## Men of the Hour: Wilbur C. Oliver

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WILBUR C. OLIVER, BATH, MAINE.

WIELDER of iron he; its firm, resisting mass

He moulds in varying forms; makes it to pass

Thru heat of fiery forge, 'neath hammer's blows,

Till, by the force of human will, it grows,

Refined, embellished, a fit instrument

Of human comfort, need, or betterment.

Wielder of human heart's is he, as well;

A fabric softer to the touch, but, truth to tell,

Resisting, more than steel, the workman's hand.

A stubborn heart he oft can make expand

Beneath the gentle glow of kindly word.

He knows wherewith its deepest chords are stirred,

When best to use Persuasion's subtle arts,

Logic's relentless blows, or Satire's darts.

And thus, in many a local Lodge, he leads

The way to helpful works and kindly deeds.

His influence in public life is known;

Protectingly his arm, of late, is thrown

About the city's poor; in him they find

A champion courageous, honest, kind.

So lives he, that it may be said, at last,

"Things better are, because he this way passed."

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