

THE GATHERING

AT HAYDENS, SEPT. 2, 1885.

The weather on the day of meeting was auspicious, save the wind was too strong for the flower-vases provided for the lunch-tables. The guests from a distance arrived at the railway station by the ten o'clock trains, and were met by a committee of young men, N. W. Hayden⁶⁶⁸ of Windsor, Harris H.,⁶⁶⁸ William W.,⁶⁷⁶ and Samuel S. Hayden⁶⁷⁹ of New York, formerly of Haydens, and Everett S. Hayden⁶⁹³ of New York; after forming in procession and headed by a drum-corps they marched (about 30 rods) to the grounds. The company first gathered around the Boulder, which was covered by the flags of England, Connecticut, and the Union. A few words were said by J. H. Hayden by way of dedication to the memory of the first settler, our ancestor, William Hayden, referring to the origin of the movement and the object of procuring such a simple and indestructible memorial stone. The flags were then run up with cheers and music. The Old House was gay with flags, and its doors thrown open for inspection. A tent, with chairs and a speaker's stand, had been provided beside it, and the meeting was presided over by the Hon. Henry A. Hayden⁵⁹⁸ of Jackson, Mich.