

HON. EBEN F. PILLSBURY. (*Eliza⁸ Dudley, John,⁵ James,⁴
Stephen,⁸ Rev. Samuel,² Gov. Thomas.⁴)*

DEATH OF ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT OF NEW ENGLAND
DEMOCRATS.

HON. EBEN F. PILLSBURY died at his residence on Gordon street, in Allston, at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been suffering from heart and liver troubles for several months, and had been failing rapidly during the past six weeks, and died from paralysis of the heart.

Mr. Pillsbury was a native of the State of Maine, and was born in Kingfield, Franklin county, April 18, 1825. He received a common school and academic education, and subsequently taught school for a time in his native town. He afterward began the study of the law without entering a law office or attending any law school, and he was admitted to the bar when he was between 28 and 30 years of age. He practised his profession for many years in Augusta, and was generally considered one of the ablest practitioners in Maine. During the war he published the Franklin Patriot at Farmington, Me., and was very bitter in his denunciation of the war. Between 1855

and 1860 he owned and edited the Maine Standard, one of the foremost Democratic papers in the State. He was the Democratic candidate for governor in 1866, 1867, and 1868, and was defeated each time by Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain. At each State election, when he was running on the gubernatorial ticket, he received more votes than any other Democratic candidate had received prior to that time, his vote increasing every year he headed the ticket. No vote larger than that given to Mr. Pillsbury in 1868 was so large until 1876 for a Democratic candidate. Mr. Pillsbury was always a strong opponent of James G. Blaine, and his antagonism to the "plumed knight" greatly injured him in his professional and social life. In 1880 he was largely instrumental in causing the exposure of Wallace R. White, who was detected in the attempt to buy up Fusion members of the Legislature for the Republican party in Maine. It may be said that for this he was almost driven from the State in that year. Since 1880 Mr. Pillsbury had practised law at the Suffolk bar, where he established a high reputation. On the 21st of April, 1885, he was appointed by President Cleveland as collector of internal revenue for the district embracing the State of Massachusetts. He held the position for about fifteen months, assuming the reins of office on the 14th of May, but his nomination was finally rejected by the United States Senate. Until a year ago he had resided in Melrose, when he removed to Allston.

Mr. Pillsbury was essentially a self-made man. He was genial and charitable, and was a loving husband and kind father. He leaves a widow and five children, — three sons: Omer, yardmaster at the Fitchburg railroad; Jerome, who lives in Chicago; Carroll, a deputy collector of internal revenue, and two daughters, one of whom is married. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon, probably at two o'clock, and the remains will be taken to Wyoming cemetery, Melrose, for interment.

