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*Edwin D. Burton*

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OF

REV. EDWARD BUXTON

AS

Pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Boscawen,

NOW THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEBSTER,  
AND MARKING HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
ACTIVE DUTIES OF THE MINISTRY,

DECEMBER 13, 1882.

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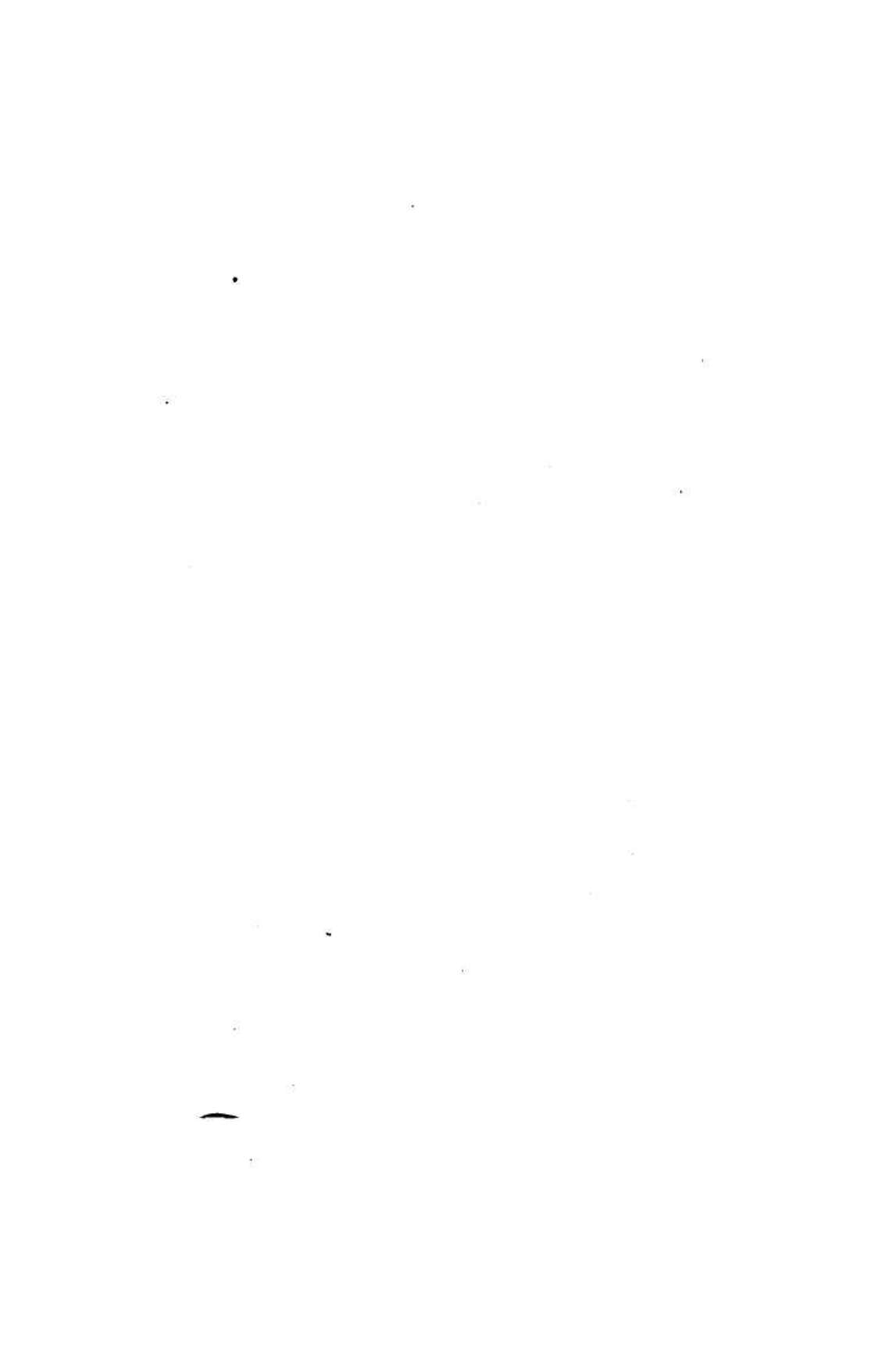
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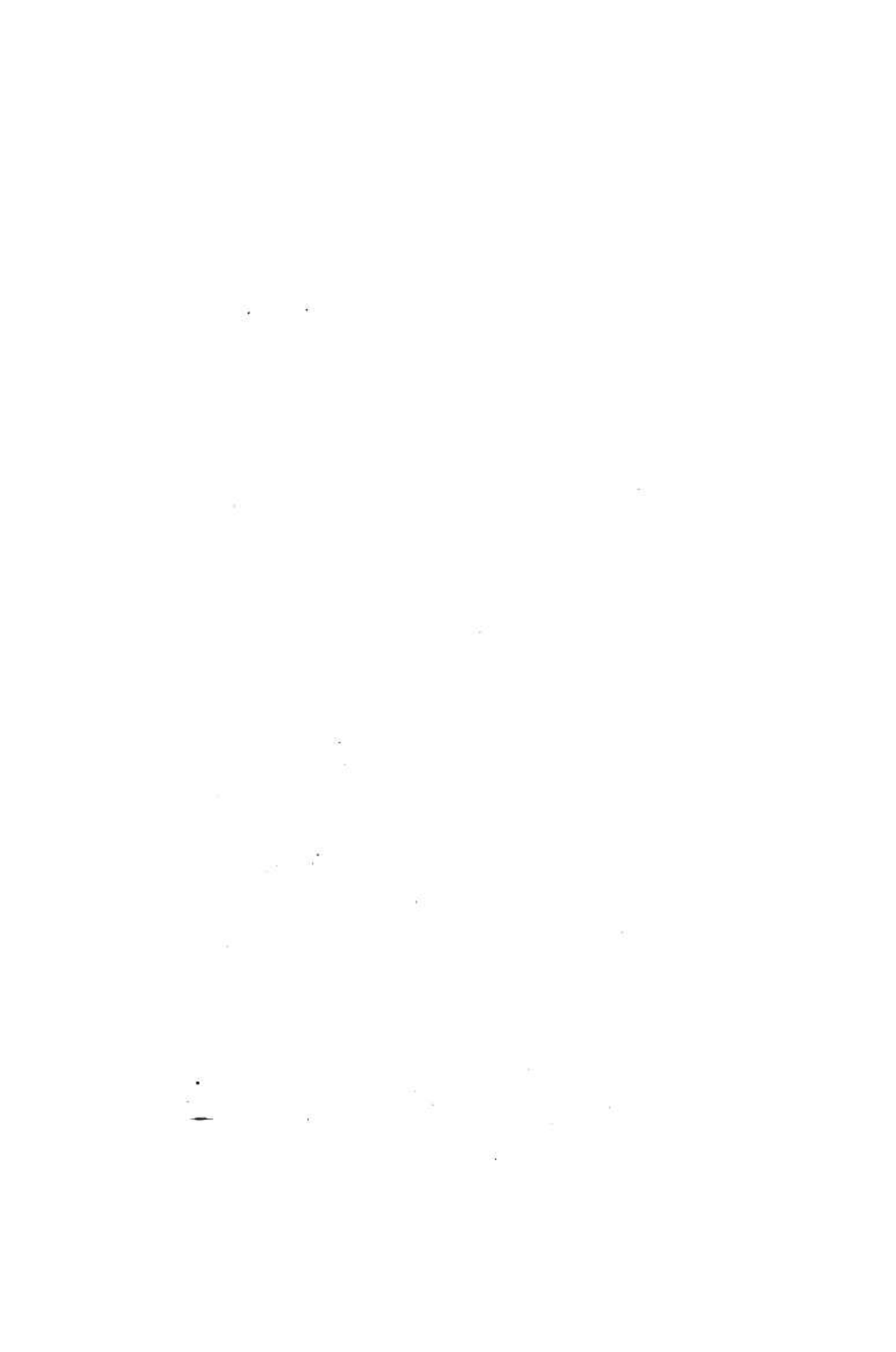




## SKETCH OF REV. MR. BUXTON.

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Rev. Edward Buxton was born in New Boston, N. H., August 17, 1803. He was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, and was afterwards preceptor of the academy in Greenland. He studied theology with Rev. Samuel W. Clark, of Greenland, and was ordained to the ministry in that town April 10, 1836. He preached at Rochester for a few months; afterwards at Dorchester and Whitefield, and was installed over the Congregational church in Webster, December 13, 1837. He succeeded Rev. Ebenezer Price, A. M., who was the first pastor of the church, and whose connection with it was dissolved by mutual council, May 10, 1837, after a pastorate of almost thirty-three years. In 1876 Rev. Mr. Buxton was elected a delegate to the convention for the revision of the state constitution. As superintending school committee he has taken great interest in the cause of education, and has given individual instruction to many young ladies and gentlemen. He has been thrice married,—first, to Miss Elizabeth McFarland, daughter of Rev. Asa McFarland, D. D., of Concord; second, to Mrs. Lois Jewett, of Laconia; and third, to Mrs. Louise Jane (Dix) Pillsbury, widow of Gen. Moody A. Pillsbury, daughter of Col. Timothy Dix, and sister of Major-General and Governor John A. Dix, of New York. Mrs. Buxton is now living.



## FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

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The celebration of the forty-fifth anniversary of the settlement of Rev. Edward Buxton over the Congregational church in Webster, formerly the Second Congregational church in Boscawen, and marking his retirement from the active duties of the ministry, occurred December 13, 1882. The propriety of observing this event began to be discussed some months in advance by resident members of the church and parish. The movement resulted in calling an informal meeting of all interested persons, at which the general plan of the celebration was adopted, and the following committee of arrangements chosen :

EPHRAIM LITTLE,  
WILLIAM W. BURBANK,  
DEA. HENRY H. GERRISH,  
HENRY L. DODGE,  
MOODY A. PILLSBURY.

The committee subsequently issued a printed circular of invitation, also containing the programme of exercises. Copies of the above were mailed to all former members of the church and society, and to all other former residents whose addresses could be obtained. The alacrity with which the people of the