



HON. JOHN R. WEBBER, MAYOR OF AUBURN.

IT speaks a lot for fellowship: it's better far than fame,
 When your fellow townsmen greet you by the handle of your name;
 And it's not wholly unimportant, nor too small to dwell upon,
 That the Mayor's partner's "Johnnie," while the Mayor's always "John."
 For he's won his spurs by working, in a quiet, modest way;
 By building up a business on the plan that's built to stay.
 And he's done the same in social life, in politics, of course;
 In masonry, he's filled the chairs with dignity and force;
 And wherever you may travel, the imprint you will find
 Of the Merrill-Webber print-shop—"the same old honest kind."
 So I hold it far from trivial, that things that spell "success"
 Are the fruits of perseverance and unrelenting friendliness.