

others of more intrinsic worth, which rendered him popular among all classes. As an evidence of the strong hold he had on the favor of the people, during his early political career, it may be mentioned that after the expiration of his first year's residence here, he was put forward annually by his political friends, for some ward or town office. The contest at the polls for these offices, was usually spirited, and conducted on party grounds. It is a noticeable fact, seen by reference to the town election returns for those years, that Mr. Harvey invariably ran ahead of his ticket, and usually succeeded to an election, even when his party was clearly a minority one.

"Mr. Harvey, in early life, exhibited more than ordinary talent as a public speaker, and possessed the elements of a popular orator in a good degree. While engaged in the business of teaching, he was zealous in his endeavors to organize the young men of the town into Lyceums, for public discussions, on the important topics of the day. Doubtless this early practice of public speaking, was the means of giving him prominence in after times, as a good debater in the State Senate, and as an effective platform orator. His example in this respect, is well worthy the imitation of all young men who aspire to positions of influence and usefulness among the people.

"As a friend of education, and the interests of our public schools, Mr. Harvey was always ready to aid and give encouragement. In short, in all enterprises—educational, philanthropic or benevolent, he could always be counted upon, to give his influence and to speak a good word.

"Although Mr. Harvey, while a young man, was the object of popular favor and applause, yet he preserved a gentlemanly equanimity, and did not allow himself to become inflated with pride and conceit; nor did he give way to the temptations which surround young men who are the subject of flattering regard. He was a temperate man from principle—abstaining from all intoxicating liquors. He was moreover a religious man, and a church communicant (Congregational). There is much in the life of Gov. Harvey, while a young man, that is instructive and worthy of example by the young