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## INTRODUCTION.

It has been deemed wise that steps should be taken to preserve in convenient form what was said and done at the first celebration of "Old Home Day" by the town of Goffstown.

It is a private enterprise, perhaps a patriotic one, certainly one the people interested in these profitable services will truly appreciate, for such a record should be preserved, not alone for our present convenience but for the information of those who come after us and who, we trust, will have the same veneration and respect for the days of "Auld Lang Syne" that we ourselves so fully entertain.

The observance of "Old Home Day" in Goffstown was considered by some of the citizens of the town in the early inception of the movement inaugurated by Governor Rollins in 1899, but no tangible results followed until in March, 1904, when an article, drafted by W. H. Stinson and presented by him to the selectmen, was inserted in the town meeting warrant, which read as follows:

"To see what action the town will take relative to the observance of "Old Home Day" and how much money will be raised to carry out the details of the same"; when the movement took definite shape. The town voted to observe the day and appropriated \$100 towards the expenses incident to such a celebration.

Pursuant to the action taken by the town, at the call of the selectmen, a public meeting of all interested citizens was held at the selectmen's room on the evening of May 25 to take the necessary steps in carrying into effect these provisions. The meeting effected a temporary organization with W. H. Colby as chairman and W. P. Hadley clerk, both members of the board of selectmen. It was voted to form an "Old Home Week Association," with

full powers to attend to all the necessary affairs incident to a fitting observance of an "Old Home Day" occasion. The following permanent officers were elected:

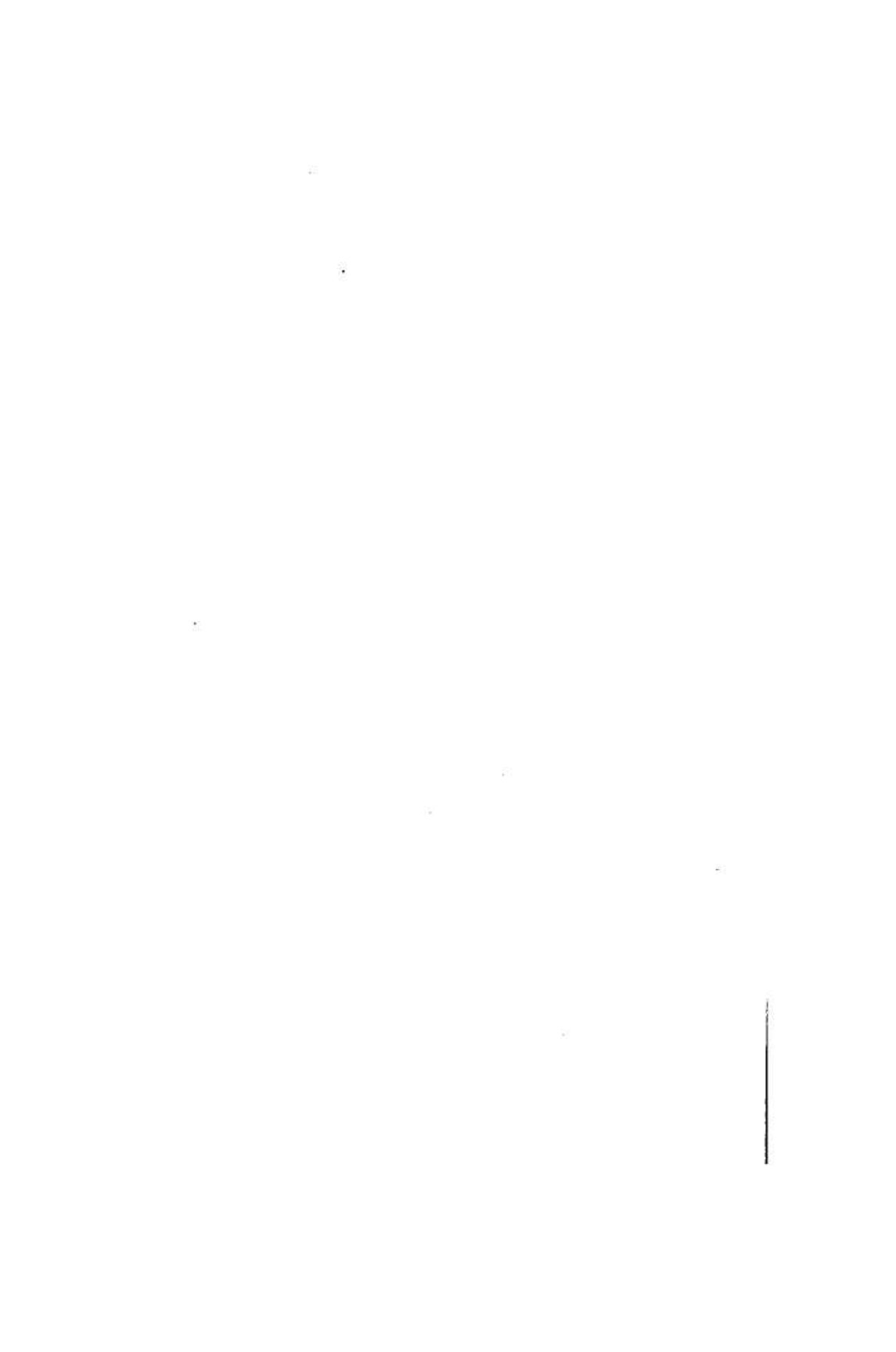
George P. Hadley, *President*,  
Dr. Charles F. George, *First Vice-President*,  
Edwin Flanders, *Second Vice-President*,  
William H. Stinson, *Secretary*,  
Ernest Johnson, *Treasurer*,

with an executive board, consisting of Frank A. Parker, George L. Eaton, John G. Dodge.

A code of by-laws was presented and adopted at a following meeting, when it was also determined that for good and substantial reasons Thursday, September 1, should be the date of the celebration.

Committees were appointed to assist the secretary in preparing as full a list as possible of all natives of the town now living elsewhere and all former residents, to whom an invitation should be sent. The invitation read as follows:







TOWN HOUSE.

## INVITATION.

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Goffstown, N. H., July, 1904.

DEAR FRIEND:—In behalf of the town of Goffstown, through its "Old Home Week Association," we cordially invite her absent sons and daughters, whether by birth or adoption, to come back once more and mingle in the festivities incident to "Old Home Day" on Thursday, September 1, 1904.

Exercises befitting the occasion will be observed, while on Sunday forenoon services on the "Old Home" theme will be conducted in the churches.

Let all return to this reunion and review the scenes and incidents of earlier years, so pleasant and truly profitable to recall.

Kindly advise us at your early convenience as to your good pleasure.

Very truly yours,



GEORGE P. HADLEY, *President.*

WM. H. STINSON, *Secretary.*

"Be wise and come."

The invitation was mailed to 1,102 addresses. An engraved cut of the Uncanoonuc Mountains, surrounded by familiar scenes, was executed and used generally on printed matter, also on letter-heads, which, with an appropriately engraved envelope corner, entering into almost universal use, gave wide advertising to the event, while a very neat and popular badge pin was very generally worn.