

ANDOVER'S DAYS.

**Celebration of 250th Anniversary On—
All Clergymen Made Historical Ad-
dresses Yesterday.**

ANDOVER, Mass, May 17—In commemoration of her 250th birthday, Andover is in holiday attire. The square is a mass of color, every building being decorated in some way. The town house is elaborately decorated, the front being almost completely hidden from view by bunting, designs and flags. The principal piece is a representation of the town seal, which is surmounted by an arch containing the inscription "250th Anniversary of Andover."

The bank building opposite, the Musgrove block and the postoffice are covered with designs. In the academic section, the administration building of Phillips academy and the Theological seminary present masses of coloring. Abbot female seminary bears the inscription "Abbot Academy, 1829-1896."

A notable decoration is that on the Old South church. The interior walls are hidden from view with flags and streamers, and flowers and growing plants are lavishly used. In this place the literary exercises will be held on Wednesday.

Today the formal celebration of the anniversary began with historical sermons in all the churches. The principal interest centered in the chapel of the theological seminary, where Prof John Phelps Taylor was the preacher. A large congregation was present. The decorations comprised English and American flags on either side of the pulpit, and a tasteful display of plants and cut flowers.