

cient for the purpose, and then went to the Bolton Academy, kept by Master Fry, for several terms,—teaching one of the public schools of Leominster in the winter.

In the spring of 1837 he went to Boston, and in company with Mr. Asa Pierce, under the firm name of Pierce & Burrage, commenced the business of currying leather. He remained in this connection until about the year 1845, when he took an interest in the business of his brother William, and continued with him, as before mentioned, until the decease of the latter, in 1859. After that he carried on the business with Mr. John Q. Henry, under the style of Burrage & Henry, until Oct. 31, 1866, when the copartnership was dissolved, and he formed another with Mr. William L. Reed, a boot and shoe manufacturer of Abington; Mr. D. B. Closson being subsequently admitted a partner. The firm name was Burrage & Reed. When the copartnership expired by limitation, having decided to retire from active business, he sold out his interest in the stock to Reed & Closson, of which firm he became a special partner, contributing a portion of the capital. This was but a few days before the great fire. The firm lost by the fire their entire stock of goods, amounting to \$60,000. They received from the insurance but \$31,200, fifty-two per cent,—although the stock was fully covered,—leaving a loss of \$28,800.

Having a large family of children, Mr. Burrage