

the bar, and opened an office for himself in New Bedford, thus entering upon a career of twenty-five years' practice in that city, in which he became widely celebrated for his clear insight, careful preparation and successful prosecution of cases, civil and criminal. At the same time, he amassed a considerable fortune by investments in whaling and real estate.

His ceaseless activities at length breaking down his health, Mr. Dearborn retired from business and spent some months in travel. An incident of his European travel illustrates his delight in giving pleasure to others. From every city and point of interest visited, he gathered pebbles as souvenirs, and wrote on each label a sentence or two descriptive of the place. On his return, he gave a large package of these mementoes to a friend, and then banded her a duplicate package, saying: "Give these to some one who will like them."

In Germany, Mr. Dearborn first met the lady who became his wife, and with whom he made a home "singularly sweet and pleasant," in Medford, Mass., removing to Melrose Highlands after ten years. After his return from Europe he engaged less in active business and more in his own conservatory and gardens. His death from pneumonia, in 1889, was sudden and unexpected, after only a few days' illness. He lived honorably and died peacefully.

About the year 1860, Mr. Dearborn bought four contiguous lots in the new cemetery in Hampton, comprising 1296 square feet, in the most elevated part of the enclosure. After his death, the use to which it was to be put was revealed by a provision in his will, that ten thousand dollars be expended for an enduring monument upon the spot, in memory of Godfrey Dearborn, his first American ancestor. The long cherished plan was energetically carried forward by Mrs. Dearborn, who has since become Mrs. J. Merrill Currier, and still resides in Melrose Highlands. Mr. Currier superintended the erection of the monument, which was gratefully appreciated by his wife.

The obelisk, which is of Barre, Vt., granite, was manufactured in that town, and shipped to Hampton in October, 1890. In the spring of 1891 it was placed in position upon the rock foundation prepared for it. The first base is ten feet square and one foot deep; second base, eight feet square and one foot deep; third base, six feet square and fifteen inches deep, with finely moulded edge. On this rests the die, which is four feet square and six feet high, its faces and the round pillars at the corners being highly polished. Surmounting this is the cap, projecting over the die about six inches. This and the plinth above it are at once graceful in design and finish, and sufficiently massive to receive the main shaft, which is three feet two inches square