



SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Erected July 23, 1864.

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At a town-meeting of the inhabitants of Newton, held on the seventh day of August, A.D. 1863, a committee was chosen with authority to erect a monument to the soldiers of Newton who had fallen in the war of the Rebellion.

In order that all might share in this grateful tribute, a donation of one dollar was solicited from each inhabitant; and nearly twelve hundred dollars were received from this source. More than eleven hundred children of the public schools contributed each one dime; and the remainder necessary to construct the monument, to grade and surround the lot with a suitable curbstone, together with the erection of an appropriate entablature, has been cheerfully contributed by the generous friends of the soldiers in the town.

The monument itself, with the entablature, cost,	\$3,975 50
The curbstone and posts	1,245 00
The work has been completed at an expense of,	\$5,220 50

It stands in the cemetery, upon a lot of land given by the Town. The trustees of the cemetery corporation are to keep the grounds in good order and condition. The monument is an octagonal shaft of Quincy granite, resting upon a die and shafts of the same material, and is twenty-eight feet in height. Upon the front of the die are inscribed the words, "*In Memoriam Perpetuam.*" Near the monument is the entablature, on which is carved the motto, "*Pro patria mortui sunt.*" bearing the names of fifty-seven brave men of Newton, who offered up their lives in the cause of freedom and the Union.

In the erection of this monument, our patriotic citizens have gracefully performed a grateful public duty; and the work will stand as a perpetual honor to the brave heroes who have fallen, and to the noble spirit of our people.