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PILGRIM CELEBRATION.

It having been suggested, that a Celebration of the Anniversary of the Embarkation of the Pilgrims from Delft Haven in 1620, would be a highly appropriate and fitting tribute to the memory of the Fathers of New England, and also a proper season for taking measures to erect a monument in the town, on or near "Forefathers' Rock," the Pilgrim Society, at a meeting held in May, authorized the Trustees of the Society to make the necessary preparations for such celebration, to take place August 1, 1853, that day corresponding, in New Style, to July 22, Old Style, the day on which the Pilgrims embarked from Delft Haven.

At a meeting of the Trustees held June 16, 1853, the following persons were chosen to act as the Committee of Arrangements: Richard Warren, Timothy Gordon, Andrew L. Russell, Eleazer C. Sherman, Trustees in Plymouth; Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, James T. Hayward, Trustees in Boston; Charles H. Warren, and William S. Russell, members of the Society.

The Committee appointed the following Marshals:—

WILLIAM T. DAVIS, *Chief Marshal.*

JOHN D. CHURCHILL, and SAMUEL H. DOTEN, *Aids.*

William Atwood, 2d, William Bishop, Charles O. Churchill, Winslow Drew, John H. Harlow, Barnabas Hedge, George H. Jackson,

Thomas Loring, John J. Russell, Edward W. Russell, Nathaniel B. Spooner, George Simmons, Jr., Jeremiah Farris, Samuel Shaw, B. H. Holmes, Isaac Brewster, William R. Drew, George G. Dyer, D. J. Lane, William H. Nelson, George Bramhall, Jr., of Plymouth.

Waterman French, Abington.

P. D. Kingman, Bridgewater.

Matthias Ellis, Carver.

Henry Thomas, William Ellison, George B. Standish, of Duxbury.

James H. Mitchell, East Bridgewater.

James H. Wilder, Hingham.

Perez Simmons, Hanover.

Nathaniel Cushing, Hanson.

Robert Gould, Hull.

J. S. Beal, Kingston.

Harrison Staples, Lakeville.

J. Sampson, Jr., Middleborough.

W. N. Ellis, Marion.

George M. Baker, Marshfield.

G. W. Bryant, North Bridgewater.

Z. Parker, Plympton.

George F. Hatch, Pembroke.

Theophilus King, Rochester.

William P. Allen, Scituate.

Albion Turner, South Scituate.

Thomas Ames, West Bridgewater.

Lewis Kenney, Wareham.

Le Baron Russell, Rufus B. Bradford, Solomon J. Gordon, George P. Hayward, Thomas Russell, Isaac Winslow, and Pelham W. Hayward, of Boston.

Invitations were extended by the Committee of Arrangements to the following societies and individuals: —

Plymouth Church, Southwark, England.

The authorities of Delft Haven, Leyden, and Southampton.

Presidents of New England Societies in New York, Brooklyn, N. Y.,

Philadelphia, Charleston, S. C., Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, New Orleans, Michigan, San Francisco, Washington.	
Franklin Pierce,	President of United States.
Millard Fillmore,	Ex-President of United States.
William L. Marcy,	Secretary of State.
Caleb Cushing,	Attorney-General, U. S.
Hon. John J. Crittenden,	Kentucky.
“ William H. Seward,	New York.
Governor Clifford,	Massachusetts.
Hon. Edward Everett, }	United States Senators, Mass.
“ Charles Sumner, }	
“ Benjamin F. Hallett,	District Attorney, Mass.
“ Nathaniel P. Banks,	President of Convention for Revising the Constitution of Mass.
“ C. H. Warren,	President of Senate, Mass.
“ George Bliss,	Speaker of House of Repr., Mass.
“ David Sears,	President of Cape Cod Association.
“ Rufus Choate,	Attorney-General, Mass.
“ Abbott Lawrence.	
“ Robert C. Winthrop.	
“ Josiah Quincy.	
“ William Appleton,	Memb. Congress from Mass.
“ Charles W. Upham,	“ “ “
“ S. L. Crocker,	“ “ “
“ J. W. Edmands,	“ “ “
“ Tappan Wentworth,	“ “ “
“ Alexander DeWitt,	“ “ “
“ E. Dickinson,	“ “ “
“ J. Z. Goodrich,	“ “ “
“ Zeno Scudder,	“ “ “
Lieut.-Governor Huntington,	of Massachusetts.
Judge Sprague,	United States District Court.
Hon. E. P. Little,	Ex-Memb. Congress, Plymouth.
“ John G. Palfrey,	Cambridge.
“ Thomas H. Perkins,	Boston.
“ Stephen C. Phillips,	Salem,

Hon. Benjamin Seaver,	Mayor of Boston.
“ George S. Hillard,	Boston.
“ Levi Lincoln,	Worcester.
Isaac P. Davis, Esq.,	Boston.
Rev. George W. Blagden,	“
J. Prescott Hall, Esq.,	New York.
Hon. Ogden Hoffman,	“
Hon. George Bancroft,	“
Rev. Samuel Osgood,	“
“ E. H. Chapin,	“
“ William Adams,	“
“ H. W. Beecher,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Hiram Fuller, Esq.,	New York.
Hon. John P. Kennedy,	Baltimore.
Rev. Francis Wayland,	President of Brown University.
President Walker,	Harvard College.
“ Woolsey,	Yale “
“ Hopkins,	Williams “
“ Hitchcock,	Amherst “
Professor Park,	Andover Theol. Seminary.
Jared Sparks, Esq.,	Ex-President Harvard College.
Dr. Oliver W. Holmes,	Pittsfield.
Mr. George Sumner,	Boston.
Rev. E. H. Sears,	Wayland.
“ W. P. Lunt,	Quincy.
Epes Sargent, Esq.,	Boston.
Henry W. Longfellow, Esq.,	Cambridge.
Hon. Mr. Pettigru,	Charleston, S. C.
Alfred Huger, Esq.,	“
Dr. Benjamin Huger, Esq.,	“
Richard Yeadon, Esq.,	“
Thomas F. Capers, Esq.,	“
Hon. George Evans,	Gardiner, Me.
“ William P. Fessenden,	Portland, “
“ Judge Mitchell,	Bridgewater.
George Watson, Esq.,	Roxbury.
John Howland, Esq.,	Providence, R. I.

John Whipple, Esq.,	Providence, R. I.
Moses B. Ives, Esq.	"
Robert H. Ives, Esq.,	"
Washington Irving, Esq.,	New York.
Charles Hudson, Esq.,	Boston.
Charles Eames,	Union, Washington City.
Judge Elgee,	Louisiana.
Hon. George T. Davis,	Greenfield.
Robert W. Weir, Esq.,	West Point.
Adjutant-General Stone,	Boston.
Colonel Ezra Lincoln,	"
" George P. Sanger,	"
" James M. Thompson,	Springfield.
" W. J. Rotch,	New Bedford.
Lord Ellesmere,	England.
Sir Charles Lyell,	"
Rev. James Kendall,	Plymouth.
" Charles S. Porter,	"

Hon. J. G. Palfrey was detained at home by sickness. Hon. B. F. Hallett, Hon. N. P. Banks, and Hon. Rufus Choate accepted invitations to be present, but felt themselves compelled to be in their seats in the Convention, in session. Hon. Abbott Lawrence, J. Prescott Hall, Esq., and Hon. S. C. Phillips accepted invitations, but did not attend. No answers were received from Hon. William Appleton, Hon. George Bancroft, Hon. Ogden Hoffman, President Hitchcock, Professor Park, Hon. Mr. Pettigru, Hon. W. P. Fessenden, Hon. Alexander DeWitt, Hon. J. Z. Goodrich, and John Howland, Esq.

The following was the order of procession :—

Military Escort,
 Consisting of the Standish Guards, Abington Artillery, Samoset
 Guards, and Halifax Light Infantry, accompanied by the
 Boston Brigade Band and the S. Abington Band.
 Aids. Chief Marshal. Aids.
 Marshal. President of the Pilgrim Society. Marshal.

	Officers of the Pilgrim Society. Committee of Arrangements. Committee of Reception.	
Marshal.	Governor of the Commonwealth, with his Aids and Body Guard, — the Corps of Independent Cadets.	Marshal.
Marshal.	Adjutant-General of the State. Presidents of New England Societies of other States.	Marshal.
Marshal.	President of the Cape Cod Association.	Marshal.
Marshal.	United States Senators. President of the Senate. Members of Congress.	Marshal.
Marshal.	Ex-Senators and Ex-Members of Congress. United States District Attorney, and Attorney General of Massachusetts.	Marshal.
Marshal.	Invited Guests.	Marshal.
Marshals.	Members of the Cape Cod Association.	Marshals.
	Members of the New England Society of New York, accompanied by the New York Light Guard with Dodworth's Band. Plymouth Brass Band.	
Marshals.	Pilgrim Society. Selectmen and other Officers of the Town of Plymouth. Clergy. Instructors of the Public Schools. Citizens from other Towns and Cities. Citizens of Plymouth. South Bridgewater Band. Plymouth Fire Department in Uniform, with their apparatus.	Marshals.

The Fire Department appeared uncommonly well, and consisted of Niagara 1, Fountain 2, Rapid 3, and Torrent 4.

The following is an account of the decorations in the streets:—