

now represents the lot purchased by George Otis nearly a century ago, was a part of this farm; and as the Otis estate has never been divided, it may be said to have had but three owners in two hundred years! It never passed by deed out of the Chambers family till 1794, when it was sold to the man from whom George Otis bought it. It was then, and has been ever since, in spite of the crowding of recent years, an exceptionally healthful location, always catching a cool breeze from the river in the hottest days of midsummer.

When George Otis moved from Pitts Street, there were but two houses near his new abode,—that occupied by the Henchmans as a druggist's shop for more than a century, on the corner of Cambridge Street, and the Prince mansion where, I believe, our former Mayor Prince was born, and which stood, surrounded by its garden filled with horse-chestnut trees, lilac, and hawthorn, directly opposite. Before 1805, however, Mr. Otis must himself have built two fine brick houses, still standing opposite the head of Allen Street, and one of these was occupied by Dr. Charles Lowell when he became the pastor of the West Church. Then the grand old brick house was built by Thomas Dennie, on the corner of Allen, with a terraced garden running close to Poplar Street; the Dyers, the Simondses, and old Deacon Greeley followed, and twenty-five or thirty years after, I remember the street close set with the dear old wooden houses, standing endwise to the street, each in its own green lot, which once made Boston so dear to us all. The old "Harrison Gray Otis" estate, whose fine mansion, standing on the corner of Lynde and Cambridge streets, still peers up Han-