

## Bugbee

(taken from Gaskell's Compendium of Forms (1882 Ed.)

Bugbee, the most celebrated New England penman, was fully as famous in his section as Spencer was in Ohio. Bugbee taught throughout New Hampshire shire, and some in Vermont. His most successful classes—those that gave him most reputation—were at Hanover, N.H., the seat of Dartmouth College, as all know, one of the oldest and best of our colleges, ranking with Yale and Harvard. Here among the students he was a great favorite, and although he left no published works, we can judge something of his skill by the opinions of those who were under his tuition. Among these are some of the former governors of New Hampshire and other States, members of State and the National legislatures, lawyers, editors and clergymen, who have become widely known.

One of the Dartmouth boys in Bugbee's time, the editor of the leading papers of New Hampshire, the Daily Mirror and American, and Mirror and Farmer, published at Manchester in an editorial review of a work by the writer of this, speaks of Bugbee as follows:

"Thirty-five years ago Bugbee, of Nashua, N. H., was the most elegant penman "in this country; and, though he lacked system some what, letters, birds, beasts, and creeping things flowed from his pen as easily as water runs down hill."

It is a matter of regret that a penman so highly skilled as the former seems to have been, should have left behind him no scraps of his handiwork available to us.