized largely through the efforts of the late Dr. Julia Wallace-Russell, who was the physician in charge up to the time of her death, four years since, is also a most useful and valuable institution.

HOME FOR THE AGED.

The Centennial Home for the Aged, more generally known as the "Old Ladies' Home," from the fact that, up to the present time, most of the inmates have been women, occupies



Centennial Home for the Aged

now a large and imposing brick structure, of fine architectural appearance, on Pleasant Street, the building having been materially enlarged—its capacity practically doubled—



Penacook Lake—City's Water Supply

within the last few years. It is controlled by an association, organized in 1876 through the efforts of various philanthropically-disposed citizens of the state, among whom Mrs. Armenia S. White of this city has been prominent from the



National State Capital and Loan & Trust Savings Banks

start. It has furnished a comfortable home for many worthy and some comparatively needy elderly people, upon the payment of a small sum each, by themselves or their friends, and is regarded throughout the state as an institution worthy to be remembered by men and women of means seeking

proper objects upon which to bestow their benefactions. It has a very handsome fund already, whose income contributes materially to its support; but which, of course, may be in-



Mechanicks' National and Merrimack County Savings Bank

creased to advantage. Another worthy institution here located is the New Hampshire Odd Fellows' Home, located upon the fine grounds just outside the compact portion of the

city to the west, which belonged to the late ex-President Franklin Pierce, and upon which he once planned the erection of a fine residence.

STATE PRISON AND STATE HOSPITAL.

The location within the city limits of the New Hampshire State Prison and the New Hampshire Hospital for the Insane, while adding nothing to the attractions of the city as a place of residence, detracts nothing therefrom, while measurably increasing its importance from the public point of view. The former, located midway between the city proper



Entrance to Rollins Park

and West Concord, is a model institution of its kind; while the latter, whose extensive grounds, embracing nearly one hundred acres, border the compact portion of the city on the southwest, is one of the largest, best equipped and best managed hospitals for the insane in the country. Many fine buildings have been added from time to time to the original plant, as the requirements of the institution demanded; and the recently established policy of the state involving the care of all the dependent insane at this point has necessitated very large additional accommodations, several hundred thousand dollars having been expended in the last five years in this direction.

The asylum grounds, being open to the public under proper



Entrance to White Park

restrictions, practically constitute a splendid park, and their well-kept appearance adds largely to the attractiveness of that section of the city.

PARKS.

The city has two large improved parks adjacent to the compact section, both possessed of fine natural attractions, one at the south, known as Rollins Park, and one in the northwest section, known as White Park, the land for the former having



Concord Electric Co.'s Power Station, Sewall's Falls

been given by the late Hon. E. H. Rollins, and that for the latter by the late Nathaniel White, two public-spirited citizens whose names will be held in perpetual remembrance. The former was a natural pine grove, with a splendid growth of that beautiful timber, and is largely preserved in its natural state, the ground adjacent to the highway only having been transformed into a handsome lawn, adorned with plants and shrubbery, rendering it particularly attractive in the summer season. The center of the grove is cleared of all undergrowth and is extensively utilized by picnic parties and as a general summer afternoon resort for children and others in that section of the city. A speaking stand has been pro-



Wonolancet Club

vided, and, during Sunday afternoons in midsummer religious services have been holden here under the auspices of the Concord Young Men's Christian Association. White Park, which is larger than Rollins, including some twenty-five or thirty acres, is of uneven surface and was largely covered with hard wood growth, some of which has been removed and the ground tastefully laid out and improved, while an original bog has been transformed into a beautiful artificial lake. The larger portion, however, still remains wooded, and this, like Rollins Park, is a very pleasant and much frequented resort during the summer season. Being larger, and presenting more varied scenic attractions, it is even more extensively visited.

With these two fine parks, which are being still further improved and beautified from year to year, several smaller ones

in different locations, and another large one, known as Penacook Park, on the shore of Penacook Lake, near West Concord, which is capable of being made, and in the course of time doubtless will be, one of the finest in New England, the city is certainly well provided with summer "breathing places" for its population. Aside from these, however, the Concord Street Railway, which is now operated by the Boston & Maine, has a splendid resort on the Contoocook River, about one mile west of Penacook, and seven miles from the center of the city proper, which has been fitted up with a



The Country Club

dancing pavilion, summer theater, band stand, restaurants, seats, swings, and everything requisite to make a resort of this kind attractive. Steamers and smaller boats also ply on the river, and during ten or twelve weeks of midsummer, generally known as the vacation period, the park is thronged by people nearly every day, including numerous picnic and excursion parties from points outside the city. The fact that the street railway's car lines runs directly into the park renders it particularly accessible and attractive. It should be mentioned, also, that the electrics likewise run alongside both White and Rollins parks.

STREETS.

The entire highway system of Concord, coursing through its sixty square miles of territory, embraces about 180 miles



Phenix Hall Block

of street and roadway, nearly half of which is included in the compact portion of the city. These streets are mostly well graded, many miles macadamized, and those in quite a section near the center concreted. Good concrete sidewalks are also provided through the main portion of the city, and nearly all the streets are beautifully lined with maple, elm and other shade trees; so that the city is specially noted for its attractiveness in this regard. The Merrimack River "boulevard," or state highway, being one of the three highways from Massachusetts line to the mountain region, provided for in the \$1,000,000 appropriation by the legislature of 1909, passes through Concord.

WATER SUPPLY.

The city's water supply is unsurpassed, both as to quality and abundance. Its source is Penacook Lake, a beautiful

body of the purest water, whose outlet is near West Concord. It is fed by an abundance of cold springs, and has never yet failed to meet all requirements, even in seasons of the greatest drought. The lake lies at a good elevation above Main Street; but in order to insure a perfect delivery in the higher points, a high-pressure service has been introduced to supplement the main delivery, a reservoir of 2,000,000 gallons' capacity having been established upon an elevation 180 feet above the Main Street level. Through this service alone 600,000 gallons per day are delivered. The city owns and controls its water works, the management thereof being in the hands of a special commission.

LIGHTING.

The street lighting is mainly by electricity, though gas is used to some extent. The electric lighting is furnished by the



Eagle Hotel

Concord Electric Company, which has one of the finest plants in New England, established at Sewall's Falls, some three miles up the Merrimack, where a large amount of money has been expended. This company, in addition to public and private lighting, is prepared to furnish power for manufacturing and mechanical purposes to an unlimited extent, making this an admirable location for all lines of light manufacturing.

The long-established Concord Gas Light Company, whose business is now conducted by the Concord Light and Power Company, maintains a fine lighting and heating service, thor-

oughly covering the city, with a constantly increasing patronage. Between the two services there is no occasion for any man to "dwell in darkness" in the Capital City.

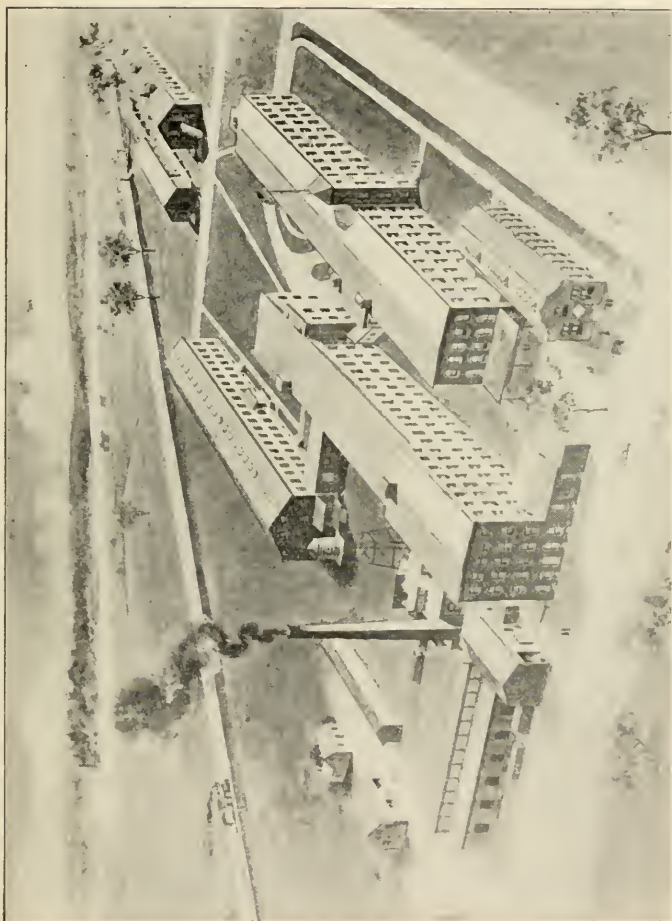
RAILROADS.

The railway facilities enjoyed by the city are equal to the best. The entire system of railroad lines centering here, including the old Concord, Northern, Boston, Concord & Montreal, Concord & Claremont and Peterborough & Hillsborough, has been for the last twenty years operated by the Boston & Maine, the service given being eminently satisfactory, and improved from year to year as conditions permit. With over



White's Opera House

a dozen passenger trains each way between the city and Boston, half a dozen to the north over the old Boston, Concord & Montreal; five each way over the Northern, or present Concord Division, three each way over the Claremont and two over the Peterborough branch, at all seasons, and an increased service during the period of summer travel, no reasonable person can complain of lack of facility for reaching the outside world at any time, so far as the matter of railway transportation is concerned. The equipment and operating force is also excellent, as a rule; and the man who complains of any branch of the passenger service may safely be set down as a chronic fault-finder. The freight service, although perhaps not perfect as yet, has been wonderfully improved; the yards and side-trackage increased many fold, and the facilities for delivery and transfer greatly increased.



The Page Belting Company

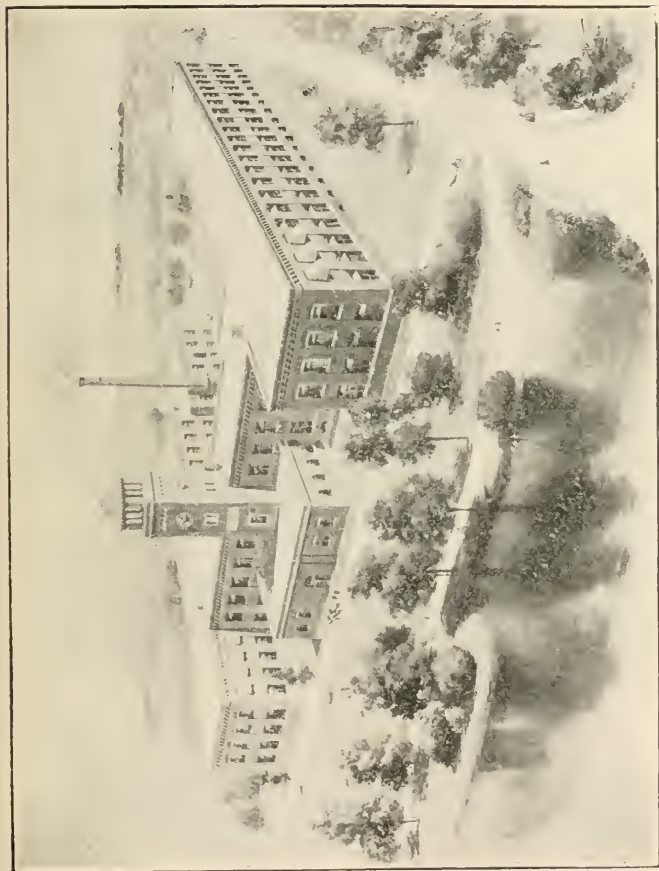
The passenger station at this point is one of the largest and finest in New England outside of Boston. It was erected by the old Concord Railroad Company before its property became a part of the Boston & Maine system, at a time when the corporation had a large surplus which would have reverted to the state had it not been expended in improvements. On account of this condition Concord was favored by the erection of this splendid station, in which all the people take much pride, and which will be adequate to all the wants of the



The Rumford Press Building

public and of the operating corporation, in this line, for some generations to come.

It should be noted in this connection that the Concord & Portsmouth Railroad Company, subsidiary to the Concord & Montreal, has just voted to relay the rails between Suncook and Candia, taken up some forty years ago, which, when effected, will reduce the distance between Concord and the seaboard about a dozen miles and shorten the running time for passenger trains not less than half an hour, while the coal freighting business will be immensely advantaged.



W. B. Durgin Co. Silverware Manufactory

STREET RAILWAY.

As has been heretofore noted, the street railway of the city is also operated by the Boston & Maine, having passed into its hands three or four years since. This service has also been much improved, and the system, which includes lines running from lower South Main Street, below the Margaret Pillsbury Hospital, to Penacook and Contoocook River Park, down South Street and Broadway, to Rollins Park, a loop line through the western section, known as the "West End,"



Huntwood Terrace, Home of Woodbury E. Hunt Co.

and a branch to the Concord fair grounds, in all over a dozen miles of railway, is equipped with fine new cars, and a fifteen-minute service is furnished. Work has already been commenced on another loop extension, covering the northwestern part of the city, which will soon be pushed to completion and which will bring the service within reach of every section of the city, except East Concord, which remains to be provided for.

An electric line, constructed and operated by the Boston & Maine, also furnishes an hourly service, each way, between the city and Manchester from early morning till late evening, and half hourly in the summer season, when the line is largely patronized on account of the fine view of the beauti-

ful Merrimack Valley which is afforded along the route, and the otherwise charming scenery that is commanded. With the completion of the line from Goffs Falls to Hudson, recently effected, there is now continuous electric service between Concord and Boston—a situation that is appreciated by many people of leisure during the warm season, at least. To leave one's door in the city and go to Boston, or to any point along the line of North Atlantic beaches from that city to Portland, as can now be done by the Concord resident, is certainly something worth while for one who seeks a breath of fresh air in the sweltering summer time.

INDUSTRIES.

Since the railroad interests here were consolidated under the Boston & Maine management extensive new repair and



John Swenson's Granite Works

construction shops have been established at this point and the work done vastly increased, so that this has come to be by far the most important industry in the city, giving employment to more than 600 men upon the average, and the total monthly wages paid to all the railway employees resident in Concord amounts to over \$75,000.

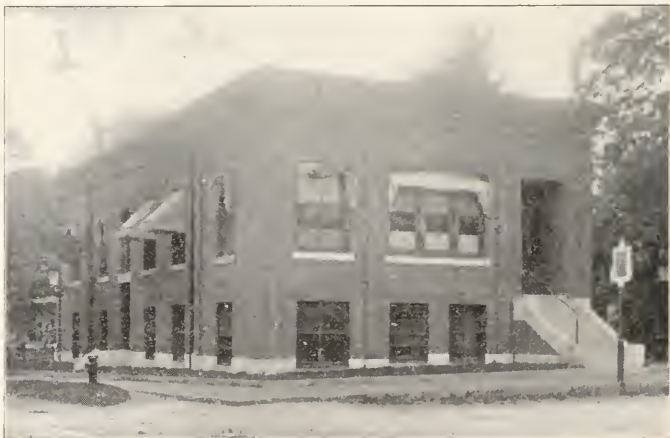
Among the many substantial industries of the city the William B. Durgin silverware manufactory takes high rank. It is a long-established concern, of world-wide reputation for the excellence of its product—solid silverware of the highest grade—and is quartered in an extensive, substantial and thoroughly equipped plant, recently constructed. About 200 high grade workmen are employed.

The Page Belting Company is another industrial concern of international note, whose production is used the world over. It is also finely housed and equipped, and gives employment to some 250 hands. The James R. Hill Co., who manufacture the celebrated Concord harness, has been taken over by this concern.

The Abbot-Downing Company, whose famous "Concord wagons" were used all over the country three quarters of a century ago, is still in business at the old stand, employing from 150 to 175 men in various lines of carriage production.

The only piano manufactory in the state, that of the Prescott Piano Company, is here located, and is sending out pianos that compare favorably with the best standard instruments in quality of tone and construction.

Another important industrial enterprise is the Rumford



New England Tel. & Tel. Co., Central Station

Press, the most complete, extensive and fully equipped printing establishment in New England, outside of Boston, which is engaged in printing books, magazines and periodicals of all kinds, law work, and commercial printing of every description. It has a fine half-tone engraving plant and extensive bindery in connection, and is able to produce the finest illustrated volume complete without sending out any part of the work.

Quite an important industry that has been developed within the last few years, and attained such proportions that it has erected a substantial three-story brick block on South Main Street for its own use, is that of the Woodbury E. Hunt Company, fine art publishers, who produce pictures, art calen-

dars, text cards, mottoes, valentines, Easter cards, etc., employing fifty to sixty young women in their work.

A distinctive Concord industry, and one in which more men are engaged by far than any other in the city, except the railroad shops, is the granite business, for which Concord has been noted throughout the country for years. Inexhaustible amounts of the finest granite in the country are stored in "Rattlesnake Hill," some two or three miles out from the city proper, near the line of the Concord & Claremont Railroad, and from these quarries have been cut the stone for some of the finest buildings in the country, including the Congressional Library at Washington. The leading firms engaged in the business are the New England Granite



Hathaway Club House

Company and John Swenson. The former is now cutting the stone for the New Hampshire Historical Society's new building, while the latter is getting out that for the state house extension. Mr. Swenson has erected a complete new modern plant within the last few years, equipped with the most improved appliances for the work, and has a constantly growing business.

MERCANTILE AFFAIRS.

The mercantile life of the city covers, fully, all retail lines, and quite an extensive wholesale business is conducted by several firms in flour, grain, feed groceries, iron, lime, cement, hardware, etc. Many of the retail stores on Main Street are model establishments, and two, at least, of the

dry goods stores are equal to any to be found in New England north of Boston. It is said, to the special credit of Concord merchants, as a rule, that they carry a better class of goods than are usually found in cities of corresponding size.

BANKS.

The banking establishments here found rank with the best in the state or in New England, and naturally do an extensive business. The three national banks have an aggregate capital stock of \$500,000; had, at the time of the last published statement, aggregate surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$601,026.52; and deposits aggregating \$2,841,921.24. The four savings banks here located have deposits, altogether, exceeding \$16,000,000.



Residence of Ex-Gov. Frank W. Rollins

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE.

The city's telegraph and telephone service is complete and efficient, both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies having stations here, while Concord is an important point in the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company's system. The Concord exchange is quartered in a substantial new brick building, erected by the company about five years ago, at the Corner of School and Green streets. There are about 2,000 local subscribers, and about 2,500 in the entire Concord district, which includes also Pittsfield, Chichester and Northwood Center.

HOTELS.

No city in the state has a better hotel, or one furnishing a more satisfactory service, than the Eagle Hotel in Concord, with which the Phenix was united as an annex some years since, making it also the most capacious of all the year-round hotels in the state, so far as accommodations are concerned. There are, also, several smaller hotels in the city.



Residence of Dr. George M. Kimball

In professional as well as business life, Concord ranks at the very front. Not only are her church pastorates ably filled, but her lawyers include many of the brightest and most successful in the state, while the medical profession is represented here by a large body of faithful and intelligent practitioners, some of whom have wide reputation for skill in different lines of practice.

NEWSPAPERS.

Two long-established daily and weekly newspapers—the **Monitor and Independent Statesman**, representing the Republican party, and the daily and weekly **Patriot**, the Democratic, are here published, as is also the **Granite Monthly**, the state historical magazine. The **National Grange Official Bulletin**, the national official organ of the Patrons of Husbandry, with a weekly circulation of 25,000 copies, is now also published in Concord.

LIBRARIES.

The city has a well arranged public library, containing about 30,000 volumes, which is open day and evening for the use of the public; which, along with the 110,000 volumes of the state library, also open for the use of residents, and the extensive and valuable collection of the New Hampshire Historical Society, soon to be housed in its elegant new quarters, in close proximity to the other libraries, present advantages seldom equaled for those who seek instruction from the recorded thoughts of the master minds of all ages.

LECTURES AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Another prime factor in the educational field is a permanent free lecture course, made available a few years since through an accumulated fund, the basis of which was bequeathed for the purpose by the late Timothy and Abigail Walker. Other courses of lectures are also provided during the season, under the auspices of different organizations, engaging some of the best talent in the entire lecture field.

First-class theatrical entertainment is furnished two or three evenings per week, or oftener, during the season, at the Auditorium Theater, while at White's Opera House, formerly occupied for such entertainment, high-class moving pictures have been constantly presented, afternoon and evening, for the last two years. Concerts, lectures and local entertainments of various kinds are of frequent occurrence, for which various halls are occupied, the largest and most attractive being Phenix Hall on Main Street, where are held, also, the state conventions of the two great political parties, and the musical festivals of the Concord Oratorio Society. It may be added that the city is generally regarded as the musical center of the state, a large number of talented musicians residing here, including many teachers, both vocal and instrumental.

CLUBS.

The social life of the city is enlivened and improved by various clubs and organizations, prominent among which are the Wonalancet Club, which has a large membership, mainly composed of active business and professional men, and the Concord Woman's Club, embracing a large number of the representative women of the city. The former, whose objects are mainly social, has a fine clubhouse of its own, at the corner of North State and Pleasant streets; while the Woman's Club, which combines the educational with the social feature, holds its weekly meetings, from October to May, in the Episcopal Parish House Hall. This club, which was organized in 1893, has now 300 members, of whom 250 are active. It stands for civic improvements, philanthropy, better education and kindred causes. It has engaged the best tal-

ent in the country for its entertainments, some of which are open to the public.

Other men's clubs with houses of their own are the Passaconaway and Snowshoe, while out of thirty or more additional women's clubs, of which there are ten different Shakespeare clubs, there are three outing clubs, occupying houses of their own—the first, organized in 1896, building a house three miles out, known as "Camp Wetamoo," understood to be the first of the kind in the country. The "Hathaway," organized in 1904, which is noted for its hospitality, opened a



Residence of Gen. Wm. F. Thayer

cottage on the left bank of the Contocook in May of that year; while the "Country Club," formed in 1897, has a fine cottage on the right bank of the same river, the second of the kind erected by Concord women.

ORDERS AND SOCIETIES.

The various fraternal organizations are well represented, and the Masons and Odd Fellows, particularly strong in the city, both the latter being housed in spacious and elegant quarters. Many grand bodies of different organizations meet in the city during the year; and these gatherings, with the biennial sessions of the legislature, the numerous terms of court, federal, state and county, the annual meetings of the New Hampshire Medical Society, all combine to make Concord the great meeting place of men of thought, character and

purpose, from all sections of the state, and at the same time enhance its eligibility as a permanent abiding place for those who seek the largest measure of advantage for body, mind and soul.

POSTOFFICE BUSINESS.

The importance of the Capital City in a business point of view is illustrated by the magnitude of its postoffice busi-



The "Coffin Elm"—Residence of M. D. Cummings

ness, which is in excess of that of any other city in the state, this office being a depository for fourth class offices, receiving deposits, indeed, from all of the ten counties of the state. During the year 1909 the Concord postoffice received from sales of stamps \$80,040.19; in deposits from other postoffices, \$60,991.57; United States treasury warrants, \$135,000. It disbursed in salaries \$257,880.85, and deposited with the United States treasury \$18,156.22. In its money-order business it

issued and paid orders to the amount of \$306,076.52, and received in deposits from other offices \$474,939.78, making a total of \$781,016.30, which, with the total receipts and disbursements from the postal business, makes an aggregate of \$1,333,090.24 as the total of its financial transactions for the year. The people of Concord patronize the postoffice in the purchase of stamps to the extent of more than \$3.50 per capita, on the average. The office has on its pay roll 321 postal employees, of which number ninety are connected with the local office, and the remainder are rural carriers and postal clerks in the state.

NEW CITY CHARTER.

At a special election last May the people of Concord, by a decided majority, adopted a new charter, which had been carefully drawn by a non-partisan commission and endorsed by the legislature, with certain amendments. This charter provides for a government with a single branch, consisting of a mayor and board of fifteen aldermen, of whom six are elected at large, and one from each of the nine wards. The mayor and aldermen at large constitute a board of public works, having supervision of all the executive affairs of the city. A permanent board of assessors, consisting of three members, is also established. Party nominations are abolished and no party designations are to appear on the municipal ballot, the election being also separated from the general and state election, occurring in the alternate years. Great improvement in the conduct of municipal affairs is anticipated from this change, which is in line with the progressive tendency of the times.

With all its material, educational, social and religious advantages, Concord is essentially a city of homes. Among these homes are no palatial establishments of multi-millionaires, and few haunts of poverty and misery. There are some poor people among its inhabitants, and some very "well-to-do," as the expression goes, but the majority are found in the great middle class of industrious and intelligent citizenship. Peace and order prevail in the midst, and the fact that it is a "no-license" city makes it even more desirable for those seeking a new place of residence, any and all of whom, if law-abiding, order-loving men and women, seeking the best for themselves, and ready to aid in promoting the welfare of others, will ever be heartily welcomed.

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