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DANIEL W. POWERS.

During the past three-quarters of a century the name of Powers has been synonymous with the growth and development of Rochester along various lines. Daniel W. Powers was the first builder of the modern business structure which is now a typical feature in every progressive city, and for many years he was an outstanding figure in the financial life of this city. He was born in Batavia, Genesee county, New York, June 14, 1818, a son of Asahel and Elizabeth (Powell) Powers, natives of Vermont. On leaving New England, Asahel Powers removed to western New York, establishing his home in this section of the state when it was largely an unimproved district. Asahel Powers died about 1821 and his wife survived only a few years.

Following his father's death Daniel W. Powers made his home with an uncle and his early experiences were those of farm life, but the pursuits of a mercantile career seemed more attractive and at the age of nineteen he became a salesman in the hardware store of Ebenezer Watts of Rochester. Mr. Powers had walked from Batavia to Rochester at this time as a matter of necessity, for his means were extremely limited. Applying for a position to Mr. Watts, his size seemed to unfit him for the work he was to do, but young Powers insisted he was physically able and, throwing off his coat, remarked "I am the boy", and he went to work. For twelve years thereafter he was connected with the hardware trade, during which time the careful husbanding of his resources, together with the increase in his salary as his years and efficiency advanced, brought him capital that enabled him to engage in business on his own account as a banker and broker on the 1st of March, 1850. He made the announcement to the public through the columns of the paper that he would conduct an "Exchange business in the Eagle block, Rochester, one door west of the Monroe Bank in Buffalo street." The new enterprise prospered from the beginning. He gave close and earnest attention to his business and the public soon recognized that he was thoroughly trustworthy, reliable and competent, so that his patronage therefore increased and in years brought him a handsome fortune. His success in the undertaking is evidenced by the fact that on the site of his original office now stands the beautiful and substantial nine-story fire-proof Powers building, the first as well as the finest and most celebrated of the great modern commercial structures erected in the city. He continued to engage in the banking business until his death and was recognized as one of the foremost financiers of western New York, not unknown throughout the state and in other sections of the country. In addition to the Powers block he erected the Powers Hotel, which is also nine stories in height and is scarcely equaled in the state outside of New York city. It was not alone through his private business affairs, however, that Mr. Powers became reckoned as one of the most distinguished and prominent citizens of Rochester. His labors were of the utmost benefit to the city along various lines of progress. He was one of the founders of the present park system and was a member of the commission which directed the construction of the city hall and the elevation of the Central Hudson Railroad tracks. Twice he served as alderman and his official prerogatives were exercised in support of valuable measures. The Rochester City Hospital found in him a stalwart friend and champion and for many years he was president of its board of trustees. He was likewise president of the board of trustees of the Home of the Friendless and a member of the board of trustees of the Industrial School. He was charitable and benevolent, giving freely of his means to ameliorate hard conditions of life for others, and in all of his benefactions was entirely free from ostentation or display. Mr. Powers attained the Knights Templar degree in Masonry and was an attendant at the services of the Brick church, to which he gave liberal support. He was a patron of art and the founder of the famous Powers Art Gallery, valued at more than a million dollars. His knowledge of artists and their work was very extensive and his judgment discriminating. He traveled extensively, going abroad several times and visiting many points of historic, modern and scenic interests in the Old World as well as in his native land.

Daniel W. Powers remained a resident of Rochester from early manhood to the

time of his death, which occurred in December, 1897, when he had reached the age of seventy-nine years. He was honored and respected by all and his name stood to the outside world largely as a synonym of Rochester's greatness and upbuilding.

Daniel W. Powers was married twice. His first wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Lucinda Young, died in early womanhood, leaving a son, Edward, who passed away in infancy. In 1856 Mr. Powers was married to Miss Helen M. Craig, a daughter of the late John Craig of Niagara county, who was one of the early retired citizens of Rochester. He removed from Niagara county to that city and became the owner of extensive real estate interests here. He was born in New Hampshire, his father being Colonel Joseph Craig, who won distinction as an officer in the Revolutionary war. John Craig was united in marriage to Miss Rhoda Fassett. He died at the age of seventy-seven years, while his wife's death occurred when she was seventy-one years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Powers became the parents of five children: Helen, the wife of J. W. Aitken of New York city; William C., a resident of New York city; Jessie, the wife of G. N. Perkins; John Craig of Rochester; and Walter W., also of Rochester.

DEAN RICHMOND.

Though it has been nearly sixty years since the passing of Dean Richmond, the second president of the New York Central Railway Company and in his generation one of the most eminent men of affairs in the state of New York, prominent not only in industrial and commercial circles but in the civic life of the commonwealth, the memory of that distinguished citizen still is kept green in Genesee country, where his chief activities were carried on, and no attempt to chronicle the events and movements which contributed to the development of that region during the generation so conspicuously represented by Mr. Richmond, would be complete without some brief review of his life and services. Although a large part of the life of this eminent community builder was passed in other localities, his home from 1853 until the time of his death was maintained in Batavia, where the family still is represented, and at his passing he left a good memory there.

Dean Richmond was born in the village of Barnard, Windsor county, Vermont, March 31, 1804, and was a son of Hathaway and Rachel (Dean) Richmond, who not long after that date came over into New York with their family and established their home in Onondaga county, at a point now embraced within the corporate limits of the city of Syracuse. Hathaway Richmond was engaged in the salt trade and became a leader in that industry in this section, but business reverses impelled him to try his fortune in the south and he established himself in business in Mobile, Alabama, where he died not long afterward, leaving his widow and three children, two daughters and the son Dean, the latter then being but fourteen years of age. That was in 1818. Owing to the somewhat straitened circumstances in which the bereaved family found themselves after the death of the husband and father, young Dean Richmond early began to assume mature responsibilities and it is recalled concerning him that he even then began to demonstrate the possession of those notable qualities that in good time were to make him a power in the financial, industrial and political life of the state, and enable him to win his way to the front ranks of the men who were doing things in that generation he so ably represented.

Resolutely assuming the burden of family obligation thus placed upon his youthful shoulders, Dean Richmond did what he could to carry on the business left by his father and it was not long until, under changing conditions, he found himself in the possession of a going business. It was about that time that the market for salt became greatly extended and what had been a declining line during the time of his father's administration of the business became a rapidly developing industry, which under the adept management of the son was turned to large success. With this industry established on a firm basis and finding himself in the possession of an income which in those days was considered ample for larger operations, Mr. Richmond found an outlet not only for his savings but for his energies in other forms of investment and soon became recognized as one of the leaders in the promotion of large enterprises. In 1842 he moved to the city of Buffalo, where he became engaged in the general commission and transportation business, dealing largely with the rapidly increasing products of the west, forwarding these from the Buffalo market to the seaboard markets, and it was not long until he became recognized as one of the wealthiest and most influential operators in the whole lake region.

In the midst of his active commercial career Mr. Richmond made his entry into



Engraved by James Johnson, 1847

DEAN RICHMOND.

railroad operations when he was elected a member of the directorate of the old Utica & Buffalo Railroad Company. When the direct line of that road was completed to Batavia he took up his residence in that village and thereafter made that place his home. It was in May, 1853, that Mr. Richmond purchased the fine old mansion on the north side of what now is Main street in Batavia, to the main part of which he made extensive improvements and additions and which place ever since has been held in the family, now being owned and occupied by the founder's granddaughter, Mrs. J. Frank Thomas.

When the completion of rival railroad lines forced the consolidation of seven railway companies into a protective organization that has since grown into that compact system of railways operating as the New York Central lines, Mr. Richmond was one of the foremost leaders in this farsighted amalgamation movement and it was largely due to his generalship, native ability and perseverance that an enabling act authorizing the merger was carried through the legislature. That was in the year 1853, historic date in the annals of American railway development. Mr. Richmond was elected first vice president of this company and upon the retirement of Erastus Corning in 1864 he was elected president of the road, a service he continued to render until his death two years later. Mr. Richmond's proved capacity for railway service led also to his election as president of the rapidly developing Lake Shore & Michigan Southern road and in other ways he came to be recognized as a power in the railway world. It is a matter of record that during his many years of connection with the development of the New York Central road the company placed the utmost reliance upon his counsels and judgment and no extensive improvement measures were adopted without his advice and approbation. It also is of record that Mr. Richmond was the first American railway builder to advocate the use of steel rails, a development which started in England but which met with little encouragement on the part of American roller mill men. A trial shipment of steel rails was secured from England and the test made by the New York Central under Mr. Richmond's direction led to the placing of a large order for the steel rails in England, an order, however, that was not filled until after the death of the farsighted man who placed it. The ultimate proof of the desirability of these rails, in preference to the old iron rails, vindicated his judgment in the matter and led to a practical revolution in the construction of American railways, the importance of which is fully appreciated by the present generation.

The space available in these pages will not permit a detailed mention of the various enterprises with which Mr. Richmond was connected, but it is proper to note that in each one of these and on every occasion his business acumen made him a promotive power of great personal influence, so that his name is written large on the early records of what may be regarded as the beginning of the period of "modern" development of the great commercial and industrial activities of the state of New York, marking that era of expansion immediately prior to and during the time of the Civil war. Though primarily the active and enterprising business man, to the exclusion of political and social ambition, Dean Richmond believed it to be the duty of every good citizen to interest himself in politics to the extent of keeping close watch upon the tide of events and to labor for the promotion of those principles of government of which his conscience approved. With broad views and a clear knowledge of the principles of democracy he readily grasped the various phases of national politics and made his influence felt in the councils of the democratic party. He was long in the full enjoyment of the unlimited confidence of his political associates and it is said that few men of his generation in New York state exerted a larger measure of power in that party than he, and for nine years prior to his death he had been serving as a member of the state committee of that party. In the summer of 1866 Mr. Richmond was in attendance, as a member of the state committee, at the state convention of the democratic party held that year in Saratoga, and returned to his home in Batavia on Saturday, August 18. On the morning of the next day, Sunday, August 19, he accompanied Governor Tilden to the latter's home at Grammercy Park (New York) to spend the day and was persuaded to remain over night. On Monday he became seriously ill. His family, then at the seashore, were summoned to New York, reaching there on Wednesday morning. The ablest physicians in the city were called to the bedside but their efforts to afford relief were fruitless and Mr. Richmond died on the 27th, then being in his sixty-second year. It is significant of the busy life led by the deceased to record that one of the physicians in attendance at the bedside announced that the fatal termination of what otherwise might not have proved a serious illness was due to a depressed state of the patient's system brought on by overwork.

During the time of Mr. Richmond's residence in Batavia it was his custom to attend to his business affairs in Buffalo and to return twice or thrice a week to the comfort of his home place in Batavia. Besides his interests as the executive head of the New York Central Railway Company and of the Lake Shore line he also was the owner of the controlling interest in what later became known as the Western Transportation Company and was a very busy man, his varied interests keeping him almost constantly "on the go", so that it is not unlikely the physician's judgment that his death was due to "overwork" was an accurate one. As noted in the introduction to this brief review of the life and services of this busy and useful man, Mr. Richmond left a good memory at his passing. He not only was diligent in business but in all his relations in life he had rendered a true account of himself. Though in following the promptings of his generous heart it is known that he was not accustomed to letting his right hand know what his left hand was doing, the memory of his many good deeds rendered locally was long cherished in and about Batavia and in some circles these good deeds are not wholly forgotten to this day. Notwithstanding his known aversion to any reference to his philanthropic activities it is known that no worthy cause presented to his consideration ever was disregarded.

Mr. Richmond's widow survived him for nearly thirty years, her death occurring on April 6, 1895, and she, too, left a good memory, for she had for many years been a gentle leader in local good works. Mrs. Richmond was born Mary Elizabeth Mead and was a member of one of the old families of Troy, New York. She and her husband were the parents of nine children, namely: Alfred, who made his home in New York city, and the only survivor of his family is a daughter, Rosland; Henry A., who made his home in Buffalo and who died a bachelor; Adelaide; William Eugene, now deceased; Edward G., who became a textile manufacturer in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and who is survived by a son, Edward Dean Richmond of New York city; Edgar (twin of Edward G.), who died young; Dean Richmond, Jr., a one-time vice president of the old Genesee County National Bank, who died in 1885 and in whose memory his mother founded the Richmond Memorial Library in Batavia; Harriet, who died in youth; and Charles, who also died in childhood. William Eugene Richmond, who married Clara Elizabeth Nims and made his home in Buffalo, has passed away, as has also his wife. They were the parents of seven children, Watts Lansing, William Eugene, Jr., Adelaide (wife of J. Frank Thomas of Batavia), Harold, Frances, Dean and Clara. All of these now living, save Mrs. Thomas, are making their home in Buffalo.

Adelaide, the only daughter of Dean and Mary E. (Mead) Richmond to reach womanhood, finished her education in Mrs. Bryan's Seminary at Batavia and in 1869 was united in marriage to Dr. William J. C. Kenny, who died at their home in Buffalo in 1873. Following the death of her husband Mrs. Kenny returned to Batavia and in the old Richmond home there spent the remainder of her life, her death occurring on February 5, 1905, she then being in the sixtieth year of her age. A contemporary reference to this good woman has it that "she was a close student of civic and business affairs and no mind was keener than hers in the ready grasp and practical solution of problems presented for her determination. Her name is associated with nearly every large business enterprise in Batavia and she was always on the alert to secure new industries. The citizens of Batavia are under many obligations to her for many good deeds done and will always hold in grateful memory the name of Adelaide Richmond Kenny—first in every movement for the uplifting of humanity and the advancement of everything tending to the general good of the community." Certainly a fine and fitting appreciation of the services of this woman, who in her generation wrought well, and one worthy of preservation in this definite history of the region in which these services were rendered.

It is said that for the thirty years prior to her death no single individual had been so prominently identified with the general interests of the city of Batavia as had Mrs. Kenny. With her ample means she aided in the upbuilding of various local industries in which she was more or less heavily interested and she always gave freely to funds raised for the purpose of bringing new industries to town, as well as to funds designed for the general promotion of community interests. Mrs. Kenny was a charter member of the Batavia Hospital Association and was the president of that body at the time of her death. During the period of the activities of the Batavia Relief Association she was the mainstay of that organization. In general civic affairs she ever took a deep and helpful interest and was for several years a member of the local board of education, during that period of service doing much to advance the progress of the work of the schools. An earnest member of St. James Episcopal church, the handsome rectory that adorns the establishment of that parish

was a gift from her. A clear-headed business woman, possessed of admirable judgment in such matters, she was a director of several of the leading industrial enterprises of Batavia, including the Johnson Harvester Company, the Wiard Plow Company, the Bedwell Thresher Company, the E. N. Rowell Company and the Batavia Carriage Wheel Company, as well as a heavy stockholder in several other enterprises. By her last will Mrs. Kenny disposed of considerable sums in behalf of various religious and charitable organizations, including a handsome bequest to St. James Episcopal church in memory of her deceased husband, which was used by the parish in the erection of the present church edifice. Mrs. Kenny was a great lover of books and it was said that on historical and nonpartisan political subjects she was one of the best read women in the country. Her extensive and very valuable library contained some of the finest de luxe editions extant.

The only present member of the Richmond family now residing in Batavia is Mrs. Adelaide Richmond Thomas, who, as mentioned above, is the wife of J. Frank Thomas, a well known business man of that city. Mrs. Thomas is president of the Holland Purchase Historical Society and has ever taken an interested and helpful part in the general social, cultural and philanthropic activities of the community.

HARRY B. CLEVELAND.

Harry B. Cleveland, an expert public accountant, has rendered valuable service to the state in that capacity and is now acting as secretary and treasurer of the Elmira Water, Light & Railroad Company, in which connection he is doing equally important work. He is one of the city's native sons and was born April 17, 1874. His parents were Franklin E. and Sarah (Benjamin) Cleveland, the former a native of Canandaigua, New York, while the latter was born in Brantford, in the Dominion of Canada. They were married in Penn Yan, New York, in 1847 and reared a family of five children, three of whom survive. The father was in the service of the Erie Railroad Company and for many years acted as its agent at Elmira. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal church and a democrat in his political views. He was a Knights Templar Mason and served for years as prelate of the commandery.

Harry B. Cleveland attended the public schools and Elmira Free Academy, after which he completed a course in a business college. For about six years he was employed as a stenographer and then became credit man for a lumber firm in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, filling that position for eight years. From 1909 until 1913 he was connected with the Elmira Water & Light Company, acting as auditor during a portion of that time, and in the latter year was appointed examiner of accounts by the public service commission for the state of New York. He was thus engaged for three years and his expert work led to his selection for the post of head accountant for the state tax commission, with which he was connected until 1920. He then returned to his native city and has since discharged the duties of secretary and treasurer of the Elmira Water, Light & Railroad Company.

On September 15, 1901, Mr. Cleveland was married to Miss Eleanor M. Sackett, a native of Elmira and a daughter of Frank E. Sackett, cashier of the Chemung Canal Trust Company of this city. The children of this union are: Virginia, Margaret and Mary. Mrs. Cleveland is a Presbyterian and her oldest daughter is a Christian Scientist in religious faith, while the other members of the family are members of the Episcopal church. Mr. Cleveland is a member of the Century and Kiwanis Clubs.

HERBERT TAYLOR KEHEW.

With a mind commercially comprehensive, quick to perceive and act, Herbert Taylor Kehew has avoided the many pitfalls into which unrestricted progressiveness is so frequently led, focusing his efforts in directions where fruition is certain, and his name has become widely known in connection with the manufacture of paper. Since coming to Dansville he has taken a leading part in civic affairs and is one of the most public-spirited men in a city which is noted throughout western New York for its civic spirit.

Herbert Taylor Kehew was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1866, and his parents, Charles A. and Julia (Taylor) Kehew, are both deceased. He re-

ceived a public school education and when eighteen years of age obtained work with one of the large steel-manufacturing corporations of Pittsburgh. He first came to Dansville upon the organization of the Carso Paper Company, which was formed November 1, 1916, and since the incorporation of the business Mr. Kehew has filled the office of treasurer. The firm manufactures light weight paper for waxing. Mr. Kehew is financially interested in other paper mills at Middletown, Ohio, and is a member of the board of directors of the Paul A. Sorg Paper Company of that city. He also serves as vice president of the Fairbanks Fibre Box Company of Middletown, Ohio, and is treasurer of the Empire Paper Company of Middletown, Ohio, with a mill at Ithaca, New York. He has a highly specialized knowledge of the business, with which he has been identified for over twenty years, and is one of the most prominent executives of the paper industry in the country. His plans are well formulated, having their basis in sound judgment, broad vision, keen sagacity and a ready discrimination between the essential and the nonessential, and his influence is one of broadening activity and strength in the field in which he is operating.

On October 8, 1891, Mr. Kehew was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Taylor and they have one son, Charles Taylor. Mr. Kehew is past president of the Dansville Rotary Club, and the growth and progress of his community is a matter in which he takes much personal pride. He is an adherent of the republican party and his life is guided by the teachings of the Methodist church. Mr. Kehew is a man of large affairs and forceful personality in whom the qualities of enterprise and conservatism are happily blended. It is by men of this well balanced nature that the best work is accomplished and the most enduring results are obtained. They take no backward step and their attainment of a goal means not a temporary triumph but a permanent conquest. Mr. Kehew has impoverished none in his efforts to acquire a competence and his merits compel esteem, admiration and respect.

HON. WOLCOTT J. HUMPHREY.

Anyone undertaking a review of the history of Wyoming county and of this section of the Genesee country in general, will find innumerable evidences of the lofty influence exerted in his generation by the Hon. Wolcott J. Humphrey, statesman, banker, philanthropist and for many years a leader in the general civic, social and commercial life of the community in and about Warsaw, in which his useful activities were so long carried on. Though it is now more than thirty-five years since he passed from the scenes he knew so well and loved so dearly, his memory still is cherished, the evidences of the good deeds he performed in life being to the community a continuing reminder of his life and works. Though not native to the Genesee country his lines had fallen in this pleasant place in the days of his infancy and his interests ever afterward centered here, he thus being as much a Geneseean as though indeed "native and to the manner born."

From the days of his youth the striking individuality of this amazingly energetic man was impressed upon his fellows and associates. An early and convincing evidence of this is that when but twenty-three years of age he was elected colonel of the local brigade of the State Militia. By that time he also had become established in his mercantile career. When just past thirty years of age he was made postmaster of his home town and in the next year the people of this district sent him to Albany to represent them in the state assembly. He later represented his district in the state senate. Following the nationalization of the old Wyoming County Bank of Warsaw he became the president of that sound financial institution and in that capacity continued an influential factor in the general business affairs of his community until his death. In local welfare work also he was for years one of the real leaders, a humanitarian by instinct and a friend of man. His labors were long helpful in the amelioration of local social ills and for years he also served as the head of the board of managers of the institution maintained at Batavia in behalf of the blind. In other ways his ever was a helping hand and it is thus that the good memory he left at his passing a generation ago is a continuing memory in this community.

Wolcott J. Humphrey was a member of one of the old colonial families of Connecticut but, as noted above, was happily transplanted to the Genesee country in the days of his infancy. He was born in Canton, Hartford county, Connecticut, November 11, 1817, and was but a babe in arms when in the next year (1818) his parents, Theophilus and Cynthia (Hayden) Humphrey, came with their family over into western New York and became residents of the Sheldon settlement, in what



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then was Genesee county, but which now is included within the confines of Wyoming county. Both Theophilus Humphrey and his wife were members of old families in Connecticut, the latter born in Torrington, Litchfield county, that state. When they came to the Genesee country they had a lively group of youngsters with them and others were born to them after their arrival, until in all there were seventeen children in this family. Of these Wolcott was the sixth son. As most of these children grew to maturity and had families of their own, and some of these were considerable families, the connection of this family in the present generation is a not inconsiderable one and finds representation in widely separated parts of the country. The pioneer Theophilus Humphrey (II) was born in Canton, Connecticut, and was a son of Theophilus Humphrey (I), who also was born in that place, a son of Samuel Humphrey, also a native of Canton and a representative of one of the early families of the Connecticut colony, the first grandfather and the first grandmother having arrived in Connecticut in 1643 and 1634, respectively. When the junior Theophilus Humphrey took up his residence in the Sheldon settlement he bought a tract of ground there and made a farm. On that place he also erected a tannery, for he was a skilled tanner, and in the same place set up a saddlery and a bootmaking shop, a maker of and dealer in all sorts of leather goods, and he thus became one of the useful pioneers of that section, he and his family doing much to advance the common interest in the region known as Humphrey's Hollow.

Reared on the home place in Sheldon, Wolcott J. Humphrey had such education as the somewhat indifferent local schools afforded at that time, this being happily supplemented by a course of instruction under the preceptorship of the Congregational clergyman of that neighborhood. As a boy he took a helpful part in the operation of his father's several business enterprises and thus grew up familiar with commercial forms and with the needs in the way of merchandising of this then rapidly developing trade area. Not long after he had attained his majority Mr. Humphrey entered the mercantile business on his own account and was for almost a quarter of a century thereafter thus engaged, owning stores at one time and another variously at Varysburg, Java Center and North Java. While engaged in business at the latter place he became interested in a western land development project in the vicinity of the now flourishing city of Bloomington, Illinois, spent three years there and made some very profitable realty investments. Upon his return he resumed his business connection at North Java and was there engaged in business until 1864, when he moved to Warsaw, the county seat, there set up a tannery, and thus began his long commercial and industrial connection with the affairs of that village. In 1869, following the nationalization of the old Wyoming County Bank, which was organized in 1851, he became one of the chief stockholders in that institution, which since then has been known as the Wyoming County National Bank, and in 1871 was elected president, a position he held until his death. He also was a large stockholder in the Warsaw Waterworks and Gas companies, and was president of those prosperous public utility concerns.

In the meantime, and while thus extending along various lines his large business operations, Mr. Humphrey ever was mindful of a good citizen's obligation to the public service and was taking an active, interested and helpful part in local public affairs. In passing, it is a matter of recollection among his surviving contemporaries that there were few men in western New York who possessed a higher degree of political sagacity than he or better judgment in matters of public concern. It was in 1840 that he received from his neighbors the compliment of election as colonel of the Ninth Regiment of the Eighth Brigade, New York State Artillery, a rank which he held until his resignation four years later and through which he came by the title "Colonel", a form of personal address to which many of his old friends long adhered. In 1849 he was appointed postmaster of Java, a position he held for four years. In 1850 he was appointed marshal for taking the enumeration for the decennial census, and in that same year was elected to represent his district in the lower house of the New York state legislature, and was reelected in the next year. During this term of service in the assembly Mr. Humphrey served as chairman of the committee on railroads and in that capacity reported out for passage the bill for the consolidation of the Central (New York Central) railroad. He also was in charge of the bill enacted into law during that session for the suppression of the liquor traffic in New York state.

Reared a whig, Mr. Humphrey remained with that party until it became apparent that the new republican party formed in the middle '50s had a program worthy of support and he then threw his influence wholeheartedly toward that party's cause

and was ever after an ardent republican. When the Civil war came on he was made enrolling officer for the draft in his district, and while serving in that behalf had the honor of being mobbed by a certain element of the community that was opposed to the draft, but the sturdiness of his spirit subdued the outbreak and he carried on unwaveringly to the end. In 1865 Mr. Humphrey was elected to represent his district (the old thirtieth) in the state senate, this district at that time comprising the counties of Wyoming, Livingston and Allegany, and in 1867 he was reelected. During this term of service in the senate he was chairman of the committee on roads and bridges, chairman of the committee on commerce and navigation, and a member of the committees on internal affairs, printing, finance and banks and in these several capacities exerted a helpful influence on legislation designed to promote some of the most important interests of the public. For thirty years Mr. Humphrey was a member of the republican county committee, twenty years of this time being the chairman of it, and was long looked upon as one of the real leaders of his party in western New York. He was a delegate to the national convention of the republican party in 1876, which nominated Rutherford B. Hayes for the presidency, and a delegate also to the convention that in 1880 nominated James A. Garfield for the presidency. Mr. Humphrey was for twenty years a trustee of the Congregational church in Warsaw and a liberal contributor to the support of that church. For eight years he was one of the board of managers of the school for the blind at Batavia, for three years of this period the president of the board, and did much to advance the cause of that institution. It is not too much to say, thirty-five years after the death of this public-spirited and useful citizen, that in the relations of father, husband, friend and citizen he was a lofty example and a worthy model. Mr. Humphrey died at his home in Warsaw on January 19, 1890, and his memory still is kept green throughout the Genesee country.

Mr. Humphrey was twice married. On March 31, 1841, he was united in marriage to Miss Amanda B. Martindale, daughter of Major William S. Martindale of Dorset, Vermont. Mrs. Amanda B. Humphrey died in Sonora, California, on June 17, 1873. Mr. Humphrey was married to Miss Hannah Adams Mulholland on July 8, 1874, and she is still making her home in Warsaw, and with her daughter, Miss Annabel Humphrey, is occupying the handsome old family residence, "The Elms", on West Buffalo street. Mr. Humphrey also left a son, Wolcott Julius Humphrey, president of the Wyoming County National Bank of Warsaw, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work: Mrs. Humphrey was born in Rochester, Monroe county, this state, in 1840, and is a daughter of Hugh and Isabel (Adams) Mulholland, both of Scotch-Irish birth. She was reared amid an excellent social environment, was given good schooling and was for fifteen years a teacher in the Rochester schools and for five years principal of the Glenwood school. After her marriage she took an interested part in her husband's business affairs and thus, following his death, was able to carry on numerous business details herself and for some years was recognized as an active business woman, these activities including a place on the directorate of the Wyoming County National Bank, of which her son now is the president and of which her husband was the president for many years prior to his death. For thirty years Mrs. Humphrey has served as a member of the board of managers of the school for the blind at Batavia, and for thirty-two years she has been president of the Society for Village Work, a local organization that has been of much help in Warsaw. She is a member of the Congregational church of Warsaw. Her home both before and after her husband's death always has been a center of social and philanthropic life, and her life has been one of great activity.

GRANGER A. HOLLISTER.

Granger A. Hollister, a leading figure in the financial, civic and philanthropic life of Rochester, his native city and his home, was called to his final rest on January 19, 1924, at the age of sixty-nine. He was a dominant factor in the foremost interests of this city as vice president of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, and as a banker and philanthropist. He was born on the 7th of December, 1854, his parents being Emmett H. and Sarah E. (Granger) Hollister, who were also natives of the Empire state, the former born in Rochester in July, 1829, and the latter in the city of Troy. The first representative of the family in America, so far as is shown by the records, was John Hollister, a native of England, who arrived in the New World in 1640, establishing his home in South Glastonbury, Connecticut. The family continued



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to reside in New England until early in the nineteenth century, when George A. Hollister, the paternal grandfather of Granger A. Hollister, removed to New York, and in 1826 became a resident of Rochester, Monroe county. Six years later he entered the lumber business and remained in it until his death in 1854. His son, Emmett H. Hollister, succeeded to the business, and from 1832 until the present the name of Hollister has had a place in this branch of commercial activity in Rochester. In 1853, when a young man of twenty-four years, Emmett H. Hollister wedded Miss Sarah E. Granger, a daughter of Austin Granger of Troy, New York. She had come to Rochester as a girl in 1850 and here spent the remainder of her life, passing away in 1894. The demise of Emmett H. Hollister occurred in the year 1871.

In his boyhood Granger A. Hollister was a pupil in private schools in Rochester, but when he was eighteen he left school to form a partnership with his brother George C. Hollister, under the firm name of Hollister Brothers, to take over their father's business. The partnership was continued until 1888, when the Hollister Lumber Company, Limited, was incorporated. The company was capitalized at one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, with Granger A. Hollister as president; George C. Hollister, vice president; H. C. Durand, treasurer; and F. S. Gould, secretary.

The development of lighting and traction companies in Rochester was one of Mr. Hollister's chief interests. He was one of the organizers of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, which was incorporated in 1886, and in 1892 he and his associates bought all of the stock of the Rochester Electric Light Company, and a controlling interest in the Brush Electric Light Company. Subsequently an interest in the Rochester Gas Company was obtained, and a consolidation of all four companies into the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation was effected. From 1904 until his demise Mr. Hollister was active in the management of the various companies, as vice president and director of the Rochester Railway & Light Company, Ontario Light & Traction Company, Canandaigua Gas Light Company, Eastern Monroe Electric Light & Gas Company, Rochester Electric Railway Company, and as a director of the New York State Railways.

Important as was Mr. Hollister's position in the lighting and traction situation in the city, he was most widely known perhaps through his connection with the banking and financial interests of Rochester. In January, 1886, he was elected a trustee of the Rochester Savings Bank, of which he was first vice president at the time of his death, and helped form the Security Trust Company in 1892, of which he was also vice president and chairman of the executive committee. He was elected a director of the New York Life Insurance Company in June, 1907, becoming a member of its agency committee, and was connected with the management of several charitable institutions. He also served on the board of directors of the Northeast Electric Company.

When Mr. Hollister passed away one of the local newspapers said: "Actively identified as he was with innumerable financial and philanthropic interests of Rochester, Mr. Hollister's death will be keenly felt in every stratum of the city's business and civic life. The nobility of his character, the discrimination of his business judgment, the comprehensiveness of his generosity, earned him hosts of friends and stamped him in a civic sense as one who had the welfare of his community always in head and heart."

Robert M. Searle, president of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, of which Mr. Hollister was a vice president and member of the executive committee, the conference committee and board of directors, said: "Mr. Hollister was without exception one of the noblest characters I ever knew, and all will keenly feel the loss of his inspiring personality. He was possessed of wonderful vision and imagination, was essentially modest—one never heard him mention his charitable activities—and as generous as is humanly possible."

Julius M. Wile, vice president of the Security Trust Company, declared that Mr. Hollister had a character which would be exceedingly difficult to replace. "I have known Mr. Hollister for many years", he said, "ever since we were associated in forming the Security Trust company in 1892. Mr. Hollister was very religious and philanthropically inclined. He was a very active worker in the interest of the Homeopathic Hospital, and was a leading figure in St. Paul's Episcopal church."

Henry S. Hanford, president of the Rochester Savings Bank, of which Mr. Hollister was first vice president, said: "Forty years of close contact with Mr. Hollister only impressed more firmly upon me his uprightness, keen intelligence and generosity. The city as a whole, as well as his friends, have suffered by the loss of a noble character."

At a special meeting of the board of trustees of the Rochester Savings Bank, of which Mr. Hollister was a trustee and vice president, the following resolution was adopted: "In the passing of Granger A. Hollister, the Rochester Savings Bank loses one of its vice presidents, a trustee who was the dean of the board in point of service, having joined it in 1886, and one who was devoted to its work in every feature of it to which he was called. Particularly as a member of its executive committee Mr. Hollister gave ungrudgingly of his time and of his experience, showing solicitous and most effective care of the bank, in examining property upon which loans were asked, and in all of its authorized forms of investment, and he leaves to his associates the inspiration of thirty-eight years of faithful and devoted service; a service of which he did his full share and in which today many thousands of depositors, who own the bank, are protected in their savings; a work and responsibility represented in its management which is perhaps most fully realized by those who have been in intimate contact with it from week to week for many years. This work, which is now finished for him, our friend and associate, will be carried on by others, but always with an abiding sorrow as they remember 'the sound of a voice that is still', and with sincere regret that words must seem so poor a tribute for so great a loss. The board of trustees offers to the family their heartfelt sympathy; as a mark of respect will attend the funeral in a body and directs that this minute be spread in full upon its records, published in the press, and that a copy, suitably engrossed and signed by the members of the board, be transmitted by its president to Mrs. Hollister."

The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the trustees of the Security Trust Company, of which Mr. Hollister was a trustee and vice president: "The announcement of the death of our associate, Granger A. Hollister, came as a tremendous shock to every member of this board. He had so far recovered from his recent illness that it was expected that he would again be with us in a short time. Mr. Hollister's interests have been so varied and important that he has left a vacancy in most of the activities of our city which it will be hard to fill. He was one of the leaders in banking and business circles; he was long connected with the work of our Chamber of Commerce and had recently been its president; he was prominent in the social life of the city; he was active in many of our public charities and generously contributed of his means for their support and for the relief of individuals who were suffering from illness or in need of any kind; he was, both officially and personally, a consistent and active supporter of the church of which he was a member and of the great denomination of which that church is one of the component parts; and in all of these relations he was an upright, clean-minded, courteous gentleman. But it is especially as an officer and trustee that we are thinking of Mr. Hollister today. He was one of the founders and a charter member of this company, serving continuously, either as vice president or as chairman of our executive committee. He was independent in judgment, courteous in debate and painstaking in the performance of every duty. We shall sadly miss his counsel, his personality and his active co-operation."

Mr. Hollister was one of the first trustees of the Chamber of Commerce and was president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce in 1918. He was a director of the United States Chamber of Commerce for five years, retiring in April, 1920. Officers of the Chamber of Commerce adopted the following resolution: "The death of Granger A. Hollister, our president in 1918, and member of the board of trustees from the time of its organization in 1887, strikes his associates with the shock of unexpectedness and profound loss. Mr. Hollister was of a type that stands conspicuous in every generation. Honorable to the last degree, steady in the performance of every duty, painstaking in little things as well as big things, staunchest of friends, full of friendliness and sympathy toward his fellowmen, he dealt with large affairs with the strength and simplicity of a strong character, courteously, firmly, modestly. To the Rochester Chamber of Commerce he was devoted. No assignment in the service of this institution was too small to receive his personal attention; none was too large or exacting in its demand for time and thought. For it he served for a number of years at personal inconvenience and sacrifice, as member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, and shortly before his death he accepted another assignment from that body in membership on its committee to study the tax situation throughout our country. His services in large affairs and great institutions at home and in the nation will not soon be forgotten. The memory of his kindness and sympathies, and the aid he gave causes designed to help and comfort his fellowmen in the city in which he was born, where he lived his full life of nearly seventy years, and to which he gave the devotion of a quiet man of high ideals and sterling character, will be an abiding blessing. Resolved, that

a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Hollister and placed upon the minutes of the board and Chamber."

The board of governors of the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital adopted the following resolution: "The loss to the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital in the death of its president of many years, Granger A. Hollister, is too great to be expressed in words. His love for the institution, his eagerness to help the sick and suffering, his pride in fine achievement, his wise counsel and, above all, his joy in long hours of quiet, unadvertised hard work with Mrs. Hollister, at the hospital itself were not equalled by any other. Under his thoughtful guidance the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital grew steadily from year to year in its power to serve and aid the sick of the city of Rochester. This was his reward! It is, therefore, with a sense of great sorrow that we, the governors of the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital, hereby spread upon the minutes of the board this expression of our deep loss in the death of our leader and our friend."

On the 23d of June, 1886, Mr. Hollister was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle M. Watson of Rochester, a daughter of the late Don Alonzo Watson, one of the organizers of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Mrs. Isabelle Hollister passed away on the 19th of April, 1903. In May, 1906, Mr. Hollister was again married, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth C. Watson. He gave his political support to the republican party and held membership in the Genesee Valley Club, the Rochester Country Club, the Union League Club of New York city and the Santa Barbara Country Club of California. He was a trustee of Reynolds Library and of St. Paul's Episcopal church. In his lifetime the people of the Genesee country, recognizing his merit, rejoiced in his advancement and in the honors to which he attained, and since his death they have cherished his memory, which remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him. Honorable in business, loyal in citizenship, charitable in thought, kindly in action, true to every trust confided to his care, his life was the highest type of Christian manhood.

LUCIUS H. SMITH, M. D.

Dr. Lucius H. Smith, one of the leading practicing physicians and surgeons in Palmyra, was born on the 29th of April, 1862, in Syracuse, New York, the son of Edward and Mary (Evans) Smith, both of whom are deceased. Edward Smith was born in Skaneateles, New York, in 1817, and was ten years old when the family settled in Cattaraugus county in 1827, his parents being among the pioneer residents of that county. He taught school as a young man in New York state and Kentucky. In after years he was superintendent of public schools in Syracuse and passed away in 1908 at a very advanced age, after having been connected with the schools of that city for nearly half a century. Dr. Smith's mother was one of the Empire state's native daughters, and was born in Fayetteville, where she was also married. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, of whom Lucius H. Smith of this review was the third in the order of birth, and the only son. Two of the daughters are deceased.

Lucius H. Smith was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and in the Syracuse Medical College, from which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1885. He spent one year as an interne in the General Hospital at Rochester after completing his medical course and entered upon the practice of his profession in Palmyra in 1889. Since then Dr. Smith has worked up a large practice in medicine and surgery, specializing in the former and performing only operations of a minor character. There are now few men in this city or in Wayne county who have been in the profession as long as Dr. Smith, and no one is more highly respected nor better beloved by his patients and by the entire community. Thirty-five years of self-sacrificing, devoted service to humanity in this community have served to make the name of Dr. Smith honored and respected by every man, woman and child. And, indeed, there is more than one household in Palmyra where three generations of the family have called upon Dr. Smith in times of illness and accident. That the members of his own profession think well of him is indicated by the fact that they have elected him to the positions of secretary and of president of the Wayne County Medical Society. The Doctor also holds membership in the American Medical and New York State Medical Associations, the Rochester Pathological Society and the Medical Association of Central New York. During the

World war he gave his professional services to his government as medical examiner for the local exemption board.

The marriage of Dr. Smith to Miss Catherine Herbert, daughter of Henry Herbert of Palmyra, took place in this city on the 8th of February, 1892. They are the parents of three children: Herbert E., a nurseryman of Framingham Center, Massachusetts; Mary Catherine, who is connected with the Times-Union office of Rochester; and Eleanor Porter, who has prepared herself for a teaching career by a course in the normal school. Dr. Smith is prominent in local Masonic circles as a member of Palmyra Lodge, F. & A. M., the chapter, the council, and the commandery, all of Palmyra, being a past commander of Zenobia Commandery, No. 41, Knights Templar.

MAJOR WILLIAM AUSTIN WADSWORTH.

With the history of progress in Livingston county the name of Major William Austin Wadsworth was for many years closely and prominently associated, and his death of the second day of May, 1918, deprived Geneseo of a citizen whom it could ill afford to lose. His interests and activities touched the various phases of life which are factors in public progress and improvement, and were of far-reaching importance and most beneficial in their results.

William Austin Wadsworth was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on December 8, 1847, a son of William Wolcott and Emmeline (Austin) Wadsworth residents of Geneseo, New York, and descended from a family distinguished, not only in the early history of New England, but of western New York as well. He was educated in a school at Vevey, Switzerland, and graduated from Harvard University in 1870, with the Bachelor of Arts degree, winning honors in chemistry. During 1871-72 he was a student at the University of Berlin, after which he made a trip around the world. He inherited from his father a large landed estate in Livingston county, and his permanent home became from his earliest days the "Homestead" at Geneseo, in which his grandfather, James Wadsworth, and his great-uncle, William Wadsworth, the pioneers of the region, established their residence. It is interesting to recall, in passing, that these brothers, James and William, were nephews of Jeremiah Wadsworth, one of the original group of men identified with the Phelps and Gorham purchase from Massachusetts of substantially all the lands in western New York lying east of the Genesee river; and they came to the Genesee country in 1790 to represent the landed interests of their uncle. Major Wadsworth maintained faithfully the best traditions of his forbears in the enlightened management of his domain of about thirteen thousand acres and his abiding interest in the welfare and the concerns of his tenants. He was absorbed in the study and development of the most advanced methods in agriculture, and was associated with progressive men and enterprises in improving farming conditions and bettering country roads. He was president of the Livingston County Agricultural Society in its later years; president of the American Farmers Association, an organization of wealthy men interested in agriculture; a member of the New York State Agricultural Society; the New York Farmers Association; the American Forestry Association; and the Good Roads Association of New York. He was profoundly concerned with local affairs and encouraged earnestly every project that promised betterment of community conditions. He never sought to escape the obligations which good citizenship, added to large wealth, imposed, but performed them conscientiously and cheerfully as a very sacred duty. In this field he served as chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Livingston county, president of the village of Geneseo and chairman of its Water Commission, as well as Sewer Commission of the village. He gave his unremitting attention to the village water supply from the earliest movement looking to the installation of the present system, and to him must be accorded a very large measure of credit for its establishment. His love for animals impelled him and his brother Herbert to purchase a famous spring of water several miles south of the village and pipe the water to the beautiful memorial fountain erected by them in the center of Main street and to the fine drinking trough at the entrance of the grove on Temple Hill. He had a part in New York state official life to the extent of serving as president of the State Forest, Fish and Game Commission.

At the time of his death he was one of the two original members of the local board of managers of the Geneseo State Normal School then surviving, having actively served nearly half a century in the multiplying responsibilities of school management. He was president for many years of the board of trustees of the Wadsworth Library



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in Geneseo, and contributed munificently to its support. He made a gift in his will of seventy-five thousand dollars for the construction of a new library building and twenty-five thousand dollars for an addition to the Library Endowment Fund. Among other learned organizations with which he was connected was the American Geographical Association and the New York Zoological Society. He became chairman of the Livingston County Home Defense committee in the World war upon its formation and was tireless in responding to the exacting demands of that position.

Major Wadsworth's military experience covered service with the Independent Corps Cadets, Second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. He took a deep interest in the war with Spain and, associated with his friend, Winthrop Chanler of Geneseo, raised and offered to the government a regiment which, however, was declined. Still determined to see service in this affair he was on May 23, 1898, commissioned by President McKinley a major of volunteers and designated quartermaster at Manila and San Francisco for the Eighth Army Corps, also acting on the staffs of Generals Merritt and Otis. He was a member of the Army of the Philippines, the Society of Foreign Wars, the Society of Carabao and the Military Service institute.

Major Wadsworth had, as early as 1876, given his attention in a somewhat desultory way to the sport of fox-hunting, for we read in his diary of that year: "During this summer occurred the paper hunt on the Home farm, which was the occasion of the first regular organization for hunting foxes on horseback in the Genesee valley." Under date of 1879 the diary says: "This year some of the hounds were got together in a kennel at the Homestead at the beginning of the season, to get them acquainted with each other and the huntsman, but there were always a lot of strange dogs in a hunt. An attempt was made at the Homestead to run a drag of anise seed but the hounds would not own it." On October 29, 1881, the "Genesee Valley Hunt" was organized and Major Wadsworth was made the president and M. F. H. Thereupon fox-hunting was firmly established in the Genesee valley. In 1884 there was a pack at the Master's Kennels of twenty-three hounds, including several English hounds imported for stud purposes, and the valley rapidly became known throughout this country and in England as a hunting center. Along with this, Major Wadsworth was rearing hunters on his estate from selected mares and imported stallions chosen from the best English stock. It is not too much to say that his chief interest in the hunt was the incentive which it gave to the farmer and his sons to develop a better type of horses and to cultivate a market for them. David Grey wrote upon this point and the incidental advantages to the county generally, twenty-five years ago: "Indirectly the Hunt has assisted not a little in this result." * * * In a much broader manner, however, fox-hunting has tended to benefit Livingston county, as it has benefited those counties in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, where the sport has flourished for over a century. The impulse which carries so many of the young country-bred men to the city is often not so much the belief that a greater financial success is likely to be found in the city as that life in the country is dull and without variety or amusement. All work and no wholesome play makes Jack or anybody else a dull boy. Fox-hunting is the best and most natural sport to amuse and absorb the surplus energies of a farming community. Schooling a well-bred four-year-old not only doubles the value of the colt by making a hunter out of him, but it teaches the boy to ride and develops the courage and self-control requisite in following hounds across country. And most of all, it furnishes him with an autumn of the best fun in the world, which ought to make him work cheerfully, if anything will, and binds him anew to his community by the pleasant ties of sport.

"These are somewhat material considerations as to the relation between the county and the hunt. But there is another which appeals wholly to sentiment and county pride. During the past generation there have assembled at the meets of the Genesee Valley Hunt people from all parts of America and Europe, and not only people interested solely in sport, but men and women distinguished in widely varying spheres of life. Some of the best known of American artists, literary men, generals, lawyers and statesmen have been introduced to the beauty of this historic valley through the pursuit of foxes. One very hot Fourth of July afternoon, on the Meadow at the Homestead, the present [then] President of the United States [Roosevelt], rode strenuously in the sports and was much respected for the vigor of his blows in the cavalry fight. It is interesting to know that his two favorite horses have been schooled over Genesee Valley fences."

Major Wadsworth belonged to the Century, Knickerbocker, Park, Players, Metropolitan, University, Harvard and New York Yacht Clubs of New York; the Metropolitan, Army and Navy and Chevy Chase Clubs of Washington; the Somerset and

Tavern Clubs of Boston; the Genesee Valley Club of Rochester; the Buffalo Club of Buffalo; and he was for many years president of the Boone and Crockett Club. He was a member of the Episcopal church and his political allegiance was given to the Republican party.

In 1901 Major Wadsworth was married to Elizabeth Greene Perkins of Boston and their only child, William Perkins Wadsworth, is now preparing for Harvard University. Mrs. Wadsworth, as trustee under his will, is engaged in the management of the large estate which he committed to her care, and has taken his place upon the local board of the Normal School at Genesee, and as chairman of the board of trustees of the Wadsworth Library. Mrs. Wadsworth's great interest in the Genesee school is attested by the establishment of the Nursing Home for the professional students of the school and its maintenance wholly at her expense. The home is in charge of a matron, and a graduate nurse is in constant attendance. Its great need and importance may be understood from the fact that during the first six years of its existence it admitted one thousand patients.

EDMUND LYON.

Edmund Lyon, humanitarian, philanthropist and one of Rochester's most astute business men, died suddenly at his home at No. 1441 East avenue on the 24th of April, 1920, when sixty-five years of age. The following review of his life appeared in the columns of the Democrat Chronicle:

"Mr. Lyon was the son of Harrison A. and Fannie Minerva Lyon and was born in the town of Brighton in 1855. He was graduated from the University of Rochester in the class of 1877 and from Columbia Law School three years later. He practiced law in Rochester with C. D. Kiehl for a short period but soon became interested in other activities. Mr. Lyon was a man of unusual qualities of mind and heart and early interested himself in educational and philanthropic activities. In 1887 he became a volunteer teacher at the Western New York Institute for Deaf Mutes and he continued this work for seven years. During that time he was not only an able and expert teacher but a deep student of the then developing methods of instruction of the deaf. Building upon the work of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell in his successful efforts to develop vocal speech among the deaf, he invented a method of representing and conveying all phonetic values by means of the fingers, which was a most significant contribution to the education of the deaf of all nations. In 1891 Mr. Lyon presented this method before the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf. Dr. Bell spoke of his method as 'marking an epoch in the history of articulation teaching in America.' Succeeding Dr. Bell, Mr. Lyon was elected president of this national association, an office which he held at the time of his death. One of Mr. Lyon's customs was to give the pupils at the Western New York Institute for Deaf Mutes a party each year on his birthday, and these little celebrations were eagerly looked forward to from year to year. When the news of his death reached the pupils in the St. Paul street institution all were deeply moved, because Mr. Lyon was a man whom each one of them had come to love. His time and thought were given to other forms of education as well. He was a trustee of the Rochester Mechanics Institute and of the University of Rochester, a vice president of the Rochester Dental Dispensary and first vice president of the Rochester Friendly Home. He was a member and trustee of Brighton Presbyterian church, and more than anyone else he shouldered the responsibilities of building the new structure, which was made possible through his work and his contributions.

"Mr. Lyon was also a notable figure in the business life of the city. He was an early stockholder in the Eastman Kodak Company, as well as managing director of the North East Electric Company and a director of the Lincoln National Bank. Mr. Lyon was secretary of the New York state board of charities during 1895 and 1896, state examiner for schools for the deaf from 1895 until 1898, a member of the board of managers of the New York State Industrial and Agricultural School, a trustee of the Infants Summer Hospital and president of Riverside cemetery. He was a member of the National Institute of Social Sciences, of the Society of the Genesee, of Beta Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon and of Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Rochester, of the Genesee Valley and Rochester Country Clubs and of the Pundit Club.

"In 1896 Mr. Lyon was married to Miss Carolyn Hamilton Talcott and they



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became the parents of two sons, who died in infancy, and of three daughters: Elizabeth Hamilton, who is now the wife of James Howard Kidd, Jr., of Rochester; Carolyn Sybil; and Linda Gale.

"A friend said of him: 'His personal friendships were strong and fine. Few outsiders knew how constant and generous was the help he extended to those who needed it, or the fine democratic spirit with which he met everyone with whom he came in contact. He deeply enjoyed extending the hospitality of his house to as wide a group as possible and made everybody feel its cordial welcome. Friendly and helpful as Mr. Lyon was in public matters, it is to Mrs. Lyon and their daughters that the richest memories abide of a strong, generous, tender and helpful life. His home life was a beautiful thing and was a blessing to all who were privileged to come within its sunny radiance. Rochester has lost a citizen of public spirit, of kindly heart and of generous hand, and his death brings grief to many a heart that knew him.'"

The following tributes were printed in *The Volta Review* of June, 1920, published in the interests of better speech by the Volta Bureau of Washington, D. C.:

"The president of our association, the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf, has entered upon the long sleep. He passed away at his home in Rochester, New York, on Saturday afternoon, April 24, after a brief illness. On the following Monday the Rochester Herald editorially stated: 'The late Edmund Lyon was in more than the ordinary meaning of the title a citizen of inestimable usefulness to Rochester. Indeed his life was progressively fruitful of values that are enjoyed and cherished far beyond the boundaries of the community where it was passed. Mr. Lyon was endowed with singularly sound and clear business sagacity, and his opinion and counsel were prized in many of the best known and most influential financial and commercial circles of the city. In a material way his career was abundantly successful, for native ability, courage and patient application won appropriate rewards. But he will be most gratefully and longest remembered no doubt as the modest, generous, intelligent benefactor of a great number of worthy charities and educational and religious foundations. Some of these, like the school for the education of the deaf, in which for years he served as a teacher, have risen to national eminence as indispensable in society's discharge of duty to the unfortunate. But a more frequent choice of the beneficiaries of Mr. Lyon's gifts was made among the obscure, the commonly slighted or the unknown, the unpretending and wholly unadvertised agencies for good. Like the Good Samaritan, it was his delight to minister to needs that others had passed by.'"

The editor of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle paid the following tribute to the memory of Mr. Lyon: "The death summons of Edmund Lyon at his home in this city, after an illness of only twenty-four hours, ended a career of public and private usefulness and will mean a heavy loss to the community and to the business interests with which he was associated. Modesty cloaked but did not successfully conceal Mr. Lyon's ability as a business man or his important positions in other directions. He was one of the largest stockholders of the Eastman Kodak Company, managing director of the North East Electric Company and a director of the Lincoln National Bank. His ability in business affairs was manifested in every enterprise in which he became engaged. But his name will be held in affectionate remembrance in circles remote from the business arena. He early became interested in developing methods for the instruction of the deaf, becoming in 1887 a volunteer teacher at the Western New York Institution for Deaf Mutes in this city and holding this position for seven years. The result was that he became deeply interested in the subject of improving instruction methods and invented a method of representing and conveying all phonetic values by means of the fingers, one of the most important contributions to the education of the deaf and which has proved a boon all over the world to those thus afflicted. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell declared that Mr. Lyon's method marked 'an epoch in the history of articulation teaching in America.' His interest in educational affairs naturally extended in other directions. He served as a trustee of the Rochester Mechanics Institute and of the University of Rochester, also as vice president of the Rochester Dental Dispensary and vice president of the Rochester Friendly Home. It was largely through his efforts that the new structure of the Brighton Presbyterian church, of which he was a member and trustee, was erected. His private life was distinguished by a genuinely philanthropic spirit which found expression in the assistance of many individuals in their hour of trouble or misfortune, but his activities of this sort were carried on so quietly that even of his friends few knew of their nature or extent. His fine character was revealed in every relation in life, and his death brings sorrow and a sense of loss not only to his friends and business

associates but to a far wider circle who admired him for his fine character, high ideals and genial personality."

An evidence of the high personal regard and public esteem in which Edmund Lyon was held throughout the community is shown in the following expressions of sorrow and loss from some of the city's best-known men:

Dr. Rush Rhees, president of the University of Rochester: "The death of Edmund Lyon has shocked me sadly beyond expression. He was a loyal alumnus, a wise trustee and a generous helper of the University of Rochester. It is a great privilege to have enjoyed his personal friendship and an honor to have been associated with him in public service. Many are the avenues of such service which his loyal feet have trod during many years, and the number of those who now suffer deep bereavement it will be impossible to count."

Charles H. Babcock, president of the Lincoln National Bank: "I valued Mr. Lyon as a warm personal friend and respected business associate for more than fifty years. His death has been a staggering blow to me. It came so unexpectedly that it is hard for me to express myself. He was a man of unbounded liberality and kindness. I don't believe he had an enemy in the world. His death is a tremendous loss to the whole community."

Joseph T. Alling: "Mr. Lyon was a man who gave himself unsparingly in the interest of the educational and charitable institutions of the city and country. His advice was always worth considering, and his kindness to his friends and associates was unequalled. He was a remarkable man intellectually and possessed one of the most active and fertile brains that I ever knew. He will be deeply missed by the city at large and by his countless friends."

Thomas C. Forrester, superintendent of the Western New York Institution for Deaf Mutes: "Mr. Lyon's death is a great blow to everyone connected with the school. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon have been like father and mother to all the children here. Mr. Lyon had devoted much of an active life to the welfare of our institution, its children and its teachers and would readily lay aside other business, no matter how important, if he thought by so doing he could contribute anything to the happiness and well-being of the children. We all loved him more than words can tell, and we shall miss his kindly smile, his hearty handclasp, his warm friendship and his deep interest in all that we are doing. His going will make Mrs. Lyon doubly dear to us."

James S. Havens of No. 1370 East avenue, friend and neighbor: "Mr. Lyon was a good neighbor and a true friend. He lived nearly all his life in the house in which he died, and above all else he was fond of his home. He was always generous in his hospitality and he shared a remarkably beautiful home life with his neighbors. His sudden death has been a great shock to all of us and a distinct loss to the entire community."

Rev. Frank M. Weston, pastor of Brighton Presbyterian church: "Mr. Lyon was a unique man: Kindly, thoughtful, helpful, good. He was every inch a man, a true and loyal friend, a great democrat and public servant. He was identified with and active in Brighton Presbyterian church from his earliest childhood, beginning as a little boy in the Sunday school. He was always in the church and served there throughout his whole life."

At the funeral services the Rev. Mr. Weston said: "For thirteen years and a fraction it has been my high privilege to be Mr. Lyon's pastor. I can tell to a day because I remember he was at Brighton church the first Sunday of my ministry. He was in that church sixty-five years. When he came first he was carried in by his parents. Sixty-five years old and he never left it! First he was there as a learner and later as a worshiper. There needed to be no special days for him to be at service. When he was in town we always knew that Edmund Lyon and his family would be in church. On the coldest day of the past winter—January 18, 1920, and this was typical of him—when a corporal's guard would have been a good audience, he was there and brought a friend with him. He brought a beautiful basket of flowers, wrapped up in a blanket that they might not freeze. It was not too cold for him to come, and he was going to make sure that something beautiful was in the house of God. For years he was one of the church's most valuable members. He was big enough and brainy enough to have served as director of a college, and still he was big enough and good enough and generous enough to serve on any committee in our church. Some time a monument will mark his last resting place in Riverside, but a greater monument is the stone church of the Brighton Presbyterian church parish. He gave sixty-five years of service to the God he loved."

Dr. Rhees also, saying that he was "one of that wide circle of Mr. Lyon's friends", continued: "In the presence of this great mystery more than ever we are

sure that the triumph of immortality is a necessity. The material things which we see about us here are an expression more of our friend's spirit than of his worldly possessions. There are friends of Mr. Lyon who are not here today. If they were they could not hear what has been said. They are the persons who by infirmity were handicapped, and to these Mr. Lyon's heart went out. Not in the spirit of sacrifice, but with the zest of joy he has provided the opportunities for them to be better equipped on life's way."

At a special meeting held Tuesday, April 27, 1920, the following resolutions were passed by the board of trustees of the Rochester Dental Dispensary: "The trustees of the Rochester Dental Dispensary record with deep regret the death of their esteemed and well-beloved member, Edmund Lyon. It is difficult at this time to express adequately our appreciation of the splendid qualities of mind and heart of this broad-minded, sympathetic and generous friend. Those who were associated with him in the many business enterprises in which he was engaged understand to the fullest extent his keen foresight, wonderful ability and power to grasp the many intricate problems that were brought to him for solution. To the interest, energy and enthusiasm which he displayed in the various undertakings with which he was connected was due the success which crowned his efforts. Without regard to his personal comfort he gave unstintingly the best that he had in him for the benefit of the various and many enterprises in which he was engaged. Without doubt his most lasting and enduring monument will be the recognition of his splendid services and large and generous-hearted sympathy in improving the conditions of the less fortunate not only in this but in other communities. His large and generous contributions to the many philanthropies in which he was interested were made in a most modest and unostentatious manner. His satisfaction was in the knowledge that he was doing good and contributing to the comfort and happiness of humanity. He early evinced a great interest in this institution, which he served as a trustee and vice president, and since its establishment has contributed greatly to its success. He exemplified in the fullest sense the characteristics which belong to a true gentleman and loyal friend. It is with most profound sorrow that we enter in the minutes of the trustees of the Rochester Dental Dispensary this testimonial of appreciation and regard."

At a meeting of the board of directors of the North East Electric Company, April 26, 1920, the following resolution was adopted in memory of the recent death of their managing director: "In the death of our associate, Edmund Lyon, we have suffered an irreparable loss. The longer we knew him the more we were impressed with the many-sidedness of his character. The keenness of his mind made easy the solution of intricate problems. His long look ahead made for broadness in his decisions. His sense of absolute justice and fair play made his negotiations satisfactory to all concerned. For all of these things he had our respect and admiration. But there were other things in his character for which we loved him. His kindly consideration in his relations with others, his cheery greetings, his many quiet acts of kindness, the timely letter, the flowers, the word of sympathy all were a part of his daily life and revealed the generosity and tenderness of his nature. And now he is gone and we miss his presence and his counsel, and yet he is not gone; he is with us still, for 'his works do follow him'. We extend to his wife and family our deepest sympathy, and may the heritage left them in the memory of his noble life be their comfort through all their days."

At a special meeting held April 28, 1920, the following resolution was adopted by the board of directors of the Lincoln National Bank, of which Mr. Lyon was a member: "Again we are met to record our sorrow at the death of an associate. But a short time since Edmund Lyon sat with us. Today his place is forever vacant and the vacancy is large and grievous, but the memory of his many noble characteristics, his kindly ways, his loyalty to his friends and his charity for all will remain with us always. His sympathies were wide, his charities many. To all he extended a helping hand. In case of necessity he was quick to respond and always in a most liberal way. To those more intimate with him, he was a charming companion, always thoughtful and kind, a true man in every sense of the word. His sincerity, his simplicity, his inflexible honesty of both thought and deed were sure and unflinching. We shall miss him from our council room and shall grieve because of the loss of his companionship. The community has lost a good man. To his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their great affliction."

At a meeting of the faculty of the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute the following resolutions on the death of Edmund Lyon, for some years a member of the executive committee of the board of directors, were adopted: "We, the members of the faculty of the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute, express our

most sincere regret at the death of Edmund Lyon. A teacher himself in his early days, he came in closer contact with the teachers and students than almost any other member of the board of directors. It was no unusual occurrence to have Mr. Lyon drop into a class during a class exercise. His visits were always a source of inspiration to teachers and students alike. Endowed with an eternally youthful spirit and loving sympathy with all phases of student life, he took an active interest in the work of the institute and its plans for future development. He was a dreamer of practical dreams, a man of keen and farsighted vision who could see in the tomorrow the reward of the labors of today. His counsel was characterized by his strength and wisdom; his watchword was 'Service', his aim the uplift of humanity."

Alvin E. Pope, superintendent of the New Jersey School for the Deaf, Trenton, New Jersey: "In the death of Mr. Lyon both the deaf and the teachers of the deaf have lost a strong friend. He was always aggressive and progressive. His wise counsel and his strong leadership will be missed."

Miss Mary McCowen, the pioneer teacher of deaf children in Chicago: "Although I could claim only a casual acquaintance with Mr. Lyon, he always impressed me as a man of sterling worth, a rare combination of power and modesty. In presence so genial, in conversation so cheerful and kindly, always ready for an appropriate story or a fine bit of repartee that made his presence in any gathering a source of pleasure to all. The American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf can ill afford to lose Mr. Lyon. The world has all too few of his kind."

Miss Sarah Fuller, principal emeritus of the Horace Mann School in Boston and now pioneer of pioneers among oral teachers: "I gladly offer a word of love and admiration for a man in whom there seemed 'no guile'. His tender, solicitous care for his mother in the early days of my acquaintance with him was beautiful and I have remembered it with pleasure. We of the Association have suffered a great loss. Of all the admirable qualities of mind and heart possessed by Mr. Lyon, that by which I think he will be longest remembered was the natural, irresistible charm of his greeting that carried cheer and brightness to all whom he met. It revealed the man."

Dr. Harris Taylor, principal of the Lexington Avenue School for the Deaf in New York city: "I was greatly shocked to learn of the sudden death of our beloved president, Edmund Lyon. During all of the years I had known him, he was the personification of physical and mental vigor. Mr. Lyon was a man of exceptional ability and versatility. I never knew a man who could do so many different things and do them well, a man who was successful in so many lines of activity. His interest in the deaf appealed to me very strongly. As a trustee of the school at Rochester, as a director in the American Association, as president of this organization and in other capacities his interest was always active and potent. Aside from a long and intimate professional association with Mr. Lyon, I was fortunate in having him as a personal friend. Common interest in the deaf has brought into close relationship many of the kindest and noblest men and women of our age. The death of anyone of these leaves a gap that is never filled. The world moves on and work must be done; but no good man or woman is ever fully replaced. Mr. Lyon's work and influence will not be lost."

Dr. A. L. E. Crouter, principal of the Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf at Mount Airy: "Mr. Lyon was by profession a lawyer, but early in life became a scientific business man, amassing a very considerable fortune. Through the influence of his lifelong friend, Dr. Z. F. Westervelt, he early became interested in the education of the deaf, and invented and developed the Lyon Phonetic Alphabet, now extensively used in the Rochester and other schools. Shortly after its founding he took an active interest in the American Association to promote speech teaching, an interest which he maintained with constantly growing devotion until the day of his death, becoming its president January 1, 1915. Mr. Lyon was a gentleman in all that he said and did; to know him was to admire and love him. He was generous, kind and charitable, and was actively associated with numerous humanitarian movements in Rochester. He was an active church worker and did much toward fostering all liberal activities in the Presbyterian church, of which he was a devoted member. In his death the deaf of the whole country have suffered an almost irreparable loss, and charitable and social organizations are bereft of a generous and loyal supporter."

T. C. Forrester, superintendent of the Western New York Institute for Deaf Mutes: "The death of Mr. Lyon is a great loss to the school and to the city of Rochester. Few schools for the deaf have had presidents who were as zealous in working for the interests of those committed to their care. Few have known to the extent that he did their peculiar difficulties; none could better appreciate their triumphs; none were ever more sympathetic and kindly and ready to help. The Lyon

home was at all times open to those who were working for the welfare of the deaf; and the deaf well know what a friend and benefactor they have lost. The 4th of June was a memorable day in the history of the Rochester school, for this was Mr. Lyon's birthday, and never one passed when he with his family was not found spending it there, making everyone the happier at the evening supper and party by the abundance of the good things he himself provided. But he was the happiest of them all, for our children were his peculiar care; and because they knew it, their hearts went out to him. His home life in Rochester was as sweet and fragrant as the breath of our beautiful spring flowers. Edmund Lyon stood for something. He was heart and soul with everything that had for its object the real uplift and betterment of the human race; and in Rochester especially, by associating himself with all that had to do with the highest good of the community, he greatly helped to make Rochester in reality as in name "The Flower City."

John B. Calvert, D. D., New York city: "The news on April 24th of the sudden death of Edmund Lyon, my friend since college days, came to me with the force of a shock. On his way from his winter home at Clearwater, Florida, he had called to see me in New York. He was full of the delightful and restful outing he had had and said that he never felt better in health and that he was returning to Rochester that night, eager to be in the thick of things again. Within a short week the wires brought the message that he was very ill, followed a few hours later by a message that he had gone. We hastened to the stricken home and the gloom and depression of the great sorrow are with us still. The sudden taking off of one of Edmund's capacity and manifold activities revealed as by a flashlight, in one complete picture, what long years of unwearied usefulness and helpfulness he had lived, how broadly and sympathetically he had touched his fellowmen and how universally he was esteemed as a noble, high-minded, public-spirited citizen. A native of Rochester, he had received his preparatory training in Hale's Private School for Boys and was graduated from the University of Rochester with the class of 1877. He was a Phi Beta Kappa man. He studied law in New York, receiving his degree of LL. B. from Columbia in 1880. He returned to Rochester, and from that day, quietly and unostentatiously, he had gone in and out among the people, interesting himself in what would promote the highest welfare of the city, discharging with great fidelity the duty nearest at hand and voluntarily giving time, thought and means to the opening up of a new world to those whose inability to hear or speak sorely handicapped them in the battle of life. In his early professional career he devoted much effort to promoting the teaching of deaf mutes. He was as regular and faithful in his duties as teacher at the Institute for the Deaf as if he had been one of the faculty. In that period he compiled a textbook, 'The Lyon Phonetic Manual,' of which Alexander Graham Bell said: 'It marks an epoch in the history of articulation teaching in America.' Among the teachers in the Institution Edmund found his noble wife, a woman of rare loveliness and thoughtfulness and of attainments of a high order. Later he was chosen president of this Western New York Institution for Deaf Mutes, in which capacity he proved to be a wise counselor and efficient leader. His interest in the development of this Institution led him into wider fields of philanthropic endeavor. He was made president of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf. In 1895 and 1896 he served as secretary to the state board of charities. He was vice president and trustee of the Rochester Dental Dispensary, acting president of the Rochester Friendly Home and the Infants Summer Hospital and member of the board of managers of the New York State Industrial and Agricultural School. He set a high value on education and was active in promoting it. He believed young men should be trained for their life work and gave substantial encouragement to those who had to make their way through college. In 1911 he was elected a member of the board of trustees of the University of Rochester. He rendered valuable service on the executive committee and contributed liberally toward the endowment. He was also trustee and treasurer of the Mechanics Institute, a notable institution in Rochester for promoting technical education. In the business world Edmund occupied no inconspicuous place. He was trustee and vice president of the Lincoln National Bank and a large stockholder in the Eastman and other well-established corporations. For the past seven or eight years he had been managing director of the North East Electric Company, whose rapid rise to the forefront under his supervising and organizing direction proved almost phenomenal. To few men of such varied interests and overtaxing responsibilities did the church signify as much as it did to Mr. Lyon. The whole of his life of sixty-five years may be said to have been spent under the influence and in intimate fellowship with the church. As an infant his mother carried him to the Brighton Presbyterian church, and as he

grew to maturity he became active in the Sunday school, a valuable member of the choir and for many years served as trustee. The new church edifice was made possible largely by his generosity. He was not a 'fair weather' Christian. If the day was stormy he felt it all the more incumbent upon himself to be in his pew or in the choir, often taking a friend to church with him. He sustained close sympathetic relations with his pastor and gave him loyal support. He had an alert, inventive, inquiring mind, broad and tender sympathies, great persistence and remarkable poise. He was the soul of honor. His ready wit and his cheerful, optimistic nature made him the life of every circle. He had a remarkable way of turning perplexing questions and difficult situations into easy and possible solution by a joke or a hearty laugh. Thoroughly democratic, he was always ready to help and was unusually considerate and kindly. He was a true and steadfast friend. He had countless friends because he knew how to show himself friendly. For the long period of forty-seven years our friendship remained unbroken. He was often a guest in our home, as we were in his. The pleasures of commencement week were greatly enhanced by the hospitality of his beautiful home. His family life was exceptionally Christian and his care and constant thoughtfulness of his dear wife very marked. His devotion to his only sister, Mrs. William W. Chapin, and her husband and family was as rare as it was beautiful. The affection between brother and sister made the relation of the two households like one big family. Our thought of him today is expressed in a paraphrase of James Whitcomb Riley's poem, 'Away':

"I cannot say, I will not say,
That Edmund is dead. He is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since he lingers there.

"And you, O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of his faring on as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of him still as the same, I say;
He is not dead, he is just away."

Anetta T. Mills, School for the Deaf, Chefoo, China: "I first met Mr. Lyon when I was at home on a furlough in 1894. At that time our work for the Chinese deaf was in its embryonic stage. I was seeking to introduce the best in China and I did not want to teach signs, while using the ordinary finger alphabet was unsatisfactory, as it required the Romanization of the Chinese characters, the spelling of which was not settled, and there were sounds not represented by the letters. It was Miss H. E. Hamilton who called my attention to the Lyon Phonetic Manual, and Mr. Lyon gladly explained its scope and use, giving me my first lessons. As our oral work was based on Bell's visible speech symbols, I readily saw the advantage to us of linking up with a pure phonetic manual. Today we use only oral speech and the Lyon Manual, and feel that the work for the deaf in China owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Lyon that will extend through time; besides this his deep sympathy and appreciation of the work in China has always been an inspiration. We think of him today as a man of nationwide sympathies, but world-wide would be a truer word, and his loss to the cause of the deaf is an irreparable one."

The following resolution was adopted by the board of directors of the Rochester School for the Deaf: "The board of directors of the Rochester School for the Deaf meet today in the shadow of a great bereavement. Our strong, clear-visioned leader is not here to guide and counsel us. Our friend and associate of many years, whom we held in deep and abiding affection, has been called away. With a sense of loss that seems irreparable, we record in our minutes the death of Edmund Lyon, president of this board, which occurred April 24, 1920. Mr. Lyon occupied a large place in business affairs. His interest in public matters was broad and his philanthropies most generous; but to the education of the deaf, and to the broadening of the opportunities in life for usefulness, culture and happiness of those who are deprived of the sense of hearing, he gave concrete and devoted and prolonged attention with results which are of most beneficial and enduring character. Over thirty years ago Mr. Lyon became a volunteer teacher at the Rochester School for the Deaf and continued that work for seven years. While serving from day to day with great acceptability as an instructor, he studied the problem of the deaf with the breadth of vision of the philosopher and the sense of values possessed by a man of practical affairs. He made

a notable contribution, as one of the results of his study, to the science of teaching the deaf in the invention and exposition of the Lyon Phonetic Manual for use in promoting the teaching of speech to the deaf, which has been pronounced by most eminent authority to be epoch-making. In 1891 Mr. Lyon made an exposition of this method before the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf, of which association he subsequently became the president, holding that office up to the time of his death. The method thus devised has been in use for schools for the deaf, where oral instruction is imparted, throughout America and will remain as a fitting memorial to his work. In 1895, while Mr. Lyon was acting as secretary of the New York state board of charities, he became the state examiner of schools for the deaf, which position he occupied three years. The Rochester School for the Deaf received his greatest contribution, for here it was that he gave much of his time and direct personal attention. For many years he was a frequent visitor at the school. The pupils all knew him, and to the founder of the school, Dr. Westervelt, and to the superintendent, teachers and officers he has been a trusted and devoted friend. As director and president of the board he gave to us his business experience and his profound knowledge. He was more than an administrator; he inspired all who came within the radius of his influence. In the book of remembrance are recorded thousands of acts of kindness wisely bestowed and of service given out of genuine love. We record this inadequate tribute with most profound sorrow that here we shall not meet him again and with gratitude that for so long a time we were privileged to know him as a friend and to have the inspiration and the inestimable value of his leadership. We pledge to the school, its principal, its teachers, its officers, pupils and friends our best efforts to carry on his work."

The following lines from "The Teamster" were found in Mr. Lyon's coat pocket among a few treasured papers:

"And I, too, sing the song of all creation,
A brave sky and a glad wind blowing by,
A clear trail and an hour for meditation,
A long day and the joy to make it fly;
A hard task and the muscle to achieve it,
A fierce noon and a well contented gloam;
A good strife and no great regret to leave it,
A still night—and then the far red lights of home."

The letters given below are prized by Mrs. Lyon:

"My Dear Mrs. Lyon—Mr. Bell and I are shocked and grieved beyond words to hear of the great sorrow that has so suddenly fallen on you and your children. Please accept our sincerest sympathy. We grieve with you, for he has been one of our dearest friends for more years than we can count. Mr. Bell, I remember, introduced him to me first as the boy who was to carry on his work when he himself had gone on. Truly the world is the poorer for his going, and for you, my dear friend, my heart aches.

"April 27, 1920.

"Affectionately yours,
"Mabel G. Bell."

"July 31, 1920.

"My Dear Mrs. Lyon—I want to thank you very much for the splendid photograph of Mr. Lyon. I feel so deeply the loss of my friend that it is difficult for me to express my sympathy in words. I never met a man who so took my heart. He was big-hearted and big-headed, and I shall miss him more as the years go by.

"Yours very sincerely,
"Alexander Graham Bell."

GEORGE F. SHOWERS, D. D. S.

George F. Showers is the senior dentist of Corning, having practiced in that city since 1895. During his many years of residence he has built up a gratifying patronage and has also been active in fraternal and public matters. He was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, the son of George E. and Nancy (Alburtis) Showers.

George F. Showers received his early education in the Martinsburg schools and

graduated with the class of 1895 from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. He then started his practice in Corning, being associated with Dr. W. C. Wilbur for eight years, but since 1903 he has been alone. He is a member of the American Dental Association.

Dr. Showers is a member of Painted Post Lodge, No. 117, A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to the chapter and council. He first joined Equality Lodge in Martinsburg but transferred to Painted Post Lodge. He belongs to Corning Chapter, No. 190, R. A. M.; and Corning Council, No. 53, R. & S. M. He is also a member of the Elks and the Corning Country Club. The Doctor is a republican in politics and was nominated for mayor of Corning at one time. He has been president of the Business Men's Association, the organization of which the Chamber of Commerce is the outgrowth. He is a faithful member of Christ Episcopal church, holding the post of junior warden.

Dr. Showers was married on June 9, 1903, to Miss Edith Walker of Corning, and they have a daughter: Miss Edith Showers. The Doctor is particularly interested in his work, and is a member of the Seventh District Dental Society of New York State.

HON. JAMES WOLCOTT WADSWORTH, JR.

Hon. James Wolcott Wadsworth, Jr., senior United States senator from New York, was born on the 12th of August, 1877, at Geneseo, Livingston county, this state, son of Hon. James Wolcott and Louise (Travers) Wadsworth and grandson of Brigadier-General James S. Wadsworth, who was killed in the battle of the Wilderness. The Wadsworth family is distinguished in the history of the state, as recorded on other pages of this publication.

James Wolcott Wadsworth prepared for college at St. Mark's School of Southboro, Massachusetts, matriculating at Yale University in 1894. In his junior year he joined the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and he was also a member of the university baseball team. He won a place in "Skull and Bones". The war with Spain was in progress at the time of Mr. Wadsworth's graduation from Yale in 1898. He enlisted as a private at Newport News, in Battery A of the Pennsylvania Volunteers, in July, 1898. This unit was selected to go with the second expedition under General Fred D. Grant to Porto Rico. He accompanied the battery in July and remained there until September. The fighting had ceased, however, and he was mustered out about December 1. In February, 1899, he sailed from New York to the Philippines, via Suez, on the transport Sherman, with the Third Infantry. He was with the regiment during the northern advance until Malolos, Aguinaldo's capital, was captured. Then, in company with three classmates, he completed a tour of the world.

Upon his return home he immediately took up the occupation of a farmer. The Senator's home farm, consisting of fourteen hundred and seventy acres, is situated in the town of Groveland, Livingston county, near the village of Mount Morris. In addition to running his home farm he assists in the management of other farm property owned by him in the same neighborhood. He also owns a ranch property in Briscoe county, Texas.

A republican in politics, he was nominated in 1904 for assemblyman from Livingston county and was elected. In 1905 he was reelected and for the session of 1906 he was elected speaker of the assembly, being then twenty-nine years of age. He was reelected as speaker in 1907, 1908, 1909 and 1910. In 1912 he was the republican party's candidate for lieutenant-governor. In 1914 he was nominated for United States senator and was elected, his democratic opponent being Hon. James W. Gerard, ambassador to Germany at the time. In 1920 Senator Wadsworth was reelected by an overwhelming majority. Senator Wadsworth was a delegate to the republican national conventions of 1908, 1912, 1916, 1920 and 1924, serving as chairman of the New York delegation in the last four conventions. He holds a foremost place in the councils of the party in the nation.

Senator Wadsworth is an Episcopalian in religious belief. He belongs to the Loyal Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Spanish War Veterans and the Groveland Grange. He is a director of the Genesee Valley National Bank. In his club connections he is a member of the Metropolitan Club and the Racquet and Tennis Club at Washington, D. C., the Yale, Union League, Racquet and Tennis and National Republican Clubs at New York and the Fort Orange Club at Albany.



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On September 30, 1902, Senator Wadsworth was married to Miss Alice Hay, daughter of Hon. John Hay, secretary of state. The mother of Mrs. Wadsworth was a daughter of Amasa Stone of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the builders of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. Senator and Mrs. Wadsworth have a daughter and two sons: Evelyn, who is the wife of W. Stewart Symington (III) of Rochester, New York; James Jeremiah; and Reverdy.

EDWARD B. LEARY.

In America social tradition has rather expected the young men of each generation to leave the parental roof and make their own name and fortune in the world. Consequently we do not in this country find the many business firms and houses that have been managed by the members of the same family for generations, that are to be met with in Europe. It is, therefore, a matter of unusual interest when the history of such a firm as that of the Leary Dry Cleaning & Dyeing Works is brought to the attention of the public. This establishment, which was founded in 1822, was long ago taken over by Daniel Leary, father of Edward B. Leary of this review, who was succeeded by his son, the present proprietor. He, in turn, is looking forward to the not very distant future when in partnership with his son he can begin a program of expansion that has long been his ambition.

As a boy of seventeen, Daniel Leary landed in Quebec, Canada, after a voyage from his native Ireland in an old-time sailing vessel. Traveling was not so easily and rapidly done in those days and it took the lad ninety long days and nights to cross the Atlantic, but nothing daunted by the tedious voyage, he shortly reembarbed on the St. Lawrence for another laborious voyage into the Great Lakes and up the Genesee river, finally landing in Rochester. As later events proved, this city was destined to be his home for the rest of a long and useful life. Shortly after his arrival he secured a position with Lester Peacock, who was conducting a dyeing establishment he had founded in 1822. This dye works was the foundation of the present Leary business, which has had, therefore, a continuous history, lasting over one hundred and two years. Under Mr. Peacock's able guidance the youth learned the intricacies of the dyeing art himself and remained with his instructor and employer until the latter's death, when he purchased the works and took over the entire management. In 1890 Daniel Leary retired from active business life, turning the business over to his son, Edward, who is still directing its affairs. During the period he had been owner of the plant it had grown steadily and many modern features, undreamed of in 1822, had become important parts in its operation. His wife, Mrs. Caroline Seeley (Montgomery) Leary, passed away in 1884. She was a native of Bennington, Vermont, and came from Revolutionary stock. Her grandfather Seeley was one of General Washington's body guard, while among her ancestors were also General Montgomery of Revolutionary war fame and Millard Fillmore, president of the United States. Captain Warner, whose monument stands in Bennington, Vermont, likewise came from this family.

Edward B. Leary was born in Rochester, on the 23d of January, 1861. Here he gained his education in the public schools and in the Rochester Free Academy, where so many of the future business men of this city have secured their secondary education. When he had finished his high school course he was taken into the business by his father, but on no easy terms. Daniel Leary wished to have his son carry on the work when he could no longer do so and he wished him to be able to maintain the high standards he had always set for himself. He was, therefore, a conscientious and hard taskmaster, passing over no lesson in the cleaning and dyeing industry until his son was one hundred per cent perfect in it. No doubt there were times when the ordeal was as trying to the father as it was to the son, but he persevered, knowing that the day would come when the younger man would be proud of his skill and efficiency in his line of work. In 1890 the older man was convinced that his business would be in safe keeping if it were entrusted to his son and he accordingly withdrew from active connection with the works and left the entire management to the present owner.

Thirty-four years have passed since Edward B. Leary became sole owner and proprietor of the Leary Dry Cleaning & Dyeing Works. In that space of time more scientific discoveries and inventions have been made than in any other third of a century of the world's history. Nearly all of these have had an important practical bearing upon our every-day life and industry and nowhere has this revolutionary

influence been felt more than in industries that make use of chemical science, of which the dyeing and cleaning industry is an apt example. Mr. Leary has taken great pains to master the scientific end of his business himself and to understand thoroughly the chemical reactions involved and the effect of various cleaning and dyeing processes on the different types of fabrics. His son has recently completed a course in chemical engineering in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, undertaken with the sole view of preparing himself to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Those initiated into the mysteries of the cleaning business and dyers' art can see in the Leary plant many evidences of this progressive scientific attitude on the part of the owner. Its equipment is modern in every respect and includes many devices for securing as nearly perfect workmanship as is humanly—and chemically—possible. It is no surprise to the visitor to this establishment to learn that many of its patrons have been sending their rugs, delicate draperies and clothes to the Leary works for years and would not think of patronizing another establishment so long as this one is in existence. Its reputation for reliability cannot be beaten.

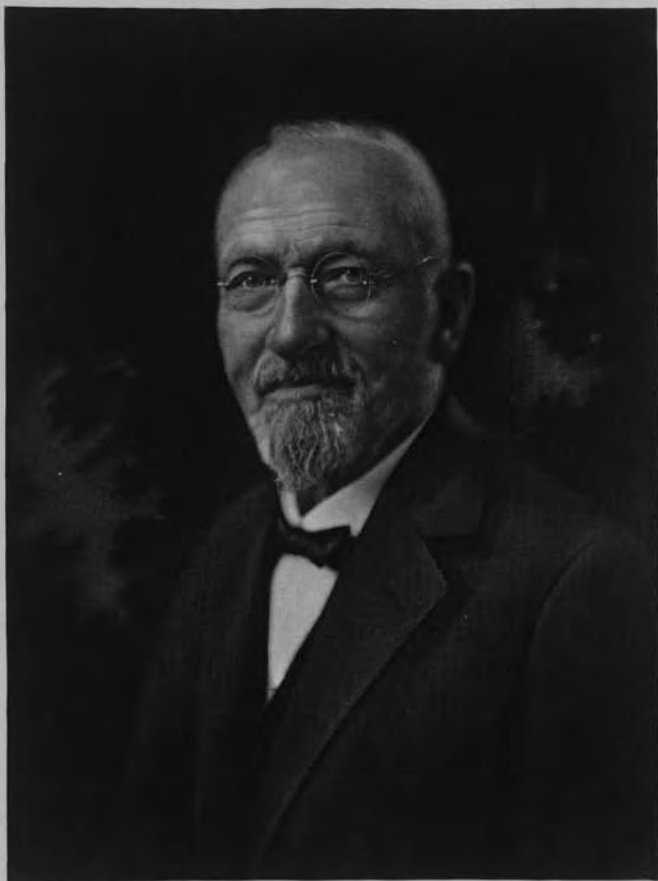
Mr. Leary has progressive ideas concerning the management of the business end of his concern, as well as a thorough knowledge of the processes used in the plant and is already making plans for an expansion that will require a larger force and a larger plant. Recently Mr. Leary was elected chairman of the Rochester branch of the American Chemical Society, in which he has long been an interested and interesting member. He was one of the founders of the National Dyers and Cleaners Association, which now boasts a membership of over two thousand members prominent in their industry in this country and in Canada. This association owes much to his loyal support and encouragement and he was at one time its vice president. Mr. Leary is a member of the board of management of the Maplewood Young Men's Christian Association and for over twenty years has been a teacher in the Sunday school of the Brick Presbyterian church, of which he is a member and an elder. He became a charter member of the Rochester Yacht Club, to which he still belongs.

On the 6th of July, 1893, in Rochester, Mr. Leary was united in marriage to Miss Estel Heger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Heger. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Leary: Marian E., a graduate of Vassar College, class of 1917; Sylvia Montgomery, an alumna of Wellesley College, class of 1922; and Harold Heger Leary, who completed a course in chemical engineering in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1923 and in 1924 received the degree of Master of Science. The last named is now associated in business with his father. It is a significant fact that Mr. Leary has been able to inspire all of his children with a keen interest in his business. To them, as well as to him, it means more than a mere getting of bread and butter. They have his interest in carrying the work into the future and building up an industry that will perpetuate the highest ideals of service and the best standards of workmanship.

JOHN JACOB BAUSCH.

An imposing monument to John Jacob Bausch is the huge plant of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, manufacturers of scientific and optical instruments in Rochester, of which he is the president and which is the largest industry of its kind in the world. His record constitutes a business romance of compelling interest and of inspiration. For years he was handicapped by misfortunes and a prejudice against American-made lenses, but he fought on with indomitable courage. He had reached the age of sixty years before his business showed any real signs of prosperity.

John Jacob Bausch was born in Suessen, Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 25th of July, 1830, his parents being George and Annie (Schmidt) Bausch. The father was a baker in Germany; the mother's people were foresters. John Jacob was one of seven children in a household where the family income was hardly as many dollars a week. The story of his early struggles, printed in the *American Magazine* as related by him to a few friends in a clubroom, is as follows: "I was six years old when my mother died, and I can scarcely remember her; but this I know, that she was strict. Duty and obedience were essentials in her view, and it was fortunate that she made good use of the few years that she was spared to us, for when she went away my father was like a lost man. She had been the real head of the family, as all of us keenly realized after her death. You ask me what I remember of those early days? Not much that seems cheerful from this distance. I remember that my oldest brother was apprenticed to a wood-turner, and later to a man named David



J. J. Bausch

In his ninety-fourth year.

Bantleon, in the optical trade. It is easy to recall that fact because it gave rise to the principal financial discussion of my boyhood. An apprentice in the optical trade must have tools, and the tools would cost one hundred and twenty-five gulden (\$46.25). Could my father afford to risk so much? After long debate it was decided that my brother's earning power with the tools would make them a good investment, and accordingly they were bought. But they had hardly arrived at the house in triumph when my brother fell from a barn and was carried home seriously injured. Eventually he recovered and, except for the fact that one arm was three-quarters of an inch shorter than the other, he suffered no permanent ill effects. But the precious tools had lain idle for a year. I had made some effort to use them, to be sure, but without success. I seemed to have no knack for mechanical things in those days, though I tried hard. The investment which took so large a portion of the family's cash did not begin to show a return for a long time. After six years my brother completed his apprenticeship, but it was difficult for him to dispose of his finished wares. There was almost no money in our neighborhood, and the best he could do with his spectacles was to exchange them for the food and clothing which the family had to have. I followed along in his footsteps and learned the rudiments of the trade. I could grind lenses and make horn spectacles, but this was as far as my training extended. He knew only this much and there was no one who could teach us. Moreover, before my apprenticeship was finished I came home with typhoid fever, which ran through the family, making our home a veritable hospital. My father died; the nurse who attended us so bravely also died, and hope of saving my life was abandoned. However, I was tough and managed to pull through, but for six months I was worse than useless. The months of weakness gave me many hours in which to think. Our family had stuck to one spot for generations. I saw clearly that if I remained at home there would be nothing for me except a repetition of the life of my ancestors—a bare living, and no more. Someone, traveling through the town, told us that an optician was wanted in Berne, Switzerland. The report kindled my imagination. If I could throw off the fetters of tradition, I might find a place where one could learn much more and earn much more than had ever been possible to any of us. Of course, the suggestion met with opposition. Why must I turn my back on the life that had been good enough for all my ancestors? Who was I to assume that I could battle successfully against the outside world? Had I any special gifts or cleverness? With such questions they sought to discourage me, and I had to admit, in answer that I was indeed without qualifications for success. No one knew it better than myself. Nevertheless, I swung my knapsack across my shoulders, and setting out on foot arrived finally at Berne.

"But no fortunes were lying loose in Berne. I was young, just eighteen, and I had not learned that fortunes do not lie loose. They have to be dug out and the digging is hard, no matter where one digs. But moving about the world a little puts the iron of self-reliance into a young man, and iron is good for digging. In Berne I made spectacles after a fashion and sold them for six cents a pair. By working hard from morning until night I could finish six pairs in a day. The times were extraordinarily poor; everywhere the crops had failed, and the discontent and suffering among the people caused the disturbances which are known as the Revolution of 1848. Thousands left Europe for America, and I was one of them. Of the journey across the ocean I need not tell very much. It lasted forty-nine days. The weather was rough most of the way and though our appetites were not especially hearty when the boat rolled and tossed, still we ran out of some important provisions very early, especially butter. After that we had to make the pancakes, which were the chief element in our diet, out of water alone, and the supply of water was limited to one quart per person a day. All this sounds like real hardship in these days of beautiful swift ships and good food, and looking back I sometimes wonder how we stood the journey at all. Yet at the time, we thought nothing of it. When one has been accustomed to hardship and privation, the addition of a few simple comforts gives great encouragement. But raise a boy in luxury, and if he is compelled to give up even a few privileges he feels that a hardship is being worked on him. Staying power is the great asset. The softer you make things for a boy the harder you make things for him; or so, at least, it seems to me.

"You have read of the thrill of the immigrant when he catches his first view of America. It is all true; I felt it. Here was the rich new land, the land of opportunity. Leaning over the side of the ship I feasted my eyes on the buildings of New York, and could hardly wait to be on shore. But once on shore I found that the new land had many things in common with the old. Here, too, were hard times and discouragement; the green fields were still farther on. 'Go West', people said. 'New York is

overcrowded; there have been too many immigrants who have settled here. The city is too full of people.' That was in 1849, remember, when the population was only a fraction of what it is now. Yet they said that New York was too full; probably they had been saying it from the days when the population was one thousand, and will be saying it when there are twenty millions. Still, there will always be room for the man who knows more than the others; the city will stand aside and make room for him. But in those days I had no knowledge for which the great city was willing to pay. And when they said to me, 'Go West; the chances are all out there', I believed them, and landed in Buffalo, where there was room enough. For Buffalo was swept with cholera, and thousands had fled. All day long the streets were filled with funeral processions. Business was at a standstill and nobody wanted a half-trained apprentice; I considered myself lucky to find work as a cook's assistant in a hotel. There were no opticians in Buffalo in those days, hence I made an effort to pass myself off as a wood-turner, relying on the very slender training in the craft which my elder brother had given me. A maker of bedsteads hired me without investigation, made his investigation by watching my work during the morning, and fired me early in the afternoon. It was discouraging, but discouragement is a luxury that can only be indulged in by those who are assured of three meals a day. I had to find work, and so I tried a manufacturer of furniture. Again I was hired and fired within twenty-four hours. This man, however, seeing that I was eager to learn and needed work badly, offered to teach me the trade, paying me fifty cents a day. You may imagine how gladly I accepted the offer. On that amount I could have managed to exist had the work been regular; unfortunately it was not. There were many days for which I received no pay at all. So my first winter in America came and went, and in the spring I borrowed five dollars and set out for Rochester. For six months I had lived practically without money, and I was worse off, because of the loss of my watch and clothing, than when I landed on this side. Still, I was not sorry I had come; I still had high hopes.

"In Rochester it occurred to me that I might make a start in the optical business, and so capitalize the training which I had gained abroad. After a year of struggle, therefore, I wrote to my brother asking for what remained of my share of our father's estate, a little less than a hundred dollars. He sent it to me, and with this capital I opened my shop, arranging with a watchmaker to give me his window for a dollar a week. That expense seems trivial enough, but it was too much for my slender receipts. After four weeks I was forced to abandon the project, having sold almost nothing. Since the people would not come to me for glasses, I tried taking the glasses to them, fitting myself out as a peddler, but with no better luck. America had not been educated in those days in the care of the eyes, and my ignorance of the language made me a poor educator. So I was forced back to wood-turning again. It was a bitter step; I hated the thought of abandoning the trade which I knew and loved; yet so accustomed had I become, by this time, to the buffeting of fate that I lost little time in self-pity. 'With you it must be this way', I said to myself, 'but you must not be discouraged.' And I was reminded again of my brother's remark that we were both 'unlucky fellows'. Unlucky indeed we seemed to be, and I was not yet at the end. My work as a wood-turner started off very well, so well, indeed, that I dared at the end of a year to think of a home of my own. I was married on October 12, 1849, and no couple ever started life more happily. Our home was simply furnished, and the total cost would hardly pay for a single rug these days. But the furnishings were beautiful in our sight. My job seemed secure and, for the first time in my life I began to look forward to comfort and serenity. Contrasted with what I had passed through, my situation seemed almost too good to be true; and so it proved. Seven weeks after my marriage, my hand was drawn into a buzz saw, wounding the fingers, two of which had to be amputated. There were no anaesthetics in those days, and the surgical operation lasted three quarters of an hour and left me weak and suffering intensely. There I was, flat on my back, with seven dollars and fifty cents, my previous week's wages, as our entire possession. For four weeks it was necessary to have someone with me every night; four months passed before the wound was sufficiently healed so that I could use my hand at all. During those months my wife and I had plenty of opportunity to think of the future, and it looked far from bright. Yet the accident had one wonderful aspect. It taught me the glory of friendship. On the day after my operation a young friend of mine, Henry Lomb, called at the house and gave my wife twenty-eight dollars which he had collected. Who the donors of that money were we never found out, though we made diligent inquiries. I have no doubt they were the same big-hearted friends who took turns sitting by my bedside through those long delirious nights. To them, and to my employer, who advanced

me fifty dollars during that helpless period, I owe a debt that can never be paid in this world.

"Henry Lomb was to figure largely in my life, and to the end he and I were to travel the road together, trusting each other fully with never a quarrel. We had many opportunities in later years to show that we, too, could be friendly to those in need, and I trust that we made good use of them. Certainly Henry Lomb did; he was one of the great philanthropists of Rochester, giving with almost sacrificial generosity to the Rochester Mechanics Institute, where thousands of young men are offered the chance that he had to fight so hard to get. Men who speak of business as being heartless and cold—a mere game of getting in which the strong take from the weak—know very little of business at its best. It is essentially an enterprise of faith and mutual trust. No man makes a success in it without, at some time, becoming richly indebted to the helpfulness of older men; and, generally speaking, he who has the greatest power of meriting friendship and making friends, achieves the largest success.

"To my great joy I found that my injury did not prevent me from returning to my work as a wood-turner. But the accident had affected my nerves; I no longer felt the same confidence in the presence of a buzz saw, and without a buzz saw no one can be a wood-turner. Hence, my thought turned more and more toward the optical business, which had never ceased to hold first place in my heart. My wife sought to dissuade me. With her natural conservatism, she pointed out that our responsibilities were increasing and that another failure would be almost a tragedy. Nevertheless, I determined to take a chance. The chief asset of those who are on the lowest rung of the ladder is that they have not far to fall. I wrote to my brother in the old country to send me a small stock of optical goods, for which I contracted to pay in six months' time. They came and I set forth again in business for myself. It would have been better for me had I remained at my trade for another year. Capital is a requisite, almost as much as courage, and the lack of it makes progress painfully slow. However, I managed to dispose of the goods which my brother had sent me, and at the end of six months I paid the bill and ordered a fresh supply. I arranged for a little store space in the front of a shoemaker's shop. The room was heated by an old-fashioned stove, and during most of the winter we used old shoes for fuel, which did not add greatly to the purity of the atmosphere. From that viewpoint it was perhaps lucky that few customers called, for none would have remained very long. Some weeks I took in scarcely enough to pay for my newspaper announcements, and whenever I had a spare moment I traveled up and down the streets looking for broken windows. I knew the trick of putting rivets in plate glass, and every crack meant fifty cents to me. So with odd jobs I managed to take in about four dollars a week, and on this I lived and kept my family which, by this time, had increased by the birth of our eldest son.

"Henry Lomb was a carpenter, not a master at the trade but a hard worker who also earned about four dollars a week. As he was unmarried, he had been able to save a little money, and, like myself, was ambitious to be in his own business. One day, when I was almost at the end of my rope, I asked him how much he had saved. 'Sixty-two dollars', he answered. 'Lend it to me', I said, 'and when my business grows large enough, so that it can support us both, you shall have a half interest.' There was never any written agreement between us; we were two honest men who trusted each other. He gave me the sixty-two dollars, and with that investment he acquired a half interest in the business which, before he died, had made him indubitably wealthy. I moved into a better store, but the rent was too much and I had to move again. I made all sorts of experiments to see whether I could not supplement my slender income. For one thing, I engaged a mechanic who claimed that he could make and sell apothecary scales; but the arrangement proved a complete failure. He had great faith in himself, that young man. He laid claim also to a knowledge of photography, but this claim was equally false. After he had demonstrated that he could not obtain even the shadow of a picture, I sold the photographic gallery, which I had fitted up, for ninety dollars. The buyer had no cash and I was forced to take my pay in trade. Mr. Lomb's luck was hardly better than mine. When, later, I arranged credit in Germany for a somewhat larger supply of optical materials, and he came into the business with me, the receipts were still far too slender to support us. He tried his hand at every honest device to make a dollar. He peddled our stock from house to house, but without success. Once a consignment of deer arrived from Canada. He bought them, and after they had been cut up, he carried the meat about town, offering it at two cents a pound; but even at this price he had great trouble in getting rid of it.

"We moved from our first store to another, being presented, in one instance, with two months' free rent by our landlord, because business was so bad; but at no time were we able to take in enough to meet expenses. Mr. Lomb lived at my house and, having no family, was able to put more into the business than I. Hence my indebtedness to him increased. So we came up to 1861 and the outbreak of the Civil war. I was thirty-one years old; I had struggled day and night for eight years to establish myself in business and the net result of all my struggles was that I had no assets whatever and owed my partner one thousand dollars. If you had told me in those days that there would some day be a plant bearing my name and Mr. Lomb's, employing more than three thousand people and manufacturing fifteen or twenty million lenses a year, I would not even have taken time to smile. I would have thought that you were merely adding to my troubles by having a little cheap fun at my expense. But we were on the verge of a little better fortune, though neither of us suspected it. When the Civil war started Henry Lomb enlisted immediately and was ordered to the front. Every month through the next four years he sent back to me a part of his pay as a soldier—only a few dollars a month, but the value of the gold dollar appreciated so rapidly under war conditions that these monthly remittances were an important factor in carrying the little business through. Then there happened that bit of good fortune or luck, or whatever you may call it, which comes once to every man, provided he does not lose his courage while he is waiting for it. I was walking down the street in Rochester one afternoon when my attention was attracted to a little piece of hard rubber on the sidewalk. I picked it up, and immediately said to myself, 'This material would make good eyeglass frames.' Up to this time we had been making all of our frames out of horn. It did not take me long to discover how to adapt rubber to this purpose, and in a few weeks we were turning out a better frame, in rubber, at a very much lower cost. The work of making the frames was still painfully slow. For a long time I rose every morning at five o'clock to prepare our little stock of rubber for the day's needs, heating it on the kitchen stove. A manufacturer of watches was attracted by the use which we were making of rubber, and placed an order with us for some watch cases. These we produced and, as they found a ready market, he came back for more. The hard rubber spectacle frames were also popular.

"So for the first time a little steady revenue began to dribble into the business, and when Henry Lomb came back from the war I had paid our debts and was able to show him a balance of eight hundred dollars in the bank. You can imagine our delight. We gave ourselves a little celebration. Henry had been with General Grant, who said: 'I intend to fight it out along these lines if it takes all summer.' Well, we had fought it out along the same lines for more than ten years and, at last, we were beginning to win."

The retail department was not discontinued until 1866, when exclusive right to the use of India rubber was secured. In 1864, with the growth of the business, a factory was secured at the corner of Andrews and Water streets and the constantly increasing trade demanded another removal in 1868 to a still larger building at the corner of River and Water streets. In 1866, at the time of the incorporation of the Optical Instrument Company, the manufacturing department was separated from the sales department and Mr. Bausch, becoming manufacturing agent, remained in Rochester, while a branch office was opened on Broadway, New York, under the direction of Mr. Lomb. In the department of eyeglass manufacture the company have been pioneers and leaders. They have not only introduced the rubber eyeglass but made a change in the shape of the eye, adopting the oval instead of the round, which was then in use. Variety in style and finish was the next stage of improvement; an adjustable eyeglass was invented by J. J. Bausch early in the history of the concern and contributed much to the growth of the business. Lens grinding was begun in a small way in 1865 to meet emergencies arising from the delay in receiving orders from foreign manufacturers. Now they grind every kind of a lens from the simple spectacle lens to the finest the optician or scientist can demand. Machinery has been devised which performs the work with perfect accuracy and with great rapidity. It is of their own construction and in many cases patented. In 1875 the company began the manufacture of microscopes, which up to that time were produced almost entirely abroad. Their instruments today are in use in the laboratories of nearly all educational institutions of the land, as well as all government departments. The photographic department was the next addition and here again they have attained the high efficiency which has always characterized their work.

In 1890, so great had been the progress made that an alliance with the world-renowned Carl Zeiss Works of Jena became possible. The importance of this step

is realized from the fact that Carl Zeiss stands for supreme technical skill and scientific attainment in the world of optics. As a result of this alliance the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company came into the possession of the formulae of the celebrated Zeiss Anastigmat lenses with the sole right of reproducing them in America. Three years later, by virtue of this same arrangement, they began the manufacture of the Zeiss Stereo field glasses. The next move of importance was the incorporation of the Bausch, Lomb, Saegmuller Company for the manufacture of engineering, astronomical and other instruments of precision. Mr. Saegmuller of Washington, who has a world-wide reputation as an instrument maker, removed his factory from Washington to Rochester and the entire output of the company is handled by the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company. The gun sights and other instruments manufactured by the company are used by the government of our own and foreign countries, where they have proven their exceeding worth. The employees now number about three thousand. The plants cover twenty-six acres. The constant aim of the founders and promoters of this enterprise has been to manufacture the highest quality of optical instruments and this resolve has made the business what it is today—the largest manufactory of optical instruments in the world. John Jacob Bausch is now an honorary member of the executive committee of the Mechanics Savings Bank, of which he formerly served as president.

Mr. Bausch has been married twice. His first wife bore the maiden name of Barbara Zimmerman. In 1902 he wedded Miss Caroline Zimmerman. His children were six in number, namely: Edward, William, Annie, Carrie, Henry and John. The two last named are deceased. In politics Mr. Bausch is a republican, having stanchly supported the party since he became a naturalized American citizen. He is a member of the Rochester Club but his interests and attention have been concentrated more largely upon his business than upon club interests. However, a genial disposition and uprightness of character have made him a favorite with all with whom he has come into contact. It has been written of him: "Watching his quick, active movements, or listening, in his office, to his shrewd common sense decisions, you might guess that J. J. Bausch is seventy, perhaps seventy-five. As a matter of fact he is ninety-four, and the industry which bears his name has made its principal progress since he passed the age at which most men retire."

Edward Bausch, the eldest son of J. J. Bausch, was born in Rochester, New York, September 26, 1854. Following the completion of a high school course in this city he entered Cornell University. In 1908 the University of Rochester conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. His prominence in business circles here is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, a director of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank, vice president of the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company, vice president of the Monroe County Savings Bank and a director of the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation and the Taylor Instrument Company. He has invented several scientific devices, is the author of "Manipulation of the Microscope" and holds membership in the Royal Academy of Science. He is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the American Microscopical Society. On the 31st of October, 1878, he was married to Miss Matilda G. Morrell of Syracuse, New York.

William Bausch, son of J. J. Bausch, was born in Rochester, New York, March 25, 1861. His early education, acquired in the common schools, was supplemented by study in the Collegiate Institute, while later he attended L. L. Williams Business University. Soon after leaving that school he entered his father's factory and today occupies the position of secretary of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company. He is also an officer of the East Side Savings Bank and a director of the General Railway Signal Company, the Rochester Hotel Corporation and the Seneca Operating Company. William Bausch also serves as president of the Rochester Dental Dispensary and as vice president of the Infants' Summer Hospital and the Hillside Home for Children (Rochester Orphan Asylum). He is a popular member of the Rochester Club, the Genesee Valley Club, the Oak Hill Country Club, the Rochester Country Club, the Old Colony Club, the Rochester Yacht Club and the Rochester Athletic Club. On the 1st of October, 1916, he was married to Miss Kate Zimmer.

Henry Bausch, the third son of J. J. Bausch, was born in Rochester, and was educated in the public schools of this city and attended the old high school and Cornell University. In 1875 he entered the factory, working, as did his brothers, at the bench with the other workmen and starting in at the very bottom to learn every part of the business. He was especially interested in the microscope and scientific apparatus department, his early training and natural aptitude making him particularly competent to assist in developing the manufacture of these instruments and to

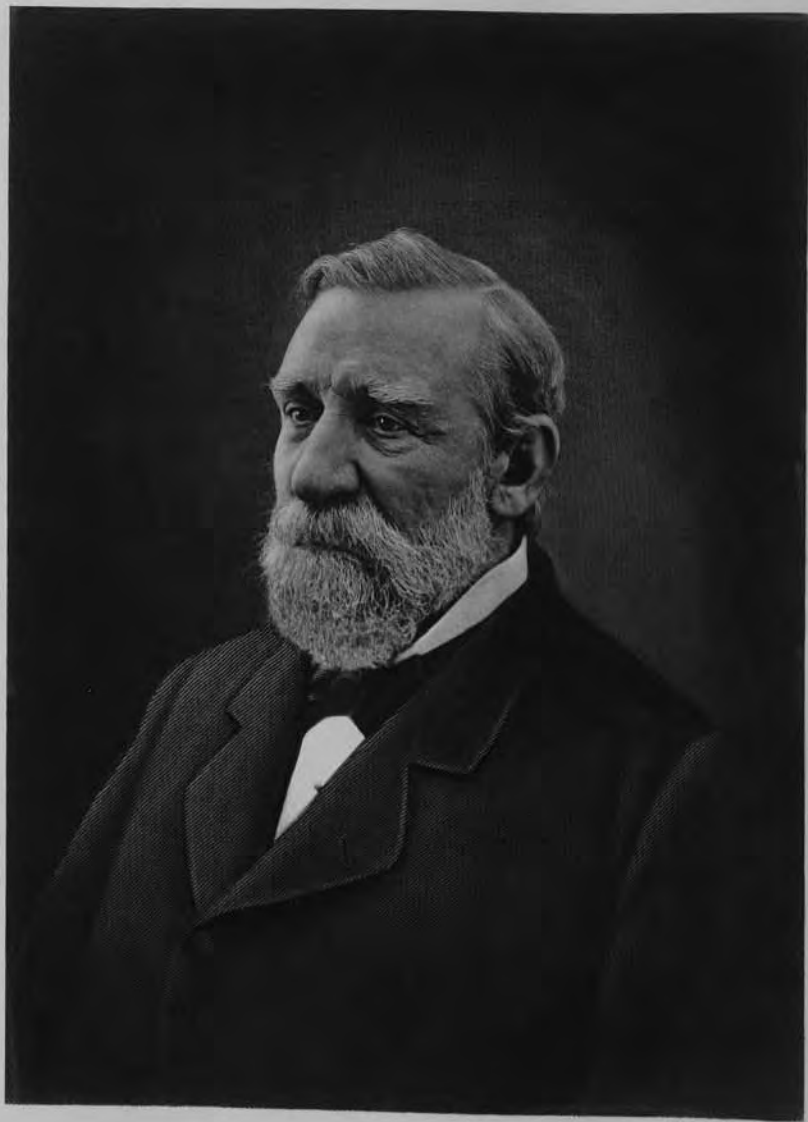
supervise their construction. He gave much time and attention to the manufacture of the optical parts of instruments and this in the face of extraordinary difficulties, for it must be remembered that in the days when he was struggling with this branch of science the opportunities for learning same in this country were few indeed. He became second vice president of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company. In 1888 he was married to Henrietta Schubert of Philadelphia, and they had one daughter, Elsa. Mr. Bausch was a republican in politics and served as a member of the board of park commissioners for some years. He was also on the board of directors of the Infants' Summer Hospital. His demise occurred March 2, 1909.

PATRICK BARRY.

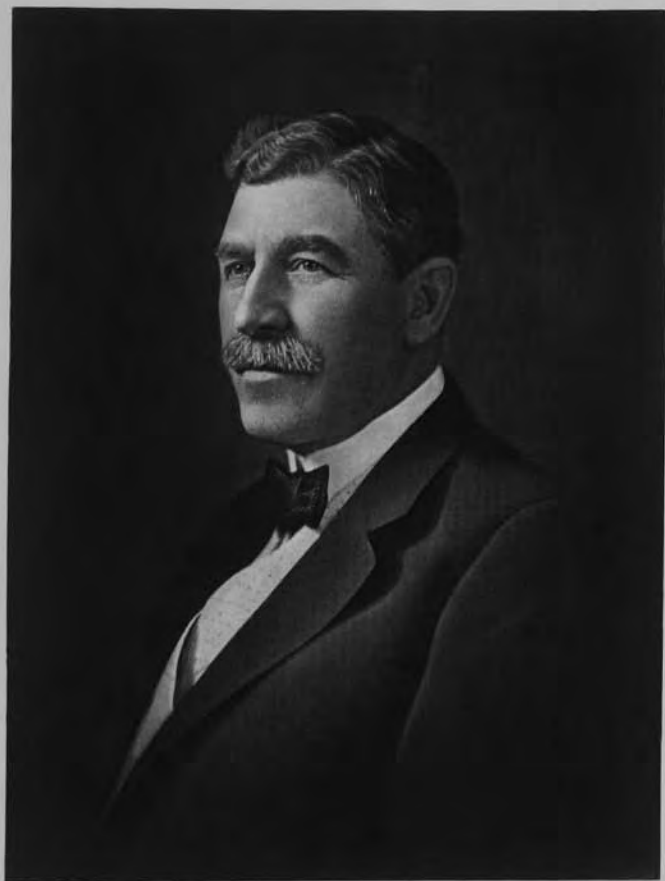
Patrick Barry was born on a farm near the city of Belfast, Ireland, May 24, 1816. He received a liberal education and at the age of eighteen became a teacher in one of the Irish national schools. After having taught for two years he resigned and resolved to make the United States his future home and country. Accordingly, in 1836, he came to New York and shortly after his arrival was offered a clerkship by the Princes, celebrated nurserymen of the period, in Flushing, Long Island, which he accepted. He remained with them for four years, during which time he acquired a practical knowledge of the nursery business. In 1840 he removed to Rochester and in July of that year formed a partnership with George Ellwanger, which continued to the time of his demise. The firm of Ellwanger & Barry established upon seven acres of ground as a beginning, what are now of vast extent and world-wide fame. "The Mount Hope Nurseries"—transplanted in every state and territory of the Union and in foreign lands—have made the impress of Patrick Barry's genius upon the face of the earth. His industry was one of genuine production of wealth from the soil. Its creations from nature have, in their fruits and flowers, and trees and shrubs, ministered to those senses of man whose gratification refines life and makes it enjoyable; and it is a pleasure to know that it was duly rewarded by a rich return.

While building up this great industry Mr. Barry acted well many other parts. His pen was not idle. To the instruction and influence flowing from it is horticulture much indebted for its advancement during sixty years in this country. Following many miscellaneous contributions to the literature of that particular field, Mr. Barry, in 1852, published his first popular work, "The Fruit Garden". The edition was soon exhausted and another and larger one followed in 1855. In 1852 "The Horticulturist" passed from the hands of Luther Tucker into those of James Vick, and was removed from Albany to Rochester in order that the lamented Downing, drowned in the "Henry Clay" disaster on the Hudson river, might be succeeded in the editorial chair by Mr. Barry, who conducted it several years and until its purchase by the Messrs. Smith of Philadelphia. Mr. Barry's chief and most valuable work, however, was his "Catalogue of the American Pomological Society", which is the accepted guide of American fruit growers and is regarded as standard authority throughout the world. But outside of the nursery and the sanctum Mr. Barry was no less busily and usefully engaged. Regular in habit and methodical in action, he was enabled to perform duties as varied in character as they were successful in result.

For more than twenty years he was president of the Western New York Horticultural Society, which was the most prosperous and important of its kind in the United States. He was president of the New York State Agricultural Society and a member of the board of control of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. At times he filled offices of importance to the local community, such as alderman of the city and supervisor of the county and as frequently declined the tender of others. The Flour City National Bank, of which Mr. Barry was president and of which he was also a director nearly from the outset, was one of the largest and most prosperous of financial institutions of western New York. Besides the Flour City National Bank, Mr. Barry was prominently identified with many other important enterprises of Rochester, filling such positions as president of the Mechanics Savings Bank, president of the Rochester City & Brighton Railroad Company, president of the Flour City (Powers Hotel) Hotel Company, president of the Rochester Gas Company, and original trustee of the Rochester Trust and Safe Deposit Company, member of the commission appointed by the legislature to supervise the elevation of the New York Central Railroad tracks, through the city, etc., etc. He aided largely in building up the central business property of Rochester, of which he was a considerable



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owner, and in developing the valuable water-power of the Lower Falls of the Genesee river, connected with which he had large interests.

In all his walks Patrick Barry was an upright man—a model of industry, integrity and honor. No one in the city where he lived his busy and eventful life was held in higher esteem by his fellow citizens; and the life of no man in Rochester furnished a better example nor stronger incentive to the youth of the present day who would make for themselves a spotless name and achieve enduring fame.

Mr. Barry was married in 1846, to Harriet Huestis, a native of Richfield, Otsego county, New York. Eight children were born of this union, six sons and two daughters, of whom three sons and one daughter lived to adult age but only the daughter is now living. The sons were: William C., of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work; Dr. John H., who married Grace Huestis and had one son, Alfred E.; Charles P., who married Julia Wald and had three children, Harriet L., Thomas F. and Alfred W.; and the daughter is Harriet E., the wife of Bernhard Liesching of Rochester, New York.

Mr. Barry died on the 23d of June, 1890, and while fruit growing remains an industry of the country, his memory will be cherished as the promoter of valuable knowledge along this line. In his home city, where he was widely known, he had a very large circle of friends, and his life was an exemplification of the Emersonian philosophy that "the way to win a friend is to be one."

WILLIAM C. BARRY.

The death of William C. Barry on December 12, 1916, was a distinct loss to Rochester, where his activities had for many years been a most valuable and important factor in the business, financial and civic life of the city. He was a native son and was born September 17, 1847, the eldest son of Patrick and Harriet (Huestis) Barry, of whom a more extended mention will be found elsewhere in this work.

William C. Barry received every educational advantage that wealth and his inclinations could satisfy. He was privately tutored and subsequently entered Seton Hall College in New Jersey, then conducted by Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, later bishop of the Rochester diocese. After completing his studies at Seton Hall, Mr. Barry was sent to Europe and studied at Heidelberg and Louvain. Returning to America, he began his business career in connection with the extensive nursery firm of Ellwanger & Barry that was founded by his father and George Ellwanger in 1840. His connection with that firm was continued during the remainder of William C. Barry's life, and for a number of years prior to his death he was its president and treasurer. From the time he entered the nursery business, as a young man, his natural business ability and inherited enthusiasm for nursery development soon brought him to a position of prominence in that industry and upon the death of his father, which occurred on the 23d of June, 1890, he was highly capable of assuming the additional responsibilities that fell upon him. In November, 1906, George Ellwanger passed away, and for the decade following, until his death, William C. Barry was the executive and financial head of the vast interests of Ellwanger & Barry that have exerted such a valuable influence in Rochester's development.

Although William C. Barry devoted the greater part of his time to the interests of his firm, he was one of Rochester's best known men in financial circles and the active part he took in civic affairs made him one of the city's highly valued citizens. Notwithstanding the extent and importance of his private interests, it can be truthfully said that he was ever ready to serve on any important committee or body having as its object some city betterment or improvement. He was a member of the original city park board and served until its dissolution in 1915. He was no small factor in the placing of the Ellwanger & Barry Children's Memorial pavilion in Highland Park, and the rapid development of Rochester's park system was in a large measure due to his efforts. It was in 1888 that Ellwanger & Barry, through its founders, George Ellwanger and Patrick Barry, presented to the city of Rochester the twenty acres of land from which Highland Park has been developed. This munificent gift, strange to say, had been offered to the city a number of times and William C. Barry had no little to do with bringing about its final acceptance. His vision and that of his predecessors and appreciation of the possibilities of the tract for park purposes is fully borne out by the scene it presents today. Highland Park, while one of the smallest of the city's parks, is the most attractive of all, with its botanical display, particularly of the lilacs in their season, and the great number of different kinds of

trees, showing a greater variety than can be found in any other park in the country. Moreover, the natural elevation of the park commands a splendid view of the city and surrounding country. To the example and exhortation of Mr. Barry's firm it is mainly owing that Rochester is one of the best shaded cities in the United States. Mr. Barry had succeeded his father in 1890 as president of the Western New York Horticultural Society, and each succeeding year, at the annual election, he was honored by reelection. This society is one of the oldest and most influential of its kind in the United States, and despite the fact that he had frequently requested the honor to be extended to others, the members of the society recognized how difficult it would be to find another man who could give the problems of the fruit growers such consistent and intelligent attention as had Mr. Barry during his long and conscientious service, and insisted year after year that he be retained as the society's president. His addresses at its annual meetings were looked forward to with great interest. His whole heart was in the work of this organization and he entered into the duties of its leadership with the zeal and enthusiasm that was characteristic of him in whatever he undertook. Mr. Barry was president of the Eastern Nurserymen's Association and took a prominent part in the organization of the American Rose Society, becoming its first president. He was a member of the board of control of the New York Experiment station and for three years was its president.

Mr. Barry's interests were varied and extensive. He was president of the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company, vice president of the Lincoln National Bank, trustee of the Monroe County Savings Bank, president and treasurer of Ellwanger & Barry, Incorporated, president and treasurer of the Ellwanger & Barry Realty Company, a director of the Rochester Electric Railroad Company and also a director of the Rochester & Suburban Railroad Company. He took a great interest and an active part in the work of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and for several years was one of the trustees as well as serving at various times on important committees of that organization. He was a trustee of Cathedral parish and all his life had been closely identified with affairs of the Cathedral and Immaculate Conception parishes. Appreciative of the social amenities of life, he belonged to the Genesee Valley Club and the Country Club.

Mr. Barry was married to Miss Mary Louise Gaffney, whose death occurred on February 20, 1912. Of the seven children born to them, three sons and a daughter survive: William C.; Frederic G.; Arthur A.; and Harriet R., now Mrs. Charles H. Stearns of Rochester.

Gifted with a keen business insight and a broad grasp of affairs, William C. Barry had a career of unusual activity. He was not only one of Rochester's strong and able business men but a man of high ideals whose personal work was so often shown in his ability to plan and perform, to accomplish things for the public good and always looking at every question from the standpoint of a liberal-minded man of broad experience. At the time of his death a Rochester daily said of him editorially, in part: "Rochester has sustained a great loss in the death of William C. Barry. Few of her citizens have displayed more public spirit than he. He was connected with almost every public movement of importance in the city for many years. His name was so familiar on the lists of committees that the omission of it was more noteworthy than was the presence of it. One of the city's leading business men and bankers, he contributed much to the material prosperity of Rochester and aided in her development. His interests were not confined to the great nursery firm of which he was president but included banking and real estate development. His activity in the development of the park system of the city was one of the strong factors in making the system what it is—one of the finest park systems in the United States. His connection with the Chamber of Commerce was not merely perfunctory. It was an energetic connection, and he was one of the most valued members of that organization. In the nursery industry Mr. Barry was one of the leaders. His interest was not merely that of the nurseryman selling to the public, it was that of the enthusiast for plants and flowers and he did much to make life more beautiful for all by his work in aiding in the development of new varieties of flowers. He was an authority on rose culture. He did not neglect the more practical side of the industry and continually fostered the improvement of the more useful products of the soil. His standing and value to the industry are shown by the positions which he held in the organizations devoted to it, as well as in kindred organizations not concerned with the strictly business side of it, such as the Western New York Horticultural Society and the American Rose Society. The former organization will hardly seem like the same society without him at its head. Mr. Barry's interest in the charities of the city, especially in those of his church, was great. In this, as in every other good work, he was one of the leaders.

Rochester can ill afford to lose such men as William C. Barry. But she may console herself by the thought that she has profited greatly in every way, but especially by the example of his useful life, through her possession of him as one of her citizens."

CHARLES TERRY CHAPIN.

Charles Terry Chapin, one of the well known business men of Rochester, has had a continuous identification with the business life of the city since before he was sixteen years old. He belongs to one of the prominent old families whose connection with Rochester's professional, financial, industrial and commercial life dates back more than one hundred years. He was born in this city, on the 24th of February, 1861, his parents being Charles Hall and Mary Elizabeth (Kidd) Chapin. His paternal grandfather, Moses Chapin, served as county judge of Monroe county from 1826 to 1831, and at one time was president of the Bank of Monroe, the second bank that was established in Rochester, while the ancestral history is traced back to Deacon Samuel Chapin, who crossed the Atlantic from England to Massachusetts between 1635 and 1640. Charles Hall Chapin, the father of Charles T. Chapin, was born in Rochester, January 6, 1830, and in the maternal line was descended from Timothy Dwight, an early president of Yale College. Early in his business career Charles Hall Chapin became manager of the Kidd Iron Works of Rochester, conducted under the firm style of Chapin & Terry. He entered the field of banking in 1871 as one of the organizers of the banking house of Kidd & Chapin, of which he had entire charge. In 1875 this was merged into the Bank of Rochester, of which Mr. Chapin became president, acting in that capacity until his death. He was a man of excellent business ability and his sound judgment and keen business discernment were considered valuable assets in the successful control of various business interests. In 1877 he organized the Rochester Car Wheel Works, which were established by William Kidd, and it became one of the most important industrial concerns of the city. He was also vice president of the Charlotte Iron Works and a trustee of the Roberts Iron Works of Kingston, Canada. In 1854 Charles Hall Chapin was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Kidd, a native of Saratoga, New York, and a daughter of William Kidd. To them were born three sons and two daughters: William Kidd; Charles Terry of this review; Mrs. William E. Marcus; Edward Hall; and Eleanor B., who died in 1881. The death of the father occurred March 16, 1882, and thus passed from the stage of earthly activities one who had contributed in large measure to Rochester's substantial growth and improvement.

In the private schools of Rochester, Charles T. Chapin acquired his education and also attended the Rochester high school. Having put aside his textbooks, he entered the old Bank of Rochester on the 1st of January, 1877, later called the German-American Bank and now the Lincoln Alliance Bank, being employed in that institution in the capacity of bookkeeper until 1880. He then became identified with the Rochester Car Wheel Works as secretary and treasurer. The business was established by his father three years before and for twenty-five years Charles T. Chapin was prominently identified with its growth and development. He was elected president of the company and acted in that capacity until 1905, when it was merged with other companies into the National Car Wheel Company, with which Mr. Chapin was connected as special representative for several years. In 1915 he organized the Chapin-Owen Company for the sale of automobile accessories and sporting goods and is still active in its control as treasurer and as chairman of the board. This enterprise has grown to extensive proportions and stands as one of the representative mercantile houses of western New York in its line.

Mr. Chapin has figured prominently in the public and civic life of Rochester and has long been accounted one of her progressive and public-spirited citizens. He served on the police commission board for five years, from 1896 until 1901, and acted as park commissioner from 1902 until 1914. He was secretary of the old Alert hose company, which he joined in 1881 and of which he served as president from 1883 until 1887, inclusive, later becoming an exempt fireman. He was for one year vice president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, of which he is still a member and which he has also served on the board of trustees and as chairman of committee on manufactures and promotion of trade. He was a director of the Rochester Railway & Light Company and also the Rochester Railway Company, and is one of the trustees of the Police Benevolent Association, while for five years he served as president of the Flower City Driving Club. He is a life member of the Rochester Athletic Club

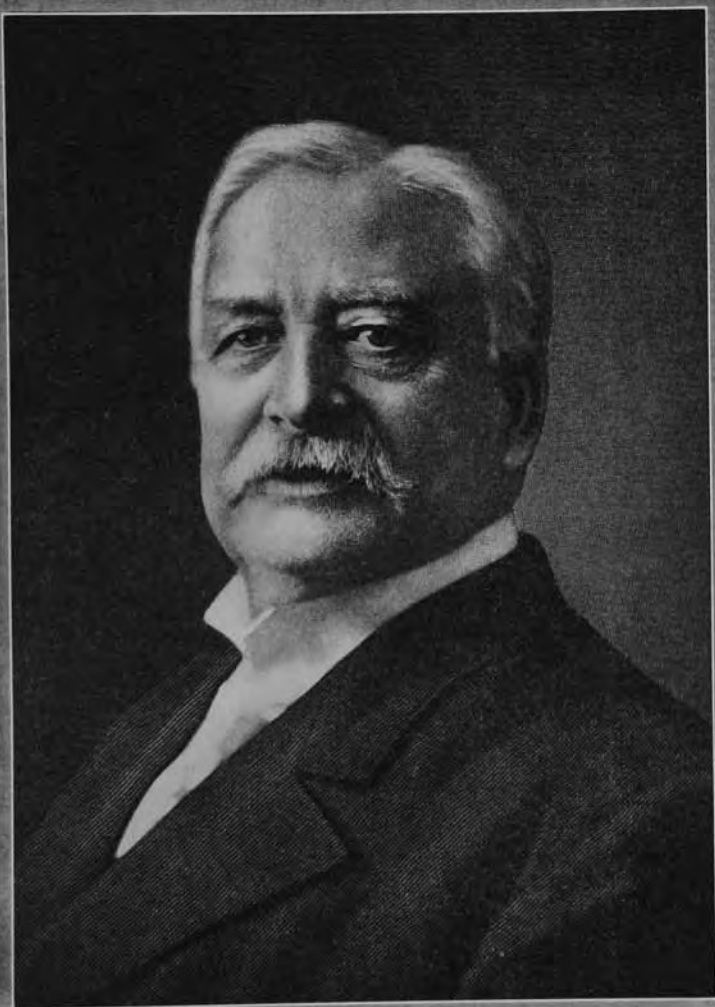
and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and for several years was the president and majority stockholder of the Rochester Baseball Club. He has for years been greatly interested in harness horse racing and has owned at various times some of the best performers of their time, among them being Connor, 2:03¼, pacing; and Daniel, 2:00¼, pacing, at one time the champion pacing mare of the world. Mr. Chapin belongs as well to the Rochester Club, the Washington Club, the Rochester Rotary Club, the Ad Club, the Exempt Firemen's Association, the Monroe Golf Club and the Lake Placid Club, being a life member of the last named. Mr. Chapin has always been a lover of outdoor sports and life in the open. He owns a fine woodland estate of three hundred and sixty acres at Beaver Lake in the Adirondacks and spends much of his leisure there in the wilds. From the windows of his lodge he has often seen from twenty to thirty deer feeding at the border of the lake, unafraid of the close association with human beings. Mr. Chapin is a true sportsman who never indulges in the wanton destruction of wild animals, and this fact seems to have been communicated to the wild life of his domain. Very frequently raccoons, opossums, rabbits, chipmunks and other smaller animals come to his doorstep to get their morning or evening meal from the larder of Mr. Chapin's lodge.

In 1882, in Rochester, Mr. Chapin was married to Miss Emily Emerson, daughter of Colonel William Emerson. Mrs. Chapin passed away three years later, leaving a son, Charles Hall Chapin, who was born in this city in 1885 and was graduated from Yale University in 1910. He is the father of three children, Charles Hall, Jr., Emily and Richard Traill Chapin. On the 27th of December, 1919, Charles T. Chapin was married to Miss Emma S. Kern of Rochester.

WALTER BERNARD DUFFY.

Walter Bernard Duffy, merchant, financier and philanthropist, was born in Peterboro, Ontario, Canada, on the 8th of August, 1840, and died in Rochester, New York, on January 14, 1911. His parents were Edward Duffy, born in Dunkirk, County Louth, Ireland, and Jane (Crawford) Duffy, born in Banbridge, County Down, Ireland. His early training at home and at school brought out strongly the sterling traits of character which he displayed conspicuously in his business career and in social life. His parents moved to Rochester, New York, when the lad was about one year old, and Rochester thenceforth was his home and the city which received the tribute of his manly enterprise, love and foresight.

Walter Bernard Duffy's education was acquired in one of the most famous of Rochester's early public schools (old No. 6), in St. Hyacinthe College near Montreal, Quebec, and in St. Michael's College of Toronto, Ontario. At the age of seventeen years he returned to Rochester and entered business life with his father, who had established a wholesale liquor house and cider and vinegar business on Lake avenue. Mr. Duffy was endowed with great physical endurance as well as personal charm and keen perception. His whole strength and high ability in dealing with men, always guided by the strictest integrity and faith in humanity, were employed in his business life. Thus equipped, Mr. Duffy acquired his father's business in 1868, after successful private ventures during the Civil war. He had tasted the satisfaction of honorable strife in the field of commerce and trade and pressed forward with energy and hopefulness. One branch of his enterprise, originated by his father, was the production of a whiskey as a medicinal supply to meet a demand by physicians and families for a standard remedy of this nature. This enterprise, founded on an acknowledged need in therapeutics, met with instant success. With his other business rapidly developing, success and the promise of monetary independence came. Mr. Duffy's business standing was high. Fully able to help himself and master the intricacies of commercial life, he felt able in his generous spirit to help others, and did so by lending his name to commercial paper. He was obliged to meet this paper upon maturity and would have fully met it but for the eagerness of those who could not wait. After the first report of the situation went abroad, he employed all his great energy to stem the tide. Overwhelmed for the moment, he did not rest, although he was past middle age. He put his hand to paper for what he owed and kept that paper alive until his incessant labor, strict economy and ceaseless enterprise enabled him to pay the last dollar. With a new education in business and finance and all of his original power, he forged ahead with such a reputation for financial probity as few men had achieved. His rise to mastery was rapid. Although he was more cautious than formerly, he had lost but little of his abounding faith and trust in the honesty and justice of men.



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He had found that faith in men tended to render them faithful and so he went forward with clarity of purpose, loving labor, loving the city in which he lived and planning for its upbuilding along the noblest lines. He was sustained by the tenderest family and social ties, buoyed in his daily intercourse with men by an abounding humor, and assisted by an unflinching courtesy that comes only from a gentle training and real deference to others.

In 1868 Mr. Duffy was married to Miss Teresa Helena O'Dea of Toronto, Canada, who bore to him five sons and four daughters: Edward F., a leading physician and surgeon of Yonkers, who passed away on the 14th of April, 1923; Martin Claude, who was born in 1871 and died the same year; Mary Teresa, now Mrs. Harry Yates; Walter J.; Agnes A., now Mrs. Charles F. Riordan; James P. B., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Harriette Jane, now Mrs. William T. Noonan; Gerald Paul; and Constance Josephine, now Mrs. Jeremiah G. Hickey. In 1884 Mrs. Duffy passed away. In 1892 Mr. Duffy was married in London, England, to Miss Loreto Putnam of Detroit, who survives him.

Mr. Duffy was a traveler and close observer in many lands, a student of affairs in the largest sense, a lover of art and the supporter and author of projects for public improvements. In 1888, when the park commission was organized, Mr. Duffy had been known for some years as a man of public spirit, good taste, high ideals in civic matters and a leader in the business and financial world. He was named among the fathers of the city who constituted the first board of twenty-one members of the park commission. Although he was confined by the demands of his business interests that had then assumed great proportions, he gave his time and experience and observation in travel to the development of Rochester's admirable park system upon a scale commensurate with the city's growth and future promise.

As a public man Mr. Duffy planned and built for the future nobly and well. Among his conspicuous services to the city he loved was the gift of land for suitable completion of a park near the brink of the lower falls of the Genesee and overlooking the picturesque gorge of the lower river. He would not allow the source of this gift to be known to the public until he passed away. Mr. Duffy was no demagogue but dealt with facts in his leadership in business and civic affairs. In breadth of view, soundness of judgment and calm foresight Mr. Duffy was among the great leaders in business and city building. The catalogue of his enterprises and business connections is long and indicates executive ability of the highest order and prophetic vision. The rapid and healthy growth of Rochester was largely owing to the confidence and courageous leadership of Mr. Duffy and his compeers. His business connections show in the clearest way the progress of the city's growth in wealth, influence and beauty and desirability as a place to reside. Every line of business upon which he entered appeared to be endowed with new life and to respond to his magic touch. He became the president of the Flower City National Bank, organized the New York and Kentucky Company in 1900, the American Fruit Products Company in 1904, the Duffy-McInerney Company in 1906 and the National Hotel Company in 1907. In banking circles Mr. Duffy was one of the leaders in the movement that led to the merging of the Flower City National Bank and the German-American Bank, to form the National Bank of Rochester, later named the Lincoln National Bank, and now merged with the Alliance Bank and known as the Lincoln Alliance, of which he was president when he died. He was a director of the New York & Kentucky Company, the American Fruit Products Company, the Lincoln National Bank, the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company, the Duffy-McInerney Company, the National Hotel Company, the General Railway Signal Company, the German Insurance Company, the Pfaunder Company and many other corporations of this city and of the Lafayette Hotel Company of Buffalo. He also had a large interest in the Hotel Marlborough of New York, the Hotel Victoria of New York, the Kenmore Hotel of Albany and various mining companies. He was the builder and owner of the Shubert Theater of Rochester, now known as the Fahy Theater. Mr. Duffy's efforts toward the reorganization of the United States Independent Telephone Company and anxiety on account of the panic of 1907, kept him from a needed vacation. For a time he worked night and day to ward off financial stress from the banks and the business of Rochester, and the preparedness which he urged and directed was efficient. But he had overtaxed his powers. His tireless energy, however, did not allow him to rest, and he literally died in harness, advising and directing his great affairs until death came. As a philanthropist Mr. Duffy was not of the showy kind. He was an ever-ready helper, and his charities were unnumbered, but few knew of them outside of the beneficiaries and his business associates. They, too, knew but little. He was generous as he was just. His benefactions to the Catholic church, of which he was a devout member,

and to other churches were many. By the natural exercise of his great powers and generous spirit Mr. Duffy overcame obstacles, compelled success, became a tower of strength in the business world and an inspiring example and adviser in the building of the city.

WILLIAM BIRCH RANKINE.

Imagination is a priceless crystal in the vision of the man who achieves, and thoroughly imbued with this quality, as well as the spirit of progress, William Birch Rankine became a pioneer in the work of producing and transmitting electricity for industrial use. To his tireless, inspired and inspiring effort the city of Niagara Falls and the entire Niagara frontier are largely indebted for the great industrial activities and commercial growth which came with the development of hydro-electric power and now continue with increasing momentum. He was born in Oswego, New York, January 4, 1858, and his father, the Rev. James Rankine, D. D., S. T. D., LL. D., was a prominent minister of the Protestant Episcopal church, also becoming a noted educator. He served for some time as president of Hobart College and afterward became rector of the de Lancey Divinity School in Geneva, New York, acting in that capacity until his death, which occurred in 1896. He married Miss Fanny Meek, who survived him a few years—years which were spent in faithful and loving devotion to the charitable foundations of her sainted husband and distinguished son.

William Birch Rankine prepared for college at Canandaigua Academy, which was then under the management of the distinguished scholar and educator, Dr. Noah T. Clark, and was for years famous as one of the most earnest and virile of American preparatory schools. In 1873 he matriculated in Hobart College, of which his father was at that time president, but soon afterward transferred to Union College at Schenectady, New York, from which he was graduated in 1877, at the age of nineteen, receiving his baccalaureate degree, cum summa laude, and later winning the degree of Master of Arts. He was elected a member of the board of trustees of Union College, which position he continued to occupy during the remainder of his life, rendering valuable and appreciated service in the administration of its affairs, the widening of its sphere of influence, and in bringing about a substantial growth of the institution in the number of students and in financial endowments.

After his graduation from Union College, Mr. Rankine entered upon the study of law in the office of the late A. Augustus Porter in Niagara Falls, New York, undertaking at the same time to tutor Mr. Porter's sons in preparation for college examinations. It could not have been blind fortune but was surely divine purpose that sent the gifted youth to his work and studies at the very brink of the cataract and into the home circle of Mr. Porter. For nearly a century the Porters had been and at that time still were the proprietors of the New York lands on all sides of the American Falls. More than one generation of them had visioned the Niagara frontier crowded with mills and busied peoples, the air resonant with the clang of the anvil and the whirl of loom and spindle—a "smokeless Manchester" created by the harnessing of the falls and rapids for useful work.

As early as 1842 Judge Augustus Porter, the grandfather of A. Augustus Porter, had proposed extending the small system of canals then existing along the upper rapids. Five years later Peter Emelie, a civil engineer, made plans for such a project, which were published and distributed by Judge Porter with invitations soliciting capital for the construction of the works and mills to use the proposed power. These plans with some modifications were put into effect by Horace H. Day, who in 1861 completed the Day canal and basin which, greatly amplified in recent times, are now in active service as the hydraulic canal and basin of The Niagara Falls Power Company.

In 1877, when Mr. Rankine came to Niagara, such water-power development as then existed was by means of that surface canal, which was some seventy feet wide and eight feet deep, conducting waters of the upper river from Port Day, above the rapids, across the village of Niagara Falls for a distance of nearly a mile to a receiving basin at the top of the high bank of the gorge of the river below the falls. On the river side of the basin there were some flour mills, driven by small powered water turbines placed at comparatively low heads, which discharged their tail waters through the high bank and then down its steep sides in little cataracts.

Having passed his bar examinations, Mr. Rankine went to New York city in 1880 to take up the practice of law, becoming a clerk in the office of Vanderpoel, Greene & Cummings, one of the best known and most distinguished firms then prac-



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ting at the New York bar. Shortly afterward he formed the law firm of Hawksworth & Rankine and successfully conducted important litigations involving large amounts and establishing important principles of law, the decision in at least one of which is still a leading case on the subject matter involved. Notwithstanding his enthusiasm for his law studies and practice, the clear vision of Niagara brought into obedience to the will of man, remained ever present with him. From time to time he returned and continued to take part in the deliberations and counsel of the faithful and sanguine in search of a feasible plan of development and means of obtaining the large amount of capital required.

In 1885 the state of New York acquired, at a large expenditure of money and opened to be forever free to the public, the lands on all sides of the American Falls and for nearly a mile above. In that year a civil engineer of many years experience in public works was employed by the state on plans for the development and improvement of the state reservation at Niagara. The opportunity afforded by his presence on the ground was embraced by the little party of Niagara visionaries and Thomas Evershed was retained to suggest a plan for a large scale power development, with the condition that it must be consistent and wholly in harmony with the purpose of the state in fully preserving the grandeur and beauty of the great cataract and all of its surroundings.

Such a plan was evolved by Mr. Evershed and enthusiastically accepted by those who retained him. In its essential features it was simplicity itself, though the instruments for carrying it out involved untried mechanical design, invention and skill, and could never have become successful except for considerable improvements afterward made in the art of the production, transmission and use of electricity. The plan provided for taking water from the upper river, a mile and one-half above the falls, to operate turbines of high power and great energy output, located in deeply excavated wheelpits with a disclosure of tail waters to the level of the lower river at a point beyond the northerly limits of the state reservation, by means of a great tunnel extending across and under the village of Niagara Falls at an average depth of about two hundred feet.

The following year the legislature of the state of New York, by Chapter 83 of the Laws of 1886, chartered Colonel Gaskill of Niagara Falls, Thomas Evershed of Rochester, and six others, citizens of the Niagara frontier, their associates and assigns, as a body corporate under the name of the Niagara River Hydraulic Tunnel, Power & Sewer Company of Niagara Falls (subsequently changed by order of the supreme court to The Niagara Falls Power Company). Among other things, the corporation was authorized to construct, maintain and operate a power plant such as was then planned by Mr. Evershed.

Well directed and valiant effort was made both at home and abroad by the trustees of this new company to obtain the considerable sum of money needed for the construction of the plant. At one time their efforts seemed to have succeeded. Substantial financial interests in Great Britain were so far persuaded as to indicate their disposition to undertake the financing of the project. They were said to have contributed and deposited in a London bank a large sum of money to be used in the work. No part of it, however, was ever received by the trustees of the company for application to their purposes. It is little wonder the faithful few found capital timid. The undertaking was novel. A demand for the use at Niagara of sufficient power to pay a return on a large investment could not then be foreseen. The method of economical transmission of the power for use elsewhere was undecided, and the best methods then known did not look attractive.

In 1886 electricity was slowly coming into use for lighting and for small-powered direct current motors. The art of street and shop lighting with the arc formed between poles of alternating currents was still in its infancy. Few, if any, of the scientists of that time had visioned electricity as the solution of the problem of long distance transmission of energy for use in operating industrial plants, and none had discovered its still greater uses in electrical furnaces as subsequently invented. No American had shown the aptness and skill required to design and fabricate a water turbine such as would be required for the commercial success of the proposed development. High head turbines of small energy and output had been successfully employed in a few instances in France and Switzerland, but none with an output of energy sufficiently great for the successful working out of Mr. Evershed's idea.

Meanwhile Mr. Rankine had progressed in New York both in his chosen profession and in attracting the favorable notice and consideration of men then engaged in conducting the great business and financial affairs of the country. His clear vision, his faith in the outcome of the Niagara project, and his enthusiasm for the undertak-

ing of the enterprise were contagious. He was given the opportunity of going into the matter fully with Francis Lynde Stetson, one of New York's eminent lawyers, and counsel for some of the large corporations and important financial interests. Mr. Stetson was a practical idealist with great courage in his convictions. Mr. Rankine soon discovered that Mr. Stetson foresaw the difficulties of the project, but that he also visioned its possibilities not only for commercial success, but as a means of lightening the burdens of mankind, increasing the world's production and conserving its fuel resources. The project strongly appealed to his imagination and his answer was that he would undertake to enlist the assistance of those able to carry the project to a conclusion.

On the 12th day of June, 1889, Edward A. Wickes, Francis Lynde Stetson and William B. Rankine, all of New York city, incorporated The Cataract Construction Company for the purpose of taking over the then outstanding shares of The Niagara Falls Power Company, constructing its plant and placing it on an operating basis. The financial plan involved subscriptions to substantial blocks of mortgage bonds of the Power company. The first to write his name on the list of such "money subscribers" was John Pierpont Morgan, father of the present banker of that name. In all the dark days which followed and which included those of the panics of 1893 and 1897, Mr. Morgan's faith in the final outcome of the enterprise never wavered. Again and again he subscribed his full quota of the increased amounts found necessary to carry on the undertaking, and at his death every bond and share subscribed by him were found by his successors intact. Early and substantial "money subscribers" of The Cataract Construction Company, other than the three incorporators above named and Mr. Morgan, in the order of the time in which their interest in the project began, were Hamilton McKay Twombly, Morris K. Jessup, Darius Ogden Mills, Charles F. Clark, Edward D. Adams, Charles Lanier, A. J. Forbes Leith, Walter Howe, John Crosby Brown, Frederick W. Whitridge, William K. Vanderbilt, George S. Bowdoin, Joseph Larocque, Charles A. Sweet (of Buffalo) and John Jacob Astor.

The remainder of Mr. Rankine's life is essentially the history of the hopes, struggles and final success of the Niagara enterprise. It is, however, not the purpose of this short sketch to go into details of the many difficulties which soon developed nor of the skill and enterprise of its trustees, its officers and engineers in meeting the emergencies, and throughout two of the world's great financial cataclysms finding the required funds for construction, which at Mr. Rankine's death amounted to upwards of twenty-two millions of dollars for the development of one hundred and fifty thousand horse-power. The original estimate was five million dollars for an initial development of one hundred thousand horse-power. Suffice it to say that construction began in 1890; that the first two five thousand horse-power generating units were completed and placed in service in October, 1895, and the first ten units, now housed in power-house No. 1, were completed in 1899, and eleven additional similar units were completed for power-house No. 2 early in 1903. The plant of a Canadian subsidiary company, with an output now of about one hundred thousand horse-power, was begun in 1902, and an installation of about fifty thousand horse-power had been finished prior to Mr. Rankine's demise. As construction proceeded, uses for the plant's output increased. Electricity had come, or was swiftly coming into its own. Inventive genius was stimulated and responded by giving birth to new products and new industries, made possible with an abundant and cheap supply of continuous energy in a form so reliable and adaptable as the electric current.

In all the financing, planning and management of the company, and in the work of construction and operation, Mr. Rankine took a leading part. Elsewhere whatever may have been the relation of the directors, officers, stockholders and financial supporters of the enterprise, at Niagara to the day of his death, Mr. Rankine was its head and front and chief administrator. Until 1899, at least nominally, he resided in New York city. In that year The Cataract Construction Company turned over the plant to The Niagara Falls Power Company for operation, as well as completion of construction. Mr. Rankine then came to Niagara Falls to reside in order that he might be more conveniently situated in managing the affairs of the company and its Canadian auxiliary company. Gentle, approachable, in touch with the company's employes and their interests and affairs, Mr. Rankine at all times had their respect, loyalty and love. He was a constant precept and example of untiring and effective work.

In Niagara Falls, on February 23, 1905, Mr. Rankine was married to Annette Kittridge Norton. Mr. Rankine passed away in Franconia, New Hampshire, on September 30, 1905, at the age of forty-seven years, when at the height of his usefulness, and was survived by his widow, who has since passed away.

Mr. Rankine gave of his busy life much time and service to the civic upbuilding of the community and its charitable and educational institutions. He was chancellor of the Diocese of Western New York at the date of, and for several years prior to, his death. He was a director of the Equitable Trust Company and the Nikola Tesla Company of New York city; the Tonawanda Power Company, the Suburban Power Company, the Bell Telephone Company of Buffalo, the Niagara Falls Power Company, the Niagara Development Company, the Niagara Junction Railway Company and the Shredded Wheat Company. His genial, kindly nature endeared him to a wide circle of friends and he enjoyed the social amenities of life, belonging to the University and Metropolitan Clubs and the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity of New York city, the Buffalo Club, the Niagara Club and the Niagara Falls Country Club. He was a power in constructive development and evolution and his history affords a striking example of high purpose, nobly achieved.

In concluding this sketch of Mr. Rankine's career no words can be more fitting than those of Francis Lynde Stetson, phrasing the appreciation of his high character and business capacity by those who sat with him on the boards, first of The Cataract Construction Company and later of The Niagara Falls Power company:

"As director, he began to serve The Niagara Falls Power Company in 1886, before any other member of the board, and during almost a score of years his uninterrupted service was characterized by a devotion equal to that of many of his colleagues, and by an intelligent and exclusive attention beyond that which any of them could give. In all of the greatly various and novel elements of our large and important business, there was not one with which he did not make himself familiar, and by all employees and customers he was regarded as a trusted friend. Called upon to act as originator, supervisor, counselor, negotiator, arbiter and executive, he excelled in every capacity. Obviously, in the death of such an officer, the company has suffered irreparable loss.

"But in especial degree his colleagues are conscious of personal bereavement. His charming personality, his unfailing courtesy, his delicate and delightful humor, his sensible and seasoned conversation, and his considerable knowledge of affairs and particularly of men, combined to make him a desired and agreeable associate, and to fix in the affectionate regard and memory of his colleagues, the name and life of William Birch Rankine."

In November, 1924, the William B. Rankine Memorial Commission was organized in Niagara Falls, for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument to Mr. Rankine, as the father of the Niagara Falls Power Company and the Niagara Falls hydro-electric power development. This memorial is to stand on the grounds of the new city hall and this and other memorials are "to the memory of those who have contributed so largely to the scientific, transportation and commercial progress of Niagara Falls."

JAMES WILLIAM GILBRIDE.

James William Gilbride of Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York, was born on a farm in the township of Groveland, Livingston county, on October 10, 1864, the son of Martin and Jane (Patton) Gilbride, the father being a native of Ireland and the mother a native of Michigan. Martin Gilbride died on October 23, 1876; his widow is living.

The education of James William Gilbride was gained in the public schools of the district, and while still a boy he began to work on the home farm, where he remained for the next fourteen years. He then went into railroading, and for twelve years was employed by the Lackawanna Railroad Company. Leaving the railroad, Mr. Gilbride traveled for a year in the state of Washington for a wholesale meat house, after which he was employed in the highway department of New York state for seven years. He then moved to Mount Morris and became connected with the Winters & Prophet Canning Company, and had been with the company eight years when, in September, 1920, it was taken over by the New York Cannery, Incorporated, Mr. Gilbride remaining with the latter corporation. He is personally interested in agriculture and is the owner of a farm in Mount Morris township. In 1923 Mr. Gilbride served as president of the village of Mount Morris. He was a member of the board of education for nine years and a trustee of the village for two years, and is also a vice president and director of the Livingston county branch of the Federal Loan Association.

Mr. Gilbride was married on December 8, 1887, to Jennie Clark of Sparta, Liv-

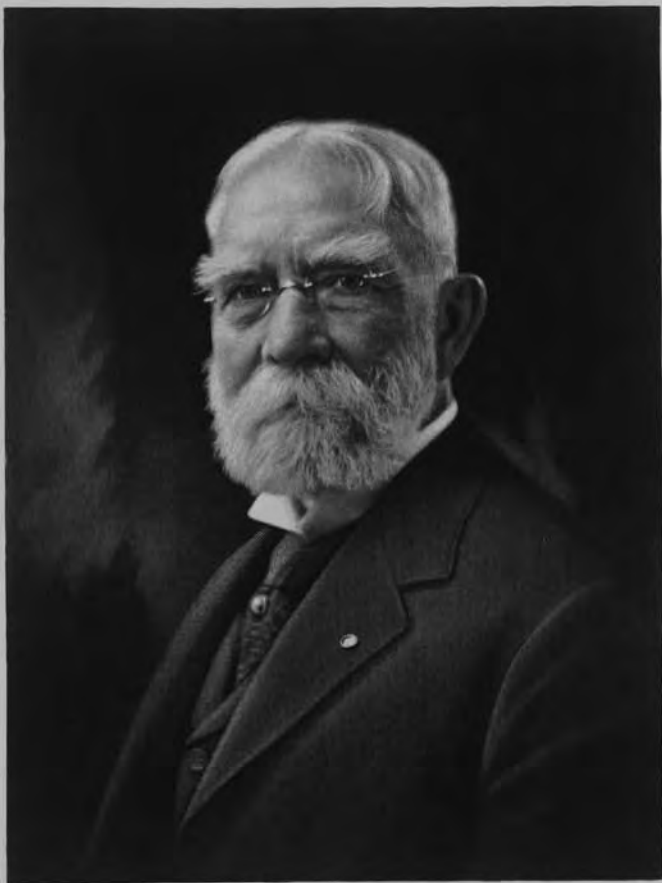
ingston county. Three children have been born to them: James W., Jr., was killed by the kick of a horse on June 21, 1921. He was married to Sally Price, and was the father of Margaret, Dorothy and Frank; Martin, a farmer of Mount Morris township, married Myrtie Rowe, and their children are Jessie, Eloise and Martin, Jr.; and Mrs. Marie E. Foster of Mount Morris. In his religious convictions Mr. Gilbride is a member of the Methodist Episcopal faith and a steward in the Mount Morris church of that denomination. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason, and politically he votes the republican ticket.

CLINTON ROGERS.

Clinton Rogers, president of the Howe & Rogers Company, was one of Rochester's most influential business men. His identification with the city's mercantile interests covered a period of nearly seventy years and his life was one of great usefulness in this community, where was endeared to him a host of true, loving friends. He was born on the 3d of December, 1832, in the town of Wales, Hampden county, Massachusetts, the youngest in a family of four sons and two daughters, whose parents were Joel and Mary (Shaw) Rogers. The great-grandfather of Clinton Rogers served in the War of the Revolution and participated in the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill.

Clinton Rogers received his education in the common schools of Wales, Massachusetts, and began his business career as a clerk in his brother's general store in that town. He remained there about two years, then located in Worcester, Massachusetts, at the age of twenty years, where he continued until 1855, which year witnessed his arrival in Rochester, New York. Here he was first employed as a clerk for Wilder, Case & Company, in whose service he remained for two years. In March, 1857, in association with John H. Howe, Mr. Rogers established a carpet store under the firm name of Howe & Rogers. This store was on State street, near Main, and the capital of its founders was extremely limited, but they were honest and reliable and their personal qualifications were their guarantee to their creditors. When they secured their first bill of goods from the Lowell Carpet Company, this firm's representative remarked that the company had never before extended credit on the basis of so small a capital, but would in this instance on account of the two partner's splendid recommendations from previous employers. In the early days of their enterprise they employed three men, but the business had a healthy growth from its start and it was not many years before Howe & Rogers became leaders in their line of Merchandise, a position the house occupies at this time in Rochester. The business has grown to occupy a five-story building at Nos. 89 to 91 South Clinton avenue, with two large warehouses and a large force of employees. The firm continued as a copartnership until 1898, when it was incorporated and some stock was sold to a few of the old employees in recognition of their faithful service. The relation between the original partners continued until Mr. Howe's death in 1904, since which time his son, John B. Howe, has been active in the business.

Mr. Rogers did not confine his attention alone to mercantile pursuits, but on the contrary the sphere of his activity included identification with various business and civic projects. He was a director of the Genesee Valley Trust Company and had previously been a director of the old Traders National Bank for over forty years. He was one of the founders of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and held office in that organization for more than thirty years, serving as its president in 1905, at which time he was instrumental in securing the passage of the anti-smoke ordinance. He was president of the Rochester Historical Society in 1906 and 1907 and always took a great interest in the work of that society; one of the board of governors of the Homeopathic Hospital and a trustee of the Church Home. Mr. Rogers was a very prominent, active and influential member of St. Luke's Episcopal church, served nearly fifty years as vestryman and senior warden and was a most liberal contributor to the church and various charities. He was also deeply interested in the cause of education and put forth earnest, effective and far-reaching effort for the promotion of church and educational interests. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and was very active in this organization, serving as vice president of Rochester Chapter during the years 1911 and 1912, and then was elected to the presidency. He was a member of the Rochester Country Club, the Genesee Valley Club, the Washington Club and Frank H. Lawrence Lodge, F. & A. M. In political matters he took an active interest in the affairs of the republican party.



Clinton Rogers

He was fond of golf and found much pleasure in travel. He had visited various foreign countries as well as many points of interest in this country. Mr. Rogers possessed a fine collection of steel engravings, which he purchased in France on one of his trips abroad.

On August 23, 1876, Mr. Rogers was married to Miss Fannie C. Rochester, a daughter of Henry E. and Jane (Hart) Rochester and one of the last two surviving grandchildren of Colonel Nathaniel Rochester, founder of the city. Mrs. Rogers' mother was a daughter of Roswell Hart. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were the parents of four children: Fannie Beatrice, now Mrs. Sidney B. Roby and the mother of three daughters, Margaret Breese, Jane Hart and Mary Rogers; Alice Montgomery, the wife of Dr. Joseph Roby and the mother of two sons and a daughter, Joseph, Jr., Helen Rogers and Rochester Ross; Rochester Hart, who married Miss Lois Smith, a daughter of J. Hungerford Smith of Rochester, and they have two sons and a daughter, Rochester Hart, Jr., Jean Dawson and Nathaniel Rochester; and Helen, who resides with her mother.

Mr. Roger's city residence was at the southwest corner of Spring and South Washington streets, but his death occurred at his summer home in Webster on the Lake, on September 26, 1924, when he was in his ninety-second year. At the time of Mr. Rogers' death the Rochester Times-Union editorially said in part: "Through the death of Mr. Rogers, Rochester loses one who was long prominent in business and civic affairs, a man who was respected, trusted, and leaves the memory of an honorable and useful career."

Contemporaneous writers said of him: "Clinton Rogers was one of our most prominent men, both in civic and business life, upright and clean in all his associations. His long career of usefulness is a shining example for those he has left behind to emulate. He had lived long enough to see many changes in this city and he has left behind him a name that will always be remembered for all things that are good and wholesome. He was one of the few men left who always preserved and carried forward through life that true patriotism and devotion to his country which made him, as he always was, a valuable citizen and a loyal and true friend. No one has ever been more respected in the city nor ever more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people, nor better deserved such respect and confidence, than Clinton Rogers. His name was synonymous with honesty, and his word was as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal. His methods in every relation would bear the closest investigation. He stood as a high type of American manhood because of native intellectual force, of well developed talents, of keen insight, of strong purpose and of unfaltering determination. His sturdy integrity and honesty of principle led him to despise all unworthy or questionable means to secure success in any undertaking or for any purpose, or to promote his own advancement in any direction."

EDWIN S. GORDON.

Edwin S. Gordon, a prominent Rochester architect, is the senior member of the firm of Gordon & Kaelber, which has to its credit many of the most important structures of this city, as well as other parts of the country. He represents a family that has long been established in western New York. He was born in Rochester, on the 28th of March, 1867, his parents being Henry R. and Jane (Benton) Gordon, the former a native of Henrietta, Monroe county, New York, and the latter of Rochester, this state. Henry R. Gordon was brought to this city by his parents in his boyhood days and has here resided continuously since, now living retired at the ripe old age of eighty-five years. A merchant tailor by trade, he engaged in that business for many years and also acted as salesman for a tailoring establishment. His wife, who passed away in her forty-ninth year, was the daughter of the first superintendent of Mount Hope cemetery and one of the pioneers of Rochester. The latter was closely associated with the early development of this city and was one of the first men to run a packet line on the canal. A carpenter by trade, he served at one time as superintendent of the carpentering department of the prison at Kingston, Canada.

In the acquirement of an education Edwin S. Gordon attended the Wadsworth School and the Rochester Free Academy and subsequently pursued a night course in architecture as a student in the Mechanics Institute of this city. He then became instructor in architecture in the Mechanics Institute, teaching the night classes there for fourteen years. After completing his course in architecture he secured a position as shipping clerk and bookkeeper in the service of the firm of H. E. Welcher & Com-

pany of Rochester. In 1885 he became draughtsman for the firm of Fay & Dryer and later was similarly employed by James G. Cutler, well known architects of this city. He spent four years as a partner with Claude Bragdon and William H. Orchard, and was afterward a draughtsman with J. Foster Warner, a leading Rochester architect, for eight years. On the expiration of that period he became a partner of William V. Madden, in the firm of Gordon & Madden, which during the period of its existence designed Corpus Christi church, St. Peter's and Paul's, Blessed Sacrament, St. Stanislaus, Rochester General Hospital, and many other important buildings. Since the 1st of May, 1918, Mr. Gordon has been associated with William G. Kaelber, under the firm name of Gordon & Kaelber. They were the architects for the Eastman Theater, in association with McKim, Mead & White—one of the most handsome theater structures in the United States. They designed the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and the Monroe and Arnett Y. M. C. A. buildings, the Hiram Sibley building, Rochester Dental Dispensary, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, additions to the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company, and the Security Trust Company, Genesee Valley Trust Company, and Traders Bank. Mr. Gordon was the architect of all of the public and high school buildings of this city, during the years from 1912 to 1924. The firm of Gordon & Madden and William G. Kaelber were architects for building in the Rochester Exposition Park. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, a member of Central New York Chapter, A. I. A., and of the Rochester Society of Architects, the Rochester Engineering Society, and is a director of the Mortgage Reserve Board Corporation.

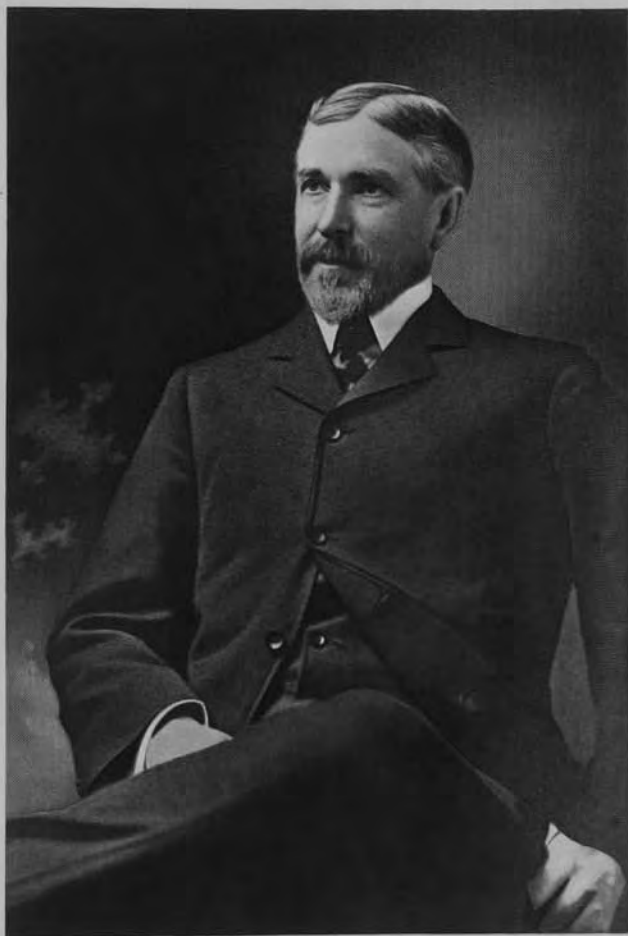
In 1887, in Rochester, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage to Miss Mary Larke. They became the parents of four children, one of whom, Grace O. Willems, is deceased. Stewart H., who was born in Rochester in 1890, was educated in this city, and is also a graduate of the architectural course in Pennsylvania University. He resides in Rochester with his wife and two children, Mary Alda and Betty; Constance, who was born in Rochester in 1895 and is still a resident of this city, is the wife of Eugene Vincent, and the mother of two sons, Edwin and Robert; Ruth, born in Rochester in 1908, is a high school student of this city.

Mr. Gordon is well known in club circles, belonging to the Rochester Club, the Rochester Ad Club, the Rochester Auto Club, the Rochester City Club, and the Oak Hill Country Club. He likewise has membership connection with the Rochester Art Gallery, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

WARREN WALDO HAWLEY, SR.

Descendant of one of the oldest families in Wyoming county, New York, bearing a name always associated with honorable actions, for many years the directing head of large industries, Warren Waldo Hawley, Sr., of Warsaw, Wyoming county, New York, was regarded as the leading citizen of his section, whose counsel and support were solicited for every movement for community betterment, and whose disapproval of a project was tantamount to its failure. For more than a century the name of Hawley has been foremost on Wyoming county's honor roll. Sylvanus Hawley, the grandfather of Warren W., was the first of the family to settle in the Genesee section, arriving about 1810 and locating in Rock Glen, living in Wyoming county until his death, as have most of the family. Warren W. Hawley, Sr., was born in Warsaw, March 30, 1851, the son of John Waldo and Juliet Patterson (Thorpe) Hawley. John W. Hawley was a merchant and was later the founder of the Hawley Salt Company of Warsaw, passing most of his life in the village, where he died on September 3, 1888.

Warren Waldo Hawley, Sr., received his education in the grade and high schools of Warsaw, supplemented by one year in a business college in Buffalo, New York. He then returned to Warsaw and was his father's assistant in the mercantile business until 1874, when he went to Chicago, Illinois, and engaged in the produce business. Mr. Hawley remained in Chicago until 1881, then returned to Warsaw and entered the Hawley Salt Company, with his father as partner. After the father's death in 1888 the business was incorporated and Warren W. Hawley, Sr., became president of the company, holding the position until the company was sold to the National Salt Company twelve years later. Mr. Hawley remained with the National Salt Company as manager of the plants in his immediate section of New York, was appointed a director of the company and remained one for six years. He then resigned to become president of the Warsaw Button Company, in which position he continued until his



W. W. Hawley Sr

death, which occurred September 14, 1924. Mr. Hawley was always interested in agriculture, and while actively engaged in industrial enterprises, found pleasure and profit in managing a large modern farm near Batavia, known as Hawley Stock Farms. He always retained his love of agriculture, but in later years turned the farm over to his son, Warren W. Hawley, Jr., who has managed it so successfully that it is considered one of the best farms in the state. Mr. Hawley was also a director in the Oatka Hose Company of Warsaw and in the Warsaw Creamery Company. For four years he was a member of the village council and served as mayor for one term in 1900. He was a member of the Universalist church, and was not connected with any clubs or secret societies.

Mr. Hawley was married on February 3, 1874, in Orangeville, New York, to Anna O. Webster, who resided in that town with an aunt, as her parents had died when she was a small child. Mr. and Mrs. Hawley have two children living: Helen, who became the wife of Walter F. Reinheimer, who is in business in New York city and lives in Nutley, New Jersey; their three children being, William Hawley, Janet Webster and Walter Frank; and Warren Waldo, Jr., who attended the agricultural department of Cornell University and who as before stated operates the farm at Batavia where he breeds and develops fine prize-winning blooded stock and poultry. He was married to Emma Charlotte Morris of Warsaw, on December 29, 1916. Their three children are: Warren Waldo (III), Elizabeth Morris and Roy Stephen. Warren Waldo Hawley, Sr., had only one hobby, and that was the farm, which he managed for so many years and on which his son is now repeating his father's success.

WILLIAM F. ROEHLEN.

One of the best "stories" in New York state today, to use an expression borrowed from the journalist's profession, is that of a German engraver who, in a dozen years, has built up what is practically a unique industry in the United States. That engraver is William F. Roehlen and the industry is his plant at Rochester, which is the only factory in the entire country equipped to produce the embossing rollers used in the textile, paper and leather industries, etc.

Mr. Roehlen is a craftsman and artist of the first rank. The technical skill and efficiency that comes only as the result of long experience and patient effort are his and he shares his ability with precious few men. Born in Germany fifty years ago—the exact date was December 18, 1874—Mr. Roehlen comes from a family that is noteworthy in this connection because his father, Matthew Roehlen, was a silk weaver by trade. Thus from early boyhood William Roehlen knew of the problems and technique of silk textiles. The father is now deceased, but the mother, who bore the maiden name of Agnes Poscher, is still living and resides in her native land. Four of her five children are living and with the exception of William F. of this review, all have remained in Germany. Henry is a government employe in the postal service at Duesberg; John is engaged in the meat business at Weringen and a sister, Mary, is now Mrs. Van Fondern of Dusseldorf.

As a boy William F. Roehlen was educated in the elementary schools of Germany, following which, from the time he was fourteen until he was twenty, he studied art and engraving in the school of arts; attending the evening and Sunday sessions. This intensive study soon bore fruit. By the time he was eighteen the young man had completed his apprenticeship and had become a journeyman engraver. In the ensuing ten years he worked as a foreman in some of the largest and best engraving establishments on the continent.

In 1911 Mr. Roehlen determined to come to America to try his fortune in the newer land. He, for one, has not been disappointed in the opportunities for rapid advancement the New World has to offer the ambitious and industrious newcomer from Europe. For eight months after arriving in the United States he worked as an engraver for a jewelry company. At the end of that time he had discovered what a field there was for the development of the engraving industry in the direction of making engraved rollers and plates for the textile, paper and leather trades. In 1912 he decided to embark in business for himself, so with the little capital at his command he started a small plant on Frederick park, Rochester. His excellent work soon attracted a large volume of very profitable business and Mr. Roehlen found himself at the head of a going concern. The greatest difficulty that he had to meet was that of obtaining properly skilled workmen, for the industry in America was not producing craftsmen with the technique and experience necessary for the particular type of

work he seeks to develop. Since the World war he has been able to bring a few skilled men from Germany, where they have had a training similar to his own. Before this was possible, however, he began training his own apprentices and now has in his organization some men who have been with him almost as long as he has been in business. Today his ten best workmen have the distinction of being the highest salaried men in the profession in the United States. When he saw that his business was going to fulfill his ambitions for it, Mr. Roehlen purchased the lot at the corner of Marietta and St. Paul streets and erected a building that he had designed to meet his peculiar needs. On the 1st of October, 1923, the new plant was ready for occupancy.

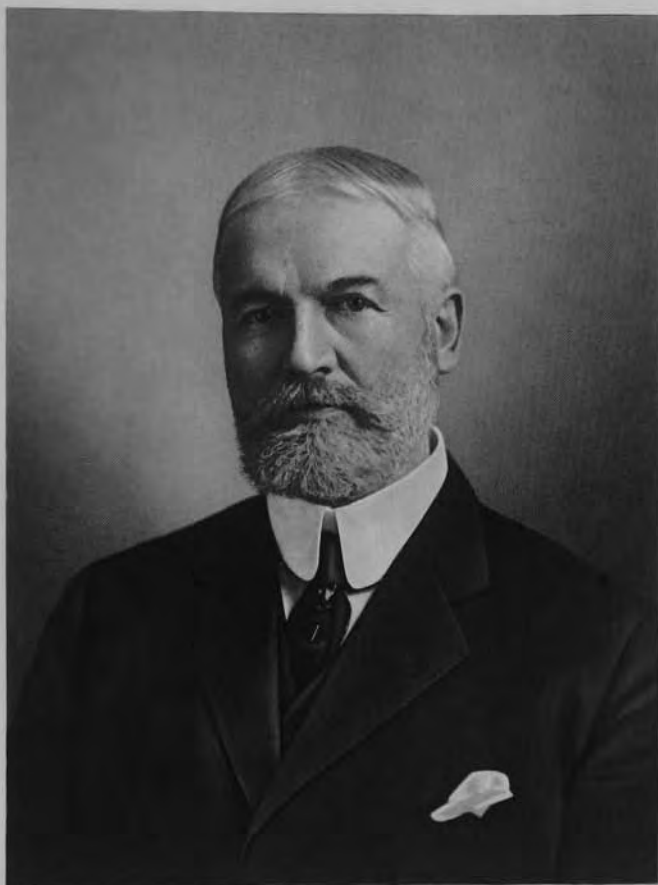
It is, perhaps, not too much to say that the opening of this plant marked the beginning of a new era in certain phases of American industry. Mr. Roehlen was then equipped to render a service to manufacturers in this country that hitherto had been obtainable only in Europe and, of course, at a considerable cost of time and money. While American manufacturers long ago lead the world in quantity production and mechanical efficiency, it has for years been a just criticism of industry in this country that it could not compete with the skilled craftsmen of the Old World. Firms striving to place on the market textiles, decorated papers and leather goods that will be second to none in beauty and quality, are finding in Mr. Roehlen a friend in need. For instance, a nationally known silk manufacturing company whose name is a guarantee of good taste and quality from Maine to California, purchases its engraved rollers for embossing its beautiful silks from this Rochester plant. The list of prominent manufacturers that are Mr. Roehlen's regular patrons is an impressive one, and there is no doubt that as his capacity for filling orders increases new firms will enter the artistic fields that his enterprise has made possible.

In 1900, on the 29th of May, Mr. Roehlen was married to Miss Anna M. Schaefer of Crefeld, Germany, the daughter of Louis Schaefer. Mrs. Roehlen is an active partner in her husband's business, and fills an important position in the executive branch of the project. They have one daughter: Louise, now Mrs. Kenneth H. Martin, whose husband is a physician in Chicago. She was born in Cologne, Germany, and educated in Germany and Rochester. Mr. Roehlen is a member of the Mennonite church and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

HON. ARCHIE D. SANDERS.

Hon. Archie D. Sanders, member of congress from the Thirty-ninth congressional district of the state of New York, formerly and for years collector of internal revenue for his home district, a former state senator and for many years an acknowledged leader in the general civic affairs of Genesee county, where he ever has made his home and where he is a considerable landowner, is a native son of that county and has never ceased to be proud of that fact. He was born in the village of Stafford, on June 17, 1857, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Dovell) Sanders, who in their generation were among the best known residents of that section of the Genesee country. John Sanders was a native of England, who in 1845 became established in the mercantile business in Stafford, Genesee county, and also became a landowner there and carried on extensive farming operations. For three years he served as supervisor for his district and in 1879 was elected to represent the district in the state assembly and was reelected in 1880. He died in 1882, at the age of sixty years. His wife, who was born in England in 1825, reached the advanced age of eighty-six years. Their four children to reach maturity were: Archie D.; Louise, who died at the age of sixteen years; H. Ralph, who was associated with his father and brother in business in Stafford, where he died in 1907; and Miss Ilette Blanche Sanders, residing in Stafford.

Reared in Stafford, Archie D. Sanders received his initial schooling in the local schools and supplemented this by attendance at Leroy Academy and at the Buffalo high school. From the days of his boyhood he had a familiar acquaintance with the details of his father's mercantile business in Stafford and upon leaving school became associated with his father and brother, H. Ralph, in that business, with particular reference to its produce department. By inheritance he came into possession of a fine farm tract there and has ever given his attention to the proper supervision of operations on that farm, which has been developed into one of the fine farms of that region. From the days of his young manhood Mr. Sanders has given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs and has for years been recognized as one of the leaders



A. D. Sanders.

of the republican party in that section of the state. His first public service was rendered as highway commissioner in his home district, to which office he was elected in 1887 and for four years he served in that capacity, doing much during that term of service to advance the cause of good roads thereabout, a cause which about that time was beginning to attract the general attention of the people who were waking up to the needs of better highways. In 1892 Mr. Sanders was elected supervisor for his district and by reelection served for two terms in that office. In 1895 he was elected to represent his district in the state assembly and by reelection served for two terms in that office.

It was in 1896, the year of the memorable campaign which resulted in the people of the United States sending William McKinley to the White House, that at the state convention of the republican party held that year in Saratoga Mr. Sanders was selected to represent his party in his district as a member of the state central committee and was elected a delegate to the Republican National convention held that year in St. Louis, Missouri, which nominated William McKinley of Ohio for the presidency. In 1898 Mr. Sanders was appointed by President McKinley to serve as collector of internal revenue for the twenty-eighth district of New York and so effectively did he perform the duties of that exacting position that for fourteen years, by successive reappointments, he was retained at that post. During the years 1900-1901 Mr. Sanders also rendered service as a member of the state committee of his party. In 1914 he was elected to represent his senatorial district in the New York state senate and two years later, in 1916, was elected to represent the Thirty-ninth congressional district of the state of New York in the United States congress and in the next year entered upon his duties as the representative from this district in the sixty-fifth congress. By successive reelections Mr. Sanders has been retained by the electorate in this highly responsible position and is now (1925) serving his fifth term in congress, thus earning there a degree of seniority that has brought to him a number of very important committee assignments, enabling him to render some very real service, not only in behalf of his own constituency and the state of New York but in behalf of the general affairs of the nation.

Besides his land and other interests Mr. Sanders is a member of the directorate of the First National Bank of Batavia and is one of the substantial citizens of the Genesee country. He is a Mason, a member of Stafford Lodge of Odd Fellows, Batavia Lodge of Elks, the Batavia Club, the Holland Club and the Stafford Country Club, Silver Lake Country Club, member of and vestryman in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, Stafford.

HAROLD GILL FOWLER.

Harold Gill Fowler, one of Dansville's native sons and loyal citizens, has taken cognizance of his opportunities, utilizing them to the best advantage, and is ably discharging the duties of secretary of the F. A. Owen Publishing Company, one of the largest firms of the kind in the east. He was born on the 24th of April, 1889, and his grandparents were Thomas M. and Harriett G. (Everett) Fowler. The former was a successful merchant of Dansville and became prominent in public affairs, representing Steuben county, New York, in the general assembly for two terms—1872 and 1874. His son, Miller H. Fowler, was born in Springwater, New York, September 29, 1862, and was four years of age when the family removed to Wayland, this state. He went to Lima, New York, in 1874 and two years later arrived in Dansville. He attended the old Dansville Seminary and completed his education in the Genesee Wesleyan University. He became interested in the printer's trade when a boy of thirteen and as a young man opened a job printing office in Dansville. In 1883, in association with Joseph W. Burgess, he founded the Dansville Breeze, one of the pioneer newspapers of Livingston county, and met with gratifying success in that venture. In 1885 he was married to Minnie A. Lemen, a daughter of Archibald Lemen, one of the early settlers of Dansville. Mr. and Mrs. Miller H. Fowler became the parents of Harold Gill Fowler of this review.

Harold Gill Fowler obtained his education in the grammar and high schools of his native town and his first business experience was acquired in the office of B. H. Oberdorf, with whom he remained for two years. His connection with the F. A. Owen Publishing Company dates from 1906, when he became a compositor in the printing department, and by diligence and devotion to duty he has worked his way upward from that position to the office of secretary. He has practically grown up with the

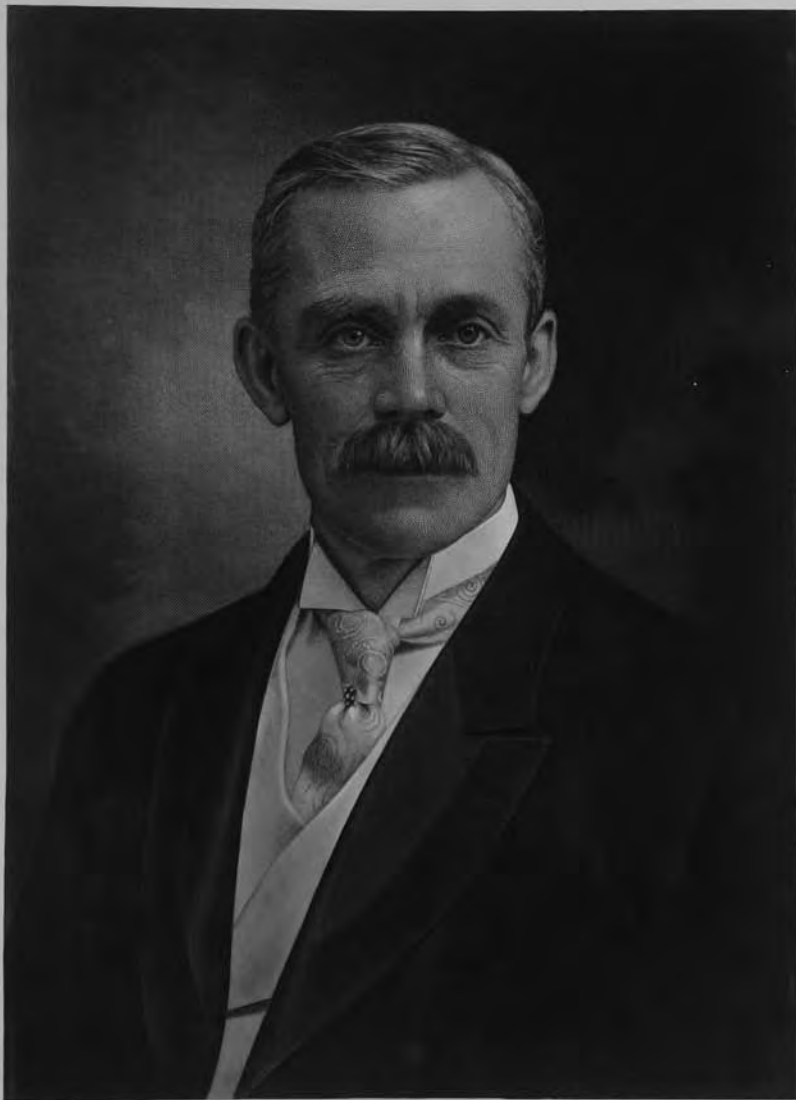
business, which he entered at the age of seventeen, and the confidence reposed in him has been amply justified, for his cooperation and intelligently directed efforts have been valuable assets to the firm. The company publishes the Normal Instructor and Primary Plans, an educational journal, and Frederick A. Owen, the founder of the business, was the pioneer in correspondence instruction. The business had its inception in 1888 in the attic of a country grocery store at South Dansville and today the company owns and operates a plant which covers three acres, occupying a position of leadership in the publishing field.

On the 17th of June, 1920, Mr. Fowler was united in marriage to Miss Lucy E. Kennedy of Ossian, New York, and they have two daughters: Dorothy A. and Jean F. Mr. Fowler is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and gives his political support to the republican party, while along fraternal lines he is connected with the Masonic order. He is a typical young business man of the present day—alert, progressive, broad-minded—and a zealous supporter of every measure conducive to the welfare and advancement of Dansville and its citizens.

ARTHUR T. HAGEN.

Arthur T. Hagen founded and developed one of the important industrial enterprises of Rochester and for over forty-five years was identified with the business life of the city, where he was numbered among the most substantial and highly respected citizens. He was born August 26, 1852, at Islington, near London, England, a son of Oliver and Sarah Hagen, and was about ten years old when his parents came to the United States in 1862 and established the family home at West Farms, New York. The parents of Arthur T. Hagen were Quakers, and his father was one of the old-time watchmakers, noted for his skill and expertness in the days when watches were all made by hand. He was a resident of Rochester in the latter years of his life and maintained a shop in the Powers building, where he carried on his trade.

Arthur T. Hagen was a boy of about fifteen years when in 1867 he entered the Wheeler & Wilson factory to learn sewing machine repair work. He was naturally of a mechanical turn of mind and readily adapted himself to this intricate work, which he followed for about four years. This training proved highly valuable to him in the subsequent years of his business activity and the proficiency he attained in the work he was learning probably had much to do with his coming to Rochester. In 1871 he came to this city as an expert sewing machine mechanic, to keep in repair the large number of sewing machines then used by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company in the manufacture of ladies' lingerie. Mr. Hagen's duties in this connection found him with leisure moments, during which he familiarized himself with factory operations and other mechanical lines. In 1874 Mr. Hagen went into business for himself and opened a store for the sale and repair of sewing machines, also custom shirts. His room-mate in those days was a young man named Peter Myers, a traveling salesman, who took orders for custom-made shirts as a side line. It occurred to these young men that they could profitably manufacture stock shirts and thus establish an industry of their own. Thus began a business association between Mr. Hagen and Mr. Myers that proved both profitable and congenial and was not terminated until Mr. Myers' death in August, 1888. Their initial experience in manufacturing shirts, while attended by difficulties, developed their resourcefulness and really was responsible for their going into the laundry business that proved so successful. The greatest drawback in the shirt business at that time was the lack of good laundry facilities, and after a large number of shirts had been made up it was almost impossible to get them properly laundered. One of the laundries doing this work for them was anxious to sell out, and thinking that they could do the work right and thus build up a great stock shirt business, they agreed to buy out the laundry known as the Star Steam Laundry and took possession December 9, 1874. This was their beginning in the laundry business, then conducted on the second and third floors of an old building twenty by forty, under the name of Hagen & Myers, Star Steam Laundry. Their start in the laundry business was by no means under favorable circumstances. It was a new business to these young men whose capital was limited, and on numerous occasions their resourcefulness, persistency and good business management and judgment pulled them through situations that would have caused many less endowed with these characteristics to give up in despair. With a more practical knowledge of the business came new ideas of management and system and the enterprise began to prosper. Larger quarters were secured and occupied until 1884,



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when the building at Nos. 61 to 65 North street was erected and has since been occupied by the business. In 1898 the large plant on Ormond street was erected, being then the last word in laundry construction and equipment. When the Palace Laundry was absorbed the name was changed to the Star Palace Laundry, under which name the business was incorporated and has since been conducted.

Mr. Hagen's inventive genius found ample scope for constructive work and contributed largely to labor-saving laundry machinery. He perfected a number of valuable devices, among them a shirt body ironing machine, in 1883, which helped solve his own particular problem. A great deal of the modern laundry machinery in use today is simply improvements on many of the original ideas of Mr. Hagen. He established the A. T. Hagen Company and was its president, until with five other companies it united to form the present American Laundry Machinery Company, of which he was a director until his death. Mr. Hagen's business interests were varied and extensive. He was a director of the Fidelity Trust Company and a trustee of the East Side Savings Bank. He was fond of travel and circled the globe more than once, visiting nearly every land in both hemispheres. He was an admirer of a good horse and took a great interest in yachting, at one time being commodore of the Rochester Yacht Club. In the latter years of his life he relinquished not a few of his business cares and responsibilities and consulted his pleasures and inclinations for recreation. He had applied himself closely to business from his youth, achieved notable success and was a self-made man in the fullest meaning of the term. He persevered in his undertakings and was always esteemed for his honesty of purpose and strict integrity. The generosity, kindness and consideration that marked his treatment of employes made him well liked. He was not only a successful man but one of high ideals whose personal worth was recognized by all, and throughout his life he stood for those things which have real value as constructive elements in the world's work. He was a member of the Brick church. His death occurred in Rochester, January 13, 1917, and was survived by his widow and his son, Roscoe Arthur. Of the latter more extended mention will be found elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Hagen, previous to her marriage, was Miss Emma Chapman, a daughter of Robert M. Chapman.

FRANK J. BANTLEY.

Frank J. Bantley, secretary of the board of fire commissioners of Corning, has been closely identified with the business and social life of that city for many years. An experienced railroad and business man, he has found time to serve the public as well in the capacity of alderman and secretary of the board of health. He has enjoyed life, too, with the sort of pleasure which makes for culture, for he has one of the finest libraries in the county and is a man of erudition. He was born June 3, 1866, in West Hickory, Forest county, Pennsylvania, the son of John and Fredericka (Rothfuss) Bantley. His father was in the oil business most of his life and when Frank J. was a boy the family lived in Bradford and later Duke Center, Pennsylvania. His father and mother had been married in Corning, New York, in 1856, however, and they subsequently returned to New York state. Both were natives of Germany.

Frank J. Bantley attended Chamberlain Institute, Randolph, New York, and graduated in 1885, and attended Warner's Business College of Elmira, New York, in 1886. He took a literary and scientific course, as well as his business studies. He worked his way by pumping oil wells and after leaving school continued this work for a time and then became a bookkeeper for the Fall-Brook Railway Company in Corning, for one year, after which he went to work for the Erie railroad as ticket clerk, and at the end of twelve years of service he was made ticket agent, which position he held for an equal length of time. During this period he became agent for all leading steamship lines and is still so serving. He also handled life insurance and has been a newspaper correspondent for years, thus proving his versatility. In 1910 he entered the First National Bank of Corning as corresponding clerk and was later made receiving teller, which position he still retains.

Mr. Bantley served with the army during the Spanish-American war. When he returned he was elected city clerk and held office for two years, and he was secretary of the board of health from 1904 until 1912. He served as alderman from 1912 to 1914 and was nominated on several other occasions but refused to run. He has always been a republican and been a member of the city and county committees for years. He usually serves as delegate to county conventions, and is very widely known in Steuben county.

Mr. Bantley was married to Miss Louise Martha Walz, in the Corning Episcopal church, on February 8, 1888. She is the daughter of Augustus Walz of Lawrenceville, New York. Mr. Bantley attends the Episcopal church. They reside in the old Bantley homestead on Walnut Hill, for many years the residence of the Bantley family. Mr. Bantley belongs to the Elks, the Corning Saengerbund, was secretary of the Corning Club when Judge George B. Bradley was president, and is now secretary of the Corning Camping Club. His recreation is gardening. His life has been an exceedingly busy one but he has found that "labor is the law" and has profited thereby, gaining a place of distinction in the community.

JOHN BOYD MULLAN.

Prominent among the citizens of western New York is John Boyd Mullan, postmaster of the city of Rochester. Prior to entering upon the duties of his present position he represented his district in the state senate for three successive terms, and in the field of business he is financially interested in the insurance agency conducted under the name of C. H. McChesney & Son Company. He was born in Rochester, New York, on the 27th of December, 1863, his parents being James and Margaret (McNeary) Mullan, both of whom were natives of County Antrim, Ireland. The mother crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1847 and two years later the father emigrated to this country, taking up his abode in Rochester. Having learned the trade of flour milling on the Emerald isle, he secured a position at the Clinton mill in this city but later became proprietor of a feed store on Lyell avenue and conducted the same until 1865. In that year he removed to Wyoming county, New York, where he purchased a farm and successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1882, when he opened a store at Peoria, this state. There he carried on business for fifteen years, at the expiration of which period he disposed of his interests and came to Rochester to reside with his son John, for his wife had passed away in 1887 and he had not become reconciled to living alone. Mrs. Margaret Mullan was a faithful, loving wife, whose children declared that a better mother never lived. James Mullan was an ardent follower of Izaak Walton and one of the most successful fishermen of his day, knowing better than anyone else in the vicinity the haunts of the bass in the Genesee. As an antidote for business worries he would sally forth with his rod, and he never returned without a string of fine fish. It afforded him keen pleasure to instruct his sons in the art of landing a five-pound specimen of the finny tribe. He had been a resident of the Genesee country for six decades when called to his final rest in 1909, and the community mourned the loss of one of its substantial and highly esteemed citizens. To him and his wife were born three children: John B., of this review; Anna B.; and J. Sankey, secretary of the board of education in Rochester.

John Boyd Mullan obtained a district school education in Covington, New York, and later pursued a course of study in the New York State Normal School at Genesee. It was on the 22d day of November, 1883, that he returned to Rochester and entered the Rochester Business Institute, and following his graduation therefrom became an employe of the old Blue Line, remaining in the office of the general manager for eighteen years. He had risen to the place of traveling freight agent when he resigned in 1900 to assume the duties of secretary to the board of education, to which position he had been appointed and which he filled most acceptably until his resignation in 1903 to embark in the general insurance business. His brother succeeded him in the position of secretary to the department of public instruction and is still the incumbent therein. For more than two decades John B. Mullan has been financially interested in the C. H. McChesney & Son Company, conducting an insurance agency at No. 19 Main street, West, in Rochester. In the public life of the city he has been a prominent factor. From 1908 until 1910, inclusive, he served as supervisor of the nineteenth ward and was then elected alderman of the ward, acting in the latter capacity through the years 1911, 1912 and 1913, when he resigned to become a candidate for the state senate. He was elected in 1914 and the following year took his seat in the general assembly, in which he was continued by reelection for four successive terms, serving until 1921. Thus for seven years he ably represented the interests of his constituents and was the author of many excellent measures which have found their way to the statute books of the state. He served on the following senate committees: Chairman of Public printing, 1915-16; Chairman civil service, 1917-18; chairman of cities committee and a member of taxation and retrenchment; insurance,



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1919-20-21; labor and industry, four years. During the period of the World war he was a member of the war service committee in the legislature, a member of the Lusk committee for the investigation of seditious activities and chairman of the joint legislative committee on education. On the 1st of August, 1921, Mr. Mullan was appointed acting postmaster of Rochester and on the 7th of March, 1922, was made postmaster, in which position he has continued, making a most satisfactory and commendable record. The mail service has been greatly improved during his administration, as the most modern and efficient methods have been introduced.

In June, 1889, Mr. Mullan was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth W. MacMillan of Norwood, Ontario, Canada, daughter of James and Mary Ann (Wilson) MacMillan. Mr. and Mrs. Mullan have two daughters and a son: Mary Margaret, who was born in Rochester in 1890, is the wife of John A. Baird of this city, and they have a son, John Mullan Baird, who was born in 1923; Margaret Elizabeth Wilson, who was born in this city in 1898, was married to Alvin Keil, resides in Rochester, and has one son, John Mullan Keil, born in 1923; James Boyd Mullan, born May 7, 1903, in Rochester, is a student at Colgate.

In fraternal circles Mr. Mullan is well known as a member of all Masonic bodies and as an honorary thirty-third degree Mason. He is a past master, past high priest, past eminent commander, past commander and chief of Rochester Consistory, past potentate of the Shrine, past grand commander of the state and past district deputy of the Grand Lodge. Mr. Mullan also belongs to the Masonic Club, the Washington Club, the Auto Club, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Life Underwriters Association. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Presbyterian church, of which he has served as trustee for twenty-seven years.

For over forty years Mr. Mullan has been identified with the business, public and civic life of Rochester and enjoys a most extensive acquaintanceship throughout the city. He has been one of the advisors and counsellors of the republican party in Monroe county for many years, and an indefatigable worker, at all times, for party success.

The elements were happily blended in the rounding out of his nature, for he unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood and his efforts are resultant factors in almost everything he undertakes. Mr. Mullan has remained in the Genesee country from his birth to the present time and Rochester numbers him among her honored native sons and self-made men.

CHARLES FREDERICK HUGHES.

Charles Frederick Hughes, one of Elmira's native sons, has been engaged in the undertaking business for the past twenty-eight years. His is the oldest establishment of the kind in the city and also one of the finest. He was born November 28, 1871, and his parents were Edward and Margaret (Collins) Hughes, the latter a native of Ireland. The former was born in Wiltshire, England, in 1830 and when a youth of fourteen was bound out to William Ayers, to whom his father paid the sum of ten pounds. Under his instruction the boy learned the machinist's trade, receiving a salary of a shilling per year for his work. In 1850, when a young man of twenty, Edward Hughes secured passage in a sailing vessel bound for America and the voyage was a long and tedious one, forty-seven days being spent upon the Atlantic. Subsequently he revisited the land of his birth and the return trip consumed over sixty days. He first obtained a position in the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia and afterward came to Elmira as an employe of the Erie Railroad Company. He was connected with the road for over a half century, remaining in its service until his death, which occurred in 1908. In the early days he bought a tract of land in the country adjacent to Elmira and the property is now within the corporation limits, being situated on College avenue. He was a communicant of the Roman Catholic church and a republican in politics. He faithfully discharged the duties of citizenship and in 1880 was elected to represent the sixth ward in the city council. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes had a family of nine children, of whom five sons are living, and the subject of this sketch was the eighth in order of birth.

Charles Frederick Hughes attended the public schools and the Elmira Free Academy, after which he learned the machinist's trade in the employ of I. B. Coleman. In September, 1889, he entered the undertaking establishment of J. M. Robinson's Sons & Company and there he also gained a knowledge of the science of embalming—a new department of the business at that time. In 1896 he formed a partnership with

Dennis Sullivan, who became junior member of the firm, and they were associated in the undertaking business until October, 1921, when Mr. Sullivan retired. Mr. Hughes has since been alone in business, and his broad experience, progressive ideas and honorable, straightforward dealing have enabled him to gain and retain a position of leadership in this field of activity. His equipment is first class in every particular.

On October 3, 1894, Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Katherine Ryan, who was born in Seneca Falls, New York, and there graduated from high school. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have become the parents of twelve children: Helen and Florence, twins, are the oldest. The former was graduated from Elmira College and is now connected with the Universal Film Company of New York city. The latter also attended Elmira College and afterward took a course in dietetics at Bellevue Hospital of New York city. She was formerly employed as dietitian and for two years was stationed at Staten Island. She was married to Dr. William T. Boland and they reside in Stapleton, on Staten Island; Frank, the next of the family, received his education in the Elmira Free Academy and is now employed as a bond salesman by a firm of investment bankers in New York city. In May, 1917, soon after our country entered the World war, he enlisted in Company C, Third United States Engineers, and was among the first volunteers. He arrived in France in November, 1917, and remained in that country until the close of the war, winning an officer's commission. He participated in many notable engagements and was wounded during the Marne drive, having been confined afterward for some time in a hospital at Vichy; Mary Loretta, a professional nurse, received her training in Buffalo under the Sisters of Charity; Katherine was graduated from Elmira College and is engaged in teaching in a commercial school in Hempstead, Long Island; Charles A. is associated with his father in the undertaking business; Margaret is taking a course in a business college; Edward and Alice are students in Elmira Academy; Louis and Paul are members of the senior class of the parochial school of SS. Peter and Paul; and Dorothy is also in school.

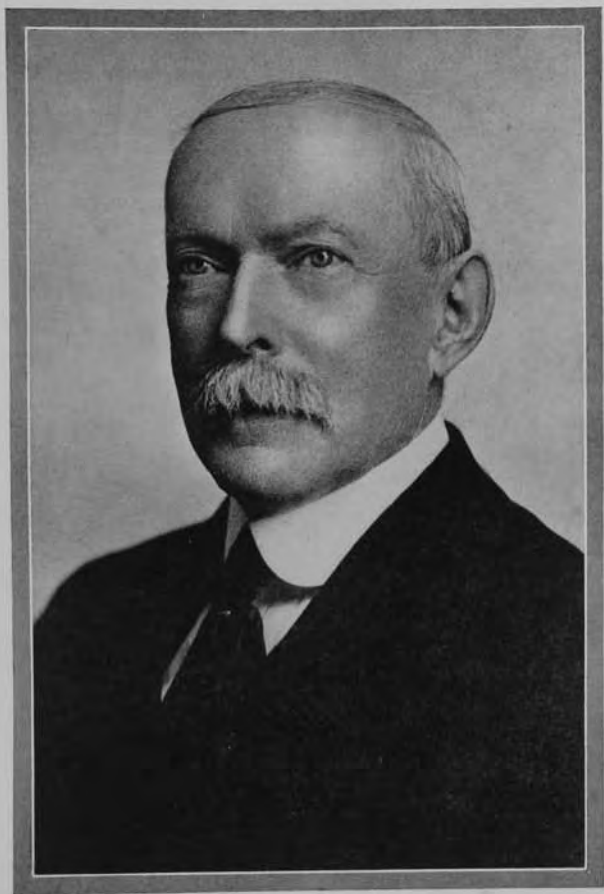
Mr. Hughes is a Catholic in religious faith, being affiliated with the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks.

GEORGE A. NEWELL.

The dean of bankers in Orleans county is George A. Newell, president of the old established Union Bank of Medina. He has been identified with this institution since 1889 and has been at its head since 1892. Mr. Newell has also been village treasurer for more than a quarter of a century, is treasurer of the Medina Savings & Loan Association and in many ways has served his community throughout a useful and busy life. He was born in Medina, Orleans county, New York, on the 11th of January, 1846, his parents being Arthur W. and Cornelia E. (Smith) Newell. The father, a merchant of Medina, where he spent the greater part of his life, became widely known as a prominent and prosperous citizen and here passed away in the year 1866. Solomon Newell, the paternal grandfather of George A. Newell, was the first representative of the family in the Genesee country, arriving about 1818 and here residing to the time of his death.

George A. Newell obtained his early education in the grade and high schools of Medina and received his more advanced intellectual training as a student in Yale University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1866, while the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him three years later. He is now one of the oldest living graduates of that institution. It was in 1869, having prepared for law practice, that Mr. Newell was admitted to the bar in Buffalo, after which he opened an office in Medina, where he had practiced successfully for a period of eight years when in 1877 he was elected county clerk. In this capacity he continued until 1889, making a splendid record through the efficient and faithful discharge of his duties during a period of twelve years. As above stated, he became connected with the Union Bank of Medina as cashier and director in 1889 and three years later was chosen president of the institution, of which he has been at the head for nearly a third of a century. The Union Bank, founded in 1861, is the oldest bank under the same name in Orleans county. It is a commercial bank enjoying an unassailable reputation for strength and stability and owes its steady growth and continued success in large measure to the careful guidance and wise control of Mr. Newell.

On the 1st of September, 1886, Mr. Newell was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. McGrath, daughter of Philip McGrath of Medina. Mr. and Mrs. Newell have



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five children: Gladys E., now Mrs. H. Blake Murray of Pasadena, California; Frances B., now Mrs. Floyd W. Burroughs of Medina, New York; George A., Jr., of San Francisco, California; Hildred A., now Mrs. Robert V. S. Richmond of Buffalo, New York; and Natalie C., who lives with her parents in Medina.

Mr. Newell has always been an active worker in the local ranks of the republican party and in addition to the offices already mentioned was elected county treasurer in 1894. He is widely known in Masonic circles, having in 1895 attained the thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite and is a member of Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a permanent member of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of New York; past grand high priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of New York; past grand master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of New York, being present grand treasurer of that body; also grand treasurer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of New York, and past general grand master of the General Grand Council of the United States. Mr. Newell also belongs to the Alert Club of Medina and attends the services of the Universalist church. The county of Orleans may well be proud to number this valued and highly respected citizen among her native sons.

FRANK DICKINSON PULFORD.

Frank Dickinson Pulford, a native son of Elmira, has achieved success in the wholesale paper business and also in the field of construction. He was born December 25, 1890, and his parents were Charles A. and Harriet L. (Reed) Pulford, who are mentioned more specifically in the sketch of Charles R. Pulford, to be found elsewhere in this work.

Frank Dickinson Pulford attended Riverside School No. 7 and Elmira Free Academy, afterward becoming a student in the law department of the University of Syracuse, from which he was graduated with the class of 1913. He was admitted to the bar the following year. He was connected with the Pulford & Dempsey Construction Company for five years and then took charge of the Elmira office of the United States Employment Service, which was subsequently taken over by the New York State Bureau of Employment. He engaged in that work until 1921 and then embarked in the wholesale paper business in Elmira, forming a partnership with his father-in-law, Merton Baldwin, who became the senior member of the firm. In 1922 Mr. Baldwin withdrew from the firm and the business has since been operated under the name of the Paton & Pulford Company. Since its inception the business has grown rapidly and the firm now has a large trade. Mr. Pulford has made a thorough study of the paper business, in which he is keenly interested, and also serves as vice president of the Pulford & Dempsey Construction Company, of which his brother, Samuel A. Pulford, is secretary.

On May 26, 1915, Mr. Pulford was married to Miss Grace Baldwin, who was born in Bentley Creek, Pennsylvania, and received her education in Wellsburg and Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Pulford have a son: James. They are members of the First Baptist church and Mr. Pulford belongs to the Union Lodge of Masons, the Masonic Club, and Psi Upsilon, a college fraternity.

WILLIAM WALTER MALLEY.

One of the popular members of the younger class of business men in Rochester is William Walter Malley, an enterprising insurance man, who was born in this city on the 6th of March, 1887. His parents, James and Julia (Erwin) Malley, were likewise natives of this city, where the father was engaged in the insurance business all of his life. James Malley died in 1915, at the age of sixty-six and was survived for several years by his wife, whose death occurred in November, 1923. All of the six children born to them are living: James, the eldest, resides in Rochester; Sister Victoria is a nun in a Roman Catholic order and is now stationed at Nauvoo, Illinois; Mrs. William H. Campbell, M. Upton Malley, Mrs. Edward Rigney and William Walter all make their homes in this city.

William Walter Malley was educated in the Holy Apostle School, after which he became identified with his father's insurance business. At the time of the latter's death the business descended to his youngest son, who has continued it and developed

it to its present state of success and prosperity. It is often more difficult to take an enterprise organized by another person and carry it on than it is to start out for one's self and build from the bottom up, according to one's own ideas. Mr. Malley, however, has displayed both initiative and resourcefulness in expanding the business founded by his father and continuing it along thoroughly up-to-date and progressive lines, without departing from those underlying principles which were the secret of the older man's success. By so doing he has earned in his own right the high position he now holds in the esteem of the business and professional men of his home city.

Mr. Malley was married to Miss Florence Wood of Rochester, on November 27, 1912, and they have four children, two sons and two daughters: June, born in 1914; William James, born in 1915; Virginia, born in 1917; and Edward Wood, born in 1919. With the exception of the younger son, all of the children are attending the Nazareth Academy. Mrs. Malley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Wood of this city and comes from a well known family here.

Mr. Malley is a third degree Knight of Columbus and is preparing to take his fourth degree in the near future, a relationship that indicates that his faith is that of the Roman Catholic church. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and belongs to the Rochester Advertising and Automobile Clubs.

JULIAN J. WASHBURN.

Julian J. Washburn was born on a farm in Randolph, Vermont, November 10, 1842, the son of Daniel and Adeline (Story) Washburn, and the descendant of a line of New England ancestors dating back to the Mayflower. His great-grandfather, Jonah Washburn, was a first lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, whose commission from the Council of the Massachusetts Bay, bearing date of May 9, 1776, two months before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, is still a treasured heirloom in the Washburn family. Another great-grandfather, Asa Story, was also an officer of the Revolutionary army.

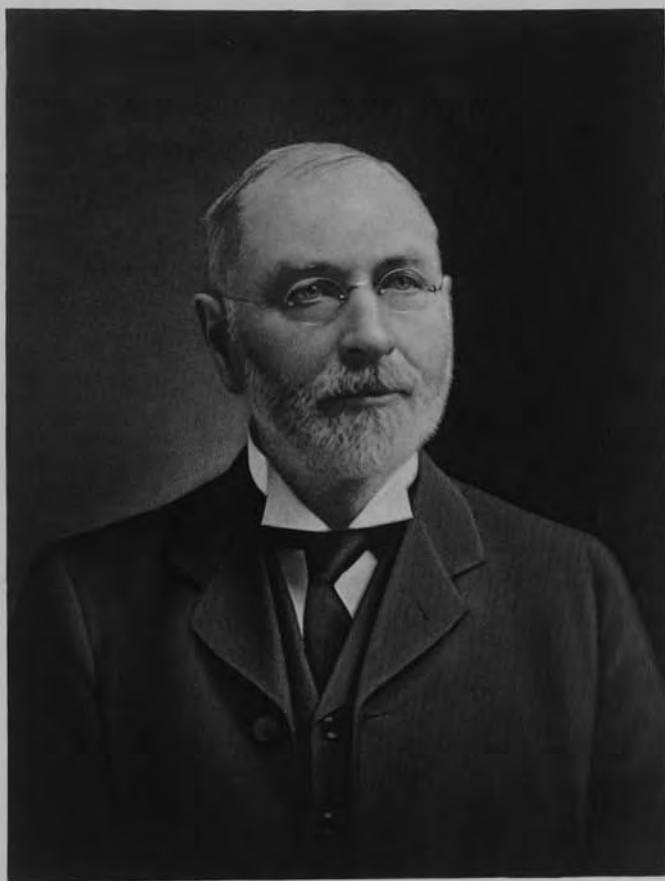
Julian J. Washburn was educated at Orange County grammar school in Randolph. He enlisted in the Civil war with the Fifteenth Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, and served with the Army of the Potomac. After the war he entered the employment of Holbrook & Company, manufacturers of plows, in Boston, after which he was employed by the Fairbanks Company, the well known scale manufacturers. In 1873 he removed to Newark, Wayne county, New York. In 1877 he removed to Batavia and became associated with the Wiard Plow Company, with which concern he continued until his decease. He was a capable and farsighted business man, and was secretary, and later vice president of the company, the success of which was in no small measure due to his efforts. He was in politics a republican, and occupied various positions of trust in his community, being at one time mayor of Batavia.

Mr. Washburn was married on February 10, 1866, to Martha Kingsbury Bigelow, daughter of Abel and Mary (Kingsbury) Bigelow. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn had a son and a daughter. The widow and the son, Edward A., survive him. The daughter, Mary Virginia Washburn, died December 12, 1915. Mr. Washburn was a man of wide reading and broad general information, energetic and of high character, sympathetic and deeply attached to his friends, of which he possessed an unusually large number. He died in Batavia, October 28, 1918.

FLORENCE VAN ALLEN.

"Editors are born, not made", some wise man once remarked. He was not decrying the benefit and influences of education in the equipment of editors, but merely emphasizing that the editorial faculty is innate, not acquired, and therefore not to be repressed by the lack of training in schools. Florence Van Allen of Avon, Livingston county, New York, editor and owner of the Avon Herald, is living proof that the wise man was absolutely right. He was born near Herkimer and Little Falls, New York, on May 12, 1856, son of Francis and Jane (Sterling) Van Allen, both of whom have passed away. They were the parents of four children.

Florence Van Allen had little opportunity for education as a boy, and his first work was done as a stationary engineer, and afterward he was with James W. Clement in the office of the Livingston County Republican at Geneseo, New York.



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Mr. Van Allen was only nine years old when he located at Geneseo, and his work on the newspaper was that of printer's devil, about the lowliest journalistic beginning that is possible. He absorbed all he saw and heard, however, and in this way began the process of self-education which has culminated in well-balanced and thorough knowledge. Early in 1882 Mr. Van Allen moved to Avon, and on October 5, 1882, bought the plant and subscription list of the Livingston County Herald, as the Avon Herald was then named. (The history of the paper forms the conclusion of this sketch.) Mr. Van Allen has built up the paper, made it one of the leading weekly journals of the county, and while doing this has manifested a live and important influence in civic matters and in historic affairs. The editorial columns of the Herald are widely known because of their original thought and literary strength. Mr. Van Allen's mental processes are of a philosophic character, and his ability has given an intellectual tone to his writings seldom found in the columns of the press.

Mr. Van Allen was married on November 1, 1877, in Cuylerville, New York, to Katherine Rebban, and they have one son: Allison Church Van Allen, who is a deputy sheriff and associated with his father in the publication of the Herald. Allison was a member of the famous M Troop during the Spanish-American war. Mr. Van Allen is a member of the Presbyterian church, and politically is a republican.

The Avon Herald was established as the Livingston County Herald on May 11, 1876, by the late Elias H. Davis. It was a republican journal, eight columns, folio, patent outside, with inside printed on a Hoe hand press. Mr. Davis sold out on October 5, 1882, to Mr. Van Allen, who published the paper until July 28, 1887, and then, planning to go to the Dakotas and settle, he sold the plant back to its original owner. Mr. Van Allen remained in Avon for the collection of back accounts, and while so engaged worked for Davis. The latter's health failed and the paper suffered, so Mr. Van Allen was induced to take it over once more, and rechristened it the Avon Springs Herald. Mr. Van Allen installed new machinery on February 7, 1894, changed the name of the paper to the Avon Herald, printed both sides, and changed its political tone to that of an independent republican organ. On October 21, 1903, he merged the Genesee Valley Courier with the Herald.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

The life record of John Cunningham is closely interwoven with the history of Elmira and its development, for he has left many evidences of his skill as a contractor and builder and his labors have been of signal service to the city, in which he has made his home for more than a half century. His activities have not been narrowed to business affairs, however, and his work in the field of public service has been equally important and beneficial. He was born in Pennsylvania, April 1, 1854, and his parents, John and Catherine (Spelacy) Cunningham, were natives of Ireland. The mother was a child of nine when the family immigrated to the United States and the father was about twenty-four years of age when he came to the New World. He followed agricultural pursuits for a livelihood and passed away on the old homestead in Bradford county, Pennsylvania. The mother's demise also occurred there, and the farm is still owned by the family. Mr. Cunningham was allied with the democratic party and his life was guided by the teachings of the Catholic church.

John Cunningham was the second in order of birth in a family of eleven children, eight of whom survive. He attended the public schools of his native county and worked on the home farm until he reached the age of eighteen, when he came to Elmira, arriving here in 1872. He served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he followed as a journeyman until 1875, and then embarked in business as a building contractor. He has erected many of the best buildings in the city and his efforts have resulted in enhancing the value of real estate in the sections where he has operated. Having reached the age of seventy, Mr. Cunningham is taking life in a more leisurely manner and his sons are directing the contracting business. He is now occupied with less strenuous pursuits, giving his attention chiefly to municipal affairs.

On July 8, 1887, Mr. Cunningham was married to Miss Agnes Rowan, one of Elmira's native daughters. She was first educated in a convent, then attended an academy for several years, afterward becoming a teacher in the public schools of the city. Four children were born of this union, three of whom are living, namely: John C., William and Mark, all of whom are associated with their father in the contracting business, taking the burden of responsibility from his shoulders.

Mr. Cunningham is and for the past sixteen years has been city assessor, his long retention in the office being proof of the quality of his service and the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens. His fraternal connections are with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Cunningham has had a long, useful and honorable career. He well deserves the title of self-made man, for he began life a poor boy and all that he has acquired has been won through his own exertions.

CHARLES H. BABCOCK.

Charles H. Babcock, who had passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey when called to his final rest on the 16th of December, 1920, was a worthy scion of a family that has been represented in the Genesee country since the close of the Revolutionary war. He was long and prominently identified with business interests in Rochester as a member of the wholesale and retail coal firm of H. H. Babcock & Company, which had been founded by his father, was also serving as president of the Lincoln National Bank at the time of its consolidation with the Alliance Bank and acted as a member of the state forestry commission under four different governors. His birth occurred in East Rush, Monroe county, New York, on the 4th of November, 1848, his parents being Henry H. and Maria (Markham) Babcock. He was a direct descendant of James Babcock, who settled in Rhode Island in 1642 and who was the founder of the family in Brighton, New York. James Babcock, who was born in Essex county, England, in 1612, died in 1679, in the town of Westerly, Rhode Island, leaving a family of children. He was a man of influence in the community in which he lived, as the colonial records of Rhode Island testify. His first wife, Mrs. Sarah Babcock, passed away in 1665, leaving a family of four children. By his second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Babcock, he had three children.

John Babcock of the second generation, born in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1644, married Mary Lawton of the same place. He was very prominent in public affairs, being the largest landowner of his generation. He was a soldier in King Philip's war, volunteered his services in the Connecticut militia and participated in the great swamp fight. For his services in this war he was given a large tract of land by the colony of Connecticut. He served in the colonial legislature for several years and held many positions of public responsibility. He died in Westerly, Rhode Island, in 1685, leaving a family of ten children. A large amount of his vast landed interests is still in the possession of his descendants.

Captain James Babcock of the third generation was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, in 1663, and died there January 17, 1736 or 7. He married Elizabeth Saunders in 1687. She died March 3, 1730, in the sixty-ninth year of her age, leaving seven children. He married, second, Content Maxon, July 7, 1731, by whom he had three children. James Babcock was captain of a military company in Westerly. He was a very prominent man, being town treasurer, and town councilman for several years. He served in the legislature of the colony of Rhode Island during the years 1701, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709 and 1716. It is recorded in the Colonial Records of Rhode Island that he was the wealthiest man of his generation and was as generous and kind as he was rich. In his long will, which he drew up and wrote himself, it is noticed he left a large legacy to his church, which was the Seventh Day Baptist.

James Babcock, Jr., of the fourth generation, was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, December 23, 1688. He died in Stonington, Connecticut, April 9, 1731. On June 12, 1706, he married Sarah Vose of Milton, Massachusetts. She was born in Milton, August 30, 1684, and died in North Stonington, Connecticut, December 25, 1758. Mr. Babcock was but forty-three years of age at the time of his demise. He left a family of ten children. The old homestead of himself and his wife is still standing. James Babcock, Jr., seems to have been his father's favorite child. He was not only a very upright Christian man, but was prominent in his community and very highly respected by all who knew him.

Isaiah Babcock, of the fifth generation, was born in North Stonington, Connecticut, January 29, 1719. He married Elizabeth Plumb, daughter of George and Prudence Plumb of Stonington, Connecticut. Their family of eight sons and two daughters were all born in Stonington and Voluntown, Connecticut. Mr. Babcock with his family, excepting the eldest son, removed to Partridge (now Hinsdale and Peru), Berkshire county, Massachusetts, in the year 1772. He was a very prominent man in Massachusetts, being elected to the committee on safety, March 1, 1779, and is so recorded in the town records of Partridgefield, now found in the town clerk's office



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of the town of Peru. Seven of his eight sons served in the Colonial army in the War of the Revolution and are officially recorded in the war department at Washington. When sixty-eight years of age Isaiah Babcock was with his seven sons in the battle of Yorktown and assisted in the capture of Lord Cornwallis. The town records of Partridgefield demonstrate his prominence and popularity in public affairs. It is noticed the large and progressive church of Hinsdale, Massachusetts, known as the First Congregational church, was founded at the residence of his son, John Babcock, and that his wife, Elizabeth (Plumb) Babcock, and daughter-in-law, Eunice Babcock, were among the first twenty-three members of this church. In 1795, with all of his family except his two sons, John and Elias, he removed to Otsego county, New York, where they founded a town and named it Partridgefield, after the place they came from. Here Isaiah Babcock spent the remainder of his life, residing with his son, Colonel Samuel Babcock, in the latter's home, located in what is now known as the town of Worcester. In this house the first Masonic lodge of Otsego county was organized. Mr. Babcock died in this dwelling on the 5th of October, 1814, when more than ninety-five years of age, having for a decade survived his wife, who there passed away October 4, 1804.

Isaiah Babcock, Jr., of the sixth generation, was born in Stonington, Connecticut, April 27, 1741. On the 19th of May, 1763, he married Elizabeth Douglas of Stonington, who died December 13, 1768, leaving a family of three daughters. On the 9th of August, 1770, he was again married, his second union being with Free love Briggs of Voluntown, Connecticut. She was born January 20, 1743, and died May 7, 1831, leaving a family of five sons and one daughter. Her ancestors were prominent in the early wars. After his second marriage Mr. Babcock removed with his family to the town of New Fairfield, Connecticut, and later to Windham, Greene county, New York, where he died January 18, 1827.

Isaac Babcock, of the sixth generation, was born in New Fairfield, Connecticut, December 9, 1776. He married Elizabeth Wilbur of the town of Milan, Dutchess county, New York. They had a family of twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. Babcock was the daughter of Jephtha and Elizabeth (Mosher) Wilbur, who were members of the orthodox Society of Friends. She died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Cornell, in Rochester, New York, November 28, 1880, aged ninety-seven years and three months. Mr. Babcock removed with his family from Milan to the town of Rensselaerville, Albany county, New York, where he engaged in manufacturing. From there he removed to Monroe county, New York, making his home with his son, Henry H. Babcock, in the town of Greece, where he died April 21, 1853. He was the original inventor of the steel hoe and an improved grain cradle.

As above stated, the Babcock family was established in western New York following the close of the Revolutionary war, different representatives thereof settling in the towns of Brighton, Greece and Rush. Henry H. Babcock, the father of Charles H. Babcock, resided in the towns of East Rush, Charlotte and Rochester, respectively. It was about the year 1870, in Rochester, that he founded the coal business which still bears his name and which at his demise was being conducted by himself and his son, Charles H.

Charles H. Babcock was a district school pupil in Charlotte until twelve years of age and subsequently continued his studies in the Satterlee school, a private institution of Rochester. After putting aside his textbooks he became associated with his father in the coal business, which claimed his attention throughout the remainder of his active career and in which he met with a gratifying degree of success. His brother, Edwin Babcock, became a partner in the concern following the death of the father, while at his demise Edwin Babcock was succeeded by Albert E. May, who is now at the head of the firm of H. H. Babcock & Company, wholesale dealers in the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company's Scranton coal. The company first maintained offices in the Smith Arcade in Rochester, later moved to the Powers block and is now located in the Wilder building. Charles H. Babcock was a man of varied interests aside from the business in which he was directly concerned and was active in the control of numerous important corporations. He became a director of the old Fidelity Trust Company and at the time of his death was a director of the new Lincoln-Alliance Bank. He was for years one of the directors of the old Commercial Bank, of which he was acting as president at the time of its merger.

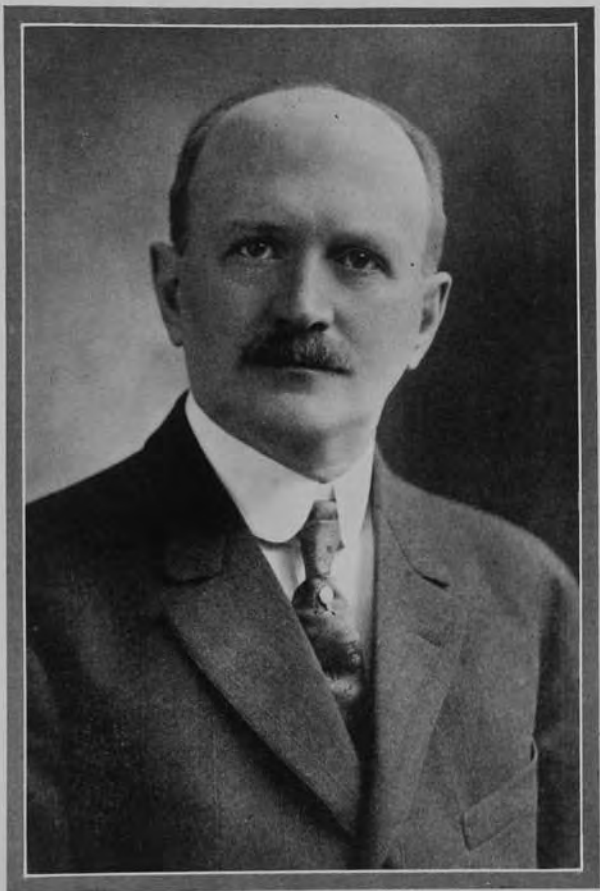
Mr. Babcock was twice married. In 1875 he wedded Miss Linda Bronson of Rochester, who departed this life in April, 1893. Seven years later Mr. Babcock was again married, his second union being with Miss Edith Holden of New York, daughter of E. R. and Emeline T. (Forman) Holden, the former vice president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad.

In his political views Mr. Babcock was a staunch republican. In 1895, when the laws of the state were said to be in sore need of revision, Governor Levi P. Morton made him a member of the forest, fish and game commission and he entered into this work with enthusiasm. He systematized the production and shipping of spawn and young fish for stocking waters in the state, carrying on this work until their production was greatly increased. So ably did he discharge his duties in this connection that when Governor Morton retired and Governor Black took office, Mr. Babcock was made a member of the forest preserve board, organized with the power to purchase land in the Adirondacks for the state. While this board existed a large tract of forest was reclaimed in the Adirondacks, very largely through Mr. Babcock's efforts. He continued to serve on this board through the administration of Governor Roosevelt and into that of Governor Odell, resigning in 1903. His services were performed with faithfulness and a close regard for the best interests of the public. Having been successful in his own business, he brought business principles to bear in the affairs of the state. A sportsman who found agreeable diversion in the open, Mr. Babcock maintained a lodge in the Adirondacks for a number of years but disposed of this about 1910 and purchased a winter home in Beaufort, South Carolina. He was one of the founders and a charter member of the military organization known as the Boys in Blue and during the period of the World war took an active part in all the Liberty Loan drives. Fraternally he was well known as a Knights Templar Mason, holding membership in Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and in the Mystic Shrine. He attended the Brick church and was a popular member of the Country Club, the Genesee Valley Club and the Caledonia Fishing Club, while at one time he was likewise connected with the Oak Hill Club. It was said of Mr. Babcock that no poor person ever came into his presence without receiving some assistance, for he feared that if he refused help because the applicant might be unworthy, he might some time fail to help the man who was deserving. His memory will ever be cherished in the hearts of many who knew him.

SAMUEL NELSON SAWYER.

Hon. Samuel Nelson Sawyer, justice of the supreme court of New York, now serving his second term in that distinguished position, has long been a prominent citizen and leading lawyer of Palmyra, his birthplace and lifelong home. He was born on the 6th of October, 1858, and is the son of Samuel W. Sawyer, who in his lifetime served Palmyra ably as president of the village, assessor of the town and village trustee. The father was a native of the Empire state and a canal and building contractor by occupation. Justice Sawyer's mother was Miss Hannah Nelson before her marriage to Samuel W. Sawyer. While she was born in Michigan she, too, came from a family that was originally identified with this state. The marriage of Samuel Nelson Sawyer's parents was celebrated in Albion, Michigan, in 1844, and two children were born to them, of whom the present jurist is the younger. His only sister, Isabel A. Sawyer, died in October, 1920, at the age of seventy.

Samuel Nelson Sawyer was educated in the Palmyra Classical Union School and Phillips Andover Academy of Andover, Massachusetts, graduating from this famous school for boys in the class of 1877. He prepared for the bar at the Albany Law School, where he completed the course in 1883 and was awarded the Bachelor of Laws degree. Returning to his home city the young man at once entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, in partnership with David S. Aldrich, with whom he continued until the first of the year 1889, when he began to practice alone. In 1893 he again entered into a legal partnership, this time with George S. Tinklepaugh, a well known lawyer of Palmyra, and this relationship lasted until January 1, 1898. He continued in his professional activities until 1907, in the latter part of which year Governor Charles Evans Hughes, secretary of state in the Harding-Coolidge administration, appointed him justice of the supreme court of New York to fill out an unexpired term of office. That fall he was elected to the bench for the full term and in the elections of 1921 was again the choice of the people for that high office, so that Justice Sawyer is now serving his second full term as justice of the supreme court. The fact that Mr. Hughes, himself a brilliant lawyer and formerly a justice of the supreme court of the United States, chose Mr. Sawyer for this extremely important and responsible position, is an impressive evidence of his high standing in legal circles and his eminent ability as a lawyer. It is not to be wondered at that



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Palmyra points to him with pride as one of her most distinguished citizens and native sons.

Justice Sawyer's elevation to the bench of the supreme court was not his maiden appearance in official life. Indeed, practically ever since he began to practice he has been more or less actively connected with public affairs in his own community. His first office was that of clerk of the village, which position he held from 1884 to April, 1893, when he became president of the village. Meanwhile, on January 1, 1889, he took up the duties of the office of district attorney for Wayne county and by their performance proved his capacity for hard work, his legal skill and his strength of character. From January 1, 1898, to October 12, 1907, he served as county judge and judge of the surrogate court. Justice Sawyer is a member of the republican party and has run for all his elective offices as its candidate.

In addition to his legal work and public duties Justice Sawyer is a director and vice president of the Wayne County Journal, a weekly publication, and has held a similar office in the Dealers Steam Packing Company ever since its organization in 1905. He is very well known, both locally and throughout the state, as a thirty-third degree Mason and a valuable member of that fraternity. He is past master of Palmyra Lodge, No. 248, A. & F. M.; past high priest of Palmyra Eagle Chapter, No. 79, R. A. M.; past master of Palmyra Council, R. & S. M.; past commander of Zenobia Commandery, No. 41, Knights Templars of Palmyra; a member of Lalla Rookh Grotto, No. 3, Rochester; a Noble of Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Rochester; a member of Rochester Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; and past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of New York. He received his thirty-third degree in Masonry in September of 1909. Justice Sawyer is a member of the vestry of Zion Protestant Episcopal church of Palmyra and his clubs are the Masonic and National Republican Clubs of New York city and the Genesee Valley Club of Rochester.

The marriage of Samuel N. Sawyer to Miss Augusta W. Webster, daughter of the Rev. John G. Webster, rector of the Episcopal church at Greenbush, New York, occurred at the home of the bride's parents on the 20th of October, 1885. To Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer were born three daughters: Charlotte Louise, wife of Ralph E. Sessions, the present postmaster of Palmyra; Florence Isabel, who died in 1904, at the age of fifteen; and Mary Nelson Sawyer, an instructor in domestic science in the public schools of Lakewood, New Jersey.

CHARLES W. SELOVER, M. D.

Dr. Charles W. Selover is a prominent physician of Canandaigua who opened an office here following the close of the World war, during which he had rendered valuable service to the government in his professional capacity. He was born in Elmira, Chemung county, New York, on the 16th of October, 1881, his parents being Frank E. and Amelia J. (Hunt) Selover, the former now deceased. The family left Elmira when Charles W. was two years of age.

In the acquirement of an education Charles W. Selover attended Franklin Academy of Prattsburg, New York, and the high school at Trumansburg, Tompkins county, this state. His professional training was received in the University of Buffalo, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1904. After spending a year at the German Deaconess Hospital as interne he began the private practice of medicine and surgery in Stanley, Ontario county, where he became well established in the profession and had been located for a period of twelve years when the United States entered the World war. He at once offered his services to his country, spent four months at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana, and then became camp surgeon at Camp Alexander, New Port News, Virginia, where he continued for seventeen months. He received a major's commission and is now a major in the medical section of the Officers Reserve Corps.

When peace had been restored in Europe by the signing of the armistice, Dr. Selover came to Canandaigua, where he has remained to the present time and has been accorded a practice of large proportions. He is a member of the staff of the Thompson Memorial Hospital and also serves as superintendent of the Ontario County Tubercular Sanitarium. He belongs to the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the National Tuberculosis Association.

On the 16th of August, 1905, Dr. Selover was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Carson Hill of Stanley, New York. They have two children: Charles Willard and Margaret E. Dr. Selover gives his political support to the republican party, while

his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Episcopal church, of which he is a vestryman. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and in Masonic circles is known as a Knights Templar Mason and Shriner. Dr. Selover holds to the highest professional ethics and is accorded the esteem of his colleagues and fellow citizens.

HARRY JAMES BAREHAM.

Harry James Bareham, one of the well known and popular public officials of Rochester, as well as one of the city's representative business men, was appointed to his present position as commissioner of public safety on the 1st of January, 1922. His birth occurred at Palmyra, New York, on the 3d of March, 1876, his parents being Henry and Ellen M. (Randall) Bareham. The father, a native of Rochester, was a stone and brick mason by trade and for a number of years was connected with H. H. Edgerton, contractor, of this city. He passed away here in 1899. He is survived by his widow, who was born in England but came to America in her girlhood.

Harry James Bareham supplemented his public school education by a course of study in the Rochester Free Academy and in entering upon his business career began learning the plumbing trade in the service of F. Dumond & Son. He was a young man of twenty-nine years when in 1905, feeling that his capital and experience justified such a step, he embarked in the plumbing and heating business on his own account. His interests in this connection have steadily grown and developed, being represented now by his connection as a member of the firm of Natt, Bareham & McFarland, Incorporated, of which he is secretary and treasurer. This corporation is among the foremost firms of Rochester in the plumbing and heating business. He is also at the head of the publishing house of Bareham & Saunders, at No. 360 Main street, East.

On the 26th of September, 1899, in Rochester, Mr. Bareham was united in marriage to Miss Emma A. Hynes, daughter of Michael and Mary Hynes of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Bareham's three children are all natives of Rochester: Harry Warren, who was born in 1904 and is a high school student; Carolyn Emily, whose natal year was 1905 and who is attending William Smith College of Geneva, New York; and John William, whose birth occurred in 1913.

In public affairs of this city Mr. Bareham has taken an active and helpful part. For two successive terms following his election in June, 1917, he served as alderman of the sixteenth ward and in August, 1920, he was chosen president of the common council. On the 1st of January, 1922, he was appointed to the position of commissioner of public safety for the city of Rochester and in this capacity is making a most creditable and commendable record. During the period of the World war he was a member of the War Service Corps in the sixteenth ward and acted as captain of a team in the Liberty Bond drives. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and he is also a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Genesee Valley Lodge, No. 507, F. & A. M.; Rochester Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He likewise joined Tippecanoe Lodge, No. 629, I. O. O. F., and Court Flower City, No. 336, I. O. F., while his appreciation for the social amenities of life is indicated in his membership connection with the Rochester, Washington, Elks, Masonic, Rochester Auto and Oak Hill Country Clubs. Mr. Bareham also belongs to the Rotary Club and to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. A staunch republican and an active worker for the party's success, he is one of its advisors and counsellors in Monroe county. Fidelity to duty is one of his outstanding characteristics and he is recognized as a man of resolute purpose and marked strength of character, whose success represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents.

CHARLES H. OTT, M. D.

Prominent among the younger physicians of Elmira is Dr. Charles H. Ott, who has made a special study of the diseases of children. Although his residence in Elmira covers but a few years, he has become well established in his chosen profession. He was born in Easton, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1891, and is a son of Dr. Charles H. and Eliza (Goodman) Ott, also natives of the Keystone state, in which their marriage occurred. The father received his higher education in the University of Penn-



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sylvania and the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia and became surgeon in chief at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Ott were active members of the Presbyterian church and in politics he was a republican. He was a Knights Templar Mason and also belonged to the Shrine. There were five children in the family, three of whom are living: Mrs. Marian Munson of Westfield, New York; Charles H. of this review; and Henry, a student in Cornell University at Ithaca.

Charles H. Ott received his preliminary training in the public schools of Pennsylvania and in 1914 received the B. Sc. degree from Cornell University. He prepared for his profession in the Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1919, and began practice in the coal mines of West Virginia. He opened an office in Elmira in 1920. He is a member of the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital and specializes in pediatrics, being well informed on everything relating to that branch of medical science. On November 15, 1918, while a student at the Jefferson Medical College, he joined the Medical Corps and was stationed in Philadelphia. His term of service covered thirteen months and on December 19, 1919, he was released from military duty.

On the 25th of July, 1920, Dr. Ott was married to Miss Leona Kollhoff, who was born, reared and educated in Philadelphia. They have a daughter: Julia Elizabeth. They are members of the First Presbyterian church and the Doctor belongs to the Elmira Golf & Country Club and the Century Club, while his professional connections are with the Elmira Academy of Medicine, and the Chemung County and New York State Medical Societies.

WILLIAM M. SHIRLEY.

The important position of cashier in the Genesee Valley National Bank of Genesee, Livingston county, New York, is occupied by William Malcolm Shirley, who has passed his entire business life in the banking field, and who is generally recognized as an authority on all matters pertaining to finance. Sheerly through his ability and fidelity to duty, Mr. Shirley has worked his way upward to the responsible position he now fills so successfully. He was born at Syracuse, New York, on February 8, 1870, the son of Dudley G. and Helen M. (Webb) Shirley, both of whom have passed away. He was one of five children, four of whom are living.

William M. Shirley received his education in the grade and high schools of Syracuse, and in 1888, when eighteen years old, he made his entrance into the banking business as an employe of the Farmers Bank of Batavia, New York, remaining with the institution for twelve years. In 1900 Mr. Shirley left the Batavia bank and moved to Genesee to accept the position of teller in the Genesee Valley National Bank; fifteen years later, on January 30, 1915, he was promoted to the office of cashier, which position he still holds and has filled with the most signal success. Mr. Shirley is also a director in the Groveland State Bank at Groveland, New York. Mr. Shirley was married on November 10, 1897, to Joanna Robinson of Batavia, New York. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, in religion is a member of the Presbyterian faith, and in politics votes the republican ticket.

PAUL H. RITCHEY.

A rapidly growing business, capably managed and judiciously directed, has made Paul H. Ritchey well known in real estate circles of Rochester, and his success has come as the result of untiring energy and the ability to perceive and utilize opportunities for advancement. He was born in Crawford county, Kansas, December 30, 1877, and his parents, John H. and Rebecca V. (Chadwell) Ritchey, were natives of Illinois. After the close of the Civil war they journeyed westward to Kansas, where for a time the father was identified with the cattle business, and later the family removed to Oklahoma. John H. Ritchey remained a resident of that state until his death, following the occupation of farming. His widow is still living.

Paul H. Ritchey attended the public schools of Crawford county, Kansas, and afterward completed a course in a business college at Conway Springs, that state. His first independent venture was in the real estate and insurance business at Ton-

kawa, Oklahoma, and in 1906 he went to the Pacific coast, locating in Los Angeles, California, where he was similarly engaged for six years. In 1911 he returned to the east and for a time maintained a real estate office in Detroit, Michigan. He went from that city to Rochester, where he has since made his home, and is now serving as president and treasurer of the Monroe Avenue Land & Improvement Company, Incorporated. He is a recognized leader in real estate circles of the city and is now subdividing a tract of one hundred and thirty-five acres on Monroe avenue. It is known as Rose Lawn and contains over five hundred lots.

Mr. Ritchey is identified with the Young Men's Christian Association and also belongs to other local organizations. A man of broad experience, in all of his projects he looks beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities and possibilities of the future, and builds not only for the present but for the time to come. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of Rochester and his operations are proving of great value to the city, which numbers him among its most progressive and highly esteemed business men.

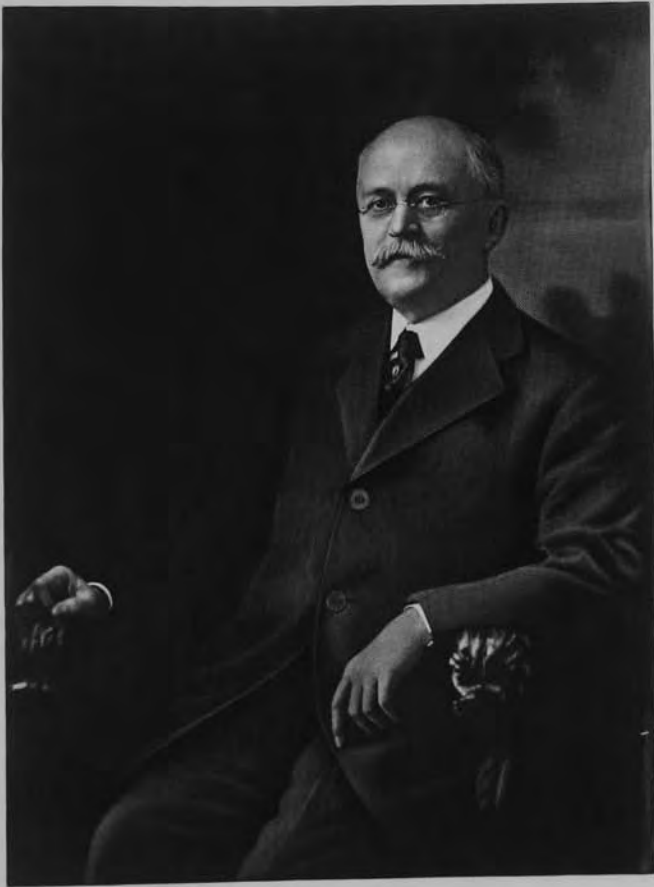
GEORGE MELVILLE TRABER.

To George Melville Traber, one of its leading manufacturers, the thriving little city of Perry, Wyoming county, is substantially indebted for much of its industrial progress and commercial development in the past third of a century. Constructive enterprise and foresighted sagacity have been the elements in Mr. Traber's career which, combined with homely old virtues of industry and thrift, have lifted him far above the ranks of the average man into the select group of leaders. As president of the Perry Knitting Mills he is the moving spirit and guiding force in a manufacturing organization that gives employment to more than a thousand people and ships its products to all the marts of the world. Like many of the outstanding men of his generation Mr. Traber's birth and boyhood were not distinguished by the unusual, either in especially illustrious lineage or exceptional opportunities for self-advancement. The son of Jacob and Mary (Van Patten) Traber, he was born in Dorloo, New York, April 15, 1862.

The formal education of George Melville Traber was limited and at an early age he went to work in a knitting mill in Cohoes, New York, where he was employed for some time. Later he went to Little Falls and there held various positions in the knitting industry, finally becoming superintendent of the Robert McKinnon plants of that city. During this time the young man was looking forward to the day when he could have a mill of his own and put into practice the ideas about the business he had worked out during his long apprenticeship. A definite purpose lent an additional impetus to his efforts, so that by the time he was twenty-nine years of age, in 1891, he was able to come to Perry and take over the management of the Perry Knitting Mills as general manager. The business at this time was suffering from a seriously impaired credit, but under Mr. Traber's guidance it began to show immediate improvement and it was not long before a sound credit was created and the capacity of the plant was necessarily increased.

Mr. Traber continued as general manager for a number of years until the death of Willis H. Tuttle, when he succeeded him as president. Mr. Traber's administration has been marked by a substantial growth in the business, both in the size of the establishment and personnel and in the output. There were about sixty workers regularly employed by the mills when Mr. Traber assumed their management; now the pay roll numbers eleven hundred. The company specializes in boy's and children's union suits, whose production now amounts to more than five hundred thousand dozen annually. The garments are shipped to merchants in the four quarters of the globe, in addition to finding a wide sale in the stores of this country and Canada.

In Little Falls, New York, on the 27th of April, 1886, Mr. Traber was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Rickmyre, daughter of David C. Rickmyre of that city. To Mr. and Mrs. Traber have been born two children, a son and a daughter. The daughter, Miss Bessie May Traber, was graduated from Vassar and the Biblical Seminary, New York city. She entered the educational profession and was a member of the faculty of a southern college until 1924, when she became a missionary in the Baptist denomination and is now located in the Philippine Islands. The son, George Melville Traber, Jr., was born in Perry, on the 1st of June, 1898, attended the public schools of his native village, and completed his education at the well known Lawrenceville School for Boys at Lawrenceville, New Jersey. After completing his work at Law-



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renceville, Mr. Traber returned to Perry to learn the knitting business in his father's mills. In the past seven years he has held a number of positions in the Perry Knitting Mills, with the view to gaining a complete knowledge of the industry, and is now one of the officials, holding the position of vice president and assistant manager. He was married on September 14, 1921, to Theodora Isabelle Sanford of Perry, and they have one child, George Melville Traber (III), born September 23, 1923.

George M. Traber, Sr., is a man of large abilities and wide interests, who has not found a sufficient outlet for his energy nor for his growing capital in a single industry, even though that be a considerable one. He is connected with the financial life of his home city as president of the Citizen's Bank of Perry and as a director has been a factor in the growth of the Kaustine Company. Many other industries in the Genesee country owe much to his aid, either in the form of financial assistance, or sound business advice. Throughout his life Mr. Traber has voted with the republican party and has been a loyal, public-spirited citizen, showing his civic interest in many tangible ways, and for twenty-seven years he was a member of the school board, serving for a time as president of that body. He is a member of the Masonic order and religiously he and his family are members of the Baptist church, while in the Rotary Club of Perry he represents his particular field of work. Mr. Traber is likewise a member of the Silver Lake Country Club. It has been more than thirty-four years since Mr. Traber first took up his residence in Perry. This period has witnessed a very considerable development in the city, as well as in the business with which he is most closely identified. At every turning point in the city's career Mr. Traber has allied himself with the men who stand for civic virtue and economic progress, until today he well deserves the title of one of the leading citizens of his community.

G. NORTON MORTIMORE.

G. Norton Mortimore, president of the Mortimore Motor Car Company of Rochester, is the youngest distributor of Pierce and Nash cars in the United States and is in all probability the youngest man in the country to have attained such a position in the automotive industry. He entered this field in 1920, when he came to Rochester as head of the company. Sales promotion work as the manager of the Ampico division of the American Piano Company won him a wide acquaintance and gave him a valuable training in that line of activity. He comes from a southern family of distinction, and was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on the 23d of May, 1892, the son of William E. and Julia (Bradley) Mortimore. His mother's father, Clark Bradley, was the pioneer carriage manufacturer of Kentucky. A native of Connecticut, he went to Louisville as a boy and there spent the rest of his life, becoming a prominent figure in the industrial life of that city in his day. His wife was Elmyra Moore before her marriage. On the paternal side of the house, Mr. Mortimore is the grandson of Dr. David and Amelia (Frederick) Mortimore, the former a leading physician and surgeon of Louisville a generation ago. Mr. Mortimore's father is active in the affairs of the Kentucky metropolis today. He is associated with the administration of the George W. Norton estate as executor and is also a director of the George Norton Association. G. Norton Mortimore is the youngest of the four Mortimore children, the others being: Edwin Bradley, who is treasurer of the Surety Coupon Company of New York city; Mrs. Charles T. Stuart of New York city and Rochester, whose husband is the vice president of the Mortimore Motor Car Company, and was formerly vice president of the Empire State Finance Corporation; and Mrs. Carleton B. Hutchins of Chicago, whose husband is the vice president and treasurer of the Hutchins Lumber & Storage Company of Chicago, Illinois.

G. Norton Mortimore was educated in the public and high schools of Louisville, after which he prepared for a business career by taking a commercial training course. Although he was a very young man and had had no actual experience in the commercial world, Mr. Mortimore at once launched out on his own account as a merchandise broker. He soon disposed of this business, however, to become a special representative of Chickering & Sons of Boston, the famous piano manufacturers, directing sales promotion work throughout the United States. Later he was associated with the American Piano Company as factory representative and manager for the "Ampico" distribution of that firm at the executive headquarters in New York city, adding greatly to his reputation as a sales promoter of the first rank during the two years he represented its interests.

In 1919 Mr. Mortimore came to Rochester to establish the Mortimore Motor Car

Company, of which he is the sole owner, and to engage in the distribution of the Pierce Arrow and Nash cars. He has become one of the most successful distributors of motor cars in this part of New York in less than five years. The retail sales division is located on East avenue, the most prominent thoroughfare of the city and this, together with separate buildings for service, is considered the largest automotive enterprise of Rochester. Plans are at this time under way for additional building quarters, and his company is now doing a business that would satisfy the ambitions of a man much older and more experienced than he. Not long ago his sales record in this territory won from Mr. C. W. Nash, the president of Nash Motors Company, a special commendation and appreciation of his efforts. This achievement on the part of a man who has barely gotten into the "thirty" class, indicates that he has some unusual gifts in addition to ambition and the determination to succeed. And so he has. George Norton Mortimore has ability and the capacity for hard and long continued labor, and in addition he is blessed with those personal qualities that attract men to him and make him a leader. Always pleasant, always considerate of others, never unduly critical, he at the same time is able quickly to discriminate between the essential and the non-essential and to lay his plans so as to get the maximum results with the minimum amount of effort. He has exceptional ability in organization and sales promotion capacity. In short, he is a "born executive" and sales promoter of high-grade products.

Mr. Mortimore is a member of the National Auto Dealers Association and of the Rochester Auto Dealers Association. He is a director in the City Realty Company and belongs to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is identified with the Elks and with the Masonic order, in the latter having attained the thirty-second degree and belonging to the consistory and the Shrine. His clubs are the Rochester and the Rochester Yacht Clubs.

During the World war Mr. Mortimore enlisted in the military service in Louisville, joining the Eighty-fourth Division Signal Corps, and was sent to the Fourth Officers' Training School. When he had completed the course of training there he was commissioned lieutenant in the infantry and made instructor in machine guns at Camp Hancock, Georgia. He was honorably discharged from the service shortly after the close of the war and returned to the pursuits of civilian life.

FREDERICK WHITE ZOLLER.

Frederick White Zoller, president of the Union Trust Company, has been connected with the banking business in Rochester for nearly forty-five years; in fact, his entire business career has been passed in some banking capacity. He was born in Redwood, Jefferson county, New York, August 11, 1863, a son of Darius D. and Mary F. Zoller.

Frederick White Zoller's education was acquired in the public schools of Rochester and the Rochester Academy. At the age of eighteen years he began his business career as messenger for Erickson Jennings & Company, private bankers. This firm was succeeded by the Union Bank of Rochester in 1885. When the institution was changed to the Union Trust Company in December, 1897, Mr. Zoller was elected secretary. In his new position Mr. Zoller's responsibilities were greatly increased. Under his management the business of the company grew to such an extent that larger quarters became imperative. In the spring of 1911 the new building on State street was opened to the public and at that time was considered one of the finest buildings in the city. In March, 1922, the Union Trust Company moved to its present quarters at No. 19 Main street, West. In January, 1914, Mr. Zoller was elected president, and during the eleven years of his presidency (1914 to 1925) the assets of the bank increased to thirty million dollars; the Citizens Bank, at East avenue and Main street was merged with the Union Trust Company in May, 1920, and is now known as the East Avenue Branch; the Lake Avenue Branch at Charlotte, was established in November, 1920; and the Joseph Avenue Branch began business in September, 1923. The main office, at No. 19 Main street, West, and the three branches afford banking facilities to the people in all parts of the city. The prominent position of the Union Trust Company, among Rochester's leading financial institutions, is largely the outcome of Mr. Zoller's opinions, labors and experience.

His long career as a banker has given him a wide acquaintanceship among financial men throughout the country, and there are very few men in Rochester



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today who have known personally as many of the city's financial leaders of the past forty years as has Mr. Zoller.

Among his other business connections Mr. Zoller is vice president of the Rochester Folding Box Company, a director in the Rochester Telephone Corporation and the Rochester, Lockport & Buffalo Company, and is a commissioner of the Mount Hope Cemetery Association.

On September 26, 1886, Mr. Zoller was married to Miss Jessie Gifford, a daughter of Jesse W. Gifford of Rochester. Their son, Gifford Zoller, is now engaged in the real estate business in this city. In Masonic circles Mr. Zoller is a well known figure, being a member of Yonondio Lodge No. 163 F. & A. M.; Hamilton Chapter No. 62, R. A. M.; the Rochester Scottish Rite consistory; and Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Rochester Lodge, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Genesee Valley Club and the Rochester Country Club. Politically Mr. Zoller is aligned with the republican party and his church membership is with the Brick Presbyterian church.

ARTHUR L. RUNALS, M. D.

Dr. Arthur L. Runals is a learned and progressive physician of Olean, New York, who has built up a large practice in the thirteen years he has been in the medical profession. His success is due in part to his personality and to the knowledge of the public that he keeps up with the trend of the times in his profession by constant study and attendance at the best postgraduate schools. In 1916 he attended various clinics in Philadelphia and in 1918 clinics in the New York Post Graduate Hospital. In 1923 he was in the Trudeau School for the study of Tuberculosis and in 1924 did postgraduate work at the University of Buffalo. The Doctor obtained his M. D. degree at this institution in 1911. He is the son of Leonard E. and Nellie G. (Ryder) Runals and was born in 1889. His father was a broker in the cheese and produce business and lived in Arcade most of his life, where he is still a very highly esteemed citizen. Leonard E. Runals served overseas for more than two years as a Y. M. C. A. secretary during the World war. The paternal great-grandfather Runals came to this section over a century ago and bought his land directly from the Holland Company. There is one deed in the family's possession dating back to 1819. The family have always resided in this part of the state.

After attending the public and high schools of Arcade, Arthur L. Runals attended the Central high school of Buffalo and graduated from the University of Buffalo in 1911. He first practiced in Belfast, New York, where he was located for seven years, at the end of which time he came to Olean. He now devotes most of his time to office and hospital practice and has a large consulting practice. Dr. Runals is also a member of the staff of the Olean General Hospital. He belongs to the American Medical, the New York State and the Cattaraugus County Medical Associations.

On September 11, 1912, Dr. Runals was married to Miss Florence J. Puetz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Puetz of Buffalo. Dr. and Mrs. Runals have three children: Grace A., born February 16, 1915; Eleanor E., born July 6, 1918; and Dorothy B., born December 3, 1920. Dr. Runals is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Y. M. C. A., the F. L. Bartlett Country Club and the Kiwanis Club. He attends the First Presbyterian church.

IRVING DENNISON BOOTH.

A constantly growing business, capably managed and wisely directed, is indicative of the executive ability of Irving Dennison Booth, who is a well known hardware merchant of Elmira, of which city he is a native. He was born May 10, 1884, and his public school training was supplemented by a study in the Elmira and Mercersburg Academies. In 1903, when a young man of nineteen, he entered the employ of his father, Irving D. Booth, Sr., a wholesale hardware merchant of Elmira, under whom he gained a thorough knowledge of the business. Since the death of its founder in 1914, the son has controlled the business, which is now operated under the name of Irving D. Booth, Incorporated, and has prospered under his management. He fills the offices of president and treasurer and follows the most progressive methods in the conduct of the business, at the same time adhering

closely to the policy of honorable, straightforward dealing adopted by his father. This is one of the oldest and most reliable hardware firms in Elmira and its trade has kept pace with the development of the city and the surrounding district, thus proving its usefulness to the community and the quality of service rendered by the house.

On June 1, 1908, Mr. Booth was married to Miss Mary Stewart Seeley, who was born in Elmira and completed her education in the National Park Seminary at Washington, D. C. Her parents were John and Harriet Seeley, the former a manufacturer of carriages and one of the substantial business men of the city. Her grandfather, Nathaniel R. Seeley, was one of the honored pioneers of Chemung county, in which he settled in 1792, and his home was the first frame house erected in Elmira. He became the owner of a tract of government land comprising one thousand acres and contributed materially to the upbuilding of this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Booth have a family of four children: John Seeley, a student in the Choate School at Wallingford, Connecticut; Harriet Louise and Nancy Elizabeth, who are attending the local schools; and Irving D. Booth (III).

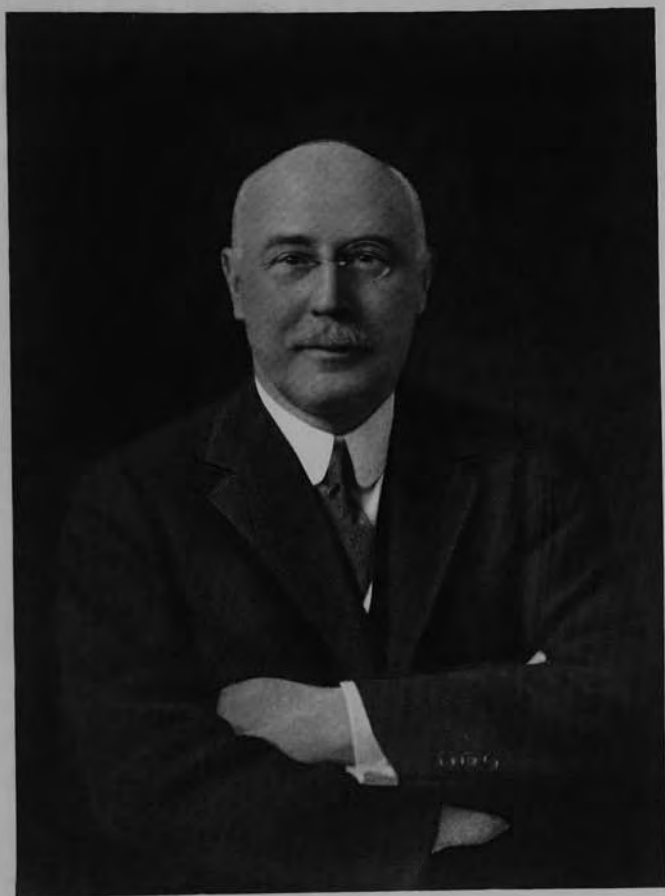
The parents are faithful members of the Park Congregational church and Mr. Booth has served on its music committee. He casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and conscientiously discharges his civic duties, taking a deep interest in everything that touches the welfare and advancement of his community. He is president of the Chamber of Commerce and serves as vice president of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of the City, Country and Century Clubs of Elmira.

ANDREW JOHNSTON TOWNSON.

The names and achievements of many who have won renown which entitles them to the gratitude of mankind are recorded in stone and bronze, but Andrew J. Townson needs no such monument. His fame is preserved in the history of Rochester's progress along material, moral and educational lines as well as in the hearts of his fellow citizens, and his example of industry, integrity and high-minded endeavor lives to inspire future generations. His thoughts were ever fixed upon problems for the elevation of his community and humanity in general. His was a conspicuously useful life and his death was an irreparable loss to his city.

Andrew Johnston Townson was born in Carlisle, England, May 2, 1856, of Scottish and English parents, and was a boy of eight when the family came to the New World. They lived for a time in Toronto, Canada, removing from that city to Rochester, and subsequently became residents of Litchfield, Illinois, where the father died. The mother was left in straitened circumstances and returned to her old home in Scotland with her family of four children, but soon realized that in America she could educate them in the public schools free of charge. In 1867 Mrs. Townson again came to Rochester and as Andrew Johnston Townson was the only son in the family much of the responsibility for its support devolved upon him. At the age of twelve, therefore, his mother took him to the store of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, then just starting in business, and asked Mr. Lindsay to hire him as a check boy. Learning not long afterward that a bundle boy's pay was fifty cents a week larger than that of a check boy, he at once applied for the position, saying to Mr. Sibley: "I can carry as big a bundle as any of the boys." Eager to secure an education, he soon began to attend night school, while his mother took boarders in order to keep the family together. After completing a commercial course Mr. Townson was made bookkeeper for the firm and later became cashier. While filling that position Dr. Martin B. Anderson, the first president of the University of Rochester, entered the store to pay a bill and was so favorably impressed with the alertness and courtesy of the young cashier that he called Mr. Sibley's attention to the matter, advising him to "keep an eye on that young man". Shortly after this incident, and as a result of the interest of Dr. Anderson, a senior at the university was secured to tutor Mr. Townson along the lines of higher education.

When Mr. Townson was about twenty years of age a member of the firm sent for his mother to ask her approval of a plan whereby a portion of his salary would go toward acquiring an interest in the company. Although this involved a sacrifice on her part, she cheerfully consented, hoping that some day the son would become a member of the firm, and ten years later that hope was realized, when, at the age of thirty, he was admitted to a partnership in the company, of which he later became



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secretary and treasurer. He was a man of exceptional business ability and notably keen discernment, readily perceiving the possibilities as well as the limitations of any project presented to him. He supervised the purchase of the various properties on which the present store of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company stands, obtaining the parcels of land at surprisingly low figures. He also accomplished the seemingly impossible task of purchasing for the New York Central Railroad Company the pieces of property, numbering more than two hundred, which were needed for the site of their station. The entire purchase was consummated for less than four hundred thousand dollars, the sum stipulated by President Brown, who left the details to Mr. Townson. He was also president of the Stecher Lithographic Company and a director of the Alliance Bank and the Mohawk Condensed Milk Company.

Mr. Townson had a natural aptitude for financial matters and was an organizer of marked ability, which made his assistance much sought after in circles outside of his business. A close student of current events and a man of wide knowledge, gained through constant and intelligent reading, he interested himself in many movements of civic importance. He served as treasurer of the Rochester Bureau of Municipal Research, and as a trustee of the Rochester Orphan Asylum was largely responsible for the present fine home of that institution at Cobb Hill. For years he was a trustee of the University of Rochester and of Vassar College, acting as a member of the Auditing committee of both institutions, and it is said that Vassar College owes its present financial system to Mr. Townson's reorganization. For twenty years he was treasurer of the Rochester Baptist Theological Seminary and he also became a director of the Rochester Dental Dispensary. He was a trustee of the Chamber of Commerce for a considerable period and in 1910 was made first vice president of that body. In 1900 he was appointed by Mayor Carnahan a member of the Rochester Board of Education to fill out the unexpired term of J. Herbert Grant and for eight years he was identified with that organization, serving for six years of that period as its president and rendering at a critical time in the history of the public schools of this city a service that will ever be remembered by the people of Rochester as unique and constructive.

On the 24th of November, 1887, Mr. Townson was married to Miss Marie Antoinette Castle, a daughter of the Rev. John Harvard Castle, D. D., who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1830. In 1851 he completed a course in the Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, which in 1866 bestowed upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, and in 1853 he was graduated from the Rochester Theological Seminary. He was in charge of the Baptist churches at Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and Newburg, New York, and for fourteen years filled a pastorate in Philadelphia. In 1873 he became pastor of the Bond Street Baptist church in Toronto, Canada, and in 1881 was called to the presidency of McMaster's Hall, a Baptist seminary founded in that city. He traveled extensively in Europe and was a man of high character and scholarly attainments. His wife was a daughter of William E. Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Townson had a family of four children. The oldest, Kenneth Castle, married Elizabeth Mulligan and they have two sons, Edward and Andrew J.; Douglas Castle married Marie Werner and they have three children, Marie Antoinette, William Werner and Barbara; the other two members of the family are Harold Castle and Andrew J. Townson, Jr.

It may truthfully be said of Mr. Townson that he was a man universally beloved, and the following tribute to his character was published in the editorial columns of the Rochester Herald: "The career of Andrew J. Townson is one of the familiar if not frequent illustrations of the rewards which life in America holds in its lap for industrious hands, a clear mind, a sound head and a hardy soul. Coming to this country as a boy with little beside these, he won his way steadily to a place of eminence, not only in the commercial and financial affairs of a great community, but in its civic life, and particularly in its spheres of philanthropic and educational endeavor. Under his simple and modest exterior, there were always smoothly in play the rare faculties of wise judgment, resolute purpose and swift decision. These talents displayed in embryo while he was still a boy made him invaluable first as an employe, later as a member of one of the largest and most successful of Rochester's commercial houses.

"By degrees these peculiar gifts of Mr. Townson's made themselves known—quite without the effort or desire of their possessor—to the community as a whole. So it came to be the rule to summon to the councils of the various charities and other civic enterprises, the aid of this skilful and sagacious organizer of system, this simplifier of hitherto unsolved and insoluble problems. To all these uses Mr. Townson contrived

to give generously of his best in time and labor, quite as if he were not already a man with an infinite variety of employments.

"It is an old saying that when one wants a difficult thing done, one should look for a busy man and give him the task. Something like this was in the minds of the men and women who set out to construct an orderly system of public schools out of the chaos of extravagance, incompetency and corruption that was the disgrace and despair of Rochester twenty years ago. Their work had not proceeded very far before they turned instinctively to Andrew Townson for counsel, advice and guidance. Later they induced him to accept an appointment on the school board itself. Once there, the people of Rochester saw to it that he remained in office until the Herculean task of reconstruction of the school system was completed.

"The civic activities of Mr. Townson were many and useful during the long period of his association with public and semi-public affairs of varying importance and area, but the achievement for which the city owes its greatest debt to his quiet, resourceful, unflinching energy is his great part in establishing the schools of Rochester on a foundation of order and intelligent organization."

The following resolutions were passed by the Rochester Board of Education, February 20, 1920: "On Monday of the present week occurred the death of Mr. Andrew J. Townson of this city. The extent to which his death has taken from Rochester a man who for years had been recognized as one of its most capable leaders in the fields of business and finance, as well as in the shaping of policies in many of the civic and philanthropic organizations of the city, has been set forth by the many resolutions of appreciation that have been passed. All the tributes that could possibly be paid to the worth of this man in these fields cannot adequately express the merit which he had earned. We most heartily join in such expressions of appreciation.

"But the name of Andrew J. Townson will always stand foremost among the names of those who have rendered distinct and invaluable service to the cause of public education in this city. He was one of the first men to serve as a member of the board of commissioners under the plan by which membership of the board was reduced to five and all were to be elected by the people of the city at large. It is impossible to over-estimate the importance and far-reaching consequence of the policies for which this new board was to be held responsible during these early days. The rare capacity of Mr. Townson was immediately recognized by his associates on the board and from January, 1900, to December 31, 1905, he served as its president. His accomplishments in this field of service are well known to the people of this city. They were of the very highest order. The same devotion to the task in hand, the same clearness of insight and soundness of judgment that characterized his work in everything that he touched were manifest here. It is a service which only those can thoroughly appreciate who understand the magnitude of the task.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the members of this board hereby express their admiration and respect for the services which Mr. Andrew J. Townson rendered as a former member and president of the board of school commissioners of this city, and that they record with deep sorrow the loss that has come to the city at large through his death; and be it

"Further resolved, that the superintendent of schools be instructed to prepare a brief biographical sketch of the life and services of Mr. Andrew J. Townson for distribution and use among those in our public schools, to the end that our boys and girls may be stimulated to find in that equality of opportunity which this country affords, an inspiration to reach the same high rank of wholesome leadership and influence to which this man had attained."

Resolutions adopted by the board of trustees of the Rochester Bureau of Municipal Research: "The appalling suddenness of the death of our associate, Andrew J. Townson, was not only a severe shock to the whole community, but was a peculiarly crushing blow to the members of this board.

"Yesterday he sat with us for two hours at our annual meeting, intelligently discussing questions of importance to the whole city, affable, cheerful, apparently unapprehensive. Within ten minutes after we adjourned he was dead.

"Mr. Townson was no common man: always cool and deliberate. he went straight to the heart of a business proposition and acted upon his judgment with promptness and certainty. Although interested in many enterprises, every one of them felt the effect of his guiding hand. He gave himself generously to city affairs and served on numerous charitable, educational and philanthropic boards, where his counsel was always sought and highly esteemed.

"And yet we shall miss him most of all as a genial friend and companion. He

was always so even tempered, always so interesting, always so sociable that he was a welcome guest in the home, a welcome counselor at the board meetings, and a welcome companion everywhere and at all times.

"We extend to the members of his family our heartfelt sympathy, because we know how devoted a husband and how wise a father they have lost.

"We direct that this memorial be entered in our records and that a copy be sent to the members of the Townson family."

Resolutions passed by the board of trustees of Vassar College at its annual meeting, held Monday, June 7, 1920: "The trustees record with keen regret the loss of their valued fellow member, Mr. Andrew J. Townson, who died suddenly on February 16, 1920, in Rochester, New York. Mr. Townson was for twenty-one years a faithful member of this board, and rendered most helpful service upon its committees, especially in the field of finance. Mr. Townson was deeply interested as well in the students of the college and more than one of the graduates owes her degree to his devoted advocacy of Alma Mater."

Resolutions adopted on the 17th of February, 1920, by the board of directors of the Alliance Bank: "In the passing of Andrew J. Townson the members of this board have lost a loyal associate and the Alliance Bank a faithful and able director. Touching the business and philanthropic interests of the city at many points and for six years a most valuable member of the board of education, Mr. Townson was a citizen whose unostentatious, even retiring manner and simple life, obscured to the many, the unusual soundness of his judgment and his wide knowledge of affairs, the thought of which generous equipment deepens the sorrow of that smaller circle, knowing him more intimately, which is inexpressibly shocked and pained by the sudden stroke which has taken him away, and which to most of them came without any warning. It is ordered that this tribute be entered in full upon the minutes of the board and a copy, suitably engrossed, presented to the family with an expression of sincere sympathy and condolence."

Action taken by the board of trustees of the Rochester Dental Dispensary at a special meeting held Tuesday, February 17, 1920: "It is with heavy hearts that we, the trustees of the Rochester Dental Dispensary, contemplate the death of our friend and associate, Andrew J. Townson.

"Our esteem and affection for him is the natural outgrowth of long converse and intimate companionship. His was a many-sided and forceful personality. His manhood bore the impress of sincerity and candor and combined in the most unusual degree social charms with keen business ability and soundness of judgment. With rare poise and unostentation, he was able to think clearly through a proposition and to formulate conclusions which commanded the earnest attention and consideration of all. No task either public or private, having been undertaken, was too onerous or too immaterial to receive his best endeavor and to be carried to its ultimate conclusion. Few men have contributed such devotion and valuable service to the community at large or to so many worth-while interests of special character. His genial presence and wise counsel will be sadly missed around many a fireside and administrative board.

"It is therefore with profound appreciation of our irreparable loss in the death of Mr. Townson that we enter upon the records of the board of trustees of the Rochester Dental Dispensary these minutes in token of our high esteem and affectionate regard."

The following resolutions on the death of Mr. Townson were offered by Mr. Alexander M. Lindsay and adopted by the board of directors of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company: "Mr. Andrew Johnston Townson, secretary and treasurer of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, died suddenly in Rochester, in the afternoon of February 16, 1920.

"Only by the members of his immediate family will the death of Mr. Townson be felt more keenly than by his associates in this company. An intimate friendship as well as a business relationship of more than half a century is ended. Such an association cannot be terminated without giving expression to the deep and sincere sorrow which has come to every member of this board.

"A history of this business would be a recital of the life work of Mr. Townson, not complete because he gave generously of his time and talents to public and philanthropic projects, yet it was here that his best thought and effort were put forth, in full measure. The store had been his training school as a boy, and as a man it was his chief field of activity. When this business had its small beginning as the Boston Store in March, 1868, Mr. Townson entered the organization as a check boy. The founders of the business were not slow in recognizing his ability and capacity. He was not only given guidance and instruction during working hours, but was provided with the opportunity for evening study. These advantages he improved. His advance-

ment kept pace with the growth of the business. He was successively bookkeeper, cashier, office manager and in a few years had a partnership interest. Since the incorporation of the business in 1897, he had been a director and the secretary and treasurer of the company.

"Mr. Townson possessed a remarkable capacity for turning out work. He was a keen analyst of men and conditions. His judgments were quickly formed and usually sound. Once convinced that a course of action was correct, it was carried through with unswerving energy and determination. He was peculiarly a man of achievement. His work in connection with this business will be taken up by other minds and hands. His place will never be quite filled. To the family of Mr. Townson we express our truest sympathy."

The following resolution was presented to Mr. Townson personally on the occasion of the Young Men's Christian Association drive for funds: "The directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Rochester wish by this formal resolution, spread this day upon the minutes of the board, to acknowledge their personal debt to you as a member of the building committee. They wish also to express to you for themselves and in behalf of a grateful community, appreciation of an accomplishment of which it is the highest praise to say that it is worthy of that spirit of unselfishness in which it was performed."

"The members of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the Rochester Theological Seminary would record their keen and heartfelt sorrow in the death of Andrew J. Townson. For thirty-four years Mr. Townson has been a member of the board of trustees of the Seminary, being next in length of service to Cyrus F. Paine, among all the members of the present board. He became a member of the board in 1886, and for nearly all of the time of his service he has been a member also of its executive committees. For four years, from 1899 to 1903, he was acting treasurer of the Seminary, succeeding Mr. Paine, who had filled the office of treasurer for forty-six years, from 1853 to 1899.

"No words can fitly express the value of the service which Andrew J. Townson has rendered to the Rochester Theological Seminary, and through the Seminary to the training of ministers and leaders for the churches and of teachers for institutions of higher learning. He brought to his service wonderful executive and administrative powers. He was particularly valuable in relation to the safe and wise investment of the endowment funds. The maintenance of the buildings and equipment of the Seminary was also of keen interest to him, and his watchful care never failed. In the building of Alvah Strong Hall, the gift of Mr. Henry A. Strong, Mr. Townson was chairman of the building committee and he was unflagging in his attention to the planning and the construction of this building, which has meant so much to the life of the school.

"But beyond all our recognition of the invaluable service which Mr. Townson has rendered for so many years we record here our most sincere expression of great personal loss. With sorrow we remember that it will not again be ours to sit with him in council. A rare personality has gone from us, a man of unfailing industry, of penetrating and discriminating judgment, a man just, wise and kind. Many interests in Rochester are the poorer for his going, but in none will he be more sincerely mourned than among the trustees of the Seminary. We are sure that the realization of our loss will grow ever more profound with the passing months and years.

"To Mrs. Townson and to all the members of the family of our friend, we extend the sympathy of our hearts, and we direct that this minute be spread upon the records of the executive committee, and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Townson."

The following resolutions of sympathy were adopted by the board of directors of the Stecher Lithographic Company: "The death of Andrew J. Townson has brought sorrow and a sense of loss to many of our citizens, but to none more than to us, his business associates. Starting single-handed, possessed of ambition, judgment, and guided by the Golden Rule, he soon rose to prominence.

"Our community and many of its institutions long since recognized his worth and sought his aid. In many ways he contributed, without ostentation, the talents that earned for him the proud position which he held in the civic and business life of our city. He worked quietly and irresistibly, caring little for the praise of others, but reveling in the results achieved.

"He became the head of this company only a few years since, but in that short time the qualities which had distinguished him in other fields, soon evidenced their worth and taught us to rely upon him with that supreme confidence which is the measure of our business loss.

"As a man he was ever friendly, kindly, courteous and sympathetic; and he

reflected in his individual contacts with men those characteristics which made him a philanthropist in his relation to the world at large.

"We have lost an executive of extraordinary ability; we regret with deep sincerity the loss of our friend."

PETER M. OSTRANDER, M. D.

Over forty years in the successful practice of medicine in the town entitle Dr. Peter M. Ostrander of Nunda, Livingston county, New York, to be ranked as one of the veterans of the profession. With the exception of a few months immediately after his graduation, the entire professional career of Dr. Ostrander has been followed in Nunda. He was born at Fonda, Montgomery county, New York, on August 15, 1852, the son of William W. and Catherine (Mesick) Ostrander, both natives of New York state, and both deceased. The father was a farmer. There were six sons and one daughter in the family, of whom four of the sons are living.

Peter M. Ostrander obtained his elementary education in the public schools of the county, took his academic course at the Spencertown Academy, and then matriculated at the Cleveland Homeopathic College, where he received his M. D. degree and graduated in 1883. For a few months after his graduation Dr. Ostrander practiced at Kinderhook, New York, and then moved to Nunda, where he has practiced successfully ever since. In 1895 the Doctor took a course at the New York Postgraduate Medical School, in New York city. He is a member of the New York State Homeopathic Association.

Dr. Ostrander was married on June 19, 1879, to Ella Fraley, daughter of Charles and Margaret (Hann) Fraley, deceased. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Ostrander: Bertha, the wife of Edward C. Caldwell; Frederick B., and Arthur D. In his religious convictions he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and his political views find expression in the republican party.

CHARLES GALLERY.

Among the well known and progressive young residents of Rochester who have attained success in their respective business ventures is Charles Gallery, grandson of a respected Rochester pioneer who played a prominent part in the early development of the city. It was in 1906 that Charles Gallery established the Charles Gallery Company, Incorporated, of which he is president, and he is likewise officially identified with the E. C. Campbell Coal Company in the dual capacity of vice president and manager. He was born in Rochester on the 25th of November, 1884, his parents being James F. and Helen (Connors) Gallery, who have been lifelong residents of this city and enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community. James F. Gallery was successfully engaged in the coal business here to the time of his retirement. Captain James F. Gallery, the paternal grandfather of Charles Gallery, was one of Rochester's pioneer coal merchants, opening and conducting the first coal yard in the city. During the period of the Civil war he was commissioned captain and was placed in charge of the Rochester Army. For a number of years he was in partnership with Walter Bernard Duffy in the ownership and conduct of a hotel on State street, and the two men were also closely associated in other business enterprises. James F. and Helen (Connors) Gallery are the parents of three children, namely: James Craig, Laura M. and Charles. All are still in Rochester.

Charles Gallery attended the grammar and high schools in the acquirement of an education and was a young man of twenty-two years when in 1906 he established himself in the poultry supply and seed business, in which he has remained to the present time, being now president of the Charles Gallery Company, Incorporated. The concern has grown from a small beginning to its present extensive proportions through the enterprise and energy of its founder. Mr. Gallery is also active in the conduct of the E. C. Campbell Coal Company, of which he serves as vice president and manager. His success in the business world is the direct outcome of untiring perseverance, unabating industry and unassailable integrity, and his record is in harmony with that of his father and grandfather in the commercial circles of Rochester.

On the 5th of August, 1908, Mr. Gallery was united in marriage to Miss Harriet

LaFontaine, daughter of Louis LaFontaine and representative of a prominent Rochester family. Her father, a man of marked mechanical skill and ingenuity, invented among other devices the machinery used in the manufacture of pins. Mr. and Mrs. Gallery are the parents of two children: Helen Clark, who was born in Rochester in 1909 and is a student in Chesbrough Seminary; and Charles LaFontaine, who was born in Rochester in October, 1911, and is also attending school.

Mr. Gallery has taken an active part in public affairs in the town of Gates, where he makes his home. For a number of years he has there discharged the duties devolving upon him as overseer of the poor and he has also served as a member of the Gates school board and in several other positions of honor and trust. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Presbyterian church, while fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order. He also belongs to the Masonic Club, to the Ad Club and to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, while he is also secretary of the Rochester Coal Merchants Association.

HON. EDSON W. HAMN.

In the course of a long and distinguished legal career Hon. Edson W. Hamn of Lyons, Wayne county, has justly earned the reputation of being one of the foremost criminal lawyers of Wayne county and western New York. Mr. Hamn has been practicing in Lyons for more than thirty-five years, during which he has been prominent in both professional and political life. Born in Sharon Springs, New York, September 18, 1863, he is the son of Peter A. and Catherine (Ottman) Hamn, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. His father was a farmer by occupation and lived the greater part of his life near Sharon Springs, where he was married and where his children were subsequently born. Of a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, Edson W. was the sixth in the order of birth. Only four members of this large family are living, three sons and one daughter, and the parents are also deceased.

Edson W. Hamn obtained his early education in the public schools of Macedon and the Macedon Academy and later attended the Albany State Normal school. He earned the money to pay for the most of his higher education by teaching school, an occupation that afforded him opportunities for study. In 1880 he entered the law offices of S. K. & B. C. Williams of Newark, where he was permitted to use the library for the study of law during his spare moments and after office hours. Then, too, he learned a great deal about his chosen profession in performing the duties assigned to him in this office, one of which was to help prepare some legal publications for the press. Mr. Hamn went to Washington, D. C., in 1882, to work in the office of the clerk of the supreme court as a representative of the Lawyers Cooperative Company of Rochester. While he was there he seized upon the unusual advantages our capital city offers ambitious young people for obtaining an education while they are earning a living, and graduated from the National University in 1884, with the LL. B. degree. He followed this with a graduate course in the fields that were of greatest interest to him.

Upon his return to Newark the young man entered the law office of Judge Luther M. Norton and was admitted to the bar at Buffalo in 1887. He then formed a partnership with Judge Norton which lasted for a year. In January, 1888, Mr. Hamn came to Lyons as attorney for the Lyons National Bank and at the same time established himself in a general legal practice under his own name, and continued uninterruptedly until 1908, when he formed a partnership with Clyde W. Knapp. This partnership continued for nine years, when Mr. Knapp was elected county judge, since which time he has continued practice in his own name. In addition to his very important law practice Mr. Hamn finds time to devote to other interests, among which should be mentioned the Lyons Cold Storage Company, which he represents as secretary.

Throughout the state Mr. Hamn is perhaps almost as well known by the laity for his public work, as for his professional accomplishments. As one of the leading republicans in Lyons he has represented his district in many state conventions. For four years, 1907, 1908, 1909 and 1910, he served in the state assembly at Albany and during that time was a member of the legislative state highway and public service commissions. He was a member of the legal advisory board of his district during the World war and devoted a great deal of his time and talent to the strenuous work of this body.

A few years after taking up his residence in Lyons—on June 24, 1892—Mr. Hamn



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was married. He has two daughters, Helen and Katherine. The older daughter is now Mrs. William D. Kitchell of Geneva, whose husband is interested in the automobile business of that city; the younger daughter lives at home. Mr. Hamm is a member of Grace Episcopal church of Lyons, in which he has been a vestryman for the past twenty-eight years, and is now the oldest member of the vestry in point of length of service. Fraternally he is identified with Humanity Lodge of the Masonic order in Lyons and with the local lodge of Elks.

CHARLES T. LEMEN.

Charles T. Lemen, superintendent of the mechanical department of the F. A. Owen Publishing Company, has long been identified with the business, and his labors have been an essential element in the development of this large and important organization, which has contributed materially to Dansville's commercial growth and prosperity. He is widely and favorably known in this community, in which his life has been passed, and was born January 28, 1869, a son of Archibald H. and Frances (Atwood) Lemen, both of whom are deceased.

Charles T. Lemen attended the district schools and completed his education in the Dansville Seminary. He has always been connected with the printing business, learning the trade in the plant of the Dansville Breeze, where he was employed for twelve years, and during that time set the first type for The Normal Instructor, an educational journal now published by the F. A. Owen Publishing Company. In 1900 Mr. Lemen took charge of the typesetting department of the firm and has since been in its service. Years of experience have well qualified him for the responsible office which he now fills and under his expert supervision the work done in the printing department constitutes the highest degree of efficiency in the "art preservative."

On December 22, 1892, Mr. Lemen was united in marriage to Miss May L. Van Scooper of Dansville, and they have become the parents of nine children: Clifford J., a veteran of the World war, who went overseas as a corporal of the One Hundred and Sixth Artillery, Twenty-seventh Division, and remained with the American Expeditionary Force for twelve months; Clinton D.; James Archibald, whose military experience covers service with the Fourteenth Cavalry in Texas during the period of the war; Irma May, who is the wife of William Cowdrick, Jr., of Dansville; and Charles Tom, Minerva Ruth, Harry B., Richard M. and Leon Lewis, who are yet at home.

Mr. Lemen is allied with the democratic party and loyally supports all projects for the general good. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and fraternally is identified with the Masonic order. He has always endeavored to discharge his duty according to the best of his ability and is known as a man of the utmost reliability, thoroughly dependable in every relation and every emergency.

EDWIN CLAIRE BARKMAN.

Edwin Claire Barkman, an able attorney of Watkins, Schuyler county, New York, was born September 24, 1885, in Monterey, New York, the son of Edgar and Minnie (Coye) Barkman and his father was a lawyer before him. Edgar Barkman was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (De Long) Barkman the former coming from Frederick, Maryland, when a boy and settling in the town of Monterey, where he was a farmer. Edgar Barkman was born in 1845 and read law with Judge Ben Woodward in 1876. He was in Avon, New York, for several years and then moved to Schuyler county, where he practiced until the year of his death—1917.

Edwin Claire Barkman, inspired by his father's example, early decided to follow the profession of so many leaders of our country, and after attending the North Side high school of Corning, New York, he entered Syracuse Law School, winning his LL. B. in 1909, and being admitted to the bar the next year. He immediately opened an office in Watkins and has practiced there ever since, with increasing success. He is now justice of the peace, and served two terms as district attorney, holding that responsible office from 1914 to 1922. In his public service he proved as faithful as in dealing with his private clients and his record has been very commendable.

On August 13, 1910, Mr. Barkman was married to Genevieve Schubmehl of Bing-

hamton, New York, and they have one child: Edwin Charles, born November 30, 1920. Mr. Barkman is a Mason, belongs to Chequaga Tribe of Red Men, the Schuyler County Bar Association, and in politics is a republican. He attends the Presbyterian church.

GEORGE RILEY FULLER.

George Riley Fuller, president of the Rochester Telephone Corporation, is an influential factor in commercial, industrial and financial circles of the city as an executive in numerous business enterprises, including the George R. Fuller Company, which he established forty-eight years ago. His record as a business man and citizen, unspotted and stainless, is in harmony with that of an honorable and honored ancestry. His birth occurred at Massena, St. Lawrence county, New York, on the 7th of April, 1850, his parents being Wyman M. and Olive (Densmore) Fuller, both of whom were natives of Vermont. His grandparents in the maternal line were William and Olive (Nichols) Densmore, the latter a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Soule) Nichols. The parents of Mrs. Sarah (Soule) Nichols were Ebenezer and Susannah (Cramer) Soule and her paternal grandparents Ben and Sarah (Standish) Soule. Mrs. Sarah (Standish) Soule was a daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Alden) Standish, the former being a son of Miles and Barbara Standish and the latter a daughter of John and Priscilla (Mullen) Alden. It will thus be seen that the line dates back to the first American colonists. Caleb Fuller, the paternal grandfather of George R. Fuller, was born June 24, 1770, and passed away November 23, 1835. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia Howard and whose birth occurred March 8, 1770, was called to her final rest on the 22d of April, 1842. Their family numbered ten children, as follows: Lydia, whose natal day was March 8, 1794; Jonathan, born March 13, 1796; Hannah, born November 10, 1797; Martha, born December 22, 1799; Alma, born February 28, 1802; Philo, born July 31, 18—; Caleb (II), born September 28, 1807; Candace, born June 17, 1809; Benjamin, born March 28, 1811; and Wyman M. whose birth occurred March 28, 1814.

Wyman M. and Olive (Densmore) Fuller, the parents of George Riley Fuller, came to New York about 1846 and located in St. Lawrence county, the father becoming prominently identified with the life of the community in various ways. He taught school for a time, was a pioneer settler of Norwood, acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace and for many years served as postmaster by appointment of President James Buchanan. He died in the year 1884.

George R. Fuller received his educational training as a public school pupil at Norwood, New York, and though not instructed in his youth in the higher branches of learning, he has constantly augmented his knowledge through reading and investigation until he has become a man of wide general information and has gained an enviable position in the business world. After putting aside his textbooks he became an employe of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad Company, now a part of the New York Central system, ably discharging the various duties assigned him. He mastered telegraph operating between the years 1868 and 1870 and was then sent to the general offices at Watertown, New York, where he was assigned to the auditing department and eventually became traveling auditor. In 1876 he severed his connection with railroad service and came to Rochester, here embarking in business on his own account by purchasing the interests of a concern engaged in the manufacture of artificial limbs. Of this he is still at the head. The enterprise prospered beyond his fondest dreams and is now conducted under the style of the George R. Fuller Company, with manufacturing branches at Rochester, Buffalo, Philadelphia and Boston. Mr. Fuller is the president of this important concern, which was incorporated in 1896, and is now nation-wide in its scope.

It was in 1898 that Mr. Fuller became one of the organizers and the first secretary and treasurer of the Rochester Telephone Company, assuming in addition the duties of general manager in the following year. During the years 1905, 1906 and 1907 he had charge of the interests of the Independent Telephone Company in western and central New York. On the 1st of August, 1921, the Rochester Telephone Company was merged with the New York Telephone Company, forming the Rochester Telephone Corporation, of which Mr. Fuller has since served as president and director. He is likewise president and director of the Reserve Mortgage Bond Company, president of the State Telephone Association, director of the United States Independent Telephone Association, and financially interested in numerous other small enterprises. His connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome of the same, for it is in



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his nature to carry forward to successful completion anything with which he is associated. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

On the 3d of June, 1885, in Rochester, Mr. Fuller was united in marriage to Miss Helen Gregg, daughter of Mahlon Gregg and representative of a prominent family. They have become the parents of two children: George Gregg Fuller, a native of Rochester and a graduate of Yale University, who since 1920 has been American vice consul at Christiana and Trondhjem, Norway, Malmo, Sweden, Reval Esthonia, Jerusalem, Palestine and is now opening a new American Consulate at Bushire, Persia. His sister, Mrs. David M. Hough, is a native and resident of Rochester and the mother of one child, Helen Hough, who was born in this city in 1920 and is the pride and joy of her grandparents.

Mr. Fuller has never been active in politics nor held public office. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Third Presbyterian church, and for numerous terms he has served as a trustee. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Valley Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and he likewise has membership connection with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Rochester Historical Society, the Society of Genesee, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Rochester Club, the Rochester Automobile Club, the Genesee Valley Club, the Old Colony Club and the Rochester Ad Club. He enjoys the esteem of many friends and fully deserves the honor that is accorded the fortunate individual who has fought and won in the great battle of life. Gifted with a keen business insight and a broad grasp of affairs, Mr. Fuller has had a career of unusual activity and of notable success. The elements were happily blended in the rounding out of his nature, for he unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood, and his labors have been manifestly resultant.

FRANK NICHOLAS BRAYER.

Frank Nicholas Brayer has for more than twenty years been at the head of an important industrial enterprise of Rochester as president and general manager of the Co-operative Foundry Company, manufacturers of Red Cross stoves, ranges and furnaces. A native son of Rochester, he was born on the 26th of March, 1855, his parents being Nicholas and Elizabeth (Begy) Brayer, both natives of Europe. The latter came to this country at the age of sixteen and the former when a boy of ten, and they were married in Rochester on October 21, 1851. Nicholas Brayer, the father of Frank N. Brayer of this review, was born on the 20th of October, 1829, in Lorraine, at that time a French province, and in 1867 was one of the principal organizers of the Co-operative Foundry Company, of which he became president. He was a man of exceptional business sagacity and administrative power, which enabled him to place the industry upon a strong and enduring foundation, and successfully guided its destiny for many years, remaining as head of the concern to the time of his death. He was also a director of the German Insurance Company of Rochester and likewise found time for participation in civic affairs, serving as supervisor for the eighth ward. He was a Catholic in religious faith. He passed away on May 11, 1901, honored and respected by all who knew him. To him and his wife, who was called to her final rest in 1906, were born ten children, but John F., Edward J. and Mrs. Ida M. Staud are deceased. Those living are: Frank Nicholas, George H., Elizabeth, Emma, Margaret, Mrs. Otillia K. Berna and Mrs. Bertha B. Staud.

Frank Nicholas Brayer, whose name introduces this sketch supplemented his public school education by a course of study in the Rochester Business Institute and after putting aside his textbooks became associated with his father in the foundry business. He began work in the shop as an apprentice to the moulder's trade, which he followed for a period of seven years. He had become thoroughly familiar with the business in all its branches when in 1901 he succeeded his father as president of the Co-operative Foundry Company, in which position of executive control he has continued to the present time, his associate officers being as follows: Arthur Nicholas Brayer, secretary and treasurer; and Walter G. Brayer, superintendent. The business of the Co-operative Foundry Company was first conducted in what is now the down-town section of Rochester and later removed to a large tract of land purchased in the Lincoln Park district, where the present excellent plant was built. The com-

pany started with a capitalization of twenty-five thousand dollars, which has been increased to six hundred thousand dollars, and about three hundred workers are employed in the foundry, which manufactures the famous Red Cross products, used in civilized countries throughout the world. The firm is a pioneer in this field, in which it has long maintained a position of leadership, and has one of the largest and best equipped plants of the kind in the United States. The name Red Cross is known to millions of women who use kitchen ranges. The gas range, equipped with the oven heat control, enables the housewife to cook and bake with a certainty of results hitherto regarded as impossible. The Red Cross Copco Enamel ranges have been perfected after years of scientific research and experimentation and the firm also makes the well known Red Cross Ajax and Empire furnaces, which are widely used. Efficiency and durability are combined with art in the manufacture of Co-operative products and from father to son the principles of the founder have been handed down, resulting in a reputation which places these products in the front rank of heating and cooking equipment for the home. The process of quality giving in Red Cross products starts with the purchase of materials. The manufacturers strive to obtain the very best. The raw materials are then transformed into the finished product by skilled artisans. Both the materials, before the manufacturing processes are begun, and the finished article, before it is placed on the market, are carefully inspected, for it is the policy of the company that everything must be as nearly perfect as it is humanly possible to make it. Among his other business interests Frank N. Brayer is a director of the Simpson-Walther Lens Company. He was one of the organizers and a charter member of the American Foundrymen's Association, organized in 1896.

On the 15th of June, 1880, in Rochester, Mr. Brayer was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Weis, daughter of John Weis. Mr. and Mrs. Brayer have eight children, all of whom reside in Rochester: Agnes, who was born in Rochester, is now the wife of Anthony J. Miller; Lillian, who was also born in Rochester, is the wife of Charles M. Ehrstein; Ida is the wife of Edward A. Miller; Elsie is the wife of Edward M. Lorscheider; Gertrude is the wife of Charles G. Fox, Jr.; Arthur Nicholas, who was born in Rochester and is the secretary and treasurer of the Co-operative Foundry Company, was married to Miss Eleanor Schmidt of Rochester and has a daughter, Patricia, who was born in Rochester; Walter G., who was born in Rochester, is the superintendent of the Co-operative Foundry Company. He was a non-commissioned officer in the United States navy during the World war, acting as ensign in the transport service. He was married to Miss Adelaide Schaefer of Rochester and has a daughter, Virginia, born in Rochester; Franklin C., a native of Rochester, is likewise connected with the Co-operative Foundry Company. He was married to Miss Evaritta O'Brien of Rochester and has two sons, Franklin C., Jr., and Robert, both born in Rochester.

Mr. Brayer is a trustee of St. Peter and Paul's Catholic church and a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and to the Rochester Club and is a prominent and highly respected resident of the city where for years he has been numbered among the strong and capable business men.

GEORGE MELANTHON WETMORE.

George Melancthon Wetmore was one of the foremost members of that select company of men who have made Rochester what it is today—a great manufacturing center and a city noted for its cultural advantages and high moral standards. As president of the Shinola Company he developed an industry of national scope and importance, and his influence was equally effective and beneficial in civic and religious affairs. The moral force of his character entered into the very fiber of the city's life, and his death on the 10th of June, 1923, was an irreparable loss to the community whose welfare and prestige were his inspiration, his dearest and most cherished desire.

George Melancthon Wetmore was born in Gate township, New York, August 31, 1858, and received his early education in the public schools of Rochester, later attending Dr. Dinan's Military School and the Rochester Business Institute. At the age of eighteen he entered the shoe polish business, which he made his life work, and his keen intelligence and ready adaptability soon made him master of its details. He was industrious and capable and rose rapidly in the business world, eventually



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becoming vice president of the American Chemical Manufacturing & Mining Company, which he served in that capacity for about twenty years. Upon the organization of the Shinola Company, Mr. Wetmore became its president and under his able administration the business grew rapidly, taking its place with the largest industries of the kind in the world. He originated the formula for Shinola, which is now a nationally known product, and carefully superintended its manufacture. He kept in close touch with every department of the business, upon which he left the indelible impress of his personality, and was also vice president of the Monroe Novelty Company, which operates in conjunction with the Shinola corporation, and he likewise served as a director of the F. F. Dudley Company. For twenty years he was the executive head of the Shinola Company, winning the respect and cooperation of his employes and business associates by his unfailing courtesy and consideration, and the confidence and trust of the general public by his high principles and strict honesty.

In September, 1878, Mr. Wetmore was married to Miss Sarah Killip, and four children were born to them: Grace Octavia, the eldest, became the wife of Robert P. Levis, a prominent attorney of New York city, and died in 1907, leaving a son, Robert Wetmore Levis; Raymond Clarke Wetmore was born in 1880 and his life was terminated at the early age of seventeen years; Helen Margaret, who is the wife of Joseph C. Beaven; and Dorothy Eleanore Wetmore.

Mr. Wetmore was connected with the Washington Club and was one of the influential members of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of the Rochester Theological Seminary. He was an exemplary representative of the Masonic order, belonging to Corinthian Lodge, F. & A. M.; Monroe Commandery, K. T.; and in the Scottish Rite Consistory he attained the thirty-second degree, while he was also a Noble of Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He was a zealous member of the Lake Avenue Baptist church and served for many years on its board of trustees. He was a member of the building committee at the time the present church edifice was erected. He was generous to an exceptional degree, giving liberally both of his time and means to every worthy cause. Even in the days before his financial position became established he never forgot to lay aside a substantial percentage of his earnings for the promotion of church and philanthropic work. His was an inspiring example of a well balanced, well ordered life. In business affairs his ability and sound judgment were unquestioned and they were coupled with a strict sense of honor and justice that commanded both respect and success. In private life he was ever kindly and sympathetic. His home life was particularly appealing and all that was best in his nature was reflected in the simple, though beautiful and restful place which he called "home."

The following tribute was paid him by the Rev. A. W. Beavan, D. D.: "Mr. Wetmore was one of the highest grade Christian gentlemen it has been my privilege to meet. While retiring by nature, he combined in himself those elements of honor and integrity, as well as broad-minded citizenship, which enabled him to make splendid use of his ability and his resources. His money was always his servant and never his master, and the scores of causes and hundreds of people in the city that have been blessed by his kindly, unostentatious benefactions will be a monument to him greater than could ever be reared in granite. The meeting of the men's classes at the hour of the Sunday school at the church was given over to memorial services in his honor. Many of his associates in the church paid him high and warm tribute."

CHARLES FREDERICK BULLARD.

One of the pioneer business firms of Elmira is that of the Doane & Jones Lumber Company, of which Charles Frederick Bullard is secretary and treasurer, and from the time of its organization until the present—a period of thirty years—he has worked untiringly to promote the growth of the concern, which owes much of its prosperity to his well-directed efforts. He was born in Chautauqua county, New York, June 25, 1866, a son of Almon B. and Sarah A. (Caldwell) Bullard, both of whom were natives of Vermont. The former was born in 1815 and the latter in 1827. They were married in the Green Mountain state and came to Elmira in 1867, establishing their home at the corner of Walnut and West Water streets, where they resided until called to their final rest. Mrs. Bullard passed away in 1910 and her husband's death occurred in 1905. He was a dealer in leather and success attended his business activities. He was well read and supported all worthy civic projects but was never an aspirant for

public office. Previous to the formation of the republican party he was a whig and subsequently became a strong prohibitionist. He was a member of the First Baptist church of Elmira and served as one of its deacons. His father, John Bullard, was a native of Vermont and of English lineage. The American progenitor of the family made the voyage to the New World in 1632 and was numbered among the earliest settlers of the colony of Massachusetts. The maternal grandfather, Jesse W. Caldwell, was born in Vermont and died at the advanced age of ninety-three years. The immigrant ancestor of the Caldwell family migrated from Londonderry, Ireland, to America and became one of the pioneers of New Hampshire. Charles Frederick Bullard is the only surviving member of a family of three children. He attended the Free Academy of Elmira and his higher education was received in the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated in 1890. He was one of the organizers of the Doane & Jones Lumber Company, which was formed January 1, 1893, and has since been secretary and treasurer of the firm. Since its inception the business has grown steadily, keeping pace with the development of the city, and it now ranks with the largest in Elmira. Mr. Bullard is deeply interested in the lumber industry, of which he has made a close study, and his business receives his undivided attention.

On April 23, 1902, Mr. Bullard was married to Miss Elizabeth Campbell of Springfield, Massachusetts. They have become the parents of three children: Charles, a student at Cornell University; Polly, who graduated in June, 1924, from the Abbot Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, and expects to enter Smith College in the fall of 1924; and Donald, who is attending the public schools. Mr. Bullard is a consistent and helpful member of the First Baptist church and gives his political support to the candidates of the republican party, while his social nature finds expression in his connection with the Century and Country Clubs. He is one of the directors of the Thatcher Manufacturing Company of Elmira.

THOMAS W. FINUCANE.

Thomas W. Finucane, treasurer of the Thomas W. Finucane Corporation and active in the control of important real estate, mining, banking and transportation interests, is a prominent Rochester capitalist whose record of undaunted effort and ultimate triumph may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others. His birth occurred in Rome, Oneida county, New York, on the 15th of July, 1854, his parents being John and Mary (Moran) Finucane, both of whom were natives of County Clare, Ireland. Emigrating to the United States soon after their marriage, they located first at Troy, New York, and in 1845 took up their abode in Rome, this state, where they resided until 1855. In that year they removed to Holley, New York, where they spent the remainder of their lives. John Finucane was a carpenter by trade. To him and his wife were born seven children, of whom but two survive: Thomas W., of this review; and Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, a resident of Holley, New York.

Thomas W. Finucane, who was the fourth in order of birth in the family, began his education in the district schools of Orleans county and later continued his studies at Holley, this state. After putting aside his textbooks he worked on a farm in Orleans county, receiving a very small wage during the summer months, while in the winter season he was given only his board as remuneration for his services. When sixteen years of age he secured a position as apprentice in the office of the Holley Standard, being thus employed until 1874, when he went to Charlotte, New York, and there became an apprentice to the carpenter's trade in the service of Francis T. Downing, with whom he continued until 1879. Three years before, in 1876, he had come to Rochester with Mr. Downing, under whose direction he thoroughly acquainted himself with the building trade and with carpenter contract work. In the winter of 1879 work of this kind was not plentiful and he therefore sought and obtained a position with the Hayden Furniture Company. Prospects were far from bright, however, and he had about decided to return to Holley in 1880, when an incident changed the course of his life. A well known Rochester woman asked him to remain in this city long enough to remodel the interior of her home, and he accomplished this in such a satisfactory manner that a number of other people requested his services. Mr. Finucane soon found it necessary to employ a number of men to assist him and from that time forward his success was an assured fact. From 1880 until 1902, covering a period of twenty-two years, he was constantly employed on contract work, erecting numerous homes as well as public and office structures that remain as



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monuments to his ability as a builder. In 1902 he turned over his contracting business to others and organized the Independent Telephone Company, of which he served as president until 1906. In the meantime Mr. Finucane had acquired large realty holdings and he largely devoted his time to the development of his interests along this line. His investments were not confined to Rochester, for he became an extensive stockholder and officer in mining concerns of Ontario, Canada. In association with several others he purchased the McKinley-Darragh mine at Cobalt, a large silver producer. He is a director of the Dome Mines, Limited, a successful Canadian gold mine. His advice and counsel have been sought in the successful control of various important corporate interests. He is a trustee of the Rochester Savings Bank, one of the organizers of the Security Trust Company of Rochester, a director of the Lincoln Alliance Bank, a director of the Union Trust Company, a director and officer of the General Railway Signal Company of Rochester, the Great Lakes Transportation Company and the Rochester Railway & Light Company and is treasurer of the Thomas W. Finucane Corporation.

On the 19th of February, 1879, Mr. Finucane was married to Miss Mary Downing, a daughter of Francis T. Downing. Mrs. Finucane passed away in 1910. She was the mother of four sons and two daughters, as follows: May, born in 1880, became the wife of Arthur J. Mahon and died in 1908, leaving two daughters, Marjorie F. and Ruth I.; Thomas R. was born in 1881 and resides in Rochester, his native city. He is vice president and assistant treasurer of the Thomas W. Finucane Corporation and is connected with mining interests as an official of the Dome Mines Company of Ontario, Canada; Laura Anna Finucane was born in 1883, and died in 1896; John J., born in Rochester in 1884, is secretary of the Thomas W. Finucane Corporation. He has five children, Kathleen, Thomas W. (II), Daniel B., Margaret and Anne; Bernard Emmett Finucane, born in Rochester in 1887, is president of the Thomas W. Finucane Corporation and secretary and treasurer of the Rochester Electrical Supply Company. He has two children, Frederick Thomas and Mary Josephine; Richard G. Finucane, who was born in this city in 1891, is manager of the Thomas W. Finucane Corporation. He has two children, Dorothy and Patricia.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. T. W. Finucane has given his political support to the democratic party. In 1896 he was chosen a member of the board of health of Rochester and in that capacity made an excellent record. He is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and has further membership connection with the Genesee Valley Club, the Rochester Club and the Rochester Country Club. In 1893 Mr. Finucane built his home at No. 20 Portsmouth Terrace, where he has since resided. From 1885 until 1893 he had lived at No. 75 Culver Park. The subjective and objective forces of life are in him well balanced, making him cognizant of his own capabilities and powers, while at the same time he thoroughly understands his opportunities and his obligations. To make his native talents subserve the demands which conditions of society impose at the present time, is the purpose of his life, and by reason of the mature judgment which characterizes his efforts at all times, he stands today as a splendid representative of the prominent realtor and capitalist to whom business is but one phase of life, and does not exclude his active participation in and support of the other vital interests which go to make up human existence.

TRACY C. SWAN, M. D.

After a career of some years in the field of chemistry, in which he made a notable success and filled some important positions that added considerable fame to his name, Tracy C. Swan abandoned chemistry for medicine, obtained his degree of M. D., and located at Livonia, Livingston county, New York, where in the short time that has elapsed since his arrival he has built up a considerable practice. If his success as a medical practitioner equals that of his days in chemistry, there is little doubt that Dr. Swan will soon rank among the county's leading physicians. He was born on August 13, 1889, in Skinners Eddy, Pennsylvania, the son of Preston J. and Issadora L. (Brown) Swan. The father of the Doctor was a merchant by occupation and was born in New York state, but moved to Skinners Eddy and passed most of his life in that section.

Tracy C. Swan received his early education in the public schools of Pennsylvania and the high school at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, after which he attended Syracuse

University, Syracuse, New York, from which he received the degree of B. S. in chemistry and was graduated in the class of 1912. After his graduation Mr. Swan became connected with the Du Pont Powder Company as a chemist and for three months was engaged in research and experimental work. He then left the Du Ponts and joined the Eastman Kodak organization, still being employed in experimental work, and remained with the Eastman company until 1915, when he became experimental chemist for the Rochester Button Company, Rochester, New York, and remained with the latter company until January 1, 1917. He then became teacher of chemistry at Syracuse University and also continued his research work. He began the study of medicine in the fall of 1917, while continuing to act as chemistry instructor at the University of Syracuse, and also enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps for World war duty, but was allowed to remain at the university. In December, 1917, Mr. Swan was transferred to the Students Army Training Corps and was discharged in December, 1918. He at once resumed his medical studies at Syracuse University and was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1921.

On July 21, 1921, Dr. Swan entered the Rochester General Hospital as an interne and remained there until October, 1922, when he located in Livonia and began the practice of his profession, without specializing in any particular branch. The Doctor is a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity and honorary member of the Alpha Omega Alpha medical fraternity. Dr. Swan was married on June 12, 1915, at Avon, New York, to Frances Louise House, daughter of Truman M. and Marilla House of Avon. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Swan: Willard Judson, born June 29, 1919; and Frances Arlene, born February 26, 1922. The Doctor's only hobbies are chemical and medical research work.

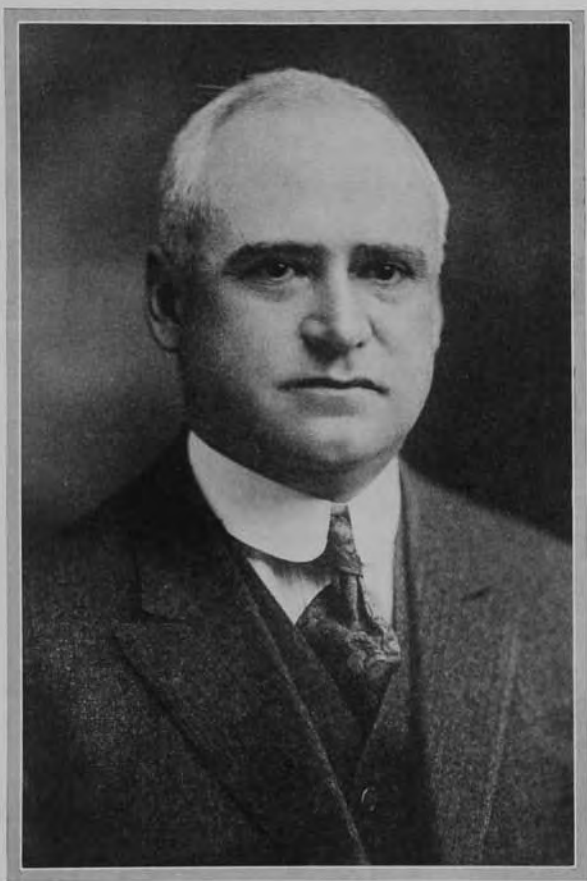
In his religious associations Dr. Swan is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Livonia, and in his political convictions is a republican. He is health officer of Livonia, and is a member of the Monroe County and the New York State Medical Societies and of the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, affiliating with Corinthian Temple Lodge, No. 805, F. & A. M., at Rochester; Livonia Chapter, No. 311, R. A. M.; Rochester Consistory; and Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

JUDGE GERALD B. FLUHRER.

Judge Gerald B. Fluhrer, until his death county judge of Orleans county, an attorney of Albion and a member of the firm of Fluhrer & Reed, lawyers of eminence in western New York, was appointed by Governor Smith to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Fred L. Downs in May, 1919, and the citizens reelected him for a six-year term in the same year. He was not only an able official and attorney, but he was a public-spirited and influential man in the county and stood in high repute in all circles. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 30th of March, 1878, his parents being the Rev. Charles and Eliza (Bishop) Fluhrer. After filling the pastorate of All Souls Universalist church in Grand Rapids for a number of years, Rev. Charles Fluhrer, D. D., accepted a call as the first pastor of Pullman Memorial church in Albion, New York, to which place he came with his family in 1894. He continued to occupy the pulpit of this church to the time of his death, which occurred in 1901, and his efforts constituted a potent force in the moral growth of the community.

Gerald B. Fluhrer began his education as a public school pupil in his native city and there continued his studies until sixteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Albion. Here he attended high school, while his further training was acquired in Cornell University, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1901. In preparation for a professional career he then matriculated in the Buffalo Law School, which in 1903 conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar in 1904 and during the past two decades was successfully engaged in general law practice in Albion. Since the year 1910 he had been a member of the firm of Fluhrer & Reed, which is accorded a very extensive clientage. As above stated, he was filling a six-year term as county judge of Orleans county and was making a splendid record on the bench, when death claimed him on the 20th of March, 1925.

On the 25th of May, 1922, in Buffalo, New York, Judge Fluhrer was united in marriage to Mrs. Lillian S. Keown. Fraternally he was master of Renovation Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M.; and past exalted ruler of Albion Lodge, No. 1006, B. P. O. E.



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He was also a member of the Alert Club of Medina. He was very active in the work of the Pullman Memorial church and was a member of its board of trustees. Judge Fluhrer loved his chosen calling and the administration of justice. In addition to his professional duties he served as director of the Citizens National Bank of Albion. He was one of the most popular officials in Orleans county, and his sudden death caused deep regret among a host of friends. He was a generous, courteous and upright man, was associated closely with many of the undertakings of civic interest and for the benefit of his community, and his influence was far-reaching and uplifting.

WILLIAM EUGENE DE MELT.

William Eugene De Melt, who has been continuously engaged in educational work since his graduation as a college student, has done splendid service as superintendent of the schools of Penn Yan through the past eight years. He was born in Medway, Greene county, New York, on June 2, 1872, his parents being William E. and Jennie C. (Fisher) De Melt. The father, who was born in 1843 and who devoted his attention to farming throughout his active business career, is now a resident of Amsterdam, Montgomery county, New York.

William Eugene De Melt received his preparatory education in Greenville Academy of Greenville, New York, and subsequently entered Bucknell University of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1906, while in the following year the same institution conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. He began his career as an educator as principal of a Philadelphia high school, being thus engaged for four years, after which he spent six years as principal of the Penn Yan Academy of Penn Yan, New York. During the past eight years he has filled the position of superintendent of schools in Penn Yan and in this capacity has made a most creditable as well as commendable record, maintaining high standards of education and greatly improving the school system. Mr. De Melt is a member of the State Teachers Association, the New York State Council of Superintendents and the Finger Lakes Council.

In 1898 Mr. De Melt was united in marriage to Miss Ella E. Blood of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and they have one son: William E., Jr., whose natal day was August 27, 1919. At the polls Mr. De Melt supports the men and measures of the democratic party, in the principles of which he is a firm believer. He is a Baptist in religious faith and a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery. He cooperates in all those forces which make for the advancement of civic and personal standards and is a man of high purposes and ideals, who well merits the confidence and esteem which are uniformly accorded him.

HENRY BUSH.

Henry Bush, attorney at law, is practicing in Horseheads, his native town, and has also been active in the field of public service. The family is widely and favorably known in this section of Chemung county and its members have won success in both the legal and medical professions. Mr. Bush was born June 6, 1886, a son of Dr. Robert Porter and Laretta (Ludlow) Bush, the latter a native of Penn Yan, New York. The father was born in Branchport, New York, and defended the Union cause in the Civil war. On April 19, 1861, he joined the Twelfth New York Volunteer Infantry and on the expiration of his term of service he reenlisted, becoming captain of the One Hundred and Eighty-fifth New York Infantry. He was later commissioned major and after his release from military duty began the study of medicine, preparing for his profession in Bellevue Hospital of New York city and in the University of Buffalo. In 1874 he opened an office in Horseheads, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1923. He was one of the pioneer physicians of the village and an able exponent of his profession. He was a leader in the ranks of the democratic party and bore the highest reputation, being known as "Honest Bob Bush." He also left the impress of his individuality upon the legislative history of the state, serving for thirteen terms as a member of the general assembly, of which he was speaker for a term. He was a Royal Arch Mason and aided in organizing the chapter at Horseheads. He was its first high priest and was also connected

with the York Rite. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and his life was guided by the teachings of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Bush were married at Penn Yan in 1870 and became the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living.

In the public schools of Horseheads, Henry Bush mastered the elementary branches of learning and later matriculated in the Albany Law School, from which he was graduated in 1910. In September of that year he was admitted to the bar and in 1912 and 1913 was connected with the county clerk's office. He was clerk of the surrogate court from 1914 until March 31, 1923, and in April of the latter year formed a law partnership with Frank S. Bentley, with whom he is now associated. They are well versed in the minutiae of the law and important litigated interests have been intrusted to their care. Mr. Bush is also a director of the First National Bank of Horseheads and his legal learning and counsel are valued highly by the officials of that institution.

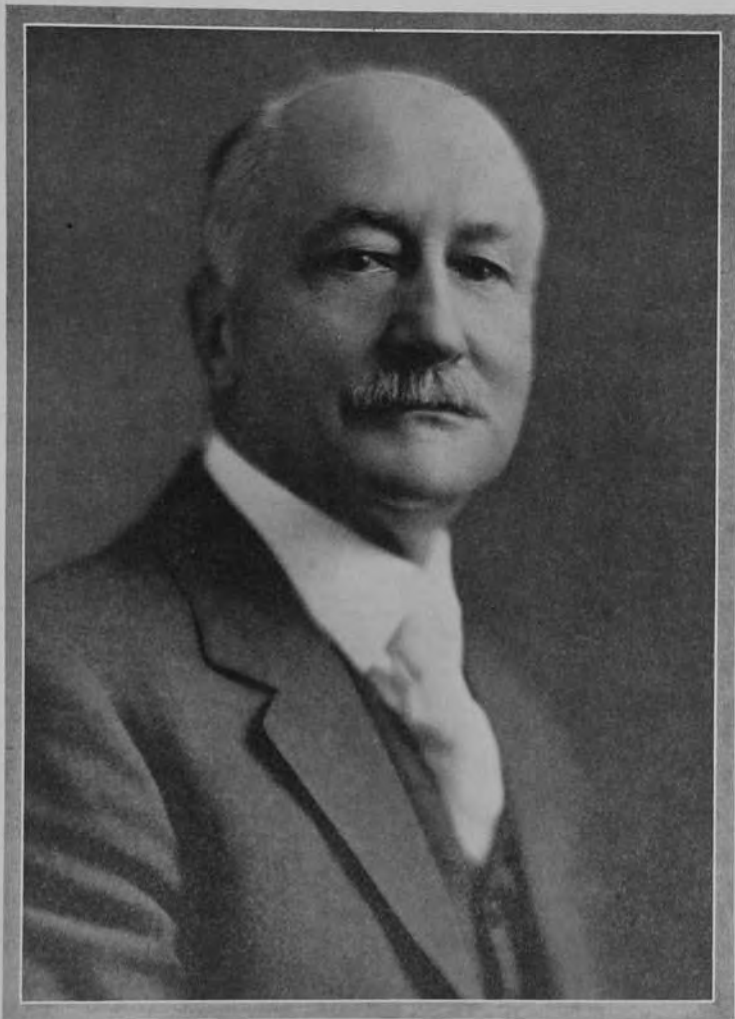
On June 24, 1915, Mr. Bush was married to Miss Martha Hoffman Holbert, a native of Horseheads and a daughter of J. Sayer Holbert, a pioneer in its development. For several years he served as cashier of the First National Bank and subsequently engaged in the creamery business. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bush are: Theodora Holbert, who was born June 13, 1919; and William Henry, born November 12, 1923.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and in politics Mr. Bush is a democrat. He has never neglected the duties of citizenship and is now serving on the board of education, while during the World war he was chief clerk of the Chemung County Draft Board. He is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Horseheads Lodge, No. 364, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master. He is high priest of the chapter and is also a member of the commandery, consistory and Shrine.

DR. JOHN FRANKLIN FORBES.

While the efforts of the merchant and the manufacturer take a more tangible form in direct results, the labors of perhaps no other individual more closely effect the welfare of a community than those of the teacher, whose instruction leaves an ineffaceable impression upon the minds of the young, constituting a guiding force in after life. Dr. John Franklin Forbes had devoted his life to the study and dissemination of knowledge and his professional career has been marked by continuous progress. He has established an enviable reputation as an educator, and as president and owner of the Rochester Business Institute he has been largely responsible for the success of the college, which has been in continuous existence for a period of sixty-one years—a record that proves the quality of its service and the extent of its usefulness. He was born in Middlesex, Yates county, New York, June 13, 1853, and his parents, Rev. Merrill and Maria (Palmer) Forbes were also natives of that state. The mother was born in Sodus, Wayne county, December 17, 1828, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Palmer, prominent residents of that city, and her demise occurred in Wyoming, New York, when she was eighty-one years of age. She was a woman of keen intellect, inspiring her children with a love for knowledge and truth—an earnest worker and leader in the churches of which her husband was pastor. For many years she played the organ, sang in the choir and taught the older members of the Sunday school—a great reader, deeply interested in all the subjects her sons taught and in all the questions of the day up to the time of her death, passing away suddenly of pneumonia, after an illness of three days.

The grandfather, Philo Forbes, was born in Vermont, January 28, 1785, and died July 12, 1821. He married Nancy Johnson, born March 8, 1787, and died March 2, 1861. Attracted by the iron ore at Ontario, New York, Philo Forbes moved there and had an iron foundry. He and his wife were parents of eight children, three daughters and five sons—the youngest, Michael and Merrill, were twins. Three of these sons were Baptist ministers—Philo of Vaesar, Michigan; Michael and Merrill. Michael and Merrill were born in Fort Ann, New York, June 2, 1820. Merrill died November 22, 1884. Converted at an early age, with his twin brother Michael he entered Madison University, class of 1847. Ill health compelled him to relinquish the regular course of study, so with shorter preparation than he hoped, he went out to his work. He was ordained in the Baptist church in Sodus, New York, served as pastor with the churches in Bethel, Marion, Walworth, Middlesex, Prattsburg, Fairport, Medina, Shelby, Wyoming, South Alabama, Ira, Napoli and East Randolph, keeping his home



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in Wyoming until his death. Though never very strong he was always at work and never so happy as when employed at his hardest tasks. His preaching is described as evangelical, clear and forceful, and always with marked success. Six children were born to Rev. and Mrs. Merrill Forbes: Merrill Pharcellus of Warsaw; George Mather and John Franklin, twins, of Rochester (a more extended mention of George Mather appears elsewhere in this work); Lillian, who married George Allen, a member of one of the pioneer families of Wyoming, New York; Rose, who graduated from Wellesley and became the wife of Rev. H. L. Hoyt of Los Angeles; and Yale, a prominent insurance man of Brockport, New York.

Dr. Forbes prepared for college in Middlebury Academy at Wyoming, New York, and entered the University of Rochester in 1871. At the close of his freshman year he was principal for two years at Castile, New York. His ability attracted the attention of a wealthy farmer of philanthropic tendencies, who advanced him and his twin brother, George Mather, funds sufficient for a thorough course of training in Europe. They had the benefit of instruction in the best educational institutions of Berlin, Leipzig and Paris, and specialized in psychology, pedagogy, logic, ethics, and commercial law. They traveled extensively in England, France, Germany, Austria, and Italy, spending considerable time in Rome and Paris. Upon their return to the United States they again became students in the University of Rochester and by reason of their studies abroad they were able to pass examinations for the sophomore year, taking the junior and senior years in 1877 and 1878. They were awarded the Phi Beta Kappa key, his brother and he having the highest standings in the class. They also secured the Davis prize for best original orations delivered at commencement; and secured the Sherman and Townsend fellowships, treatises on economics and political science from books published in the French and German languages, his brother securing the Townsend and he the Sherman fellowship. In September, 1878, he was called to the department of Latin and Greek in the State Normal at Brockport, New York.

In 1879 Dr. Forbes was married to Ida Higbie, who was born January 31, 1859, daughter of Abijah Peck Higbie and Sarah Ross Higbie of Penfield, New York. The grandparents Higbie, Peck, Ross and Rundel were pioneers settling in Penfield in 1835, removing from eastern New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island. William Higbie was born in Duanesburg, New York, in 1781; married Abigail Peck, born in Galway, New York, November 28, 1787. Abigail Peck was a daughter of Abijah Peck, born in Greenwich, Connecticut, April 3, 1758, died November 12, 1848; son of John Peck of Milford and Sarah Adams. William Higbie and family removed to Penfield in 1835. Three daughters married and moved to Michigan. The four brothers, Nathan, Silas, Abijah and Alanson, settled in Penfield and Abijah lived in the fine old homestead until his death sixty years later. The others settled very near and all were men of influence and wealth—always voted the straight republican ticket—of strong Christian character, all Baptists and worthy descendants of their Revolutionary ancestor, Abijah Peck, who preached for forty years at the Baptist church in Clifton Park, New York, after the war. His ancestor, William Peck, was born in London, England, in 1601. With his wife, Elizabeth, and only child, Jeremiah, he arrived in Boston, June 26, 1637, in the company of Governor Eaton, Rev. John Davenport and others in the ship "Hector." He was one of the founders of New Haven, Connecticut, his autograph signature being affixed to the constitution of the town June 4, 1639. He was a merchant by occupation, trustee and treasurer of Colony Collegiate School (now Yale). He was highly respected and a man of distinction. His son, Jeremiah Peck, was born in London, in 1623. He had a good education, acquired in part before he left England with his parents, was preaching and teaching at Guilford until 1660, when he was invited to take charge of Colony Collegiate School (Yale), where he remained nine years.

Mrs. Forbes' mother was equally efficient—of delicate, sensitive organism, most unselfish, caring for the sick and helpless, beloved by all who knew her. Deeply interested in church work, the family were always found in their pew unless illness or snow-filled roads in winter prevented. The evenings passed in reading gave them as many advantages as the present generation possesses.

Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Forbes: Helen, born in Brockport, was married to Abram J. Mann, son of A. S. Mann, well known merchant of Rochester. He died March 31, 1922, leaving one son, Forbes Mann; Leighton, born in Brockport, was married to Stella Bailey of Philadelphia, and they have three children, John Franklin Forbes (II), Jean, and Thomas Bailey; Vivien, born in Florida, was married to George J. Schmuki of Lucerne, Switzerland, but now of Cleveland, Ohio, and they have two children, George J., Jr., and Beatrice Forbes.

For seven years Dr. Forbes taught Latin and Greek in the Brockport Normal School and in 1885 was called to DeLand, Florida, to take charge of DeLand Academy, founded by H. A. DeLand of Fairport, New York. The following year John B. Stetson, hat manufacturer of Philadelphia, came to DeLand, became interested and donated the sum of one million dollars to the academy. The name of the academy was changed to John B. Stetson University. Elizabeth Hall, the main recitation building; two large dormitories, one for the girls and one for the boys; and a gymnasium were erected, the academy building being used for the music hall. The president's house was surrounded by orange and grapefruit trees. Henry M. Flagler gave eighty thousand dollars for a fully equipped Science building; Mr. Sampson of North Adams, Massachusetts, contributed twenty-five thousand dollars toward a library; and other men of wealth contributed to its endowment. The university made rapid progress under the able leadership of Dr. Forbes, who made it one of the most noted institutions of learning in the south. A corps of fifty experienced educators was maintained and thousands of students were enrolled, over five hundred from nearly every state in the Union being present when he resigned. Dr. Forbes was given the degree of Ph. D. by his Alma Mater when he became president of John B. Stetson University. In 1894 he was given nine months leave of absence for study and travel abroad. He traveled in France, Switzerland, Italy, crossing the Mediterranean to Algiers, thence to Egypt, up the Nile to the first cataract, to Palestine, Damascus, and Baalbeck; Greece, Turkey, thence to Russia, to the crowning of the Czar Nicholas II at Moscow; thence to St. Petersburg, Finland, Stockholm to Tronyhem, taking mail steamer to North Cape, having a wonderful view of the midnight sun; back to Christiana, Liverpool and home. In 1895 Dr. Harper, president of Chicago University, visited De Land and was so impressed with the work of the institution that he returned and arranged an affiliation with Chicago University, by which the students would receive full credit for work done, and every winter he sent fifty or more pupils who needed a mild climate or whose parents were spending the winter in the south.

For eighteen years Dr. Forbes successfully guided the destiny of the university and then resigned from the presidency, returning to Rochester, New York, in 1903. In 1904-1905 he had the department of psychology and ethics in the University of Rochester, in place of his brother, George Mather, during his leave of absence in Europe. In 1905 he purchased an interest in a business enterprise in Rochester—the American Drafting Furniture Company—with which he was connected for six years; and at the expiration of that period revisited Europe with his wife, his daughter, Vivien, his brother, George Mather, and his brother's daughter, Florence, remaining three months, and visiting Holland, Switzerland, France and England, thence to Edinburgh, where they discovered the beautiful statue and monument in the Hall of Justice which was erected to their ancestor, Duncan Forbes of Culloden, residing judge of the supreme court from 1737 to 1747. They next visited Culloden house just out of Inverness, Scotland, the Forbes ancestral home and estate, and there saw all the portraits of the family for generations back to 1400, hanging in the great hall. Beautiful grounds, a veritable fairyland of trees and flowers, surrounded the house and all felt paid for the visit to beautiful Inverness, Scotland. Upon his return to this country Dr. Forbes purchased a half interest in the Rochester Business Institute and aided in regaining for the college its former prestige, paying off all indebtedness and placing it upon a strong financial basis.

The Rochester Business Institute was established in 1863 and was the fourteenth of the forty commercial schools organized in the country by Bryant & Stratton in the pioneer days of business education. It was first located in the Baker & Durant building, at the corner of West Main and Fitzhugh streets, where the Duffy-Powers store now stands, and was called the Bryant, Stratton & Chapman Business College. In 1866 L. L. Williams, a teacher who had been trained by Bryant & Stratton, was placed in charge of the school, becoming a partner and the principal, at which time the name was changed to the Bryant, Stratton & Williams Business College.

In 1875 Mr. L. L. Williams purchased the interests of his partners and was joined by his former fellow student and associate teacher, F. E. Rogers. Under the new management the growth of the institution was rapid and under its new name, the Williams & Rogers Rochester Business College, its influence and reputation increased. Later the name was changed to the Rochester Business University. Additional space soon became necessary and larger quarters were secured in the Masonic Hall building, at the corner of Main and Exchange streets, where the Wilder building was later erected.

In 1879 the school had again outgrown its accommodations and two stories were secured in the Field building at the corner of State and Market streets, now occupied

by the H. B. Graves House Furnishing Company. The ten years in this location brought such growth and prestige to the school that its owners decided to erect a building of their own, constructed in accordance with ideas gained from their experience. They selected as a location the northeast corner of Court street and South avenue, only to find that the directors of the Young Men's Christian Association were also considering that site for their proposed new building. The result was a compromise, by the terms of which the association agreed to buy the lot and erect a combination building, leaving to Messrs. Williams and Rogers the plan of the portion of it they were to occupy. In 1890 the school was removed to the new building.

In the meantime Mr. L. L. Williams and Mr. F. E. Rogers had begun the publication of commercial textbooks and in 1892 they placed the active management of the school in the hands of Albert S. Osborn and Samuel C. Williams, who had been the heads of departments for several years. In 1896, under the new management, the name of the school was changed to its present form, the Rochester Business Institute.

In 1906 Dr. Forbes was asked to give lectures on psychology and ethics, which became very popular, the first instruction of this character to be undertaken by a private commercial school. In 1908 the urgent need of institutions equipped for the training of commercial teachers to take charge of the commercial departments that were being organized in high schools and colleges throughout the United States became so great that S. C. Williams, F. G. Nichols and Dr. John F. Forbes organized summer courses for the training of commercial teachers, having as many as one hundred and twenty or more from all parts of the country every summer. These teachers' courses have given the school a national reputation. Dr. Forbes had charge of the department of psychology, pedagogy and ethics. "Applied psychology", was shown to be helpful in every phase of life and instead of its study being left to college seniors, Dr. Forbes taught that it should be used by everyone in every-day life. Dr. Strong, president of the Theological Seminary, was very much interested in Dr. Forbes' new venture in that direction and said he thought of his psychology in college as a difficult study which was to be cast aside when the examination was passed; but that now it was to be made practical, helpful and necessary to teachers and students even in the higher grades, high schools and commercial schools. In Dr. Forbes' special evening classes were found leading business men and their wives, bankers, and well known citizens. He spoke on salesmanship and to employes in the department stores, upon special invitation. In one term he had eighty nurses from the hospitals and some from near-by towns solving the problem of how the friends of the injured should be dealt with "sympathetically", as well as the patient. His classes in these subjects became so popular that he was invited to give lectures in New York city, Cleveland, Des Moines, San Francisco, Syracuse, Montreal, Hamilton, Ontario, and many other cities.

In 1910 S. C. Williams and Dr. Forbes purchased the interests of their associates, L. L. Williams and F. E. Rogers, and in 1915 erected the new building at No. 172 Clinton avenue, South, which the school has since occupied. It is conveniently located and twenty-four thousand square feet of floor space afford ample room for all requirements. Much stress was laid upon the elements of safety and sanitation and the plans for the arrangement of desks in study and class rooms were made, with the special purpose of providing the proper amount and kind of light for both day and evening schools. The furniture, appliances, and equipment for carrying on the work of the school are in keeping with the building and represent the latest models and ideas. There is a large auditorium for the regular assemblies of students, for commencement occasions, and for the social functions of the school.

When the school was established there were no women students in attendance; in fact, the woman in business was not considered a possibility or a propriety in those days. Even as late as 1890 the provision for the accommodation of women was only one-fourth of that for men, but the attendance of women has steadily increased as their worth as factors in the business world has become more apparent to employers. During the sixty years of its existence a total of over forty-three thousand students have been enrolled in the school, during the World war, in one year, enrolling one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven pupils. Its managers attribute its continued growth and success to the efficiency of the instruction, the progressiveness and high standards of quality maintained in the courses, and the active personal interest in the welfare of the students, both while in the school and continued in after years in the positions secured for them. The organization of adequate courses for commercial teachers, accountants, secretaries, office executives, etc., has made necessary the introduction of psychology, ethics, pedagogy, commercial geography, civics, eco-

nomics, advanced accountancy, salesmanship, public speaking, filing and machine book-keeping, in addition to the subjects previously taught. The school keeps in touch with progressive business houses, adding new courses of study and adopting new methods of training as soon as their value to the student and to the community has been demonstrated. It was one of the first group of commercial schools to be registered under the regulations prescribed by the board of regents of the state of New York, and its diplomas are recognized by the State Education department, which gives it the privilege of holding regents' examinations for its students in its own classrooms. Many of the Rochester Business Institute graduates have been fitted for the most responsible positions in the business world. They are prominent in the civic and commercial life of Rochester and other large centers and are to be found not only in every state in the Union but in England, Germany, India, Canada, Cuba, Porto Rico, the Phillipines, Mexico and South America. In 1924 Dr. Forbes purchased his partner's interest in the Rochester Business Institute, becoming the president of the institution.

Dr. Forbes is a member of the University and City Clubs of Rochester; a charter member of the Rochester Ad Club; a member of the Genesee Valley Golf Club; treasurer of the Social Welfare League; a member of the board of directors of the Public Health Nursing Association; a member of the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce; a trustee of the Provide Loan Society; and a member of Psi Upsilon Chapter of the University of Rochester. He has been a lifelong republican and actively interested in all civic interests. He and his family are all members of the First Baptist church. Studious by nature, he keeps in touch with the most advanced thought of the day along educational lines and the worth of his work is widely acknowledged, while his personal characteristics are those which inspire admiration and respect.

JOHN E. OTTAWAY, M. D.

Dr. John E. Ottaway, a general practitioner of Charlotte for more than a third of a century, was a distinguished representative of the medical fraternity whose service proved of the greatest possible value to his fellowmen. He was about sixty-two years of age when he answered the final summons on the 5th of April, 1923, his birth having occurred at Vernon Center, Oneida county, New York, on April 23, 1861. His parents, Charles and Mary (Collins) Ottaway, were natives of England and Ireland, respectively, but were married in this country. Their family numbered four children, namely: Rev. George Ottaway of Lyons, New York; Mrs. Anna Greybill, who was a missionary of the Presbyterian board at Linares, Mexico, and is now deceased; John E., of this review; and James, an agriculturist of Yates county, New York, who has passed away.

John E. Ottaway was a little lad of six years when the family home was established at Clinton, Oneida county, where he was reared and educated. After completing his studies in the Clinton grammar school, he pursued a course of study in the preparatory school for boys, while in 1882 he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, being graduated from that institution in 1886. He began the practice of his chosen calling at Penn Yan, Yates county, New York, but a few months later removed to Charlotte, which place remained the scene of his professional activity to the time of his death. He was associated with the late Dr. Frank A. Jones as assistant until 1890, in which year he opened an office of his own and thereafter practiced independently in Charlotte and in what is now known as the twenty-third ward. The only interruption to his professional career came in the spring of 1898, at the time of the Klondike rush, when he joined a party bound for Alaska, where he spent one year. His pronounced skill in the field of medicine and surgery brought him well merited recognition and a large and remunerative patronage was accorded him. The following is an excerpt from a review of the career of Dr. Ottaway which appeared in a local newspaper at the time of his demise: "As a physician he was welcomed by his patients. He was always hopeful and carried cheer into the sickroom. There is many a home where no other physician has been employed during the years he has served his community. As a friend he was loyalty itself and he was held in great esteem by all the community. For the past two years he was in failing health caused by overwork during the influenza epidemic." Dr. Ottaway was assistant surgeon of the United States Marine Hospital service and he was also the physician for the New York Central Railway, the Genesee Furnace Com-



John E. Quawway, M.D.

Taken in 1886

pany and other corporations. During the later years of his life he manifested considerable interest in horticulture. He was an ardent lover of nature and took a deep interest in natural history, especially in ornithology, and his was the finest private collection of birds in the state of New York. His periods of leisure were spent at his camp in the Adirondacks.

In 1890 Dr. Ottaway was united in marriage to Miss Alice E. Atkins of Geneva, a daughter of Rev. Laurence S. Atkins, a Methodist minister of the Genesee conference. Dr. and Mrs. Ottaway made their home at No. 4329 Lake avenue.

Dr. Ottaway kept in touch with the most advanced methods and scientific discoveries of the medical profession through his membership in the New York State Medical Society and the Monroe County Medical Society. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Lakeside Presbyterian church, while fraternally he was identified with the Masons, belonging to Genesee Falls Lodge, F. & A. M., and Lalla Rookh Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. He was likewise a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Klondike Klan. Dr. Ottaway served his fellow townsmen as a member of the board of education for two terms and as health officer of Charlotte for several terms. His course ever commanded for him the respect and confidence of his professional colleagues and contemporaries, and his loss was deeply regretted in social and professional circles alike.

WINFIELD PERRY PEMBROKE.

Winfield Perry Pembroke occupies a commanding position in the industrial world as president of the Kee Lox Manufacturing Company of Rochester, makers of typewriter ribbons and carbon, which maintains twenty-eight branches throughout the United States. He was born in Benton, Yates county, New York, on the 4th of May, 1869, his parents being W. S. and Albina E. (Smith) Pembroke, the former also a native of Benton, this state, while the latter was born in Connecticut. Their marriage was celebrated in the state of New York. W. S. Pembroke, an agriculturist by occupation who also devotes considerable attention to architecture, is still an active factor in the world's work, but his wife departed this life in Rochester in 1908. Their family numbered five children.

Winfield Perry Pembroke obtained his early education in the Rochester public schools and continued his studies in the Rochester Free Academy, while subsequently he pursued an architectural course in the Mechanics' Institute, from which he was graduated in 1889. During the succeeding six years he engaged in architectural work in Rochester and then established what is known as the Kee Lox Manufacturing Company for the making of typewriter ribbons and carbon paper. Some idea of the growth and development of the enterprise may be gained from the fact that branches are now conducted in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Omaha, Philadelphia, Rochester, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis, St. Paul and Toledo. The Kee Lox Manufacturing Company was originally capitalized for ten thousand dollars, which amount was subsequently increased to five hundred thousand dollars, while at present the corporation is capitalized for one million dollars. Employment is furnished to from one hundred to one hundred and thirty people in Rochester and to about one hundred and twenty-five people in the various branch offices. The officers of the company are: Winfield Perry Pembroke, president; C. J. Pembroke, vice president; and B. W. Fenn, secretary and treasurer. Among his other business interests Mr. Pembroke is president of the K-L Paper Box Manufacturing Company and president of the Lake Ontario Sand Company.

On the 21st of March, 1894, in Rochester, Mr. Pembroke was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Gilmore, daughter of William H. Gilmore, representing a well known family of Pavilion, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke have three daughters, all born in Rochester, namely: Mrs. Irene Yawger, who is the mother of one child, Barbara, born in Rochester on the 25th of March, 1922; Mrs. Mildred E. Loeffler, who resides in Rochester and has one child, Frederick H. Loeffler, Jr.; and Mrs. Elva Yole, also living in Rochester.

Mr. Pembroke is the president of the Rochester Yacht Club Company, a connection that reveals one of his greatest pleasures. Like all men of affairs he has a hobby and this can be truthfully referred to as yachting, for he is a most enthusiastic yachtsman. He is the owner of "Kee Lox IV," now in course of construction. He

previously owned the three predecessors of this craft. "Kee Lox IV" is to be an ocean-going yacht, to be completed for the 1925 season, and will be ninety feet over all, with six full-size cabins and thoroughly equipped for long cruises. This pleasure craft will cost in the neighborhood of fifty thousand dollars and will be a notable addition to the fleet of the Rochester Yacht Club. Mr. Pembroke also belongs to the Rochester Club, the Washington Club, the Automobile Club of Rochester and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. Mr. Pembroke is in every sense of the word a self-made man, whose success in life has been achieved by following well defined lines of action, which with his native genius for organization and aptitude for successful management have been dominant characteristics in his business affairs. Rochester has long numbered him among her shrewd, aggressive business men whose activities have contributed no little to the city's industrial and commercial prestige. Mr. Pembroke's residence is at No. 155 Dartmouth street.

WALLACE J. BRAMAN.

Wallace J. Braman, superintendent of schools at Dansville, is one of the progressive educators of the Empire state, and the success which has attended his labors indicates that he has found a congenial field for the exercise of his talents. He was born in Keene Valley, Essex county, New York, July 17, 1877, and is a son of Horace E. and Maria A. (Huntington) Braman. After his graduation from high school he attended the Normal School at Plattsburg, New York, and completed his education in Columbia University of New York city, from which he received the B. S. degree in 1915. His first position was that of principal of the Ellenburg Depot school of New York and he next became principal of the high school at Champlain, this state. He afterward acted as supervising principal of the Lake Placid schools and from there went to Monroe, Orange county, New York, in a similar capacity. For six months he was a member of the Educational Corps of the American Expeditionary Force and after his return from overseas service he came to Dansville as superintendent of schools. He realizes the fact that the purpose of education is to prepare its beneficiary to meet and successfully solve life's problems, both for his own benefit and for the advancement of society, and under his guidance notable improvements have been made in the Dansville school system. He not only thoroughly understands the needs of the pupils but also has the necessary executive force and tact in exerting his authority over the teachers, thus insuring their harmonious collaboration.

In 1910 Mr. Braman was united in marriage to Miss Carrie M. Wray and during the period of their residence in Dansville they have made many friends. Mr. Braman is a Rotarian and fraternally is identified with the Masonic order. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and his political support is given to the republican party. Studious by nature, he keeps in touch with the most modern ideas in regard to the education of children, and under his able direction the public schools of Dansville have made splendid progress.

EDWARD A. MILLER.

To care for the dead is a solemn duty that devolves upon every civilized community. Prominent in this work in the city of Rochester, New York, is Edward A. Miller, who was born in that city on July 8, 1888, and is a son of Nicholas J. and Antonia (Hetterick) Miller. Both parents were also born in Rochester, where their families were entitled to be called early settlers. Nicholas J. Miller was one of the pioneer undertakers of Rochester and for many years carried on his business at No. 100 North street. He died in 1916 and his widow survived until 1924. Four of their children are living: Mrs. Joseph Ruby, Mrs. Helen Goschke, Miss Katherine Miller and Edward A., of this review, all residents of Rochester.

As a boy Edward A. Miller attended the St. Joseph's Parochial school. He then enrolled as a student in the Renaud School of Embalming in New York city, where he completed the course in 1910. His father then admitted him to a partnership and the firm of N. J. Miller & Son came into existence. In 1921 the place of business was removed from No. 100 North street to No. 706 South avenue, where it is still carried on under the old firm name. Mr. Miller is a member of the National Funeral

Directors Association, the New York State Embalmers Association, and the Undertakers Associations of Rochester and the State of New York. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, Commandery No. 25, Knights of St. John, the Woodmen of the World and the Foresters of America. He was brought up in the faith of the Roman Catholic church and is a member of five different Catholic societies.

On August 26, 1915, was solemnized the marriage of Edward A. Miller to Miss Emma Louise Frank, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Frank, one of Rochester's well known families. Four children have been born to this marriage: Emma Louise, born February 2, 1917; Joyce Terese, born April 29, 1919; Edward Frank, born October 18, 1920; and Richard John, born July 7, 1922. In each of the four years from 1921 to 1924, inclusive, the photograph of one of these children has adorned Mr. Miller's advertising calendar, hence their faces are familiar to the people of Rochester. Both Edward A. Miller and his father contributed in no slight degree to that progressive spirit that has caused Rochester to become widely known as one of the most up-to-date and courteous cities in the country.

CHARLES A. SIMONDS.

Charles A. Simonds, who is successfully engaged in the printing and engraving business as proprietor and sole owner of the Simonds Press, one of the leading printeries of Rochester, enjoys an enviable reputation as a young man of enterprise, ambition and ability. He was born here on the 15th of March, 1892, his parents being Charles Z. and Agnes (Harris) Simonds, who represented families that had been established in the Empire state for several generations. The Simonds family first settled in the vicinity of Avon, New York. George B. Harris, the maternal grandfather of Charles A. Simonds, was chief engineer of the old Rochester Fire department from 1858 to 1862 and from 1865 to 1867. Charles Z. Simonds, the father of Mr. Simonds of this review, was an active factor in business circles of Rochester as a shoe manufacturer to the time of his death, which here occurred in 1895. To him and his wife, who is still living, were born four children, as follows: George H., Mrs. Agnes Stuart, May, now Mrs. J. P. Byrnes, and Charles A. All are residents of Rochester.

Charles A. Simonds obtained his early education in school No. 3 of Rochester and continued his studies in Canisius College at Buffalo, New York, to the time of his graduation. He began learning the art of printing and engraving while still attending school and following the completion of his apprenticeship he worked at his trade in the employ of others until 1917. He then purchased a small print shop and with the passing years has developed his business to its present extensive proportions, being now the proprietor of a modern and well regulated establishment.

On the 18th of September, 1917, Mr. Simonds was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Grienke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Grienke of Rochester. Mr. Simonds is a member and secretary of the local printers' organization and is widely recognized as a young business man whose success is the merited reward of marked ability in his chosen field.

HOWARD VAUGHN PEARSALL.

Howard V. Pearsall is a leader in the business and financial circles of Williamson. He is a scion of one of the oldest colonial families in this country and comes of English lineage. The immigrant ancestor crossed the Atlantic in 1609, arriving in Jamestown, Virginia, and two years later returned to his native land. In 1635 other members of the family made the voyage to the New World, settling on Long Island. Howard V. Pearsall was born in Williamson, Wayne county, New York, on the 24th of February, 1881, son of George A. and Martha (Vaughn) Pearsall, the former of whom is deceased. The mother was born in the town of Blakely, Pennsylvania, and during her childhood was brought by her parents to Wayne county. George A. Pearsall was a native of Williamson and after his education was completed learned the details of the produce business under the direction of his father, Jacob D. Pearsall, who subsequently admitted him to a partnership in the concern.

Howard Vaughn Pearsall attended the public schools of his native town and at

the age of eighteen gained his first knowledge of the produce business, which had been founded by his grandfather in 1880. He was associated with his father in the undertaking until the latter's death, which occurred in January, 1903, and has since been at the head of the business, which has prospered under his administration. The firm is a pioneer in this field and bears an unassailable reputation for integrity and reliability. It conducts a wholesale fruit and produce business and also has a retail trade in coal and feed. The business was first operated under the style of J. D. Pearsall & Son, which was changed to that of G. A. Pearsall in 1889, and since 1903 it has been conducted under the name of the G. A. Pearsall Company.

Mr. Pearsall, since 1916, has been president of the State Bank of Williamson, which is capitalized at one hundred thousand dollars, with a surplus and undivided profits of over one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, while its deposits amount to over one million, six hundred thousand dollars. This is the only financial institution in the village and the business is housed in a substantial modern building owned by the bank. In 1909 Mr. Pearsall aided in organizing the Williamson Storage & Ice Company, Incorporated, of which he is president and general manager. Since its inception the business has grown steadily and now ranks as one of the largest fruit and vegetable cold storages in the country. He is also vice president and general manager of the Oswego Gardens, Incorporated, which owns a muck farm of three hundred and fifty acres located southwest of the city of Oswego and likewise has a cold storage plant. He also owns the Pearsall homestead farm of one hundred and sixty acres, about eighty acres of which was purchased by his great-grandfather, George Pearsall, in 1838. It is located two miles southeast of Williamson village.

In June, 1903, Mr. Pearsall was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth M. Clicqueno, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Clicqueno, prominent residents of Williamson. Mr. Pearsall resides in the west part of Williamson village on a fruit and vegetable farm of one hundred and eighty acres, which is in a high state of cultivation and is one of the best in this part of the country.

EDWARD ANDREW HALBLEIB.

At the foundation of the prosperity of every city lies the work of the manufacturer. He it is who, in seeking a market for his products, draws commerce to his city, causes factories and business houses to arise, and gives employment to hundreds of men. To this useful class of citizens belongs Edward Andrew Halbleib, vice president and general manager of the North East Electric Company of Rochester, whose business interests now extend to practically every quarter of the globe. He was one of the founders of this great industry, which had its inception in a small room in this city fifteen years ago, and has been no small factor in its phenomenal growth. His life should serve as an object lesson to the youth of our land, for he began at the bottom of the ladder and through perseverance, energy and determination has steadily worked his way to the top. He is one of Rochester's native sons. He was born July 27, 1882, of the marriage of Kilian Halbleib and Julia Spiesberger, who were of European birth and came to America, the "land of Promise", his mother arriving in July, 1852, and his father in November, 1865. They established their home in Rochester and the father followed the trade of a cabinetmaker. He passed away in 1912. The mother is still living in the city. Seven children were born to them, four of whom survive, namely: Joseph C., Julia O., Anna M., and Edward A. Halbleib.

Edward Andrew Halbleib obtained his early education in the parochial schools of Rochester, and when fifteen years of age he became a wage earner, securing a position with the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company. In 1902 he was graduated from the Mechanics Institute of Rochester and after leaving the service of the optical company, where he was employed for three and one-half years in the instrument manufacturing department, he became an employe of the Rochester Gas Engine Company, doing machine work and some drafting. He next spent some time in the John Werner Machine Works, working as a machinist and designer, and then became connected with the Pneumatic Signal Company, which was later merged with the Taylor Signal Company, forming the General Railway Signal Company of Buffalo, New York. At the time of the consolidation of the two industries Mr. Halbleib was transferred to the Buffalo plant, where he was employed until February, 1909. Meanwhile, he had been constantly augmenting his knowledge of electrical and mechanical pursuits, and having reached a point where his experience was sufficient to enable



Edward A. Halbleib

him to conduct a business of his own, he formed with a young man of his acquaintance, The Rochester Coil Company. On Thanksgiving Day, November 30, 1908, they rented space approximately fifty feet square in a basement at No. 187 North Water street, where they established a small electrical manufacturing and repair business, remaining at that location until February, 1911. About the middle of 1909, after the original partner became discouraged and severed connections, his brother, Joseph C. Halbleib, and James J. Stafford, a boyhood friend, joined with him and through their valuable services materially helped in the success of the business undertaking. At first, as usual, the business paths were difficult and called for a good deal of perseverance; later, however, conditions improved, and they succeeded by hard work and persistence in securing the capital necessary for the enlargement of the business, having demonstrated their ability and enterprise. The North East Electric Company, as successor to the Rochester Coil Company, was the name chosen for the newly organized business (whose first investor was its president, William A. Montgomery). This business today ranks with the largest productive industries in its line in the United States. The firm has an extensive plant in Rochester, furnishing employment to more than two thousand men and women, and manufactures electrical accessories for automotive vehicles including starter-generators, generators, starting motors, ignition units, speedometers, electric horns, special service tools and equipment. The dependability and long life built into every North East unit make this equipment without equal for the motor-bus, the taxicab, and the gas-driven Rail Coach where the service required is unusually severe and exacting. The corporation supplies a number of the foremost automobile manufacturers of this country and France with electrical equipment. It maintains branches in Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; Kansas City, Missouri; New York city, and Rochester, New York; San Francisco, California; Toronto, Canada; Paris, France; London, England; and has representation as well by more than six hundred authorized service stations throughout the civilized world.

On November 30, 1912, Mr. Halbleib was married to Miss Alice Speier, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Speier, resident of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Halbleib have six children: Karl E., who was born June 6, 1915; Andrew J., born May 23, 1918; Carolyn A., born February 12, 1920; Doris I., born February 20, 1921; Marjorie R., born February 27, 1922; and William F., born June 28, 1923.

In September, 1918, during the progress of the World war, Mr. Halbleib joined the Motor Transport Corps and served as a military civilian under General Drake in this country and General Walker in France until May, 1919. He is a member and vice president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, vice president of the board of directors of the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute, a member of the Rochester Club, Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester Yacht Club and others. His residence is at No. 3750 Lake avenue, Rochester.

ELWOOD BENDER CROCKER.

Elwood Bender Crocker, active vice president of the Second National Bank of Elmira, has devoted thirty years of his life to the upbuilding of this institution and his labors have been a constructive force in his community, as well as a source of individual prosperity. He was born in Reno, Nevada, in 1870, a son of Wilson S. and Elizabeth (Bender) Crocker, and when eighteen months old he was adopted by Judge E. B. and Margaret (Rhodes) Crocker, the latter being his aunt. She was a native of Ohio and her husband was born in the state of New York. They were married in Buffalo, New York, and subsequently went to the Pacific coast, settling in California, where they spent their remaining years. They were the parents of five children, two of whom are living. They were members of the Congregational church and its teachings guided them in the relations of daily life. The Judge was a member of the Crocker family, well known in transportation circles of the country as the builders of the Central Pacific, of which the Southern Pacific Railroad is an outgrowth. He was one of the distinguished members of the California bar and at one time served as district judge.

Elwood Bender Crocker received the advantage of academic training, attending educational institutions of California and New York, and decided to make banking his vocation. That the choice was a wise one is indicated by the position which he now occupies and time has but served to heighten his interest in and enthusiasm for his life work. He came to Elmira over thirty years ago and entered the Second

National Bank, with which he has since been identified. He is one of the heaviest stockholders of the bank, which is the second oldest moneyed institution in the city, and since 1916 has been its vice president, succeeding the late Robert T. Turner in that office. Mr. Crocker has a comprehensive understanding of the intricate details of modern finance and has made a special study of investment banking, having charge of this department of the institution. He has worked untiringly to promote the success of the bank, aiding materially in shaping its policy and directing its course.

In 1896 Mr. Crocker was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Slee, a native of Buffalo, New York, and they have become the parents of two children: Fletcher Slee and Margaret Eleanor. They are members of the Episcopal church and contribute liberally toward its support. Mr. Crocker has one of the finest homes in Elmira and is devoted to the welfare of his family, finding his greatest enjoyment in their society. He belongs to the City and Country Clubs and his political support is given to the republican party. He is a director and treasurer of the Elmira Federation for Social Service.

CALVIN NOYES KEENEY.

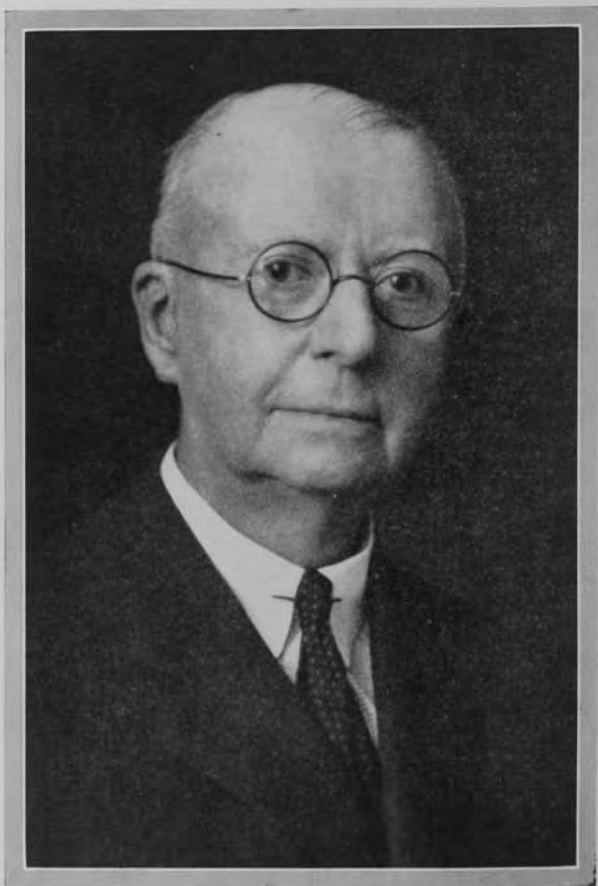
Fifty-three years ago Calvin Noyes Keeney became a partner in the produce business which was established by his father in Le Roy in 1864, and which in 1922 was incorporated as N. B. Keeney & Son, Incorporated, of which concern he has since served as president. He was born on the 6th of February, 1849, in the same house in Le Roy, New York, in which his father, Nicholas Bishop Keeney, was born, in October, 1820. The building is still standing. The paternal grandfather of Calvin N. Keeney removed from his native state of Connecticut to Genesee county, New York, in the year 1816.

Nicholas Bishop Keeney became extensively interested in farming and during the years from 1881 to 1883, inclusive, he purchased about five thousand acres of carefully selected farms in southeastern South Dakota. Prior to becoming identified with the produce business of Le Roy he had been engaged for three or four years in similar business in Stafford, Genesee county, New York. It was in 1864 that he founded the produce business in Le Roy, which eight years later, upon the admission of his son, Calvin N. Keeney, to a partnership, assumed the name of N. B. Keeney & Son. The death of Nicholas B. Keeney, which occurred in Le Roy in September, 1905, when he had nearly reached his eighty-fifth birthday anniversary, was the occasion of deep regret, for he was widely known throughout the community as a generous and public-spirited citizen. His wife's maiden name was Mary M. Ely, and she was a daughter of Calvin and Martha T. Ely of Lancaster, New York. To her wise guidance the son is greatly indebted for much of his success in his life work.

Calvin Noyes Keeney attended a district school, followed by a term or two in the union school of Batavia, and a few terms in the Le Roy Academic Institute, and at the close of the Civil war he discontinued his school work in order to assist his father in recovering from serious financial reverses, due to the heavy decline in value of farm products. He was a young man of twenty-three years when, in 1872, he became the junior member of the firm of N. B. Keeney & Son, which was incorporated a half century later, in 1922, since which time Calvin N. Keeney has been president of the corporation. He has been greatly interested in the development of new types of bush garden beans, having originated and introduced through various seed houses seventeen out of the forty-two varieties handled by N. B. Keeney & Son, Incorporated. These are as follows: Burpee's Stringless Green Pod; Giant Stringless Green Pod; Sure Crop Stringless Wax; Pencil Pod Black Wax; Burpee's Brittle Wax; Burpee's New Kidney Wax; Burpee's Round Pod Kidney Wax; Livingston's Hardy Wax; Keeney's Rustless Golden Wax; Burpee's Stringless White Wax; Burpee's Saddleback Wax; New Round Pod Stringless White Wax; Stringless Black Valentine; Keeney's Stringless Refugee Wax; Keeney's Stringless Green Refugee; Keeney's White Seeded Stringless Refugee Wax; and Improved Prolific Black Wax. The total sales of the above named new varieties exceed those of all other varieties of bush beans grown in America.

Mr. Keeney is the president of the Le Roy Canning Company and is serving as vice president and director of the Le Roy National Bank, which he helped to organize in 1902. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business, and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

In September, 1880, in Haverstraw, Rockland county, New York, Mr. Keeney was



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married to Charlotte Freeman, a daughter of Dr. Amasa Stetson and Mary (Conger) Freeman. Mrs. Keeney died on September 3, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Keeney were the parents of two daughters: Ruth Mary; and Charlotte Freeman, wife of Elbert J. Townsend of Le Roy. Both daughters are graduates of Vassar College. Mr. Keeney has been a member of the First Baptist church of Le Roy since 1861, serving as secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school for over thirty years, and as church trustee for more than twenty years. His faith in the future of the church is indicated by a recent generous gift of fifteen thousand dollars toward the rebuilding of the church and the addition of modern Sunday school equipment. He has also provided a trust fund of twenty thousand dollars, the interest from which is to accrue annually to the church as long as it shall continue to function in the service of God. A lifelong resident of Le Roy, Mr. Keeney has gained a large circle of warm friends throughout the community, and has long been numbered among its prominent business men, as well as representative and esteemed citizens.

C. WARD FINLEY.

Head of a large and old established furniture and undertaking business in Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York, C. Ward Finley is an important factor in the commercial life of the town and gives employment to many of its residents. Mr. Finley worked himself up from a subordinate position to sole ownership of the business which he now successfully conducts. He was born at Geneseo, Livingston county, on November 12, 1886, the son of Charles D. and Elizabeth C. (Parry) Finley. His mother is living and he has one brother, Walter R. of Geneseo.

C. Ward Finley gained his education in the public schools, and then for a number of years was in the printing business at Rochester, New York. The furniture and undertaking business which he now conducts was founded many years ago by F. W. Woolever, and Mr. Finley became connected with it in 1906. His father had previously been connected with this business, from 1899 until his death in 1906. For a time C. Ward Finley and his brother Walter R. were together in the business, but in 1917 C. Ward Finley became the sole owner,

Mr. Finley was married on September 10, 1909, to Mary E. Dodge of Mount Morris. They have a son, Charles Francis. Fraternally Mr. Finley is affiliated with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World. In his political views he is a democrat, and in his religious convictions a member of the Presbyterian faith.

A. GARDNER PHILLIPS.

A. Gardner Phillips is a prominent factor in business circles of Medina as vice president and treasurer of the Empire Couch Company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in western New York. He was born in Lindsay, Ontario, Canada, on the 11th of May, 1863, a son of Thomas R. and Eliza (McBurney) Phillips. The father, who has successfully engaged in the lumber business for many years, departed this life in 1902.

A. Gardner Phillips received his education in the public schools of Middleport, New York, and obtained his initial business experience in association with his father in the lumber trade. In 1892 he entered the employ of the retail lumber firm of Rowley & Eddy, where he remained for a period of twelve years, or until 1904, when he entered the office of the Empire Couch Company in Medina. Two years later he was made secretary of the concern and after serving in that official capacity for seven years he assumed his present important duties as vice president and treasurer in 1913. The company manufactures upholstered furniture of all kinds and has reached its present point of success through the ability of its founders and the business capacity of Messrs. Smith and Phillips. Their sound judgment, keen discernment and executive power have become widely recognized.

On the 29th of October, 1902, in Medina, Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Skinner, daughter of William G. Skinner of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have one son, Howard William Phillips, who is a student in Princeton University, member of the class of 1926.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Phillips has supported

the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He is an active member and trustee of St. John's Episcopal church, also belongs to the Masonic order, and is a director of the Medina Savings and Loan Association. His name has been on the membership roll of the Alert Club for thirty years. Officially identified with the Empire Couch Company for the past two decades, his well directed efforts have contributed materially to the steady expansion of the business and he has long been numbered among the leading representatives of industrial interests in Medina, which city numbers him among its prosperous and respected residents.

HON. ADDISON GARDINER.

With the passing of Addison Gardiner on the 5th of June, 1883, the light of one of the strongest and most brilliant judicial minds in the state and country was extinguished and Rochester lost its foremost citizen. His master mind, tempered by experience, fortified by the logic of facts, which he had at his finger tips, and his native sense of justice made him a natural arbiter of human differences, and through his example and efforts he inculcated among men high regard for the dignity of the law and respect for its observance. He was born in Rindge, New Hampshire, March 19, 1797, and came of patriotic stock. His grandfather, Isaac Gardiner of Brookline, Massachusetts, was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, sacrificing his life for his country at the battle of Lexington, on April 19, 1775. His father, Colonel William Gardiner, settled in Rindge after his marriage and there made his home until 1809, when he removed to the city of Boston, but soon afterward located in Manlius, New York.

After completing his academic course Addison Gardiner began the study of law in Manlius and there formed the acquaintance of Harvey Humphrey and Thurlow Weed. Between these three young men there sprang up a friendship that endured throughout life and was strengthened by the passage of time. In 1822 Judge Gardiner established his home in Rochester and shortly afterward was called to the office of justice of the peace. About 1826 he was appointed district attorney for Monroe county and acted in that capacity until 1829, when he became judge of the eighth circuit. It was his duty to hold all the circuit courts, and courts of oyer and terminer in the counties of this state lying west of the Genesee river, together with Monroe, and also as ex officio vice chancellor to hear all the equity cases arising in the same territory. This was a large undertaking for a young man who had not yet attained his thirty-second year and he was soon put to a crucial test. In November, 1829, he presided at the trial of the case of the people against Mather. This trial grew out of one of the fiercest political and moral controversies which this part of the state has ever witnessed. In that conflict between Masonry and anti-Masonry William Morgan played a conspicuous part. It was claimed that he was abducted by the Masons from the jail in Canandaigua, secretly conveyed to the Niagara river, and there drowned. Mather was indicted as a conspirator in this abduction and brought to trial before Judge Gardiner. The trial lasted ten days and resulted in a verdict of acquittal. The fairness and impartiality with which the judge, himself a strong partisan, presided were never questioned, but in the course of the trial a multitude of questions were raised, and the same were subsequently brought under review in the supreme court, which affirmed his rulings upon every point.

In February, 1838, Judge Gardiner resigned his office as circuit judge and resumed the practice of his profession, taking his place among the foremost members of the bar of western New York. In 1844 he returned to public life as lieutenant governor of the state, thus becoming presiding officer of the senate and of the court for the correction of errors, and recognition of the worth of his work led to his reelection in 1846. In 1847 the reorganization of the judicial system of the state was effected and the court of appeals was constituted the court of last resort. To this court four men were elected as permanent judges, namely: Green C. Bronson, Charles H. Ruggles, Freeborn G. Jewett and Addison Gardiner. All were able jurists, well qualified for this high office, but the outstanding figures of the court were Judges Bronson and Gardiner, who were in many respects diametrically the opposite of each other. Judge Bronson was by nature an intense conservative. For thirteen years he had been a member of solely appellate common law jurisdiction and while thoroughly grounded in common law, had little acquaintance with equity jurisprudence. He was a great judge in a comparatively limited sphere. Judge Gardiner, on the contrary, was a



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radical whose mind was liberalized by a large acquaintance with men and affairs. He brought to his office the fine poise, the instinctive love of justice, the breadth of mind, the analytical powers, the knowledge of human affairs, the integrity and the sympathy for mankind which constitute the ideal jurist and continued a member of the court of appeals until the close of the year 1855, when he voluntarily retired. His opinions are simple, terse, businesslike documents. He never wrote a line to display his learning or for rhetorical effect. He had a remarkable capacity for seizing the controlling facts of a case; an almost intuitive perception of its real merits. The hesitating utterance of the truth by the timid was not lost upon his receptive ear and the subtle perversion of it by the disingenuous did not deceive nor mislead him. He was fearless, deciding the right as he believed it, uninfluenced by popular feeling or opinion.

At the close of his term Judge Gardiner retired to his farm, in the vicinity of Rochester, and there spent his remaining years. As a referee he lent his aid in the administration of justice, and it is believed that for at least a quarter of a century he heard quite as many important cases as any judge of the supreme court. In January, 1861, with the hope of averting the impending controversy between the states, Virginia, by resolution of her general assembly, invited such of the states as were willing to unite with her to that end, to meet at Washington in February to agree, if possible, upon some suitable adjustment of the national difficulties. The state of New York met this invitation in a conciliatory spirit and appointed as commissioners some of its most eminent men. Judge Gardiner's name was among those chosen but he declined the appointment and was never diverted from his purpose or tempted to return to the arena of public affairs.

The court of appeals, which was sitting at Saratoga at the time of Judge Gardiner's death, paid to his memory an unusual token of respect by adjourning. On this occasion Chief Judge Ruger said of him: "He has worthily filled many of the highest offices in the state, and ceased to be so employed only by his own desire. Engaged in the public service at a time when his associates were among the most distinguished for learning and ability, he was always regarded as the peer of any. It was his peculiar distinction that he should have maintained, for so long a time, his seclusion from public affairs in the face of the urgent demands often made by the public for his return. It is now over a quarter of a century since I had the honor of making Judge Gardiner's acquaintance, and although he was then in the possession of unclouded and unimpaired mental and physical powers, he had announced his permanent retirement from all public employment. His calm, judicial temper, combined with great integrity, learning and strong common sense, made him almost invaluable in the performance of the duties of a judicial arbiter, and enabled him to give almost universal satisfaction in the settlement of legal controversies. The high position held by him in public estimation, as well as his position as a member of the original court of appeals, render it eminently proper that the mournful occasion of his death should be commemorated in the records of this court."

At the meeting of the bar of Monroe county, held at the courthouse in Rochester, on June 7, 1883, the committee presented the following memorial: "Judge Gardiner's death removes the man who had won the highest judicial reputation of any member of the bar of this county. While many now dead have been eminent, and while many now living are so, all united in conceding to Judge Gardiner the highest place.

"His judicial qualities are so familiar to all that they need no long analysis; but it is not undue praise to say that they were not only high, but extraordinary. For over fifty years his chief work has been to dispense an even-handed justice. In all that long period from early manhood to extreme age he showed the clearest perception of facts, an acquaintance with the whole body of the fundamental principles of the law, and the ability to apply them to any questions before him, however tangled or confused. He brought to all cases the light of a clear intellect. Judge Gardiner possessed, perhaps, as perfectly as one can possess, the things which ancient wisdom has told us make man's lot the best it can be, a sound mind in a sound body. His mind was sound, free from bias, free from over-refinements, from intellectual twists, from legal subtleties, free from all prejudice. His half century of decisions show how truly the best law is the best sense, that the man who applies a clear judgment to enforce what seems common sense and common equity is the best judge of all. We all know how this clear mind was accompanied by a body of remarkable strength, a body so strong that to the end of a very long life his mind kept its vigor undiminished.

"Judge Gardiner's judicial fame is a part of the history of the state, and his decisions form a part of the decided law of the land; but to those who lived with him he will be remembered, not only as a great judge, but quite as much as the pleasant,

genial, kindly man. His temper was always cheerful. His wit was always ready. He had a kindly word for old lawyers and for young lawyers. He liked a pleasant chat with every friend. He had a shrewd and humorous remark to enliven and give point to the decision of the dulllest case. Everybody liked Judge Gardiner, and those who knew him well had a strong personal affection for the sagacious, well-balanced, upright, kindly pleasant man. He liked to talk with his friends, and all were his friends. He liked the wholesome work of outdoor life, and pitched his hay and tended his farm long past the age when most men attend to anything. His old age was the ideal old age, work to the end, with his mind unimpaired, with no gloom of an approaching end affecting his cheerfulness or happiness, spending his days in the home he loved so well and with the respect and affection of his fellowmen."

William F. Cogswell was selected by the members of the Monroe County Bar to deliver an address on the occasion of Judge Gardiner's death and said in conclusion: "He was a sincere friend of true progress in all departments of human affairs. * * * He was a man of great humor, with which his conversation sparkled, and which he sometimes could not restrain in his formal writings. But it was a humor gentle and playful, like Addison's, and not stunning and wounding like the wit of Swift. * * * He was a reading man, conversant with English literature, and particularly fond of history, fiction and poetry. He delighted in the study of the history of the campaigns of great soldiers, especially of Napoleon, whom he admired, not only as a soldier, but as a statesman. Dickens, Scott and Shakespeare were among his especial favorites. * * * In politics he was a strict construction, hard money, state rights democrat. He cordially supported General Jackson and Mr. Benton in their war upon the United States bank, and in what was known at that time as the controversy between hard and paper money. Although he was not troubled with any question as to the right of the nation to maintain its integrity by holding the seceding states to their allegiance by force, he was alarmed at the tendencies to centralization, the fruit of the War of the Rebellion and its sequences. He was a man of religious conviction as well as religious sentiment. His religion was that of the head as well as of the heart. For fifty years and onward he was a member of one church, and never of but one. In that church, for many years after his retirement from public life, he was in the habit of gathering about him his Bible class, consisting of men, most of them young, where questions of Biblical criticism and religious philosophy were discussed. He was a man not dwarfed by proximity, but one whom the nearer you approached and the closer you came in contact with, the larger he seemed. To those who knew him best he always seemed to have a great reserve force. He was careless of his fame. His nature was such as to require the stimulus of conflict to bring out its full development. * * * His life was a healthful influence in the community where it was spent. We saw him for twenty-eight years as a private citizen, going in and out among us, taking a sufficiently active interest in the affairs of the community, lending his great aid, in an inconspicuous way, in the administration of justice, growing more and more into our affection and our reverence, until at last, without decay, without prolonged invalidism, he gave up his task and his life. Of him it may be truly said, what has been pronounced the highest panegyric, 'The world was the better for his having lived in it.'"

In 1831 Judge Gardiner was married to Miss Mary Selkrigg, of Scottish descent. Their children were a son and a daughter, Charles A. and Celeste M.

CHARLES E. FOOTE.

Wherever large construction projects are under way in recent years the concrete mixer fixes the attention of beholders, doing without effort work that would otherwise require scores of men, besides cheapening the cost of construction both in labor saved and speeding up operations. Most of these economical machines are manufactured at Nunda, Livingston county, New York, where Charles E. Foote, president of The Foote Company, Incorporated, resides, and where the big plant that builds the mixers is located. Mr. Foote was born in Mount Morris, Livingston county, on February 9, 1858, the son of Norman and Emily (Jarrod) Foote, both of whom are deceased.

Charles E. Foote obtained his education in the grade and high schools, and then for a time engaged in farming, but left the farm to embark in the business of manufacturing windmills. He traveled in New England, in the interest of his business in 1902 and 1903, and then went into the cement walk contracting business at Nunda,



CHARLES E. FOOTE

during which time he established the shop for making a mixing machine for concrete. Mr. Foote operated this shop for about eight years, and in 1903 organized a company with his brother, Chester P. Foote, which later was made a stock company. The business was first incorporated on April 21, 1916, but this organization was dissolved and the company reincorporated on April 18, 1918. The modern plant was constructed in 1914. The Foote Company, Incorporated, is capitalized at one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, employs one hundred and fifty hands, and its product is shipped all over the United States and sold through dealers.

Mr. Foote was married in 1902, to Sadie M. McCurdy, and they have a daughter: Onnolee Foote. Mr. Foote attends the Presbyterian church, in his political views is in accord with the republican party, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order.

EARL F. COLBORN.

Earl F. Colborn, a conspicuous figure in commercial circles of Rochester, has achieved noteworthy success in the life insurance business and his influence is strong and far-reaching. He was born in Shandon, Butler county, Ohio, June 15, 1886, a son of Frank and Emma (Hiatt) Colborn, the latter a native of Indiana. The father was born in the Buckeye state and became an educator, successfully following that profession for a number of years. Subsequently he was appointed postmaster of Shandon and filled that office to the time of his death.

Earl F. Colborn was graduated from the Shandon high school and was afterward a teacher in the rural districts of Butler county, Ohio, devoting two years to that work. He then matriculated in Miami University, from which he received the A. B. degree in 1907, and in 1908 the University of Cincinnati conferred upon him the degree of A. M. While attending the latter institution he specialized in the history of the Ohio valley and held the Colonial Dames fellowship in Ohio valley history. From 1908-1910 he was a student at the University of Chicago, where he held fellowships in both sociology and history. He then returned to the University of Miami and for four and a half years was a member of its faculty, filling the chair of history and government. In December, 1915, Mr. Colborn came to Rochester and adopted a commercial career, becoming a salesman for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was made junior partner in the local agency in February, 1916, and took over the general agency August 1, 1918. On the 1st of March, 1924, he acquired the Syracuse agency for the same company and now operates both agencies under the style of The Earl F. Colborn Agencies. His business extends over nineteen counties and twenty-five salesmen are under his supervision. In the control of his affairs he displays keen sagacity and a high order of executive ability and his rapid rise in the business indicates that he has entered a congenial field of labor, for which he is exceptionally well qualified.

On December 23, 1911, in Waltham, Massachusetts, Mr. Colborn was married to Miss Hazel Brackett, a daughter of L. S. and Mary (Ellis) Brackett of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Colborn have become the parents of three children: Robert B., who was born in Oxford, Ohio, October 13, 1912; Theodore R., who was born in that town on the 8th of November, 1914; and Beatrice, born in Rochester, August 26, 1917.

Mr. Colborn is affiliated with the Third Presbyterian church of Rochester. He is a blue lodge Mason and belongs to the Sigma Chi, Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Kappa Alpha fraternities. He is also connected with the Ad, Automobile and Optimist Clubs of Rochester and his civic spirit finds expression in his membership in the Chamber of Commerce. A man of liberal culture and superior intellectual powers, Mr. Colborn views life from a broad standpoint and all with whom he has been associated speak of him in terms of high regard. His residence is at No. 94 Westland avenue, Home Acres, Rochester.

JOHN J. BOLTON.

Like the majority of Elmira's leading business men, John J. Bolton began his commercial career in a humble capacity. He is now at the head of a large automobile business and holds a prominent position in the field in which he is operating. He was born in this city in 1874 and his parents, Patrick and Bridget (Guthrie) Bolton, were natives of Ireland. The former was born in Limerick and the latter in County

Clare. They were married in Binghamton, New York, in 1870 and reared a family of ten children, six of whom survive. The father was formerly an iron puddler and is still living in Elmira, having attained the age of seventy-six years, while the mother has reached the seventy-third milestone on life's journey. They are members of St. Patrick's Catholic church and in politics Mr. Bolton maintains an independent course. His father, James Bolton, always remained in Ireland, his native country, and the maternal grandfather, Andrew Guthrie, was also a lifelong resident of the Emerald isle.

In the acquirement of an education John J. Bolton attended grammar school and the Elmira Free Academy and his first position was that of messenger boy. He next learned telegraphy and was later employed in a broker's office. He was connected with the brokerage business in Elmira for a quarter of a century and his attention has since been given to the automobile business. In 1915 he organized the Bolton Motor Company, which has been incorporated, and acts as its president, while M. E. McElligott is filling the offices of vice president and treasurer. Mr. Bolton was at first a distributor of Lincoln cars in Elmira and for three years sold the Hudson and Essex machines. He now deals exclusively in the Chevrolet car.

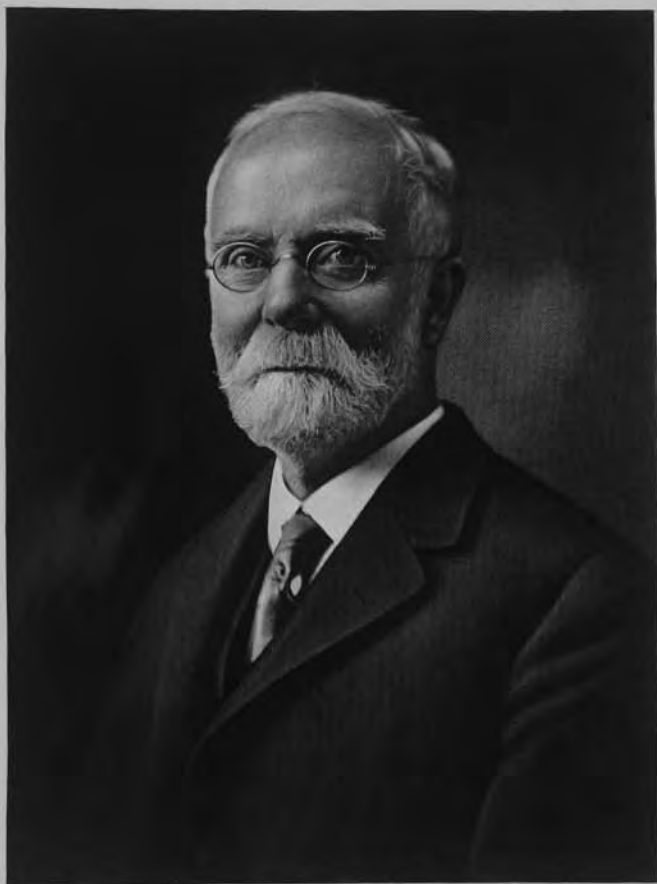
On May 19, 1897, Mr. Bolton was married to Miss Jane L. Flaherty, a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and two children have been born to them: Genevieve, who obtained her education in Nazareth Academy at Rochester and was for a time in Elmira College, is now employed in her father's office as secretary; and John, a student in the Elmira Free Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Bolton are faithful communicants of the Catholic church of SS. Peter and Paul and he is also connected with the Knights of Columbus, of which he was grand knight. He served as state commander of the Order of Alhambra, and is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is liberal in his political views and supports the candidate whom he considers best qualified for office, regardless of party issues. Mr. Bolton enjoys golf and is frequently seen on the links of the Elmira Country Club, of which he is a popular member.

ROBERT MATHEWS.

Robert Mathews, merchant and philanthropist, belonged to that honorable class of men in whom every city takes particular pride—men who by force of character, indomitable perseverance and steadfastness of purpose, joined to natural ability, have earned the right to the distinctive title of "self-made," a title which the American public holds in the highest honor. He was one of the pioneer hardware dealers of Rochester, continuing his operations in that field of activity for more than a half century, and among his business associates and those whom he met in other walks of life his high sense of honor, courteous manner and genial, kindly nature made him universally esteemed. He was born in Grenard, Ireland, July 5, 1842, and was the eldest son and second in order of birth in a family of six children. He was three years of age when his parents, John and Bridget (O'Reilly) Mathews, left the Emerald isle and came to the United States. They established their home in Brooklyn, New York, and the father entered the employ of the city.

Robert Mathews attended public and private schools of Brooklyn and always regretted the fact that circumstances prevented him from acquiring a college education. This lack was not noticeable in the man of mature years, as throughout his life he was a great student, a close reader, a ready reasoner, and was informed beyond many college men on topics of public interest as well as subjects purely cultural. As a charter member of the Fortnightly Club he wrote papers of value and literary merit, while he also prepared monographs for private distribution, choosing for his themes economics, political and ethical subjects, especially in their application to the maintenance of a sound business relationship.

Mr. Mathews became interested in the hardware business in early life and started his career with the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company of New York city. In 1868 he came to Rochester and in association with Arthur S. Hamilton founded the hardware business that was conducted for many years under the name of Hamilton & Mathews and is still in operation. Its original site was in Exchange street and in 1901 the style of Mathews & Boucher was adopted. Under the expert guidance of its founder the business constantly expanded and is today a splendid type of the city's commercial life—a live, substantial, progressive concern, ever keeping pace with the constantly changing conditions of modern commerce and a fitting



Sincerely yours
Robt. Mathews

example of the possibilities of this section if utilized intelligently and to their fullest extent. There is no similar house in the city that enjoys more advantageous trade relations and certainly none which offers more substantial inducements to patronage. Mr. Mathews was guided by the Golden Rule in his mercantile transactions and his spoken word was considered as binding as his written agreement. He was active in the management of the enterprise until his death, and on January 12, 1918, was the guest of honor at a dinner given at the Hotel Rochester by the employes of the firm, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of his identification with the business and also as a token of their regard for Mr. Mathews, who delivered a brief address. One of the souvenirs of the occasion was a tastily arranged menu in the shape of a picture frame, with Mr. Mathew's photograph in the center. At the bottom was quoted:

"Honor and reverence and the good repute
That follows faithful service as its fruit,
Be unto him, whom living, we salute."

Of the fifty-four employes present at the dinner, thirty-eight had been with the firm for more than fifteen years, and their loyalty and fidelity has constituted one of the most valuable assets of the company.

On June 17, 1873, Mr. Mathews was married to Miss Elizabeth Gibson Mathews, whose family was not related to that of her husband. Her father, Dr. Moses M. Mathews, came to Rochester in 1844 and was one of the earliest homeopathic physicians of western New York. Death called Mr. Robert Mathews on the 31st of May, 1921. The funeral service was conducted by Bishop David L. Ferris, assisted by the Rev. Lewis G. Morris, rector of Christ church, and many of Rochester's leading citizens were present to pay their last tribute to the memory of one who held a high and enduring place in their regard. Mr. Mathews is survived by his widow, also by a brother, and three nieces—Mrs. Warren C. Daly of Rochester, Mrs. W. G. Broadhurst of Hackensack, New Jersey; and Miss May Mathews of New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews lived in one of the old landmarks of Rochester. John Crombie, a grocer engaged in business on State street, built the house about 1850, moving into it from his former home at No. 18 Kent street. The house was purchased in 1863 by Judge William C. Rowley, who lived there for only a short time, and in 1866 it became the property of Owen Gaffney, who rented the place in 1882 to a Mrs. Gould. She made it her home until 1896 and the house was vacant until 1898, when it became the residence of Mrs. Lucy V. Chappell and her two daughters, who conducted a private school there for two years. In 1900 the Mechanics Institute sought to acquire the land at No. 96 Spring street, on which stood the home of Robert Mathews, as a part of the site of the present Eastman building, and Mr. and Mrs. Mathews agreed to part with the property on condition that they could find another home in the third ward, preferably on Spring street. Previous to her marriage Mrs. Mathews had lived in the house at the northeast corner of Spring and South Fitzhugh streets and had gone to the home at No. 96 Spring street when thirteen years old. She was therefore delighted when her husband was able to secure the residence at No. 135 Spring street. The exterior of the building has been changed very little but Mr. Mathews spent over ten thousand dollars in remodeling and improving the interior of the house, in which his widow still retains her residence.

In his early manhood Mr. Mathews was a member of a local rowing club. He was an expert swimmer and delighted in horseback riding and bicycling, making a tour through Great Britain on his wheel in 1896. He greatly enjoyed traveling, and in company with Mrs. Mathews had visited points of interest in three continents. He tramped over nine passes in the Alps, to the crater of Vesuvius, crossed several glaciers and the Mer de Glace. Always fond of outdoor recreation, he became an enthusiastic golf player in the latter years of his life, and invariably, when weather permitted, spent his afternoons on the links. He was connected with Christ Episcopal church of Rochester and maintained an independent attitude in politics, placing the qualifications of a candidate above all other considerations, and standing at all times for reform, progress and improvement in public affairs. Of Mr. Mathews' personal characteristics the most dominant was undoubtedly his pure-mindedness. He was generous, sympathetic, kindly, courteous, gentle, and optimistic in the face of difficulties. He was happy and jolly, eager for fun, even at his own expense; enjoyed telling a good story and was ever ready to hear one. As is natural with a man of his genial nature, the number of his friends was coincident with that of his acquaintances. He was never engaged in public life to the extent of holding office, although he was very much interested in local philanthropic work. He was several times elected to directorates in city hospitals, banks, charitable institutions, etc., but always declined, preferring to serve quietly, in his own way. He was a member

of the Genesee Valley Club, the Fortnightly Club, the Rochester Country Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mathews had a kindly philosophy and belonged to that class of men who radiate sunshine and happiness. By application to his daily duties, by the constant burnishing of his mind against both tasks and thought, he retained the spirit and zest of youth, maintaining to the close of the chapter a poise and confidence that enabled him to extract from life the real essence of living.

JOHN F. CONNOR.

John F. Connor, an able member of the Livingston county bar, has practiced continuously in Mount Morris for a period of thirty-six years, winning noteworthy success by the systematic application of his knowledge to the profession of his choice, and while devoted to the interests of his clients, he never forgets that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law.

John F. Connor was born in Le Roy, Genesee county, New York, November 5, 1861, a son of Thomas and Catherine Connor. He qualified for educational work in the Genesee Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1883. He devoted three years to that profession, acting as principal of the high school at Tottenville, New York, from 1883 until 1886, and during that period also studied law. In 1887 the University of Michigan conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Laws and in the following year he began his professional career in Mount Morris, where he has since resided. He has built up a large and lucrative practice, for he possesses a comprehensive knowledge of the law and displays marked skill in its exposition. He is powerful in forensic combat, possessing the oratorical ability which is a distinguishing characteristic of those of Celtic ancestry, and has won many verdicts favorable to the interests of his clients. He served as district attorney of Livingston county from January, 1903, until January, 1909, making a highly creditable record as a public prosecutor. He has been equally successful in financial affairs. He was vice president of the Genesee River National Bank at Mount Morris until January, 1925, when he was elected president, and he is a director of the Livingston County Trust Company.

At Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, on the 30th of July, 1890. Mr. Connor was married to Miss Rilla W. La Forge, a daughter of William T. and Rillie La Forge. To Mr. and Mrs. Connor was born a daughter: Margaret L. Connor, who died at the age of fifteen years.

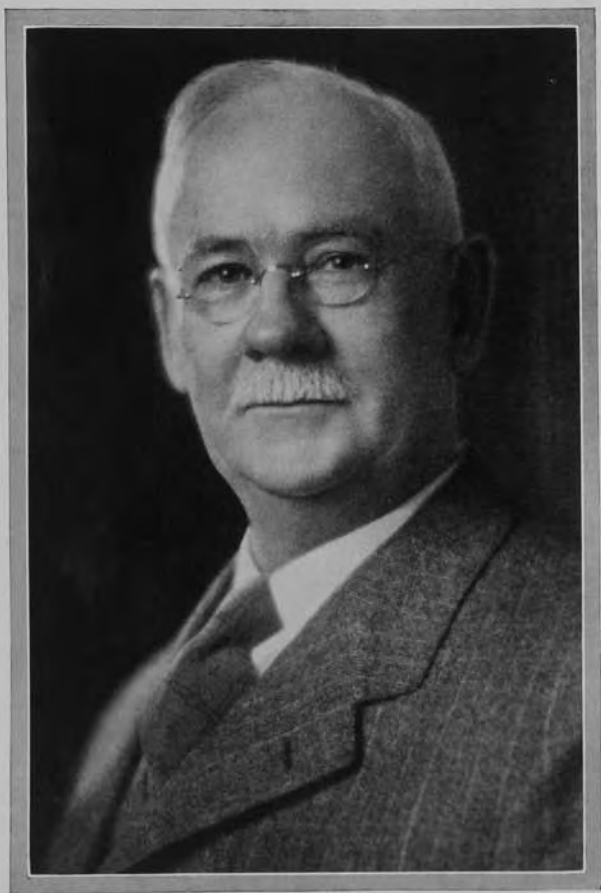
Mr. Connor is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mount Morris and is serving as one of its trustees. He is also an influential factor in political affairs and for six years was a member of the State Central committee of the republican party, while for ten years he served as chairman of the county committee of Livingston county. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and belongs to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He stands high in financial circles of Livingston county and among his fellow practitioners is recognized as a lawyer of high attainments, who respects the unwritten ethics of the profession.

CHARLES D. NEWTON.

For twenty-five years the leading trial lawyer of the Seventh Judicial District of New York was the distinction Mr. Newton had achieved when he was elected, in 1918, by the people of the state of New York, to become their attorney-general.

Charles D. Newton was born in Birdsall, Allegany county, New York, on May 25, 1861, the son of Daniel and Polly Ann (Brundage) Newton. Mr. Newton spent his early life in that section of the state, receiving his preliminary education at the Friendship Academy at Friendship, New York. After finishing his academic course at the Genesee State Normal School, Mr. Newton entered the University of Michigan, where he was graduated from the law department in 1890. Returning from the University of Michigan, Mr. Newton entered the law office of General James Wood at Genesee and later became a member of the law firm of Hubbard, Coyne & Newton. Through several legal associations and wide and varied practice in the western part of New York state, Mr. Newton has always maintained his home at No. 18 Wadsworth street, in the village of Genesee.

Actively interested in politics all of his life, Mr. Newton never held public office



JOHN F. CONNOR

until 1914, when the people of Livingston county saw in his candidacy an opportunity for representation in the state senate, a body in which Livingston county had had no representative for forty-two years. Accepting the demands of his friends Mr. Newton opposed Steuben county's candidate and was nominated and elected state senator from the Forty-third Senatorial District.

Mr. Newton's ability and experience were soon appreciated when in his first year at Albany he received the signal and unique honor of being named chairman of the committee on codes, one of the most important committees in the state senate. Reelected in 1916 by a large majority Mr. Newton ended his four years in the state senate with an enviable record, having supported and personally sponsored many important bills. He drafted the Sabotage Bill, passed in 1918, providing a penalty for destruction of war materials; supported legislation for a State Guard after the National Guard had gone into the Federal service; urged patriotic instruction in the schools; voted for a state census of man power and military resources and actively supported all legislation designed to assist the men in the military service.

Mr. Newton's four years in the state senate had brought state-wide recognition as a patriotic man possessing unusual legal training and ability and he was chosen by the state republicans to become their candidate for the office of attorney-general. The ticket upon which he ran was composed of men all of whom had already served the state in the offices which they were then seeking but in spite of that Mr. Newton was nominated and elected even though the head of the ticket was defeated.

Charles D. Newton served the state as attorney-general for four years, having the distinction when reelected in 1920 of carrying every county in the state and every borough in Greater New York. At the head of the world's largest law office Mr. Newton's achievements were many, some of which will ever be a monument to his services there. Feeling that the attorney-general's office was the peoples' law office, he prepared the office for state service and all public matters, large or small throughout the state, were accepted and handled there. The Court of Claims' Calendar, where thousands of live actions were pending, was completely cleaned up and brought down to date, thus saving the state of New York many thousands of dollars.

Mr. Newton is now actively engaged in the practice of law, throughout the state, having law offices in the village of Geneseo and in the city of New York, as well as being interested in several large corporations within this state and the state of Florida.

Mr. Newton was married to Nellie A. E. Durfee of Wyoming, New York, on August 10, 1887, and their five children are: Mary Adele, wife of Lockwood F. Youngs of Detroit, Michigan; Elizabeth, wife of T. Jerome Gilmore of York, New York; Dorothy Durfee, wife of Donald M. Campbell of Detroit, Michigan; George Durfee, who served as a lieutenant in the Three Hundred and Eighth Machine Gun Battalion, Seventy-eighth Division, being gassed in the Argonne on October 16, 1918. After being discharged he finished his course at the University of Rochester, as well as the Harvard Law School, and is now in his father's law office at Geneseo. He was married to Miss Nora C. Dexter of Batavia on October 27, 1923; and Josephine, now at home in Geneseo.

WILLIAM H. PILLOW.

William H. Pillow, president and treasurer of the Corning Laundry Co. of Corning, was born in Rochester, New York, June 21, 1865, the son of William H. Pillow, Sr., and Almira (Donaldson) Pillow. He is of English descent on his father's side and Scottish on his mother's side. After attending the public schools of Rochester he entered the employ of May Brothers, nurserymen, and later became cashier for Chase Brothers, another nursery firm, holding this position for five years. From 1900 to 1907 he worked for the A. T. Hagen Company, manufacturers of laundry machinery and then came to Corning and bought out the Hickey laundry and organized a stock company under the name of the Corning Laundry Co. E. F. Pillow is vice president and K. O. Pillow is secretary of this concern. The business has grown with the years, under Mr. Pillow's careful management, and now serves the community well and in turn enjoys a large patronage.

William H. Pillow takes a lively interest in public affairs. He is a member of Painted Post Masonic Lodge No. 117; Corning Chapter, No. 190, R. A. M.; Corning Consistory; and Kalurah Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Binghamton, and of the Rotary Club. He is a republican in politics and was alderman in Corning from 1919 to

1923. He is a great lover of sports and especially hunting and fishing, being President of the Corning Fish and Game Club. Mr. Pillow was formerly Measurer of the Rochester Yacht Club and he has been active in that organization. He keeps up a fine cottage on Keuka Lake where he loves to spend a holiday away from business cares. Mr. Pillow was president of the Corning Business Men's Association when the Chamber of Commerce was organized, and he took an active part in its organization.

Mr. Pillow was married on June 10, 1891, to Kathryn Ocumpaugh of Rochester, New York, and they have five children: Edith G., Estelle O. (now Mrs. Edwin T. Janks of Painted Post), Helen M., Marion E., and Kathryn L. Mr. Pillow has had a busy life and has known the value of hard work but through his ability and upright adherence to principle, has made a success in things worth while—a happy home, numerous friends and a flourishing business.

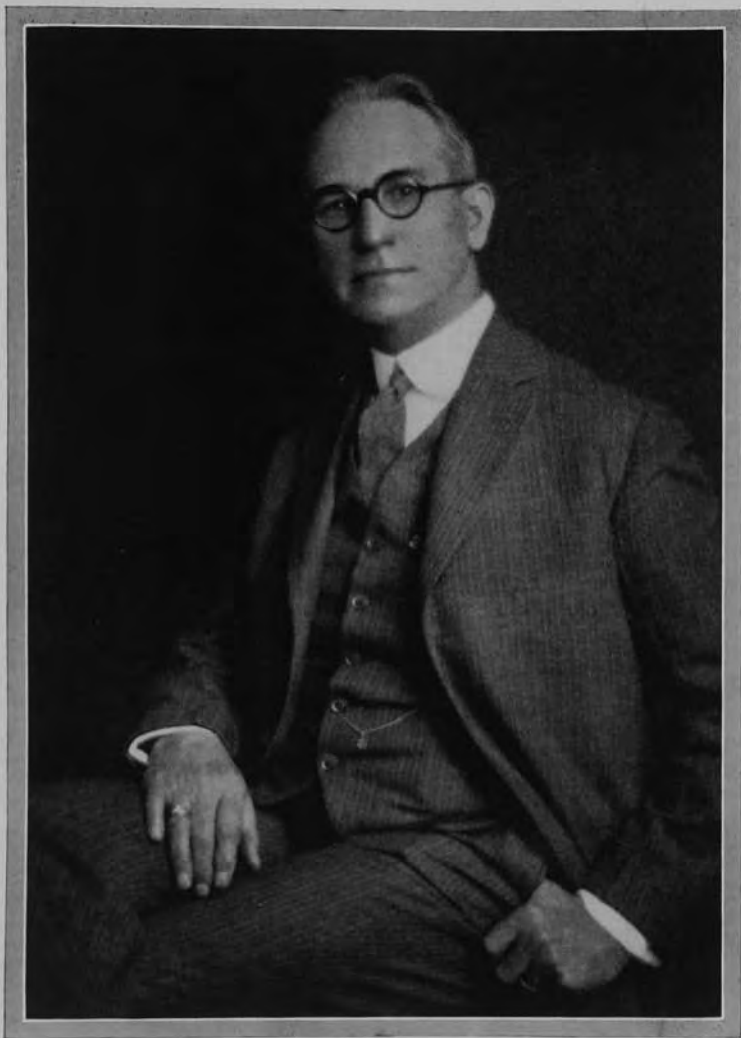
WILLIAM FREDERICK SCHWARTZ.

William Frederick Schwartz, engaged in the sheet metal and roofing business in Rochester, has wisely profited by the opportunities afforded in his native city, which he considers a most desirable place of residence, and his success is the merited reward of concentrated effort, directed along useful lines. He was born July 11, 1880, and is a son of John Carl and Minnie (Heidemann) Schwartz, both natives of Germany. As young people they immigrated to the United States, settling in Rochester, and for several years the father was associated in business with George Thompson. Subsequently he was appointed foreman of the Rochester public market and filled that position until January 1, 1923, ably fulfilling the trust reposed in him. He is now living retired in Rochester but the mother passed away in this city in November, 1922.

William Frederick Schwartz' public school training was supplemented by home study, and his knowledge of the sheet metal and roofing business was gained in the employ of C. W. Trotter and John S. McConnell of Rochester, in whose service he remained for eighteen years. In February, 1921, he started out for himself, meeting with success in the venture, and is now conducting a prosperous business, developed by careful management and well matured plans. The business is operated under the name of William F. Schwartz & Son and is a close corporation. Mr. Schwartz is president of the business and in his chosen line of work has acquired the skill which results from years of experience and unremitting application. On the 5th of January, 1899, Mr. Schwartz was married to Miss Magdalena Kessler, a daughter of Anton and Margaret Kessler, members of a prominent family of Rochester. To Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz has been born a son: William J. Schwartz, whose natal year was November 21, 1900. He completed a high school course and is now a member of the firm organized by his father. In 1923 he was married to Miss Helen Sullivan, also a native of this city. Mr. Schwartz is a member of the Master Sheet Metal Workers Association of Rochester and the local builders Exchange. He supports every project for civic betterment, and merits and receives the respect of his fellowmen, for high principles have guided him in every relation of life. His residence is at No. 135 Keller street.

MYRON WESLEY GREENE.

Myron Wesley Greene, banker, municipal bond merchant, executor and trustee of estates, with an established reputation for ability and efficiency in fiduciary capacities, was born in Rush, Monroe county, New York, November 26, 1864, a son of Ira W. and Hester Ann (Ruliffson) Greene. In both the paternal and maternal lines Myron W. Greene comes from old and prominent families. His maternal line is traced back to Laurens Ruliffson Copenhagen, Denmark, Europe, 1689, while his paternal line is traced to John Greene, who settled in Quiddnessett, Rhode Island, in 1639, and was the American progenitor of the family. He was a descendant of Sir Henry Greene, lord chief justice of England. The line of descent is through his son, also named John; his son John, who married Ann Hill; their son Nathan, who married Huldah Bowen; their son Jabez, who married Abigail Wilcox; their son Nathan, who married Mariah Greene, a descendant of John Greene of Warwick, to which line General Nathanael Greene belonged. Nathan Greene was grandfather to Myron



MYRON W. GREENE

Wesley Greene. In the War of the Revolution Samuel Greene of Rhode Island, sent eight sons into the conflict, a record no one else ever equalled, and Joseph Greene of New York, volunteer, twelve years old, was the youngest soldier of the same war. The Greene family so closely identified with the early history of Rhode Island, has enjoyed more state and civic honors than any other family within its borders, there being more Greenes in the state than of any other name whatever. Mr. Greene's father, Ira W. Greene (1832-1905), for a long period conducted business as a farmer and propagator of new field seeds, dealer in livestock, coal and produce, was in Eagle Bank, Rochester, New York, 1850 to 1853, which merged into the Traders National Bank and whose father was one of the first stockholders. He married Hester Ann Ruliffson (1835-1866). He was a man of distinguished presence and commanding influence in politics and religious affairs. For twenty-five years he served as superintendent of the Sunday school and president of the board of trustees of the Rush Methodist Episcopal church. He was the first lay secretary of the Genesee conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Myron Wesley Greene was graduated at the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary of Lima, New York, in 1887. He became an active member of the Genesee Lyceum Society and later became president of the board of trustees. He is treasurer of the Alumni Gymnasium Association of the Seminary and was president of the Alumni Association from 1910 to 1915. His interest in the seminary was further evidenced by the fact that he maintained a scholarship prize, given to members of the Lyceum Society for public speaking. In 1887 he entered Syracuse University, where he pursued a scientific course, and the following year matriculated at Williams College in the class of 1890.

Upon the completion of his education Mr. Greene entered the Bank of Honeoye Falls, New York, where he remained until 1892, when he became connected with the Rochester Trust & Safe Deposit Company, and for two years while there acted as settling clerk in the clearing house, during which time he gained a reputation for accuracy unequalled, never having made a single error. With that company he continued until 1899. He then established on his own account a private banking and investment business, dealing in government and municipal bonds, and as a financier has won a reputation for keen discernment and sound judgment.

Mr. Greene was one of the organizers and charter members of the Investment Bankers Association of North America in 1912; a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity of North America, of which he was grand officer in 1909-10, during which time he visited nearly all important colleges in United States and Canada, presiding at the international convention in San Francisco in 1910, and in every state in the Union; from coast to coast twice, through the United States and Canada, also Bermuda, Porto Rico and Cuba, traveling upwards of forty thousand miles, and delivering numerous public addresses; one of the organizers and president of the Zeta Psi Alumni Association of Rochester, New York, since the date of its organization in 1905. He was president of the Ruliffson-Wells Family Association, 1914-1915; vice president of the Greene Family Association, 1913 to 1915, and president since 1923; vice president of the Williams College Alumni Association of Rochester, New York, since 1913 and president—1925; author, *Greene Family Genealogy, 1639-1891*; director, *National Casket Company, 1920-1921*. He is a republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religious belief. His clubs are: Rochester and International Rotary; Zeta Psi (New York); Williams College (New York); and he is also a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, No. 797, F. & A. M., and Hamilton Chapter, No. 62, Royal Arch Masons. He is a worthy representative of an honored family, patriotic in his devotion to American interests, and loyal in his support of those measures and movements which he deems beneficial to the city, government or nation. The elements were happily blended in the rounding out of his nature, for he unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood, and his efforts have been resultant factors in about everything he has undertaken. Mr. Greene's biography has been published in *Who's Who in America, 1922-1925*; in *National Cyclopaedia of American Biography, 1914*; *History of Monroe County, New York, 1908*. His connection with the banking interests of Rochester is the continuation of a long and honorable identification with such interests that the Greene name has had for nearly three-quarters of a century.

Mr. Greene was married April 27, 1900, to Nancy Laura, daughter of George W. Lancaster of Leadville, Colorado. His large number of children (as American families are found at the present time) have claimed a large part of his time and attention, with hope of rearing the next generation which might prove an improvement on the previous one or the opportunity of so shaping or projecting into the lives of those for

whom he is directly responsible, those ideals which have been formed from the experience of a lifetime and which he deems the greatest work in which man is privileged to engage. The measure of success is best expressed by the results thus far obtained, the first aim being the laying of a strong physical foundation upon which to rear a mental and moral structure.

His eldest, Lancaster Myron Greene, born February 21, 1901, being six feet, two, having graduated from preparatory school in a student body of two thousand, was chosen by the faculty as standard-bearer based upon scholarship and character; won a state scholarship and a silver cup in his freshman year at Williams College, Massachusetts, awarded by the faculty for excellency in scholarship and athletic improvement; graduated in the class of 1923; now in the investment banking business, Wall street, New York city; Norvin Ruliffson Greene, born September 13, 1902, height six feet, one, graduated from the same preparatory school, under the same conditions, one year after, also as standard-bearer; won a state scholarship; was editor-in-chief of the school publication, having a circulation upwards of two thousand; graduate of Williams College, Massachusetts, class of 1924. During his senior year in college he edited and published an illustrated book descriptive of Williamstown and the Mohawk trail, which was copyrighted and from which a substantial sum of money was derived, sufficient to enable him to begin his business career without further assistance and the unused balance he carefully invested in securities. He is now in the investment banking business, Wall street district, New York city; Zeta Priscilla Greene, born March 2, 1904, entered Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts class of 1926; now in the University of Colorado, also graduated from the same preparatory school with the highest honors, having tied for the Vassar Cup: Nathan Ira Greene, born March 6, 1906, height six feet, two, was business manager of the preparatory school paper at the age of sixteen, which exceeded its previous record in point of circulation and advertising space taken under his personal solicitation and which publication won a silver cup in Eastern States Interscholastic Press Association convention held in Ithaca, New York, in 1922. He was awarded the "Yale Cup" voted by his class associates in a student body of twenty-five hundred, based on scholarship and character and having done the most for the school in its various activities during his four years in the high school. He entered Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, class of 1928; only freshman member of the College Glee Club; Myron W. Greene (II), born November 1, 1911, now in junior high school, bids fair to equal his brothers. Mr. Greene's residence is at No. 256 Dartmouth street, Rochester, New York.

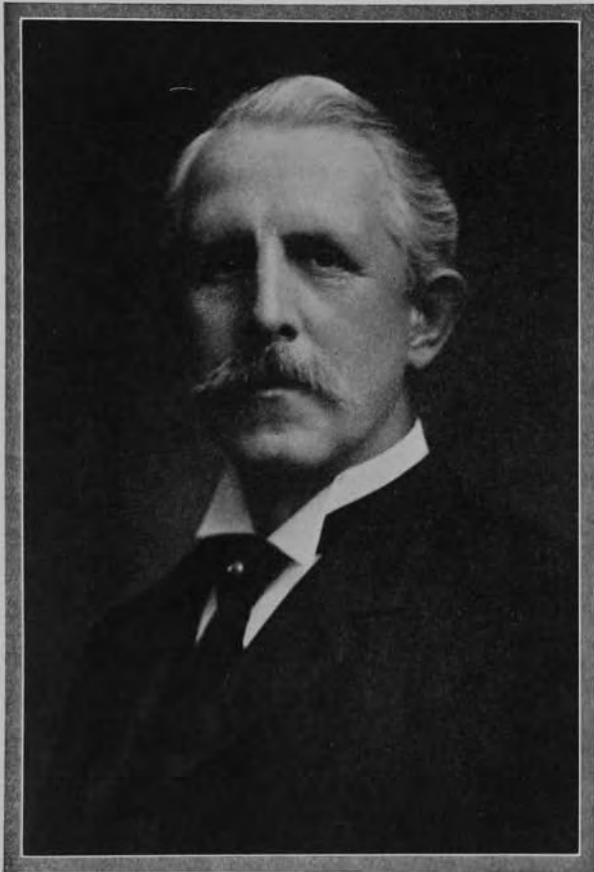
HON. JOHN BEACH ABBOTT.

The oldest practicing member of the bar of Livingston county is Hon. John B. Abbott of Genesee and Rochester, New York. He was born at Dansville, Livingston county, New York, on December 31, 1854, a son of A. J. and Mary (Beach) Abbott. His father, Adoniram Judson Abbott, was born in Leicester, Livingston county, New York, when that was a town of Genesee county, on October 28, 1819, he was a leading lawyer of Livingston county for nearly fifty years and died there on April 8, 1898.

Judge Abbott's paternal grandfather, Calvin Danielson Abbott, was a resident of Leicester, Livingston county, when the county was formed in 1821 and for some years before and after that date. He was born at Brimfield, Massachusetts, on January 26, 1785, and died at Bedford, Ohio, on March 31, 1871. He worked as a carpenter on the first Livingston county court house and jail; he participated in the engagements on the western frontier of New York in the War of 1812, as a soldier from Genesee county.

Judge Abbott's paternal great-grandfather, Henry Abbott, was born at Brimfield, Massachusetts, in 1749, and died there on July 31, 1797. He served eight months in the Continental army of the Revolution in 1775. He was at Ticonderoga with that army in March, 1777, and served with it for three years from that date. In January and February, 1787, he was with the Massachusetts troops opposing Henry Shay at Springfield, Massachusetts, in Shay's Rebellion. Shay subsequently died and was buried in the town of Sparta, Livingston county, New York.

John Beach Abbott began his education in the public schools of Livingston county, continued at the Genesee Academy and the State Normal School and finished at the University of Rochester. After leaving the University, Judge Abbott returned to Genesee and began his training for the legal profession by reading law in the office of his father. He was admitted to the bar in 1880 and has practiced ever since at



HON. JOHN B. ABBOTT

Geneseo and Rochester. At Rochester, Judge Abbott is associated with Harlan W. Rippey, under the firm name of Abbott & Rippey. The firm enjoys an excellent general practice in that city, while Judge Abbott also maintains an office at Geneseo.

Judge Abbott was appointed county judge and surrogate of Livingston county by Governor Glynn in 1914, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge William Carter, and he served for a short time, until his successor was elected. In addition to his law practice he is the editor and president of the Livingston Democrat, a weekly paper published at Geneseo, and has been for thirty-eight years.

Judge Abbott was married on August 29, 1878, to Louisa M. Schmitz of Le Roy, New York. Judge Abbott is a member of the Livingston County Bar Association, of which he has been president for fifteen years and also of the New York State Bar Association and the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. He has been president of the Board of Education of the Union Free School of his village for more than twenty years and a member of the local board of the Geneseo State Normal School for the last five years. He is a democrat in politics and has been three times the candidate of his party for justice of the supreme court of the state of New York.

WILLIAM J. MACFARLANE.

William J. MacFarlane, Canandaigua's popular mayor, is giving to the city a progressive and businesslike administration characterized by many measures of advancement and reform. His private business interests are those of a successful theater owner, and it was in September, 1921, that he organized a stock company known as Canandaigua Theaters, Incorporated. He was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, on the 28th of May, 1883, his parents being James and Mary C. (Dodds) MacFarlane, who are widely known and respected residents of Canandaigua.

William J. MacFarlane attended the grammar and high schools in the acquirement of an education and after putting aside his textbooks secured a position as a bank clerk in Canandaigua. Subsequently he turned his attention to the book and stationery business, which claimed his time and energies for sixteen years. On the expiration of that period he became identified with the motion picture business by forming a partnership with his father, with whom he was associated until September, 1921. At that date he organized a stock company known as Canandaigua Theaters, Incorporated. The Playhouse of Canandaigua, built by Mr. MacFarlane, is one of the most modern and attractive motion picture theaters of western New York. Mr. MacFarlane is affiliated with the Associated Theaters, Incorporated, of East Rochester, New York.

In 1910 Mr. MacFarlane was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Wheaton of Canandaigua, who has appeared in concert work as an accomplished musician. Mr. and Mrs. MacFarlane are the parents of two children: Elsie K. and Jean M. The religious faith of Mr. MacFarlane is that of the Congregational church, while fraternally he is known as a Knights Templar Mason and he has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has membership in the Rotary Club, of which he is musical director. As an instrumentalist of high rank he has gained most favorable recognition. As mayor of Canandaigua he is laboring most earnestly to direct public sentiment in behalf of general progress and advancement, endeavoring at every step to meet the city's growing needs.

WILL S. TRIMMER, M. D.

There were many difficulties to be overcome before he could obtain a medical education, so Will S. Trimmer, when a young man, set himself the task of surmounting them. Difficulties only spur him to greater efforts. He gained the education and is one of the leading physicians of Livonia, Livingston county, New York, where he applies to disease the methods that obtained his education, and the more difficult the case appears the more determined Dr. Trimmer is to overcome it. He has been successful so often when the issue seemed hopeless that he has today one of the largest practices in the village and a reputation that has carried his name to far distances. He was born on June 6, 1861, at Honeoye, New York, the son of William H. and Emmeline (Gould) Trimmer. The Trimmers are of German origin, the grandfather of the

Doctor coming from Germany to the United States about 1810 and settling in New York state, where he lived until his death. The father of Will S. Trimmer was born and spent all his life in the western section of New York state, his occupation being that of a farmer.

Will S. Trimmer received his early education in the public schools of Lima, New York, and that was as far as the financial circumstances of his father would permit him to go. The help of the son was necessary for the support of the family, in fact, and it was obligatory on Will S. to find some occupation that would bring in immediate revenue. Suppressing for the time his desire to study medicine, the young man found employment as a teacher in the local schools, but did not abandon his determination to become a physician. Instead, he taught school and studied, saved a little out of his earnings, and when he had accumulated enough to carry him through in his tuition, he entered the medical school of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1886, received his degree of M. D. and was graduated in the class of 1889. Dr. Trimmer began the practice of medicine in Cohocton, New York, the same year, and remained there for one year, at the end of which time he removed to Livonia and has been in practice there continuously since. He has never had an associate, conducting his practice entirely alone, and it now extends over a radius of twelve miles from his office and embraces many scores of patients.

Dr. Trimmer is a member of the Livingston County, Western New York and New York State Medical Societies. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, belonging to Livonia blue lodge, chapter and council, Rochester (New York), Commandery and the Mystic Shrine. In his political views he is an independent republican and was formerly actively interested in politics, being supervisor of the town for a number of years.

Dr. Trimmer was married on October 28, 1891, at Livonia, to Hattie Knapp, daughter of John and Eliza Knapp of Penn Yan. One child has been born to Dr. and Mrs. Trimmer: Alice, now the wife of Frank Locke, a farmer a short distance from Livonia. The Doctor is not an avowed member of any religious faith but impartially assists in the support of all that have existence in Livonia. He finds his recreation in motoring, fishing and the outdoor life.

WILLIAM J. ERDLLE.

Every successful business enterprise adds to the commercial activity and consequent prosperity of the community in which it is situated, and through the development of one of Rochester's important industries William J. Erdle has stimulated the growth and progress of his native city. He was born April 23, 1877, a son of Frederick and Ellen (Kelly) Erdle, the latter of whom was a native of Ireland. The father was born in West Bloomfield, Ontario county, New York, and mastered the millwright's trade. He settled in Rochester in the '60s and became one of the city's pioneer manufacturers, establishing what is now known as the Erdle Perforating Company. He passed away in 1920 and the mother's demise occurred in 1877.

William J. Erdle attended St. Bridget's parochial school, the Rochester Business Institute, and also had the benefit of instruction in the Mechanics Institute of this city. He early displayed a spirit of independence and earned his first money by selling newspapers. After completing his education he entered his father's plant, familiarizing himself with every phase of the industry, and in 1905 it was incorporated. He took over the business in 1909 and has since been president of the Erdle Perforating Company, which has made rapid strides in the past fifteen years, ranking with the largest industries of the kind in the United States of America. In 1913 he built the present plant, which is located at No. 171 York street and furnishes employment to from sixty to one hundred persons. He has extended the scope of the undertaking, adding automobile specialties, and in the operation of the business he has secured a high degree of efficiency. The firm is one of the oldest in the city and bears an unassailable reputation for business integrity and reliability.

On the 12th of May, 1909, Mr. Erdle was married to Miss Esther R. Weis, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weis of Rochester. The children of this union are: Virginia M., who was born in 1910 and is attending the Convent of the Sacred Heart; and William J., Jr., who was born in 1913 and is a pupil at Nazareth Hall. Mr. Erdle is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and for three years was commodore of the Rochester Yacht Club. He also belongs to the Rochester Club and to the Washington and Automobile Clubs. He is one of the enterprising members

of the Chamber of Commerce and lends his support to every project destined to prove of benefit to his community. He has never deviated from the course sanctioned by conscience and good judgment and public opinion bears testimony to his high character and substantial worth.

FRANCIS C. WILLIAMS.

Francis C. Williams, a lifelong resident of Corning, where he has been successfully engaged in law practice during the past third of a century, occupies the office maintained by his father before he was born and resides in the house which the father owned before the birth of his son. It was on the 26th of November, 1864, that Francis C. Williams first opened his eyes to the light of day, his parents being Francis A. and L. Jane (Clarke) Williams, the former a son of Ira C. Williams. Francis A. Williams was born in Prattsburg, Steuben county, New York, on the 25th of March, 1834, and in the acquirement of an education attended Franklin Academy of that place and later the University of Rochester, from which institution he was graduated in 1860. While a college student he became a charter member of Upsilon Chapter of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. He was admitted to the bar in 1862 and in the succeeding year came to Corning, where he followed the legal profession for nearly four decades, or until called to his final rest on the 21st of December, 1901. On the 9th of August, 1862, he was married to Miss L. Jane Clarke, who was born November 29, 1838, and who was graduated from Mount Holyoke College of South Hadley, Massachusetts, in 1859. They became the parents of five children, as follows: Mary G., who received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Michigan, and who is now professor of Greek at Mount Holyoke; Francis C., of this review; Clarke B., a graduate of Princeton University and dean of Kalamazoo College, who was killed in the collapse of the Grand Hotel at Yokohama, Japan, at the time of the earthquake calamity on the 1st of September, 1923; Jane W., a graduate of Wellesley College, who is the wife of W. H. Insley of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Elizabeth, who was a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and who passed away in 1908. All of the above named had graduated from the Corning Free Academy prior to entering college. The wife and mother departed this life on the 21st of March, 1920. Francis A. Williams was an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Corning and served as a member of the board of education. In his passing the community sustained the loss of one of its leading attorneys and highly esteemed citizens.

Francis C. Williams began his education as a public school student in his native town and then entered the Corning Free Academy, from which he was graduated in 1882. His more advanced intellectual and professional training was received in the University of Rochester, in which institution he completed his work in 1888. Three years later he was admitted to the bar and through the intervening period of one-third of a century has continued in law practice in Corning, where he enjoys an enviable reputation for professional ability of a high order. He devotes his attention principally to business administration and office work. Mr. Williams made an excellent record as city attorney of Corning during his incumbency from 1906 until 1911 and is a member of the executive committee of the New York State Bar Association. In addition to his professional interests he is a director of the Corning Cooperative Savings & Loan Association, director of the firm of T. G. Hawkes & Company, director and secretary of the Crystal City Gas Company and director of The First National Bank & Trust Company of Corning. Of the last named he is also attorney and trust officer.

Early in his professional career Mr. Williams was made recorder for the city of Corning, acting in that capacity from 1892 until 1894, while during the past sixteen years he has rendered valuable service to the community as a member of the board of education. His prominence in Masonic circles is indicated by the fact that he has received the honorary thirty-third degree. He belongs to the following Masonic bodies: Painted Post Lodge No. 117, F. & A. M., of which he was master in 1900; Corning Chapter No. 109, R. A. M., of which he was high priest in 1901; Corning Council, R. & S. M., of which he was master in 1902; Corning Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, of which he is an honorary member. Mr. Williams is likewise affiliated with Corning Lodge No. 1071, B. P. O. E., and with Psi Upsilon, a college fraternity. He is an elder and trustee in the First Presbyterian church of Corning, trustee of the

Hope Cemetery Association, president of the Corning Club and a member of the Corning Country Club. It will thus be seen that his interests are wide and varied, bringing him into close connection with the material, intellectual, political, social and moral advancement of the community which has always been his home.

GEORGE HARRIS.

For more than thirty years the name of George Harris has been enrolled among those of Rochester's leading attorneys. He is a native of Monroe county born in the town of Penfield, July 30, 1869, and is a son of James and Martha (Pope) Harris. James Harris was born July 7, 1821, and died on March 10, 1911. Throughout his life he was active in business and public affairs. For seventeen years he represented the town of Penfield on the county board of supervisors; he served for many years as school commissioner and for nine years he discharged the duties of county treasurer with an efficiency and fidelity that won the respect of the entire public. During the Civil war he was a member of the Committee of Public Safety. Largely through his efforts the town of Penfield was one of the few towns in the state that came out free of any indebtedness, which entitled it to receive a considerable bonus from the state. He was one of the largest and most successful farmers in the first assembly district of Monroe county. Because of his recognized success he was frequently called upon to act as trustee or executor of estates, which extended his business experience and added to his influence in the community.

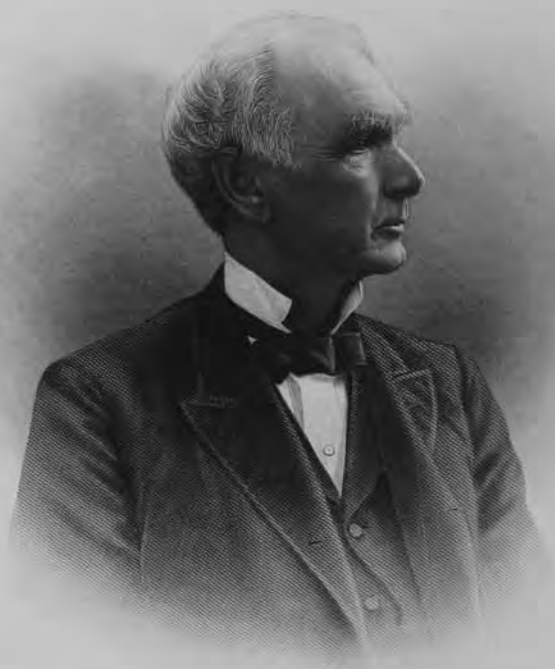
George Harris was educated in the public schools of Penfield, the Palmyra Classical School and the University of Rochester, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the last named institution in 1892. In June of that year he entered the law office of Werner & Werner and a year later was admitted to the bar. Upon his admission he became the junior member of the firm of Werner & Harris, which subsequently became Werner, Harris & Buck. During the first fifteen years of his practice Mr. Harris was principally engaged in the trial of cases and was a familiar figure in the courtrooms. Since about 1908 he has turned his attention to corporation and business law. He has planned and carried out the organization and incorporation of a number of companies. Among these may be mentioned the United Last Company, of which he was the first president and managing director, resigning that position on January 1, 1920; and he effected the merger of the Rochester German and the German-American Insurance Companies. He is a director of and counsel for the Douglass-Pectin Corporation and the Menihan Company; counsel for Rosenberg Brothers & Company, Incorporated, and numbers among his clients several other corporations.

Besides his large law practice and business activities Mr. Harris is also largely interested in agriculture, being the owner of five farms, to which he gives his personal supervision. He is likewise identified with real estate operations in the district south-east of and adjoining the city of Rochester, where he wields considerable influence in the planning of new additions, locating new industries and in the general development.

Mr. Harris belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the National, New York State and Rochester Bar Associations, and the New York State and Rochester Historical Societies. He is a republican in his political views and takes a commendable interest in all questions of a public character, but has never held public office.

Mr. Harris has been twice married. First, to Hattie I. Higbie, by whom he had three children: Donald, born October 26, 1898, enlisted in the Regular army on April 7, 1917, and went to France with the First Division of Regulars in June, 1917. In December, 1917, he was made first lieutenant "for merit in service", and in January, 1918, he was promoted to a first lieutenancy. He served at the front with the First American Army Corps to the close of the war, graduated from the University of Rochester in 1920, and is connected with the R. T. French Company of Rochester; Duncan, the second son, born May 14, 1901, enlisted in the Regular army on his sixteenth birthday and went to France in September, 1917. He served during the entire war with the Third American Army Division, Regulars, and is now employed in contracting work in East Rochester; Adair, daughter, born June 23, 1905, is now a student at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts. Mr. Harris' second wife was Constance Maude Manley, before her marriage, daughter of Right Hon. Frank E. Manley of London, England. By this second marriage Mr. Harris has one son: George Frank Harris, born December 1, 1922.

The Harris family has been a prominent one in Monroe county for more than a



James Harris



George Harris

century. In 1801 William Harris came from Scotland and located in Johnstown, Fulton county. There he was married to Miss Sally, daughter of John Shoecraft, a veteran of the Revolutionary war. This couple were the grandparents of George Harris of this review. In 1804 William Harris came to Monroe county with his wife's family. They bought two sections of land in the southeastern part of the town of Penfield, where they were pioneers. In the War of 1812 John Shoecraft was captain of a Monroe County company known as the "Silver Grays", and William Harris taught the first school in the town of Webster. He died in 1842.

FRANK J. SCHWALB.

Probably one of the best examples of a big business developed from a small beginning, in the city of Rochester, is that of the Frank J. Schwalb Coal Company, the principal yards and office of which are located at No. 92 Portland avenue. Nicholas Schwalb and his wife, Anna, were natives of Germany. In early life they came to the United States and for several years Nicholas Schwalb was engaged in the rolling mill business in the state of Pennsylvania. In 1865 he removed to Niles, Ohio, where he conducted a business of his own until 1872, when he came to Rochester. At that time the New York Central Railroad Company was using wood burning locomotives and Mr. Schwalb entered into an agreement to supply a certain quantity of wood. He continued under this arrangement for about twelve years, then began dealing in coal, and thus worked his way into the modern fuel business.

Frank J. Schwalb was born in Niles, Ohio, February 13, 1861, and was four years old when his parents removed to Rochester. He attended the grade schools in Rochester, afterward completing his education with a business course in Vosburg's Academy at Rochester. Upon leaving school he became associated with his father in business. When the latter died he succeeded to the control. The Frank J. Schwalb Coal Company was incorporated in 1898, when he became president and still holds that position. The volume of business transacted by this company justifies Mr. Schwalb's claim to having one of the largest coal companies in Rochester or the immediate vicinity. Mr. Schwalb was the principal organizer of the Flower City Tissue Mills Company, in which he is a director, and he is also a director of the Lindhurst Amusement Company. For eight years he held the office of city assessor.

On June 13, 1882, Mr. Schwalb was married to Miss Caroline Wegman of Rochester, and to this union have been born four sons and four daughters: Nicholas, who is married and has two children; Celia, wife of George Mansing and the mother of one child; Louise, now Sister Frances Joseph, of the Catholic Sisters; Henry, married and living in Rochester; Mrs. Margaret L. Simpson, also of Rochester; George, now a citizen of Newark, Wyoming county; William, who served nineteen months in France as a sergeant in the One Hundred and Eighth New York Infantry and now lives in Rochester; and Margaret, at home with her parents. All are useful members of society. Mr. Schwalb is a member of the Roman Catholic church, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of St. John. Mr. Schwalb's residence is on St. Paul boulevard, Irondequoit.

BURT L. DALRYMPLE.

Burt L. Dalrymple is an active factor in journalistic circles of Cattaraugus county as proprietor and editor of The Gowanda Enterprise, the publication of which he began a decade ago. He was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of November, 1870, his parents being Richard W. and Sarah J. (Kitchen) Dalrymple. The father devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and to merchandising and was also an oil producer in the Warren section, being the owner of one of the first oil refineries in that field. The Dalrymple family has been represented in New York since 1810, coming to this state from Vermont. Among its members were those who participated in the Revolutionary war and also in the conflict between the north and the south.

Burt L. Dalrymple obtained his education in the grammar and high schools of his native city and subsequently learned the printer's trade in the plant of the Warren Mirror. Afterward he worked on the Warren Democrat for about twelve years and then in 1903 located in Gowanda, New York, as superintendent of the Iroquois Press, continuing in that capacity for seven years, or until 1910. Next he opened a

job printing shop and four years later began the publication of *The Gowanda Enterprise*, of which he has remained editor and proprietor. This is a weekly paper devoted to the dissemination of local and general news and has a circulation of about one thousand. The value of the local newspaper in the upbuilding of the best interests of any community is universally conceded. The rule is that good papers are found in good towns, inferior journals in towns of stunted growth and uncertain future. It is not so much a matter of size as of excellence and adaptability to the needs of its locality. These conditions given, in an appreciative and progressive community the size of the paper will take care of itself in a way mutually satisfactory to publisher and patrons. The *Gowanda Enterprise* is an interesting, instructive, newsy sheet wherein are espoused all measures and movements for the advancement and progress of the community along various lines.

On the 20th of May, 1893, in Frewsburg, Chautauqua county, New York, Mr. Dalrymple was united in marriage to Miss Olivia L. Darts, daughter of Stephen Darts of Jamestown, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Dalrymple are parents of four children: Doris, who is the wife of M. L. Baker of Gowanda; Donald D., who is associated with his father in the publication of *The Gowanda Enterprise*; Steva J., the wife of C. R. Van Dolsen, who assists his father-in-law in his journalistic work; and Bertha, the wife of C. W. Staffin, who is likewise associated with Mr. Dalrymple in the publication of the *Enterprise*.

Mr. Dalrymple gives his political support to the republican party and is a valued member of the Gowanda Chamber of Commerce. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Presbyterian church, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is fond of sports and of outdoor life and is highly esteemed as a representative and substantial citizen of Gowanda, whose deep interest in civic affairs has been manifest in tangible effort for the public good.

ALBERT LOUIS SWETT.

Albert Louis Swett, the founder of the A. L. Swett Iron Works and the Western New York Utilities Company, Incorporated, was probably the most distinguished business man of Orleans county, New York, where he lived for many years and built up his enterprises from the humblest beginnings. He was of the eighth generation of the Swett family in America and was a sturdy representative of colonial ancestry. Hardships came to him as a boy, but he overcame all obstacles and by ability, persistency and good business practice achieved not only financial success but became a leading figure in his community. The life of Albert L. Swett is an example which is stranger and at once more convincing than fiction, of the opportunities of American life in the awakening industrial nineteenth century. He lived an earnest, active life from boyhood until his death, which occurred on April 12, 1924, following the shock of an automobile accident from which he never recovered.

As above stated, Albert Louis Swett traced his ancestral line in this country back through eight generations, represented, respectively, by John (I), Benjamin (II), Joseph (III), Jonathan (IV), Josiah (V), Dr. Jonathan (VI) and Joel R. (VII). He was born in Ridgeway, Orleans county, New York, on the 27th of April, 1850, his parents being Joel R. and Minerva (Bates) Swett, whose family numbered fourteen children. He was born in the second house north of the Ridge on the west side of the Swett road, which had been named for his grandfather, Dr. Jonathan Swett. He lived in early childhood on the Bates road near Medina and later in the town of Royalton, a few miles west of his birthplace. In 1856 his grandfather and his father removed with their families to Rantoul, Champaign county, Illinois, where young Albert spent nine years of his life on the farm which his father had purchased. During the Civil war his father and his brother, Joel B. Swett, served with the Union army and Albert L., being the oldest boy at home, was obliged to assume most of the work and responsibility. He helped his mother care for seven cows and did other arduous farm labor. In September, 1865, the family returned to Medina, New York, where the boy was employed as a clerk in the grocery store of E. & T. Swan for four months, while subsequently he spent a similar period in the printing office of Lina Beecher. Then followed a year's hard work in the grocery store of H. O. Bates, for the sum of twenty dollars per month and board. He helped Paul Davis build a house on the latter's farm in the summer of 1867 and then entered the Medina Academy, taught by Professor Fairman. Owing to the fact that his funds had become exhausted, the period of his schooling was brief and the next year he went to work as a painter



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and helper for the Bignall Manufacturing Company. He was afterward promoted to the position of shipping clerk and continued in the service of the Bignall concern until 1873. On the 30th of July of that year he embarked in business in association with William H. Sampson, foreman of the machine shop of the Bignall plant, the two men founding the firm known as the Medina Manufacturing Company. The partners agreed to invest twelve hundred dollars each. Five hundred dollars of Mr. Swett's capital was tied up in a Northern Pacific Railway bond which he was obliged to sell for only one hundred dollars, thus encountering discouragement and difficulty at the very start of his independent business career. Messrs. Swett and Sampson established their foundry in a little building south of the railroad on the present site of the furniture factory of the Maher Brothers Company, employing one boy at the outset and continuing at that location until 1880. Each partner reduced his personal expenses to the lowest amount possible and Mr. Swett often walked from station to station looking for business, as he had no money to ride. In 1880, when the business had grown to a degree necessitating the employment of twenty men, Messrs. Swett and Sampson bought a piece of property on the Oak Orchard creek, north of the canal, on the east side of Rock street (now Glenwood avenue), and erected a shop of their own. They built a dam of stones which gave eight feet head of water and developed twenty-five horse-power.

In 1890 Mr. Swett purchased the interest of Mr. Sampson and then called the concern the A. L. Swett Iron Works. The problem of lighting the plant arose and Mr. Swett's attention was thus turned to the power business, which he had not considered up to that time. This was to become another large enterprise. A small twenty-light arc dynamo was installed to furnish light for the shop, and in 1896 a thirty horse-power machine was put in place and light wires run on to the Swett home, three blocks away. In 1897 the village lighting contract expired and Mr. Swett's friends, knowing of his success in this line, urged him to procure the new contract. After some deliberation he did so, and he was awarded the franchise to light the streets for five years, incorporating in 1898 the A. L. Swett Electric Light & Power Company. A small wooden power-house and a water-wheel back of the foundry were installed and a one hundred and twenty-five horse-power engine and electrical equipment purchased. The plant soon proved inadequate, so he purchased the property of the old Weld & Hill flour mill and erected a modern electrical plant at Medina Falls, where a thirty-foot drop made it possible to develop four hundred horse-power. In 1903 he was forced to build again—a mile north of Medina on Oak Orchard creek. The new dam gave a fifty-five foot head and furnished power for three eight hundred horse-power units. In 1906 a contract was made with the Niagara Lockport & Ontario Power Company to furnish whatever additional power might be needed. In 1909 the company purchased the interests of the Albion Power Company and they have since rebuilt the old lines and installed modern equipment. In 1910 a transmission line was run to Lyndonville and to Gasport and the next year the village of Barker was added to the list, which included Medina, Albion, Brockport, Middleport, Gasport, Waterport and Carlton. In 1916 this business was re-incorporated as the Western New York Utilities Company, Incorporated, Mr. Swett continuing as president until January 24, 1923, when the entire interests were sold to Walter C. Lewis, president of the Genesee Light & Power Company of Batavia, New York, the two corporations being consolidated under the present name of The Western New York Utilities Company, Incorporated.

Meanwhile the A. L. Swett Iron Works prospered. In 1898 Mr. Swett sold the soil pipe and fittings branch of his business to the Central Foundry Company of New York and built a new plant on the west side of Glenwood avenue to make hardware and plumbing specialties. About sixty men were employed at the start and the business now employs about one hundred and fifty men. Albert S. Braughton, superintendent of the company, has been with this firm continuously since March 28, 1876, and the success of the business has been largely due to the loyal support which he always gave to Mr. Swett. In 1917 Mr. Swett purchased the pump business of the Erie Pump and Engine Works of Erie, Pennsylvania, and moved this business to Medina, where it is now being carried on along with the business of the A. L. Swett Iron Works.

Albert Louis Swett always found time to do his duty as a good citizen, notwithstanding the demands made upon his attention by his large business interests. He served for nine years on the school board, was active in local politics and was a member of the Alert Club of Medina. He also was for many years president of the board and treasurer of the Baptist church and was a most liberal contributor to its support. Mr. Swett was one of the founders of the Medina Young Men's Christian Association

and remained a director of this organization until the date of his death. He was also for many years a member of the Boxwood Cemetery commission and held the office of treasurer of this commission to the time of his demise. From 1903 until his death he was a director of the Medina Savings & Loan Association and for a period was also a director of the Genesee Valley Trust Company of Rochester, New York.

On September 18, 1872, Mr. Swett was married, in Medina, to Lucinda Maria Fuller, who was born near Ballston Spa, Saratoga county, New York, the daughter of James Harvey and Jerusha (Davis) Fuller. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Swett: Alice, born November 10, 1873, who died on February 12, 1884; and Charles Sumner and Raymond Fuller Swett.

The following resolutions, adopted by the Medina Savings and Loan Association, pay tribute to the life and character of Mr. Swett:

"Albert L. Swett, a director of this association, died on the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred twenty-four.

"On motion it was ordered that there be spread upon the minutes a few words, telling of the sorrow and regret of his associates on this board and something of an appreciation of what his work has meant to this organization, which is so closely identified with the prosperity and happiness of the community.

"Mr. Swett had been a member of the association for over twenty-five years. He was elected a director in 1903 and served during the remainder of his life on this board.

"Coming up, as he did, from small beginnings, Mr. Swett knew, at first hand, the problems of the man who would make his way in the world by industry and thrift and how much a little help at just the right moment means to such a man, and he was always deeply interested in everyone who had an ambition to save, or to own a home.

"In his later years he was the controlling force in extensive corporate interests which made large demands upon his time, but he was seldom too busy to give his most careful attention to the appraisal work preliminary to even the most modest request for home building funds. Many times, in the memory of committees of this board, he has laid aside the consideration of projects involving many thousands of dollars to give the same careful attention to some bit of committee work which seemed small in comparison, but meant, possibly, that some Medina man was making his beginnings in thrift, even as had Mr. Swett many years before.

"Intensely practical, indefatigably industrious, not too patient with the shirking and the insincere and for the most part rather inclined to brusqueness, he had yet a deep, underlying vein of sympathy and was quick to respond when once convinced that any appeal was just.

"It is due to Mr. Swett and to men like him, who have given freely of their time and of their ability for the benefit of Medina and her people, that this organization is the successful and valuable institution that it is today.

THE MEDINA SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

William U. Lee, President

Harry F. Welton, Secretary."

ELMER EUGENE FAIRCHILD.

Elmer Eugene Fairchild, president of the Alderman-Fairchild Company, is one of Rochester's prominent business men and citizens. For more than thirty years he has been identified with the business life of the city and his activities in various ways have been of distinct value to Rochester. He was born in Volney, Oswego county, New York, February 4, 1874, a son of William F. and Francelia A. (Mattison) Fairchild.

Elmer Eugene Fairchild attended the high school in Fulton, Oswego county, where he prepared for the profession of teaching. On completing his course he successfully followed that work in the schools of Oswego county for about three years. On the expiration of that period he came to Rochester and took a position with the Kenyon Hat & Fur Company, with which he remained for three years, and then entered the employ of the Buedingen Paper Box Company. Three years later he joined Henry O. Alderman in establishing a similar enterprise, and in 1900 the Alderman-Fairchild Company was incorporated. From a small concern the business has become one of the foremost in the country in the manufacture of paper boxes, as well as toys and games. The Alderman-Fairchild Company operates three plants, two of which are located in Rochester and the other in Churchville. The main plant on Orchard street, Rochester,



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represents the last word in modern industrial construction, and in character of maintenance will rank with any in the country. The product of the company has given it a national reputation as container craftsmen. The boxes made by the company are also lithographed or printed, according to specifications, and a completely equipped designing department is maintained to study the requirements of manufacturers and to make recommendations as to the most suitable type of containers. The firm also manufactures games and toys in large quantities. The growth and development of the Alderman-Fairchild Company has not only been a material contribution to Rochester's industrial prestige, but a magnificent tribute to its management, for it stands in the foremost rank of the city's strong and ably managed industrial institutions. Mr. Henry O. Alderman is secretary and treasurer of the company. Among Mr. Fairchild's other business interests, he is a director of the Swope-Stanley Motors, Incorporated.

In Rochester, on December 20, 1899, Mr. Fairchild was married to Miss Mary A. Webb of this city. They have a son and two daughters: Earl, born May 18, 1902; Ester Estelle, who was born April 25, 1906; and Jane Webb, born January 4, 1914. Mr. Fairchild's list of clubs is an extensive one and includes the Rotary Club, Ad Club, Rochester Club, Genesee Valley Club, Oak Hill Country Club, Washington Club, Automobile Club, Tennis Club and Sportsman's Club. Religiously he is affiliated with the English Lutheran church. He is an exemplary representative of the Masonic order, belonging to Zetland Lodge, No. 951, F. & A. M.; Ionic Chapter, No. 210, R. A. M.; Cyrene Commandery, K. T.; Rochester Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Lalla Rookh Grotto, No. 3, M. O. V. P. E. R.

Mr. Fairchild is loyal, patriotic and public-spirited in all matters of citizenship and during the World war was chairman of the Monroe County Defense committee, in which connection he made a highly creditable record. He has been honored with the presidency of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, which office he is now filling, and the Young Men's Christian Association numbers him among its trustees. Mr. Fairchild is appreciative of the social amenities of life and his due consideration thereof constitutes the even balance to his intense business activity. He is an excellent example of the type of business man developed in the present age, quick to perceive an emergency and equally quick in devising a plan to meet it. Gifted with a keen business insight and grasp of affairs, he has had a career of unusual activity and most creditable success.

LOUIS W. WEHN.

Louis W. Wehn enjoys the distinction of being the pioneer in the insurance business in Rochester, his native city, and worthily sustains the traditions of an honored family name. He was born January 15, 1856, and his parents, Louis and Elizabeth (Schauman) Wehn, were natives of Germany. They followed the tide of immigration to the New World, becoming residents of Rochester in early life, and for a time the father followed the trade of cabinetmaking. Later he became a manufacturer of soap but subsequently withdrew from the industrial field and organized the Rochester Insurance Company. He remained at the head of the business until his death and was very successful in that undertaking, winning and retaining a position of leadership in that line, while his commercial integrity ever remained unsullied. He passed away in 1897 and the mother's demise occurred a year later.

Their son, Louis W. Wehn, attended the public schools and completed his studies in the Vosburg Academy. He earned his first money by working in a grocery store. Going into business for himself, he became a partner in the coal firm of May & Wehn, and later was a member of the firm of Wehn & Bauer, in the same line of business. He then joined his father in business and for eighteen years was associated with the Rochester Insurance Company. He next became a member of the Vay & Wehn Insurance Company, which was conducted under that style until the death of Mr. Vay in 1915, when Henry W. Wedel was admitted to a partnership, and the firm style of Wehn & Wedel was adopted. They represent the strongest and most reliable companies in the field and write a large amount of insurance each year. Mr. Wehn's identification with the business covers a period of forty-four years and his success has been founded upon honorable dealing and concentrated effort. He has made an intensive study of the insurance business and is recognized as an authority on matters pertaining thereto.

On May 28, 1880, Mr. Wehn was married to Miss Amelia Bauer, a daughter of Louis Bauer, a prominent citizen of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Wehn have two children:

Mrs. Florence Weber, who resides in this city and has three children, Wehn, William and B. W.; and Mrs. J. Hilman Smith, who is living in Joplin, Missouri. Mr. Wehn belongs to the Exempt and Volunteer Firemen's Associations and is a life member of the Rochester Lodge of Masons. He has taken the fourteenth degree in that order and for thirty-three years has been identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His life has been upright, useful and purposeful and his efforts have been effective and resultant. His activities along business, civic and fraternal lines have brought him a wide acquaintance and time has proven his worth. A lifelong resident of the city, he has wrought himself firmly into the texture of its life, winning the high and enduring regard of all with whom he has been associated.

SIRENO F. ADAMS.

For nearly a quarter of a century Sireno F. Adams has been practicing law at Dansville, Livingston county, New York, has built up a large practice, and is held in high esteem in the profession for his ability and thorough mastery of the basic principles of law. He was born on July 21, 1871, at Conesus, Livingston county, the son of Philip T. and Julia A. (French) Adams, who were the parents of four children. Both parents have passed away.

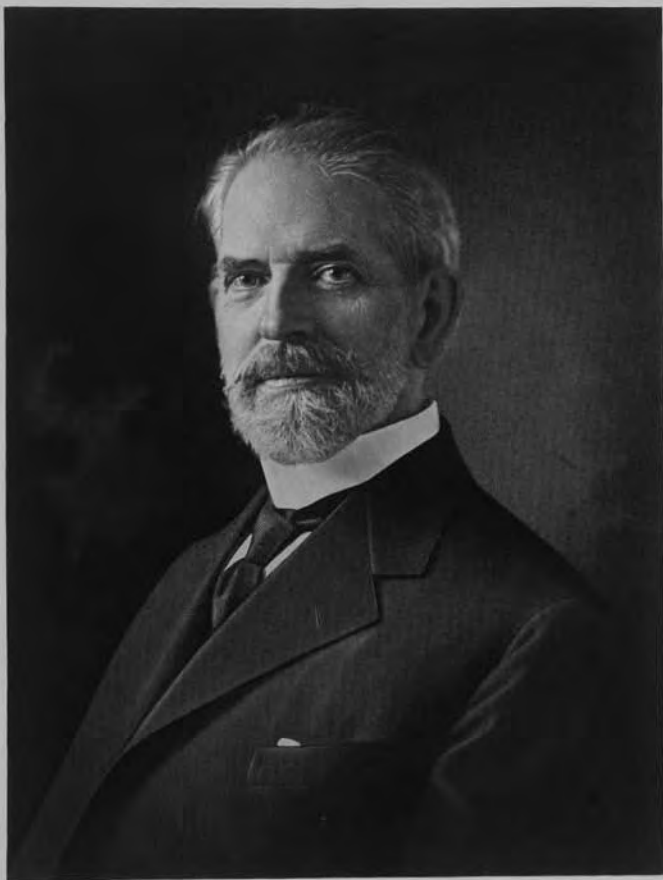
Sireno F. Adams obtained his education in the public schools and in the Genesee Normal School, and then began to read law in the office of Fred W. Noyes at Dansville, remaining in this office for ten years. He was admitted to the bar on January 9, 1900, and immediately began practice, which he has continued alone ever since.

On September 1, 1909, Mr. Adams was married to Elizabeth M. Woolever. They are the parents of a daughter: Mary E. Adams. Mr. Adams is a republican, takes an active interest in politics, and has served as president of the village. During the World war he was identified with the various movements on its behalf, was chairman of the Four-Minute men of the county, and head of the legal advisory board in Dansville. Mr. Adams is a member of the Rotary Club of Dansville and a trustee in the Presbyterian church, to which religious faith he belongs.

JOHN FRANKLIN DINKEY.

John Franklin Dinkey, auditor and treasurer of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway Company, is one of the well known railroad officials of the country. For more than fifty years Mr. Dinkey has been connected with important transportation interests, an identification that began soon after he completed his high school work as a boy of eighteen. He was born on the 16th of October, 1854, in South Easton, Pennsylvania, and on both his paternal and maternal sides comes from fine old families in that section of the Keystone state. His father was James Dinkey, and his mother previous to her marriage was Miss Rebecca Bowman. James Dinkey was born in Carbon county, Pennsylvania, of Huguenot ancestry, and was a son of the first associate judge of that county, being a contemporary on the bench of Judge Packer, the founder of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. James Dinkey was chief accountant in the canal department of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company. His death occurred in Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1876, where he resided during the latter years of his life. His widow survived for more than a quarter of a century, passing away in 1903.

John Franklin Dinkey graduated from the high school in Easton, Pennsylvania, and Shortly afterward entered the employ of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, working under his father's direction in the canal department, and upon the transfer of that department to Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, Mr. Dinkey succeeded his father as chief accountant of the canals. He remained in that connection until transferred to that of chief clerk in the office of the division passenger and freight agent of the Lehigh and Susquehanna division of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. In 1879 he accepted a position as chief clerk in the office of Colonel R. E. Ricker, general manager of the New York Elevated Railroad Company. In 1881 he came to Rochester as auditor and assistant treasurer of the Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad Company, which had been organized to take over the property of the Rochester & State Line Railroad when it was sold under foreclosure proceedings. In 1890 Mr. Dinkey became auditor and treasurer of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway



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Company and its affiliated companies, which succeeded the Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad Company, and has continued in that dual capacity to the present time. Mr. Dinkey's long and continuous service with one company is unique in railroad circles and embraces a period of wonderful progress and development. In 1881, when he first entered upon his duties with the old Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad, the annual gross earnings were a little over two hundred and thirty-one thousand dollars, as compared with twenty-four million, one hundred and forty thousand, sixty-six dollars and ninety-nine cents earned in a similar period of today, by the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway Company.

In December, 1884, Mr. Dinkey was married to Miss Annie Lockhart Hartman of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Duncan C. Hartman of Danville, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Dinkey have a son and a daughter: Harry Packer, now assistant secretary to his father; and Isabel Emeline, now the wife of Edward F. Chapin, Jr., of Duluth, Minnesota, a dealer in investment securities.

In his fraternal connections Mr. Dinkey is a Mason, belonging to Carbon Lodge, F. & A. M.; Lilly Chapter, R. A. M., of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania; and is a life member of Palestine Commandery in New York city. He is prominent in church circles, being a member of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation and has served as president of the church board of trustees and of the church council. He is also teacher of the Men's Bible class and was a member of the building committee when the present church edifice was erected. He served as treasurer of the Lutheran League of America, also the English Conference of the New York Ministerium, and is a former president of the New York State Luther League. Mr. Dinkey is also a former vice president of the Rochester Young Men's Christian Association and has been a member of the state committee of that organization. A most zealous supporter of those movements having to do with the moral uplift of the community, Mr. Dinkey has also liberally extended his cooperation for the material, social and intellectual welfare of the city. He has achieved distinction in the field where his activities have led—a man of high ideals whose personal worth is recognized by all—and throughout his life he has stood for those things which have real value as constructive elements in the world's work. He has made his life count as a strong force for good and for many years has been accorded a foremost position among Rochester's best and most highly respected citizenship. Mr. Dinkey's residence is at No. 14 Vick Park B.

ARTHUR RAY ELLISON.

Arthur Ray Ellison is an able lawyer of Watkins whose high professional standing is indicated in the fact that he is now serving for the second term as district attorney of Schuyler county. He was born in the town of Orange, Schuyler county, New York, on the 1st of January, 1892, his parents being Nelson and Lida (Peck) Ellison, both natives of the town of Tyrone, Schuyler county, this state. James Allison, Mr. Ellison's great-grandfather, was born on shipboard while his parents, who had left Ireland, were en route to America in 1815. Samuel Allison, Mr. Ellison's grandfather, took up his abode in Schuyler county, New York, prior to the outbreak of the Civil war. John Sutton, a member of the Sutton family of Ovid, New York, and an ancestor of Mrs. Lida (Peck) Ellison in the maternal line, was one of the earliest residents of Reading Center and a soldier of the War of 1812.

Arthur Ray Ellison was a youth of sixteen at the time of his graduation from the high school at Watkins, New York, with highest honor. Having determined upon a professional career, he studied law with Hon. Olin T. Nye, county judge and surrogate of Schuyler county, and was admitted to the bar on the 10th of January, 1918. For seven years prior to that time he had filled the position of clerk of the surrogates court and had thus gained valuable experience along the line of his chosen calling. Mr. Ellison was also clerk of the board of elections for five years and court stenographer. On the 14th of November, 1918, he opened a law office in Watkins and two years later was elected district attorney, entering upon the duties of the office on the 1st of January, 1921. That he rendered satisfactory and efficient service in this important position was manifested in his reelection without opposition in the fall of 1923.

On the 20th of June, 1916, Mr. Ellison was united in marriage to Miss Edwina Jane Mack of Watkins, New York, who is now a student in the law department of Cornell University. Mr. Ellison gives his political support to the republican party and in religious faith is a Methodist. Actuated by high ideals and worthy motives in

every relation of life, he enjoys the respect and esteem of his professional brethren as well as of the general public and has gained many friends in Schuyler county, within the borders of which he has always made his home.

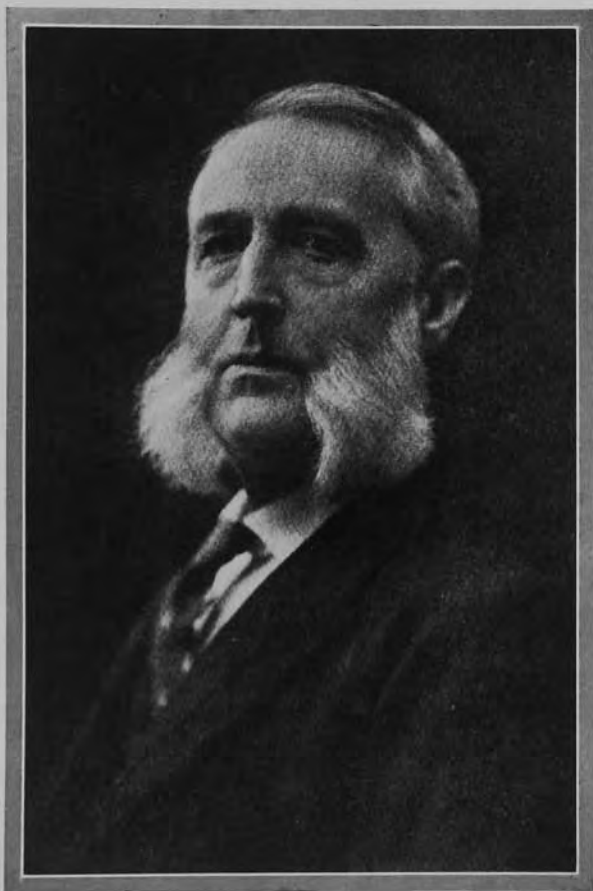
EDGAR P. REED.

At the foundation of the prosperity of every city lies the work of the manufacturer. He it is who, in seeking a market for his products, causes factories and business houses to arise, directs the channels of commerce to his city, and furnishes employment to hundreds. To this useful and valuable class of citizens belonged Edgar P. Reed, for fifty-seven years a leader of the shoe industry in Rochester, and at the time of his death the oldest footwear manufacturer in the United States. He passed away October 13, 1923, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years, leaving behind him the imperishable monument of splendid dreams realized, and a memory that is cherished by all with whom he was associated.

Edgar P. Reed was born in the town of Moriah, Essex county, New York, February 14, 1837, and received his education in the public schools of that locality. In 1854, when seventeen years of age, he went to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and later located in Milwaukee, securing a position in the dry goods establishment of Hasset & Chapman. He next became traveling salesman for the firm of Byanton & Smith, wholesale grocers of that city, and continued to represent that house after the headquarters of the business were transferred to Chicago. In 1866, at the solicitation of his father-in-law, Edmund Mortimer, Mr. Reed came to Rochester and entered the shoe business at No. 111 State street as a partner in the firm of Johnson & Joquait. In 1878 Almeron J. Johnson withdrew from the firm and five years later E. O. Joquait sold his interest therein, at which time Mr. Mortimer purchased a share in the business. After passing through various hands it was finally bought by Mr. Reed, who established the E. P. Reed Company, and soon afterward formed a partnership with a Mr. Weaver. This relationship was maintained for eight years and in 1887 the firm again became known as the E. P. Reed Company. At that time Joseph Farley became a partner in the undertaking and in 1890 the business was incorporated under the name of E. P. Reed & Company, under which style it has since been operated. Owing to the rapid growth of the business the firm was obliged to seek more commodious quarters and first removed to South St. Paul street, then to River street. About 1907 the business was removed to its present location on North Goodman street, where a large modern factory has been erected. It occupies an entire block and a large number of employees are required for its operation. On June 20, 1916, Mr. Reed celebrated the golden anniversary of his entrance into the shoe business. At the time of his arrival Rochester had a population of about fifty thousand and was growing rapidly. The boot and shoe industry was then in its infancy and it could advertise truthfully hand and bench made products, for there were no others. Six firms, Pancost, Page & Company, Hatch Sons & Streeter, Churchill & Company, Farrant Brothers, G. P. Grant & Company and Johnson & Joquait, were the progenitors of the shoe manufacturing industry, which today has become one of the city's chief industries. A great deal of the success and rapid growth of the shoe business in Rochester has been attributed to the efforts and achievements of Mr. Reed, who was known as "the grand old man" of the National Boot & Shoe Manufacturers Association, and prior to his election as honorary life vice president of the organization in 1916, had served as vice president since its formation in 1904. He was one of the founders of the association and gave much of his time to its development, watching it grow from a society with a few members to one of the most important national trade organizations in the country. He was offered the office of president several times but always declined the honor.

Mr. Reed was married to Helen Mortimer, and his only son, Louis Mortimer Reed, was the father of Edgar M., Lester H., and Robert M. Reed, all of whom are connected with the E. P. Reed Company.

Although Mr. Reed relinquished the active management of his factory in 1914, it had been his daily practice to visit the plant and keep in close touch with the conduct of the business. He was kind, just and considerate in his treatment of those who served him and was well liked by his employees, a number of whom have been with the company for more than thirty-five years. Of a modest, retiring nature, Mr. Reed was much averse to discussing his achievements, but when questioned at one time as to the secret of his success, made the following statement: "I have always made it a point to make good, honest shoes. I care more for my reputation as a



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manufacturer than for the amount of money I make. I have always been very active in my business. I have always thought I must be the first at the factory in the morning and the last to leave it at night." The guiding axiom of his life was hard work and a "square deal" to everyone. Mr. Reed was one of Rochester's builders—a representative of that class of men who are capable of controlling the forces of trade and commerce and directing them for the benefit of the majority, and his name will ever be an honored one in the annals of the city.

DEAN G. CRIPPEN.

Few men have been more prominently connected with monetary affairs of Brockport than Dean G. Crippen, who is president of the State Bank of Commerce, which under his wise guidance has become one of the substantial and reliable financial institutions of this section of Monroe county. He was born in the village on September 21, 1863, and represents a family whose members have contributed their quota toward the development and upbuilding of Monroe county for more than a century. His grandfather removed from Columbia county, New York, to Monroe county, in 1815 and was one of the pioneer agriculturists of this region. His son, Ephraim C. Crippen, was a native of Brockport, and in Sweden, this state, was married to Miss Mary A. Gallup, who was born in Albany county and came to Monroe county in 1830. Two children were born to them, a son and a daughter, Dean G. of this sketch being the younger.

Dean G. Crippen received a good education, attending the Brockport Normal School, and also completed a course in the Rochester Business Institute. For several years he aided his father in operating the home farm and in 1901, at the age of thirty-eight, established a private bank in Brockport, in association with the late Morton Minot. The business was conducted under the firm name of Minot & Crippen for eight years and the partners prospered in their undertaking, winning the confidence and support of the public by their careful, conservative business methods and judicious management of their affairs. In 1909 the business was reorganized as the State Bank of Commerce, of which Mr. Crippen became vice president, and since 1910 he has discharged the duties of president. That he is an executive of more than average ability is indicated by the steady growth of the institution, which is capitalized at fifty thousand dollars and has a surplus fund of seventy-five thousand dollars, while its resources amount to more than one and one-half million dollars. Mr. Crippen is also a partner in the Monroe Canning Company of Brockport and his cooperation and ripe experience have likewise been a valuable asset to that enterprise.

In Brockport, on March 10, 1887, Mr. Crippen was married to Miss Mabel Williams, a daughter of John B. Williams, and they have become the parents of three children: Ephraim C., who is assistant cashier of the State Bank of Commerce; Helen A., the wife of Alfred M. Decker, a prominent hardware merchant of Brockport; and Doris G., at home.

Mr. Crippen is a public-spirited citizen whose support can always be relied upon to further every project for the general good, and during the World war he was influential in raising funds for the government. He is a Royal Arch Mason and belongs to the Masonic Club of Brockport, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is an active worker in behalf of the Methodist church of Brockport, of which he is treasurer and a trustee, and its teachings guide him in the relations of daily life. Mr. Crippen has become recognized as an authority on financial matters, and his fidelity to principle, his industry and energy, are amply illustrated in his career, which has been rounded with success.

A. WARD LA FRANCE.

Among those to whom the city of Elmira owes much of its growth along industrial lines is the La France family, which has long been recognized as a leader in local commercial circles. The enterprising spirit of the father is exemplified in the career of the son, A. Ward La France, who has won noteworthy success as a manufacturer of commercial trucks. He was born in Elmira in 1886, and his parents, Asa W. and Emma J. (Haviland) La France, were married in this city, in which the mother also was born. The father was born in Rush, Pennsylvania, and became well

known as a musician. He served for two years in the Civil war, joining the First New York Cavalry, of which he was bandmaster. After his release from military duty he turned to industrial pursuits and was associated with his brother in the La France Fire Engine Company, which subsequently became known as the American La France Fire Engine Company. They manufactured all kinds of fire apparatus and built up one of the largest corporations of its kind in the country. They were men of the highest integrity and ability and in winning success they have also brought additional prestige to the Queen City of the Southern Tier. Mrs. La France is a member of the Congregational church and her husband is allied with the republican party. They have two children: A. Ward of this review; and Coleman T. The latter is connected with the Packard Motor Company and resides in Detroit, Michigan.

A. Ward La France supplemented his public school training by a course in the Mercersburg Academy of Pennsylvania and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1903. He returned to Elmira and for four years was employed by the La France Engine Company. In 1907 the father established both sons in the automobile business and A. Ward first sold the Buick car, later becoming distributor for the Studebaker machine in Elmira and Binghamton, New York, and Williamsport, Pennsylvania. In 1916 he formed the Blackstone Motor Company for the sale of the Maxwell and Chrysler cars and still owns an interest in the firm, of which he is vice president. In 1917 he organized the Ward La France Truck Corporation and has since been its president. The firm manufactures a high grade of commercial trucks and ships its output to New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

On November 16, 1910, Mr. La France was married to Miss Margaret Curtis Fenner, who was born in Rochester and received her education in Buffalo, also attending Elmira College. They have two children: Asa Curtis and Elizabeth May. The mother is a member of the Congregational church and consistently adheres to its teachings. Mr. La France belongs to the Union Lodge of Masons and to the Grotto. He is also a member of the Elmira Golf & Country Club, the Detroit Athletic Club and the New York City Club.

PROFESSOR GEORGE DAVID HALE.

Professor George David Hale was born in Adams, Jefferson county, New York, on the 27th of March, 1844, and was approaching the eighty-first milestone on life's journey when death called him on the 18th of February, 1925. His parents were Abner Cable and Sally Ann (Barton) Hale. The first American ancestor in the paternal line was Thomas Hale, the glover, who came from England in 1637 and settled at Newbury, Massachusetts, where he died December 21, 1682. The grandfather, David Hale, was senior member of the first mercantile firm in Adams, New York, and was also captain of a troop of cavalry in the War of 1812. From a very early period in the development of Jefferson county the family was connected with its progress and upbuilding. Abner C. Hale, the father, followed the occupation of farming at Adams. Sally Ann Barton, mother of Professor Hale, was a descendant of Stephen Hopkins of the Mayflower and one of the signers of the Compact.

George D. Hale, spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, was reared to farm work. He received his early education at Watertown, where he prepared for college, and in 1870 was graduated from the classical course of the University of Rochester. Three years later that institution conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon and of the Phi Beta Kappa, two college fraternities. Professor Hale was known personally or by reputation to every resident of Rochester and also to a large extent throughout this and other states by reason of the fact that his students have gone abroad into all parts of the country, bearing in their lives the impress of his individuality. The Hale Classical and Scientific School, which he conducted in Rochester from 1871 to 1898, was the leading preparatory school for boys in the city and is recognized as having been one of the most excellent institutions of learning in the state. Among its graduates are men who are now prominent in the public and business life of Rochester. Thoroughness was always the motto of Professor Hale, who ever held high the standard of educational proficiency. Kant said, "the object of education is to train each individual to reach the highest perfection possible for him" and the spirit of this statement was a dominant factor in the work done by Professor Hale during these years. Moreover, he was recognized in educational circles as an authority on mathematics and as one who stood as a leader in his profession because of the high ideals which he ever held and the unflinching effort he made to reach them. He was identified with several of



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the leading societies for the advancement of knowledge, being a member of the National Educational Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, also of the National Geographic Society and the Rochester Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. Of local societies, he was identified with the Genesee Valley Club and with the Country Club. His political preferment was always for the republican party and while he was a student of the great issues and questions bearing upon the welfare of state and nation, he was always without political ambition.

On the 29th of December, 1875, Mr. Hale was married in Rochester to Miss Mary Elizabeth Judson, a daughter of Junius and Lavenda (Bushnell) Judson. Mrs. Hale died in 1915, leaving two daughters: Edith Harriette of Rochester; and Elizabeth Lavenda Hale, who died at Pasadena, California, in 1920.

For fifty-three years Mr. Hale was a member of the First Baptist church and secretary of its board of trustees for fifty years. He was much interested in the work of the Baptist City Mission and served as its president for several years. During this time the present church buildings of the Genesee Street Baptist church, South Avenue Baptist church, Italian and Polish missions were built and the Mount Oliver church was incorporated. He devoted much attention to this work, giving generously of his time and means. He was a generous contributor to many public and charitable works and his influence was always on the side of that which promotes intellectual development, aesthetic culture and moral progress. He gave many years of an active and useful life to the cause of education and attained wide distinction in the field of his chosen labor. Nor was he denied the substantial benefits which should ever arise from industry. He was in later years identified with the business interests of the Judson Governor, Judson Power and Judson Pin companies of Rochester, in which he was both director and stockholder.

The following editorial appeared in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle at the time of the death of Professor Hale under the caption, "A Citizen of Worth": "Few of the present generation of Rochesterians can appreciate the place in the intellectual life of the city that was occupied half a century ago by such institutions as the Hale Classical and Scientific School, the founder of which, George David Hale, has just passed on after a long life of marked usefulness to his fellow citizens and the city of his choice. Elementary education had come to be the settled thing for the young, since it had been recognized from the beginnings of the nation that the safety of the republic rested upon the general diffusion to its citizenry of the fundamentals of knowledge; but in the '60s and '70s it began to be recognized that some provision should be made for more generally diffusing knowledge in those intermediate grades which lie between the elementary school and college. The University of Rochester was comparatively young but it already occupied a high place among the nation's institutions of learning, and it was natural and commendable that a young graduate of the character and force of Mr. Hale, fresh from the inspiring influence of Martin Brewer Anderson, should see it as his mission to diffuse some of the general knowledge for which his college training had given him a taste. The success of the institution was a tribute to his character and ability, and the persistence of his influence in it is noted by the fact that though for years he has been a successful business man, now that he is gone, his services as a teacher still are regarded as significant. Mr. Hale was a pioneer in an important field in education, but he could not have been a success in that field or in later fields in which he exerted his influence if he had not had the qualities of character that make a man a real asset to a community."

Professor Hale was fitted by nature to be a teacher and to that profession he was sincerely devoted. He loved young people and sympathized with them and was eager to develop the highest mental and moral possibilities of everyone who came under his care. To him, teaching was a high calling and sacred trust and ever an inspiration to be instrumental in forming the ideals and character of his pupils. He taught school more than a quarter century, and the principles of honor and integrity which he always endeavored to inculcate in the minds of those under his charge, in addition to caring for their mental development, have borne good fruit, as is evidenced by the love and respect which was always accorded him by his former pupils, many of whom have taken foremost rank in the various lines of enterprise which they have followed in Rochester and elsewhere. Mr. Hale was the owner of an extensive library, of which he was very fond and which was of his own collection, comprising the works of the world's famous authors. He ever retained the student's fondness for reading and study. He was a student of Biblical history and read the Bible in several different languages.

A former pupil of Professor Hale paid him the following tribute, which ap-

peared in a Rochester paper: "As one of Professor Hale's pupils back in 1879, in preparation for Phillips Exeter Academy, I would like to add a few words in praise of this worthy teacher of young men. In the Hale Classical and Scientific School at this time were Isaac Hills, C. Walter Smith, George Mumford, William Leighton, Edward Ellwanger, Sidney Roby, Edward Leary and two or three others whose names I do not recall, but it was a studious, happy little company of boys who were guided by a great and most unusual mind through the mazes of classical and scientific study. Professor Hale was an adept in the conduct of young and led them along by persuasion rather than harsh mandate. He was a most profound scholar, being thoroughly versed in Latin, Greek and mathematics, and would never leave a student in doubt as to his understanding of the subjects he studied; in fact he stood in the place of the fond parent rather than the merciless taskmaster and no young man ever went out from his school lacking the inspiration instilled into his mind by a learned Christian gentleman. Professor Hale always did more for his students than was expected of him, and gave generously of his time to develop a boy's best nature, and I am very certain that in the heart of every man above mentioned remains the memory of this good teacher and profound scholar, whose patient endeavor and thoroughness and kindness made a deep imprint on his after life."

WILMOT CASTLE.

Wilmot Castle is the president and treasurer of the Wilmot Castle Company of Rochester, which he established in 1883 for the manufacture of sheet metal specialties. This enterprise, with what it subsequently developed into, had its origin in the fertile brain and executive ability of the man who has been at its head through the period of more than four decades which has passed since its inception. It is the most extensive of its kind in America. Wilmot Castle was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of February, 1855, the eldest son of the Rev. John Harvard and Marie Antoinette (Arnold) Castle. His father was a Baptist clergyman, recognized as one of the most eminent divines of that denomination in Philadelphia and afterward in Canada. At the time of his death he was the president of the Toronto Baptist College. He removed from Philadelphia to Canada with his family in the year 1873 and exerted a wide influence upon the intellectual and moral development of the communities in which he lived. The maternal grandfather of Wilmot Castle was William E. Arnold, an early settler and prominent real estate dealer of Rochester, for whom Arnold park was laid out and named.

Wilmot Castle was two years old when his parents established their home at Newburgh-on-the-Hudson, whence they removed to Philadelphia two years later. In the latter city he pursued his education in Professor Saunders Military Academy and also in Professor F. W. Hastings Military School. Accompanying the family on their removal to Canada in 1873, when he was eighteen years of age, he secured a position in the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Toronto, Ontario, where he remained for ten years, but thinking to enjoy better business opportunities across the border where the field is broader and advancement is more quickly secured, he came to Rochester in 1883 and began the manufacture of sheet metal specialties under the firm name of Wilmot Castle & Company. In 1893 was begun the manufacture of sterilizers, and that of sheet metal specialties was continued for a few years, when the growth of the sterilizer business resulted in the specialty line being discontinued. This business has been developed until they are now the largest manufacturers of sterilizers and bacteriological apparatus in the United States. These articles are specialties of the firm and the company now enjoys a very extensive domestic and export trade; in fact, its product is used almost throughout the civilized world and is largely regarded as an international standard in its line.

The business was incorporated in 1903 as the Wilmot Castle Company, and Wilmot Castle has ever since remained its executive and financial head. The plant of the company is modern in every detail, combining the latest features of industrial construction, wherein both employes and product have been accorded due consideration.

On the 15th of September, 1885, in Rochester, New York, Mr. Castle was married to Miss Mary Wilson Quinby, the only daughter of William deHart Quinby, M. D., of Morristown, New Jersey. Mrs. Castle passed away January 21, 1925. They became parents of three sons: Harvard deHart, born June 1, 1887, is engaged in the real estate business in Clearwater, Florida. He married Miss Harriet Boff; Wilmot Vail, born July 29, 1889, who is secretary of the Wilmot Castle Company, married Katharine



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Lois Andrews Quinby; John Harvard, born March 27, 1893, is production manager of the Wilmot Castle Company, and his wife was formerly Miss Adele Verges.

Mr. Castle is chairman of the executive committee of the Mechanics Savings Bank, of which he served as secretary and treasurer from 1915 to 1920. He is a member of Immanuel Baptist church, and for years has taken an active and helpful part in church affairs. In his club connections he is a member of the Rochester Yacht Club, the Rochester Ad Club, the Credit Men's Association, the New York State Industries and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. He has long manifested a keen interest in the work of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, in which he takes a most active part, and is a trustee of that organization.

For more than forty years Mr. Castle has been identified with Rochester's business life and his activities have been a distinct contribution to the city's industrial growth and prestige. He stands for all those forces which make for advancement in behalf of the general public and his attitude on all vital questions of civic improvement is one of progress. His long connection with industrial interests and the success he has achieved, establishes his position among Rochester's strong and capable business men. The elements were happily blended in the rounding out of his nature, for he unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood and his efforts have been resultant factors in whatever he has undertaken. Mr. Castle has not only been a successful business man, but one of high ideals whose personal worth is recognized by all, for throughout his life he has stood for those things which have real value as constructive elements in the world's work. He has built a number of residences on Oxford, Harvard, Rutgers and Westminster road, including his present home at No. 410 Westminster road. His summer home, "Willowbank", is on Lake Ontario.

WILLIAM HARRIS ARNOLD.

From the age of nine years William Harris Arnold has lived in Chemung county and few of its residents are better informed concerning the history of this region. He chose the printer's trade as his life work and in business circles of Elmira he is well and favorably known. He was born in Toronto, Canada, June 10, 1872, a son of Harry and Sarah A. Arnold, the former a native of England and the latter of Canada. They settled in Chemung county in 1881 and the father became a pressman with the Telegram, continuing in the service of the paper for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were zealous members of the Presbyterian church and he was also connected with the Royal Arcanum. They had a family of two children: William Harris of this review; and Mrs. Mary E. Robertson.

William Harris Arnold received his education in Elmira and afterward served an apprenticeship to the printer's trade, which he has followed since 1888—a period of over thirty-six years. He first worked for the Gazette, then for the Star-Gazette, and has been with the firm of Barber & Doane since they took over the printing business of that paper. He has an expert knowledge of the trade and is one of the most valuable men in the firm's employ.

Mr. Arnold is a Presbyterian in religious faith and gives his political support to the candidates and measures of the republican party. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner and has passed through all of the chairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past district deputy. He was chosen local historian in 1922 and since 1923 has been historian for Chemung county.

ALBERT JULIAN WOODWORTH.

Working as a telegraph operator may not have been the sole cause, but it probably helped to arouse the desire for more knowledge about electricity in the brain of Albert Julian Woodworth of Nunda, Livingston county, New York, owner of the Nunda Electric Light Company, Incorporated. Whatever the original cause Mr. Woodworth did not remain at the key very long, and soon after forsaking the telegraph business was a known factor in the electrical field. He was born in Chenango county, New York, on December 15, 1875, the son of Charles and Elizabeth (Bennett) Woodworth, both deceased. He had four brothers and five sisters.

After leaving school, for two years Albert Julian Woodworth was telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Rosburg, New York. From Rosburg

he went to Sparrows Point, Maryland, in 1896, to engage in the electrical business, and in 1900 went with the Maryland Steel Company, now the Bethlehem Steel Company, as superintendent of its electrical department at Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained twelve years. Mr. Woodworth then bought a two-thirds interest in the Randolph (New York) Light & Power Company, which he sold on January 1, 1915. He then moved to Nunda and bought a third interest with L. O. Willard and H. J. Gordon in the Nunda Electric Light Company, which company gave the first twenty-four hour service in the village. Mr. Woodworth bought out the interest of his partners in the fall of 1918 and is now sole owner of the company, which supplies electricity to Nunda, Dalton and Hunts Station.

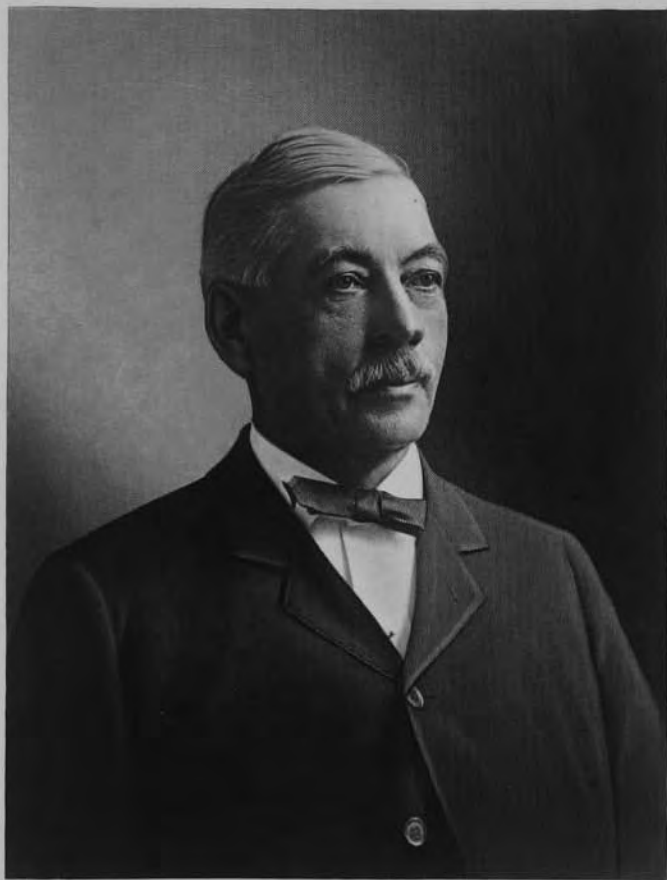
On October 30, 1901, Mr. Woodworth was married to Grace D. Atwood of Wiscoy, New York. He is a member of the National Electric Light Association, the Empire State Gas and Electric Association, and is a charter member of the Iron and Steel Electrical Engineers Association. Politically Mr. Woodworth is a republican, attends the Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order.

CAPTAIN CHARLES W. HOUGH.

In the memorial annals of the Genesee country and particularly of the city of Batavia and Genesee county, there are few names held in better remembrance than is that of Captain Charles W. Hough, manufacturer, publicist and community builder, whose death a quarter of a century ago was the occasion of wide mourning and whose memory still is kept green thereabout. He was a native son of the Empire state, a member of one of the old colonial families, and with the exception of a few years spent in the northwest following his return from the army at the close of the Civil war, all his life had been spent here. He was born on a farm, in the Summer Hill neighborhood, in Cayuga county, June 22, 1836, and was a son of Joel and Harriet (Smith) Hough, both members of pioneer families, the Houghs tracing to a lineal representative of the line of Sir Edwin Hough of England, who landed in the Plymouth colony as early as the year 1664. The Houghs of this line in America are now a far-flung family, worthy representatives of this line in direct descent from this early New England ancestor being found in almost every state of the Union.

Charles W. Hough completed his education in the old Moravia Academy in his native county of Cayuga and was engaged in farming pursuits when the Civil war came on. In 1862 he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as a private in Company E of the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, which later was reorganized as the Ninth New York Heavy Artillery. By successive promotions for meritorious service, he was advanced from private to corporal, thence to sergeant, sergeant major, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and then was commissioned a captain in the Second New York Heavy Artillery. With this command Captain Hough was for about eighteen months engaged in the defense of the city of Washington and when that command was finally ordered off for field service he was detached and was detailed by the war department as ordnance officer in the defenses of Washington, north of the Potomac. At the close of the war he was made chief ordnance officer for the military district of Washington and in that capacity had charge of the dismantling of the fortifications surrounding the capital north of the river. Captain Hough was relieved upon the conclusion of this special detail of service and received his final discharge on October 15, 1865.

Upon the conclusion of his military service Captain Hough returned to his home in New York and in the fall of the next year (1866) was married. In the following year (1867) he and his wife joined the considerable stream of emigration that was flowing into the rapidly developing state of Minnesota and for three years thereafter were residents of the picturesque little city of Winona, on the Mississippi, in the southeastern part of that state. Following his return to New York, Captain Hough, in 1871, bought from Matthew Wiard the latter's half interest in the plow manufacturing plant of M. & G. Wiard, in East Avon, Livingston county, a business that had been established in Connecticut as early as 1804 by Thomas Wiard, a pioneer blacksmith, and which has been maintained as a continuing industry, now the oldest concern of its kind in the country. When Captain Hough bought into this business the firm name was changed to Wiard & Hough and in 1876 the plow works were moved from East Avon to Batavia, where the establishment ever since has been maintained and where it has grown into a great industry—the Wiard Plow Com-



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pany, of which Captain Hough's son, Arthur G. Hough, now is the president, as is set out elsewhere in this work. It was when this concern was moved from East Avon to Batavia that the firm name was changed from Wiard & Hough to that of the Wiard Plow Company, and this name has since been maintained, thus having behind it a half century of honorable service. Captain Hough was treasurer of this company and continued active in its operation until his death on May 4, 1900, he then having been a resident of Batavia for almost a quarter of a century.

In addition to his large manufacturing interests Captain Hough had other substantial interests in and about the city and was ever regarded as one of the dependable citizens of the community. He was particularly active in the local realty and town extension field, laid out and promoted several suburban additions, donated three streets to the city and built no fewer than thirty houses. He also was influential in the way of inducing other industries to locate in Batavia and was a true community builder. His part in local civic affairs was equally helpful. A staunch republican, he ever took an interested part in local political affairs and had rendered effective service as a member of the board of village trustees. He also was a leader in the activities of the local board of trade and had served that body for some time as president. In school and church work he also was an effective participant and both he and his wife were long recognized as among the leaders in the general social and cultural activities of their home town. Captain Hough was a member of Upton Post, G. A. R.

On September 26, 1866, Captain Charles W. Hough was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Young, daughter of George W. and Jerusha (Brooks) Young of East Venice, New York. Captain and Mrs. Hough had two sons: Arthur George Hough, now president of the Wiard Plow Company of Batavia, concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this work; and Edward W. Hough, who died in the days of his young manhood. Mrs. Hough survived her husband for nearly fourteen years, her death occurring at her home in Batavia on December 20, 1913.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER COOPER.

Among those progressive business men who have stimulated the pulse of trade in Rochester is numbered Samuel Alexander Cooper, the real pioneer in the five- and ten-cent wall paper business. He is a firm believer in the value of concentrated effort and his operations in his chosen line of endeavor now cover six states. He is one of the city's "boosters" and has contributed his share toward its substantial upbuilding by the erection of a fine business block. He was born in Jefferson county, New York, August 9, 1877, a son of Jerome and Emma (Farr) Cooper, the latter a native of Smith Falls, Ontario, Canada. The mother came to New York state as a girl and was here reared and married. The father was born in Theresa, Jefferson county, New York, and on entering the world of commerce first became connected with the tannery business. In later life he turned his attention to the wall paper trade, opening a store in Watertown, New York, where he spent the remainder of his life. He passed away January 4, 1920, and the mother's demise occurred in that city on the 10th of April, 1923. Eleven children were born to them, nine of whom are living, six sons and three daughters: Emmett A.; George W.; Jerome B.; Rana S.; Sidney B.; Samuel A. of this review; Louise, who is now Mrs. Fred Jennings; Emma, who is now Mrs. George Van Dorn; and Grace, who is now Mrs. Oscar Dillman.

Samuel Alexander Cooper attended the public schools of Theresa, New York, and after completing his studies entered the wall paper business, which he has made his lifework. He is associated with his brother, Rana S. Cooper, and they are sole owners of the business, which was established in 1900. They have a highly specialized knowledge of the trade and their foresight, enterprise and ability are manifest in the remarkable growth and expansion of the business, which is one of the most extensive mercantile houses of this character in the country. At the outset they realized the great importance of that intangible asset known as character and their success has been founded upon honorable dealing and unswerving allegiance to the highest standard of commercial ethics. The Cooper Wall Paper Stores are distinguished by their orange fronts and the firm now has in operation a chain of thirty-two of these popular-priced stores, situated in the following cities: Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven, Connecticut; Springfield and Worcester, Massachusetts; Grand Rapids, Bay City, Saginaw and Kalamazoo, Michigan; Atlantic City, Newark and Paterson, New Jersey; Buffalo, Binghamton, Elmira, Albany, Schenectady, Syracuse, Watertown, Johnstown, Gloversville, Rochester, Troy and Utica, New York;

Wilkes-Barre, Allentown, Harrisburg and Scranton, Pennsylvania. The first store was started in Syracuse, New York, and its success was immediate. Realizing that Rochester was destined to become one of the most important cities in the east, Mr. Cooper invested heavily in local realty, securing property on Elm street, on a portion of which he has erected a substantial two-story building with a large floor space, and here the Rochester store is located. In addition to the five- and ten-cent rolls the firm carries the more expensive grades of wall paper and since 1913 its Rochester store has been in operation, growing steadily in popular favor during that period. Mr. Cooper also owns a gas and oil station, which is situated on adjoining property.

On August 22, 1910, Mr. Cooper was married to Miss Dorothy Shisler, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Shisler of Syracuse. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have three children: Mary Sybil, who was born June 4, 1920; and Sam and Sue, twins, born August 5, 1922. Mr. Cooper is a York Rite Mason and in the Scottish Rite Consistory he has attained the thirty-second degree. Rochester has greatly benefited by the citizenship of Mr. Cooper, in whose character the qualities of enterprise and conservatism are happily blended. It is by men of this well balanced nature that the best work is accomplished and the most enduring results are obtained. They take no backward step and their attainment of a goal means not a temporary triumph but a permanent conquest. In his business career he has made each day count for the utmost and, strong and purposeful, his efforts have been directed along steadily broadening lines of greater usefulness. His residence is at No. 14 Council Rock avenue.

HON. SELDEN STANLEY BROWN.

Hon. Selden Stanley Brown, Surrogate of Monroe county, is one of the popular and honored citizens of Rochester, where he presides over his court, and of Scottsville, where he makes his home. It is not alone his qualities as a lawyer and judge but also as a man that have gained him the favorable place which he occupies in public regard. There are few residents of the county who have more warm friends and friendship is always an indication of the recognition of genuine personal worth.

Judge Brown is a native of Scottsville, Monroe county, New York, where his birth occurred on the 23d of October, 1855. He was the eldest son of the late D. D. S. Brown and began his education in the public schools of Scottsville, after which he attended the Rochester Collegiate Institute, subsequently entering the University of Rochester in the class of 1879. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi society while in college and for a number of years was president of the local alumni association of that fraternity.

Following the completion of his more specifically literary course Judge Brown entered upon the study of law under the direction of the firm of Hubbel & McGuire and was admitted to the bar in 1882. In 1896 he formed a law partnership with Harry Otis Poole and the firm continued in active practice with offices in the Powers building until Judge Brown went upon the bench through appointment to the position of Surrogate by Governor Frank W. Higgins in 1905 and assumed his judicial duties in January, 1906. Later he received the endorsement of the Monroe county bar and at the regular election became the nominee of the republican party and was elected by a very flattering majority. Judge Brown has since then been reelected three times and his present term will expire in December, 1925. A local paper has said of him: "Judge Brown has a natural judicial air. His dignity is blended with courtesy and a kindness of heart that makes him popular with the members of the bar who come before him in practice. His ability commands respect, while his reception of practitioners, litigants and visitors inspires regard. In the surrogate's court several hundred people come in the course of a year; they often come there under distressing circumstances. Usually the handling of law questions involved in any proceeding may be simple, but there often is need of personal sympathy and a kindly word of advice from the surrogate that counts as much in relieving difficulties as a decision of the law in the case. Judge Brown fills all these requirements."

Judge Brown as a citizen has always been interested in matters of general moment and has ever been a stalwart supporter of the republican party. He has kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day and his opinions have carried weight in party councils, where he has served as a delegate to the county and state conventions on various occasions. For many years he was a member of the republican general committee representing the town of Wheatland but he did not become a candidate for any office until he was suggested as the successor of Judge



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Benton of the surrogate bench. He had enjoyed a large and important law practice and had given ample proof of his ability and his thorough understanding of all departments of the law. He was therefore well qualified to take up official duties and his course as surrogate has been characterized by the utmost devotion to duty, in which he has fulfilled not only the letter but also the spirit of the law. He was an alternate to the republican national convention of 1904 which nominated Roosevelt. He has served as a member of the school board of Scottsville for many years, and the cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend.

In 1883 Judge Brown was married to Miss L. Adell Franklin, whose death occurred April 23, 1912. Their only child, Selden King Brown, was born October 13, 1886, is a farmer and resides in Wheatland township, Monroe county. He married Miss Annis M. Dunn and has three children: Janet Crosby; Selden Stanley (II), who was born October 21, 1912; and Ruth Eleanor. Judge Brown, for his second wife, married on June 17, 1914, Mary Elizabeth Stewart of Scottsville, who died on February 1, 1921. On August 4, 1923, he married Miss Jessie E. Franklin of Scottsville. Judge Brown has never changed his place of residence from Scottsville to the city, but remained in his native village, with the interests of which he is most closely identified. He is a member of the Rochester Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Genesee Valley Club. He is a strong man, strong in his honor and his good name, strong in his professional ability and strong in support of whatever he believes to be right. He therefore stands for those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride and his good qualities of heart and mind have made him a prominent resident of Monroe county.

BYRON S. PALMER, D. D. S.

When, nearly twenty-five years ago, an accident compelled Dr. Byron S. Palmer, a successful dentist of Chicago, Illinois, to give up his profession, he was freer than are most men to choose the place in which he wished to live apart from considerations that have to do with businesses and professions. The place of his choice was Palmyra, New York. This selection is not so surprising, perhaps, when one learns that although he is an Iowan by birth, Dr. Palmer comes from old New York families. His father, George Lamb Palmer, was born in Ontario, New York, on March 12, 1832, which state he left as a young man of twenty to seek his fortune in the black soil of the western prairies. All of his active life was devoted to the tilling of the soil and for seventy years he lived in and near Vinton, Iowa. He died March 4, 1924, at the age of ninety-two. His wife, who died in 1883, was Miss Mary M. Smith before her marriage, which took place in West Walworth, New York. She was born in Walworth, Wayne county, into an old pioneer family of this county, of New England origin. Her parents were Daniel M. and Elizabeth (Herrendeen) Smith. Of her five children two sons and the only daughter are still living. Byron S. of this review was the second child, and was born in Vinton, Iowa, on the 4th of June, 1858.

Byron S. Palmer was educated in the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing, from which he graduated in 1881 with the B. S. degree. As he was not attracted to agricultural pursuits as a lifework, the young man continued his studies in the school of dentistry in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and two years later received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He entered into the active practice of his profession in Paw Paw, Michigan, where he remained for two years, after which he moved to Chicago and there practiced for fifteen years—from 1885 to 1900. During this time he came to the front in his profession and was enjoying an excellent practice, when an unfortunate injury to his eye made further work in this line impossible. While he was practicing Dr. Palmer also did considerable teaching, mostly of a scientific and professional character. While he was a student at Ann Arbor he first began practice in the employ of a dentist at Paw Paw, and after his graduation he purchased the practice. During his residence in this place he taught physiology and anatomy in a private school. After he went to Chicago he taught for four or five years in the dental school of Northwestern University, his subject being dental technique. At that time he was a member of the Illinois State Dental Society, the Chicago Dental Society and the Chicago Dental Club. Although it has been many years since he was actively engaged in the profession Dr. Palmer retains a keen interest in its development and keeps well abreast of the times in this particular field, through an honorary membership in the Rochester Dental Society.

Since coming to Palmyra, Dr. Palmer has been leading a somewhat retired life,

but he has always manifested a keen interest in the affairs of the community and has ever been ready to do whatever he could to make it a better place in which to live and rear a family. His scientific training has made him a valuable and enthusiastic member of the Palmyra Agricultural Society. Since college days he has been a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Financially Dr. Palmer is interested in the Borchardt Malt Extract Company of Chicago, in which he has been half owner since 1900, and is now vice president of the company. For the past seven years Dr. Palmer, because of poor health, has been practically retired from active business. He has, however, been engaged in the completion of a genealogy of the Palmer family in America, containing upwards of forty thousand names of individuals bearing the family name. Dr. Palmer began this task about thirty years ago, and plans to issue the work in five volumes, in 1926.

On the 24th of October, 1881, in Macedon Center, New York, Dr. Palmer was married to Miss Jeannette M. Carman, daughter of Truman and Emaline Carman of that place. Dr. and Mrs. Palmer have two children: The son, George Truman Palmer, was educated in the Palmyra high school and Rochester University, from which latter institution he graduated in 1907, with the Bachelor of Science degree. The following two years he spent at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in Cambridge, where he likewise took a B. S. degree and in 1911 he received his M. A. degree from the same school. Mr. Palmer specializes in public health work and during the World war spent four years in Washington in the national government service, ranking as captain. He has also been in the service of the New Jersey State Board of Health and for four years was epidemiologist for the board of health for the city of Detroit, Michigan. During this period he received the degree of Doctor of Public Health from the University of Michigan, in 1920. From Detroit he went to New York city as a director in research for the American Child Health Association, his present position. Mr. Palmer was married to Miss Gertrude Smart of Roslyndale, Massachusetts, and they have one child Carman Palmer. Dr. and Mrs. Byron S. Palmer's only daughter, Irene C., is the wife of Aloysius V. McDonnell of New York city and the mother of a son, Richard A. McDonnell. Mrs. McDonnell is a graduate of East high school, Rochester, class of 1907, and an alumna of Vassar College, class of 1911. For nearly four years prior to her marriage she taught mathematics in East high school.

CLARENCE DUNCAN VAN ZANDT.

Clarence Duncan Van Zandt, mayor of the city of Rochester and for many years prominently identified with the city's business interests, was born here, on the 21st day of March, 1853, a son of John J. and Mary A. (Harris) Van Zandt. The Van Zandt family is of Holland Dutch extraction and long settled in this country, being one of the old families of Albany. In 1844 John J. Van Zandt removed from Albany to Rochester and here established a coffee and spice business, which he conducted until in the '60s. His wife, Mary A. Harris, was the daughter of an English army officer, and they were the parents of four sons and four daughters.

Clarence Duncan Van Zandt attended both public and private schools in the acquirement of an education, and began his business career in this city, which has been the scene of his subsequent activities. He is president and treasurer of the Paine Drug Company, Incorporated, one of the extensive and important business houses of western New York, in its line and the most historic mercantile institution in Rochester, with a record of five years more than a century on the same site. Founded in 1820 by William Pitkin at what is now Nos. 24 and 26 East Main street, the firm style changed in 1840 to Lansing B. Swan; Lane & Paine in 1852; the Paine Drug Company in 1897, and the Paine Drug Company, Incorporated, in 1910. A man of splendid executive ability, sound judgment and business vision, Mr. Van Zandt has contributed in large measure to the steady development and expansion of the corporation.

In public life as well has Mr. Van Zandt become a prominent figure. In November, 1921, he was elected mayor of Rochester and has ever since been at the head of the city government his administration being characterized by many measures of reform, progress and improvement. His military record covers service with Company C of the Fifty-fourth Regiment (the old Light Guard). He was a commissioner of Mount Hope cemetery, a director of the State Motor Federation, holds a life membership in the National Good Roads Association and the American National Red Cross. He also belongs to the Rochester Historical Society, the Rochester Chamber



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of Commerce, the Humane Society, the New York State Archaeological Society and was formerly a member of the executive committee of the American Automobile Association.

Fraternally Mr. Van Zandt has for years been prominent in masonry, belonging to Zetland Lodge, No. 951, F. and A. M.; Monroe Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templars, Rochester Consistory; and Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while his appreciation for the social amenities of life is further indicated in his membership connection with the Automobile Club of Rochester, of which he was formerly president, the Rochester Club, the Washington Club, the Rifle and Revolver Club and the Flower City Sportsman.

On the 30th of November, 1881, Mr. Van Zandt was married to Miss Mary E. White of New York city. Their daughter, Marie, is the wife of Clarence C. Keehn of Canandaigua, New York. Gifted with a keen business insight and a broad grasp of affairs, Mr. Van Zandt stands as one of the strong men of Rochester, strong in his ability to plan and perform, ready to accomplish things for the public good and looking at each question from the standpoint of the liberal-minded man of broad experience. The elements were happily blended in the rounding out of his nature, for he unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood, and his labors have been manifestly resultant.

FREDERICK G. YAWMAN.

Frederick G. Yawman, president of the Eisler Manufacturing Company, is wisely guiding the destiny of an important productive industry and bears a name that has long stood for the best traditions in Rochester's citizenship. He was born in the Flower city, on the 6th of April, 1873, a son of George and Elizabeth (Begy) Yawman, the former a native of Rochester and the latter of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. The father was one of the well known grocers of Rochester, successfully following that business for a half century, and his probity, enterprise and public spirit were qualities which won for him the unqualified esteem of his fellow citizens. He passed away in May, 1922, and is survived by the mother. Five children were born to them, three of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Laura Leonard, Effie, and Frederick G.

Frederick G. Yawman received his early training in the SS. Peter & Paul parochial school and after completing a course in the public schools became an apprentice to the machinist's trade. He was connected with the firm of Eastman, Yawman & Erb for a period of fourteen years and a year after the establishment of the Eisler Manufacturing Company became its president, which office he has filled since 1908. The firm manufactures a general line of machinery and employs from twenty-five to thirty persons. There is a steady demand for its output, which is characterized by a high standard of excellence, and under the able administration of Mr. Yawman the business has prospered, each year marking an increase in its volume.

In 1903 Mr. Yawman was married to Miss Rosalia A. Knapp, who died in 1907. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Knapp, prominent residents of Rochester. Mr. Yawman has a son: Victor G., born in this city, December 30, 1904, who is now a student at Notre Dame University, class of 1926.

Mr. Yawman is a faithful communicant of the Roman Catholic church and has taken the third degree in the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to the Rochester Automobile Club and contributes his quota toward civic advancement as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His career has been one of continuous progress and his success proves that the old-fashioned virtues of industry and honesty still constitute the key to prosperity.

BERT O. CHAPMAN, D. D. S.

Broad experience and constant study have ripened the ability of Dr. Bert O. Chapman, who for thirty-three years has followed the vocation of his choice in Elmira, and the profession as well as the public accords him rank with the leading dental practitioners of the city. He was born in the town of Big Flats, Chemung county, New York, June 2, 1865, a son of Seeley P. and Sarah (Kingsbury) Chapman, the latter also a native of this county. The father was born in Schuyler county, New

York, and chose the occupation of farming as his lifework. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and supported the candidates of the democratic party until the McKinley administration, when he became a republican. He was active in public affairs and held various town offices, being one of those instrumental in organizing the Elmira Farmer Club, of which he was the first secretary. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, four of whom survive, namely: Wilbur N., who is a lumber salesman and resides in Newark, New Jersey; Bert O., of this review; H. Edgar, who is connected with the Elmira Storage & Sales Company; and Mrs. Crete C. Cunningham, who is a widow and makes her home in Elmira.

Bert O. Chapman began his education in the district school near his home and continued his studies in the city schools, afterward entering the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he was graduated in 1891. Returning to Chemung county, he became associated with the firm of Goddard & Fox and ultimately was their successor. Each succeeding year has witnessed a decided increase in his practice, which requires his undivided attention. He possesses the mechanical skill and ingenuity so necessary to success in the profession and adds thereto a comprehensive knowledge of the broad scientific principles upon which dental practice is based.

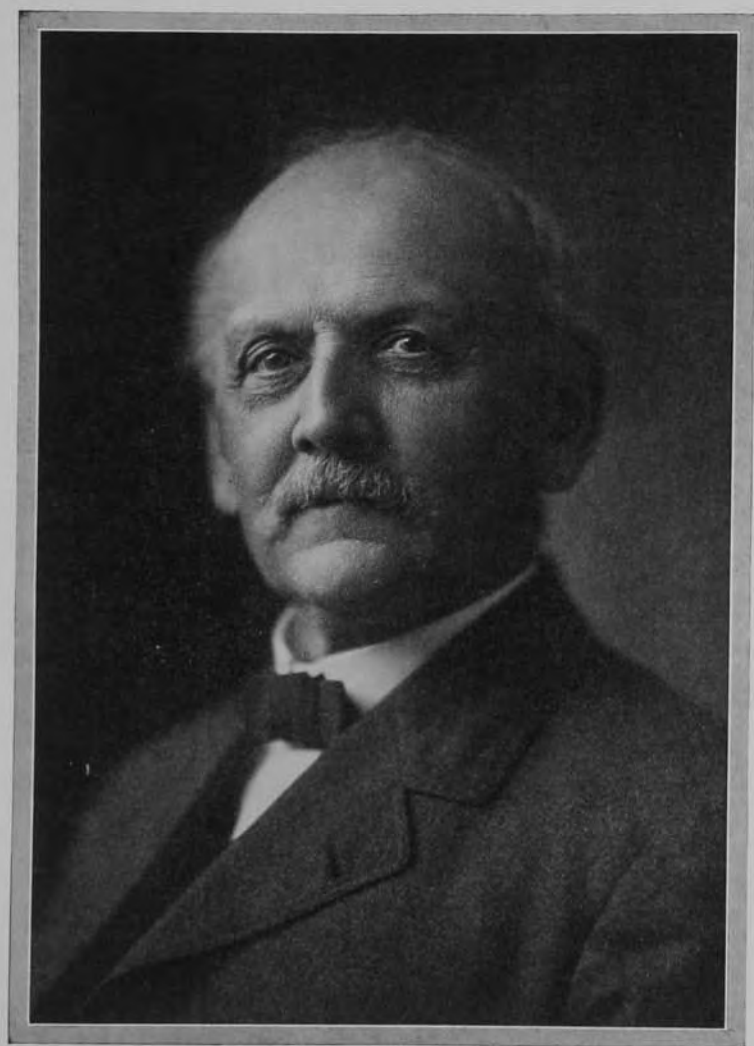
On September 6, 1900, Dr. Chapman was married to Miss Mary J. Collins, who is a native of Canada and was reared and educated in the Dominion. They have two children: Elizabeth Jean, who graduated from the Elmira Free Academy and Elmira College and who is now teaching; and Eldon Seeley, a student at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman are members of the First Presbyterian church and he is allied with the republican party. He is a Knights Templar Mason and belongs to the Masonic, Century and Rotary Clubs. He is an ex-president of the Sixth District Dental Society, also a member of the American Dental Association and the New York State Dental Society.

JOHN FREDERICK BRAYER.

Among those men whose business activities have had much to do with the building up and development of Rochester's manufacturing interests was John Frederick Brayer, chairman of the board of directors of the Co-operative Foundry Company. His entire life from boyhood was closely connected with that company, which for years has been included among the city's strong and substantial industrial organizations. Governed by time-honored ideals, the finished products of the Co-operative Foundry Company are the result of years of striving for perfection and the fact that the business has endured for nearly sixty years is proof of the integrity and ability of the men at its head. No industry of Rochester redounds more to the credit and fame of the city, and in its development members of the Brayer family have played a leading part.

John Frederick Brayer was born in this city on the 7th of September, 1852, a son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Begy) Brayer. The latter came to this country at the age of sixteen and the former when a boy of ten, and they were married in Rochester on October 21, 1851. The father was born on the 20th of October, 1829, in Lorraine, at that time a French province, and in 1867 was one of the principal organizers of the Co-operative Foundry Company, of which he became president. He was a man of exceptional business sagacity and administrative power, which enabled him to place the industry upon a strong and enduring foundation, and successfully guided its destiny for many years. He was also a director of the German Insurance Company of Rochester and likewise found time for participation in civic affairs, serving as supervisor for the eighth ward. He was a Catholic in religious faith and passed away on May 11, 1901, honored and respected by all who knew him. His widow survived and was called to her final rest in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Brayer became the parents of ten children, but John Frederick, Edward J. and Mrs. Ida M. Staud are deceased. Those now living are Frank Nicholas, George H., Elizabeth, Emma, Margaret, Mrs. Ottilia K. Berna and Mrs. Bertha B. Staud.

John F. Brayer attended the public schools of Rochester and after his education was completed entered the Co-operative Foundry, where he learned the business from the ground up. He proved a worthy successor of his father, closely following the progressive policy inaugurated by the latter, and under his able supervision a high degree of efficiency was maintained in the operation of the plant. The business was first conducted in what is now the down town section of Rochester and later removed to a large tract of land purchased in the Lincoln Park district, where the



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present excellent plant was built. The original capital of the company was twenty-five thousand dollars, which has been increased from time to time and is now six hundred thousand dollars, and about three hundred workers are employed in the foundry, which manufactures the famous Red Cross products, used in civilized countries throughout the world. The firm is a pioneer in this field, in which it has long maintained a position of leadership, and has one of the largest and best equipped plants of the kind in the United States. The name Red Cross is known to millions of women who use kitchen ranges. The gas range, equipped with the oven heat control, enables the housewife to cook and bake with a certainty of results hitherto regarded as impossible. The Red Cross Copco Enamel ranges have been perfected after years of scientific research and experimentation, and the firm also makes the well known Red Cross Ajax and Empire furnaces, which are widely used. Efficiency and durability are combined with art in the manufacture of Co-operative products and from father to son the principles of the founder have been handed down, resulting in a reputation which places these products in the front rank of heating and cooking equipment for the home. The process of quality given in Red Cross products starts with the purchase of materials. The manufacturers strive to obtain the very best. The raw materials are then transformed into the finished product by skilled artisans. Both the materials, before the manufacturing processes are begun, and the finished article, before it is placed on the market, are carefully inspected, for it is the policy of the company that everything must be as nearly perfect as it is humanly possible to make it. This practice has been followed ever since the company was founded and as a result it has acquired a reputation for commercial integrity not surpassed by any other manufacturing concern in Rochester.

On September 28th, 1880, Mr. Brayer married Miss Louisa Lefmann, of Rochester, who, with a son and daughter, survive him. The son, Nelson G., is superintendent of the Sharon, Pennsylvania works of the National Malleable & Steel Castings Company. He married Miss Pauline Pierce of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. The daughter, Florence B., was married June 2, 1906, to Conrad J. Gelli of New York city, whose death occurred in November, 1907, in Florence Italy, leaving a daughter Louise N., born April 16, 1907, and is now a student at the University of Rochester, member of the class of 1928.

Mr. Brayer was a director of the Mechanics Institute of this city, and had been treasurer for many years, and also belonged to the Rochester Historical Society, the Academy of Science, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Automobile Club of Rochester. In his religious faith he was a Unitarian. He represented the highest type of citizenship, and his was an inspiring example of a well balanced, well ordered life. In business affairs his ability and sound judgment were unquestioned and they were coupled with a strict sense of honor and justice that commanded both respect and success. In private life he was ever kindly and sympathetic. His home life was particularly appealing, and all that was best in his nature was reflected in the simple, though beautiful and restful place which he called "home." He passed away in Rochester on the 20th of December, 1924.

FRED B. SCHUBER.

Fred B. Schubert, a prominent and representative young business man of Rochester, is the secretary and treasurer of the Rochester Auto Parts, Incorporated, which he founded in 1916 and which has since developed into one of the largest enterprises of the kind in western New York. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 7th of March, 1891 his parents being William J. and Mary (Walterman) Schubert, who are also natives of that state and resided in Chicago until 1904, when they came to Rochester, New York. The father, who was well known in industrial circles here for many years as general superintendent of the Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Company, severed his connection with that corporation to join his son in the conduct of Rochester Auto Parts, Incorporated, with which he is still actively identified. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Schubert have two sons: Fred B., of this review; and Edward F., who is connected with the North East Electric Company of Rochester.

Fred B. Schubert began his education in the public schools of Chicago and continued his studies in the East high school of Rochester, from which he was graduated in 1908. After putting aside his textbooks he secured a clerical position with the New York State Railways, while subsequently he was similarly employed by the Rochester Railway & Light Company until he entered the purchasing department of the Todd

Protectograph Company. Following his resignation from the last named corporation in 1916, he founded the enterprise known as Rochester Auto Parts, Incorporated, of which he has since served as secretary and treasurer. The concern is not excelled among wholesale and retail dealers in automobile parts and supplies anywhere.

On the 29th of April, 1912, Mr. Schubert was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hill daughter of John J. Hill, Sr., of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Schubert have one son: John Frederick, who was born in Rochester in 1915 and is now a student in school No. 23. Mr. Schubert is a consistent member of St. Paul's church and also belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association. His name is likewise on the membership rolls of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Ad Club, the Rochester Club, the Oak Hill Country Club and the Automobile Club of Rochester. His progress has been continuous, and step by step he has advanced not only in business life but also in the regard and high esteem of his fellow townsmen.

DAVID C. GEORGE.

For more than three decades David C. George has been living retired at Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York. For over thirty-three years his home was at No. 89 Chapel street, but he moved his residence in July, 1923, to No. 42 Stanley street, which is now his home. Mr. George is a retired farmer and nearly eighty years old. He was born at Sparta, Livingston county, on January 2, 1845, the son of Jacob and Matilda (Whiteman) George representatives of one of the most prominent pioneer families in Livingston county. There were nine children in the family, of whom three are living: Lovinia, the widow of Seymour Daniels; David C.; and Elizabeth, wife of Seneca Gifford.

David C. George was educated in the district grade schools and had two terms in the high school, after which he engaged in farming and pursued this occupation successfully for twenty-one years. When forty-five years old he retired from farm life and moved to Mount Morris, where he has lived ever since, and is now village assessor, having held this office at different times for three terms.

Mr. George was married on October 24, 1871, to Sarah M. Bacon of Nunda, Livingston county. Mr. George is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics votes the republican ticket.

DELBERT RAYMOND MELCHING.

The upbuilding of a community largely depends upon the men who handle real estate and the character of a city is determined in great measure by their labors. Rochester is fortunate in this respect, numbering among its realtors men of exceptional enterprise and ability who have exerted a marked influence in shaping the destiny of the city and influencing its growth. In this connection Delbert Raymond Melching, president of the Melching Realty Development Company, is deserving of special mention. He was born February 12, 1886, in Van Wert, Ohio, a son of Otto and Henrietta (Turner) Melching, the latter a native of Canandaigua, New York. The father was a boy of six when his parents came to the United States, settling in New London, Ohio, and in the Buckeye state he was reared, educated and married. He was a mason contractor and constructed the President Hayes building at Fremont, Ohio, and many other notable buildings in that state. He was a master craftsman and met an accidental death on December 11, 1922, while at work on a building in Bowling Green, Ohio. He is survived by the mother, who resides in Fremont.

In the public schools of that town Delbert Raymond Melching acquired his education and afterward acted as superintendent for one of the business houses of Fremont. In 1908, when a young man of twenty-two, he came to Rochester and for five years thereafter was an employe of the New York State Railroad Company, filling the position of station agent at Canandaigua, Geneva, and other points in the state. On the expiration of that period he returned to Rochester and opened a candy store on East avenue. He conducted the business for five years and then organized the Melching Realty Development Company, of which he is now the president. He has foresight, initiative, excellent judgment and marked administrative power and in the conduct of the business looks beyond the exigencies of the moment to the needs



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and possibilities of the future, building not only for the present but for the time to come. He has developed a number of subdivisions, transforming unsightly vacancies into fine residential districts and greatly enhancing the value of property in the districts in which he has operated.

In Victor, New York, on March 4, 1909, Mr. Melching was married to Miss Lulu B. Mowery, a native of Lima, Ohio. Her parents, Samuel and Jennie Mowery, reside in Cridersville, Ohio, which was named in honor of her maternal grandfather, a pioneer settler of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Melching have a son: De Forrest Dill, who was born in Geneva, New York, December 10, 1909, and is attending the Madison Junior high school. Mr. Melching is a member of the Rochester Real Estate Board and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, and along fraternal lines he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His rise in the business world is attributable to native sagacity, an ambitious spirit and the capacity for sustained effort. His work has been of great benefit to the city and he has the satisfaction of knowing that his prosperity has been won through his own exertions and by honorable methods.

THEODORE F. OLMSTED.

When a man rounds out half a century in the service of a business concern the anniversary is generally observed with some appropriate ceremonies, and sometimes by retirement on a pension. Theodore F. Olmsted of Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, president of the Genesee Valley National Bank, has passed sixty-five years in the service of his bank, and would scout the mere suggestion of retirement. He has been largely instrumental in bringing the bank to the commanding financial position it holds among the banks of western New York, and he takes pride in the further expansion of its beneficial powers to the community in which he lives. He was born at Lakeville, Livingston county, New York, on September 16, 1836, the son of Lucius F. and Emeline (Willard) Olmsted. Mr. Olmsted's father, Lucius F., was a native of Vermont, and was born on March 10, 1796. When a young man he settled at Cayuga Bridge, New York, and constructed two miles of the Seneca canal at that place. In 1835 he erected the saw and flour mills at Lakesville, which he operated until 1854. In 1858 he removed to Geneseo, where he lived in retirement until his death on October 15, 1868. His wife was born at Cayuga Bridge on November 1, 1805, and was the daughter of Loring Willard of that place. They were married on April 9, 1822, and became the parents of nine children. Mrs. Olmsted died on April 4, 1887, and Theodore F. of this review is the only survivor of the family.

Theodore F. Olmsted was educated in the public schools and at Canandaigua Academy, and on February 25, 1858, entered the Genesee National Bank, (which was organized as the Genesee Valley National Bank in 1865), as bookkeeper and teller. On June 25, 1881, he became assistant cashier, and on January 1, 1888, he was made cashier. He became president of the institution on January 31, 1915. Mr. Olmsted was county treasurer of Livingston county from 1870 to 1875, and for many years was treasurer of the Genesee Gas & Electric Light Company. He has held numerous other positions of public trust in his home town, having been treasurer of Temple Hill Cemetery Association for fifty years; and treasurer and manager of the village waterworks for thirty years, being a member of the board when the present system was built.

Mr. Olmsted was married on May 13, 1861, to Laura E., daughter of the late Dr. Daniel H. Bissell. Mrs. Olmsted passed away on February 15, 1910. Mr. Olmsted was married the second time on August 26, 1911, Mrs. Sarah (Reed) Vance of Minneapolis, Minnesota, becoming his wife. She passed away on November 22, 1924.

HARRY B. CROWLEY.

Harry Burtiss Crowley, who has been successfully engaged in the general insurance business since 1912, is widely known as one of the popular and progressive young residents of Rochester, his native city. He has also figured prominently in public life, serving as a member of the New York state legislature for five successive terms following his election in November, 1915. Mr. Crowley was born on the 8th of November, 1888, his parents being Charles H. and Margaret (McFarlin) Crowley,

who have always lived in the Genesee country. The father was formerly engaged in general agricultural pursuits in Bristol, Ontario county, New York, but is now associated with his son in the insurance business. His family numbers three sons: Harry B., of this review; James B., and Charles E., all of whom are residents of Rochester.

Harry B. Crowley acquired his early education in the Corpus Christi school and continued his studies in the East high school, from which he was graduated in 1905. He has been an active factor in the insurance business since putting aside his text-books and spent four years with the Underwriters Association before becoming an independent operator in the insurance field in 1912. Through the intervening period to the present time he has developed an extensive clientage, for he writes a large number of policies annually for fire, burglary, liability, plate glass, accident, health, teams, elevator, automobile, bonds, compensation and boiler insurance. He is a man of proven ability and the success he is enjoying is well merited.

On the 21st of June, 1917, Mr. Crowley was united in marriage to Miss Margaret D. Schaff, daughter of George and Nora E. Schaff of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Crowley are the parents of four children, all born in Rochester, namely: Mary Elizabeth, whose natal year was 1919; Margaret Isabella, who was born in 1922; John Schaff, born in 1923; and Harry C., born in 1924.

Mr. Crowley made a most creditable and commendable record during five terms of service in the New York state legislature, to which he was first elected in November, 1915. He introduced a number of important bills and acted as chairman of the committees on insurance, public health and military affairs as well as chairman of a special committee appointed to investigate safety conditions in regard to motor vehicles. During the period of the World war he rendered aid to the government as a Four-Minute man in all Liberty Bond drives. He has membership in the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the City Club of Rochester, the Rochester Club, the Society of the Genesee, the Oak Hill Country Club and is a director of the Automobile Club of Rochester. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic, being a communicant of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament and a member of the Knights of Columbus, belonging to Rochester Council No. 178, to the Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly and to the Order of the Alhambra. He is likewise identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Union League. Mr. Crowley endorses all those forces which make for higher standards in citizenship and for fidelity to more advanced principles in the life of the individual, and his personal worth is widely acknowledged. His life record indicates what can be accomplished through individual effort, intelligently directed, and guided by a laudable ambition. Mr. Crowley's residence is at No. 19 Thayer street.

HARRY LANGDON BREWSTER.

Though fifteen years have passed since Harry Langdon Brewster was called home, he is widely remembered as a prominent citizen of Rochester who contributed materially to the commercial progress of the city and to whose splendid executive ability the early success of electricity in Rochester was in large measure due. He was born in New York city of New England parentage. His father was William W. Brewster, second son of Elisha and Eunice (Hull) Brewster of New London, Connecticut, and a direct descendant of Elder William Brewster of the Mayflower. He was still quite young when the family home was established in Brooklyn, New York, where he pursued his early education, while subsequently he continued his studies in the Polytechnic School of New York city, of which he was a graduate.

Coming to Rochester about 1870, when a young man of twenty years, Harry L. Brewster spent some time in the service of the Traders National Bank. In the early '70s he became interested in electric lighting as a commercial proposition and it was he who first brought an incandescent bulb to Rochester and prophesied street lighting by such means. His faith in the newly discovered form of power caused his friends no little amusement at the time, but he disregarded their opinions and was successful with others in organizing the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, becoming an officer and director and remaining in active connection with the company until it was merged in the Rochester Railway & Light Company.

The following is an excerpt from a review of the career of Mr. Brewster which appeared in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle under date of November 2, 1910: "In the death yesterday morning of Harry Langdon Brewster, Rochester lost a prominent citizen who for the larger part of his life contributed much toward its commercial



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progress. . . . Early in his business career Mr. Brewster became a friend and associate of Thomas A. Edison, who interested him in the then new discovery of electric lighting by means of the incandescent globe. The first of these globes seen in Rochester were brought here by Mr. Brewster. He organized and directed to success the Edison Electric Light Company, the first company of its kind in Rochester. Because of his executive ability and integrity he was made a director and also was elected secretary and manager of the Edison Company, the affairs of which he controlled until it was merged in the present railway and light interests. Another important electric enterprise with which he was active was the Niagara Falls Gas and Electric Company. He was its president for eight years, disposing of his interests in it in 1903. For several years he had been interested in the Federal Telephone and Telegraph Company of Buffalo, of which he was a director. Among the Rochester enterprises that engaged his attention for many years are the Vogt Manufacturing Company, the Judson Governor Company, the Judson Pin Company and the Judson Power Company."

The Rochester Times-Union and Advertiser printed the following tribute: "To Mr. Brewster Rochester owes the honor of first introducing electric lights, for it was he who first brought the magic little glass bulbs to the Flower City which later lighted its streets and buildings. He was a friend of Thomas A. Edison and had the enthusiasm of that wizard in electricity. . . . The early success of electricity and the Edison Company in Rochester was due in a very large measure to his splendid executive ability and reputation for unswerving integrity. In the business world his word was his bond. He became identified with several important commercial projects which have helped in a large way to make Rochester prosperous and known to many quarters of the globe, and his excellent judgment, wide business experience and square business methods contributed much to their success."

In early manhood Mr. Brewster was united in marriage to Miss Harriet J. Judson, a daughter of the late Junius Judson. Their only daughter is Miss Gwendolin Judson Brewster. In addition to his beautiful home in Rochester he maintained a country residence in North Carolina. He was a consistent member of the First Baptist church for many years and he also belonged to the Genesee Valley Club, to the Rochester Country Club and to the Republican Club of New York city. His business methods were characterized by the progressive spirit of the age and his integrity was at all times above question. He had unusual vision as to the future possibilities of Rochester. He extracted from life the real essence of living and the sterling traits of his character won for him the high and enduring regard of all with whom he was associated.

WILLIAM H. BEERS.

William H. Beers, who came to Rochester as resident manager of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, in 1913, has since embarked in the insurance business on his own account, under the name of the William H. Beers Company. He has also gained renown as a lecturer on salesmanship and on religious subjects and he enjoys an enviable reputation as one of Rochester's most popular and highly respected young citizens. He was born in Newfane, Niagara county, New York, on the 6th of March, 1882, his parents being William H. and Edna C. (Mason) Beers, who have been lifelong residents of Niagara county. During his active business career the father engaged in farming and also conducted a large general store. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Beers, Sr., are the parents of five children: Charles W. and John F., both of whom are residents of Newfane, New York; Roy L., living in Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Bert S. Pettit; and William H., of this review.

William H. Beers obtained his early education in the Niagara grade school and continued his studies in the Lockport high school to the time of his graduation from the commercial department in 1902. After two years of experience as proprietor of a general merchandise store he secured employment in the National Exchange Bank of Lockport, with which institution he continued for five years, rising from the position of messenger to one of responsibility. Since severing his relations with the bank he has been identified with the insurance business, first becoming connected with the Buffalo branch of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, which he there represented quite successfully for three years. It was in 1913 that he came to Rochester as manager of the office and business of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company in this city. Here he won for himself a splendid reputation, leading all other salesmen in the state in life insurance sales for seven years. In fact,

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his personal following and his business interests grew to such an extent that in 1923, after ten years as manager of the company's Rochester office, he was obliged to give up the position and continue in the insurance field independently. He specializes in life insurance estates and devotes considerable attention to the management of estates and to inheritance tax work. Mr. Beers has studied the subject of insurance in all of its phases and is the author of the Beers Book, a helpful arrangement of literature for Mutual Benefit men, which he has written and published annually for a period of eight years.

Moreover, Mr. Beers is a man of marked speaking ability, who is in popular demand as a lecturer on salesmanship. He has addressed audiences scores of times in Buffalo, and on fifteen different occasions in Detroit, and no less than ten times in Cincinnati, as well as on various occasions in Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Boston, Baltimore and other cities, and has always been enthusiastically received. Mr. Beers is greatly interested in religious education, being general superintendent of the well known Lake Avenue Baptist Church Sunday school, while he was president of the New York State Sunday School Association for the year 1924.

On the 10th of March, 1903, Mr. Beers was united in marriage to Miss May A. Corwin, daughter of Phineas H. and Amanda C. Corwin of Newfane, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Beers are the parents of four children: Leighton A., who was born in Newfane, New York, on the 15th of March, 1904, is a graduate of the Rochester high school and is now a member of the class of 1926 in Colgate Academy; Howard C., who was born in Lockport, New York, on October 9, 1906, was graduated from Cook Academy as a member of the class of 1924 and is now attending Colgate University as a member of the class of 1928; William Winton, who was born in Buffalo on February 24, 1913, is attending grade school No. 28; and John Mason, the youngest of the family, was born in Rochester on the 10th of September, 1923.

Mr. Beers was for several years a member of the faculty of the School of Life Insurance Salesmanship, a department of Carnegie Institute. He is a member of the board of trustees of Cook Academy and superintendent of the Bible school of the Lake Avenue Baptist church, of which he is also one of the deacons. Appreciative of the social amenities of life, and his due consideration thereof constitutes the even balance to his tireless energy, he is a member of the Oak Hill Golf Club, the Automobile Club of Rochester, the Optimist Club of Rochester and the Tuscarora Club of Lockport. He was one of the organizers and is an ex-president of the Optimist Club. His name is also on the membership rolls of the Rochester Ad Club, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Club of the Young Men's Christian Association. The interests of his life are broad and varied and his record is that of a man of high ideals whose personal worth is recognized by an extensive acquaintance, for throughout his life he has stood for those things which have real value as constructive elements in the world's work. Mr. Beers is accorded a high position among Rochester's best citizenship. His residence is at No. 219 Dorchester road.

 JOHN BIGELOW HOWE.

John Bigelow Howe occupies a prominent position in mercantile circles of Rochester as vice president of the Howe & Rogers Company, wholesale and retail dealers in floor coverings, furniture, draperies and interior decorations, which concern has been in existence for more than two-thirds of a century. His birth occurred in Rochester, New York, on the 14th of November, 1867, his parents being John Hubbard and Eliza Augusta (Bigelow) Howe, the former a native of Leicester, Massachusetts, and the latter of Worcester, that state. John Hubbard Howe was born May 29, 1830, and was a son of Samuel Hubbard and Elizabeth (Moore) Howe, the former of whom died in 1881. It was in 1856, when a young man of twenty-six years, that he came to Rochester and the following year, in association with Clinton Rogers, he opened a small store on the second floor of a building on the west side of State street, near the Four Corners, for the sale of carpets, oilcloth, mattings, etc. In 1892 the business was incorporated as the Howe & Rogers Company, with John H. Howe as president. Throughout the years it has been a leading mercantile interest of Rochester, growing with the development of the city, its business conducted along modern lines of com-



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mercial enterprise. John H. Howe remained at the head of the establishment until his death, which occurred on September 16, 1903, when he was seventy-three years of age, the city of Rochester thus sustaining the loss of one of its representative business men and highly-esteemed citizens. On the 16th of June, 1857, he had wedded Eliza Augusta Bigelow, who died in 1887, when fifty-seven years of age. Their family numbered seven children, as follows: Henry Bigelow, who was treasurer of the Howe & Rogers Company and who died in 1894; Lizzie Sophia, the wife of Lewis Bigelow; Clinton Rogers; Florence Maria; Andrew Jackson; John Bigelow of this review; and Mary Eliza, who is the wife of Harry B. Chase and resides at Riverside, California. In 1891 John H. Howe was married to Eva Loomis, by whom he had a daughter, Eva Loomis Howe, who makes her home in Rochester. John H. Howe always took great pride in the growth and development of the city of his adoption. He was a leading member of the Unitarian church, an earnest worker in many of its endeavors and took great interest in the progressive advancement of the activities connected with the church life.

John Bigelow Howe, whose name introduces this review, acquired his education in public school No. 12, the Rochester Free Academy and the University of Rochester, graduating from the last named institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1889. On completing his collegiate course he entered business life as a nurseryman and continued to operate in this field from 1890 to 1903, under the name of the Columbia Nursery. About the time of the death of his father in the latter year he sold out his business and entered the firm of Howe & Rogers Company, becoming vice president of the company. His well-directed efforts have since constituted an important element in the continued growth and success of the enterprise, which is now one of extensive and profitable proportions.

Mr. Howe is a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, the Rochester University Alumni Association and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He likewise belongs to the Genesee Valley Club, the Rochester Club, the University Club, the Rochester Country Club, the Rochester Historical Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, of which he is treasurer, the Rochester Academy of Science, Rochester Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America, the Sons of Colonial Wars and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Unitarian church. He has remained in the city of his nativity from his birth to the present time and his reputation in both business and social circles is a most enviable one.

WILFORD T. PURCHASE.

The strong light of publicity beats upon the office of the district attorney and the successful prosecution of a cause célèbre will make its incumbent famous from one seaboard to another. For the past six years Wilford T. Purchase has ably discharged the duties of district attorney for Wayne county and his course has won the approval of all good citizens, for he has a high conception of the responsibilities of his office and his integrity has never been open to question. He is a member of one of the old families of the Genesee country and was born in Newark, New York, May 2, 1875, a son of Leman H. and Mary (Ridley) Purchase, both natives of Phelps, in which village their marriage occurred. The grandfather, Robert Purchase, settled at Phelps in 1798 and there built a home, in which he passed away in 1863, at the remarkable age of one hundred and three years. He was a loyal, patriotic American and served in the Revolutionary war and also in the War of 1812. He was a son of Thomas Purchase, who was born near New Bedford, Massachusetts, and died in 1802, at the venerable age of ninety-eight years. His grandson, Leman H. Purchase, was a manufacturer of malt and was numbered among the honored veterans of the Civil war. He served as a non-commissioned officer of Company E, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment of New York State Volunteers, and spent thirteen months in a Confederate prison. He is survived by the mother, who is also a member of one of the pioneer families of Phelps. She was born October 12, 1849, and has reached the age of seventy-four years. Wilford T., of this review, was their only child.

Wilford T. Purchase completed a course in the Newark high school and then entered Union College, from which he was graduated in 1899, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He read law in the office of the firm of S. K. & B. C. Williams, well known attorneys of Newark, and was admitted to the bar in 1901. He opened an office in Newark, devoting his attention to the practice of civil law, and recognition of his legal ability led to his election to the office of district attorney on the 1st of

January, 1918. He has since served in that capacity and his present term expires January 1, 1925. His knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence is comprehensive and exact and in trial he is ready and resourceful. His logic carries conviction to the minds of court and jury, and in the case of the people of the state against Howard Baker he obtained the only verdict of murder in the first degree rendered in Wayne county in sixty years—a notable record and one which redounds greatly to his credit. He has also filled other public positions of honor and trust, serving as election commissioner of Wayne county, for a number of years as police justice of Newark, and for four years was village clerk.

On July 29, 1908, Mr. Purchase was married to Miss Mary A. Nicholoy, a daughter of William H. Nicholoy, a native of Newark. Mr. and Mrs. Purchase have a son, Robert, who was born October 23, 1913. Mr. Purchase is a member of the Wayne County and New York State Bar Associations and during the World war was chairman of the legal advisory board for one-half of Wayne county. He belongs to the Delta Phi fraternity and is a Presbyterian in religious faith. He is a Mason and a past Noble Grand of Newark Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He holds to high standards in professional service and the reputation that comes from the performance of duty well done is his just reward.

STEPHEN L. WILSON.

Prominent in the undertaking profession of Elmira is Stephen L. Wilson, who entered the business in Elmira ten years ago with a capital of one thousand dollars and is now the owner of property valued at fifty thousand dollars, which progress has resulted from untiring industry and close study of his work. He was born in Millerton, Pennsylvania, in 1873, and his parents, William and Sally (Parmenter) Wilson, were also natives of the Keystone state. The father was a lumberman and his life was guided by the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which he served as a member of Company F, First New York Light Artillery. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had two sons: Stephen L., of this review; and Norman, who acts as foreman for the American La France Fire Engine Company of Elmira.

The father died during the early childhood of Stephen L. Wilson, who attended the Soldiers' Orphans School in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and his first position was in a flouring mill. Subsequently he became a street railway employe, devoting eighteen years to work of that character, and while thus engaged he took up the study of embalming. Having mastered the science, he embarked in business, opening an undertaking establishment on South Main street in Elmira in 1914. He was the first mortician in the city to install motor equipment, purchasing an ambulance, hearse and pallbearers' coach, which has been further augmented by the purchase of the first Cunningham limousine hearse in Elmira. He has initiative, tact and executive force and has chosen a field of activity well suited to his ability.

On June 3, 1903, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Frances Lillian Phillips, who was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania. Their only child, J. Carleton, died at the age of four and a half years. They have an adopted daughter: Betty Lorraine, now seven years of age. They are members of the Cemetery Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Wilson is a staunch adherent of the prohibition party. He belongs to the Union Lodge of Masons, to the chapter, council, commandery, consistory, and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the Eastern Star, with which his wife is likewise identified, and the Odd Fellows. Mr. Wilson is a member of the National Selected Morticians, being the only member in Elmira.

REDFIELD TOMLINSON.

Redfield Tomlinson, president of the Rochester Refrigerating Company, was born in Batavia, New York, March 8, 1885, and represents an honored pioneer family of that section of the state, to which his paternal grandfather journeyed with ox team and wagon in the early days. His parents, Daniel Webb and Una (Redfield) Tomlinson, were also natives of Batavia and the father was numbered among its foremost citizens, serving as mayor of the city, while he also filled other public offices of trust and responsibility. Daniel Webb Tomlinson was president of the Bank of Batavia and

filled that office until death terminated his labors. He passed away in 1917. His widow is still a resident of Batavia.

Redfield Tomlinson received his early education in the grammar and high schools of Batavia and continued his studies in Union College, in which he was a member of the class of 1908. He came to Rochester in 1909, when a young man of twenty-four years, taking a position with a warehouse company and gaining valuable training in the business which he has made his life work. As his experience increased he was promoted to positions of greater responsibility and is now acting as receiver for the Pritchard Storage & Warehouse Company, in addition to serving as the executive head of the Rochester Refrigerating Company, both of which benefit by his good judgment and his comprehensive grasp of the business. Mr. Tomlinson is extensively interested in the Bank of Batavia, one of the strong financial institutions of Genesee county.

In Schenectady, New York, on July 14, 1909, Mr. Tomlinson was married to Miss Florence Schermerhorn, a daughter of Simon Schermerhorn. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson have two daughters: Virginia and Constance, both born in Rochester. Mr. Tomlinson is affiliated with the Third Presbyterian church. He is a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Automobile Club of this city, while fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order. He is numbered among Rochester's able business men, and his life record is one in which notable business ability and the recognition and utilization of opportunity are well balanced forces. His residence is at No. 50 Meigs street.

FRANK EDWIN SMITH.

Frank Edwin Smith, president of the Blackstone Motor Company of Elmira, was born in Bennington, Vermont, in 1873, a son of Edwin and Lurana (Morse) Smith, the former a native of Glens Falls, New York, and the latter of Shaftsbury, Vermont. They were married in the Green Mountain state and for a number of years the father followed the occupation of farming. He was also employed in the Lyons Clay Works for some time but is now living retired in Vermont, having reached the age of seventy-seven years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a democrat in his political views. The mother passed away in 1924, when seventy-four years of age. They had a family of six children, two of whom survive: Fred, who is connected with the Cushman Novelty Works at North Bennington, Vermont; and Frank Edwin.

Frank Edwin Smith received his education in his native state and his first business experience was gained in the Eagle Square Works, where he spent one summer. He was next in the employ of the Walbridge Terrescope Company, with which he remained for two years, and for a short time was with the White Company. After severing his relationship with that firm Mr. Smith entered the service of the Campbell Knitting Company, with which he was identified for twenty-two years, and during a large portion of that period acted as foreman of the finishing department. In 1900 he came to Elmira with the company, with which he continued until 1916, and has since been president and manager of the Blackstone Motor Company. They sell the Maxwell, Chalmers and Chrysler cars and have three establishments, situated in Elmira and Binghamton, New York, and Williamsport, Pennsylvania, operating a large service station in connection with each one.

On August 8, 1912, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Fern Hunter, one of Elmira's native daughters, and they have two children: Norman Hunter, who was born April 18, 1913; and Joyce Hunter, born February 15, 1924. The parents are members of the Lake Street Presbyterian church and in politics Mr. Smith is a republican. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner and belongs to the Kiwanis, Century and Country Clubs of Elmira.

MYRIC M. KELLY.

For thirty-eight years Myric M. Kelly has engaged in the practice of law in Sodus, his native town, and his professional attainments have placed him with the leading attorneys of Wayne county. He was born August 6, 1862, and is the oldest of the four sons of Edgar W. and Mary (Ellsworth) Kelly, natives of Wayne county. The Ellsworth family formerly lived in East Windsor, Connecticut, and

removed to this county in 1801. The paternal grandfather was also one of the pioneer settlers of this part of the state, and his son, Edgar W. Kelly, was a prominent merchant of Sodus. His fellow townsmen honored him with public office and for thirty years he discharged the duties of justice of peace.

Myric M. Kelly received his elementary education in the Sodus Academy and began the study of law in the office of William Roe of Wolcott. He was admitted to the bar October 5, 1883, and began practice in partnership with Mr. Roe. Mr. Kelly returned to Sodus, April 1, 1885, and commenced to practice law in Sodus on February 1, 1886, and sometime thereafter formed a partnership with his brother, Herman L. Kelly, with whom he was associated until August 1, 1909. He has since been alone and his practice is mostly of a civil nature. He has a large clientele and is attorney for the First National Bank of Sodus, of which he is also a director. He has a thorough knowledge of statute and precedent, prepares his cases with thoroughness, precision and skill, and the ability with which he presents his cause has won for him many favorable verdicts.

Mr. Kelly was married in Sodus, on October 6, 1897, to Miss Gertrude Case, a daughter of Byron J. Case and a member of an old family of this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have two sons: Edgar E., who was a member of the student Army Training Corps at Dartmouth College during the World war and graduated in 1921, with the degree of A. B. and took a post graduate course in business administration, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science in 1922. He is now connected with the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Byron C., who graduated from Phillips-Andover Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, in June, 1924, and is now a student at Dartmouth College, where he is taking a scientific course.

Mr. Kelly is a staunch supporter of the democratic party and has served as a delegate to its state conventions. He has been president of the board of education and also rendered valuable service to his community in the office of postmaster, which he filled from January 27, 1914, until February 15, 1923. He is a Royal Arch Mason and is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Wayne County Bar Association, of which he served as president, and during the World war was chairman of the legal advisory board of Sodus. In years of continuous service Mr. Kelly is the oldest legal practitioner in Sodus and experience and study have ripened his ability, bringing him a broader knowledge and a constantly widening comprehension of the relations and responsibilities which go to make up civilized society. A man of steadfast purpose and sterling integrity, he has dignified the profession of his choice, and time has proven his worth.

JAMES N. WYCKOFF.

James N. Wyckoff is a prominent and prosperous representative of manufacturing interests in Wyoming county as president and general manager of the Wyckoff Knitting Company of Perry, successor to the Tempest Knitting Company, which was organized in 1907. He is numbered among the most highly esteemed and worthy native sons of Perry, where his birth occurred on the 9th of November, 1859, his parents being James and Caroline (Tuttle) Wyckoff. The paternal grandfather was the first of the family to settle in this section, coming here in 1857 and spending the residue of his days in the Genesee country, where his descendants have for the most part remained. James Wyckoff, the father of Mr. Wyckoff of this review, followed farming in Ontario county, New York, until 1857, when he took up his abode at Perry, where he became a partner in the hardware firm of Wyckoff & Tuttle and conducted the same successfully until 1882. He then devoted his entire attention to the manufacture of the "Perry Royce Reaper," with which he had been connected since 1875, and in which he remained active to the time of his death in 1890.

James N. Wyckoff received his early education in the grade and high schools of Perry and subsequently took up the study of mechanical engineering in Cornell University, from which institution he was graduated in 1884. After returning to Perry he was associated in business with his father and two brothers until the father's demise in 1890. Four years later he organized the Wyckoff Harvester Company at Jamestown, New York, remaining active in its conduct until 1898, when he became connected with D. M. Osborn & Company at Auburn, this state. It was in 1907 that the Tempest Knitting Company was organized in Perry, and after serving as secretary of this concern for a year Mr. Wyckoff assumed its presidency. In 1910



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its name was changed to the Wyckoff Knitting Company, of which Mr. Wyckoff has remained the head as president and general manager to the present time. The Wyckoff Knitting Company manufactures a low-priced summer underwear for men only, and has an annual output of about two hundred thousand dozen. It does a nationwide business through jobbers, and furnishes employment to more than two hundred people. Its business standing is of the highest and the men in control of the enterprise enjoy an enviable reputation for business ability, keen discrimination and unflinching integrity. Mr. Wyckoff is also a director of the Citizens Bank of Perry.

On the 8th of May, 1889, in Perry, New York, Mr. Wyckoff was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Olin, daughter of Milo H. and Mary (Chapin) Olin of this place. They have become the parents of two children: Elizabeth, who died at the age of fourteen years; and James, who was born in 1894 and is now secretary and treasurer of the plant of the Wyckoff Knitting Company at Perry. He saw service in France in the World war and participated in the great Argonne struggle. He married Helen B. Irvin of Big Run, Pennsylvania, and they have one son, James Irvin Wyckoff.

Mr. Wyckoff exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Brick Presbyterian church of Perry, in which he is an elder and member of the session, while for thirty years he served as superintendent of its Sunday school. He belongs to the Rotary Club of Perry, to the Perry Club and to the Silver Lake Country Club. He is very fond of golf, in which he indulges during most of his leisure time, also makes many motor trips and finds delight in outdoor life of all kinds. Every man who knows Mr. Wyckoff is his friend and he well merits the confidence and esteem in which he is uniformly held.

GEORGE RAYMOND GRAVES.

Public-spirited and active in the general interest of the community in which he resides, a lawyer adhering rigidly to the highest ideals of his profession, and in the enjoyment of a large practice, George Raymond Graves of Nunda, Livingston county, New York, sheds lustre on the profession to which he belongs. He was born at South Butler, Wayne county, New York, on May 20, 1878, the son of George P. and Mary (Chamberlain) Graves, who were the parents of three children.

After receiving his education in the grade and high schools of Wolcott, New York, George Raymond Graves read law at Wolcott and in the office of Chamberlain & Page of Rochester, New York, and then was managing clerk for five years. He was admitted to the bar in January, 1900, and began general practice at Nunda in 1902. Mr. Graves is secretary and treasurer of the Livingston County Bar Association, is an independent republican in his political opinions, and has been police justice for sixteen years.

On February 12, 1902, Mr. Graves was married to Joan Marsh of Rochester. Three children have been born to them: Marion C., a student in the University of Rochester; Ogden M., and John H. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, and he attends the Presbyterian church.

CHARLES W. SWIFT.

The name of Swift has long figured conspicuously in industrial circles of Elmira and the record of Charles W. Swift sustains the high reputation which has always been borne by the family. He was born in this city, January 30, 1882, and his parents were Allen W. and Mary E. (Gibson) Swift, the latter also a native of Elmira. The father was born in the town of Poolville, New York, and became a lumberman of Emporium, Pennsylvania. He was the owner of one of the largest mills in that state and subsequently removed to Elmira. He was a mechanical genius and invented the first automatic oiler in this country for use on locomotives. In 1880 he organized the Swift Lubricator Company for the manufacture of his invention and successfully conducted the business until his death. He built his prosperity on the foundation of hard work and honorable dealing and enjoyed the unqualified esteem and confidence of his fellowmen. He was identified with the Masonic order and cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Swift were faithful

members of the Park Congregational church and contributed liberally toward its support. Seven children were born to them, five of whom are living, namely: Edwin A.; Frank G.; Charles W., of this review; Bessie, the wife of Walter Whitley, who is connected with the Barker, Rose & Clinton Company of Elmira; and Flora, who is married to F. F. Schumers, a fruit grower residing in Fairport, New York.

Charles W. Swift attended the public schools of Elmira and after completing his education he entered his father's factory, mastering every detail connected with the management and operation of the business. Since the demise of its founder the business has been continued by the sons, all of whom are capable business men and worthy successors of their father. Charles W. Swift has charge of sales and production and Frank attends to the mechanical end of the business, while Edwin is at the head of the office. Each department functions systematically and efficiently and through harmonious cooperation and concentrated effort the sons have succeeded in broadening the scope of the firm, which now controls a business of extensive proportions, shipping its output to many parts of the world.

On June 14, 1908, Mr. Swift was married to Miss Lina Grannis, who was born in Bainbridge, New York, and completed her education in Binghamton, this state. They have four children: Marjorie, Charles W., Jr., Robert and Elizabeth. They are members of the Park Congregational church and Mr. Swift belongs to the Century Club.

ANTHONY LINK, JR.

The part played by the building contractors of Rochester has been a very important one in its development, and in this connection the city is largely indebted to members of the Link family, who have long been recognized leaders in this field of activity. The work begun by the father is being continued by Anthony Link, Jr., and his brother, who are ably sustaining the traditions of an honored name. Mr. Link was born in this city on the 9th of August, 1889, and his parents, Anthony and Barbara (Shell) Link, are natives, respectively, of Bavaria, Germany, and Alsace-Lorraine, France. The father was born in 1860 and the mother was born two years later. They settled in Rochester after their immigration to the United States and Anthony Link, Sr., became one of the pioneer building contractors of the city. A skilled craftsman, he has left many substantial evidences of his ability in various parts of Rochester, and by honest dealing and unremitting application developed a business of large proportions, continuing his operations until 1916, when he retired. Mr. and Mrs. Link are now living in an attractive home in Sullivan county, New York, and their younger children reside with them. Eleven children were born to them: Mrs. Barbara Sold, Mrs. M. Pierce, Mrs. L. Kohl, Anthony Link, Jr., Albert, Mrs. Rose C. Beal, John, Henry, Florence, Leonard and Marjorie.

Anthony Link, Jr., attended St. Michael's parochial school in Rochester and at an early age entered the employ of his father, under whose capable supervision he gained a thorough understanding of the builder's trade. As his experience increased he assumed greater responsibilities and in 1916, at the time of his father's retirement, he took over the business, which he has since conducted in partnership with his brother, Albert, under the style of the Anthony Link Sons. They have increased the scope of the undertaking and their operations are conducted on an extensive scale. Among the more important buildings erected by this firm in recent years can be mentioned the Webster Union free school. It is a fireproof building of tapestry brick and accommodates eight hundred pupils. The sum of three hundred and seventy thousand dollars was appropriated by the district for its erection and equipment and it is considered one of the finest school buildings in this section of the state. The firm also built the St. Boniface school, the Corpus Christi school, St. Pauls Evangelical church at Norton and Jewel streets; remodeled the Haywood Hotel and Coffee Shop, and the Northwest Foundries in Rochester; St. Mary's school in Medina, New York, and the State Hospital at Industry, New York, and many other buildings. The business has been in continuous operation for more than a half century and the fact that it has endured for so long a period establishes the quality of service rendered and the principles upon which it was founded.

On July 1, 1914, Mr. Link was married to Miss Colette Hauser, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Hauser, prominent residents of Rochester. Mr. Link is a valued member of the local Builders Exchange and along fraternal lines is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has many friends in Rochester and is known as a capable, far-sighted and discriminating business man, fully alive to conditions in



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the modern commercial world, and possessed of the aggressiveness, energy and resourcefulness necessary to cope with them. His work has been of direct benefit to Rochester and his record is a matter of pride to its citizens.

HARRY CURTIS GILBERT.

Among the well known, popular and progressive young men of Rochester who have made enviable names for themselves is Harry Curtis Gilbert, president and manager of the Gilbert Apple Products Company, which he organized in 1919. He was born in Monroe county, New York, on the 15th of April, 1887, his parents being G. B. and Mary Ann (Moon) Gilbert, both of whom were lifelong residents of the Empire state. The father, a physician and surgeon, was for many years numbered among the prominent representatives of his profession in Rochester.

In the pursuit of an education Harry Curtis Gilbert attended the grammar and high schools of Rochester and subsequently was a student in Hobart College of Geneva, New York. He then turned his attention to the apple shipping business and in 1919 organized the Gilbert Apple Products Company, in which connection he has since developed an extensive enterprise in the evaporation of apples and as a dealer in their by-products. As president and manager of the concern he has conducted his business in a manner that has insured its steady growth and his efforts have been attended with gratifying success. The prosperity which he now enjoys is the merited reward of well directed industry, unfaltering enterprise and laudable ambition.

On the 30th of March, 1912, Mr. Gilbert was united in marriage to Miss Julia Rankin of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rankin. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are the parents of two children: Richard C., who was born September 15, 1914; and William R., whose natal day was May 8, 1919.

In Masonry Mr. Gilbert has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also has membership in the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Rochester Rotary Club, the Rochester Club, the Automobile Club of Rochester and the Monroe County Golf Club. His career has been an upright and honorable one in every relation and he has won an extensive circle of warm friends in the community which has always been his home. Mr. Gilbert's residence is at No. 174 Yarmouth road.

EDWARD N. BASTIAN.

The record of no business man of Dansville has stood in larger measure as a synonym for honor and integrity than that of Edward N. Bastian, and his sudden demise in the depot at Rochester, on the 2d of November, 1923, was deeply regretted by the many friends whom he had drawn about him in the course of a long, upright and useful life, as well as by his immediate family. He was born in the village in 1857, a son of Gottlob Bastian, and was the oldest of ten children. He attended the public schools and when a boy of fourteen started to work in his father's drug store. The business had been established in 1834 by Edward Niles, who conducted it until his death in 1865, when he was succeeded by his son, C. E. Niles. The store was destroyed by fire in 1854 but was afterward rebuilt. In 1870 the business was purchased by Gottlob Bastian, who brought it up to a high standard, and in 1900 his son, Edward N. Bastian, became sole owner of the establishment, which he successfully operated for more than two decades. He was an enterprising merchant and in his dealings with the public was courteous, reliable and trustworthy, becoming a recognized leader in his line of business.

In 1880 Mr. Bastian was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Durr, whose life was brought to a close on August 15, 1922. Three children were born to them: Frederick Gottlob; Carl E.; and Jane M., now the wife of George E. Anderson of Canandaigua, New York. Mr. Bastian was identified with the state and national pharmaceutical associations and was also a member of the Dansville Board of Trade and the local Retail Merchants Council. He held to high ideals in citizenship, was actuated by a progressive spirit in business and was fully entitled to the respect in which he was generally held.

His son, Carl E. Bastian, was born in Dansville, January 15, 1889, and attended the public schools, afterward becoming a student at the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1913, on the completion of a course in pharmacy. He had entered his father's drug store in 1908 and after completing his education returned to Dansville, assisting in the conduct of the business until the United States entered the World war. He enlisted in 1917 and was in the service for twenty-one months, being assigned to duty at the Base Hospital at Camp Dix. After receiving his honorable discharge on June 21, 1919, he returned home, and on September 1, 1922, was admitted to partnership in his father's business, of which he is now the proprietor. For three generations the store has been operated by members of the family and Mr. Bastian is proving an able successor of his father, worthily sustaining the traditions of the name. He exercises great care in filling prescriptions and supplements a thorough knowledge of pharmacopoeia with executive ability and business acumen.

On October 7, 1919, Carl E. Bastian was united in marriage to Miss Melba Anstine of Dallastown, Pennsylvania, and they have a son, Frederick Otto. Mrs. Bastian was a trained nurse by profession and enlisted in January, 1918, for service in the World war, and was stationed at Camp Dix for eighteen months. Mr. Bastian is a republican in politics and has been called to public office, serving as treasurer of the village. He belongs to the state and national pharmaceutical associations, and is also connected with the Dansville Board of Trade and the Retail Merchants Council. He is a member of the American Legion, is a Royal Arch Mason, and his life is guided by the tenets of the Presbyterian church. He is a loyal, public-spirited citizen, an alert, enterprising young business man, and the duties of any position which he assumes, whether of a public or private nature, are discharged with thoroughness and fidelity.

WILLIAM CALVIN WATSON.

On that long roster of the illustrious dead that through the generations has been engrossed in the annals of the Genesee country there are few names that rank higher than that of the late William Calvin Watson of Batavia, who for years was regarded not only as one of the real leaders of the bar in Genesee county but as one of the ablest attorneys and counsellors at law in western New York. Following the death of Mr. Watson in the spring of 1911, the Batavia Daily News, voicing a common feeling of loss in the community, observed editorially that the deceased "was a lawyer whose abilities had placed him in the front rank of his profession, not only in the county but among the attorneys of western New York. He had practiced his profession in the village for upwards of forty-five years and during that period had been engaged in very many important cases. His reputation throughout this part of the state was not only that of a wise counsellor but one of remarkable skill in the examination of witnesses and an able pleader at the bar. But it was not by the bar alone that Mr. Watson's death will be deeply felt. As a citizen of Batavia he was held in the highest esteem. His interest in whatever was undertaken for the advancement of the village, either in a business or an educational way, made him one who cannot easily be spared from the community." An earnest and heartfelt appreciation which has lost none of its force by the lapse of time, for at his passing Mr. Watson left in that community a memory that is cherished to this day.

William Calvin Watson was a native son of Genesee county and all his life had been spent there. He was born in East Pembroke, April 27, 1837, and was a son of William C. and Abby Watson, widely known and influential pioneers of that section. The senior William C. Watson, who was a son of a soldier of the Revolution, had settled in Genesee county in 1820 and for a time resided in "Bushville", in what is now a part of the western section of the city of Batavia. By self study he had become well grounded in the principles of common law and though not a member of the bar was widely known throughout the countryside thereabout as a pleader in the justices' courts in behalf of neighbor clients who had learned to rely upon his keen perception of the rights of cases involving human equities and the astuteness and accuracy of his conclusions in such matters. It was thus that the junior William C. Watson was from the days of his boyhood made familiar with the underlying principles of the law and under the sound common sense instructions of his father began early to lay the foundation of that distinguished success as a lawyer that the years had in store for him. He completed his local schooling in the old Alexander Academy, an



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institution of learning which in the generation it served had a high reputation throughout this section of the country. He was for some years engaged in teaching local schools during the winters, meanwhile carrying on his studies in law. He carried on his first formal study of law under the preceptorship of Colonel James M. Willet, one of the leaders of the bar at Batavia, and completed these studies in the office of Wakeman & Bryan, one of the best known law firms in western New York during that period, and there was prepared for admission to the bar.

Admitted to the bar in 1865 (he then being twenty-eight years of age and by this time well grounded in law and recognized already as an orator of unusual ability), Mr. Watson became engaged in practice in Batavia and at once took a commanding position at the bar, soon becoming recognized as a lawyer of skill and judgment. It is said that for many years during the period of his practice there were few supreme court cases tried in Genesee county in which Mr. Watson was not found as counsel on one side or the other. He was particularly successful as a criminal lawyer and early came to be recognized as perhaps the most eloquent pleader of the local bar in his generation. Reared a whig, Mr. Watson was just coming into his majority about the time of the organization of the republican party and he took great interest in the progress of that politically revolutionizing movement, early aligning himself most enthusiastically on that side and ever thereafter maintaining with all the force of his eloquent tongue and his equally facile pen the principles enunciated in the successive platforms of that party. He was a delegate to many of the district and state conventions of his party and came to be widely known among the politicians of the state. For many years he was the only republican supervisor in his home county and in 1884 was made the nominee of his party for representative in congress from his district but went down to defeat with the remainder of the ill-fated republican ticket in that memorable campaign.

Though the greater part of his time was engrossed in the cares of his extensive practice as a lawyer, Mr. Watson ever found time to take his full share in the duties of good citizenship and was always active and influential in the promotion of such movements as had to do with the advancement of the general interests of the community he knew and loved so well. It is recalled that in all such movements, whether civic or social, he ever was looked upon as a leader. As properly became his talents, he prospered in business and became in time quite well circumstanced in a material way, among his considerable realty holdings having been the noted Hotel Richmond in Batavia, now owned by his son, George W. Watson, also a Batavia lawyer and further and fitting reference to whom is made elsewhere in this work. More than a mere "hobby", the love of local historical allusion was one of Mr. Watson's most dearly cherished fancies and there were few men in western New York who were more familiar with the history and the traditions of this region than he. One of the most active of the promoters of the movement for the restoration and preservation of the old Holland Purchase land office building and for the creation in that historic structure of an adequate museum, Mr. Watson was elected president of the Holland Purchase Historical Society and in that executive capacity rendered a service in the direction of the initial activities of that body which cannot soon be forgotten.

William C. Watson died quite suddenly and without the community being apprised of his serious illness, on May 6, 1911, then being just past seventy-four years of age. He is survived by his widow (nee Jeanette Walker), who is now living in Los Angeles, California, and by the son, George Walker Watson, who is mentioned above. Another son, William Henry Watson, also became a lawyer, but died in 1904, at the age of thirty-three years.

WALTER NEWTON AGNEW.

Walter Newton Agnew, a prominent realtor of Rochester, is a representative of the younger generation of business men whose enterprise and ability augur well for the future of the city, and in other walks of life he has also achieved success. He was born June 7, 1890, in Le Raysville, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, a son of Henry and Fannie (Wood) Agnew, the latter also a native of the Keystone state. The father was born in Dublin, Ireland, and was a boy of eight when his parents came to the United States, settling in Pennsylvania, where he was reared, educated and married. He followed agricultural pursuits in that state until 1914, when he came to Rochester, and his demise occurred in this city in 1922, while the mother passed away in 1920. They had a family of five children, four of whom are living,

namely: Fred L., a well known dentist of Rochester; Charles H., who is associated with Walter Newton of this review in the real estate business; Sue H., the wife of Harvey J. Darrow of Rochester; and Walter N.

Walter Newton Agnew received his early training in his native town and in 1909 was graduated from one of the high schools of Rochester. He began the study of law in the office of Lewis McKay but two years later decided to adopt a business career and entered the real estate field, in which he has found a congenial line of activity. He is vice president of the Lent-Agnew Real Estate Company, of which Arthur Warren is president, and Charles H. Agnew is serving as secretary and treasurer. Its officers are men of ability and integrity and the firm enjoys an enviable reputation for reliability. The company has completed several large development projects, including the Rowlands subdivision on Monroe avenue, which contains two hundred and ten lots; the North East tract of one hundred lots, and the Rome Gardens, also comprising one hundred lots. Since its inception the business has enjoyed a rapid growth and the operations of the firm have contributed materially toward Rochester's upbuilding and improvement. Mr. Agnew is constantly broadening the scope of his activities and his executive force is also displayed in the management of the Burdin Humidifier Corporation of Rochester and the United States Oil Refining Company of Wyoming, of which he is the president.

At Le Raysville, Pennsylvania, June 7, 1922, Mr. Agnew was married to Miss Ivy Durga, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gideon W. Durga, prominent residents of that place. Mr. Agnew is identified with the Masonic order and also belongs to the Shrine Club. He is a member of the Rochester Real Estate Board and a consistent follower of the teachings of the Lake Avenue Baptist church. His advancement is not due to any fortunate combination of circumstances, but is the direct result of his own efforts, and in winning prosperity he has also stimulated civic growth and development, while at the same time he has gained the approbation and esteem of his fellowmen. His residence is at No. 101 Harper street.

ALONZO HEPBURN WELCH.

Alonzo Hepburn Welch, one of Dansville's substantial business men and progressive citizens, is known as "The Square Deal Coal Merchant" and his success is abundant evidence of his faithfulness to this motto. He was born in Georgetown, D. C., November 4, 1868, the eldest son of Alonzo Tunstall and Maria (Hepburn) Welch. He has a brother, S. L. Welch, who resides in Elmira, New York. Another brother, George Welch, is deceased. Alonzo Tunstall Welch was the oldest son of Samuel M. Welch, and the latter was the oldest son of Conrad Welch, one of the pioneer settlers of Dansville and owner of land that is now the heart of the village, his residence being at the corner of Ossian and Spruce streets.

In the acquirement of an education Alonzo Hepburn Welch attended the Dansville Seminary and the Riverview Military Academy at Poughkeepsie, New York. He earned his first money by picking apples for Samuel Sturgeon, and the job lasted for one day. For seven years he filled the position of bookkeeper in the Citizens Bank of Dansville and after tendering his resignation went to New York city to assist his father in business. He remained in the eastern metropolis for four years and after his father's death returned to Dansville, where he has since resided. On July 10, 1905, he purchased the old Tunstall property as a site for his business operations and has since been a dealer in coal, cement and wood. He is well informed on everything relating to the lines in which he specializes and his business has prospered from year to year, for it was founded upon the solid basis of honor and integrity. He ranks with the foremost dealers of this locality and is acting president of the Livingston County Retail Coal Merchants Association. He is also a director of the New York State Retail Coal Merchants Association and is likewise identified with the national association.

On the 30th of June, 1909, Mr. Welch was married to Miss Sophie Woolever, a daughter of C. W. Woolever of Dansville, and they have a daughter: Mida Hepburn. During the World war Mr. Welch served on various Liberty Loan committees and has also contributed his quota toward civic growth and development. He is a trustee of the Dansville Board of Trade and acts as assistant secretary of the Business Men's Council. He is an honorary member of Union Hose Company No. 1, with which he has been identified for thirty-seven years, and during thirteen years of that period was in active service. He is also a Rotarian and a Royal Arch Mason and his political



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support is given to the republican party. Mr. Welch has been an influential factor in the moral uplift of his community and since 1884 has been an officer of St. Peter's Episcopal church of Dansville. He has served the church in various capacities, first acting as assistant treasurer, and is now senior warden and treasurer. His is a well-rounded development, his activities and interests being evenly balanced, and his life in its various phases forms a complete and harmonious whole. It is a well known fact that he is loyal to every principle which he espouses and to every cause which he indorses, and his sterling worth is attested by all who know him.

L. R. BARNES.

The success of a business institution is determined by its usefulness and the character of the men who foster its growth. For over a half century the firm now known as R. R. Barnes Sons has been engaged in the clothing business in Clyde, withstanding the test of time because it is essential to the community which it serves and because it was reared upon the solid foundation of honesty and fair dealing. L. R. Barnes, who is the senior member of the firm, is worthily following in the footsteps of his father, adding new laurels to an honored family name. He was born in Clyde, on the 19th of June, 1882, of the union of Ransom R. Barnes and Edra A. Le Vanway, who were married in the village in 1872 and became the parents of two sons. The mother was a native of Galen, Wayne county, New York, and died in 1900, at the age of fifty years. In 1872 Ransom R. Barnes arrived in Clyde and on March 1st of that year, in association with Eugene Reed, opened a hat, cap and fur store in what is now known as the Graham block. The following news item appeared in the Clyde Times of March 7, 1872, under the caption "BUSINESS CHANGE": "M. A. Mattison has disposed of the interest of the hat, cap and fur business to Messrs. Barnes and Reed of Baldwinsville and gave possession March 1st. We welcome the new firm of Clyde and hope those wanting coverings for their heads or anything in their line of trade will call on them." The above mentioned partnership was continued for two years, when Mr. Barnes took over the business, to which he added a stock of men's clothing and furnishings. For twenty-eight years he conducted the business in the Graham block and then leased the double stores in the Burton block, to which he made extensive alterations. In September, 1900, he opened one of the largest and best appointed stores in Wayne county, handling men's and boys' clothing, furnishings, boots and shoes. Two years later Mr. Barnes added a complete line of heavy rubber footwear, equipping a large basement for that purpose. In 1908 Mr. Barnes purchased the Burton block and there conducted the business until his death, which occurred in 1913, building up a large trade by high class service, untiring effort and honorable dealing. A man of generous nature and progressive spirit, he was a leader in all civic enterprises and served as a member of the village board and president of the board of education. He possessed a genial disposition and enjoyed the esteem of many friends.

After his graduation from the Clyde high school L. R. Barnes became a student in the engineering department of Union College at Schenectady, New York, which he attended for three years, completing his course in 1906. He then entered the field of civil engineering and was employed by the state in the construction of the barge canal, also aiding in the building of highways. During 1906-7 he was engaged in railroad construction work in Virginia and in 1912 embarked in business in Rochester as a general contractor, forming a partnership with George W. Chambers, who became senior member of the firm. They opened a suite of offices in the Powers building and this association was continued for about five years, during which period they filled a number of state road contracts. When the United States entered the World war Captain C. B. Barnes was among the first to volunteer his services to his country and the subject of this sketch returned to Clyde to take charge of the business of R. R. Barnes Sons during his brother's absence. They have continued the undertaking along progressive lines, adhering closely to the policy formulated by its founder, and those who purchased clothing from the firm during the early years of its existence are still its patrons. The business ranks with the oldest and largest in the village and the establishment is a credit to the community.

In addition to his mercantile activities L. R. Barnes is interested in financial affairs and is one of the directors of the Citizens Bank of Clyde. In a professional capacity he has likewise rendered valuable service to his community and as village engineer planned its sewers and street improvements. In 1922 he was elected presi-

dent of the village and filled that position for two terms. In June, 1923, he was appointed county superintendent of highways by the board of supervisors and his term of office expires in 1927. His professional experience and ability well qualify him for the responsibilities which devolve upon him in this connection and in every instance his public service has been characterized by devotion to duty and efficient, conscientious work.

On the 6th of January, 1914, Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Evangeline K. McGinnis of Clyde, and they have two children: Florence Katherine, who was born November 17, 1914; and James Ransom, born June 17, 1916. Both are pupils in the public schools. During the World war Mr. Barnes was chairman of the committee which had charge of the various Liberty Loan drives in Clyde and was prominent in every local campaign of that period. He is secretary of the Maple Grove Cemetery Association and an energetic member of the Chamber of Commerce of Clyde. He is a Mason and his political support is given to the candidates and measures of the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his affiliation with the Methodist church. In the life of his community he fills an important place and the worth of his work is widely acknowledged.

E. E. KELLEY.

E. E. Kelley of Little Valley, New York, is president of the Cattaraugus County Bank, secretary of the Cattaraugus Cutlery Company, and president of the George W. Korn Razor Company, besides having various other interests, including the Merrill-Soule Creameries. He has served as county clerk of Cattaraugus county for two terms of three years each since 1900, and has also served on various republican committees. He is a Mason and belongs to Ismailia Shrine in Buffalo. The three leading concerns in which Mr. Kelley is a guiding spirit are listed separately here.

THE CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BANK.

The reliable, conservative Cattaraugus County Bank, of which Mr. E. E. Kelley is president has resources of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, a capital of fifty thousand dollars and a surplus and undivided profit of fifty thousand dollars. It serves one thousand five hundred depositors in Little Valley and vicinity and is rated a very strong financial institution. This bank was organized in 1895 by Crissey & Crissey and in 1902 was incorporated as a State Bank, with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars and a small surplus. The officers in 1902 were: Harlow J. Crissey, president; R. H. Butterfield, vice president; L. W. Ballard, cashier. In the fall of 1905 the officers of the bank became: E. E. Kelley, president; W. C. Parker, vice president and L. W. Ballard, cashier. In 1921 Mr. Parker passed away and Earl S. Parks became vice president. In 1911 Floyd W. Davis succeeded Mr. Ballard as cashier. Mr. Kelley has been president continuously since 1905.

CATTARAUGUS CUTLERY COMPANY.

One of the largest individual manufacturing concerns of pocket knives in the world is The Cattaraugus Cutlery Company, which now has an annual capacity of over seventy thousand dozen knives, employs one hundred and fifty men and has from thirty to fifty salesmen on the road covering the entire United States. This company was organized in 1880 by J. B. F. Champlin, president and Tint Champlin, secretary and treasurer. It was then known as Champlin & Son and jobbing cutlery was the work of the concern. In 1891 a factory was built, the firm having incorporated in 1885 as The Cattaraugus Cutlery Company, with the above officers. In 1886 E. E. Kelley became interested in the firm as its secretary and was a salesman for them for twenty years. Tint Champlin remained as treasurer and J. B. F. Champlin president during these years. In 1908 a new plant was erected at the present location and for a time both plants were operated, but the new plant was finally enlarged



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and the old one is not in use today. The plant makes eight hundred varieties of pocket knives and sells direct to the retail trade. The trade name is "Indian Brand" and the firm also capitalizes the name "Cattaraugus". Since 1904 Tint Champlin has been president, E. E. Kelley secretary and J. B. F. Champlin, Jr., treasurer.

GEORGE W. KORN RAZOR COMPANY.

This concern was organized in 1901 by George W. Korn, who was the first president and James Norton, secretary-treasurer. A plant was built in 1901 and enlarged in 1917. During the years the concern has grown steadily and today sells through jobbers, twenty-five thousand dozen razors to the trade. The company also manufactures the "Real" safety razor. Mr. Norton was with the firm only a short time and until 1918 the office of secretary-treasurer was held by several different men but in that year C. L. Horning became secretary-treasurer and John D. Horning, vice president, while E. E. Kelley as acting executor of the Korn interests, following the death of Mr. Korn, was made president. These officers continue.

Mr. Kelley is the son of Ezekiel and Sarah A. Kelley. His wife was in her maidenhood, Clara M. Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have a daughter, Edna A. Kerins.

LYNN W. KELLOGG.

Steuben county has the youngest as well as one of the most capable sheriffs in New York state—Lynn W. Kellogg, only thirty-one years old, and a veteran of the World war, having served with the United States Marine Corps. He has also been town clerk, being elected to this office in the autumn of 1919 and three years later he was chosen for sheriff by the voters. This despite the fact that he is a democrat and only two democratic sheriffs have been elected in Steuben county in fifty years. In 1912 the progressive movement split the republican ranks and the democrats put in their entire ticket.

Lynn W. Kellogg was born in Kanona, Steuben county, August 20, 1893, a son of Charles and Dora (Sillenbeck) Kellogg, both natives of Steuben county. He was educated in the schools of Avoca and Bath, the family having moved to Bath when he was but a young boy. After school days he worked in a bank for a short time, then entered the insurance business, which calling he found to his liking. He engaged in this business until June, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Marines. He was stationed in Philadelphia at first and then sent to Camp Reed, Virginia, where he spent most of his time. He had a long period of service, twenty-one months to be exact, and when he received his honorable discharge he returned to Bath and took up his insurance work. But the voters of the county were to recognize his service and qualifications and they elected him to office in the fall of that year.

Mr. Kellogg is a thirty-second degree Mason and an active member of the American Legion and the Steuben Club. Sheriff Kellogg is a bachelor.

WILLEY H. ALMY.

Many of Rochester's most important business corporations are controlled by native sons, for whom the natural advantages of the city have had such strong attraction that they have never sought to profit by the inducements offered by other localities, and the prestige which the city owes today is largely attributable to their loyalty, enterprise and public spirit. In this classification belongs Willey H. Almy, who was born May 15, 1858, and represents one of the honored pioneer families of the city. His parents were Philip G. and Mary Elizabeth (Osborn) Almy, the former a son of Dr. Job Almy, and a native of Auburn, New York, and the mother a native of Rochester. The father devoted his attention to the drug business and stood high in mercantile circles of the city. The paternal grandfather, Nehemiah Osborn, was a contractor of national reputation, having built state or government buildings in Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Lansing, Michigan, and other cities. He was also a pioneer in the hotel business and built the old as well as the present Osborn House, which has since been classed with Rochester's leading hotels.

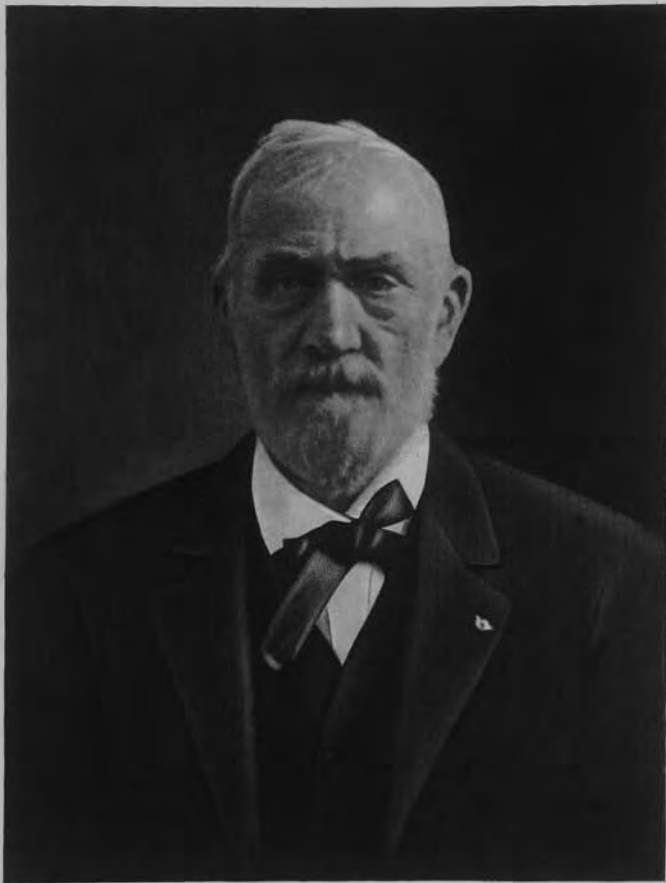
The public and private schools of Rochester afforded Willey H. Almy his educational opportunities and his initial experience along commercial lines was obtained in the employ of shoe manufacturers of this city. Later he became the proprietor of the Osborn House, which he conducted successfully for a number of years. He has administered the affairs of many large estates and is now engaged in the automobile accessory business, and has been equally successful in this field of activity. The business is operated under the name of the Almy Auto Company, of which he is the sole owner, and in the conduct of his interests he manifests the mature judgment and the keen perspective of the man of affairs. His greatest asset, however, is a well deserved reputation for integrity and reliability, which he values far above material gain.

In Rochester, on April 23, 1887, Mr. Almy was married to Miss Jessie L. Start, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Start, formerly of Clyde, New York. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Almy, all of whom are engaged with their father in the auto accessory business: Charles O., the eldest, married Miss Nora E. Monks and they have a family of five children, Dorothy, Mary, Florence, William and Helen; Herbert E., the second son, is a bachelor; Philip G., married Miss Marcella Ludwig and they reside in Rochester. He enlisted for service in the World war and was in a training camp at the time the armistice was signed; Hartwell S. joined the Fifty-seventh Field Artillery, of which he became a private, and gallantly defended his country on the battle fields of France, remaining in service and at the front when the armistice was signed. All of the sons are natives of Rochester.

Mr. Almy is intensely interested in Rochester's history, of which he has acquired a comprehensive knowledge, and has a valuable collection of pictures of pioneer times, illustrating early scenes in Rochester and western New York, while he also has many interesting newspaper clippings of the early days. He is one of the Sons of the American Revolution and also belongs to the Rochester Historical Society, the Rochester Automobile Club and the Chamber of Commerce. His labors have been of direct benefit to his city as well as a source of individual prosperity, and that he is a man of high character and genuine worth is indicated by the respect accorded him by those among whom his life has been passed.

CHARLES W. LUTHER.

The Luther family has had a long and honorable identification with Rochester's upbuilding and progress. This identification dates back more than sixty years, or to the time when John Luther, the father of Charles W. and John W. Luther entered the contracting business in Rochester in 1865. He was a native of Germany and was but a boy of seven years when his parents, Martin L. and Gertrude Luther, came to America and soon afterward located in Rochester. When a young man John Luther was married to Miss Catherine Kusterer in this city. John Luther established himself in construction work, and subsequently became recognized as one of the foremost building contractors in Rochester. A thorough mechanic, a man of wonderful energy and a most industrious nature, whose word was as good as his bond, he readily built up a large and prosperous business. He organized the firm of John Luther & Sons Company which included his two sons, Charles W. and John W., under which firm name the business is continued. The work of this firm has embraced a wide field and includes almost every type of building construction. It has erected a number of the finest business and residence properties in the city. The New York Central depot was built by them, also the De Witt Macomber residence, several of the University of Rochester buildings, a number of the public school buildings, various church edifices in Rochester and western New York, several of the Eastman kodak buildings and most of the buildings of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company. Efficient management, honorable and straightforward methods, conscientiously fulfilling every detail of a contract, were principles that John Luther practiced from the time he first started in business. He was rigidly honest in all of his commercial transactions and enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most reliable and competent men in his business. His death occurred in 1917, and that of his wife in 1906. They had a family of two sons and four daughters: Charles W., of this review; Mary, who married Charles Brooks; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Max M. Friederich; Anna, the wife of



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Watson Plumb; Gertrude, the wife of Frederick Strehle; and John W., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Charles W. Luther was born in this city October 26, 1867, and attended the public schools until he was about seventeen years of age, when he went to work for his father in the building and contracting business. He had ample opportunity to acquire a thorough, practical knowledge of the business in its every detail, as for a number of years he worked at various branches of it and worked hard. With the advancing years he assumed more responsibilities in the management and in 1917, upon the death of his father, he became president of John Luther & Sons Company, and has since remained in that capacity. John W. Luther is vice president and treasurer of the company, which is a close corporation. The business has been continued along modern lines with no diminution of its scope. The enterprising spirit and high standard of workmanship which enabled the father to lay the foundation of the business and foster its growth are qualities that have never been passed up by the sons, who are not only upholding the traditions of the past but keeping fully abreast with the times in the rapid progress of building construction. The firm has gained a reputation that gives it an outstanding position among the construction companies of Rochester.

On August 28, 1894, Mr. Luther was married, in Rochester, to Miss Mary E. O'Brien, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Brien of Providence, Rhode Island. Mr. and Mrs. Luther have a son and a daughter: Kathrine E., at home; and Carl W., who was born in 1903 and is now a student at the University of Rochester.

Mr. Luther is a member of the Oak Hill Country Club, the Rochester Club and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He has always taken a keen interest in public and civic affairs and has acted in various public capacities. He is a member of the St. Paul Boulevard Fire Commissioners. In his fraternal connections he is both a Mason and an Elk and takes a prominent part in the work of both organizations. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite and is a past commander of Cyrene Commandery, Knights Templars, and is a trustee of the Rochester Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His religious membership is with the Lutheran church. For nearly forty years Charles W. Luther has been identified with the business, public and civic life of Rochester. He enjoys a wide acquaintanceship throughout the city and many of his warmest friends are those who have known him since boyhood. He is accorded a most creditable position among the city's strong and able business men. Mr. Luther's residence on St. Paul boulevard, Irondequoit, is one of the city's attractive suburban homes.

RICHARD G. KOENIG.

Richard G. Koenig came to the Chemung valley when a young man of twenty-four and now acts as manager of the Horseheads plant of the United States Cut Flower Company, of which he is also a director. He is a native of Germany, and was born September 2, 1874. His parents, Gustav and Elizabeth Koenig, were lifelong residents of that country, the father being a cooper by trade.

Richard G. Koenig was educated in the fatherland and there learned the florist's business, which he has made his lifework. Like many of his fellow countrymen, he sought the broader opportunities of the United States, and the year 1892 witnessed his arrival in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1893 he went to Warren, Pennsylvania, where he spent five years, and since 1898 he has been a resident of Chemung county. He first worked for Harry Hoffman, a well known florist of this locality, and remained in his employ for seven years. On April 1, 1906, he entered the service of the United States Cut Flower Company and is now filling the responsible position of manager, while he is also a stockholder in the firm. The company has a large plant at Horseheads and under the expert direction of Mr. Koenig the business has received new impetus. The firm has a large business in Elmira and throughout the state, while its trade also extends to Pennsylvania. The business is operated on an extensive scale and the company occupies a position of leadership in the field in which it specializes.

On October 7, 1898, Mr. Koenig was married to Miss Mary L. Harold, who was born, reared and educated in Warren, Pennsylvania. The children of this union are: Harold, a shipping clerk in the employ of the United States Cut Flower Company; William, a rose grower; and Anna May, who is attending high school. The parents are affiliated with the Episcopal church and in politics Mr. Koenig is a republican. He is a strong advocate of progressive education and serves as school trustee in dis-

trict No. 5. He is also active in fraternal affairs and belongs to the Union Lodge of Masons, and to the chapter and Grotto. He is likewise connected with the Masonic Club, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Order of Foresters and the Protective Home Circle.

CHARLES RICHARD BARNES.

Charles Richard Barnes has ably discharged the important duties of commissioner of railways for the city of Rochester since his appointment to the position on the 1st of August, 1920. He was born at Spencerport, Monroe county, New York, February 7, 1857, his parents being Richard and Mary (Walsh) Barnes. He obtained a district school education in his native town and was fourteen years of age when he put aside his textbooks to master telegraphy at the Spencerport depot of the New York Central Railroad. He was thus employed for several years and was then appointed the first Rochester ticket freight agent and operator at the Rochester station of the Rochester and State Line Railroad, now the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad. Subsequently he was appointed city electrician of Rochester, in charge of fire alarm, telegraph and street lighting, in which connection he installed the police patrol telegraph. Mr. Barnes was next appointed electrical engineer of the New York state board of railroad commissioners and was placed in charge of the regulation of electric railroads in the state, continuing under the public service commission, successors to the board of railroad commissioners, for a quarter of a century. On the 1st of August, 1920, he was appointed commissioner of railways for the city of Rochester under a service-at-cost contract between this city and the New York state railways, in which position he has made a most commendable record. He is also secretary and treasurer of Public Representatives Urban Transit.

In April, 1876, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, and they have two daughters: Lillian, the wife of Richard T. Ford; and Hilda A., who is the wife of Harold Wooster. Mr. Barnes is a communicant of the Catholic church and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Columbus. His helpful interest in municipal affairs is manifest in his membership connection with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. A lifelong resident of Monroe county, he has gained an extensive and favorable acquaintance here and is widely recognized as one of the foremost representatives of transportation interests in Rochester.

HARRY CLIFFORD STEVENSON.

Harry Clifford Stevenson, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Rochester Folding Box Company, has had broad experience along industrial lines and one of the most modern and attractively designed manufacturing plants in the country is the expression of his original ideas and engineering skill. He was born on the 13th of February, 1884, in Henry, Illinois, and is a son of Harry C. and Carrie (Burt) Stevenson, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. They lived for a time in Illinois, subsequently removing to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and are now residents of South Bend, Indiana, where the father is engaged in the manufacture of bodies for carriages and automobiles.

Harry Clifford Stevenson attended the public schools of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan with the class of 1906. He had specialized in business administration and in order to make his preparation for a business career even more thorough, Mr. Stevenson took a course in law at that institution. Following his university training he took up production engineering work, and for six years was manager of the Canadian office of Miller, Franklin & Stevenson in Toronto, Canada. In 1913 he went to Boston, Massachusetts, with the Harpham, Barnes & Stevenson Company. In 1915 he came to the Flower City to select a site for the Rochester Folding Box Company's plant, which was built under his supervision, while he also laid out the grounds, which are beautified by a parkway containing many choice varieties of flowers attractively arranged. As a result the firm has one of the finest plants in Rochester—a model of its kind and a decided asset to the city. The factory is equipped for turning out work of the highest grade and under the expert management of Mr. Stevenson the business is rapidly expanding.



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In Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 29th of June, 1908, Mr. Stevenson married Miss Lelia Volland, a daughter of Albert J. Volland, principal of the high school of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson have a family of four children: Harry C., who was born in Toronto, Canada, on December 19, 1910, and is attending the Jefferson Junior high school of Rochester; Ruth, who was born in Toronto on May 28, 1912, and is also a student at that school; Helen, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on the 27th of December, 1913; and Alice, who was born in Rochester on May 10, 1918.

Mr. Stevenson is a director of the Mechanics Institute of Rochester, a trustee of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, president of the University of Michigan Club and a director of the National Bank of Rochester. Mr. Stevenson's most important club affiliation is with the Rochester Yacht Club, of which he has been commodore for three years. Yachting is his chief recreation and of all outdoor sports yachting appeals most to him. His power cruiser, Alice II, is one of the well known vessels in the club fleet. He also belongs to the Genesee Valley Club, the Rochester Club, the Automobile Club of Rochester and the Sigma Nu fraternity. He is identified with the Masonic order and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

A native genius for organization and aptitude for successful management have been dominant characteristics in his business affairs, and his advancements have come as the recognition of work well done and his capacity for assuming greater burdens and responsibilities. He gives his best efforts to everything he undertakes and Rochester numbers him among its best class of citizens. Mr. Stevenson's residence is at No. 59 Park view.

JOHN L. CHATFIELD.

Among the most prominent of the younger citizens of Steuben county is John L. Chatfield, who is now serving as postmaster of Painted Post and is also active in business circles as vice president of the Corning real estate and insurance corporation known as Payne, Chatfield & McCray. He was born in Mount Vernon, Westchester county, New York, on the 6th of January, 1885, his parents being Charles James and Mary (Blake) Chatfield. The Chatfield family in America dates back to 1639, when George Chatfield came to this country from Sussex, England, and settled in Guilford, Connecticut. Charles James Chatfield, the father of John L. Chatfield, was a soldier in the Twenty-third New York (Southern Tier Rifles) during the period of the Civil war. He enlisted as a private when a youth of seventeen and was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant.

John L. Chatfield began his education in the schools of Painted Post, continued his studies in the Corning Free Academy and subsequently pursued a course in the Mercersburg Academy of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. During the first decade of his business career he was identified with journalistic interests as a member of the staff of the Corning Journal, with which he severed his connection when that paper was consolidated with the Leader. As above stated, he has for some time been successfully engaged in the insurance and real estate business as vice president of the firm of Payne, Chatfield & McCray, Incorporated, of Corning. Mr. Chatfield was a staunch supporter of the republican party while engaged in newspaper work and has always advocated its principles. When appointed postmaster at Painted Post by President Taft he was one of the youngest men filling such a position in the United States. Again, in 1923, he became acting postmaster and in January, 1924, received appointment to the office, the duties of which he has since discharged with the utmost efficiency, fidelity and dispatch. He has also served as village clerk in Painted Post and has been a delegate to republican conventions. For many years he was foreman of the Bronson Hook and Ladder Company of Painted Post.

On the 2d of August, 1911, Mr. Chatfield was united in marriage to Miss Grace M. Troll and they have three children: John Blake, Charles James, (III), and Mary.

In Masonry Mr. Chatfield has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Montour Lodge No. 168, A. F. & A. M., and to Corning Consistory, A. & A. S. R. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in the latter fraternity. Mr. Chatfield is an elder in the Presbyterian church and for thirteen years has been superintendent of its Sunday school, while for two years he filled the superintendency of the Steuben Sunday School Association. He is now a member of the executive committee of the State Sunday School Association. He has been a

member of the board of managers of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and has served on the state council of the Sons of Veterans. It was John L. Chatfield who organized the Steuben County Sons of the American Revolution.

GUY W. CHENEY.

A republican leader and an attorney of note is Guy W. Cheney of Corning, New York. The son of Judge Cheney, who was himself one of the most highly respected men in Steuben county, Guy W. Cheney has well carried on family tradition and enterprise. During his law career he has not only built up a successful practice but has become known for his work far beyond the boundaries of Steuben county. He was born in Fort Covington, New York, February 26, 1886. He graduated from the Corning Free Academy with the class of 1904 and from Syracuse with a B. A. degree in 1908. He continued in Syracuse and gained his LL. B. in 1910 from the law school. He was admitted to the bar the same year and was first in practice with his father, Judge Cheney, the firm being known as W. J. and G. W. Cheney. In 1917 Judge Cheney entered the law firm of Phillips, Cheney & Greene of Hornell, New York. Guy W. Cheney then formed the firm of Cheney and Costello with Judge Cheney as counsel. They have a general practice.

Mr. Cheney has always been active in republican politics, first serving as secretary of the County committee from 1912 to 1919. He was secretary to Ambassador Houghton during 1919-1920 and was with him until Mr. Houghton went to Germany. He was appointed district attorney on November 27, 1921, and elected to that office in the fall of 1922. Mr. Cheney is a well known public speaker and is much in demand for political orations as well as talks on general topics. He is a specialist in corporation law.

Guy W. Cheney is a trustee of the Corning Presbyterian church and very active in the work of that body. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, an Elk, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Rotary, Corning City and Corning Country Clubs.

Mr. Cheney was married on February 22, 1911, to Edith Madison Costello, and they have four sons: Warren, Guy W., Jr., John Southwick and David Godwin. The Cheney family dates back in this country to 1632. The original forebears settled in Newton, Massachusetts. Mr. Cheney's grandfather lived in northern New York for a time. He was killed in the Civil war while serving in the Union army. The Cheney family are counted among the leaders of the best American families in New York state.

CHARLES A. DEWEY, M. D.

Dr. Charles A. Dewey was born in Rochester, New York, July 21, 1842, a son of Chester and Olivia Hart (Pomeroy) Dewey. On the paternal side he is Saxon-Welsh extraction. The first of the name to settle in America was Thomas Dewey, who located in Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1634. His maternal ancestry was Saxon-Norman-Huguenot French. When William of Normandy invaded England in 1066 Sir Ralph De la Pomeraye (of Norse origin) was one of his companions and officers of high rank. After the Conquest he was rewarded by William by the grant of ninety manors, or lordships, lying in three counties of southwestern England. His descendant in the eighteenth generation was Eltweed Pomeroy (1585-1673), who came to Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1630. In 1685, the year following the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, Dr. Pierre Ayrault, with many refugee Huguenot families, arrived in Boston. Later he removed to Newport, Rhode Island, and was identified with the early mercantile and ecclesiastical developments of that city. Dr. Dewey is in the eighth generation from Eltweed Pomeroy and in the seventh from Pierre Ayrault and Thomas Dewey, his first American progenitors.

Chester Dewey graduated from Williams College in 1806 and immediately became engaged in educational work. In 1808 he was appointed tutor in Williams College; in 1810 he was promoted to the professorship of mathematics and natural philosophy, a position he held for eighteen years. From 1827 to 1836 he was principal of the Berkshire Gymnasium at Pittsfield, Massachusetts; was then principal of the Rochester Collegiate Institute until 1850, when he became a member of the faculty of the University of Rochester (professor of chemistry and the natural sciences) and



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remained there until 1867. In 1807 he was licensed to preach by the Congregational church and during the next fifty-five years he ministered on the Sabbath to many churches. During this time he wrote many scientific and educational articles and delivered lectures in various medical schools and before societies. He held the degrees of M. D., D. D. and LL. D. and was an honorary member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. His death occurred on December 15, 1867, and his widow survived until January 25, 1885.

Charles A. Dewey was educated by tutors and in private schools and in 1861 graduated from the University of Rochester, with the degree of A. B. He then entered the law office of Judge Theron R. Strong and Oscar Craig and in December, 1863, was admitted to the bar. He never practiced law, however, but turned his attention to manufacturing enterprises in Rochester and Berkshire county, Massachusetts, devoting casually some time to newspaper work. In 1876 he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. William W. Ely of Rochester. The next year he matriculated as a student in the Harvard Medical School, where he received his degree of M. D. in 1880. He began practice in Rochester and spent much of his time in connection with the City Hospital. In 1883 he became a member of the visiting staff, later of the consulting staff, of which he was secretary from 1898 to 1917. He was also physician of the Church Home from 1885 to 1893, but he is now retired from active practice.

Dr. Dewey is a director of the Genesee Valley Trust Company; a trustee of the Reynolds Library, and for the last twenty years has been chairman of the library committee; belongs to numerous medical, musical, scientific, literary, educational, commercial and patriotic societies and the Phi Beta Kappa and Psi Upsilon college fraternities; was one of the founders of the famous Fortnightly Club (Literary) in 1882 and has been its secretary from the beginning. Politically he is an independent republican, but has never been a strong partisan. He is unmarried. He has always been devoted to the outdoor life—rowing, tramping, mountain climbing, study of birds and plants.

HENRY E. MACARTHUR.

Henry E. MacArthur, attorney at law, has practiced in Brockport for a quarter of a century and experience and study have broadened his knowledge and ripened his ability, bringing him to the fore in his profession. He was born in Mount Morris, New York, September 11, 1876, and is a son of Albert H. and Grace (Scoville) MacArthur, both members of pioneer families of Livingston county, New York. The Scoville family is of English origin and was founded in Connecticut in 1670. Representatives of the name migrated from that state to New York in 1811, settling in Livingston county. Mr. MacArthur's maternal grandmother, Caroline Scoville, was born in that county in 1815, and one of her ancestors, Remembrance Sheldon, served as a corporal in the Revolutionary war. Albert H. MacArthur was born in Mount Morris in 1848, of Scotch lineage, and for many years followed the vocation of an interior decorator in that town, in which he still resides, having reached the age of seventy-six. In Mount Morris, on October 12, 1866, he was married to Grace Scoville and four children were born to them, three sons and a daughter. Henry E. is the third in order of birth and the only son now living.

After completing a course in the Mount Morris high school, Henry E. MacArthur entered the Brockport Normal School and was graduated with the class of 1898. He read law in the office of Theodore S. Dean, his uncle, and in 1899 was admitted to the bar. From January 1, 1900, until January 1, 1908, he was a member of the firm of Dean & MacArthur and has since been alone. He has a large civil practice and also does considerable work in the surrogate court. He is an able corporation lawyer and is local attorney for the A&P Products Corporation of Brockport, while he also acts as counsel for the First National Bank. He is village attorney of Brockport and for eleven years has been the incumbent of that position. He has also filled other public offices, serving for fifteen years as village clerk and for twelve years as justice of the peace. He is a strong and able lawyer and in his presentation of a case is always fortified by a comprehensive understanding of the legal principles applicable thereto.

In Clarence, New York, on September 4, 1902, Mr. MacArthur was married to Miss Leota B. Robinson, a daughter of the Rev. William B. Robinson, a minister of the Methodist church. Mr. MacArthur is a Presbyterian in religious faith and his

mother is the only one now living of the seven original members of the First Presbyterian church of Mount Morris. The son is active in the councils of the republican party and for twenty years has attended its national conventions. He is a Mason, belonging to Monroe Lodge, No. 173, F. & A. M., at Brockport, and is also a member of Gamma Sigma, a college fraternity. He is connected with the Rochester and State Bar Associations and his advancement along professional lines has been continuous, for he possesses a keen intellect, an analytical trend of mind, a studious nature and the capacity for hard work. Mr. MacArthur has been faithful to every interest intrusted to his care, whether of a public or private nature, and in the varied relations of life has acquitted himself with dignity, credit and honor.

CLARENCE ARTHUR FOOTE.

A man of various accomplishments, all of which he has applied to useful purposes and for the good of the community in which he lives, is Clarence Arthur Foote of Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York. Without the special training that is conferred by technical schools and the higher institutions of education, and relying solely upon his own mental abilities and constant study, Mr. Foote was for thirty-six years successfully engaged in the carpentry and contracting business, and was also an extensive dealer in lumber. He studied architecture through the International Correspondence Schools, and many fine structures in Mount Morris and throughout the county show how thoroughly he mastered his subject and applied his knowledge. When the demand for better roads throughout the county became insistent, Mr. Foote began to study the subject of road building, one of the results of which was the building of the Groveland road, which experts declare is a model of its kind.

Clarence Arthur Foote was born on a farm in the township of Mount Morris, on May 12, 1860, the son of Norman and Emily (Jarrod) Foote, both of whom have passed away. His education was gained in the public schools of the district and the Nunda high school, and after graduating from the latter he went to work and has been a worker ever since. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic order, in which he is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a Knight Templar, and he is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and he has served as master of ceremonies of the Grand Lodge. He also belongs to the Eastern Star. In his religious convictions Mr. Foote is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his political views he finds a home in the republican party. During the World war he was fuel administrator for Livingston county, and was active in behalf of the work of the Red Cross.

On April 16, 1884, Mr. Foote was married to Stella Olney of Dalton. The three children born to them are: Olney Norman, who was married to Helen Merwin of Whitelaw. During the World war he was a lieutenant in the Three Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment, Eighty-first Division, with the Machine Gun Battalion. He is a thirty-second degree Mason; Doris Emily, who is now the wife of Ward Gowdy of Wellsville, New York; and Leone May, who is the wife of Kenyon Warner of Geneseo, New York.

CHAUNCEY B. HAMMOND.

In both the paternal and maternal lines Chauncey B. Hammond is descended from old and prominent families of Chemung county, and with the history of progress in this section of the state he is largely familiar. For the past fifteen years he has devoted his attention to transportation affairs. He was born in Chemung county, November 5, 1882, a son of Frank M. and Sarah E. (Greatsinger) Hammond, also natives of this county, in which they were married. The great-grandfather in the maternal line migrated from Newburgh, Orange county, New York, to Chemung county and in this section the family has since resided. His son, John S. Greatsinger, was the father of Mrs. Hammond, who was born in Greatsinger Corners and now resides on a farm situated two miles from Elmira. The deed to the property bears the signature of Governor George Clinton and is dated March 2, 1791. Since that time the land has never passed out of the possession of the family, whose members have contributed their quota toward its cultivation and improvement for a period of one hundred and thirty-three years. The great-grandfather of Chauncey B. Hammond was the founder of the Hammond family in Chemung county. He was a native of Connecticut and settled on a tract of land situated three miles from the



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river. Hammond's Corners was named in his honor and his son John, was the first member of the family born in Chemung county. Frank M. Hammond was born in Hammond's Corners and followed the occupation of farming as a means of livelihood. He was an adherent of the republican party and held some local offices. He was a Baptist in religious faith and his widow is a member of the Episcopal church. They had two children: Chauncey B. of this review; and Elsie, the wife of Walter W. Jones, who is in the insurance business in Binghamton, New York.

Chauncey B. Hammond was a pupil in the district school near his home and continued his studies in the high school at Elmira. His first position was that of clerk in a coal office and his salary was five dollars per week. He next became private secretary to his uncle, Jacob L. Greatsinger, president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, and for six years he was employed in that capacity. On the expiration of that period he returned to the Chemung Valley with his uncle, who built the Elmira, Corning & Waverly Electric Railway in 1909, and has since been connected with the line. He now acts as general agent for the company, with headquarters in Elmira.

On June 24, 1914, Mr. Hammond was married to Miss Louise Phillips, one of Elmira's native daughters and member of a well known family of the city. They are affiliated with Trinity Episcopal church and in politics Mr. Hammond is a republican. He is connected with the York and Scottish Rites in Masonry and holds office in the Grand Chapter. He has served as presiding officer of all the York Rite bodies and also belongs to the Shrine and Grotto. He is a Rotarian and the nature of his recreation is indicated by his membership in the Elmira Golf & Country Club. Mr. Hammond resides near Elmira on the old homestead, which is owned by his mother.

B. FRANK CULVER.

The door of opportunity is ever open to the alert, and the ratio of progress of each individual is in direct proportion to his enterprise and ability. Along the line of constructive effort B. Frank Culver has directed his activities and in the fullness of time he has reaped the rich harvest of his labors and also the aftermath. He is the founder and head of the largest engraving business in this section of the country and Rochester numbers him among its substantial business men and valuable citizens. He was born in Medina, New York, March 9, 1872, a son of William E. and Addie (Sabin) Culver of Newark, New York. The father engaged in the printing business and established the Fairport Herald, making it one of the best papers in that section of the state. He was a trenchant, forceful writer and made the Herald the champion of every movement destined to prove of benefit to his community and commonwealth. He continued to conduct the paper until his death. The mother has also passed away.

B. Frank Culver attended the public schools of Fairport until he reached the age of fifteen and then became an employe in his father's office, with which he was connected for a year. He next entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, but after two years of hard study decided to abandon the career of a naval officer and went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he spent three years, having charge of the stockroom of the R. L. Stevens Shoe Company. On the expiration of that period Mr. Culver came to Rochester and secured a position in the mechanical department of the Democrat-Chronicle. He remained in the service of that paper for three years and then organized the Culver Engraving Company, beginning with a small capital and gradually extending the scope of his operations until he has outdistanced many of his competitors in the field. He has a splendidly equipped plant and no job is too large for the firm to handle. It does all of the engraving for the Democrat-Chronicle, in addition to a large volume of outside business, and the work turned out by the firm is first-class in every particular. Mr. Culver is president and treasurer of the company and his administrative powers enable him to conduct the business on the most efficient basis, eliminating all unnecessary waste.

On the 14th of February, 1900, Mr. Culver was united in marriage to Miss Bertha H. Anderson of Rochester, and they have become the parents of four children: Ruth, now Mrs. George Hafner; William E., Virginia and Leah, all of whom are natives of Rochester. Mr. Culver is an Elk and a Knights Templar Mason. He has taken the thirty-second degree in the consistory and is also a Shriner. He is a member of the Shrine Club, the Rochester Automobile and Ad Clubs, and also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Royal Order of Jesters and the Sons of Veterans. He gives his political support to the republican party and has never sought to evade the

duties and obligations of life, discharging the former promptly and efficiently and meeting the latter in the fullest degree. His residence is at No. 171 Brooks avenue, where he built a home in 1903.

MONROE D. BAKER.

For more than a half century the name of Baker has figured prominently in business circles of Morris and the work begun by the father has been continued by the son, Monroe D. Baker, who is worthily sustaining the traditions of the family. He was born in Nelson, Madison county, New York, January 25, 1859, and his parents, Anson M. and Cecelia (Dana) Baker, were also natives of that county, the latter being a daughter of Federal Dana. Anson Monroe Baker was born in 1830 and in 1868 established his home in Mount Morris, where he spent the remainder of his life. He embarked in the carriage and implement business, in which he was very successful, and also followed surveying. His demise occurred on the 29th of September, 1910, when he had reached the age of eighty years. He stood high in business circles of the community and was a man of substantial worth, honor and integrity being the keynote of his character.

Monroe D. Baker was a boy of nine when his parents settled in Mount Morris and here he attended the public schools, afterward becoming a student at the Genesee Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1881. Later he entered the University of Michigan, which awarded him the A. B. degree in 1886, and on his return to Mount Morris he formed a partnership with his father. The business is still operated under the firm name of A. M. Baker & Son and is one of the oldest and largest enterprises of the kind in this part of the county. Mr. Baker learned surveying with his father, and by practice and study has become one of the well known civil engineers and land surveyors of western New York, being a licensed professional engineer and surveyor of the state of New York.

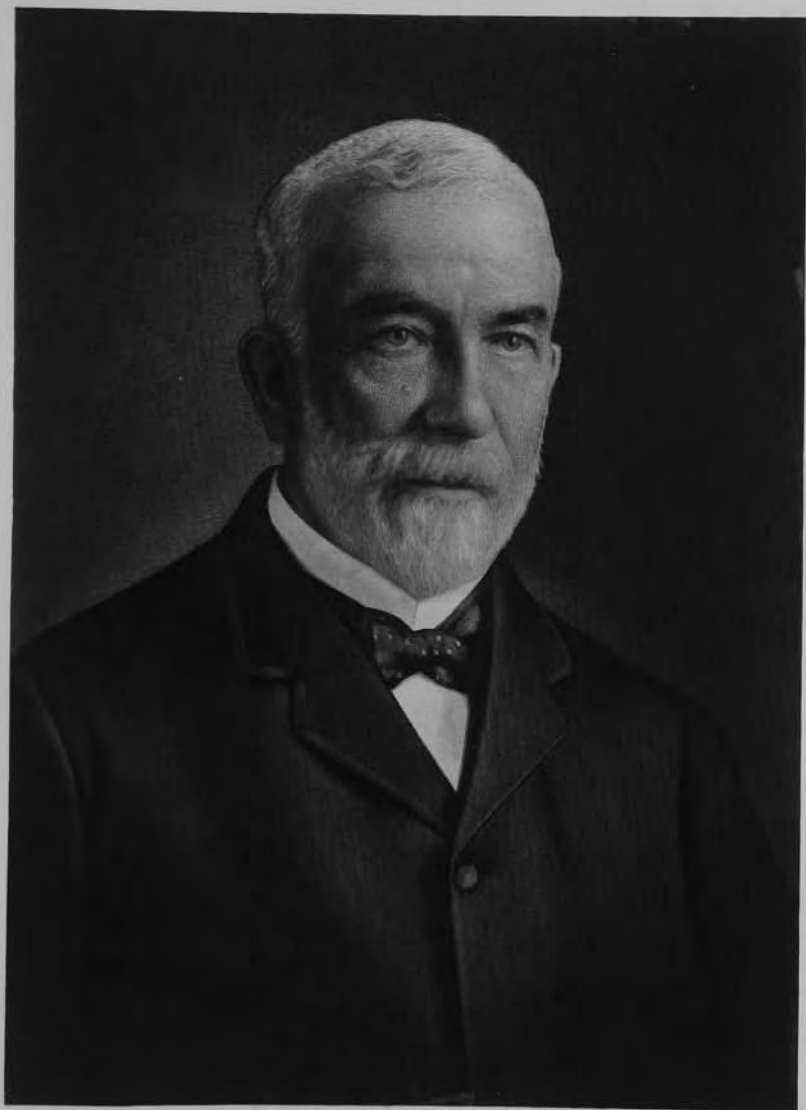
In 1895 Monroe D. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte A. Goode of Mount Morris, and their personal qualities are such as inspire strong and enduring friendship. Mr. Baker attends the Episcopal church and his political support is given to the republican party. He is keenly interested in everything that touches the welfare of his community but has never aspired to public office, preferring to remain in the background, and possesses many sterling traits of character, as his fellow citizens attest.

LEMUEL A. JEFFREYS.

Lemuel A. Jeffreys, one of the oldest and most prominent funeral directors of Rochester, was called to the home beyond on March 24, 1917, the day prior to his sixty-fifth birthday. He was born on the 25th of March, 1852, and received his education in the public schools and the Saterlee Collegiate Institute of the city. Following his graduation, he became associated with the Jeffreys' undertaking business, which was established on State street in 1854, becoming manager in a short time and finally president and treasurer of the leading undertaking establishment of Rochester, under the style of The L. A. Jeffreys Company, Incorporated, and remaining the head of the corporation until his demise.

The following tribute to Mr. Jeffreys by Algernon S. Crapsey, dated St. Louis, Missouri, April 7, 1917, was sent to the editor of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle: "It is with a deep sense of personal loss that I read in your columns of the death of Lemuel A. Jeffreys. Associated with him for many years in the conduct of services for the dead, I came to have for him a feeling of admiration and a reverence such as few men in my experience have commanded. In the delicate duties devolving upon him, Mr. Jeffreys was guided by a tender heart and fine sensibilities. He was never professional, but always human. One had never to wince at any word or action of his. As he was in his public so was he in his private life, a gentleman always, considerate, kind, courteous. I should do violence to my own feelings and wound the heart of my wife if I did not thus publicly express our gratitude to Mr. Jeffreys for the comfort he gave us in the times of our bereavement."

Mr. Jeffreys served on the New York state board of embalming examiners and was appointed a commissioner of Mount Hope cemetery by George Aldridge. The following resolutions were adopted at a special meeting of the Mount Hope cemetery



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commission when the news of Mr. Jeffreys' demise was received: "It is with a profound sense of personal sorrow that the remaining commissioners of Mount Hope cemetery meet to pay tribute to our late colleague, Lemuel A. Jeffreys, who has been suddenly called away. For the past five years he had guarded the city's interest and served the lot owners with untiring faithfulness, zeal and watchfulness, giving of his time and thought, and no man was ever better fitted to fill the position, he having been in close touch with Mount Hope cemetery for the past fifty years, his business keeping him in almost daily contact, and he took great pride in that fact. He was prompt in his attendance at every meeting for the time he served as a commissioner, kind and courteous to his associate commissioners and just to all the employes engaged in carrying on the work. It is the desire of his fellow commissioners to place upon their records this evidence of their sorrow and their loss. We extend to his family our warmest sympathy."

Mr. Jeffreys was a member of the old Polly Ann Fire Company, was chosen president of the Rochester Active Hose Company in 1879 and was likewise connected with the Volunteer Firemen's Association. His political support was given to the republican party and fraternally he was identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Yonondio Lodge, No. 163, F. & A. M.; Hamilton Chapter, No. 62, R. A. M.; Monroe Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; Rochester Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. While he never sought nor held office in any of the organizations, he was an earnest worker in the interest of the fraternity. He was one of the original members of the famous drill corps of Monroe Commandery. Charity played an important part in the life of "Lem" Jeffreys, as he was known to his intimate friends. He was instrumental in aiding many young men to get a start in life, and many business men of today owe their success to the assistance received from him. The following is an excerpt from a review of his career, which appeared in a local publication at the time of his death: "Mr. Jeffreys was always of a quiet nature but was always foremost in any charitable work and active in the civic life of Rochester. He had a cheery disposition and made many warm friends in and about the city. One of the outstanding figures among his closer friendships was the late Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), who never made a trip to Rochester that he did not make it the occasion of renewing this close friendship."

On the 24th of April, 1912, Mr. Jeffreys was united in marriage to Martha Dyson Hawley, who survives him and makes her home at No. 30 Chestnut street in Rochester, in which city the circle of her friends is an extensive one.

JOHN PALMER DAY.

John Palmer Day, district sales manager for the National City Company, with headquarters in Rochester, has filled this responsible office for the past ten years, and his business career has been marked by continuous progress, for thoroughness and devotion to duty are his salient characteristics. He was born in Brooklyn, Connecticut, April 20, 1884, and his parents, Albert P. and Helen M. (Palmer) Day, were also born in that state. The father is a native of Brooklyn, while the mother's birth occurred in Canterbury. The latter is deceased. Albert P. Day is president of the Riverside Trust Company of Hartford, Connecticut, of which he was one of the founders, and he also has important industrial interests in that city, being a man of large affairs and keen business discernment.

John Palmer Day completed his education in the Hartford high school and subsequently embarked in the coal business as a wholesale and retail merchant. For three years he conducted the business and after disposing of the undertaking he became connected with a Wall street brokerage house, with which he remained for a few years. He next entered the service of the brokerage firm of Spencer, Trask & Company as their traveling representative in the Genesee valley and became a resident of Rochester in 1912. He remained with that house until 1914, when he assumed the duties of his present office, and the success which has since attended the activities of the National City Company in the Genesee valley is eloquent of his capacity for such service. They are investment bankers and Mr. Day's connection with the firm has resulted advantageously to the company, for his broad experience in financial affairs is supplemented by executive force and mature judgment.

In Rochester, on April 7, 1918, Mr. Day was married to Miss Catherine Curtis, who was born in 1893 and is a daughter of Wendell J. and Margaret B. (Robey) Curtis. Her father is secretary and treasurer of the Mechanics Savings Bank of

Rochester, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Day have become the parents of two children: Margaret Helen, who was born January 6, 1919; and John Palmer, Jr., born January 5, 1921. Both are natives of this city.

Mr. Day is identified with the Ad Club of Rochester and is chairman of one of its committees. His civic spirit finds expression in his membership in the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and for a year he served as chairman of the entertainment committee. He is also connected with the Rochester Historical Society and the Rochester Country Club and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Unitarian church. In the varied responsibilities of life Mr. Day has acquitted himself with dignity, fidelity and honor and has won as his reward the approbation and esteem of his fellowmen.

JOHN H. BURKE, M. D.

Dr. John H. Burke has won a well-merited reputation as an able, conscientious physician and for two decades has successfully followed his profession in Dansville. He was born in Belfast, Allegany county, New York, December 18, 1883, and is a son of James E. and Elizabeth (O'Mara) Burke, who are also natives of the Empire state. Seven children were born to them, three sons and four daughters, of whom one son and one daughter have passed away.

After completing a course in the public schools John H. Burke attended the Genesee Valley Seminary, and his medical training was received in the University of Buffalo, from which he received the M. D. degree in 1904. He devoted a year to hospital work in Buffalo and began his independent professional career in Dansville, where he has since resided, with office at No. 241 Main street. He has never lost the attitude of a student toward his profession and in 1918 spent some time in the New York Post Graduate Hospital, while in 1920 he took a course at the Roosevelt Hospital of that city. He is a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and has successfully treated many cases of that nature, his skill being attested by the large practice accorded him.

On August 9, 1905, Dr. Burke was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Heckman and they have become the parents of six children: Charles, John, James, William, Paul and Elizabeth. The Doctor is a communicant of St. Patrick's Catholic church and is also a Knight of Columbus. He gives his political support to the republican party and his professional connections are with the Livingston County and New York State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. He is keenly interested in the scientific and humanitarian phases of his work and with progress as his watchword he has constantly advanced in the field of professional service.

HARVEY WILBUR GRAVES.

The permanence and growth of a business is measured by its usefulness and the character of service it gives. For thirty-five years the H. B. Graves Company has stood for all that is highest and best in the ideals of merchandising, and steady progress decade after decade is proof of the quality of service rendered as well as the essential nature of its functions.

Harvey Baker Graves was born May 4, 1855, near Saratoga Springs, New York, a son of Horatio and Betsy (Mason) Graves, and he received a public school education. He is the executive head of the H. B. Graves Company, which owes its inception and growth to his powers of organization and administration, and he also serves as president of the Sunny Isles Ocean Beach Company of Miami, Florida. A man of broad vision, advanced ideas and philanthropic nature, he established a profit-sharing system with his employees in 1901, being among the first to adopt this plan, which has since been followed by the foremost business men of the country with the most satisfactory results. Mr. Graves is a leader in enterprises for civic betterment and acts as vice president of the First Ward Improvement Association, while his name also appears on the directorate of the Highland Hospital. He is conscientious in the discharge of his moral obligations and is one of the trustees of the Westminster Presbyterian church. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was formerly a director of that organization, the Rochester Historical Society, the Ad Club, the Rochester Club and the American Civic Association. Having passed the sixty-ninth



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milestone on life's journey, Mr. Graves is enjoying a well earned period of leisure, although he still supervises his business interests, and spends the winter months either in California or Florida. On November 29, 1879, he was married to Miss Charlotte A. Bosworth of Bergen, New York, and they became the parents of eight children, four of whom are living: Harvey Wilbur of this review; Emma L.; Frances, who is the wife of William R. Lakeman; and Ruth E.

Harvey Wilbur Graves was born in Rochester, October 30, 1885, and received his elementary training in the public schools and afterward attended the University of Rochester, completing his education in Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1909. Under the able guidance of his father he gained a comprehensive knowledge of the furniture trade and is now serving as secretary and manager of the business, to the success of which he has contributed in notable measure.

This business was founded in 1889 by Harvey B. Graves and was first located on upper State street, about opposite the present site of the car barns. The building was five stories in height, sixteen and two-thirds feet wide and about ninety feet deep. At the end of the first year the frontage was increased threefold by the addition of two stores from the Hayden building on the north. At the close of the third year the business was moved down the street near the four corners, occupying the Sage property at Nos. 116-118 State street. A year later two additional floors were rented in the adjoining Potter building and another year developed the need of warehouse room for stock storage, which was obtained by the purchase of the brick building at Nos. 68-72 Mill street, still used by the company as warehouse No. 1.

In January, 1899, the Field buildings at State, Market and Mill streets were purchased and a fifth story was added. A new Sturdevant heating plant, a new plumbing system and new elevators were installed. One of the innovations included in the remodeling of these substantial buildings was the interior light court, which is still one of the attractive and decorative features of the building. With the need for more storage space, developed by the rapid growth of the business, a large reinforced concrete warehouse on lots adjoining warehouse No. 1 was erected in 1909. This is known as warehouse No. 2. With the erection of this building, receiving, shipping and service workrooms were transferred from the main store building, so that this building is now devoted entirely to the display and sale of home furnishings, with the exception of the small space occupied by the offices on the rear main floor.

The present store building contains over sixty-eight thousand square feet of floor display space, which makes it one of the largest furniture stores in the country. A remarkable feature of this display is that there are practically no two pieces alike shown in the store building. All duplicate stock is carried in one of the three adjoining warehouses on Mill street, which now house this important end of the business.

One of the decorative features of the Graves store is that built around the rear light court of the fifth floor. This section with its white colonial columns, arches, clinging vines and decorative palms and flowers has been aptly called "Summerland." During the warm weather all kinds of summer and garden furniture is displayed here. In the fall and winter season the equally attractive indoor wicker, willow and fiber furniture with its gay upholstery, is displayed in this attractive space.

The Graves store has become a sort of permanent Better Homes Exposition for residents of Rochester and western New York, with its two attractive suites of furnished rooms. These rooms are open to the inspection of visitors at all times. With the frequent changes made in their furnishing they are always a reliable index to what is new and correct in home furnishings. In June, 1914, the business was incorporated with the following officers: Harvey B. Graves, president; Ralph B. Southgate, vice president; H. Wilbur Graves, secretary; and Perry S. Smith, treasurer.

The Graves store was one of the first in Rochester to inaugurate a profit-sharing plan with employees. Each employee who has been with the concern two years or more participates in this profit-sharing plan. A sick and death benefit fund is also maintained, which gives half pay during disability from sickness or accident. All members share in this without any payment on their part. Group life insurance is also carried for the benefit of the employees, and all under sixty years of age receive a policy for five hundred dollars after the first four months of continuous service. This is automatically increased one hundred dollars each year for the next five years of continuous service.

The growth and success of the business may be largely accounted for in the principles of service and square dealing which were well set forth by the president, Harvey B. Graves, in a talk at one of the recent annual dinners for the employees. Mr. Graves said: "Guiding principles have much to do with the growth and success

of any business. We all appreciate that our ideals have never been fully realized and that standards will change from period to period, as we may enlarge our vision of the possibilities of a store in attaining the highest degree of success and usefulness. Service rendered is the measure of success for every business, as well as for every individual. Our constant aim has been and shall be to perfect our service to the community. Every member of our organization has his or her part in this achievement.

"Every business transaction, to be successful, must be to the mutual advantage of all who have part in it. Our customer is our client. We must study his interest and serve it with the greatest courtesy and most painstaking, intelligent effort. 'Many a mickle makes a muckle' is a proverb as applicable to business as to the household. Untiring effort to see that every detail of work is perfectly performed and that all waste of time and material and unnecessary expense is avoided, lies at the foundation of success.

"Let us in the future hold to and endeavor to improve upon all that has helped in the building up of this business. May the spirit and atmosphere of our store breathe good fellowship and friendly cooperation, for the good of our individual progress, the increasing welfare of the business and the interest of the public whom we serve."

On June 23, 1913, H. Wilbur Graves was married to Miss Margaret C. Malloy, a daughter of John F. Malloy, a prominent citizen of Rochester. The children of this union are four in number, namely: Ruth Elizabeth, who was born April 8, 1914; Marjorie Ann, whose birth occurred June 11, 1915; Jean Eleanor, born October 10, 1916; and Dorothy Charlotte, whose natal day was July 7, 1918.

Mr. Graves is president of the Retail Furniture Dealers Association of Rochester and a director of the American Retail Furniture Dealers Association and the American Homes Bureau. He is also a director of the Rochester Better Business Bureau. He is a member of the Rochester Ad Club, the Automobile Club, the Old Colony Club and the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Mr. Graves is a Presbyterian and has membership relations with Westminster church of that denomination.

RALPH TUNIS COE.

Early in life Ralph Tunis Coe became deeply interested in mechanical pursuits, in which he found a congenial field for the exercise of his ability, and gradually increasing the scope of his operations as the years have passed, he has at length become widely known throughout the Genesee country as a heating and ventilating engineer of broad experience and superior ability. Rochester numbers Mr. Coe among its foremost business men and with the exception of about ten years he has made his home within the borders of the Empire state. He was born in Medina, New York, November 29, 1882, and is a son of Frank L. and Lillian G. (Bates) Coe, who are also natives of this state. The father was born in Yates Center and the mother's birth occurred at Adams Basin. For many years Frank L. Coe engaged in farming near Medina and now lives retired in the village. Mr. and Mrs. Coe have become the parents of three children: Ivan B. (Blower Systems Corporation), and Ralph Tunis, both residents of Rochester; and C. Le Roy, auditor of plants for the General Motors Company, whose home is in Detroit, Michigan.

Ralph Tunis Coe obtained his education in the public schools of Buffalo, New York, and first became an employe of the Buffalo Forge Company, in whose service he remained for nine years, becoming an expert mechanic. He then tendered his resignation and went to Detroit, Michigan, with the American Blower Company, and later organized the Canadian Sirocco Company, Limited, erecting a plant in Windsor, Canada, on the opposite side of the Detroit river. Mr. Coe served as manager of the business for three years, building up a large industry. On the expiration of that period he came to Rochester and established the R. T. Coe Companies, heating and ventilating engineers. The firm has been awarded many important contracts and operates throughout western New York, occupying a position of leadership in the field in which it specializes. Mr. Coe has thoroughly studied every question bearing upon the business, so that he is prepared to meet every contingency, and his plans are well formulated and promptly executed.

In Buffalo, New York, November 29, 1904, Mr. Coe was united in marriage to Miss Ruth G. Mansfield, a daughter of the late Charles C. Mansfield of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Coe have two children: Fay Elizabeth, who was born in Detroit, Michigan, April 5, 1908, and is a member of the senior class of the West high school of Rochester; and Ada Bethine, who was born in Detroit April 16, 1911, and is a senior



RALPH T. COE

in the Madison Junior high school and editor of the school magazine. Both are active members of the Children of the American Revolution.

Mr. Coe is a member of the Warren C. Hubbard Lodge of Masons and has taken Hamilton Chapter and the Knights Templar degree in the York Rite, while in the Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-second degree, and is a Damascus Temple Shriner. He is identified with the Rochester Engineering Society and the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers and is a past president of the Western New York Chapter of the latter organization. He is also connected with the National Association of Stationary Engineers, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Washington Club, the Ad Club, the Rochester Yacht Club and the Automobile Club of this city, and is likewise a Rotarian. His religious affiliations are with the Westminster Presbyterian church. He is a self-made man whose advancement in life has been achieved by following well defined lines of action, and is deserving of high commendation for the intelligent manner in which he has adapted his inherent talents to the utilization of his opportunities. His residence is at No. 235 Chili avenue, corner of Rugby avenue.

HENRY PHILLIP NEUN.

Henry Phillip Neun, a lifelong resident and leading citizen of Rochester, long occupied an enviable position in business circles as proprietor of the paper box manufactory conducted under his name and was also prominently identified with a number of other important industries of the city. He was born May 30, 1869, and had reached the age of fifty-three years when called to his final rest on September 24, 1922. His parents were John and Dorothea (Schubert) Neun, both of whom were natives of Bavaria, Germany. They came to the United States in 1854, locating in Rochester, New York. The father was engaged in the manufacture of patent medicines as a chemist for ten years. At the end of that period he accepted a position as foreman in a perfume manufactory, with which he was connected for thirteen years. He then began the manufacture of paper boxes on a small scale in 1880, under the name of John Neun. He was alone in business until 1889, when he admitted his son, Henry Phillip, to partnership, and business was then conducted under the firm style of John Neun & Son until 1894, when he retired and turned the business over to his son. Under the able management of both father and son this enterprise steadily grew until it became one of the most important industries of the city, employment being furnished to about two hundred and twenty-five persons. The plant is located at Nos. 131-141 North Water street, is a four-story building with a basement and contains forty-seven thousand square feet of floor space. The product of the factory finds a ready market in all parts of the United States. John Neun, the founder of this enterprise, spent his last years in ease and quiet, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. Both he and his wife were highly respected and esteemed by all who knew them. He gave his political support to the democratic party and was a prominent member of Germania Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of which he was a past master, and also belonged to Hamilton Chapter, R. A. M.

Henry P. Neun, whose name introduces this review, supplemented his public school education by a course of study in the Rochester Free Academy. As above stated, he succeeded his father in the ownership and control of the Neun paper box manufactory and continued its proprietor throughout the remainder of his life, the business steadily expanding under his capable management. During the period of the World war the company manufactured corrugated liners for hand grenades for the United States army, also corrugated work for the naval, medical and quartermaster departments, fulfilling its contract for two carloads daily. Mr. Neun did not confine his attention wholly to the paper box industry, but became identified with a number of other business enterprises. He was president of the MacMillan Lithograph Company and also had a large floral business and was president of the Rochester Marshmallow Company, manufacturing chocolates, marshmallows, gum and jellies. The products of the company, which was organized in 1897 and incorporated the following year, are sold all over the eastern, middle and southern states. Mr. Neun was likewise at the head of the McLean-Ward Fibre Case Company and enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of Rochester's most wide-awake and energetic business men whose success was due entirely to his own well-directed efforts.

In 1891 Mr. Neun was united in marriage to Miss Grace Levis, a daughter of George Levis. Mr. and Mrs. Neun became the parents of eight children, namely:

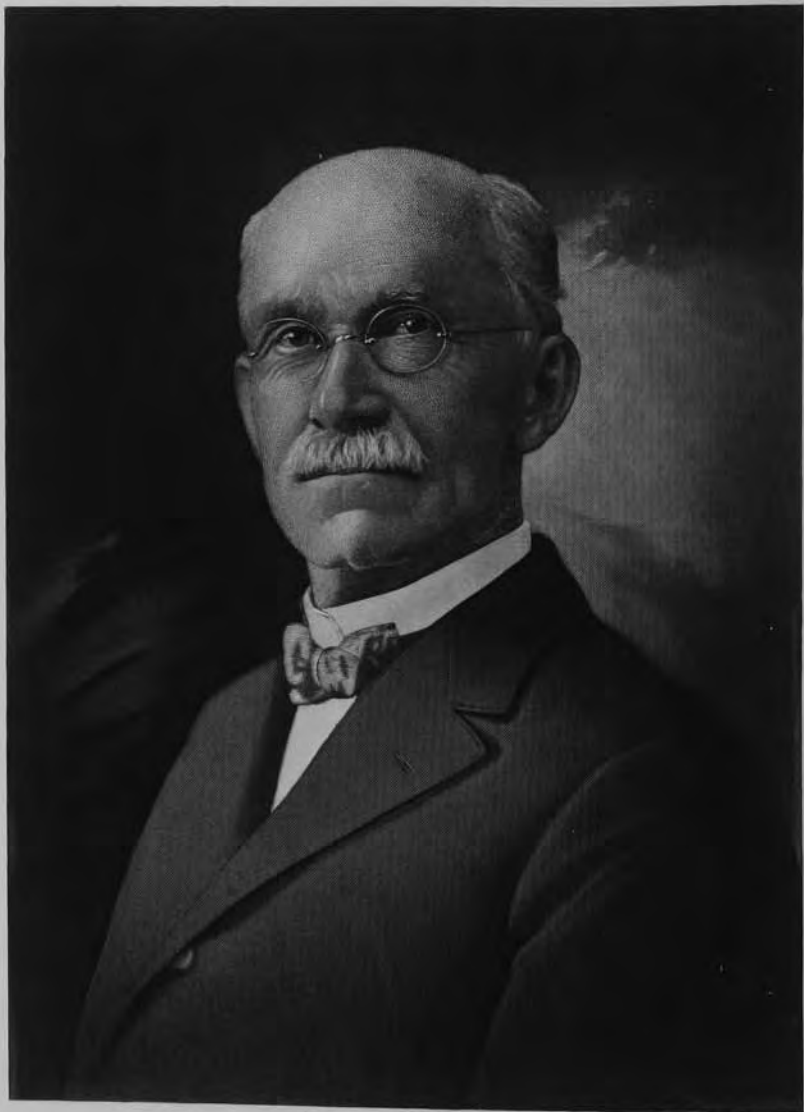
Dora Estelle; Elsie G.; Eva M.; John H., vice president and treasurer of the H. P. Neun Company, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work; Margaret; Harriet; Harold; and Hiram.

Politically Mr. Neun was a stalwart advocate of the democratic party. He was a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Yonnondio Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Hamilton Chapter, R. A. M.; Monroe Commandery, K. T., of which he was past commander; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and was also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He likewise held membership in the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. By untiring industry and sound judgment he won merited success in all his undertakings, and was in all respects worthy of the high regard in which he was held by his fellowmen. In his demise Rochester sustained the loss of one of its influential, enterprising and progressive citizens, his friends a cherished companion and his family a devoted husband and father.

GEORGE N. CROSBY.

In each community death is ever taking his toll from the living and there are lessons in every completed life—lessons of benefit to all. George N. Crosby, late of Rochester, was one of those men whose lives are object lessons to the youth of our land, for he was thrown upon his own resources at a very early age and out of the struggle with adverse circumstances and misfortunes which would have proved overwhelming to the average individual, he rose to a commanding position in the business world, while his commercial integrity ever remained unsullied. He passed away at the Clifton Springs Sanitarium, Clifton Springs, New York, on October 23, 1923, at the ripe old age of eighty-three years, and the character of the work which he accomplished and the position which he occupied in the hearts of his fellow citizens, were evidenced by the deep and widespread regret which followed his demise. Honor was the keystone of his character and his public spirit was evidenced by both word and deed.

George N. Crosby was born at Great Bend, New York, February 27, 1841, soon after the removal of the family to that state. His parents were pioneers of Maine and when not yet seven years of age he was left an orphan. He secured work on a neighboring farm and as soon as he was able to shift for himself he started for Richville, in St. Lawrence county. He made the journey on foot and as he passed through Antwerp, the largest town he had ever seen, he stopped to put on his shoes, which had been slung over his shoulder. He walked slowly through the village and resolved that he would some day return and make his home in that beautiful place. He obtained work in a tannery at Richville and was there employed until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a bugler. After two years of military life he contracted camp fever and was left for dead by the roadside. Finally, however, he staggered on to his command and was invalided out of the service. After his recovery he followed his trade as a journeyman, spending some time in Manchester, New Hampshire, and subsequently returned to Richville, New York. In 1871 he established his home in Antwerp and for twenty years operated a tannery in that town, building up a flourishing business. He employed about twenty men and at the height of his prosperity the unexpected failure of a large eastern bank, heavily interested in leather, forced into bankruptcy several of the great leather houses, and they in turn carried down with them many of the comparatively small tanneries, including that owned by Mr. Crosby. At the age of fifty years he found himself not only without resources, but with heavy debts. Coming to Rochester he secured a location for his business on Mount Hope avenue and began life anew, courageously facing the future. He began a series of experiments in tanning horse and cattle hides with the hair on, for manufacture into garments, rugs and robes, doing all of the labor himself, while Mrs. Crosby conducted the business. Success attended his efforts and about 1903 he organized the Crosby Frisian Fur Company and began to gather about him the department heads who remained with him until his death. Those intimately associated with Mr. Crosby in building up the company were: Alvin Metz, a director; Robert Shellard, secretary; Miss Frances Streb, office manager; and George T. Duncan and Frank T. Adams, in charge, respectively, of the taxidermy and coat departments. Within a short time after its formation the company moved out of the Mount Hope avenue house, making the first of four subsequent changes to larger quarters, and starting with heavy hides, Mr. Crosby



W. M. Crosby



Pauline H Crosby

added various branches, including fine furs, leather and taxidermy. It was characteristic of Mr. Crosby that when he again became prosperous he returned to Antwerp and discharged all of his obligations, paying his creditors eight per cent interest, although his debts were not legally binding. He studied conditions, methods and opportunities, realizing that simple processes are those which win results, and his plans were the outcome of hard thinking. He kept his hand steadily upon the helm of his business, manifesting at all times strong executive power, and gradually extended the scope of his operations until he had evolved one of the largest industries of the kind in the country, utilizing the services of one hundred employees.

Business formed but one phase of Mr. Crosby's life, for his was a many-sided development. He was well trained in music, being keenly appreciative of its beauties, and as a young man organized an orchestra still famous in the annals of the north country. He was studious by nature and a self-educated man, whose first lessons were learned by the light of a log fire, while later he became a pupil in a school at Natural Bridge, New York, which he attended until he reached the age of fifteen. As an expression of his affection for Antwerp, Mr. Crosby decided to present the village with a library, offering to build and endow the institution, with the provision that the taxpayers were to contribute the sum of four hundred dollars each year for its maintenance. The conditions were complied with and the library was erected on the site of the old Foster House, at a cost of about eighteen thousand dollars. It has been liberally endowed and was dedicated in July, 1919. In the planning of the library Mr. and Mrs. Crosby were aided by their life-long friends, Senator and Mrs. Willard F. Augsbury of Jefferson county, New York. The Crosby Library is a great asset to Antwerp and an attractively designed building which follows the Flemish style of architecture, as the founders of the village were natives of that section of Belgium. Mr. Crosby enjoyed reading and was well informed on many subject. He devoted much time to the study of advertising and his views on the subject commanded respect both in Rochester and elsewhere.

Mr. Crosby was twice married. His first wife was Miss Mary White of Richville, whom he married early in his business career. Her demise occurred in Antwerp. In 1888 he was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Houston of Manchester, New Hampshire, who survives him. Mr. Crosby was a Unitarian in religious belief and along fraternal lines was identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Genesee Valley Falls Lodge, No. 507, F. & A. M. Through his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic he renewed old associations with the "Boys in Blue" and his name also appeared on the membership rolls of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rochester Ad Club and the Oak Hill Country Club. He was a man of great perseverance and industry, with exceptional force of character. His career was as an open book which all might read and his biography is written in the communities in which he lived—in the hearts of those who knew him. Rev. F. A. Kimberly said of Mr. Crosby: "I feel I would be false to the church and to the people if I did not speak a few words on one who was so loved in the community. There is something beautiful in a church when there is a similarity to the home circle. There are times when the heart goes back to the old home church. Such I feel sure has been the relationship of our friend of years ago. He loved one church and loved it to the end. He was one who loved his fellowmen, a stable and law-abiding citizen and patriot. We think of him as one who stands out by himself. There are some jewels which require a setting to show their beauty, but there are others which shine alone. He was one of them."

Mr. Crosby was buried at Antwerp, New York, and as evidence of the high regard and great respect, business houses and the schools were closed for his funeral. The school children attended in a body to pay respect to him.

JOHN RATHBUN VAN CAMPEN.

John Rathbun Van Campen, one of the most successful insurance men of Elmira, his native city, was born April 9, 1867, a son of Samuel R. and Mary (Rathbun) Van Campen, who were married in Elmira, on June 30, 1863. The former was born in Allegany, New York, and the latter in Scipio, this state. The father was one of the leading financiers of Elmira and served a number of years as president of the First National Bank, to which he brought added prestige and power. He was connected with the Masonic order and gave his political support to the republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Van Campen were members of the Presbyterian church and its teachings

guided them in the daily relations of life. They had two sons: Samuel R., Jr., a well known attorney of Elmira; and John Rathbun of this review. The paternal grandfather was Hiram Van Campen and the maternal grandfather, John T. Rathbun, was one of the early settlers of Scipio. One of the ancestors of John R. Van Campen was Major Moses Van Campen, noted soldier and member of the famous Sullivan Expedition against the Indians.

John Rathbun Van Campen spent a year as a student in the College of the City of New York and resided in the eastern metropolis until he reached the age of twenty-one, there receiving his education. His initial experience along business lines was gained with the Bradstreet Commercial Agency and he was later employed by the American Trust Company. After severing his relationship with the latter corporation, he returned to Elmira and entered the service of the Second National Bank, with which he was connected for a number of years. In 1902 he turned his attention to the insurance business, in which he has been engaged for a period of twenty-two years, acquiring a highly specialized knowledge of the subject. He has the local agency for ten companies and deals in fire and liability insurance. His business is one of the oldest and largest in this line in the city and has endured because it was established upon the basis of honorable, straightforward dealing—a principle from which he has never deviated.

On the 31st of May, 1898, Mr. Van Campen was married to Miss Jessie Rogers, who was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, and completed her education in Elmira College. They have become the parents of two daughters: Mary Elizabeth and Clara Rogers. The latter completed a course in Elmira Free Academy and is now the wife of Charles Henry Fletcher, a chemical engineer, a graduate of Cornell College and now assistant manager for Parke, Davis & Company, well known drug manufacturers of Detroit, Michigan. The elder daughter attended the Elmira Free Academy for three years, afterward spent two years as a student in the Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, and a similar period in Elmira College. She was married July 8, 1924, to Franklin J. Cassada of Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Van Campen is active in the social life of the city and serves as president of the Wednesday Morning Club. She is a member of Trinity Episcopal church, with which her husband is also affiliated. In politics Mr. Van Campen is a republican, is one of the energetic members of the Elmira Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Insurance Club and the Elmira Golf & Country Club.

JAMES P. B. DUFFY.

James P. B. Duffy, representing an old and honored family of Rochester, has been identified with the legal profession here during the past two decades and is a member of the firm of McLean, Duffy & Kaelber. He is also connected with many business interests of the city. He was born in Rochester, New York, on the 25th of November, 1878, his parents being Walter Bernard and Teresa Helena (O'Dea) Duffy. A more extended mention of Walter Bernard Duffy will be found elsewhere in this work.

James P. B. Duffy, whose name introduces this article attended the Cathedral and the Nazareth Hall parochial schools and the Rochester Free Academy, after which he became a student in Georgetown University of Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated in the class of 1901, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the Harvard Law School and was graduated in June, 1904, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the fall of the same year he was admitted to the bar and was associated with the firm of Perkins & Havens until its dissolution in March, 1907. Mr. Duffy then formed a partnership with James Breck Perkins and Joseph McLean, under the firm name of Perkins, Duffy & McLean, which existed as one of the leading firms of Rochester until the demise of Mr. Perkins in March, 1910. It has been succeeded by the firm of McLean, Duffy & Kaelber. Mr. Duffy is active in the field of business as president of the Fitzhugh Land & Building Corporation, the Duffy-Powers Company and as vice president of the Lafayette Hotel Company. He is a director of the New National Bank of Rochester.

In October, 1905, Mr. Duffy was appointed a member of the school board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. George G. Carroll, and although a democrat he was elected to the same position in November of that year on the republican ticket. Through the intervening period of nineteen years he has remained continuously in the position of school commissioner, having been elected to that office

five successive times for terms of four years each. Mr. Duffy is one of the trustees of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He has always taken a great interest in athletics and outdoor sports and had the honor of rowing on the Georgetown Varsity crew at Poughkeepsie in the years 1900 and 1901 and the Harvard Varsity crew at New London in 1903 and 1904. During the period of the World war he was connected with the home service section of the Red Cross for Rochester and Monroe county. A Catholic in religious belief, he is a communicant of St. Patrick's cathedral and one of its two lay trustees. He holds membership in the Rochester Bar Association and along more strictly social lines he is connected with the Genesee Valley Club, the Country Club, the Oak Hill Country Club, the University Club, the Rochester Athletic Club, the Georgetown Club of Rochester, the Harvard Club of Rochester and the Harvard Varsity Club of Boston.

WALTER JULIUS BEECHER.

Walter Julius Beecher, vice president of the F. A. Owen Publishing Company of Dansville, is classed with those substantial business men who are the bone and sinew of the community, and through the medium of his own efforts has achieved the notable measure of success which he now enjoys. He is a native son of New York and represents one of the old and highly respected families of the east. In 1806 his paternal grandfather, Parson Beecher, removed from Naugatuck, Connecticut, to Chenango county, New York, and there purchased two hundred acres of land. He then returned to Naugatuck, and in January, 1808, was married to Margaret Porter. He was descended from the old Puritan family of Beechers, founded in New Haven, Connecticut, in colonial days, and his wife was also a member of one of the first families of that commonwealth. Her father, Truman Porter, was a major in the Revolutionary war and also served in the Connecticut assembly. In 1807 Parson Beecher returned to Chenango county and after clearing his land built thereon a good substantial house. In the spring of 1809 he brought his family to the new home. His eldest son, Julius Porter Beecher, was born in Naugatuck, October 24, 1808, and was married to Sarah Ann Stewart, who was a native of Greenwich, Washington county, New York. He was a farmer and drover and made numerous trips to Ohio, going through the Southern Tier of counties in New York. In 1859 he became a resident of Wellsville, Allegany county, New York, and there spent the remainder of his life, engaging in the lumber business and also becoming connected with the milling industry. He died in 1887 and his wife passed away in 1891. Their son, Walter Julius of this review, was born in Coventry, Chenango county, September 16, 1855, and was four years old when his parents moved to Wellsville.

Walter Julius Beecher attended public and private schools in Coventry, and afterward entered the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, being a student at that institution during the first year of its existence. In 1873 he returned to Wellsville and entered the office of the Times, where he learned the printer's trade. In 1874 that paper was consolidated with the Allegany County Reporter and Mr. Beecher was given an office in the newly organized company, and was engaged largely in editorial work. In January, 1883, in association with William J. Glenn, he purchased The Patriot, a newspaper published in Cuba, New York, and for four years he was connected with that enterprise. For a time Mr. Beecher was interested in the insurance business and in 1892 he came to Dansville to take charge of the advertising department of the E. M. Parmelee Medical Company. In November, 1896, he entered the employ of the Teachers Improvement Company, at that time publishers of The Normal Instructor, and in November, 1898, purchased an interest in the firm, with which he has since been connected. The business is now conducted under the name of the F. A. Owen Publishing Company and is housed in a substantial building which is of brick and stone and covers three acres, constituting one of the most modern and best equipped publishing plants in the country. It was founded by Frederick A. Owen, who is president of the company, and Mr. Beecher is filling the office of vice president, and is in charge of the editorial work. He has had broad experience in the publishing business and for a quarter of a century has been instrumental in promoting the growth and development of this extensive undertaking.

On September 28, 1898, Mr. Beecher was united in marriage to Elizabeth C. Hoyt of West Pittston, Pennsylvania, and they have become the parents of two sons: Robert Hoyt, who was graduated from Harvard University, in 1923; and Walter Stewart, who is a member of the class of 1926 at Cornell University. Mr. Beecher

is identified with the Masonic fraternity and belongs to the Rotary Club of Dansville. He is an adherent of the republican party and his religious views coincide with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church. He is a man of progressive ideas, alert and enterprising to a degree, and his sterling traits of character have established him high in public regard.

REUBEN B. OLDFIELD.

The county clerk of Steuben county is one of its most versatile men, for not alone is Reuben B. Oldfield a successful public official but he is likewise a competent druggist and a writer and lecturer of note. By doing well everything he attempts to do, Reuben Oldfield, although still a young man, has become one of the most popular and trusted men in the county. He is almost a native, his parents having brought him to New York state when he was still an infant. He was born in Waseca county, Minnesota, July 18, 1878, son of William M. and Emily (Wolever) Oldfield. The family moved to Schuyler county, New York, soon after his birth and he received his education in the rural schools and Watkins high school.

As author of Ben Field's Political Dictionary and Ben Field's Rimes, Mr. Oldfield has achieved considerable fame as a writer. He is a lecturer, too, his chief subjects concerning Indian tribes and he is an authority on the Iroquois confederacy as well as the Indian history and romance of the Genesee country. He has always been an active republican and taken a lively interest in politics and was a member of the state assembly in 1915 and 1916. In Bath he has served the public faithfully as trustee of the village from 1910 to 1914; and as supervisor of Bath township for several years. In the fall of 1922 the voters elected him county clerk and he took office in 1923 on the first day of the year. This office he still holds. In 1904 Mr. Oldfield opened a drug store in Bath and this business has developed wonderfully under his care, so that it is now ranked as the leading pharmacy in the town.

Mr. Oldfield was married October 24, 1904, to Miss Edna Maude Bronson, and they have two children: Willis Pearsall Oldfield and Reuben Bronson Oldfield. Mr. Oldfield has always been a fraternal man and is a Mason and member of the lodge, chapter and council. He is also an Odd Fellow and has held all the chairs in both the subordinate lodge and the encampment. He belongs to the Sons of Veterans and the Rotary Club. In all of his activities he displays the same ability, honest purpose and friendliness which have won for him the widest circle of friends, brought him to the front in Steuben county, and made him well known and liked in an even wider circle in New York state.

FREDERICK JOHN BOWEN, M. D.

Prominent in the medical profession at Mount Morris, Livingston county, where he has been established for over a quarter of a century and where he has a large practice, Dr. Frederick John Bowen is also esteemed as a good citizen and a loyal American, as was demonstrated by his services to the nation during the World war. He was born in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, New York, on December 11, 1865, the son of Joshua Danforth and Louise (Babcock) Bowen. His mother is still living but his father has passed away.

Frederick J. Bowen received his early education in the grade and high schools of South Bend, Indiana, and studied for his professional career at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, Illinois, from which he received his degree of M. D. and was graduated in the class of 1890. He has added to his professional knowledge since graduation by postgraduate work at New York city in 1894 and by a course in physical diagnosis in 1911, at the Harvard School of Medicine. He first engaged in practice at Tuscarora, New York, where he remained for seven years, after which he moved to Mount Morris, where he has been engaged in general practice ever since. Dr. Bowen is a member of the Livingston County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Rochester (N. Y.) Academy of Medicine. Fraternally he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry and is a past master of Mount Morris Lodge, No. 122, F. & A. M. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church, while in political affairs he is a member of the republican party and has been coroner in



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Livingston county for the past twenty-six years. During the World war Dr. Bowen volunteered for service and received a captain's commission in the tubercular section of the Medical Corps, being located at Waynesville, North Carolina, for six months. On June 4, 1924, Dr. Bowen was commissioned a major in the Medical Officers Reserve Corps.

Dr. Bowen was married on June 30, 1891, to Hattie Amanda Whitney of Wiscoy, New York, who died on February 7, 1920. Two children were born to them: Grant Whitney; and Luella Louise, now the wife of Leonard W. Grant of Johnstown, New York.

Grant Whitney Bowen graduated from the New York Military Academy in 1914, and was at Cornell University, class of 1918, when America entered the World war. He enlisted on May 12, 1917, in the First Officers Training Camp, Madison Barracks, New York, and was in the first contingent of drafted men from Livingston county. He was commissioned second lieutenant of Field Artillery, and saw eight months service in France. He was discharged from the army on August 30, 1919, receiving a commission as first lieutenant of Field Artillery, in the Reserves, in which he now holds a captain's commission.

On November 25, 1922, Grant W. Bowen was married to Marian Stewart, daughter of Alexander N. Stewart of Livonia, New York. Mr. Bowen is assistant cashier of the Bank of Livonia at Livonia.

Both Dr. Bowen and his son are members of the American Legion. They furnish the only instance in Livingston county where father and son bore commissions in the World war.

JOHN HENRY NEUN.

Though still a young man, John Henry Neun has already attained a position of prominence in industrial circles of his native city as vice president and treasurer of the H. P. Neun Company of Rochester, manufacturers of paper and corrugated boxes. He was born in Rochester, New York, on the 17th of November, 1900, a son of Henry Phillip and Grace L. (Levis) Neun, also natives of this city. Extended mention of the father may be found on another page of this publication.

John Henry Neun began his education in the public schools and following his graduation from the West high school he matriculated in Cornell University, being a member of the class of 1922. He then returned to Rochester to take charge of his father's business and thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase thereof. Since the death of his father he has bent his energies to the administrative direction and executive control of the undertaking, being now vice president and treasurer of the H. P. Neun Company, which is a close corporation and the oldest paper box concern in Rochester. The plant is one of the most modernly equipped and up-to-date of its kind.

Mr. Neun is a consistent member of the Central Presbyterian church and also belongs to the Greek letter fraternity known as Alpha Tau Omega. Rochester numbers him among her representative and prosperous young business men, as well as worthy native sons. He has already gained a gratifying measure of success for one of his years, and his many friends feel no hesitancy in predicting for him a bright future.

WILLIS G. SAUNDERS.

Willis G. Saunders, supervising principal of the Palmyra Classical high school, was born in West Edmeston, Otsego county, New York, on the 1st of August, 1890, the son of the late Ocran O. and Cora (Giles) Saunders. Both his parents were natives of the Empire state, the father born in Otsego county and the mother in Madison county. During his active life Ocran O. Saunders was engaged in mercantile pursuits, conducting a general retail store. He was married to Cora Giles in Leonardsville, New York, and became the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom Willis G. Saunders is the oldest. One of his brothers, Carl, a band corporal in the United States military service, died in France during the World war.

Willis G. Saunders was educated in Colgate University, graduating in the class of 1913, with the Bachelor of Science degree. He very shortly entered the field of education by becoming assistant principal of the North Side high school at Corning, New

York, in the fall of 1913, and remained there until 1916. From September, 1916, to August, 1920, he was principal of the Consolidated high school of Greigsville, and left there to accept a position as principal of the high school at Avon. In September, 1923, Mr. Saunders came to Palmyra to take up his new duties as supervising principal of the Palmyra Classical high school. This school now has a registration of six hundred and fifty pupils and a faculty of twenty-five teachers. Its curriculum includes four full years of high school work, the eight grades and a kindergarten. The methods being used in this school are thoroughly up-to-date and are, indeed, in many respects far in advance of those in vogue in many larger school systems.

Mr. Saunders has made every effort to keep in touch with all that is being done in the educational world outside of his own school district, as well as to make his own school as efficient as possible. In this connection he maintains membership in the New York State Teachers Association, the New York State Association of Principals, the Elementary Principals' Division of the National Education Association and the Wayne County Teachers Association. He was formerly vice president of the Genesee Valley Schoolmasters' Club, holding office from 1917 to 1920. Mr. Saunders is a Mason, being a member of Avon Springs Lodge, F. & A. M., of Avon, New York. In College days he was made a member of the Sigma Alpha fraternity, which was subsequently taken into the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Politically Mr. Saunders is a republican of the progressive type.

In Alfred, New York, on the 6th of August, 1914, Mr. Saunders was married to Miss Lucille B. Stillman, daughter of Alfred T. Stillman of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders have four children: Dorothy Lucille, Hollis S., Mary Louise, and Alfred C.

JOHN NEWTON BECKLEY.

John Newton Beckley, president of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company and prominently identified with various other business interests in Rochester, has been a resident of this city for nearly fifty years. Mr. Beckley was born at Clarendon, Orleans county, New York, on the 30th of December, 1848, his parents being William N. and Phoebe M. (Main) Beckley, who were also natives of the Empire state. He pursued his education in the Brockport Collegiate Institute and the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and later entered Genesee College (now Syracuse University), completing the work of the freshman and sophomore classes. Upon leaving that institution he became identified with educational work as principal of the public schools of Lanesboro and Rushford, Minnesota, where he remained for two years, but the legal profession attracted him and he returned east in 1872 to begin his preparation for the bar in Batavia, New York, under the direction of the firm of Wakeman & Watson, leading attorneys there. In June, 1875, in Buffalo, New York, he was admitted to the bar, and for two years thereafter he practiced in Batavia, but in 1877 came to Rochester, where he has remained. In 1882 he was appointed city attorney, reappointed in 1884 and again in 1886. A month after the last reappointment, however, he resigned to become a member of the law firm of Bacon, Briggs & Beckley. It is conceded that Mr. Beckley proved himself by far the ablest attorney whose services the municipality has enjoyed. By his tact and influence he prevented needless litigation on the part of the city, and by his conduct of such suits as were not to be avoided he kept down the amount awarded to claimants against the municipality to the lowest possible limit. When Mr. Beckley retired from office to resume the general practice of law, he rapidly acquired an extensive and representative clientele and for years was connected with a great deal of important litigation in Western New York, ranking with the able and successful lawyers of his time. The growth, importance and extent of his other interests caused Mr. Beckley some years ago to give up the active practice of law in order to give closer personal attention to these interests. He has figured conspicuously in connection with the important work of extending urban transportation. He became interested in the Cross Town and South Park railroad projects, and it was due to his tact and persistence that franchises were obtained for the enterprise, which was backed by prominent eastern capitalists. The movement then begun terminated in the sale of the stock of the Rochester City & Brighton Railway Company to the interest already named. Mr. Beckley conducted the negotiations and brought to a successful conclusion all matters of organization of the Rochester Railway Company that took over the rail interests in this city and was president of the consolidation until about 1900. He has been the president of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company since 1893, chairman of the board



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of directors of the General Railway Signal Company for the past two decades, is also the vice president and secretary of the Rochester Hotel Corporation and president of the general Filtration Company, Incorporated, his cooperation and counsel proving important elements in the successful management and control of these enterprises.

On the 23d of June, 1875, Mr. Beckley was united in marriage to Miss Belle G. Corwin, a daughter of Stephen M. Corwin of Brighton, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Beckley became the parents of two children: Herbert C., who is deceased; and Walter R. Mr. Beckley has membership connection with the Genesee Valley Club, the Country Club, the Transportation Club and the Bankers Club of New York city and along strictly professional lines is identified with the Bar Association of New York city. He is a consistent member of Christ church. He belongs to the Syracuse Alumni Association and to the Psi Upsilon Greek letter fraternity. His record is that of a strong mentality, stable in purpose, swift in decision, energetic and forceful in action. The elements are happily blended in the rounding out of his nature, for he unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood and his work has been manifestly resultant. Practically his entire life has been spent in western New York and he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of this part of the state. Mr. Beckley resides at No. 75 Berkeley street.

H. ROSS MCKAY.

Milling and farming, in both of which occupations he achieved success, have been the life work of H. Ross McKay, who is now manager of the New York Alfalfa Mills, at Caledonia, Livingston county, New York. He was born at Caledonia, on November 17, 1866, the son of John and Mary (Shannon) McKay, both of whom have passed away. They were the parents of John, George, Jennie (Brownell), Edward B., H. Ross, Allen B. and Sarah (Sankey), the latter of whom is deceased.

H. Ross McKay acquired his education in the public schools after which he was engaged in milling and farming, eventually becoming manager of the New York Alfalfa Mills, a position for which his previous experience well fitted him. Mr. McKay is a democrat in political affairs, and was president of the village for a number of years. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and in religion is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. McKay is a bachelor.

CLARENCE W. FERGUSON.

The life record of Clarence W. Ferguson constituted a fine example of industry, enterprise and usefulness and his death on August 28, 1921, deprived Elmira of a business man of irreproachable character and a citizen of worth. He was born in this city on September 24, 1859, and represented one of its pioneer families. He received a public school education and afterward spent a short time in New York city, working in the Nicoll tailoring establishment. On his return to Elmira he entered the employ of his father, W. H. Ferguson, who had come to the city at an early stage in its development and in 1867 embarked in business as a dealer in grass seed and wool. He gained a position of leadership in mercantile circles of Elmira and was also called to public office, serving for two terms as a member of the city council. Under his guidance Clarence W. Ferguson gained a comprehensive knowledge of the trade and in 1916, when the father retired, became head of the business, which he conducted successfully until his death, displaying keen sagacity and marked executive ability in the management of his affairs.

On September 8, 1886, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana Trowbridge, a native of Trowbridge, Pennsylvania, and a member of one of the most prominent families of that place. They became the parents of six children: William T.; Lorin H., who is living in Florida; Mrs. Fred Loomis, whose husband is a well known photographer of Elmira; C. Frank, who is a member of the Ferguson Produce Company, Incorporated; Fred D., who is employed by the Chemung Motor Car Company; and Georgiana, who is attending a nurses' training school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were members of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal church and active workers in its behalf. He was an adherent of the republican party and his fraternal relations were with the Masons and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

Throughout his life he was a careful, systematic business man, a progressive citizen, a faithful friend, a devoted husband and father, and his admirable traits of character won him the respect, honor and affection of those who had the pleasure of his closer acquaintance.

His eldest son, William T. Ferguson, attended the public schools of Elmira and his initial experience along commercial lines was received in the employ of C. M. and R. Tompkins, wholesale grocers, in whose service he remained for a year. At the age of twenty he entered the business founded by his grandfather and since his father's death has been president and general manager of the firm, which is known as The Ferguson Produce Company, Incorporated. The business has been in continuous operation for a period of fifty-four years and is one of the oldest in the city. Three generations of the family have contributed toward its success and in mercantile circles of Elmira the firm name is synonymous with business integrity and enterprise.

In 1911 William T. Ferguson was married to Miss Madge Burgess, who was born in Breesport, Chemung county, and received her education in Elmira. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Ferguson belongs to the Century Club and his fraternal connections are with the Union Lodge of Masons and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

WARREN STONE PARKS.

Warren Stone Parks is well known in insurance circles of Rochester as agency manager for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. His birth occurred in Stow, Massachusetts, on the 27th of January, 1875, his parents being Lewis and Lydia (Stone) Parks. His high school education, obtained at Hudson, Massachusetts, was supplemented by a course of study in Tufts College of that state, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1897. He has made steady progress since starting out in the business world and as manager of the Rochester agency of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States has become widely recognized as one of the most valued and efficient representatives of that corporation. During the period of the World war he acted as chairman of the insurance division in the third, fourth and fifth Liberty Loan drives.

On the 18th of June, 1902, Mr. Parks was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ballou of Utica, New York, and they are the parents of two children: Richard Ballou, born February 5, 1916, in Rochester; and Nancy. Mr. Parks belongs to the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, is a member of the University Club and is likewise identified with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Monroe Golf Club and other organizations. Residence, The Landing road, Brighton.

JOHN W. LUTHER.

The Luther family has had a long and honorable identification with Rochester's upbuilding and progress. This identification dates back more than sixty years, or to the time when John Luther, the father of Charles W. and John W. Luther, entered the contracting business in Rochester in 1865. He was a native of Germany and was but a boy of seven years when his parents, Martin L. and Gertrude Luther, came to America and soon afterward located in Rochester. When a young man John Luther was married to Miss Catherine Kusterer, in this city. John Luther established himself in construction work, and subsequently became recognized as one of the foremost building contractors in Rochester. A thorough mechanic, a man of wonderful energy and most industrious nature, whose word was as good as his bond, he readily built up a large and prosperous business. He organized the firm of John Luther & Sons Company, which included his two sons, Charles W. and John W., under which firm name the business continues. The work of this firm has embraced a wide field and includes almost every type of building construction. It has erected a number of the finest business and residence properties in the city. The New York Central depot was built by them, also the De Witt Macomber residence, several of the University of Rochester buildings, a number of the public school buildings, various church edifices in Rochester and Western New York, several of the Eastman Kodak buildings and most of the buildings of the Bausch Lomb Optical Company. Efficient management, honorable and straightforward methods, conscientiously fulfilling every detail of a contract, were



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principles that John Luther practiced from the time he first started in business. He was rigidly honest in all of his commercial transactions and enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most reliable and competent men in his business. His death occurred in 1917, and that of his wife in 1906. They had a family of two sons and four daughters: Charles W., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Mary, who married Charles Brooks; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Max M. Friederich; Anna, the wife of Watson Plumb; Gertrude, the wife of Frederick Strehle; and John W. of this review.

John W. Luther was born in this city on the 1st of March, 1879, and completed his education in the Rochester Free Academy. Immediately after leaving school he went to work for his father in the building and contracting business, which he learned in every detail and which he has made his life work. Upon the death of his father in 1917, he became treasurer of John Luther & Sons Company, in which capacity he has remained. Charles W. Luther is president of the company, which is a close corporation. The business has been continued along modern lines with no diminution of its scope. The enterprising spirit and high standard of workmanship which enabled the father to lay the foundation of the business and foster its growth, are qualities that have never been passed up by the sons, who are not only upholding the traditions of the past but keeping fully abreast of the times in the rapid progress of building construction. The firm has gained a reputation that gives it an outstanding position among the construction companies of Rochester.

In Rochester, on June 3, 1903, Mr. Luther was married to Miss Florida B. Friederich, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. L. Friederich, prominent residents of the city, and they have two sons: William F. and Richard D. Luther. Mr. Luther is a Mason, being identified with the commandery, Shrine and Grotto, and he is also an Elk. He belongs to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Builders Exchange, the Athletic Club and the Young Men's Christian Association, and is a faithful and consistent member of the Lutheran Church of Reformation. Mr. Luther has never lost sight of the high principles which should govern man in the varied relations of life and his influence has been a potent factor in civic advancement. His residence is at No. 21 Park View.

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS OWEN.

At the foundation of the prosperity of every community is the work of its enterprising business men of the type represented by Frederick Augustus Owen, who is the founder and head of the F. A. Owen Publishing Company, one of the largest publishing houses in the east and has done much to shape the destiny of Dansville. Like the majority of men who have achieved notable success in life, Mr. Owen is self-made and his career affords a striking illustration of what can be accomplished through industry, perseverance and rightly directed endeavor. He is widely and favorably known throughout the Genesee country, in which he has always resided, and was born in South Dansville, New York, March 22, 1867. He comes of Welsh ancestry in the paternal line and is the oldest in a family of seven children, whose parents were Stephen H. and Mary (Root) Owen.

At the early age of ten years Frederick Augustus Owen was forced to depend upon his own efforts for a livelihood, owing to the death of his father, and obtained work on a farm, where he was employed for seven months. He received a wage of five dollars per month and when he returned home was the proud possessor of thirty-five dollars. He attended the district schools of his native state and received his higher education in the Union Seminary at Rogersville, the Hornellsville Academy and the Lima Seminary, working as a farm hand in summer and attending or teaching school during the winter. In the spring of 1889 he secured the old Seminary building at Rogersville and there he conducted a private school for two years. The Seminary at one time ranked with the best educational institutions in the state but gradually lost its importance, owing to the introduction of the union and normal school systems. While conducting this school he conceived the idea of teaching by correspondence, and although his system was antedated by the University Extension and Chautauqua methods, it was the first to correct and criticise the individual work of the student. He was therefore the pioneer in correspondence instruction and his inspiration was largely obtained from the old Seminary library.

The business which is now extensively known as the F. A. Owen Publishing Company had its inception in 1888 at South Dansville, when Frederick A. Owen established the correspondence school and three years later began the publication of Normal

Instructor. The initial step was the organization of the Empire State Teachers Class, which, as mentioned before, was the first correspondence school in America. From this work the idea of publishing an educational journal was originated and The Normal Instructor was founded, the first issue appearing in November, 1891. At this time the office was situated in the attic of a country grocery store, which has given rise to the appellation "born in an attic," which is frequently applied to the mammoth business of today. In the spring of 1892 the business was moved to Dansville and from this time its development was rapid. A single room was utilized at first and the printing was done by contract. By the fall of 1893 this space had become inadequate and a building was accordingly erected by Fowler & Burgess, who did the printing under contract. This building, which is now occupied by the Dansville Breeze, served its purpose until 1896, when it became evident that a complete printing plant was necessary. In November of that year The Instructor was moved into a home of its own, a brick building of three stories, supplied with new presses and equipment, and the first number of the magazine was run from its own press in December, 1896. In 1901 another building was added and in May, 1902, the Teachers World, formerly published in New York city, was purchased. Its list was combined with that of The Normal Instructor and the name was changed to The Normal Instructor-Teachers World. The subsequent growth of the business soon necessitated plans for the erection of a completely new plant and a three-acre site was secured fronting the village park and church square. Here was erected in 1904 a brick building which is today one of the most complete and best equipped publishing plants in the country. Each phase in the development of the enterprise is the result of mature thought and carefully laid plans, and that Mr. Owen is an executive of more than ordinary ability is evidenced by this perfectly organized and efficiently operated business, which is the visible expression of years of earnest, systematic effort, culminating in the complete realization of the dream of its founder.

On the 28th of November, 1889, Mr. Owen was united in marriage to Miss Nettie V. Masterman of South Dansville, New York, and they became the parents of two daughters: Mary E. and Helen M., both of whom are employed in the editorial department of the publication. On September 27, 1900, Mr. Owen was married to Miss Grace Fenstermacher.

Mr. Owen has always been a strong advocate of the cause of temperance and from boyhood has taken an active part in prohibition work. He is a leading spirit in all worthy civic enterprises, for the welfare and advancement of his community is a matter close to his heart. He is a Mason and Rotarian and belongs to the Dansville Board of Trade, of which he has been president. He is allied with the republican party and in religious faith is a Presbyterian. He is thoroughly imbued with the progressive spirit of the age and in all the varied responsibilities of life has acquitted himself with dignity, fidelity and honor, winning the approbation and esteem of his fellowmen.

CHARLES PLATT WILLIAMS.

Charles Platt Williams, one of the native sons of Lyons, has engaged in the practice of law for nearly thirty years and natural talent, acquired ability, experience and study have placed him with the leading attorneys of Wayne county. He was born February 19, 1870, a son of the Rev. William H. and Adriana D. (Hotchkiss) Williams, the former a native of New York city and the latter of Lyons. They were married here and became the parents of two children, a son and a daughter. The father, who has passed away, was an Episcopalian clergyman and came to Lyons in 1864. The mother is still a resident of Lyons. Her father, Hiram G. Hotchkiss, was born in Phelps, New York, in 1810.

Charles Platt Williams attended the public schools of Lyons and Rochester and began the study of law in the office of Judge T. W. Collins in Lyons. He was admitted to the bar in 1895 and has since practiced independently in Lyons, most of his attention being given to litigation pertaining to civil law. He is attorney for the Lyons National Bank and has a large and lucrative clientele. He is a wise counselor and equally able in his presentation of a case before the courts; is well versed in all branches of the law and correctly applies his legal learning to the points at issue. He served as police justice at Lyons from 1896 until 1904 and during 1907 and 1908 was first deputy attorney-general in Albany.

On December 11, 1901, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Frances E. Sisson, a daughter of William G. Sisson of Lyons. Her great-grandfather, William Sisson,

was the first county judge of Wayne county and the family is one of the oldest and most prominent in this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have two daughters: Ellen S., who is attending the University of Madrid, specializing in the study of Spanish history; and Clara K., who is a senior at Smith College of Northhampton, Massachusetts.

Mr. Williams is a staunch democrat in politics and at one time was chairman of the county committee. He was sent as a delegate to the national convention of 1908 and has also been a delegate to state conventions. He is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Masons and is a past master of Humanity Lodge, No. 406, F. & A. M., of Lyons. He has been honored with the vice presidency of the Wayne County Bar Association, which office he is now filling, and is also a member of the New York State Bar Association. He supports all worthy public enterprises and honors his profession by closely adhering to its high standards.

FRED D. GORDON.

Assistant cashier of the Nunda Bank at Nunda, Livingston county, New York, Fred D. Gordon had a varied and valuable business experience before he devoted himself to financial affairs. He was born in Nunda, on June 13, 1873, the son of Addison J. and Emma (Swain) Gordon, both of whom have passed away.

Fred D. Gordon received his education in the public schools, after which he became engaged in railroad work. In 1906 he entered the service of the Pullman Company, being stationed in New York city. After severing his connection with the Pullman Company, Mr. Gordon became an employe of the Nunda Casket Company, remaining with that firm until January 1, 1918, when he became associated with the Nunda Bank, there retaining his position until March, 1920. Subsequently he engaged in the coal business with a New York company until April, 1923, when he returned to the Nunda Bank as assistant cashier. Mr. Gordon is a thirty-second degree Mason, belongs to the consistory, and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine at Rochester, New York. Politically he is in accord with the republican party, and in religion holds to the tenets of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Gordon is a bachelor.

ARTHUR A. REEVES.

The success of the Rochester Cold Storage & Ice Company, one of the leading service companies in the city, is due in a large measure to the business ability and sound judgment of Arthur A. Reeves, who as manager, has directed its operations for the past twenty-two years. He was born in Shiawassee county, Michigan, on July 19, 1864, shortly after his father and mother had taken up their residence on the homestead that was to be the Reeves family farm for many years. The father, Thompson H. Reeves, was a native of the Empire state and a son of the first superintendent of the Erie canal. The grandfather of our subject in the paternal line was also a New York man by birth, Palmyra being his early home, but later in life he moved to Michigan in the pioneer days and took up land there. Mr. Reeves' mother, who is still living, was Miss Amanda Gaylord before her marriage and Ohio was her birthplace.

As a little boy Arthur A. Reeves received his elementary education in the district schools of Shiawassee county and later took a course in the high schools at Corunna, the county seat. His first position after leaving school was as a clerk in the bank at the county seat, where he continued for some time. Later he entered the real estate and abstract business in northern Michigan.

It was on the 15th of July, 1891, that Mr. Reeves first came to Rochester, which has been his home for more than thirty years. He entered the employ of the Genesee Fruit Company in a clerical capacity and remained with this concern until 1902, when he was chosen manager of the Rochester Cold Storage & Ice Company, his present office. He is also one of the directors of the company. The continuous growth and substantial prosperity this organization has enjoyed in the past twenty-two years is an eloquent testimony to its manager's ability as a business man and executive. It has safely weathered all storms and financial crises and has kept pace with the remarkable commercial and industrial development that has been taking

place in Rochester in the past two decades, at all times rendering its customers a reliable and high quality of service.

On June 15, 1892, Mr. Reeves was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Watson of Bancroft, Michigan, daughter of W. E. Watson, a pioneer merchant of that place. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reeves: Arthur A., Jr., who was born in Rochester, September 30, 1897, was educated in School No. 6, the Rochester West high school and Syracuse University; he married Miss Florence Dickenson of Spencerport, New York, and they have a son, Dickenson Reeves, born in Weehawken, New Jersey, on September 14, 1922. The younger son of Arthur A. Reeves, John W. was born in this city on March 9, 1900, and attended school No. 6, and the Rochester Business Institute. He is now associated with his father in the Rochester Cold Storage & Ice Company.

In Masonic circles in Rochester, Mr. Reeves stands very high, his affiliations being with the following bodies of that order: Ancient Craft Lodge, F. & A. M.; Rochester Consistory, and Damascus Temple, Mystic Shrine. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church. As one of the prominent business men of the city he belongs, of course, to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and gives his support to its far-reaching program for industrial and commercial progress. He is likewise identified with the Rochester Automobile Club. His residence is at No. 104 Albemarle street.

CHARLES N. STEWART.

Charles N. Stewart was an outstanding character among the business men of Livingston county, and his life was one of continuous progress. In all his business ventures he had a definite purpose and persistently pursued that purpose until the desired result was attained. Because of the forcefulness of his character he made a substantial contribution to the business interests of the county and the consensus of public opinion at once recognized him as one of the progressive and energetic men of the community.

Alexander and Margaret (McDougal) Stewart, grandparents of Charles N., migrated from Scotland to the United States and settled in the town of York in 1810, at a time when Livingston county was largely a wilderness. Here these sturdy Scottish immigrants purchased timber lands, established a home and reared a family of six children, four sons and two daughters. Neil Stewart, one of these sons, was the father of ten children: Margaret, who married Homer McVean; Jane R., who was the wife of Geo. K. Whitney of Geneseo and is now deceased; Eliza, wife of John Sinclair of Caledonia; Ella, deceased wife of Edward C. Caldwell of York; Alexander N. of Livonia; Agnes, wife of Geo. D. Smith of New York city and now deceased; Mary K. the deceased wife of Geo. A. Donnan of York; Neil, Jr., William N. and Charles N., all of whom are deceased.

Charles N. Stewart was thus a descendant of one of the honored pioneer families of the Genesee country. He was born on May 3, 1855, obtained his early training in the district school and completed his education at the Geneseo Normal School. His father, Neil Stewart, dealt extensively in wool, produce and warehouse business, also owned and operated a large acreage of farm land in and about York, and was a successful financier. Charles N. became associated with his father in these enterprises and at early age showed a genius for organization and an aptitude for successful business management. Every opportunity offered was to him a call to action. Upon the death of his father he continued the wool produce and warehouse business and became the owner of several warehouses, which he operated successfully, as he did also the extensive farm lands which he acquired.

Charles N. Stewart founded a private bank at York and continued at the head of this institution until the time of his death. He had a natural aptitude for responsibility, and was endowed with the qualities of leadership and his salient traits of character were his fertility of recourse, an unusual executive ability and the power to penetrate a labyrinth of intricate affairs.

On June 30, 1896, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Anna Blanche Bow of York, who survives him. Of this marriage two children were born: Jane Elizabeth and Ruth Pauline, both of whom are residents of York.

His father, Neil Stewart, became a republican upon the organization of that party and was called to positions of public trust and responsibility, and Charles N. accepted the political views of his father and remained a republican throughout his life. He served eight years as the York member of the Board of Supervisors for



Chas. N. Stewart,

Livingston county and was counted one of the strong men of the board. His tastes were quiet and his life one of simplicity, devoid of all affectation.

Mr. Stewart was a member of the United Presbyterian church of York, at which place the family home is still maintained by his widow and two children. He had many staunch friends and commanded the respect of all who knew him. Fidelity to high standards of conduct, industry and energy are amply illustrated in his career, which terminated at his death on May 17, 1917, at the age of sixty-two.

HON. JOHN C. WHEELER.

Hon. John C. Wheeler, a prominent representative of the legal profession in Corning, where he has practiced during the past fifteen years, is filling the position of city judge for the second term. He was born in Steuben county, New York, on the 27th of September, 1886, his parents being John D. and Adell (Santee) Wheeler. The father, a representative of an old American family, was a soldier of the Union army during the period of the Civil war, serving with the Sixteenth New York Heavy Artillery. His military record also included several years' service as captain in the New York National Guard. He was successfully engaged in the lumber and general mercantile business throughout his active career and for a number of years capably filled the position of county clerk.

John C. Wheeler pursued his education in Haverling Academy and in St. John's Military School of Manlius, New York, prior to entering upon specific preparation for a professional career as a student in the law department of Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1909. The same year he was admitted to the bar of New York and took up the work of his chosen profession in Corning, where he has since been engaged in general practice as both a counsel and trial lawyer. His ability has brought him to a creditable position in the ranks of the leading attorneys of the city and county. While he was well grounded in the principles of common law when admitted to the bar, he has continued through the whole of his professional life a diligent student of those elementary principles that constitute the basis of all legal science. He was elected city judge of Corning in the fall of 1918 and received endorsement of his service in reelection four years later, so that he is still on the bench and has become widely recognized as a most able, fair-minded and impartial jurist. He has also been at the head of the Corning Cooperative Savings & Loan Association since 1917, when he succeeded F. D. Kingsbury, who was the first president of the corporation.

On the 27th of September, 1911, Judge Wheeler was united in marriage to Miss Martha Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morgan of New York city, both of whom were natives of Wales. Judge and Mrs. Wheeler are the parents of three children: Richard Morgan, Mary Elizabeth and Martha Morgan.

Judge Wheeler gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has membership with the Sons of the American Revolution, the sons of Veterans, the Corning City Club and the Corning Country Club. For nine years he has been a trustee of the First Presbyterian church, which numbers him among its consistent and helpful members. A lifelong resident of Steuben county, he has gained an extensive circle of warm friends within its borders and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation in both professional and social circles of the community.

HARRY A. SESSIONS.

Harry A. Sessions is one of the rising young lawyers of Rochester, where he has been engaged in the practice of his chosen profession since he has been admitted to the bar, with the exception of the time he spent in the naval service of his country during the World war. He is a native of the Empire state, his birth having occurred in Palmyra, on the 26th of August, 1894, and is the youngest child of Charles A. and Hattie M. (Eastman) Sessions. His parents were both born in this state, where they have always made their home, his father's birthplace being Lapere and his mother was born in Berkshire. On both sides of his family Mr. Sessions is of New England descent. The Eastmans came from Vermont, while the Sessions were originally established in the state of Rhode Island. Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Sessions still live

in Palmyra, where the former is actively interested in business as a coal and fuel merchant. They have three sons and a daughter: Ralph D., of Palmyra; Leigh, of New York city; Mrs. Alson Upham of Brooklyn; and Harry A. of this review.

Harry A. Sessions was educated in the schools of Palmyra and for a year continued his studies at Williams College. By this time he had determined upon the legal profession as his life work and began to read law under the direction of Mr. Tinklepaugh, a prominent lawyer of his home city, in whose office he prepared for the bar examinations. On May 19, 1917, he was admitted to the practice of his profession in New York state and shortly came to Rochester to open an office as an attorney. Since then he has won for himself an enviable place in the legal profession of Monroe county. He has gained the confidence of judge and juries alike by his open, fair-minded approach to all questions, by his painstaking mastery of the facts in each case, and by his sound common sense. To those who have watched his career thus far his ability is apparent and they are predicting for him a brilliant future.

During the World war Mr. Sessions enlisted in the naval service of the United States and after a year of training at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and Newport he was commissioned an ensign. In this capacity he saw active service in the Adriatic sea, with the submarine chaser detachment, No. 2. An interesting event in his service was his selection as one of the crew to man the Austrian battleship that surrendered to his division. On May 15, 1919. Mr. Sessions was honorably discharged from the service and returned to law practice in Rochester. By virtue of his excellent war record he has become a member of the American Legion. Mr. Sessions is a republican in his political views but has not taken the active part in political affairs that so many men in his profession play. Fraternally he is associated with the Masonic order and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while in connection with his professional work he maintains membership in the Rochester Bar Association.

In this city, on the 25th of August, 1917, Mr. Sessions was married to Miss Angelina Hubbell Cobb, daughter of Amos H. Cobb. They have two children: Angele Cobb Sessions, born here in 1920; and Suzanne Sessions, born in 1922.

OTTO R. ROHR.

Otto R. Rohr belongs to that class of men whose every faculty must be exercised in order to reach the goal fixed by their ambition. He has never feared that laborious application which must ever precede ascendancy, and the years have chronicled his steady progress. He is now the executive head of the Stecher Lithographic Company, in which connection he is successfully guiding the destiny of the largest industrial enterprise of its kind in Rochester. He was born in Rochester, New York, on the 13th of February, 1871, a son of John H. and Augusta (Scholz) Rohr, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of Germany. They came to the United States in their youth, the mother making the long voyage across the Atlantic at the age of fourteen years and the father when a boy of eight. John H. Rohr attended the public schools and after laying aside his textbooks served an apprenticeship to the cabinet-maker's trade, becoming a skilled craftsman. He was general foreman and one of the most valuable employes of the Hayden Furniture Company, a large manufacturing concern, to which he gave fifty years of faithful and efficient service. He passed away in 1901 and the mother's demise occurred in 1912.

Otto R. Rohr was a pupil in the public schools of his native city and the Rochester Free Academy. When but a boy he gave evidence of possessing a spirit of self-reliance, as while pursuing his studies at school he sold papers during his leisure hours. He next became driver of a milk wagon and in order to cover his route was obliged to work from ten to twelve hours daily, receiving a salary of four and one-half dollars per week. Subsequently Mr. Rohr became connected with the building and contracting business and was thus engaged until 1899, when he entered the employ of the Eastman Kodak Company in the capacity of auditor. He filled that position for five years and in 1905 became an accountant for the Stecher Lithographic Company. He soon demonstrated his worth to his employers and as his experience increased was steadily advanced, becoming president of the company in 1920. This is one of the large concerns of the kind in the country, having on its pay roll the names of upwards of six hundred employes. Mr. Rohr has a detailed knowledge of the business, to which he has devoted nearly twenty years of careful study, and ably



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directs the labors of this large force of employes, from whom he has secured loyal support and harmonious cooperation by just and considerate treatment and devotion to their welfare. The business is operated with the highest degree of efficiency and reflects the progressive spirit and administrative power of the man at its head. The company has long been noted for the superiority of its work, which represents the acme of perfection in the lithographer's art, and the firm name is also a synonym for business integrity and reliability.

On August 21, 1900, Mr. Rohr was married to Miss Flora K. Spahn, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spahn, members of an old and highly respected family of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Rohr have two daughters: Gertrude Elizabeth, born in 1908; and Marie Augusta, who was born in 1916. Mr. Rohr is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and along social and recreative lines is connected with the Rochester Club, the Old Colony Club, the Rochester Yacht Club, the Automobile Club of Rochester and the Oak Hill Country Club. Much credit is due Mr. Rohr for his achievements in the business world, for he has forged ahead unaided by money or influence, relying solely upon his own efforts and talents. His advancements have come as the recognition of work well done and his capacity for assuming greater burdens and responsibilities. He enjoys a wide acquaintanceship throughout the city where he has spent his life, and many of his warmest friends are those who have known him from boyhood.

SAMUEL A. MINIER.

With the history of development in Chemung county members of the Minier family have been closely identified for more than a century, and Samuel A. Minier is imbued with the progressive spirit which animated his forebears. He is one of the pioneer merchants of Big Flats, his native village, and at the age of seventy-five years is still active in business affairs, finding happiness and contentment in a busy, useful life. He was born November 30, 1849, a son of John and Emily (Baird) Minier, the former a native of Canisteo, New York, and the latter of Connecticut. They were married in Big Flats, to which they came as children, and became the parents of seven children. Samuel A. being the only surviving member of the family. The father first followed the occupation of farming and later conducted a hotel. He was a democrat in politics and served as postmaster of Big Flats, also filling the office of assessor. He was a member of the Masonic order and his life was guided by the teachings of the Presbyterian church. He passed away at the age of eighty-four and the mother reached the venerable age of ninety-six years. The great-grandfather, Christian Minier, was a native of Holland and migrated to the United States in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He came to Chemung county about 1780 and obtained a patent of land from the state of New York, transforming the tract into a productive farm. He spent the remainder of his life in the county and died on his farm, which was situated near Big Flats. His sister founded the Moravian School at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the maternal grandfather was also numbered among the pioneer settlers of the Chemung valley.

Samuel A. Minier attended the public schools and also studied under a private tutor. He was reared on a farm and engaged in that line of work until he reached the age of eighteen, when he went to the middle west, where he spent five years clerking in stores in Illinois and Iowa. In 1873 he established a business of his own in Big Flats and for more than a half century has continuously engaged in merchandising in the village. Throughout his business career Mr. Minier has closely followed the Golden Rule and a large trade is proof of his standing as a merchant. He is also the owner of a well improved farm, but devotes the greater portion of his time to the management of his store.

In March 4, 1876, Mr. Minier was married to Miss Clara Carpenter, a native of Big Flats and a daughter of William S. Carpenter, one of the pioneer agriculturists of Chemung county. Five children were born to them: William C., of Cleveland, Ohio, who is connected with the sales department of the Shepard Crane Company; Henry B., who assists his father in the conduct of the store; Edith, the wife of Matt. H. Welles of Big Flats, and the mother of two children, Eleanor and Mary Louise; Mary A., who married Robert McGredy of Montour Falls, New York, sales manager for the Shepard Crane Company; and Julia, engaged in stenographic work.

Mrs. Minier is a member of the Baptist church and her husband attends the Presbyterian church. He is an adherent of the democratic party and has always

taken a keen interest in public affairs. He was elected justice of the peace and filled that office for twenty years, making a highly creditable record as a public official. He was postmaster of Big Flats during the Cleveland administration. Mr. Minier is a Royal Arch Mason and for thirty years was treasurer of his lodge, of which he is also a past master.

WILLIAM J. STAUB.

Every successful business enterprise adds to the commercial activity and consequent prosperity of the city in which it is operated, and through the capable management of one of the most modern and complete cleaning and dyeing establishments in western New York, William J. Staub has made substantial contribution to Rochester's development and progress. He has a wide acquaintance in this city, in which his life has been spent, and was born December 27, 1866, a son of Dominick and Christine (Goetz) Staub, who were of European birth and came to the United States in early life.

William J. Staub obtained his education in a parochial school of Rochester and afterward served an apprenticeship to the tailor's trade, which he followed for an extended period. For twenty years he conducted a tailoring establishment and in 1903 sought another outlet for his energies, entering the cleaning and dyeing business, in which he has made a notable success. He has between seventy and one hundred employees, all of whom are experienced in this line of business, and each department of his establishment is in charge of an expert. Mr. Staub has installed the most modern equipment and the greatest care is exercised in treating fabrics, so that the danger of injury to the most delicate materials is entirely eliminated. He aspires to the highest ideals in service and is recognized as an artist in his line of work. He is just and considerate in his attitude toward his employees, thus securing their loyal cooperation, and has provided them with fine lunch and rest rooms, also maintaining a first aid organization for emergency cases. The business has been incorporated and is conducted under the name of Staub & Son, Incorporated. It has grown rapidly since its inception and is now the largest of the kind in the city, being the complete realization of the dream of its founder.

On the 25th of June, 1894, Mr. Staub was married to Miss Louise Friedman, who was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Friedman. Mrs. Staub was a devoted wife and mother; her death on Tuesday, March 4, 1924, was deeply mourned by a large circle of friends, as well as by the immediate family. Mr. and Mrs. Staub were the parents of five children, all of whom are natives of Rochester: Raymond, the eldest, enlisted in the World war, serving for two years in the United States navy. He married Miss Lillian Meng of Rochester, and is now a member of the firm of Staub & Son, Incorporated; the others are: Mildred, who is a graduate of Nazareth Academy; Walter F.; and Kathryn M. and Ruth A., who are attending school.

Mr. Staub is an independent in his political associations and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church. He is a Knight of Columbus and also belongs to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Automobile Club of this city. His accomplishments have resulted in large measure from deep thinking, which always leads to easier methods, and the guiding axiom of his life has been hard work and a square deal to everyone. He is known as an enterprising, farsighted and thoroughly reliable business man, fully alive to conditions in the modern commercial world, and the respect which is uniformly accorded him is well deserved. Mr. Staub's residence is at No. 288 West avenue.

ULYSSES W. SHERBURNE.

One of the leading men in the retail branch of the automobile trade in Palmyra and Wayne county is Ulysses W. Sherburne, Ford distributor for this district. He was born in Ontario, Wayne county, on the 1st of April, 1873, the son of the late William Sherburne, also a native of this county, and grandson of William Sherburne, Sr., a Methodist exhorter and one of the pioneer settlers of that vicinity. Up to the time of his death Mr. Sherburne's father was actively engaged in farming. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Sarah E. Wiley, is still living at the age of seventy-four. She comes from a pioneer New York family and was married in



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Ontario, where she made her home and where her two sons were born. Ulysses W. of this review is the only surviving child.

Ulysses W. Sherburne obtained his education in the academy at Walworth, in his native county. At the age of eighteen he took charge of his father's farm and after his father's death moved to Walworth, in 1897. He continued in agricultural work, however, until 1911, when he entered the automobile business in Walworth as representative of the Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Sherburne came to Palmyra in 1920 as the distributor for Ford motor cars and tractors. He rented the Fassett garage and for some time conducted his business in that location. In November of 1922 he moved into a new building which he had erected especially for his business, at a cost of twenty thousand dollars. This marked a stage in Mr. Sherburne's business advancement, just as his removal from Walworth to Palmyra had emphasized the fact that he needed a larger field for his operations. He is now conducting a good business and represents the Macedon, Marion and Walworth agencies, as well as the Palmyra agency. For eight years during his residence there Mr. Sherburne served the town of Walworth as supervisor, holding office from 1913 to 1921, and was chairman of the board, 1920-1921. He is now secretary of the board of education of Palmyra and during his term of office has had the pleasure of seeing a fine new school building erected at a cost of three hundred and sixty thousand dollars. During the World war Mr. Sherburne devoted a great deal of his time to the sale of government bonds and to the raising of the funds for the various war camp activities. He is very active in Masonic circles, being past master of Walworth Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; a member of Palmyra Eagle Chapter, R. A. M.; Palmyra Council, R. & S. M.; and Zenobia Commandery, Knights Templar, of Palmyra; and is past district deputy, District of Wayne, F. & A. M. He is also past patron, Athena Chapter, O. E. S.; and past master, Walworth Grange, No. 289. In connection with his business interests Mr. Sherburne belongs to the State Automobile Dealers Association.

The marriage of Mr. Sherburne to Miss Lottie M. Blythe, daughter of Jabez and Emma Blythe of Orleans, Ontario county, took place on the 11th of December, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Sherburne have a daughter: Josephine, the wife of Homer A. Basage, formerly of Walworth, now of Palmyra. Mr. Basage is associated with his father-in-law in the automobile business.

P. V. CRITTENDEN JACKSON.

P. V. Crittenden Jackson, president of the Taylor-Shantz Company, machinery manufacturers, was born in Rochester, Monroe county, New York, on the 26th of December, 1880, a son of A. C. and Carrie (Hodges) Jackson, and comes from a family that has been connected with the growth and development of this section of the state for one hundred and seventy years. Members of the Jackson family came to what is now Monroe county when it was a frontier country and took up land which has been handed down from father to son all these years, so that it is still owned in the family. A. C. Jackson, father of P. V. C. Jackson, entered business in this city when a young man and is now secretary of the East Side Savings Bank.

As a boy and youth P. V. Crittenden Jackson attended the public schools of his native city and the Rochester Free Academy, following which he entered Yale University and received his Bachelor of Arts degree with the class of 1905. Returning to Rochester at the close of his university career, Mr. Jackson secured a position in the chemical laboratory of the Eastman Kodak Company, which he retained for a period of two years. He left the Eastman Company to form a connection with the Taylor-Shantz Company, in which he purchased a financial interest and was made treasurer. In 1911 he was elected president of his company and has remained its executive head ever since. Some idea of the size of this concern can be gained from the fact that its pay roll numbers from sixty to eighty people. The business has enjoyed a most substantial growth since Mr. Jackson took over the control, and its position as one of the leading industries in its line in Rochester is a fine tribute to his ability as a manufacturer and an executive.

In Rochester, Mr. Jackson is generally regarded as one of the successful of the city's younger business men. He is a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Rochester Engineering Society, and socially is identified with the University and the Rochester Automobile Clubs. He casts his vote with the republican party,

while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Central Presbyterian church.

Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Natalie Hull of this city, on the 5th of June, 1919, and they have a daughter: Graham Hull Jackson, born in this city on July 25, 1920.

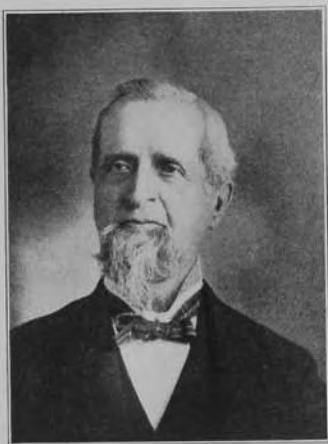
COLONEL TIMOTHY B. GRANT.

Colonel Timothy B. Grant was one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Dansville, and his sudden death in October, 1899, when he was in his eighty-first year, caused a wide feeling of sorrow. He was born in Easton, Washington county, New York, on August 2, 1819, son of Peter and Hannah (Banker) Grant, and was of Scotch ancestry. This branch of the family in this country was founded by four brothers who came to America at an early day and settled in different parts of the United States. Peter Grant, the father of Colonel Grant, was a native of Dutchess county, New York, and purchased a farm at Easton, Washington county, where he resided until his death.

Timothy B. Grant remained at home until the age of thirteen years, receiving only such educational advantages as could be obtained in the district school. He then became a clerk in a store at Schaghticoke, where he remained for three years, and next, finding the place too small, he went to Rochester and entered a hardware store, where he continued in the service of one firm for ten years without receiving a single reprimand. He came to Dansville in 1846 the village then apparently being destined to become a place of larger pretensions than it finally reached, and here he associated himself with Merritt H. Brown in the hardware business, under the firm name of Brown & Grant. They operated two stores, one on upper and one on lower Main street, when the conflagration of 1854 came. In this fire they lost some of their stock and they removed the rest to their upper store. Later they occupied a building on the corner of Main and Ossian streets. In 1870 the partnership was dissolved and Colonel Grant continued the business until 1887, when he disposed of his interests and retired to private life. In 1852 he had erected a handsome residence on the northeast corner of Elizabeth and Chestnut streets, which continued to be his home throughout the remainder of his life.

Colonel Grant was a democrat in politics and he never wavered in his support of the candidates nominated, whether on national, state or local tickets. During the more active years of his life he found time to attend to certain public duties and for about twenty years he served as town clerk—sixteen years in succession; and the affairs of the town were never better administered. He was continuously elected as corporation treasurer and his accounts were kept in such a uniform manner that he could at once state the exact condition of the funds in his hands when requested to do so. For a time he also acted as secretary and treasurer for the George Sweet Manufacturing Company and in these various duties he was painstaking, exact and scrupulously honest.

While living in Rochester he joined the Union Grays in 1841, the famous military company at that time, and in later years he frequently attended the annual reunions held in that city. He was also a member of a fire company there. After he came to Dansville he organized, in 1848, the company known as the Canaseraga Light Infantry, which he commanded for twelve years as Captain Grant. His title of colonel was earned during the Rebellion when he assisted in organizing the examining board at Elmira, and of which he was a member until the board ceased to act. While thus engaged he was proffered the command of two regiments but declined both offers. He was one of the best of drillmasters, his short, sharp words of command inciting the men to strict attention and quick response. Under his command the Canaseragas became the most efficient body of men in the state, winning prizes whenever and wherever it competed with other companies, and their reputation was not limited to the confines of New York but extended as far as the seaboard and to the far west. This organization was composed of the best men of Dansville and its annual ball in January was the social event of the year. The company remained in existence until the War of the Rebellion broke out, when it was disbanded and a large proportion of the members at once enlisted in the army in one branch of the service or another, and without single exception they rose to a command from that of captain to colonel. The instruction imparted to them by Colonel Grant was the sure means of pushing them to the top. During the time that the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment of New York Volunteers and the One Hundred and Thirtieth Regi-



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ment of New York Volunteers rendezvoused at Portage in the summer of 1862, Colonel Grant spent some time in drilling the men and instructing the officers in their duties, and after the organization of Union Hose Company in Dansville he was at once selected as its drillmaster, which position he held for some time.

Colonel Grant was twice married, his first wife being Miss Delia A. Smith of Rochester, who died in 1848. In 1851 he was married to Miss Caroline A. Smith of Dansville, daughter of Colonel Samuel W. and Mary (McCullough) Smith. Colonel Smith was a young man of twenty years when in 1818 he took up his abode in Dansville, where he became a prominent merchant and made his home until called to his final rest in the year 1869. He was a large landowner in Dansville and made a generous contribution for the erection of the first house of worship of the Presbyterian church, of which he was one of the founders. Colonel Smith was a leading whig and served as a member of the assembly in 1832. Subsequently he was sent as a delegate to the first republican state convention held at Syracuse. He was a son of Major Isaac Smith of Caledonia. His wife was a daughter of Colonel George McCullough, an early settler of Painted Post, New York, and at one time owner of the tract of land on which the village of Corning is now situated. Mary McCullough was reared in the family of Captain Jonathan Rowley, who came to Dansville in 1799, took up great tracts of land and built the first inn in town. His wife, Mary Rowley, was the second white woman that settled in Painted Post when all was wilderness, unbroken except by Indian trails. She was one of eleven, who, on March 25, 1825, organized into a church in Dansville, which later became the First Presbyterian church of Dansville. Mrs. Rowley was an aunt of Mary McCullough. A son and daughter were born to Colonel and Mrs. Grant, the elder being Lansing B., who married Ida Hartman. He was a traveling salesman and a resident of Dansville, where he passed away when thirty-five years of age. His wife and his son, Fred, are also deceased; Helen, the only daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Grant, is the widow of Bernard H. Oberdorf, who was one of the leading citizens of Dansville. Mrs. Oberdorf resides in Dansville. Her mother, who was in her ninety-fourth year, lived with her there until her death on December 18, 1924.

Colonel Grant was remarkably well preserved, his erect figure being a most familiar one on the streets of his home village. He will long be remembered for his well ordered life, his kindly, thoughtful ways, and for the pride and affection with which he always spoke of his "boys"—the old Canaseragas.

LEWIS C. O'CONNOR.

Actively engaged for many years in the practice of law at Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, Lewis C. O'Connor has not been unmindful of his duties as a citizen, has been interested in the civic affairs of his community, and has been honored with public offices of trust and importance, either by appointment, or at the request of his fellow citizens as expressed by their votes at the polls. Between the demands made by his large practice and the discharge of his public duties the years of Mr. O'Connor's residence in Geneseo have been exceedingly busy ones, and have gained for him the respect and esteem of its citizens. He was born at Le Roy, Genesee county, New York, on January 17, 1870, the son of John and Catharine (McGovern) O'Connor. His father, who is still living, is a native of Ireland, and was a member of Company H, Twelfth New York Cavalry, during the Civil war. Lewis C. O'Connor was one of five children, four of whom are living.

The early education of Lewis C. O'Connor was acquired in the grade schools and in the Geneseo Normal School, and his legal training in the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was admitted to the bar in 1894, and practiced in Geneseo until his appointment as postmaster in 1898, a position he held until 1914. After his relations with the postal service were severed Mr. O'Connor went to Mount Morris, New York, where he remained for one year as cashier of the Genesee River National Bank. He then returned to Geneseo and became associated with the Hon. Charles D. Newton and Dallas C. Newton, under the firm name of Newton, O'Connor & Newton, in the practice of law, and this connection is still in effect.

Mr. O'Connor was married on August 28, 1902, to Elizabeth F. Bryant of Dansville, Livingston county. Two children have been born to them: Catherine E. and Mary B. Politically Mr. O'Connor is a republican and has always been active in his party's affairs. He has been elected to the office of town clerk twice, and three times

elected police justice. For eight years he was transfer tax attorney in Livingston and Steuben counties. During the World war Mr. O'Connor was chairman of the committee in the last three Liberty Loan drives in Genesee.

ROBERT MEREDITH SEARLE.

Robert Meredith Searle, president of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, was born at Peekskill, Westchester county, New York, March 3, 1869, his parents being Zetus S. and Rebecca B. (Martin) Searle. He acquired a common school education in New York city, and in 1884, through adverse circumstances, was thrown as a lad of fourteen upon his own resources, beginning his business career as office boy in the service of Thomas A. Edison.

Mr. Searle was next employed by the United Gas Improvement Company of Philadelphia as a boiler fireman and gas maker and had direct charge of a number of its plants as superintendent and engineer. From there he went to the Consolidated Gas Company of New York as foreman of the then large works at Forty-fourth street and North River. From there he returned to the United Gas Improvement Company as superintendent of different plants. He next went to the Westchester Lighting Company, Mount Vernon, New York, as gas engineer.

In 1906 the Andrews-Vanderbilt Syndicate, recognizing the ability of Mr. Searle as a thoroughly competent executive, appointed him general manager of the Rochester Railway & Light Company, the former name of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, from which position he has successfully advanced through the office of vice president to that of president.

On the 15th of April, 1890, Mr. Searle was united in marriage to Miss Genevieve Welch, daughter of Ralph and Nancy (Jessup) Welch. Mr. Searle has been almost continuously retained in a consulting capacity by many of the country's largest public utilities and is called upon with increasing frequency to talk before various organizations on subjects of vital interest to the industry. He has at all times been extremely active in civic affairs and served as president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce in 1913.

Mr. Searle is not only a skilled engineer but is well versed in the art of finance and is an able and ingenious organizer and a loyal, progressive and public-spirited citizen. He has membership in the following clubs and organizations: Aero Club of Rochester, Auto Club of Rochester, Genesee Valley Club, Rochester Ad Club, The Rochester Association, Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Rochester Club, Rochester Engineering Society, and the Society of the Genesee; the American Gas Association, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Illuminating Engineering Society, National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, National Electric Light Association, New York State Waterways Association, Society of Gas Lighting, Society of Industrial Engineers, Water Power League of America, and the Empire State Gas & Electric Association. He is a trustee of the Security Trust Company of Rochester.

ALMOND JENNINGS WARREN.

Almond Jennings Warren is the founder of the firm of A. J. Warren & Son, wholesale produce merchants of Rochester, one of the leading commercial houses of the city. His official position with the firm is that of president and treasurer. The business is not so very old; it was organized in 1914, but it quickly gained recognition in the market and has enjoyed a remarkably steady and healthy development. This success is due chiefly to Mr. Warren's ability as a business man and to his untiring efforts to build up a reliable and profitable clientele. He was born in Webster, Monroe county, New York, on the 11th of November, 1881, the son of Stephen A. and Fannie C. (Jennings) Warren, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. The father makes his home in Irondequoit, New York, where he has been engaged in market gardening since 1882. The mother has passed away. Three of their four children are living: Almond Jennings of this review; his two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude De Smit and Mrs. Grace E. Babcock, both of Irondequoit.

As Almond Jennings Warren was less than a year old when the family moved from Webster to Irondequoit, it was in the latter place that his boyhood was spent. His first lessons were learned in the schoolhouse of that place, but later he came to Rochester



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to school, becoming a pupil in school No. 10 and the Rochester Free Academy. He took a three-year course in the academy and rounded out his education by taking a commercial course in the Rochester Business Institute, from which he duly graduated. After leaving school he was associated with his father in the truck garden business until 1914, when he ventured into the commercial world on his own account. Beginning in a small way on the Ridge Road, Irondequoit, he started shipping produce to the eastern markets and ere long found himself in possession of a thriving wholesale business. By 1916 his business had grown to such proportions that he was forced to come to Rochester, where he could have better rail connections. At that time the Warren & Smallridge Company was formed, but subsequently Mr. Warren purchased his partners' interest in the firm and changed the name to A. J. Warren & Company. In 1923, when he took his son Kenneth into the business, the name was again changed, becoming A. J. Warren & Son, wholesale produce merchants and shippers of garden produce, located at Public Market, Rochester, New York.

Mr. Warren was married to Miss Ora May, in Rochester, on January 28, 1902. Mrs. Warren is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. May of Rochester. The Warrens have two sons: Kenneth S., born in Rochester, December 6, 1903, who is a graduate of the East high school and is now associated with his father in business; and Wesley C. Warren, born in Irondequoit, August 24, 1905, now a student in the East high school.

Mr. Warren has been very active in those organizations whose purpose is the advancement of the community along commercial and civic lines, belonging to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club and the Rochester Rotary Club. Along the line of his business he is a member of the Monroe County Market Gardeners Association; the Rochester Branch of the National League of Commission Merchants Association; and Flower City Council, Commercial Travelers. He is a charter member of the United Congregational church of Irondequoit, and has been superintendent of the Sunday School since 1922. He is also a member of the Masonic Order, being a charter member of Fame Lodge, of which he is past master; and belongs to Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a past master of Irondequoit Grange, No. 849. His residence is on Ridge road, Irondequoit, where he also owns a truck farm.

FRED T. LOOMIS.

Fred T. Loomis has earned the right to classification with Elmira's leading photographers and owes his success to a life of intelligently directed industry and unswerving allegiance to a high standard of commercial ethics. He was born in Rushville, Yates county, New York, January 2, 1883, and is a son of Edgar C. and Harriet (Thompson) Loomis, residents of this city. The mother is a native of Burdett, New York, and the father was born in Taughannock Falls, this state. They were married in Burdett and Mr. Loomis became a commercial traveler, acting in that capacity for a number of years. Mrs. Loomis is a member of the First Presbyterian church and he is a republican in his political views. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis are the parents of two sons: Fred T., of this review; and Karl R., manager at Morristown, New Jersey, for the Hupmobile Company.

Fred T. Loomis received his education in the Free Academy of Elmira. During his boyhood his first work was selling newspapers. For three years he was a clerk in the M. R. Roll paint store and then secured a position in the studio of A. McFarlin, in whose service he remained for seven and a half years, gaining a practical knowledge of photography during that period. In May, 1912, he established a business of his own in the Huelett building and has remained at this address. He does portrait work and also engages in commercial photography. He has an attractive studio, equipped with modern appliances, and his work displays the latest improvements in photography. He combines artistic skill with executive ability and each year has witnessed a decided increase in his business, which has now assumed large proportions.

On March 25, 1914, Mr. Loomis was married to Miss Edyth Ferguson, a daughter of Clarence W. Ferguson, who was one of the pioneer business men of Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis have two children: Betty F. and Frederick F. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis are members of the First Presbyterian church and he is a prominent Kiwanian. He is president and a charter member of the local club and for four years was district secretary of the Kiwanis Clubs of the state. He is much interested in the Boy Scouts

of America and is a member of the committee on service and organization. He is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Jesse L. Cooley Lodge, No. 966, F. & A. M., and works systematically and effectively for the upbuilding of his city as a member of the Elmira Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Association.

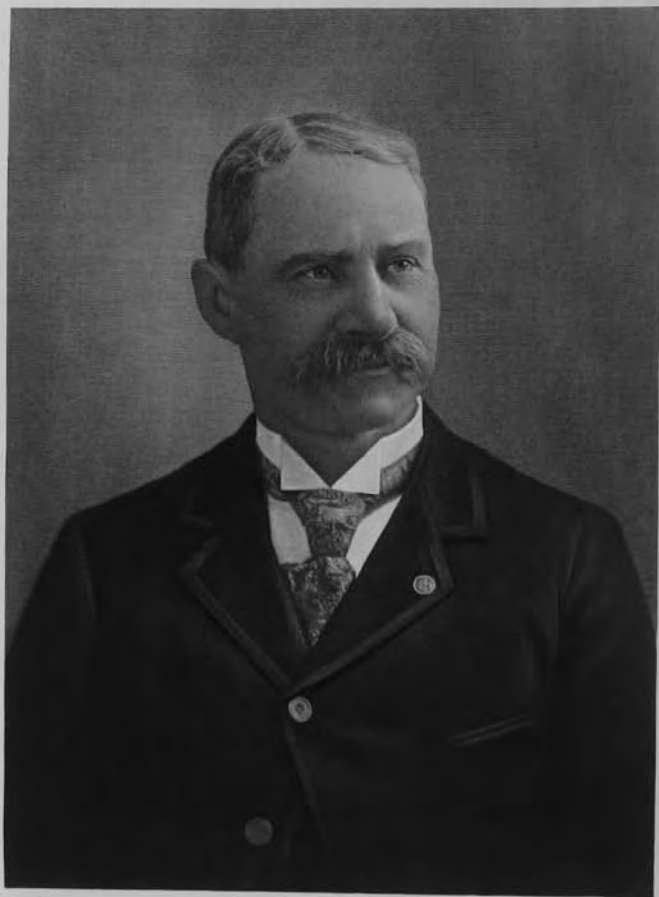
EDGAR HAMILTON BABCOCK.

For nearly four decades an active business man on his own account at Avon, Livingston county, and for several years longer a valued and esteemed citizen of the village, the memory of Edgar Hamilton Babcock is enshrined in the hearts of his fellow citizens, for his useful and well spent life was resultant of much good. He was born on April 23, 1845, at West Winfield, Herkimer county, New York, being one of two sons born to Clark and Mary (Merchant) Babcock. The elder brother of Edgar H. was Benjamin M. Babcock, a farmer who resided in Steuben county. Clark Babcock, the father, who was a blacksmith by trade, removed to Merchantville, now Thurston, Steuben county, New York, when Edgar was a small boy. The town was named in honor of Edwin Merchant, an uncle of Mr. Babcock of this review.

Edgar Hamilton Babcock received only a district school education and began hard work as soon as he was able. He entered the employ of Alva Carpenter, a large lumber dealer of Merchantville, and was engaged in logging work at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. He offered his services to the Union, but was rejected on account of his youth, being but seventeen years of age. In September, 1864, he again volunteered and enlisted for a period of three years, or until the close of the war, serving as a private in the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth New York Infantry until the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south in the spring of 1865. He then returned to Merchantville and reentered the service of Mr. Carpenter, proving himself so valuable and capable that after his employer had established a lumberyard at Avon he selected Mr. Babcock to take charge of it, on April 1, 1873. The venture proved so successful that one year later Mr. Carpenter decided to become a resident of Avon. Mr. Babcock continued in his employ for about another year, when he determined to enter business on his own account. He had carefully saved his earnings which had provided sufficient capital to purchase the retail coal yard of John Tompkins at Avon and thus started on his successful business career. Under his able management and correct business practices the enterprise prospered from the beginning and later a line of building supplies was added. The latter branch, like his coal business, was developed to large proportions. Mr. Babcock continued his activities at the same location with marked success for thirty-eight years, or until June, 1914, when on account of failing health he disposed of his interests to Henry Leighton, the present owner.

Mr. Babcock's capabilities were recognized when he was invited to become an organizer of the State Bank at Avon, of which institution he served as a director until his death. His sense of civic pride and public spirit led him to give his services to movements for the public good. During his years of service as a trustee of Avon the present waterworks system was built, and he was a member of the school board for twenty years. For a number of years he was also a member of the Hook and Ladder Company, which he served as treasurer. He was not identified with any secret organizations, but as a member of H. C. Cutler Post No. 213, in which he had served as adjutant, he proudly wore the little bronze button that proclaimed him a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a staunch republican in his political belief and a consistent member of the Methodist church, the services of which he regularly attended and to the support of which he made liberal contribution. Mr. Babcock took a deep interest in the Avon Cemetery Association, giving considerable time and attention to its affairs and doing much to bring it to its present splendid condition. It may be truthfully said that no citizen of his generation did as much for this organization as did Mr. Babcock, who for so many years was at its head. Under the terms of his will he set aside five thousand dollars for the erection of a public receiving vault in the cemetery, but owing to the advance in prices of labor and materials after the making of his will, the original sum was insufficient to build the structure according to his specifications. Mrs. Babcock therefore supplemented this sum with an additional gift of twelve hundred dollars, so that the handsome vault of Barre granite, with capacity for twelve bodies, was completed according to Mr. Babcock's original plans in 1921.

On September 28, 1875, Mr. Babcock was married to Miss Frances J. Stapley of



Edgar H. Babcock



Frances J. Babcock

Avon, daughter of Seaman and Catharine (Drury) Stapley, of English ancestry, and a member of a well known family of Livingston county. Her birth occurred at Geneseo, but she was an infant when her parents located at Avon in 1850. One son, Edgar Eugene, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Babcock in 1882. He died when three months old. Mr. Babcock was fortunate in his selection of a wife, and while he was admittedly a man of unusual business ability, he found much help in the counsel, cooperation and thrift of his wife, which was no little factor in his success. Mrs. Babcock resides on East Main street in Avon, the residence being erected by Mr. Babcock and completed shortly before their marriage, but later remodeled. Mrs. Babcock is a member of the Methodist church and contributes liberally to its support. She recently made a handsome voluntary contribution of five thousand dollars to the Williamsville Home for Children, a Methodist institution at Williamsville, New York, and delights in rendering aid that will ameliorate the hard conditions of life for the less fortunate. She shared her husband's interest in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic and for thirteen consecutive years was president of H. C. Cutler Corps, No. 213, W. R. C., at Avon. Mr. Babcock passed away on August 9, 1919.

EDWARD G. HAYES.

The surname Hayes is the plural form of an ancient word, Hay, or Haw, which means a fence, a hedge or a boundary, also a space enclosed, as a park or field. Its derivation can be traced to many European languages wherein both the primitive and secondary meanings are precisely the same. From this simple root have sprung the names of Hay, Hayes, Haywood or Heywood, Hayland, Greenhays and many others of a similar character. The name of Hayes is to be found both in England and Scotland, but is far more common in the former than it is in the latter country. The New England colonial records of the seventeenth century contain the names of four immigrants of this name: Thomas Hayes of Milford, Connecticut (1645), descendants of whom removed to Newark, New Jersey; Nathaniel, who was of Norwalk, Connecticut (1651); John, of Dover, New Hampshire, who came from Scotland in 1680; and George, of Windsor, Connecticut, who, tradition asserts, was a brother of the preceding John. The Hayes of Canandaigua, New York, who form the principal subject of this article, are descended from the Windsor settler.

(I) George Hayes, who arrived in New England about the year 1680, and probably was about twenty-five years old at the time of his immigration, first settled in Windsor, Connecticut, whence he removed in 1698 to that part of Simsbury, Connecticut, which is now Granby. In a manuscript record written or dictated by his grandson, Ezekiel Hayes, of New Haven, he is referred to as follows: "Went from Scotland to Derbyshire, England, and lived with his uncle. He was anxious to see London, whither he went. Having received some account of America, he took passage for this country." George Hayes' residence in Simsbury was in the locality known as Salmon Brook, and he died there on the 2d of September, 1725. Although he was not active in public affairs his name frequently appears in the early town records of Simsbury in connection with land transactions, assessments, "minister's rates", etc., and from these it may be inferred that he was pious, thrifty and in every way a worthy citizen. His first wife, whose Christian name was Sarah and whose surname is illegible on the Windsor records, died early in 1683, and the children of this union died young. At Windsor, on the 29th of August, 1683, he married (second) Abigail Dibble, only daughter of Samuel, granddaughter of Thomas, and great-granddaughter of Robert Dibble, who arrived from England in 1635, settling in Dorchester, Massachusetts. Children, born in Windsor: 1. Abigail, August 31, 1684; married Paul Tompkins. 2. Daniel, born April 26, 1686. 3. Sarah, January 22, 1687-8; married John Gosard (or Gozzard), son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Gozzard of Windsor. 4. Mary, born January 6, 1689-90; married, August 22, 1712, William Rice. 5. Joanna, born October 2, 1692; died after 1780; married James Hillyer of Simsbury. 6. George, born March 9, 1695. 7. William, born June 13, 1697, in Simsbury. 8. Samuel, mentioned below. 9. Thankful, born 1700-01; married October 9, 1717, Nathaniel Holcombe. 10. Benjamin, born 1702-03. 11. Dorothy, 1706; married Abraham Dibble, her first cousin.

(II) Samuel, son of George and Abigail (Dibble) Hayes, was born in Simsbury in 1699. He was granted sixty acres of land in Simsbury in 1723; was on church covenant with wife in 1739, and served as tythingman in 1751. He must have lived

to an unusually advanced age, as there is on record at Granby a deed, executed March 7, 1787, in which he conveys property to his son Silas. He married, in Simsbury, on July 16, 1719, Elizabeth Willcockson (Wilcox), probably a daughter of Samuel Willcockson of Meadow Plain, Simsbury, granddaughter of Sergeant Samuel Willcockson and great-granddaughter of William Willcockson of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, who arrived in Boston in the "Planter" in 1635. Children of Samuel and Elizabeth Hayes: 1. Lydia, born on January 18, 1720. 2. Elizabeth, October 17, 1721; married March 20, 1740, Joseph Gillett of Simsbury. 3. Abigail, born November 3, 1723; married May 13, 1742, Daniel Hayes, her cousin. 4. Dorcas, born March 15, 1727; married Ephraim, son of Nathaniel and Thankful (Hayes) Holcombe. 5. Samuel, born March 26, 1730. 6. Ashael, born June 3, 1732. 7. Susanna, November 26, 1735; married Reuben Holcombe. 8. Andrew, born May 29, 1737. 9. Silas, February 28, 1740.

(III) Captain Samuel (2), son of Samuel (1) and Elizabeth (Willcockson) Hayes, was born in Simsbury, on the 26th of March, 1730, and died in Granby, on the 25th of December, 1801. In the Simsbury records he is designated captain. In 1753 he erected a substantial dwelling house at Bushy Hill, two miles west of Salmon Brook, which he and his descendants occupied for nearly a century. He was a selectman of Simsbury in 1774 and of Granby at its organization in 1786; represented Simsbury in the general assembly in 1778; served as deacon of the church at Salmon Brook from 1786 to 1801. He possessed superior physical strength, excelled in all athletic sports and was one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of his day. In 1750 he married Rosanna, eldest daughter of Judah and Hannah (Buttolph) Holcombe of Simsbury, and a descendant in the fifth generation of Thomas Buttolph, who landed in Boston from the "Abigail" in 1635. Rosanna was born in Simsbury on the 24th of June, 1732, and died in Granby on the 8th of November, 1814. Children: 1. Rosanna, born March 6, 1751; died in 1770; married Benjamin Hayes, her cousin. 2. Seth, born June 2, 1753. 3. Theodosia, April 16, 1757; died at Delaware, Ohio, in 1834; married, at Granby, General Chauncey Pettibone, son of Colonel Ozias Pettibone. 4. Samuel, born May 20, 1759. 5. Temperance, December 14, 1761; died in Connecticut in 1787; married Luther Foote. 6. Levi, born April 1, 1763. 7. Pliny, June 6, 1766. 8. Simeon, mentioned below. 9. Joseph, August 31, 1771. 10. Martin, March 31, 1776.

(IV) Simeon, son of Captain Samuel (2) and Rosanna (Holcombe) Hayes, was born in Simsbury on February 17, 1768, or January 1769, and died in Plattsburgh, New York, on the 18th of August, 1841. In 1806 he removed from his native state to Plattsburgh, where he engaged in farming and also turned his attention to mechanical pursuits. He was a mechanical genius and an inventor, and at different times worked at wagon-making, shoemaking and coopering. Above all he was a man of unsullied integrity and deep religious principle. He married (first), March 22, 1790, Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Israel Holly, a Congregational minister at Granby. He married (second) at Granby, December 3, 1801, Elizabeth, born in that town, March 20, 1781, daughter of Ichabod and Lucretia (Cossit) Gilbert. She died in Buffalo, New York, on the 14th of June, 1870. Children of Simeon Hayes by first marriage: 1. Child, born in 1791; died in infancy. 2. Betsey Maria, born in Granby on August 9, 1793; died in Plattsburgh on the 20th of November, 1863; married at Canandaigua, New York, October 6, 1812, Israel Skinner. 3. Emily, born in Granby, December 24, 1795; died in Plattsburgh, October 16, 1843; married, in Bristol, New York, January 23, 1817, Orlando Prentice Fay. 4. Child, born in 1797; died in infancy. 5. Child, born in 1799; died in infancy. 6. Simeon, born January 23, 1801. Children of second marriage: 7. George, born November 6, died December 18, 1803. 8. George Edward, born November 7, 1804. 9. Willis Gilbert, July 13, 1807. 10. Joseph Byron, mentioned below. 11. Henry Osmond, born January 31, 1815.

(V) Joseph Byron, son of Simeon and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Hayes, was born in Plattsburgh, June 8, 1809, and died in Canandaigua, New York, October 6, 1841. He was known by his second name, Byron. Succeeding his brother George Edward as a pupil of Dr. Pliny Hayes, he became an apothecary in Canandaigua. He was a man of lofty principle, excellent in every relation and duty of life, and his early death was sincerely mourned by the entire community. He married in Canandaigua, December 20, 1832, Sarah Antis, born in that town on February 21, 1815, daughter of William and Mary (Barlow) Antis. William Antis was the son of a noted gunsmith of the same name who was for many years employed by the United States government. Mary Barlow was a descendant of Deacon Abner Barlow of Canandaigua, who sowed the first bushel of wheat in western New York. Children of Joseph Byron Hayes: 1. Joseph Byron, of whom further. 2. Edward Antis, born November 20,

1835; died May 24, 1862; a young man of excellent character and promise. 3. Mary Antis, born March 18, 1838; died in Kewanee, Illinois, April 4, 1877; married, at Canandaigua, March 30, 1876 (as second wife), Robert Otley of Kewanee, son of John and Jane (Chapman) Otley of Winchester, Illinois, came from Yorkshire, England, in 1840, born in Weston, Yorkshire, England, June 13, 1831; she had one son, Robert Hayes Otley, born February 23, died August 16, 1877. 4. Abner Antis, born May 29, 1840; died September 28, 1841.

(VI) Dr. Joseph Byron (2) Hayes, son of Joseph Byron (1) and Sarah (Antis) Hayes, was born in Canandaigua on the 11th of May, 1834. He prepared for college at Canandaigua Academy, from which he entered Williams College, graduating with the class of 1854, and his professional studies were completed in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated a Doctor of Medicine in 1860. His life was spent in Canandaigua, in the practice of his profession. He was an active member of the county and village medical societies and was a deacon of the Congregational church from early manhood until his death, which occurred on July 17, 1890. On the 24th of September, 1861, he married, in Canandaigua, Louise Anne Coleman, born in Frederick, Maryland, September 24, 1833, died in Canandaigua, March 22, 1884, daughter of Chester and Eliza (Graham) Coleman, of Canandaigua. Children, all born in Canandaigua: Edward Graham, mentioned below; George Byron, born July 20, 1865; Chester Coleman, July 31, 1867; Harriet Louisa, May 16, 1871, died April 21, 1875.

(VII) Edward Graham Hayes, son of Dr. Joseph Byron (2) Hayes, was born July 12, 1862. He was a student in the old Canandaigua Academy, the Pennsylvania Military Academy of Chester, Pennsylvania, and Union College (class of 1886) in Schenectady, New York. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

After leaving college he spent a number of years in Colorado in the cattle business, and then spent some time abroad. In 1890 he married Elizabeth McGill of Jamestown, New York, and in 1893 returned to Canandaigua, where he has since made his home. Mr. Hayes was occupied in private business affairs and in the supervision of Sonnenberg, the estate of Mrs. Frederick F. Thompson, until 1901, when he purchased the private banking business of Williams & Barnes. This business was in May, 1902, merged with McKechnie Bank, a state bank, Mr. Hayes becoming vice president and manager. In January, 1909, he was elected president, and continued to hold that office until he became president of the Ontario County Trust Company, which position he still holds. He was one of the organizers of the Genesee Country Historical Association. In politics Mr. Hayes has been an independent republican, and has never sought public office. He served as secretary and treasurer of the board of water commissioners during the construction of the Canandaigua waterworks, and rendered ten years' service as police commissioner of the village of Canandaigua. He is connected with many of the charitable and civic organizations of the village and has taken an active part in the work for the improvement and upbuilding of Canandaigua. Children: George McGill, born 1893; Elizabeth, 1898.

J. FOSTER WARNER.

J. Foster Warner, a prominent Rochester architect who has followed his profession in this city during the past four decades, was here born on the 5th of May, 1859, his parents being Andrew J. and Kate (Foster) Warner. The father, who was born in New Haven, Connecticut, March 17, 1833, was a son of Amos and Adah U. (Austin) Warner and obtained his education in Guilford Academy of his native state. It was in 1847, when a lad of fourteen years, that he came to Rochester, New York, here continuing to reside until called to his final rest in 1910, at the age of seventy-seven. With the passing years he became widely recognized as one of the leading architects of the Genesee country, many substantial and important structures standing as monuments to his skill in this connection. He designed the Powers block in 1866-1869, the Buffalo city and county hall in 1872, the Rochester city hall in 1873, the First Presbyterian church in 1872 and St. Bernard's Seminary on Charlotte boulevard. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret in Rochester, where he had made his home for a period of sixty-three years and had gained a position of distinction in the field of his profession. It was in 1855 that he wedded Kate Foster, by whom he had two sons: William A., who was born in 1855 and passed away in 1917; and J. Foster of this review.

J. Foster Warner obtained a public school education in his native city and

studied architecture under the direction of his father. When a young man of twenty-five years he began the practice of this profession in Rochester and has here followed it continuously since, having contributed much to the architectural beauty and adornment of the city. J. Foster Warner was the architect of the Monroe county courthouse in 1894 and also has to his credit the Granite building, the department store of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, numerous public school buildings, including the East and West high, and many of the most pretentious dwellings of the city. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects and was a delegate to the International Congress of Architects, held in London in 1906. In addition to his professional activities he acts as vice president of the McLaughlin Company and is serving on the directorate of the National Bank of Commerce, the Rochester Telephone Corporation and the Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Company. He has been a member of the board of governors of the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital, and Hillside Home for Children for more than twenty-one years.

On the 18th of April, 1883, in Rochester, Mr. Warner was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Adams. They have two sons: Andrew J., born January 19, 1884, is on the editorial staff of the Rochester Times-Union; Captain John A., born September 18, 1886, is superintendent of the department of state police of New York. He is a member of the Genesee Valley Club, also of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and enjoys an enviable reputation in both business and social circles of the city of which he has been a lifelong resident. Whatever tends toward progress and improvement receives his endorsement and support and at all times his course has won for him the respect and goodwill of his fellowmen. Mr. Warner's residence is at No. 5 Prince street.

FRED L. DAKE.

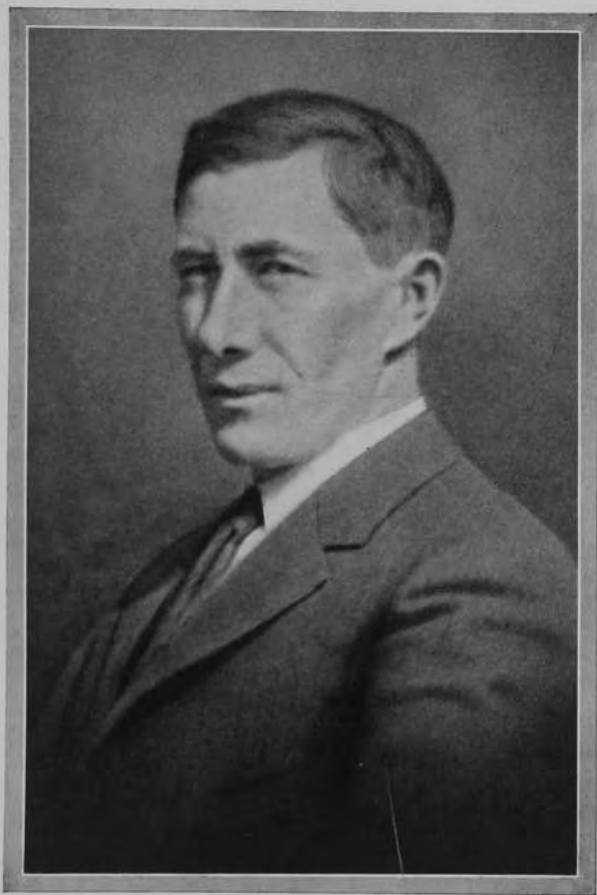
The entire business career of Fred L. Dake of Nunda, Livingston county, New York, has been passed in the service of The Foote Company, Incorporated, of which he is the secretary and treasurer. Mr. Dake was born in Nunda, on May 14, 1886, the son of Abram M. and Jennie (Hungerford) Dake. His father is living, and Fred L. Dake's brother, Virgil H., lives at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The education of Fred L. Dake was obtained in the grade and high schools of Nunda, and his employment with the Foote Manufacturing Company began in 1906. He became secretary in 1916, and in 1918, when it was incorporated as The Foote Company, Incorporated, he was promoted to his present position as secretary and treasurer.

On May 9, 1907, Mr. Dake was married to Lena E., daughter of Milton E. Van Dusen of Nunda. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dake: A daughter, Dorothy V. Mr. Dake is a republican in his political views, attends the Presbyterian church, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order.

WILLIAM JOSEPH REILLY.

Many of Dansville's leading citizens have chosen the nursery business as their life work, and among those who won success in this field of activity was William Joseph Reilly, whose operations were conducted on a large scale. He was born in West Sparta, Livingston county, May 6, 1878, a son of Patrick and Margaret (Mills) Reilly, the former of whom has passed away. He obtained his education in parochial schools and when a boy of eleven gained his first knowledge of the business in the employ of George A. Sweet, one of the pioneer nurserymen of Dansville. For ten years he worked for Mr. Sweet, during which period he gained valuable experience, and then started growing for himself. Later he was joined by his two brothers, Thomas and John, with whom he was associated until about 1909, when the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Reilly thereafter continued alone, and was at the head of the William J. Reilly Nurseries at the time of his death on November 26, 1924. He was in the wholesale and retail nursery business for about twenty-two years and through his industry and clean-cut business methods had established an enviable reputation as one of the largest and most successful growers and dealers in his locality. He derived much pleasure from his work, in which he was deeply interested, and had found that scientific methods bring the best results. He was the owner of



WILLIAM J. REILLY

a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, situated three miles below Dansville, and had a large packing house on Maple street, in the village. He grew fruit trees, ornamental shrubs and trees, roses and grapes and issued a carefully prepared catalog which contained comprehensive information regarding his stock. His methods were practical and progressive, and a customer once gained by the William J. Reilly Nurseries was always retained, for the commercial transactions of the firm at all times balanced up with the principles of truth and honor, while the quality of its stock was unsurpassed.

On the 17th of April, 1908, Mr. Reilly was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Dougherty of Dansville, and they had two children: Dorothy K. and William J., Jr. Mr. Reilly was a faithful communicant of St. Patrick's church and also had membership relations with the Knights of Columbus, while in politics he was a republican. He always found time to cooperate in every movement seeking the improvement of his community, county and state and his life was earnest and purposeful, crowned with successful achievement. Besides his widow and children he is survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Patrick Reilly; two sisters, Miss Mary R. Reilly and Mrs. Edward Upthegrove, both of Dansville; and four brothers, James, Michael and John H. Reilly of Dansville, and Thomas Reilly of Binghamton. Hosts of friends and patrons joined his family in sorrow at his passing.

WILSON R. CAMPBELL.

Wilson R. Campbell, who has always been identified with the banking business, is a prominent figure in financial circles of Steuben county as president of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Bath. In the spring of 1924 he was honored by election to the presidency of Bath, his native village. He was born on the 27th of March, 1880, his parents being Hon. Frank and Mary Louise (Wilson) Campbell, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work. In the acquirement of an education Wilson R. Campbell attended Haverling Academy of Bath and subsequently continued his studies in Berkeley Academy of New York city, while later he pursued courses in banking and law in the University of Pennsylvania. The business of banking has since claimed his attention and he has become thoroughly familiar with every phase thereof. He served for eighteen years as vice president of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Bath prior to assuming the presidency of the institution as the successor of his father, and he is likewise the secretary and treasurer of the Empire State Abstract Corporation.

A staunch republican in politics, Mr. Campbell is widely recognized as a most enterprising and loyal citizen whose aid and influence are ever found on the side of progress and improvement. He has served for two years as president of the board of trustees of the New York State Sailors and Soldiers Home in Bath, is treasurer of the Davenport Free Library of Bath and president of the Rotary Club. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and also has membership in the Country Club. Golf is his favorite form of recreation. He enjoys an enviable reputation as a capable financier and his personal characteristics are such as have won him the warm regard and esteem of all who know him.

On January 15, 1914, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Oswald of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and they have a son and a daughter: Oswald and Marguerite.

REV. JOHN E. MASSETH.

The man who has lived for others and who has brought into play the best qualities of his mind and heart for the moral uplift of humanity, becomes the possessor of that serenity of soul which makes itself felt in every word and in every action. Such a man is the Rev. John E. Masseth, pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church at Dansville, New York, and the far-reaching effects of his work are attested in every community in which he has labored.

Father Masseth was born in Rochester, New York, December 14, 1881. His parents, George and Elizabeth (Quigley) Masseth, are both deceased. He obtained his education in St. Patrick's Catholic school, St. Andrew's preparatory seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary and was ordained June 6, 1908. He was assistant at Canandaigua, New York, for three years and was next assigned to the Church of St. Bridget's

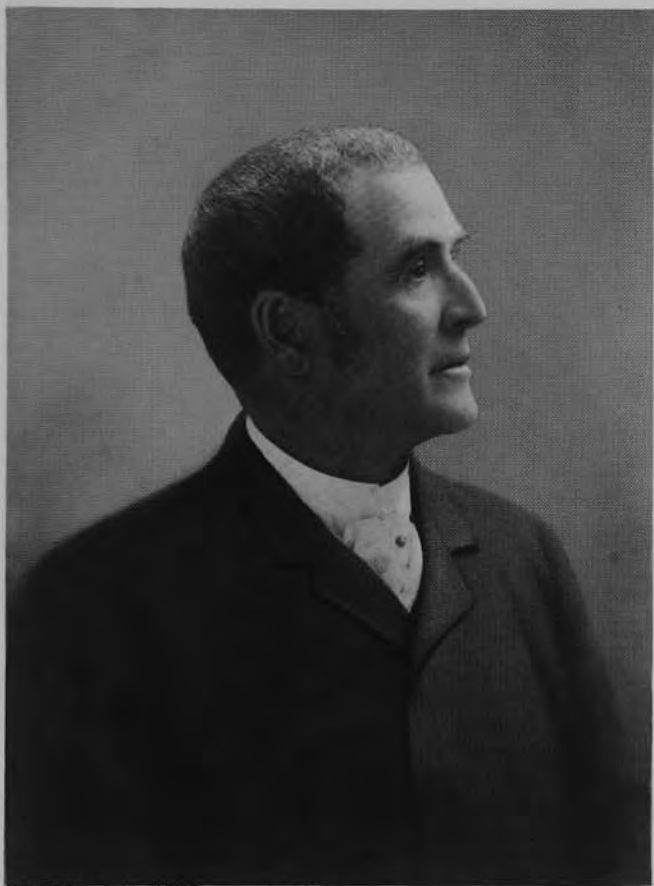
and the Blessed Sacrament at Rochester, where he remained for some time. For five years he was pastor of the parish of St. Theresa at Stanley, New York, and then came to Dansville to take charge of St. Patrick's church.

The history of Catholicism in Dansville began fully twenty years before the settlement of the town. The first priests ministered alike to German and Irish Catholics. The first Irish priest in this parish of whom there is any record was the Rev. Bernard O'Reilly. Father O'Connor followed later and under him the growing congregation met in the town hall. In 1847 the western portion of the state was formed into a diocese and Buffalo was made the Episcopal seat. The Right Rev. John Timon was created the first bishop, and Bishop Timon sent the Rev. Edward O'Flaherty to Dansville as the first resident priest, but the records do not show the date of his arrival. Under his administration the foundation of St. Patrick's church was laid, at the head of the public square, where the edifice now stands, and the date was either 1849 or 1850. The structure was completed in 1851 at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. The Rev. Charles Tierney became the next priest, and was followed in June, 1852, by the Rev. John Donnelly. About a year later, May 1, 1853, the Rev. Joseph McKenna was called to this parochial district and he was succeeded by the Rev. Aloysius Somoggi, who took charge of both St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishes during his stay. In December, 1853, he was followed by the Rev. Terence Kernan and after him came the Rev. Daniel Dolan and the Rev. Michael Casey. In October, 1855, the Rev. Michael Steger took charge of both parishes and a year later his duties were assumed by the Rev. J. A. Marshall, whose successor was the Rev. Chrysostom Wagner. In May, 1862, his work was taken up by the Rev. Sergius de Stechloupnekoff, a Russian, who had been converted to the cause of Catholicism, and after a very successful pastorate he was followed by Father Joseph Albinger, who arrived in January, 1864, and remained until July 5, 1871, when his place was taken by the Rev. Father Biggins. The next priest, Rev. S. Fitz Simons, came in August, 1877, and remained for six years. Under him the church was enlarged and improved and the present parochial school was erected. From March 22, 1884, until May 1, 1893, the parish was served by the Rev. James H. Day, whose successor, the Rev. James T. Dougherty, was in charge for eight years, during which period many improvements were made. In 1901 he was followed by the Rev. William T. Dunn, who in turn gave place to the Rev. M. C. Wall, now of Avon parish, and his tasks were taken up by the present pastor, the Rev. John E. Masseth. There are two hundred families in the parish and the school is in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Under the able guidance of Father Masseth the influence of the church has been materially strengthened and his is a sincere and devoted service in behalf of a cause to which he has dedicated his life.

PATRICK C. BEATTIE.

For almost one hundred years the Beattie family has been identified with the development of Monroe county, and during that period none of its members has done more to maintain its high standard of citizenship than Patrick C. Beattie. He spent practically his entire life in this section of the state and was numbered among the honored pioneer residents and extensive landowners whose labors contributed materially to its upbuilding and development. He was born in County Mayo, Ireland, December 17, 1826, and was but six months old when his parents, Martin and Mary (Connolly) Beattie, crossed the Atlantic, reaching New York city in the year 1827. They made their way up the Genesee river to Hanford's Landing and took up land on the lake, paying but a dollar per acre for the tract. The extensive landholdings which they acquired are still in possession of the Beattie family.

In his youth Patrick C. Beattie received such education as the sparsely settled country afforded. He early became familiar with the work of the fields and for many years successfully carried on agricultural pursuits on a large scale. His large landholdings were augmented by the purchase of the Latta farm of four hundred acres in the town of Greece. When eventually he retired from farming pursuits and took up his abode in Rochester, Mr. Beattie sold the Latta homestead of two hundred acres to Colonel Greenleaf. He pioneered in making improved streets in the Charlotte section, and foresaw what subsequent years have brought about in that suburb. Mr. Beattie's farm comprised a considerable portion of what is now Beach avenue, and he sold the first lot on that thoroughfare. Mr. Beattie was a keen, farsighted business man who relied largely upon his own judgment. He was never hasty



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nor impulsive in any transaction, but always had the courage of his convictions and when convinced of the wisdom of his course he was not easily moved in the opposite direction. He was among the early purchasers of the stock of the Eastman Kodak Company, in which he invested heavily. After coming to Rochester he made his home for a time at No. 865 Lake avenue and subsequently removed with his family to Fairview Heights. He was fond of horses and was a good judge of them, owning at various times some excellent specimens of horse flesh. He was a member of the Driving Club in the days when it was one of the most popular organizations in the city.

Mr. Beattie was twice married, his first union being with Miss Bridget Flynn, a daughter of Captain James Allen and Catherine (McGuire) Flynn. Mr. and Mrs. Beattie became the parents of five children: Georgia, now Mrs. Thomas McQuire; Emmett G., of Detroit, Michigan; Frank M., of Greece, New York; Lewis M., also a resident of that place, and the owner of land that has been retained by the family for more than a century; and William E., whose home is in Arlington, New Jersey. Mrs. Beattie died in 1882. Mr. Beattie was married in 1893, to Miss Mary Downey, and they had two daughters: Helen and Berenice, who reside with their mother at No. 1 Upton park.

Mr. Beattie was a Roman Catholic in religious faith and a communicant of the Mount Read church and also of the Cathedral in Rochester. He was a Knight of Columbus and his political support was given to the democratic party. There was not a single esoteric phase in the life of Patrick C. Beattie. His business methods were of a character that neither sought nor required disguise and in the legitimate channels of trade and investment he gained a splendid and well-merited success. In his demise on August 31, 1917, the community sustained the loss of one of its worthy pioneers and prosperous, esteemed and influential citizens.

H. CLAUDE HARDY.

Among the educators of the Genesee country H. Claude Hardy, superintendent of the public schools of Fairport, Monroe county, occupies a prominent place. He was born in Glenwood, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1887, and graduated from the Nicholson high school as class valedictorian. He then prepared for college in the Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pennsylvania, and in June, 1911, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Wesleyan University of Middletown, Connecticut. From March, 1911, to September, 1912, he was instructor in modern languages in the Rock Ridge School, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts; then head of the department of modern languages in the Wilbraham Academy, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, until September, 1916; the next two years he was principal of the high school at Schenevus, Otsego county, New York; from September, 1918, to September, 1920, he was supervising principal of the public schools in Sidney, Delaware county, and then came to Fairport, where his work as superintendent has been so highly appreciated that he has been continued in the office.

During all this time Mr. Hardy continued his studies, doing advanced research work in the field of education in the University of Rochester and Syracuse University. In June, 1921, he received the degree of Master of Arts from the former institution and was similarly honored by Syracuse in June, 1923. During the summer of 1914 he was a student at the University of Grenoble, France. He is a member of the honor society of the Phi Kappa Phi, election to which is based on scholarship, character and achievement, and for the past five years he has held the office of secretary of the Associated Academic Principals, a state organization composed of principals and superintendents. In 1922 he was elected president of the Monroe County Teachers Association. Since he came to Fairport a new elementary school building has been erected, the old high school building transformed into a modern grammar school and a new high school building added to the system, which employs forty-four teachers.

Professor Hardy spends a portion of his vacation seasons in conducting tours to points of scenic or historic interest. In April, 1924, he conducted his fifth annual Easter tour to Washington, Mount Vernon, Philadelphia, Atlantic City and Annapolis, and during the summers of 1923 and 1924 he conducted a grand tour to California, the Grand Canyon, Yosemite National Park, the Pacific Northwest and Yellowstone National Park. He has also acquired a wide reputation as a lecturer on a variety of subjects. He was one of the Liberty Loan speakers at the time of the World war and rendered valuable assistance in the war chest drives to raise funds for the prosecution

of the war. He is a member of the executive committee of the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, is president of the Fairport Parent-Teacher Association, member of the executive council of the Fairport Community League, and superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school. Politically he classes himself as a republican, but has never sought public office.

Mr. Hardy's fraternal associations are with the Masonic order. He is a member of the lodge at Fairport; the Royal Arch chapter of Unadilla, New York; the Scottish Rite consistory, and Kalurah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Binghamton, New York. He is also a member of the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity.

On June 26, 1912, Mr. Hardy was married to Miss Lula May Greene in Montrose, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hardy passed away on October 18, 1918. On November 19, 1919, Mr. Hardy was married to Miss Shirley Frances Newton of Sidney, New York. Mrs. Hardy is a vocalist of considerable ability and her voice is frequently heard at concerts. She is a student at the Eastman School of Music of Rochester, New York.

It may be of interest to note that at the Rochester Exposition of 1923, and again in 1924, the Fairport schools won first prize for the best exhibits of school work. Much of the credit for this record is due to the perfect and harmonious school organization inaugurated and carried forward by Superintendent Hardy.

WILLIAM J. FLYNN.

When he located his law office in Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York, in 1915, William J. Flynn did not settle among entire strangers to build up a legal practice. On the contrary, Mr. Flynn was well known in the town and numbered many of its residents as personal friends. As a native of the county and a lawyer practicing in other parts of its territory, he already had a considerable practice and many friends, both of which have been largely increased since he became a resident of the town. Mr. Flynn stands high in the ranks of his professional brethren and has many of the large interests of the town and county among his clients.

William J. Flynn was born in Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, on June 10, 1885, the son of Peter and Ellen (Cahill) Flynn, both deceased, and he was one of four sons in the family. He gained his education in the grade school of Geneseo and at the Geneseo Normal School, from which he graduated in 1905. He then took up the study of law in the office of Frank K. Cook at Geneseo, and was admitted to practice in December, 1908. Mr. Flynn then opened an office in Geneseo and practiced there successfully until 1915, when he moved to Mount Morris and has been engaged in general practice there ever since.

Mr. Flynn was married on March 4, 1919, to Helen D. Dwyer. The two children born to them are: Ellen A. and Jeremiah W. Mr. Flynn is a member of the Livingston County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. In his religious convictions he is a member of the Roman Catholic church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. In his political views he is in accord with the republican party.

HON. WILLIS KINGSLEY GILLETTE.

Hon. Willis Kingsley Gillette, who has been a representative of the legal profession in Rochester during the past third of a century and who for the same length of time has been an active factor in the public life of the city, is now filling the position of county judge of Monroe county. He was born in Milford, Otsego county, New York, on the 25th of April, 1866, his parents being the Rev. Charles and Sarah (Ware) Gillette. The public school education of Willis Kingsley Gillette was obtained in Rochester and supplemented by a course of study in the Free Academy, while subsequently he matriculated in the University of Michigan, from which institution he was graduated in 1891. The same year, after thorough preparation as a student in the law offices of Waldo G. Morse and the firms of Sullivan & Morris and Wiltse, Wicks & Bottum, he was admitted to the bar. No dreary novitiate awaited him, for his ability in law practice gained him almost immediate recognition and a good clientage was accorded him. In 1892 he became connected with public affairs as school commissioner, thus representing the third ward for a period of six years, or until 1898. In the year 1902 he was chosen a member of the board of supervisors in the same ward and in January, 1903, was elected clerk of the board, in



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which capacity he continued until December 1, 1908. Popular vote next made him sheriff, in which position he served through the years 1909, 1910 and 1911, proving a fearless and capable official. For a period of three years, from 1914 until 1916, inclusive, he discharged the onerous duties of judge of the police court, resigning this position in March, 1917, to accept appointment by Governor Whitman as special county judge and serving in the latter capacity until December 31, 1918. In November, 1918, he was elected judge of Monroe county for a six-year term and on the 1st of January, 1919, took the office which he is now filling. Devotedly attached to his profession, systematic and methodical in habit, sober, and discreet in judgment, calm in temper, diligent in research, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, courteous and kind in demeanor and inflexibly just on all occasions, these qualities enable Judge Gillette to take first rank among those who have held judicial office in the Genesee country.

On the 11th of October, 1893, Judge Gillette was united in marriage to Miss Clara J. Davis of Le Roy, New York. Their children are three in number, namely: Marian Carolyn, Willis Clarence and Doris Lydia. In Masonry Judge Gillette has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Valley Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Doric Council, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Chapter, R. A. M.; and Monroe Commandery, K. T. and Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks while his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Central Presbyterian church. He also belongs to the Washington Club, the Rochester Yacht Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and in social circles has gained the warm regard and friendship of all who know him. Judge Gillette's residence is at No. 174 Chili avenue.

THE PERRY FAMILY.

Among the hardy pioneers who left a permanent impress upon the history of the Chemung valley were members of the Perry family, who were numbered among the forerunners of the civilization and progress of the present day, and the work which they did can never be forgotten. The founder of the family in this region was Thomas Mifflin Perry, who was born in the city of Philadelphia, January 14, 1776, and was named in honor of that sturdy Revolutionary patriot and soldier whom every Pennsylvanian holds in honor even to this day, Governor Thomas Mifflin.

Thomas Mifflin Perry acquired a thorough knowledge of merchandising in the employ of Colonel Hollenbach, who sent him up the river from Wilkes-Barre with the first stock of goods ever sent into the valley as far as Newtown, now known as Elmira. This was in the year 1793. They were pushed up the river in the usual manner in those days—a tedious and laborious method of conveying supplies. In a log warehouse at the foot of High street, Mr. Perry disposed of the supplies to the settlers of the neighborhood, who were mostly farmers. A number of rude log houses had been erected near the store, but not a vestige of them remains today. When Mr. Perry came into the valley on this trading venture he came to stay. The building in which his transactions were conducted was situated near what is now the foot of High street, and the structure was still standing a little over a quarter of a century ago. In company with Stephen Tuttle, Guy Maxwell and others, Mr. Perry engaged in many enterprises, one of which was the building of a mill about halfway between Elmira and Horseheads, and the plant was still in operation in 1892, although controlled by other owners. The relations between Thomas M. Perry and Guy Maxwell were very intimate, as is seen in the generation of children following them. There was a Guy Perry and a Thomas Maxwell.

In 1798 Mr. Perry was married to Miss Elizabeth Konkle, a daughter of John Konkle. They were both zealous members of the Methodist church and to their untiring efforts the church of that denomination in Elmira is largely indebted for its early start and subsequently useful career. Mr. and Mrs. Perry were the parents of six sons and a daughter: William, Guy M., Horace, John K., Aaron K., Thomas and Anna K. Of these John K., Thomas and Anna K. were living in 1892. Both of the sons became substantial and highly respected business men of Elmira. A son of Guy M. Perry was named for his grandfather, Thomas M. Perry, and became an officer in the United States navy.

The War of 1812 closely touched the interests of people in all sections of the country, reaching in its effects far beyond the mere call for men to act as soldiers and extending even to obscure hamlets like Newtown. Mr. Perry and Mr. Maxwell

were still business partners at that period and they, with another merchant, suffered heavily on account of the embargo laid by the government. They had large quantities of grain stored in their warehouses and could find no market. It spoiled on their hands and ruined them financially. It was a great disaster to them both and especially to Mr. Maxwell, who died soon afterward. Mr. Perry passed away June 2, 1836, and his wife's demise occurred in January, 1844.

In 1790, soon after the formation of the township of Chemung, the village of Newtown was laid out by Henry Wisner, the owner of the townsite. The work was not done on the large scale since adopted by the towns of the far west. Sullivan street, which was named in honor of the General, was marked out as the central highway toward the lake region, and what is now called Tuttle avenue, the thoroughfare east of Newtown creek, just under the hill, was also designated. But for the rest, besides Water street, there was only what is now Church street, connecting the two avenues named, and one or two little lanes, nameless then and now, running from Water street toward the river and to the northward as well.

MALACHY GOODWIN FITZPATRICK.

The editor and publisher of a daily newspaper like the Olean Times, of Olean, New York, which is the leader in its county and has a circulation of over seven thousand, five hundred, is bound to be an important figure in the community and section. When such a man has personality and great enterprise he becomes even more necessary to the district and such is the case with Malachy Goodwin Fitzpatrick, who since 1911 has so capably managed the Olean Times. Mr. Fitzpatrick is versatile, having made a success in the lumber business and then entered the newspaper business and repeated the performance—something rather unusual.

Malachy Goodwin Fitzpatrick was the son of Daniel M. and Mary A. (Goodwin) Fitzpatrick. His father was a tanner for over thirty years in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and came to Olean when he retired from business in 1907. He passed away in 1914 and Mrs. Fitzpatrick died in 1912. Malachy G. was born on the 20th of August, 1868, in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania.

Malachy Goodwin Fitzpatrick attended the public and high schools of Mansfield and the Mansfield Business College and then started to work for the Olean Lumber Company, which was then operating many sawmills in McKean county, Pennsylvania, where the company and its subsidiaries owned and controlled large tracts of timber. Mr. Fitzpatrick's early training covered all branches of the lumber industry, making him thoroughly conversant with woods operations, the manufacturing at the mills and the marketing of the product. In the late '90s he became affiliated with the J. R. Droney Lumber Company as its treasurer. This company had extensive operations in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia, with headquarters in Olean, New York. On February 20, 1911, after severing his lumber connections, Mr. Fitzpatrick purchased the Olean Evening Times and became its publisher. This paper, the oldest daily in Cattaraugus county, was established in 1860. In 1911 the subscription list showed less than fifteen hundred names—today it has over seven thousand, five hundred—a phenomenal increase. In 1911 there were ten employees—in 1924 there are fifty-three. The paper is independent in politics but complete in news service and covers all this section and McKean and Potter counties in Pennsylvania as well.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is interested in all things tending to a better community. He was a member of the school board for nine years, is active in the Olean Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club, has been chairman of the republican county committee and member of the executive committee for many years. He also belongs to the F. L. Bartlett Country Club and the City Club of Olean. He is especially fond of bowling and has won many cups in amateur competition. In 1923-24 he was the high average bowler in the City League, which consists of four ten-men teams representing the City Club, Elks, Knights of Columbus and the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Fitzpatrick's average for fifty-four games was 183.34—remarkable inasmuch as he won the high average in the city twenty years ago with an average of over 182. He plays golf, too, and likes motoring. During the World war Mr. Fitzpatrick was chairman of Cattaraugus county for War Savings Stamps and raised its quota over a million dollars. He spoke in every school district in the county, driving over fifteen thousand miles to do so. His family were residents of Pennsylvania for many years and the editor is an authority on affairs of that state as well as New York.

On the 27th of May, 1890, Mr. Fitzpatrick was married to Miss Mary J. Hoover,

daughter of William J. Hoover of Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick have six children: Francis Stuart, who was born April 19, 1891, and is now with the United States Chamber of Commerce at Washington; Joseph Marion, born on the 8th of May, 1893, who is engaged in the lumber business in Hanford, California; Edwin Boyd, whose natal day was May 24, 1898, who is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and who is now a first lieutenant in the United States army; Mildred, who was born February 24, 1900, and whose husband, William N. Davis, is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and now holds the rank of lieutenant; Mary J., who was born December 29, 1901, and is attending Syracuse University; and Virginia, who was born December 22, 1909, and who is a student in the Olean high school.

EARLE LELAND MILLER, D. D. S.

Dr. Earle Leland Miller, well known as a dental practitioner, stands deservedly high in professional circles of Elmira. He was born in the vicinity of Oneida, New York, in 1885, and his parents, Hugh and Mary (Clause) Miller, were also natives of the Empire state. They resided in Verona Station, New York, where the father was one of the leading merchants. He was influential in the councils of the republican party and was chosen a delegate to the national convention which nominated William McKinley for the presidency. He was prominent in public affairs and acted as chairman of the board of education at Verona Station. He served for eight years as town supervisor and also held other public offices. He was likewise a factor in religious affairs, acting as Sunday school superintendent, and his fraternal relations were with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were members of the Methodist church. They had two children: Earle L., of this review; and Mrs. W. D. Bartlett, whose home is in Oneida.

Earle Leland Miller received his early education in Madison county and completed a course in the Oneida high school in 1905. He studied engineering at Lehigh for a year and afterward matriculated in the University of Syracuse. He was connected for two years with the government immigration service and was stationed first in Seattle, Washington. He went from there to Ellis island and spent a year at each place. He next became a student in the dental school of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received his professional degree in 1914, and has since resided in Elmira. He has taken postgraduate work in Rochester.

In 1916 Dr. Miller was married to Miss Winifred Boshart, who was born in Lowville, New York, and there attended the public schools, afterward entering Vassar College, from which she was graduated with the class of 1914. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Miller: David and Mary. The parents are affiliated with the Park church and the Doctor is an adherent of the republican party. He belongs to the Ivy Lodge of Masons and the Psi Upsilon and Delta Sigma Delta fraternities. His professional connections are with the New York State and Sixth District Dental Societies and the American Dental Association and the nature of his recreation is indicated by his membership in the Elmira Golf & Country Club.

HERBERT ANDREW HEMINWAY.

Herbert Andrew Heminway, who has been engaged in the general practice of law at Corning for the past quarter of a century, is accorded an extensive clientage as senior member of the firm of Heminway & Turnbull and is widely recognized as a sound counselor and splendid trial lawyer. He was born in Nunda, Livingston county, New York, on the 26th of February, 1875, his parents being Allen and Caroline Diantha (Underwood) Heminway. Ralph Heminway, the American progenitor of the family, came to this country in 1632, settling in East Haven, Connecticut. He wedded Miss Elizabeth Hewes and among their descendants have been numbered many prominent men. Their son, Abraham Heminway, the great-great-grandfather of Herbert A. Heminway, was the father of Abraham Heminway (II), who in turn became the father of Abraham Heminway (III), and he became the father of Abraham Heminway (IV). The last named was the father of Allen Heminway and the grandfather of Mr. Heminway of this review. Allen Heminway was a man of wide and varied interests who attained considerable prominence in his day. He was active as a carpenter, farmer

and inventor, owned a grist mill in Rochester, New York, also conducted a nursery at Newfield, New Jersey, and was withal a scholar, teaching in high schools and academies for a number of years. He purchased land in New Jersey and was instrumental in the building of a railroad through Newfield, that state. His efforts were exerted along constructive lines which contributed materially to the upbuilding and advancement of the communities in which he labored. His wife was a member of the Underwood family, which was originally represented in Massachusetts and which has produced notable men in America in almost every generation. Herbert Andrew Heminway, whose name introduces this review, pursued a high school course at Bennington, Vermont, to the time of his graduation as a member of the class of 1895. While a student there he acted as lieutenant of the military cadets and was a member of the Vermont National Guard for three years. Following the completion of his high school work he engaged in the profession of teaching until he entered Cornell University in order to prepare for law practice, being graduated from that institution with the degree of LL. B. in 1900. The same year he was admitted to the bar and began practice in Corning, which city has remained the scene of his professional activities to the present time. He was a member of the firm of Heminway & Housner until 1909 and afterward followed his profession independently until the 1st of January, 1923, since which time he has been engaged in general law practice as senior member of the firm of Heminway & Turnbull, whose suite of offices comprises a dozen rooms. The thoroughness with which he prepares his cases, the unremitting study which he makes of every cause entrusted to his care and his forcefulness in the actual work of the courts, have gained for him notable distinction. Of tremendous energy and striking personality, he has been characterized as "a big man in every way". His is one of the finest law libraries in the state of New York.

On the 25th of June, 1902, Mr. Heminway was united in marriage to Miss Ella May Daley and they have two daughters: Caroline Ella and Marion Louise. Politically Mr. Heminway has become well known as a campaign speaker in the interests of the republican party and he has been a member of its judicial and congressional committees. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Corning Consistory, A. & A. S. R. He is a past grand in the Odd Fellows fraternity, being a member of Corning Lodge No. 94, I. O. O. F., and Montour Encampment No. 41. Mr. Heminway is also past exalted ruler of Corning Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His name is likewise on the membership rolls of the Sons of the American Revolution. He has never been content with mediocrity but has ever been actuated by high ideals and what he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents.

WILLIAM N. STEWART.

Agriculture is one of the most honorable occupations open to man and the basis of our national prosperity. William N. Stewart, therefore made a wise choice of a lifework, and with the history of progress in Livingston county his name was long closely and prominently associated. A firm believer in scientific methods, he made his private property a public resource, and his death on the 4th of June, 1923, deprived York of one of its most valuable and highly respected citizens. He was a member of one of the oldest families of Livingston county and with its history he was thoroughly familiar. He was born in the town of York, November 4, 1857, a son of Neil and Jane (Nichol) Stewart. His paternal grandfather, Alexander Stewart, was born in Scotland in 1778, and when about thirty years of age married Margaret McDougal, who came from the same section of that country. Soon after their marriage they made the voyage to America, in 1810, casting their lot with the pioneer settlers of York. They bought a heavily timbered tract of land, on which they established their home, and there reared to maturity four sons and two daughters. An extended mention of Neil Stewart, father of William N., of this review, will be found elsewhere in this publication.

The public schools of Livingston county afforded William N. Stewart his educational privileges and on starting out in the world for himself he chose the occupation of farming, which he continued to follow throughout his life, becoming one of the largest landowners in the county and a dominant influence in its development. A man of progressive ideas, he utilized the most modern methods in the cultivation of the soil, which rewarded his care and labor by steadily increasing productiveness. He was also interested in financial affairs and served as a director of the Genesee Valley



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National Bank, and the Le Roy National Bank. On the 16th of January, 1890, Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Margaret Elizabeth Johnston, a daughter of Dr. J. William and Catherine (Rice) Johnston. Her father was an army surgeon and they resided at Newport Barracks, Kentucky. There were two children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart: Katherine, who graduated from the Emma Willard School for Girls, at Troy, New York, and later graduated from the Dr. Sargent School for Physical Training at Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was married to Dr. Carl H. Bartling and they reside in Rockford, Illinois. They are the parents of two children, Mary Stewart and Margaret Ann; and Neil Johnston, who graduated from Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana, in 1916, and then attended the Agricultural department of Cornell University and furthered his education by two years of study at the University of Rochester. He is manager of the extensive farm property of the family.

Mr. Stewart was affiliated with the United Presbyterian church and faithfully adhered to its teachings. He was a prominent member of the Livingston County Historical Society, of which he was made president in 1912, and also belonged to the Genesee Valley Club of Rochester and the Genesee Club of Genesee. He was a high minded clean-cut man of exemplary character and a long, useful and well-spent life won for him the unqualified esteem and enduring regard of those with whom he was associated.

W. H. BROWNELL.

Manufacture of bean harvesters is one of the important industries of Caledonia, Livingston county, New York, and to W. H. Brownell, general manager of the Caledonia Bean Harvester Company, much of the prosperity of the company may be justly attributed. He was born at Caledonia, on January 8, 1877, the son of Finley P. and Emma W. (Warner) Brownell.

The education of W. H. Brownell was acquired in the public schools. In 1905 he engaged in the coal and lumber business in Caledonia, which he sold out after conducting it for eight years. Mr. Brownell became associated with the Caledonia Bean Harvester Company as one of its organizers in 1911, his associates being L. C. Brownell and Charles Menzie. The company manufactures a full line of bean harvester implements and gives employment to about twenty-five men.

On September 23, 1903, Mr. Brownell was married to Mina J. Huston of Genesee, New York. Mr. Brownell is a republican in his political views, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order.

BERT E. VALENTINE.

A recognition of the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship has led Bert E. Valentine to take an active part in public affairs and he is now serving for the second term as sheriff of Wayne county. His record as a public official is an unblemished one and his influence is always on the side of progress, reform and improvement. He is a member of one of the old and highly respected families of Rose and was born in the village, on the 12th of April, 1874, a son of Jackson and Christian (Dodds) Valentine, lifelong residents of Rose. The father engaged in general merchandising and was also called to public office, serving for seventeen years as supervisor, a portion of which time he was chairman of the board, likewise becoming a member of the state legislature. He was a son of Dr. Peter Valentine, a veteran of the War of 1812, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Rose and enjoyed the distinction of being its first physician and supervisor. To Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Valentine were born four children, three sons and a daughter, but two of the sons are deceased. Bert E., of this review, is the youngest member of the family.

Bert E. Valentine attended the Rose grammar school and the Clyde high school, after which he completed a course in the Rochester Business University. In 1886 he started the Rose Times, a weekly, and the first newspaper published in the village, conducting the business until March 1, 1889. After his father's death, which occurred in 1898, he became proprietor of the general store and continued the business until 1901. After selling his stock he concentrated his attention for six years upon the evaporation of apples, operating evaporators in western New York, Michigan, Illi-

nois and Missouri during the apple season. Upon the expiration of that period he engaged in farming and now has a large and valuable apple orchard in Rose.

Mr. Valentine is a staunch republican in politics and has served as a delegate to a number of the state conventions of the party. His connection with public affairs constitutes one of the vital interests of his life and at all times he has been actuated by an unselfish spirit of devotion to the general good. From 1903 until 1907, inclusive, he held a clerkship in the state assembly at Albany and in the latter year he was elected supervisor of the town of Rose. He was reelected in 1909 and resigned in 1911 to assume the duties of election commissioner, which he discharged until 1915. He was the people's choice for sheriff of Wayne county in 1915, and was reelected in 1921, his present term expiring December 31, 1924. He is strict, fearless and prompt in performing the functions of his office, leaving nothing undone to enforce the law according to his conscience, and is regarded as one of the best sheriffs the county ever had.

In 1896 Mr. Valentine was married to Miss Nellie E. Wade, who was a daughter of Joseph S. Wade of Rose. She died in 1920, at the age of forty-eight, leaving two sons, Jackson W. and Joseph S. Mr. Valentine was married to Miss Grace A. Putnam, a daughter of Hervey D. Putnam of Rose, the ceremony taking place in the village, in June, 1922. From an early age Mr. Valentine's life has been one of unabating industry and his success is well deserved, for it has been worthily won. He has never violated a confidence nor betrayed a trust and no resident of the county enjoys in greater degree the esteem of his fellowmen.

HERBERT M. DAYFOOT, M. D.

Dr. Herbert M. Dayfoot, the eldest son of Philo W. and Caroline (Harold) Dayfoot, was born in Georgetown, Ontario, Canada, on the 21st of February, 1846. He was of English extraction and from Green Mountain stock, his ancestors having come from England and settled in Vermont some time before the War of the Revolution. In this connection it is interesting to note the origin of the name Dayfoot. The family name was originally Defoe. The great-grandfather of Dr. Dayfoot was a Tory, and served as an officer in the English army. He was killed at the battle of Bennington, leaving an orphan son, who, as the years passed by, became an ardent patriot. The old family name Defoe, so suggestive of English and Tory association, became distasteful to the son, and upon his arrival at majority he changed the English Defoe to the simple American name Dayfoot. Thus was it handed from father to son, and was the patronymic borne by the subject of this sketch.

Herbert M. Dayfoot received his early education at a private boarding school under the supervision of the Rev. Dr. McVicker. At the age of fifteen he attended the Woodstock Institute. In 1863 he began the study of medicine in the office of Elias Vernon, M. D., of Hamilton, Ontario. His first course of lectures was taken at the Buffalo Medical College in the winter of 1863-64. The following two years were passed at the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1866, the youngest member of his class. He was constrained to await his arrival at majority before his diploma was issued, in the meantime continuing his studies at the Homeopathic Medical College of Missouri, obtaining from this institution the hospital diploma for faithful attendance upon the three hospitals of St. Louis.

In the autumn of 1867 Dr. Dayfoot located in Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York, but left there in 1870 and passed a year in perfecting himself in analytical and pharmaceutical chemistry at the laboratory of the University of Rochester, under the direction of Professor S. A. Lattimore. He was then associated with Doctors Morgan and Bishop of Ithaca, New York, and afterward for a few months with Dr. T. M. Strong at Flint, Michigan. During his years of active practice he held several positions which added to his busy life. In 1869 he appeared before the Homeopathic Medical Board of Canada and passed his examination and was registered a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. On returning to Mount Morris in 1872, where he maintained an active village and country practice, he served as coroner for several terms. In 1876 he was elected president of the Homeopathic Medical Society of Livingston county. In January, 1882, he associated himself with Dr. E. H. Hurd of Rochester, New York, and in 1885 was elected president of the Monroe County Homeopathic Medical Society. Upon the resignation of Dr. John L. Moffat as secretary of the New York State Homeopathic Medical Society in 1885, he was appointed to fill the vacancy and served the society in this capacity with unusual fidelity and zeal.



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until 1889, when he was elected, by the unanimous vote of the society, as its president. In 1891 he was honored with the nomination for the Regents' degree of M. D.

Dr. Dayfoot was also a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy and of the Homeopathic Medical Society of Western New York and was a censor of the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College. In the winter of 1884 he temporarily laid aside a lucrative practice in order to take a postgraduate course in the New York Polyclinic for the purpose of preparing himself as a gynecologist, which important position he afterward held in the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital. To his persistent energy and executive ability this institution owes much of its success. As chairman of a committee, appointed from the medical and surgical staff, to supervise the curriculum of the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital Training School for Nurses, he was ever active and efficient. Through his deep interest in the school and hearty sympathy with its best interests, he earned the gratitude and affection of every one connected with the Training School.

At the invitation of the Rochester Academy of Science, Dr. Dayfoot delivered on March 14, 1887, an able address before that body in defense of homeopathy entitled: "Homeopathy; Its Principles, Practice and Achievements", after which he debated the question against a number of opponents so successfully as to receive a unanimous vote of thanks from the society for his masterly exposition of the tenets of Homeopathy.

Dr. Dayfoot was married in 1872 to Marietta Clark, daughter of Ozro Clark of Mount Morris, New York, and she survives him. Dr. Dayfoot was a prominent member of the Masonic order. Step by step he climbed upward through the various degrees and rites peculiar to Masonry. He was made a Mason in the Genesee Falls Lodge, No. 507, in June, 1869. He was master of Mount Morris Lodge for two terms, and a member of the following Masonic bodies: Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Mount Morris Chapter, R. A. M.; Cyrene commandery, K. T.; Rochester Consistory; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Dr. Dayfoot was a contributor to medical periodicals and homeopathic literature for twenty years and did much to mould the ideas of the medical profession to a broader and more liberal thought. He was a member of the First Baptist church, which he attended regularly during his residence in Rochester.

Some months before his demise Dr. Dayfoot began to experience vague neuralgic pain in the terminal nerves of the right foot, which gradually increased in severity until it became almost unbearable. He then consulted Doctors William Tod Helmuth and Joseph T. O'Connor of New York city, who pronounced his disease to be erythromelalgia. Some weeks later, finding no amelioration of his suffering, he placed himself under the care of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell of Philadelphia, who confirmed the diagnosis and recommended as a dernier ressort the stretching of certain nerves of the leg. Accordingly, after a week's careful examination by Dr. Mitchell and his associates, he went to the Orthopedic Hospital and Infirmary for Nervous Diseases. On the 12th of April Dr. Thomas G. Morton of Philadelphia, under Dr. Mitchell's direction, divided the external saphenous and stretched the posterior tibial nerve. Five days later, symptoms of gangrene were found and he was removed to the Hahnemann Hospital and placed under the care of Dr. William B. Van Lennep, with Dr. C. M. Thomas and Dr. Clarence Bartlett as consulting physicians. We quote from a letter of Dr. Van Lennep's:

"We found that he was developing gangrene of the leg, presumably due to thrombosis, following, I am inclined to think, the prolonged use of the Esmarch bandage. He was watched and treated for a week when his condition was deemed such, on consultation, that amputation above the knee was imperative. He readily consented to this and was etherized. The manipulation, or moving previous to amputation, must have loosened the clot in the femoral vein, for as I began the operation, symptoms of pulmonary embolism developed, to which he quickly succumbed. On completing the amputation, I found a clot in the femoral artery, while the femoral and part of the popliteal vein was empty. A large loose clot dropped out of the latter vein and its tributaries on inverting the amputated limb. It is needless to add that Dr. Dayfoot won our respect, admiration and affection during our acquaintance with him, and that the Rochester and New York Societies have our deepest sympathy in their, as well as our, loss."

Thus the good, true-hearted physician, the honored friend and comrade, came to the end of his earthly journey on April 22, 1894. Dr. Dayfoot was a most popular and successful physician, a wise counselor, a warm and faithful friend, a valued associate and an accomplished member of the profession. He was a man of the highest principles, clean of thought, gentle and manly of spirit. His personal magnetism and

strong individuality marked him as a man among men and contributed largely to his success.

The Rochester Herald printed the following tribute under date of April 24, 1894: "It is difficult to realize that Dr. Dayfoot is dead, that the great, good-hearted physician has reached the end of his earthly journey. He looked to be a man of almost perfect health. He was in the prime of life, and in the full enjoyment of the honors of a successful practice. Not alone by his skill as a healer of the ills of the body did he benefit his fellowmen, but by the welcome ministrations of a merry heart, which 'doeth good like a medicine'. But the heart that throbbed so warmly for the suffering is stilled in its beating, the robust form so familiar to our citizens has vanished from among men, the life so rich in its activities, promising so many years of useful service, is ended. So close are the relations of a trusted physician to his patients that the death of such a one becomes a personal loss to hundreds beyond the immediate circle of relationship, or of intimate friendship. When the physician is a man of so many engaging personal qualities as Dr. Dayfoot, that feeling of loss is intensified. He was a devoted champion of the homeopathic school of medicine and had labored faithfully with others to establish the new Homeopathic Hospital upon a broad foundation, thus adding another to the agencies which care for the sick of this community. In the fraternal orders to which he belonged he was highly esteemed. He was a man of whom Rochester had grown proud in the brief term of his residence here, and who will be mourned by his fellow citizens generally, as well as by his personal friends and those whom he served professionally."

The Democrat and Chronicle of April 24, 1894, said: "In the death of Dr. H. M. Dayfoot, Rochester loses one of its best physicians and most esteemed citizens. Dr. Dayfoot's professional rank was high, and personally he was a man of rare magnetism, vitality and attractive qualities. His death is sudden and shocking to those who have so recently seen him in the vigor of robust health and the activity of a busy life."

The following is an excerpt from the Mount Morris Enterprise of April 26, 1894: "Last Sunday afternoon the community was shocked when the news was received from Philadelphia stating that Dr. Dayfoot was dead. His intimate friends here knew that a council of eminent physicians and surgeons had decided to amputate his leg, and while such operations are always attended with danger, none thought it would prove fatal, as he was robust, healthy and strong. The immediate cause of his death was pulmonary embolism. It is questionable today if the medical fraternity have any knowledge of the origin or proper treatment of his disease, as only two or three similar cases are known to the *materia medica* of the world. It is sad, indeed, for a man like Dr. Dayfoot to be cut down in the prime of life, at the very height of his usefulness, and in the full enjoyment of a large and lucrative practice. The loss of so skillful a physician as Dr. Dayfoot is a real calamity to Rochester, the city in which he lived, and his death will be mourned by many people outside of his immediate family and friends. Dr. Dayfoot was a man of engaging personality, exceedingly genial and social in his nature, of generous impulses, and esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Though his duties as a physician occupied most of his time, no man of our acquaintance seemed to get more solid enjoyment out of life or overcome more cheerfully the close confinement to business. To the downcast, discouraged and sick, he gave encouragement, and his sunny disposition in the sick room was a tonic that restored confidence to the afflicted, and oftentimes, no doubt, was equally as beneficial as medicine. On Tuesday afternoon a large concourse of people gathered at the residence of his father-in-law, Ozro Clark, on Main street, where the funeral services were held. There were in attendance a large number of the medical profession from Rochester and neighboring towns, besides prominent citizens from the city."

Six months after his death a small booklet was published in memory of Dr. Dayfoot, in which were expressions from many friends. Mr. Joseph O'Connor gave some extracts from it in the Rochester Post Express at that time: "The volume contains the tribute read by Thomas D. Spencer, M. D., before the State Homeopathic Medical Society in September; a 'Character Sketch' by Joseph L. Luckey; press notices of Dr. Dayfoot's death; resolutions passed by various bodies; the funeral sermon; and extracts from letters of condolence. In the sermon there is this characteristic passage: 'I have no need to tell you that his very presence was like the sunshine; you who have known him have felt the power of the good cheer which he was accustomed to carry with him wherever he might go. Much as we might say of the eminence which he had attained in his chosen profession, so that as a skillful practitioner his services were widely in demand, we prefer to think of him when entering

the sick room, as carrying with him, in his own personality, a remedial power even greater than that contained in the medicines which he dispensed'. Mr. Luckey, after dwelling on this peculiar brightness of disposition, makes a sound and serious estimate of Dr. Dayfoot's character: 'The Doctor believed in his profession and he made others believe in him. He was a physician *con amore*. He thought the profession of medicine worthy of the most serious consideration of the deepest minds. He believed it to be one of the most important callings to which a man can devote himself and thought it too serious a matter for a man to play with. He had no sort of patience with the quack, yet there was no bigotry about him. He was ready to receive valuable information no matter the source whence it came. He did not consider every man a fool who did not belong to his school. He was broad-minded and of course liberal, but he had his own ideas. When his mind was once made up it was hard to turn it. But he recognized the right of every man to have his own opinions, hence he treated every man justly. Such a man always has friends. He is recognized as a man worth tying to. Dr. Dayfoot made no special effort to secure friends but I never knew a man who had more. Trying to analyze his character to account for his peculiar success in this direction, I am at a loss. He was not without his faults, which were not concealed. He never hesitated to say what he thought and was always complimentary. He was intimate with very few. I think he was liked because he was a very manly man. His faults were of a manly character. He was every way a healthy man, sound to the core. He believed life worth living and living well. He believed in sunshine in the sick room and sunshine in the soul. In his death there is a positive loss to the world.' It is strange in ordinary cases how rapidly time seems to efface, after they have died, every memory of men who are apparently prominent in the daily affairs of a community. A week or two, and they are seldom thought of. A month or two, and they are forgotten in the general haunts of men. Dr. Dayfoot is a singular exception. We are inclined to think that he is more missed now among his intimate friends than for a time after his unexpected death. His name is often spoken with admiration and regret; and everyone feels what few understood before, that his personality was one to leave an abiding impression—and a fine impression. To the writer his friendship remains a sad and yet a delightful memory."

JACOB GREENER.

The life of Jacob Greener was long, honorable and useful, crowned with successful achievement, and closed December 21, 1916, when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-one years. He entered the business world empty-handed, but by hard work, good management and honest methods successfully built up an industry for which he was so well fitted. He was the only piano manufacturer of Elmira and a man of inventive genius who gave to the world a perfect instrument. He was known equally well in New York city.

Jacob Greener was a native of Germany, born in the city of Worms, February 2, 1825, and received his education in the excellent schools of that country, in which he studied English and French. At the age of fifteen he received his first instruction in the art of piano making, having served an apprenticeship under his father. In 1848, when a young man of twenty-three years, he came to the United States in search of broader opportunities for advancement, and obtained work in the John B. Dunham factory, in New York city. There he made his first piano, in which he embodied his new idea of two sounding boards and overstrung bass, with the keyboard in the center. Having satisfied himself as to the value of these improvements, he chose Elmira as the scene of his manufacturing operations, and here established his home in 1855. He was a genius in his line and the Greener piano has been indorsed by connoisseurs of music in all parts of the world. His improvements were patented, but other manufacturers have infringed upon them from time to time with impunity. Mr. Greener also engaged in the manufacture of organs and his business grew steadily, keeping pace with the development of the city, for he was a man of the highest integrity. He also bore a high reputation as a piano tuner. His daughter, Miss Sophia Greener, is now at the head of the industry.

In New York city, Mr. Greener was married to Miss Theresa Hay, who was born about sixteen miles from Worms, Germany, in 1825, and passed away in 1906, at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of six children, three of whom survive: Sophia; Augustus, who is associated with his sister in the piano business,

doing most of the repair work; and Mrs. Laura Dullin, a widow, also residing in Elmira.

Mr. Greener was a Lutheran in religious faith, but attended the Presbyterian church after coming to Elmira. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and exercised his right of franchise in support of the platform and candidates of the republican party. He was loyal to the country of his adoption and stood high in the esteem of his fellowmen. His contribution to the world's work was of great value and importance and there is in his history an element of inspiration for others—an example of high purpose, nobly achieved.

CLIFFORD FRANKLIN LEET, M. D.

Dr. Clifford Franklin Leet, physician and surgeon, engaged in practice at Horseheads, was born in Killawog, Broome county, New York, March 14, 1892, and is the only child in the family of Edwin and Adelaide (Phelps) Leet, also natives of that county. The father served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade and is still engaged in that line of work. Mr. and Mrs. Leet are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church and his political support is given to the republican party.

Clifford Franklin Leet completed a course in the high school at Marathon, New York, and afterward became a student in the medical department of the University of Buffalo, from which he was graduated in 1915. He served for a year as interne at the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital in Elmira and began his professional career in Horseheads.

On February 10, 1917, Dr. Leet was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Hart Ballard, a native of Elmira and a graduate of the Nurses' Training School maintained by the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital. They have become the parents of a son: Clifford Franklin, Jr. They are Presbyterians in religious faith and Mrs. Leet is active in the work of the church. The Doctor casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and is now serving as president of the village, in which capacity he is rendering valuable public service, adopting a progressive policy and working at all times for the best interests of his community. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge and Grotto, and his professional connections are with the Elmira Academy of Medicine, the Chemung County Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

EDWIN ALBERT SWEET.

Edwin Albert Sweet, president of Sweet, Richards & Company, investment bankers, is one of the well known men in financial and investment security circles of this city. He is a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and was born October 1, 1887, a son of Frank and Eliza J. (Moss) Sweet, the former a native of England and the latter of Swansea, Wales. Both parents came to the United States in early life. Frank Sweet was for many years a mechanical engineer for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, and is now living retired in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Edwin Albert Sweet was reared in Scranton, attending the public and high schools of that city. He began his business career as a salesman and for a number of years was connected with Whillock Brothers of Rochester. In 1912, he entered the investment security field, and that same year organized the firm of Sweet, Richards & Company.

From a modest beginning the business of this firm has been developed along sound conservative lines, and has enjoyed a steady and continuous growth. It was incorporated in 1920, with Mr. Sweet as president, W. J. Richards vice president and L. D. Pierson secretary and treasurer. Sweet, Richards & Company enjoy a high reputation for commercial integrity, and cater to a high class clientele not only from their main office in New York city, but from their other offices in Rochester, Boston and Albany.

No little credit for the development of its business falls to the firm's executive head, whose untiring efforts, sound judgment and enterprise have been important factors in building up a new business during the troubled decade marked by the World war.



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Among his other business interests, Mr. Sweet is president of Leland Hotels, Incorporated, also president of the Boston Leland Hotel Corporation, a director of the Seneca Hotel Corporation and the Mt. Royal Hotel in Montreal.

While a man of scarcely middle age, with his best business years ahead of him, he has achieved success and entirely through his own efforts. He enjoys a wide and influential acquaintance among bankers and financial men throughout the east, and in Rochester is accorded a prominent position among the city's leading investment bankers and security dealers.

In his political affiliations he is a republican. His clubs are the Bankers Club of New York and the Buffalo Athletic Club.

Mr. Sweet was married in Rochester, on September 11, 1911, to Miss Mabel, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Wackerman, prominent residents of Warren, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet have two sons: Edwin Albert, Jr., born April 28, 1915; and Franklin Theodore, born November 11, 1916. Mr. Sweet's residence, "Shadow Lawn," East avenue, Pittsford, is one of the city's attractive suburban houses.

FRANK H. SUITS.

Frank H. Suits, one of the leading merchants of Corning, is a native of Salmontown, New York, born March 25, 1868, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Miller) Suits. His education was limited to the grammar grades of Fultonville, New York, and at the age of fifteen he bravely stepped out into the business world and made good so rapidly that before he was of age he had become assistant agent and freight agent of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. When twenty-one he went into the meat business with G. H. Hammond & Company. In the year 1892 he moved to Corning and continued in the meat business until 1913. On March 13 of that year he became a member of the firm of Shaffer & Suits, and with Arthur Shaffer started a men's furnishing business and they have made this concern a very successful one.

Mr. Suits is a public-spirited man as well, being a member of the Chamber of Commerce and one of its directors for two years. He served for four years as a member of the Corning city council and has had five years service on the board of supervisors, being chairman of the committee on highways in 1924. He is also a member of the Corning Country Club, the Elks, the Roman Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus. He takes a great interest in everything relating to Corning and is a lover of clean out-of-door sports, being especially fond of golf.

Mr. Suits was married to Miss Helen Dwyer on August 10, 1889, and they had two sons: Harry J., who is engineer for Schuyler and Yates counties; and Frances E., who is auditor for the state income tax department at Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Suits' second wife was Miss Julia T. Hart, to whom he was married on February 3, 1914. They have no children. Mrs. Suits is proprietor of a ladies' clothing store in Corning.

ROMAN G. STIFFLER.

Roman G. Stiffler, one of the progressive realtors of Rochester, is well known as a young man of enterprise, resource and initiative and manifests that spirit of loyalty which characterizes the city's native sons. He was born February 11, 1886, of the union of John Stiffler and Rose Remargue, the latter also a native of this city. The father was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, and came to Rochester during his boyhood, growing to manhood here. For some time he was connected with the Lewis & Pfeifer Shoe Company and in 1891 he turned his attention to the hotel business, in which he was engaged until his death, which occurred in 1906, while the mother passed away in February, 1921. Seven children were born to them, five of whom are living, namely: Harvey L., Norman G., Joseph, Mrs. Amanda Baumann, and Roman G.

Roman G. Stiffler received his early education in the Holy Family parochial school and afterward became a student at the Rochester Free Academy, which he attended for three years. He also completed a course in the Rochester Business College and then took charge of his father's hotel, which he conducted for three years. In 1909 he sold the business and identified himself with the O. B. Schaefer Real Estate Company, remaining in the employ of that firm for two and a half years. He next entered

the service of the Eastman Kodak Company, becoming assistant to the superintendent of the mechanical department, and in recognition of his ability was promoted to the position of appraiser, also acting as loan agent. Mr. Stiffler remained with the company until September, 1918, and then established a business of his own, entering the real estate field. For six months he conducted the business in his home, and having gained a good start, he opened an office at No. 223 Powers building, where he has since been located. He conducts a general real estate business but specializes to some extent in residential property, and has negotiated many important realty transfers. He has an intimate knowledge of the worth of city property and is seldom in error in predicting its rise or diminution in value. He serves as president of the E. C. Giles Corporation, is also a director of the firm of Darling, Norton & Mack, automobile dealers, and displays marked foresight and keen sagacity in the management of his affairs.

On the 14th of April, 1914, Mr. Stiffler was married to Miss Gladys A. Mull, a daughter of Luther E. and Katherine Mull of Rochester, and the children of this union are: Wilfred and Shirley, both natives of the city. The former was born December 11, 1917, and the latter on May 1, 1920. Mr. Stiffler is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and works for the development of his city as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also connected with the local real estate board and is serving on one of its committees. He is a young man of serious purpose, alert, energetic and determined, and public opinion bears testimony to his high qualities of mind and heart. His residence is at No. 1080 Genesee Park boulevard.

BENJAMIN E. JONES.

Postoffice work and banking have been the only occupations ever followed by Benjamin E. Jones of Nunda, Livingston county, New York, now cashier of the Nunda Bank. He was born at Portage, Livingston county, on November 5, 1875, the son of Frank and Cora (Sharp) Jones, both natives of New York, the latter of whom has passed away. They were the parents of two sons.

Benjamin E. Jones was educated in the grade and the Nunda high school, started work in 1891 as a clerk in the postoffice, became assistant postmaster, and was postmaster from 1900 until 1913. In the latter year he left the postal service to take the position of assistant cashier in the Nunda Bank, and in 1919 was promoted to the position of cashier, in which capacity he now serves the institution.

On July 19, 1898, Mr. Jones was married to Minnie Crotser of Scottsburg, New York. Mr. Jones is a republican in his political allegiance, a member of the Universalist church in his religious convictions, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order and the Eastern Star.

JOHN A. DONNAN.

Farming is one of the most honorable occupations open to man and the basis of the nation's prosperity. John A. Donnan therefore made a wise choice of a life work and for many years was numbered among the foremost agriculturists of Livingston county. At the time of his death, on July 27, 1924, he was living retired in Leicester, spending the evening of life in contentment and tranquility. He was born April 2, 1849, in the town of York, Livingston county, a son of David and Jane (Milroy) Donnan, and they were also the parents of a daughter, Mary E., who became the wife of Alexander McPherson, and who died in 1918.

John A. Donnan attended the district schools of Livingston county and later became a pupil at the Temple Hill school in Geneseo. On entering upon his independent career Mr. Donnan selected the occupation to which he had been reared and met with gratifying success in his farming operations, as he applied himself earnestly and intelligently to the achievement of his purpose. A firm believer in the cultivation of the soil by scientific methods, he brought to bear in the operation of his property the most modern and progressive ideas, and utilized the best equipment in order to expedite the work. On his place he erected good substantial buildings for the shelter of grain and stock, also adding other improvements, and through careful cultivation transformed his land into a rich and productive tract. From time to time he increased his holdings by additional purchase until he eventually became the



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owner of five hundred acres of valuable farm land in Livingston county, but he had sold a large portion of his property, retaining about two hundred and forty acres. Having accumulated a substantial competence by hard work and good business management, he established his home in Leicester, where he passed away after a lingering illness.

On the 24th of February, 1875, Mr. Donnan was married to Miss Agnes E. Shannon of York, and they became the parents of three children: Marion, who died at the age of six years; Edith G., who is the wife of Harry B. Dodge of Leicester, and their children are, James L., Katherine A., Richard D. and H. Blakeslee; and D. Dwight, a resident of Spencerport, New York, who married Emily A. Whitmore, and their two children are, John W. and David D.

Mr. Donnan was a member of the Presbyterian church, and politically cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. He was never remiss in the duties of citizenship and had filled the office of town supervisor. Mr. Donnan did much to raise the standards of agriculture in his district and no resident of Livingston county was better known nor more highly esteemed.

HARRY E. FITCH, D. D. S.

Dr. Harry E. Fitch, orthodontist, has practiced in Elmira for a quarter of a century and during this period has become firmly established in public regard as one of the city's leading dental surgeons. He was born in Bellona, Yates county, New York, February 23, 1874, a son of Charles T. and Sarah (Gillett) Fitch, the latter a native of Gillett, Pennsylvania, which was named in honor of the family. It was originally established in Delaware county, New York, a fertile and productive section, but owing to the scarcity of timber in that section the family migrated to Pennsylvania, as its representatives had long been identified with the lumber industry. They settled in Bradford county, where they found a plentiful supply of timber, and became leaders in their chosen field of activity. Charles T. Fitch was born in Troy, Pennsylvania, and resided for many years in Bellona, New York. He was station agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and also engaged in the sale of coal, lumber and farm supplies. He was a successful business man and a republican in his political views. He was a Presbyterian and his wife a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Fitch is deceased. The mother is living and makes her home with her son, Harry E., of this review, who was their only child.

Harry E. Fitch began his education in Gillett, Pennsylvania, and continued his studies in the public schools of this city, also attending the Elmira Free Academy. He was graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College in 1897 and following his return to Elmira became associated with the firm of Goddard & Chapman, with which he remained for about two years. He has since been alone, specializing in oral surgery, and enjoys an enviable reputation as an orthodontist. He has attended several dental clinics and has never lost the attitude of a student toward his profession.

On June 1, 1897, Dr. Fitch was married to Miss Blanche Marion Cummings, who was born in Towanda, Pennsylvania, and educated in Elmira. They have two children: Lawrence M., a graduate of the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania associated in practice with his father; and Eleanor Jean, who is attending high school. The parents are members of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal church and Dr. Fitch is serving on its official board. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and lends the weight of his influence to every worthy civic project. During the World war Dr. Fitch served as a member of the Medical Advisory Board.

CESARE SCONFETTI.

Italy has not been behind other nations in sending to foreign lands those who have been influential in molding the development and promoting the progress of the communities with which they have become allied. Of this number is Cesare Sconfetti, Italian Consul at Rochester and one of the prominent bankers and substantial business men of the city. He was born in Milan, May 21, 1872, a son of Paul and Maria (Bianchi) Sconfetti, who were lifelong residents of that city. The father stood high in the legal profession and served as referee in bankruptcy under appointment of the

Crown. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sconfietti: Cesare, of this review; and Mrs. Emma Boschetti, whose home is situated on beautiful Lake Maggiore. The latter is the wife of Commander Giuseppe Boschetti, now retired, and formerly head of all railroad transportation in the Italian war zone.

Cesare Sconfietti completed his education in the Technical Institute of Milan and in 1890, when a young man of eighteen, sought the opportunities of the New World. He resided for several years in New York city and was on the editorial staff of the *Eco d' Italia*, the first Italian newspaper published in this country. He was connected with that paper and other daily publications until 1899, when he became secretary of the Italian Chamber of Commerce of New York city. He filled that position until 1902, when he reentered the field of journalism, becoming editor in chief of the *Telegraph*, an Italian evening paper. Subsequently he assumed the duties of manager of the Italian Mail Steamship line and acted in that capacity until 1911, when he was appointed Italian Consul at Rochester. He discharges with poise, tact and dignity the responsibilities which devolve upon him and is exceptionally well qualified for consular service. He is also senior member of the firm of Sconfietti & Gioia, private bankers, successfully controlling a business of large proportions.

In New York city, April 15, 1900, Mr. Sconfietti was married to Miss Anna Senese, a daughter of Valentino Senese, a pioneer member of the Italian colony of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Sconfietti have become the parents of seven children: Marion, who was born in New York city in 1902 and is now a senior in the University of Rochester; Emily, who was born in New York city in 1904 and is a member of the senior class of the Normal School; Cora, who was born in the eastern metropolis in 1906 and is attending the Sacred Heart Academy; Elvira, who was born in New York city in 1908; Lucille, whose birth occurred in that city in 1910; James, who was born in Rochester in 1912 and is attending the Junior high school; and Cesare, who was born in this city in 1916 and is also a pupil in the public schools.

Mr. Sconfietti was knighted by the King of Italy in 1917 with the order of the Crown of Italy for services during the recent war. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine and is also a member of the Genesee Valley Club, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Rochester Automobile Club. He is known as a business man of the highest integrity and ability and during the period of his residence in Rochester his estimable traits of character have drawn to him a large circle of friends.

CHARLES NEWTON HOOD.

Charles Newton Hood of Medina has had a varied career as newspaper man, author, lecturer, theatre manager and insurance man. His life has been an interesting one, not confined to the boundaries of his own district by any means, and yet he has always manifested a lively interest in the advancement of his home county and has never been too busy to give of his time and efforts for the good of Medina. The Genesee country is great because of this loyalty in her sons—a real devotion to public service and a willingness of the best talent to participate effectively in community affairs. Mr. Hood has been editor of the *Medina Daily Journal*, but again we find him an authority on European travel, the author of two popular books on the subject, and a contributor to many nationally known magazines. He was born in Albion, Orleans county, New York, on the 14th of October, 1863, his parents being John Newton and Mary Jane (Pratt) Hood. His paternal grandfather, John Hood, was a pioneer settler of Orleans county, this state, while his great-grandfather, Joseph Hood of Pennsylvania, served as an ensign in the army of General George Washington.

Charles Newton Hood pursued his education in common and private schools and as a student in the Rochester Business College, while subsequently he further augmented his knowledge by work in newspaper offices, which offer broad intellectual training to the ambitious young man. He first secured employment as an operator in the yardmaster's office of the New York Central Railroad at Suspension Bridge, New York, and later engaged for a time in the retail business in association with J. N. Hood. His subsequent business connections have brought him experience as a newspaper correspondent, theatre manager, lecturer and farm manager. He edited the *Medina Daily Journal* from 1909 until 1915 and helped make that paper the successful institution it is today.

In the field of literature Mr. Hood has gained more than local renown, some of his early contributions appearing in such well known publications as Puck, Youth's Companion, St. Nicholas, Lippincott's and also in other magazines. His two economic guidebooks, "Europe On Four Dollars A Day" and "Europe, The Second Trail", went through many editions. Mr. Hood has written for newspapers and magazines for a long period and has read his own poems and sketches on numerous public platforms. Though he has not yet laid aside the pen, the major portion of his time today is demanded by his insurance business in Medina and the management of the fruit farms comprising the Hunt estate.

On the 1st of December, 1890, in Medina, Mr. Hood was married to Mary Katherine Hunt, daughter of Aaron B. Hunt. Mr. and Mrs. Hood have two children: Dorothy, who is a private school teacher; and Robert Newton, of Medina, who in 1922 wedded Miss Lillian Macfarlane of Cleveland, and they have one son, Charles Newton Hood (II).

Mr. Hood gives his political support to the republican party and is widely recognized as a public-spirited and enterprising citizen whose influence is at all times exerted in behalf of community progress and upbuilding. He made an excellent record as a member of the Medina board of trustees from 1894 until 1903 and as a member of the board of education from 1910 until 1919, serving as president the last year. He is also vice president of the Medina Savings and Loan Association. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. John's Episcopal church, in which he is a warden and licensed lay reader, and he also belongs to the Alert Club.

PERRY C. EUCHNER.

Perry C. Euchner, president of the Livingston County Trust Company, at Geneseo, New York, was born in Machias, Cattaraugus county, New York, on the 11th of April, 1892.

Mr. Euchner graduated from Cornell University in 1915, and came to Geneseo as secretary of the newly organized Livingston County Trust Company. In 1921 he was made president of the institution and has remained its executive head. Among his other financial connections, Mr. Euchner is a director of the Livonia State Bank, Livonia, New York, the Springwater State Bank, Springwater, New York, and the Genesee River National Bank at Mount Morris, New York.

Mr. Euchner was married, in 1921, to Miss Katharine Adams of Geneseo. He was appointed captain of Troop M, First Cavalry, New York National Guard at Geneseo, on May 1, 1920.

JOHN FRANKLIN MYERS, M. D.

Dr. John Franklin Myers, a surgeon of broad experience, practicing in Sodus, his native town, is the founder and head of the largest hospital in Wayne county, and his skill has brought him more than local prominence. He was born March 20, 1861, a son of John W. and Frances A. (Hallett) Myers, both of whom were natives of Wayne county. They were members of old pioneer families of this locality, the mother's uncle being the first white settler in Wolcott. The father was a marble cutter and engaged in that business in Sodus, also following the occupation of farming. Mr. and Mrs. Myers were the parents of four sons and a daughter, but one of the sons is deceased. The subject of this review is the fourth in order of birth.

The elementary education of John Franklin Myers was obtained in the public schools of Sodus and his professional training was received in the Columbia Medical College of New York city, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887. For thirty-seven years he has practiced in Sodus, constantly broadening the scope of his activities, and his professional labors have been attended by gratifying results. He took postgraduate courses in New York city in 1898 and has since given the greater part of his attention to surgical work, in which he has developed expert ability. In 1900 he established the Myers Hospital, which has been in continuous operation for nearly a quarter of a century and is the oldest institution of the kind in Wayne county. It has fifty beds and is thoroughly modern, being well equipped for the treatment of patients. The hospital contains bacterial and X-ray laboratories, a diet kitchen and special dressing rooms and ranks with the best institutions of the

kind in this part of the state. Dr. Myers has performed a large number of major operations and through practical experience has gained the skill that brings to his work the utmost possibility of accuracy in results.

In April, 1893, Dr. Myers was married to Miss Jennie Buerman and they have two children: Franklin Linwood and Norma R. The son received the Master of Arts degree from the University of Rochester and in 1922 was graduated from the medical department of Columbia University. He assists his father in the hospital, taking charge of surgical cases, and is making rapid progress in his profession. The daughter was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts by Wells College, after which she took a course in the Post Graduate Medical College, New York, and is now connected with the Rochester board of health.

During the World war Dr. Myers volunteered for service but the armistice was signed before he was called. He is an expresident of the Wayne County Medical Society and for twelve years was secretary of the Seventh District Medical Society. He also belongs to the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He was a member of the school board for twelve years and has also rendered valuable service to his community in the capacity of health officer. Dr. Myers is identified with the Masonic order and his political support is given to the democratic party. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church and a consistent follower of its teachings. He is a man of high purposes and ideals and ranks with the leading surgeons of this section of the state.

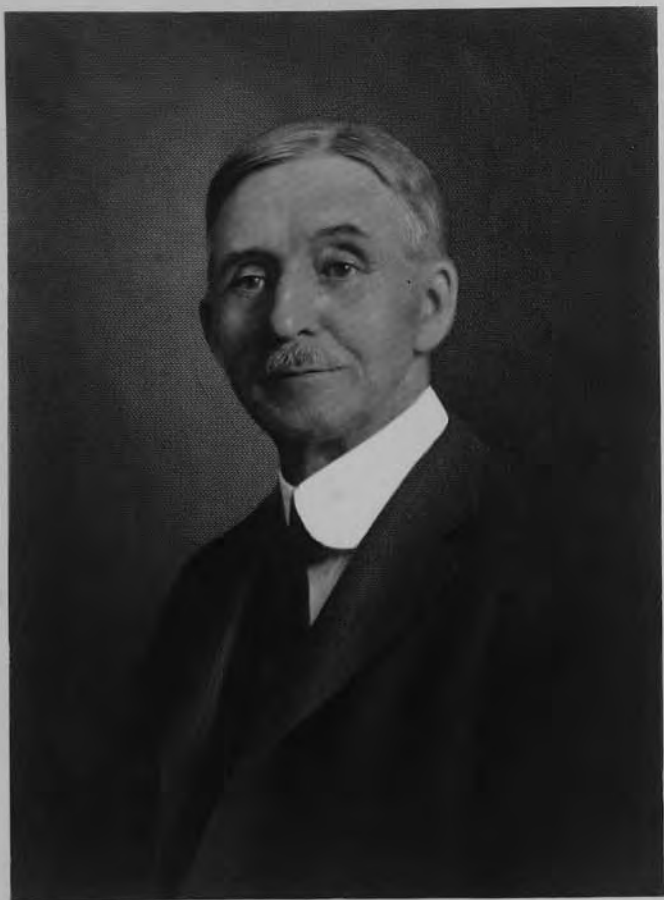
WILLIAM SIMEON DAVENPORT.

William Simeon Davenport, the founder and head of the Davenport Machine Tool Company, Incorporated, one of the important industries of Rochester, comes from a family noted for mechanical ingenuity, his uncle, Thomas Davenport, of Brandon, Vermont, being the inventor and builder of the first electric motor in this country and probably the first one in the world. The United States patent granted to him for this invention is No. 132 and the date of its issuance is February 25, 1837. William Simeon Davenport was born in Williamstown, Vermont, March 14, 1861, a son of Rice and Susan (Lyon) Davenport. The father was a native of the same town and devoted his life to the occupation of farming. The mother was born in Brandon, Vermont.

William Simeon Davenport obtained his education in the public schools of Williamstown, Vermont, and his first mechanical training was gained while an employe of the Fairbanks Scale Company of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, with which he was identified for six years. After that he spent a year with the Standard Scale Company of Rome, Georgia, but desirous of a higher grade of work he became connected with the Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company of Providence, Rhode Island, first as a machinist, later as a foreman, and finally as a designing engineer, remaining with that well known company for twelve years. Ambitious to serve in a wider field of usefulness, and urged by clock manufacturers to design special machinery for making certain parts of clocks, he designed machinery especially adapted for this class of work and removed to New Bedford, Massachusetts, where he had his machines built under contract by the Morse Twist Drill & Machine Company of that city.

After three very successful years of business he removed to Springfield, Massachusetts, and fitted up a shop in which was built the first Multiple Spindle Automatic Screw Machine, which is the chief product of the present company. The business depression of 1907 coming on, he accepted an attractive offer made by the Morse Twist Drill & Machine Company to return to New Bedford and continued the building of machines on that basis. In 1919, while seeking a new location to establish his business, Mr. Davenport was attracted to Rochester for various reasons, which included superior shipping facilities, accessibility to the trade and a most desirable place to live. He and his associates organized the present business of the Davenport Machine Tool Company, Incorporated, occupying a modern and finely equipped plant located at No. 167 Ames street and employing about one hundred men.

In Providence, Rhode Island, on April 12, 1893, Mr. Davenport was married to Miss Edith E. Hatch, a daughter of Warren A. and Helen M. (Benton) Hatch. Mrs. Davenport was born in Livonia, New York, and comes from one of the colonial families of New England. She is the author and publisher of a genealogical work entitled: "David Benton and Nancy Pitts". Mr. Davenport is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church and is one of its trustees. He is a member of the Rochester Machine



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Industries, the Chamber of Commerce, the local Automobile Club and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The fit utilization of his talents has resulted in a distinct contribution to the machinery world, wherein his activities have brought him to a most creditable position as well as one of prominence. The elements were happily blended in the rounding out of his nature, for he unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood and his efforts are resultant factors in whatever he has undertaken. Mr. Davenport's residence is at No. 1555 Highland avenue.

LEO B. SMITH.

For thirty-seven years the name of Smith has figured conspicuously in commercial circles of Elmira in connection with the undertaking business, and the work begun by his father is now being continued by Leo B. Smith, in his funeral home at No. 410 W. Church St. He was born in Cortland, New York, on January 1, 1887, of the marriage of Fred E. Smith and Minnie J. Boyce, the latter a native of Wellsburg, this state. The former was born in Cortland and subsequently joined his father in the undertaking business at Cincinnatus, New York. He located in Elmira in 1887 and was numbered among the pioneer morticians of the city. He was highly esteemed by all with whom he was associated and built up a large business, remaining at its head until his death, which occurred in 1921. He was identified with the Masonic order and cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party.

Leo B. Smith was the only child in the family. His parents came to Elmira soon after his birth and he attended the city schools and the Free Academy. He continued his studies in the University of Syracuse, from which he was graduated in 1910, and in the following year entered the undertaking business with his father, under whom he received thorough instruction and valuable advice. After the death of its founder Mr. Smith continued the business independently until 1923, when he formed a partnership with Albert W. Fudge, who became junior member of the firm. Mr. Smith completed a course in the Renouard School of Embalming and displays marked executive ability in the administration of the business, closely adhering to the high standards upon which it was founded. In the quality of its service the firm is unsurpassed and the fact that it has had charge of the funeral rites of such notable men as Samuel L. Clemens, Thomas K. Beecher, J. Sloat Fassett, John B. Stanchfield and General Liscum, establishes its prestige.

On October 12, 1915, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Florence Blystone, a daughter of Walter I. Blystone, a manufacturer of mattresses. Mrs. Smith was born in Jamestown, New York, and was there educated. The children of this union are Martha Jane and Philip Blystone Smith. In his political views Mr. Smith is a republican and along social and fraternal lines he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Golf and Country, Century and Rotary Clubs of Elmira.

JAMES DUANE CARSON.

After an active and honorable business career, during which he was uniformly successful and amassed a competency, James Duane Carson of Avon, Livingston county, New York, lived retired to the time of his death, which occurred on the 2d of May, 1924, when he was in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He was born in Rochester, New York, on December 28, 1850, the son of William and Mary A. (McKim) Carson, who were well known in the business and social life of the city.

James Duane Carson acquired his education in the public schools of Rochester and located in Avon in 1872, when a young man of about twenty-two. The following year he became associated with Dr. Cyrus Allen in the conduct of the old "Avon Cure" on Wadsworth street, one of the famous Avon health resorts. A few years later, larger quarters being necessary, they purchased property on East Main street, which they greatly improved and operated with marked success under the name of Allen & Carson Sanitarium. They also established a private banking business, which they successfully conducted with their other interests for a quarter century, when the partnership was dissolved.

In January, 1897, Mr. Carson left Avon and located in Rochester, became one of the organizers of the McFarlin Clothing Company of that city, was secretary and treasurer of the company for six years, and then retired. Subsequently he went

to St. Petersburg, Florida, where he developed a beautiful and successful orange grove, of which he later disposed. This property, cut into building lots, is now a choice section of the residential district of that popular winter resort. Returning north, he again took up his abode in Avon, where he erected a handsome residence on Genesee street, laid out attractive grounds and became deeply interested in the cultivation of choice flowers. During the remainder of his life Mr. Carson was not actively identified with any business undertaking.

On the 7th of January, 1874, Mr. Carson was married to Kate L. Whipple of Brockport, and they became the parents of a son and a daughter. The former, James D., Jr., a merchant at Avon, was married to Harriet Schnoor of New Baltimore, Michigan, and they have two children, Catharine and Jean; Clara is the wife of John L. Westfall of Avon, and they have four children, Helen, John, Mary and Duane.

Mr. Carson was a republican in politics and was prominent in the Masonic order. He was made a Mason in Yonnonndio Lodge at Rochester, was a member of Ionic Chapter, R. A. M., Cyrene Commandery, K. T., Damascus Temple, Mystic Shrine, and was for years Avon representative of the Illustrious Potentate of Damascus Temple. He served for a period as senior grand deacon of the state body under Grand Master William A. Brodie, and his exceptional proficiency in the workings and teachings of Masonry made his services ever in demand at affairs of this order. He united with the Brick Presbyterian church in Rochester in 1866 and remained a member thereof until his death. In Avon he was actively connected with the Central Presbyterian church and for years was director of the choir. He was fond of music, had a splendid voice and took an active part in local musical affairs. During the World war Mr. Carson was chairman of the Avon branch of the American Red Cross and was an active worker in its behalf. A contemporary writer said of him: "James D. Carson was a man admired by all who knew him. He came to Avon and worked with a generation that was instrumental in building up the new Avon. His talent and his services were ever at the command of any worthy enterprise. Those who knew him best speak most highly of his personality, his character and the goodness of his heart. He has gone, but his name is woven in with the history of Avon institutions, and his memory will long be cherished."

JULIUS E. HANSEN.

A comparatively new comer to Rochester automotive circles is Julius E. Hansen, who heads the local Packard agency as president and treasurer of the Packard Rochester Motors, Incorporated. He was born in Odense Denmark, on April 30, 1889, and when about a year old was brought to America by his parents, Olaf and Marie (Murk) Hansen, who settled in Anita, Iowa. There the father engaged in the general mercantile business. In addition to his father and mother who still reside in Anita, Mr. Hansen has a brother and a sister living there—Maurice Claude Hansen and Mrs. Nels Johnson. After going through the successive grades of the Anita schools and graduating from the local high school Mr. Hansen entered the office of Walter E. Haynes of that city, with the purpose of preparing for the legal profession. For four years he read law under Mr. Haynes' direction and acquired a knowledge of the subject that has stood him in good stead in his business operations in later years. But he also came to the conclusion that as a life work the law did not offer him sufficient attractions. He left his Blackstone, therefore, to go to Omaha, Nebraska, to take a position in the traffic department of the Nickel Plate & Lackawanna Railroad. Four years later he was given the office of the general agent at Des Moines, Iowa, where he was located for seven years.

Mr. Hansen left the railroad to become associated with the Packard Motor Car Company in 1917, as assistant manager of truck sales. During the year he held that position he made such an excellent record that he was sent to the New York city national sales office and was also put in charge of the government work. After about three years of experience in New York city Mr. Hansen went to Kansas City, Missouri, as general manager of the Packard branch in that city, where he remained for the ensuing eight months. On the 1st of February, 1923, he took over the management of the Packard branch at Rochester and set about reorganizing the company. The new organization, of which he is the president and treasurer, is known as the Packard Rochester Motors, Incorporated. The Packard car is too well known to need any special mention in this place. Its reputation, alone, is a guarantee of ability for anyone officially connected with its manufacturing and sales organizations.



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Mr. Hansen's long and important connection with the Packard company fully establishes his rank as an automobile man of the first rank. In Rochester his experience and ability in this field have been quickly recognized by his business associates, who have elected him vice president of the Auto Dealers Association.

In Omaha, on the 2d of October, 1907, Mr. Hansen was married to Miss Grace Wrenn, who comes from a prominent Roanoke, Virginia, family and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wrenn. Mr. Hansen is a member of the Kansas City, Hill Crest and Kansas City Auto Clubs of Kansas City. Since coming to Rochester he has been invited to become a member of the Kiwanis Club of this city. Much credit is due Mr. Hansen for his achievements in the business world, for he has forged ahead unaided by money or influence, relying solely upon his own efforts and talents. His advancements have come as the recognition of work well done and his capacity for assuming greater burdens and responsibilities.

HAROLD L. JONES.

Harold L. Jones, president of the Tracey-Jones Lumber Company of Hornell is a descendant, and a worthy one, of one of the oldest families in America. He was born in Rogersville, New York, and his family brought him with them to Hornell while he was still quite young. He received his education in the Hornell public schools. In 1891 he started to work for the McConnell Manufacturing Company and during the twenty-five years he was employed by that firm, he established a reputation as a business man and a capable, farseeing executive. Fifteen years of this quarter century Mr. Jones was treasurer of the company. In 1913 he and W. A. Tracy, another old-time trusted employe of the McConnell company, formed a partnership under the name of Tracy & Jones and engaged in the lumber and coal business. In 1920 this firm was incorporated and has grown to be one of the leading businesses of the county. Mr. Tracy died in March, 1923, and Mr. Jones has been president of the firm since that time.

Harold L. Jones was a son of Major and Jennie (Everingham) Jones, the family being among the Genesee country pioneers and one of the oldest in this country. Mr. Jones' great-great-great-grandfather built one of the first log cabins in this section of the state, on the road between Hornell and Dansville. The family originally came from Wales, and three generations of them have lived in America.

Harold L. Jones was married on June 1, 1908, to Miss Nina Rawson, and they have three children: Lewis, Helen and Elsie. The Rawsons are also one of the old families of this part of the state. They settled near Belmont, and Mrs. Jones' father was the founder of the machine works which developed into the Clarke Brothers Company. Mr. Jones is interested in the Masonic fraternity, of which he is a member, is active in the Episcopal church and has a "special fondness" for the thoroughbred horse. He is treasurer of the Flood Abatement commission and a republican in politics.

HON. HOVEY E. COPLEY.

Hon. Hovey E. Copley, member of the New York general assembly, has devoted much of his life to public service and ranks with those men whose careers have been conspicuously useful to their fellow citizens. He represents one of the old and prominent families of Chemung county and has always resided within its borders. He has made his home in Lowman for several years and is highly esteemed in his community and state. He was born in Chemung, New York, May 2, 1869, a son of Major John G. and Sarah F. (Everett) Copley, the latter also a native of that town. The father was born in Elmira and also figured prominently in public affairs, discharging the duties of county clerk for two terms, while he subsequently filled the office of school commissioner. He served throughout the Civil war, gallantly defending the Union cause, and lost an arm at the battle of Bull Run. He was identified with the Masonic order and his life was governed by the teachings of the Presbyterian church, of which his wife was also a member. They were the parents of two children: Hovey E. of this review; and Frances, who married Fred Orcutt of Elmira, head of the H. C. Spaulding Lumber Company.

Hovey E. Copley was educated in the Elmira Free Academy and subsequently entered the employ of General Charles J. Langdon, a coal dealer, remaining in his

service for a number of years. He afterward located in Lowman and in 1915 was chosen to fill the office of county clerk, in which he was retained for nine years. His duties were performed with characteristic fidelity and efficiency and the prestige which he won in that connection led to his election to the state assembly in January, 1923. Close and discriminating study of the issues of the day has led to his indorsement of various important measures looking to the development of the state and the utilization of its natural resources, and throughout his public career his actions have been influenced by careful regard for the wishes of the people he serves. He has a predilection for politics and while a resident of Elmira was a member of the city council for six years.

On June 3, 1907, Mr. Copley was married to Miss Eleanor Mary Lowman, a daughter of Edward Lowman, and they have two children: John G., who is a student at the Elmira Free Academy; and Mary Elizabeth, who is attending the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Copley are affiliated with the Presbyterian church and consistent followers of its teachings. He is identified with the Masonic order and his political support is given to the republican party. He is secretary and a director of the Elmira Mechanics Society. His influence is always exerted in behalf of the cause which he considers just and right and his position in various public offices has given him an opportunity to accomplish much good.

CHESTER THOMAS FOOTE.

The death of a man of upright character, of substantial achievement and pronounced public spirit is always a distinct loss to a community, and in this classification belonged Chester Thomas Foote, who passed away at Nunda, New York, on the 19th of November, 1917. He was a son of Norman and Emily (Jarrod) Foote, both of whom have passed away, and a brother of Charles E. and Clarence A. Foote, of whom more extended mention is made elsewhere in this work.

The district schools afforded Chester Thomas Foote his educational advantages and as a young man he entered the contracting business. In 1903 he assisted his brother, Charles E., in the organization of the Foote Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of concrete mixing machines. They later incorporated the business and Chester T. Foote continued active in its management until his death, contributing materially to the development and success of the industry through his advice, cooperation and executive ability. His judgment was sound and practical and his word was always to be relied upon.

On the 12th of January, 1905, Mr. Foote was united in marriage to Helen M. Cooper, who survives him and resides in the beautiful home on Massachusetts street, Nunda, which had been completed but a short time before his demise. Two children were born to them: Norman Cooper and Lois Dresser. Mr. Foote was a regular attendant at the Presbyterian church and the Masonic order numbered him among its exemplary representatives. He gave his political support to the republican party and conscientiously discharged the duties and obligations of citizenship. He had the welfare of his community deeply at heart and rendered valuable public service as president and trustee of the village of Nunda. He was scrupulously honorable in his dealings with mankind and possessed the sincere affection of all with whom he was associated.

CHARLES OSCAR EACKER.

Charles Oscar Eacker, a member of the Elmira bar, was born in Montour Falls, New York, in 1874, and his parents, David G. and Cynthia J. (Gray) Eacker, were also natives of the Empire state. The mother was born in Schuyler county and the father in Herkimer county. He engaged in merchandising in Montour Falls for several years and afterward lived retired in Elmira, where he established his home in 1888. He was an honored veteran of the Civil war and served throughout that conflict as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Forty-first Regulars. Mr. and Mrs. Eacker were members of the Baptist church and he was also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His father was a native of Germany and Mrs. Eacker's parents were Caledonians.

Charles Oscar Eacker was their only child. He attended Cook Academy at Montour Falls and was a boy of fourteen when the family came to Elmira. He worked



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at odd jobs, earning enough money to pay the expense of a business course, and afterward secured a position in the employ of Gabriel Smith. He read law in the office of Youmans & Moss and was admitted to the bar in 1899. He began practice with R. R. Moss, with whom he was associated until death severed their relationship, and has since been alone. He specializes in commercial law, of which he has made a thorough study, and for several years has maintained an office in the Realty building. On the organization of the Elmira Credit Rating Bureau in 1916, Mr. Eacker was made its secretary and has since been retained in that office. He also acts as secretary of the Business Men's Association, to which position he was appointed in 1917, and serves the Elmira Supply Dealers Association in a similar capacity.

On the 16th of April, 1903, Mr. Eacker was married to Miss Eva L. Bogardus, who is a Daughter of the American Revolution and in four direct lines traces her ancestry to heroes of that conflict. She was born in Elmira and her father, Calvin J. Bogardus, was one of the prominent residents of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Eacker are members of the First Baptist church of which he has been usher for twenty-eight years and for the past three years, chief usher. For fifteen years he has been a teacher in the Sunday school. He has passed through all the chairs in the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Chemung County Bar Association and also belongs to the Century and Rotary Clubs.

FRANK FIELDER.

For more than three generations identified with large commercial undertakings in Dansville, Livingston county, New York, an active worker and liberal contributor to every movement designed to better local or county conditions, and one of the organizers of the prosperous Citizens Bank, of which he now is president, Frank Fielder holds a preeminent place in the esteem and affection of his community, and in his old age has a retrospect of achievements that is unmarred by one failure, and by which his town and the county have been steadily helped to progress. Mr. Fielder was born at Brighton, England, on July 31, 1834, the son of Charles Lawrence and Mary (Tindall) Fielder. His mother, Mrs. Mary (Tindall) Fielder, was born on November 6, 1806, and married Charles L. Fielder on July 25, 1829, at Guestling Parish, near Hastings, England. She died in the old country. Her husband, father of Frank Fielder, was born on December 5, 1805, and was married a second time, about 1844, to Eliza Hooker of Sheerness, England, who died in 1859.

Richard Fielder of Tenterden, Kent county, England, the paternal grandfather of Frank Fielder, was the owner of the famous old Woolpack Inn of that borough, where were held the county assizes. The paternal grandmother was Catharine Cage Fielder of Milgate Park, Bearstead, near Maidstone, Kent.

When Frank Fielder was thirteen years old his father, with his family, consisting of his second wife and four children—Charles S., Frank, Alfred and Rowena—came to the United States and located at Islip, Long Island, New York, where they remained for a time and then moved to Fowlerville, Livingston county, this state. The village school in Fowlerville, followed by a winter at the academy at East Bethany, New York, were the lad's only educational opportunities before he entered business life as clerk in a Fowlerville store. During the years of 1857 to 1859, inclusive, he was employed by H. C. Blodgett & Company of Rochester, New York, and through the two succeeding years he was engaged in the mercantile business for himself at Islip. In 1862 Mr. Fielder moved to Dansville with his family. For three years he and his brother, Charles S., were in partnership in the dry goods business, and after the death of Charles S. Fielder, on November 28, 1865, Frank Fielder continued the business alone until 1871, when B. L. Olney became a partner under the name of Fielder & Olney, which association was maintained for several years, or until Mr. Fielder purchased his partner's interest and continued the enterprise independently.

The failure of the old First National Bank in 1887, and the previous closing of the Dansville Bank, left the village without banking facilities of any kind. Mr. Fielder, with the cooperation of several other business men, including Hon. James W. Wadsworth of Geneseo, proceeded to enlist sufficient interest and capital to start a new bank. As a result the Citizens Bank was established with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, and Mr. Fielder was elected cashier and in 1913 was elected president, holding both these positions until 1916, when he resigned as cashier and was elected cashier-emeritus.

Mr. Fielder was one of the trustees of Dansville Seminary, was largely instrumental in the formation of a library association in 1872, and in 1874, when it became the Livingston Circulating Library, he was the first president, and he was active in the movement which made it a free library in 1894. He is a member of the Livingston County Historical Society and was president of the society in 1894. In his religious convictions Mr. Fielder is a Presbyterian and has been an elder and trustee in the church for many years. Politically he is an adherent of the republican party.

Mr. Fielder has been married twice. On November 22, 1860, he was married to Ortha O. Beach, born on the 16th of October, 1836, who died on May 27, 1879. Three children were born to this union: Ortha Belle, whose birth occurred on the 26th of March, 1863, followed the profession of teaching for a number of years and is now living with her father in Dansville; Dr. Frank Sidney Fielder, whose natal day was June 23, 1866, was a graduate of Cornell University, obtained his degree of M. D. from Columbia University and was a highly successful physician in New York city until his untimely death on the 24th of January, 1917. He was married to Martha Teller Irwin at Greenbush Heights, Rensselaer county, New York, on June 1, 1901; Josephine Rhoda, who was born on the 3d of March, 1868, was married on September 26, 1892, to Burroughs A. Edsall, a mining engineer, who departed this life on the 5th of September, 1920. Their three children were: Clarence Sidney, who was born on July 29, 1893, and died at Reno on June 16, 1912, just as he was ready to enter college; Thomas Henry, who was born on October 5, 1895, and died on January 2, 1918; and Charlotte Belle, who was born on August 23, 1901. Thomas Henry Edsall, the second child of Burroughs A. and Josephine Rhoda (Fielder) Edsall, was a student at the University of Nevada, where he won the Rhodes scholarship to Oxford in 1916. In July, 1917, he enlisted in a medical unit for military duty overseas, but his death occurred before he was called into service. On August 14, 1886, Frank Fielder was married to Adelaide H. Carpenter of Falmouth, Massachusetts, who passed away on October 16, 1909.

EDMUND MCKAY ALLING.

Edmund McKay Alling, who for the past eleven years has been at the head of the firm of Alling & Miles, Incorporated, conducting Rochester's principal agency for the Hudson and Essex motor cars, enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the city's most prominent and popular native sons and men of large affairs. He was born in Rochester, on the 23d of May, 1878, his parents being Frederick Dwight and Emily (McKay) Alling, who were also born in Rochester. The father, who devoted his attention to mercantile pursuits throughout his active career, was widely recognized as one of the highly respected residents and business men of this city. He passed away in 1910 and for eight years was survived by his wife, who was called to her final rest in 1918. This worthy couple were the parents of five children: Mrs. Lois A. Clements, William M., Miss Elsie Dwight, Edmund M. and Sydney. All are residents of Rochester.

As a boy Edmund McKay Alling attended the old No. 3 grammar school and subsequently continued his studies in the Rochester Free Academy. After putting aside his textbooks he became connected with the hardware trade in the employ of others and after several years entered the typewriter business, remaining therein until 1909, since which time he has been an automobile dealer. Through the succeeding four years he represented several different agencies but in 1913 scoured what is now the principal Rochester agency for the sale of Hudson and Essex cars and organized the firm of Alling & Miles, Incorporated, of which he is the president. He sells a large number of automobiles annually and has won a place among the enterprising, progressive and successful business men of Rochester. Mr. Alling is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association and ex-president of the New York State Dealers Association. He was one of the incorporators of the Rochester Automobile Dealers Association, having been an officer and director in this as well as in the preceding organizations, during their existence.

On the 5th of December, 1906, in Rochester, Mr. Alling was united in marriage to Miss Alice Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stiles Rogers and a member of a prominent family of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Alling have one child, Katherine, who was born in Rochester, on June 16, 1911.

Politically Mr. Alling is a republican, supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. His appreciation for the social amenities of life is manifest in his



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membership in the Rochester Club and the Rochester Yacht Club and he also belongs to the Ad Club and to the Rochester Historical Society. His present prosperity is the reward of well directed industry and perseverance, while the esteem in which he is held by his many friends attests a life of integrity and devotion to high ideals. He lives in the residence at No. 65 Aberdeen street, which he built in 1909. His summer residence is at Eagle Point, Conesus Lake, which place he built in 1913.

LELAND L. FULLER.

Among the young men of Williamson who hold a high place in the esteem of its citizens is Leland L. Fuller, cashier of the State Bank, and the fact that he has been selected to fill this responsible position is proof of his ability, integrity and trustworthiness. He has always resided in the village and was born June 6, 1890, a son of Carl and Lucy (De Zutter) Fuller, members of old families of Wayne county. The father is serving as postmaster of Williamson and formerly engaged in general merchandising in the town and also in Addison, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were married in Wayne county and five children were born to them, four sons and a daughter, Leland L., of this review being the oldest.

Leland L. Fuller attended the local schools and made thorough preparation for his life work, completing a course in the Rochester Business Institute. He was afterward a student in the American Institute of Banking, of which he is a graduate. In December, 1909, when nineteen years of age, Mr. Fuller entered the employ of the State Bank of Williamson, with which he has since been connected, and in 1917 he was promoted to the office of cashier. He is also a director of the bank, whose interests he carefully safeguards, and his duties are discharged with thoroughness, efficiency and accuracy. The bank was founded in 1905, with a capital stock of thirty thousand dollars and in 1912 the substantial building in which the business is now conducted was erected. It is the largest and strongest financial institution in the state serving a community this size, and is capitalized at one hundred thousand dollars, while its deposits amount to a million and a half dollars. Its officials have been chosen with great care and the bank has enjoyed a rapid growth, at the same time stimulating the pulse of trade in the district in which it is operated.

Mr. Fuller's military experience covers service in the New York National Guard during the period of the World war. He joined Company H of the Third Infantry, and was later with the One Hundred and Eighth Infantry. He is now a first lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States army, attached to Company B, Three Hundred and Ninety-first Infantry, Ninety-eighth Division.

In June, 1913, Mr. Fuller was married to Ruth A. Wilson, a daughter of Royal P. Wilson of Williamson. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller became the parents of two sons, Wilson and Leland L., Jr., the latter of whom died in infancy. In politics Mr. Fuller is a democrat, but not a strong partisan, being largely independent in his views. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith and along fraternal lines is connected with the Masonic order, belonging to Pultneyville Lodge, No. 159, F. & A. M., Wayne Chapter, R. A. M., and Zenobia Commandery, Knights Templar of Palmyra. He is also an Odd Fellow, being identified with the lodge at Williamson. Mr. Fuller is serving on the executive committee of the New York State Bankers Association and is also a member of the American Institute of Banking. He is a young man of high character and proven worth, and in view of the progress that he has already made, much may be expected of him in the future.

LEVI ABEL FRISBIE.

Thirty-four years of continuous connection with the coal trade in Elmira have brought Levi Abel Frisbie a wide acquaintance and earned for him an enviable reputation as a business man, while his worth as a citizen is uniformly conceded. He was born in Orwell, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, in 1861, and his parents, Aaron Gaylord and Sarah Ordalia (Darling) Frisbie, were also natives of that place. They were lifelong residents of the Keystone state and the father contributed his share toward the development of its agricultural resources. He was an honored veteran of the Civil war, being assigned to duty in the construction corps, and his political support was given to the republican party. He was a member of the Presby-

terian church of Orwell and guided his life by its teachings. His father, Levi Frisbie, was a native of Connecticut and migrated from that state to Pennsylvania. He was of English lineage and served as an elder in the Presbyterian church. The maternal grandfather, Abel D. Darling, was born in Pennsylvania and followed the occupation of farming as a means of livelihood. Levi Abel Frisbie of this review was the fifth in order of birth in a family of eight children, six of whom survive.

The education of Levi Abel Frisbie was received in the public schools of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and he remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-one. For a time he taught school and afterward took up the study of stenography. From 1886 until 1890 he was employed by a coal firm in Binghamton, New York, during which period he gained a practical knowledge of the business, and in the latter year he came to Elmira. In association with an older brother, W. Eaton Frisbie, he then embarked in the coal business in this city and they were thus engaged until 1893, operating under the name of Frisbie Brothers. W. E. Frisbie then retired and Levi A. continued the business alone for two years. Then Stewart G. Frisbie came in as partner and remained so until 1921, when he sold out to J. Max Hamilton. The firm name is now Frisbie & Hamilton. They are dealers in coal and wood and their enterprise and reliability have secured for them a large trade. Years of experience, observation and study have made Mr. Frisbie familiar with every phase of the trade and his energy and business acumen have enabled him to keep not only in line but rather in the lead of his competitors.

On March 2, 1898, Mr. Frisbie was united in marriage to Miss Mary Janet Chaffee, who was born in Angelica, New York, and was there educated. They have an adopted daughter, Myrtle, who married Innis Palmer Lyon and resides in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Frisbie is a member of the Franklin Street Presbyterian church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party.

JOHN CHARLES WOODBURY.

John Charles Woodbury, one of the well known and influential citizens of Rochester, is a native of this city and was born on the 25th of August, 1859. He belongs to one of the city's old families, whose connection with its business and manufacturing interests dates back three-quarters of a century, when in 1849, his grandfather, Jonathan Woodbury, moved to Rochester with his family. Here he established with his sons, Daniel A. and Edmund F., one of the first engine factories in this section of the state, and was known as the Woodbury Engine Works.

Edmund F. Woodbury was the father of John C. Woodbury, and was born in Baltimore, Vermont, while his wife, whose maiden name was Frances Holyland, was born in Rochester, New York. Edmund F. Woodbury was connected with the manufacturing business practically his entire life. About 1865 he entered into a partnership with Henry A. Strong for the manufacture of whips, an enterprise that became one of international scope—the Woodbury Whip Company. The product of this company was recognized as a standard article among horsemen the world over, and included some of the finest buggy whips ever put on the market. Edmund F. Woodbury remained active in business until his death in 1891. His wife passed away in 1889, and both are buried in Mount Hope Cemetery.

John Charles Woodbury is the only surviving member of his father's immediate family. He was educated under private instructors and when entering upon his business career became connected with the firm of Strong & Woodbury, later known as the Woodbury Whip Company. Following the death of his father, he became president of the company and remained its executive head until he disposed of his interests therein, in 1907. Since then Mr. Woodbury has devoted the portion of his time that he cares to give to business to the management of his various private interests.

Not only have the Woodbury industrial activities been an important factor in building up the economic life of the city, but the Woodburys themselves, father and son, have done no little to further development along civic and cultural lines. Appreciative of the social amenities of life, John C. Woodbury is a member of the Rochester Country Club, the Rochester Ad Club, the Genesee Valley Club and the Washington Club. He is one of the well known numismatists of this part of the state—in fact, this may be said to be his hobby. He is one of the prominent members of the Rochester Numismatic Association, of which he has been president, is also a member of the American Numismatic Association and the American Numismatic Society of



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New York city. Mr. Woodbury is also a member of the Rochester Historical Society and the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

Mr. Woodbury's collection of American coins, of which he has made a specialty, is one of the best in the city, while his collection of medals and foreign coins includes a number of rare and valuable pieces.

On the 31st of October, 1883, Mr. Woodbury was married to Miss Alice M. Motley, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Motley of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury have a daughter: Mrs. Homer Strong of this city, whose daughter, Barbara Strong, is the only grandchild of Mr. Woodbury. His religious affiliations are with St. Paul's Episcopal church.

BENJAMIN P. REYNOLDS.

Energetic, straightforward and reliable, Benjamin P. Reynolds holds a secure place in popular confidence and esteem, and his labors have contributed substantially to the development of Leicester along industrial lines, while he is also an acknowledged leader in civic affairs. He was born September 28, 1887, in Factoryville, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Frank A. and Georgia Josephine (Capwell) Reynolds. He received a public school education and prepared for a commercial career by a year's attendance at a business college. He served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he followed for four years, and afterward spent six years in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, devoting his attention to the automobile business. He then engaged for three years in construction work in association with his father, who had entered the contracting field. In 1915 Benjamin P. Reynolds came to Leicester for the purpose of building a depot for the Lackawanna Railroad at this point, and being favorably impressed with the town, established his home there in 1916. In partnership with his father, he purchased the lumber business of B. E. Brophel, and their operations have been attended by pronounced success. They deal in lumber of all kinds, as well as cement, plaster and other building materials, and also engage in contracting. They have been identified with many important development projects and their word is always to be depended upon in a business transaction.

On the 7th of February, 1917, Benjamin P. Reynolds was united in marriage to Miss Marguerite Fitzgerald and they have become the parents of two children: Elizabeth Josephine and Richard Frank. Mr. Reynolds is a Royal Arch Mason and his political support is given to the republican party. He takes a vital interest in municipal affairs and in recognition of his worth and ability his fellow townsmen elected him president of the village of Leicester in 1922. He is still filling the office and has secured for the community many needed improvements, and abolished useless expenditures. He is an astute, farsighted business man, imbued with the spirit of progress, and a loyal, public-spirited citizen, whose worth to his community is uniformly acknowledged.

BERT L. ANDREWS.

Bert L. Andrews, county treasurer of Cattaraugus county, New York is a business man and public official of many years experience. His ability in office is best shown by the fact that the voters have returned him to office ever since his first term, which started January 1, 1914. Prior to that time he was supervisor of the town of Salamanca, where he now resides, for eight years. He has been very successful personally as well in conducting his hardware business in Salamanca and is a citizen of high repute in his community. He has been chairman of the Republican County committee for several years.

Bert L. Andrews was born in New Albion, Cattaraugus county, February 3, 1871, the son of Jerome A. and Emaline (Lattin) Andrews. He attended the district schools, Cattaraugus high school and a business college in Buffalo. Then he started to work for his father in the latter's hardware store and worked for two years before being made a partner in 1893. The firm then organized as J. A. Andrews & Son still operates under that name, although Jerome Andrews died in 1914, and the entire business was taken over by his son. Mr. Andrews is also a director of the Sterling Furniture Company and is interested in other local concerns. Between his public office and his business he is a very busy man.

Bert L. Andrews was married January 28, 1893, to Fannie Benson of Cattaraugus,

the daughter of A. T. Benson. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have two sons: Leland, born in November, 1893, who attended the local schools and is now employed by his father; and Edward, born in December, 1894, who is also with his father in business. Mr. B. L. Andrews is a thirty-second degree Mason, belongs to Ismalia Shrine of Buffalo and is past commander of Salamanca Commandery. He also belongs to the Elks.

ALEXANDER N. STEWART.

For more than a century members of the Stewart family have played a conspicuous part in the development and upbuilding of Livingston county, and Alexander N. Stewart, president of the Bank of Livonia, is a worthy scion of his race, displaying that spirit of enterprise and that eagerness to promote the general welfare which were distinguishing characteristics of his forbears. He is a native of York, born April 19, 1849, and his parents, Neil and Jane (Nichol) Stewart, were lifelong residents of the village. A sketch of the former appears elsewhere in this publication.

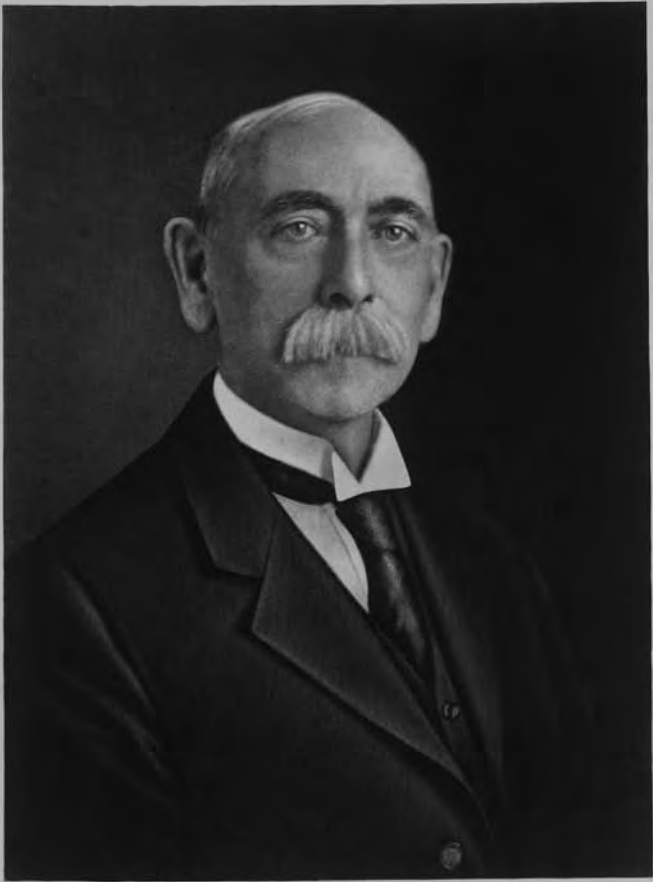
Alexander N. Stewart was a pupil in private schools of Livingston county and continued his studies in the Temple Hill School and the Brockport Normal School. After completing his education he joined his father in business and eventually became manager at Livonia of the grain, wool and lumber business which the latter had established. In 1871, when Neil Stewart opened the Bank of Livonia, Alexander N. became active in its conduct, and for fifty-three years his able management has been an essential element in its upbuilding. His thorough understanding of the intricacies of modern finance is supplemented by sound judgment and executive force and his well-directed efforts have resulted in the development of one of the strong and reliable private banking institutions of western New York.

On October 8, 1884, Mr. Stewart was married at Richmond, New York, to Miss Emma C. Johnson, a daughter of George and Emaline Johnson of Allens Hill, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart became parents of two daughters, Jane, who died in 1916, at the age of twenty-seven years, and Marian. The latter was married on November 25, 1922, to Grant Whitney Bowen, who is assistant cashier of the Bank of Livonia.

Mr. Stewart is a staunch adherent of the republican party. He formerly took an active part in local politics and served as supervisor of Livonia during 1884-85. While his interest centers in banking, he is always ready to lend practical aid to any movement which commends itself to his judgment as a project likely to advance the public welfare, and his influence upon the civic life of his community has been of the highest order.

GUY WESLEY SHOEMAKER.

Guy Wesley Shoemaker, prominent in the automobile trade of Elmira, was one of the pioneers of this business in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania. He was born in Dundee, New York, June 5, 1866, a son of J. Monroe and Delia (Benedict) Shoemaker, natives of Yates county, this state, where they were reared, educated and married. The father was an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which he served for three years, becoming a sergeant of the One Hundred and Forty-eighth New York Volunteer Infantry, and after his release from military duty he returned to Yates county, where he engaged in the manufacture of wagons as a member of the firm of Shoemaker & Terry. In 1873 he came to Elmira and entered the oil refining business, forming the firm of Shoemaker & Bedell. Later he purchased the business, which he conducted under the name of the Elmira Oil Company, and subsequently the Standard Oil interests acquired the business, of which Mr. Shoemaker was made general manager. He was a resident of Elmira and was called to public office, serving for two terms as alderman from the third ward. He was president of the board of trade and for twenty-six years was chairman of the cemetery commission. He was also a trustee of the New York State Soldiers' Home at Bath, and a life member of the City Club and Keuka Club. He was a member of all the local Masonic bodies and attended the Park Congregational church, and he filled an important place in the life of his community. He was called to his final rest on the 9th of November, 1914, when seventy-two years of age, his birth having occurred July 31, 1842. He and his wife had a family of three sons: Guy Wesley, Floyd M., president of the Hygeia Refrigerating Company of Elmira; and J. Raymond, vice



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president and general manager of that company. The paternal grandfather was also a manufacturer of wagons and a successful business man of Dundee, New York.

Guy Wesley Shoemaker was a boy of seven when the family came to Elmira and his education was acquired in its grammar and high schools. He first worked for the Elmira Oil Company and later entered the service of the Standard Oil Corporation, with which he was connected for thirteen years. On the expiration of that period he joined the Hygeia Refrigerating Company and for nine years was one of its officials. He sold his interest in the firm and in 1908 purchased the business of the Willys-Crew Motor Company, which at that time controlled the automobile department of the Elmira Arms Company, organizing the Southern Tier Motor Company, of which he has since been the head. In 1916 he incorporated the Overland Binghamton Company, wholesale dealers in automobiles at Binghamton, New York, and in 1923 incorporated the Overland-Willys Knight Sales Company. Mr. Shoemaker is president of the three companies mentioned above and his business is a very extensive one, covering fifteen counties, which are served by one hundred dealers. He maintains a large service station and carefully supervises every detail of the business, while the larger factors in his affairs are administered with notable executive power.

On November 22, 1887, Mr. Shoemaker was married to Miss Lenore Richardson, who was born in Elmira, a daughter of Jackson Richardson, a prominent shoe manufacturer of the city. Mrs. Shoemaker died in January, 1919, leaving a son, Jackson R., who is president of the Chemung Motor Company. On December 16, 1919, Mr. Shoemaker was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna (Tompkins) Drake, a native of Elmira and a daughter of Cornelius B. Tompkins, a well known educator, who served as superintendent of the city schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker are members of Grace Episcopal church of which he is senior warden—a position which he has held for a number of years, and for three decades he has been connected with and is now president of the Elmira Cemetery Association. He has served two terms as city alderman from the first ward. He is a Rotarian and also belongs to the Elmira City and Country Clubs and to the Toledo Club of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Shoemaker has attained high standing in the Masonic order, which has honored him with the thirty-third degree, and he has been at the head of all the York Rite bodies and is a past grand commander of the Knights Templar of the state.

ALFRED WARREN ARMSTRONG, M. D.

Dr. Alfred Warren Armstrong has been an active and successful representative of the medical profession in Canandaigua during the past two decades, making a specialty of surgical work. He was born in North Bennington, Vermont, on the 20th of November, 1876, a son of Charles B. and Jane Elizabeth (Rowley) Armstrong, and from the age of four years he has been a resident of the Empire state.

Alfred Warren Armstrong began his education in Schoharie county, New York, graduating from Cobleskill high school in 1893. He continued his studies in the high school at Syracuse, from which he was graduated in 1896. His more advanced intellectual training was acquired in Syracuse University, which conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1901, while three years later he received the degree of M. D. from the same institution upon the completion of a medical course. During his senior year he served as an interne in the St. Joseph Hospital of Syracuse. Late in 1904 he came to Canandaigua, which city has remained the scene of his professional activity, save for the period of his service in the World war, which covered eighteen months. He was stationed in the General Hospital at Corpus Christi, Texas, and at General Hospital No. 14 in the same state, holding the rank of captain. During his entire professional career he has specialized in surgery and his marked skill in this field has brought to him a very extensive practice. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and keeps thoroughly informed concerning the latest methods and discoveries of the medical science through his membership in various organizations of the profession, including the County, State and American Medical Associations and the Rochester Medical Association. Dr. Armstrong is staff surgeon of the Frederick Ferris-Thompson Hospital of Canandaigua and also secretary of its board of directors.

On the 7th of September, 1905, Dr. Armstrong was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Castner Voorhees. Their children are four in number, namely: Mary, Jane, Elizabeth and John. The Doctor is a republican in his political views and has capably filled the position of coroner for seven years. His religious faith is that of the

Methodist church, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons and the Odd Fellows. He is also president of the Finger Lakes Council, Boy Scouts of America. High and honorable principles have actuated him in all relations of life and his fellow citizens attest his sterling worth.

HENRY A. PETERSON, D. D. S.

Dr. Henry A. Peterson, one of Elmira's native sons, has won well deserved success in the dental profession and is also well known in musical circles of the city. He was born June 24, 1883, and his parents, Hans and Mary (Kell) Peterson, are natives of Sweden. They came to the United States in 1876 and established their home in Elmira, where they still reside. The father followed the blacksmith's trade as a means of livelihood and is now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Lutheran church and his political support is given to the men and measures of the republican party. They had a family of three children, two of whom are deceased. Their daughter, Ella, was a teacher in the public schools of Elmira and died in 1915.

After his graduation from the Elmira high school, Dr. Peterson became a student in the Buffalo Dental College and his training was completed in the University of Pennsylvania, which in 1905 awarded him the degree of D. D. S. For nearly twenty years he has followed his profession in Elmira. Dr. Peterson specializes in dental radiography.

On June 12, 1907 Dr. Peterson was married to Miss Lula Betsie Hill, who was born in Burlington, Pennsylvania, and educated in Elmira. Two sons have been born of this union: Henry Hill and Stewart. The parents are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and Dr. Peterson has served on its official board. He is a York Rite Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Grotto, of which he is a past monarch, and to the Masonic Club. Dr. Peterson is a music lover and each month goes to Rochester for instruction. His talent lies along instrumental lines and he is a member of the Elmira Symphony Orchestra.

EDNOR ALBERT MARSH.

Ednor Albert Marsh, a well known and successful attorney of Rochester, whose professional activities extend through a period of thirty-five years, was born in West Sparta, Livingston county, New York, on September 12, 1864. On both the paternal and maternal sides Mr. Marsh represents worthy pioneer families of the Genesee valley whose identification with the development of that section goes back more than a century. His father, Albert Lewis Marsh, and his mother, whose maiden name was Helen Ogden, were both born in West Sparta. The paternal grandfather, Charles Drake Marsh, was an early settler at that place. He was born in Mayfield, New York, February 27, 1798, a son of Abel Marsh, who came from Vermont to Mayfield in the '20s. Abel Marsh met an accidental death in 1830 from a yoke of runaway oxen. He was, according to family tradition, a descendant of Joseph Marsh, who served as ensign in the Revolutionary war.

Albert Lewis Marsh was a farmer and followed that occupation successfully during his active life. He died in Brighton, New York, in 1896, while his wife survived him about eleven years and passed away at Starkey, New York. Of their family three sons lived to adult age—Selwyn, Ednor Albert and Darius A.

Ednor Albert Marsh was reared to farm life and after acquiring his early education in the State Normal School at Geneseo, New York, went to Lima, this state, where he attended the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, from which he was graduated in the class of 1884. He then began the study of law in the office of Judge Solomon Hubbard of Geneseo and was admitted to the bar in 1889. He had spent one year in travel prior to entering upon his law study, and following his admission he began practice in Rochester in partnership with C. J. Browning. This relation, however, was maintained for only a short time, for on the 1st of December, 1889, Mr. Marsh was appointed clerk of the surrogate court and so continued until January, 1892, when he was appointed deputy county clerk. This experience was, of course, excellent training for the young lawyer in certain practical phases of the profession. He held that position until April, 1895, when he resigned to enter the firm of Keeler & Salisbury,



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at which time the firm style became Keeler, Salisbury & Marsh. He remained as a partner of Mr. Keeler for ten years, at the end of which time he withdrew from the firm and practiced alone until May 1, 1923, when he associated with H. Douglass Van Duser under the firm name of Marsh & Van Duser. The extent and importance of his business is the best evidence of his ability and of his success. He has a large and desirable clientage and has been connected with much important litigation that has been brought to the courts of the district. He belongs to the American Bar Association and the New York State and Rochester Bar Associations, and is accorded a most creditable place in the ranks of the legal fraternity in this city.

Mr. Marsh is a supporter of the republican party and formerly was active in its ranks. He is a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-third degree, is a past master of Rochester Lodge No. 660, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Ionic Chapter, R. A. M.; past commander of Cyrene Commandery, K. T.; a member of Rochester Consistory, Scottish Rite; past district deputy grand master of the Thirty-third Masonic district of New York state, and is now grand captain general of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York. He is a member of the Masonic Club, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Automobile Club of Rochester and senior warden of the Church of the Epiphany.

On the 26th of December, 1889, Mr. Marsh was united in marriage to Miss Lina Scott, daughter of Byron W. and Eliza Payn Scott of Geneva, New York. Mrs. Marsh's family is among the old and prominent ones in Geneva. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have a daughter and two sons, all of whom were born in this city: Helen, who is the wife of Robert B. Rowe of Rochester, is the mother of two children, Robert Marsh and Elizabeth Rowe; Byron Scott, who resides in Dillsboro, North Carolina, is an engineer by profession and held a commission as captain in the artillery during the World war. The government, however, detached him from the artillery and at the time of the signing of the armistice he was in charge of the work of laying out the additions to Camp Jackson and the artillery field at Columbia, South Carolina. He is married and has one child, Dorothy Huntington; Donald Lewis Marsh is married and resides in Washington, D. C., where he is in business. During the war he served with the Twenty-seventh Division as a machine gunner and after the armistice served as a lieutenant in the Red Cross in Europe for more than a year. Mr. Marsh's residence is at No. 90 Kenwood avenue.

HARLAN WATSON RIPLEY.

Harlan Watson Rippey, one of the prominent members of the Rochester bar, was born in Wadsworth, Livingston county, New York, September 8, 1874, a son of Joseph N. and Hester (Lind) Rippey, the former a native of Seneca county and the latter of Livingston county. The father was a successful farmer of Livingston county. His death occurred on the 6th of January, 1906, and the mother passed away on May 15, 1918. They had two children: Josephine, who is the wife of Dr. Charles Gilmore of Cadiz, Ohio; and Harlan Watson.

Harlan Watson Rippey's early education was obtained in the district schools of Livingston county, and in 1894 he was graduated from the Genesee Normal School. He next became a student at the University of Rochester, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1898, and in the following year received the Master's degree from that institution. Mr. Rippey was an instructor at Wagner College for a time and then entered the office of George Raines, under whose direction he began the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1901 but continued with Mr. Raines for seven years, since which time he has practiced independently. Mr. Rippey enjoys a fine practice and a very representative clientele and has been connected with no little important litigation in the courts of western New York.

He is one of the prominent democrats of this section of the the state and for years has been one of the advisors and councillors of the party in western New York. Mr. Rippey is the leader of the democratic organization in Monroe county and was a delegate to the national and New York state conventions in 1924. He was state tax appraiser for six years but has held no other political office.

In Rochester, on June 30, 1908, he was married to Miss Harriet C. Smith, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith, members of a prominent family of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Rippey have a son and two daughters: Joseph Smith, Harriet B. and Catherine A.

Mr. Rippey is a Presbyterian in religious faith and his professional relations are

with the Rochester, New York State and American Bar Associations. He is a member of the Society of the Genesee, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the University Club and the Ad Club of this city, and Theta Delta Chi and Gamma Sigma college fraternities.

Mr. Rippey is keenly interested in everything that touches the welfare and progress of his community and has ever conformed his practice to a high standard of professional ethics. Mr. Rippey's residence is at No. 165 Linden street, Rochester, New York.

FRED G. OLP.

Fourteen years of faithful and conscientious work, begun when Fred G. Olp was twenty years old, and diligent study of the manifold details of the business, eventually made Mr. Olp president of the Nunda Bank, at Nunda, Livingston county, New York. He was born in Mount Morris, Livingston county, on August 23, 1876, the son of Charles P. and Theresa E. (Upham) Olp, one of three children. The father has passed away.

Fred G. Olp's education was acquired in the grade and high schools. At the age of twenty he began work with the Nunda Bank as a bookkeeper, and in orderly sequence was promoted to assistant cashier, cashier, and in 1910 to the presidency of the institution in which he had started on the lowermost rung of the ladder. Mr. Olp is a member of the American Bankers Association and of the New York State Bankers Association.

On September 27, 1905, Mr. Olp was married to Florence Dowling of Nunda, daughter of Michael Dowling, a well known citizen of the town, whose life story appears elsewhere in this history. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Olp: Harriet D. and Katharine E. Fraternally Mr. Olp is affiliated with the Masonic order, in his religious convictions is a member of the Presbyterian church, and in political matters supports the policies and candidates of the democratic party.

FRITZ SAGE DARROW, B. A., M. A., PH. D.

By bringing the Darrow School of Business, of which he is the founder and president, to a high state of educational efficiency, Fritz S. Darrow has made for himself an established position in the educational circles of the Genesee country and, indeed, of all western New York. The son of Dr. Charles E. and Isabel Canfield (Sage) Darrow, he was born in Rochester, on April 13, 1882. His parents, both of whom are living, are also natives of this city and have lived here all their life. Dr. Charles E. Darrow is a well known practicing physician.

As a boy Fritz S. Darrow grew up in his birthplace, where he obtained his early education in the public schools and the Rochester high school. After spending a year in Bradstreet's private school he entered Harvard in the class of 1903, and in due time received his B. A. degree. In 1904 he obtained an M. A. degree and in 1906 the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. For four years after he received the coveted Ph. D. he taught Greek in Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and Drury College at Springfield, Missouri, and for six additional years was engaged in historical research work. At the end of this time his interest was attracted by the field of commercial education and after preliminary experience as a director of a commercial department he founded in 1920 the Darrow School of Business at No. 218 East avenue, Rochester, New York, where the school is now located, upon the land purchased in 1842 by his maternal grandfather, Nelson Sage. The school emblem, a "D" pierced by an arrow, is the old trade-mark adopted by his paternal grandfather, Erastus Darrow, who came to Rochester in 1845 and established the Darrow Book Store, well known to book lovers of western New York in the nineteenth century.

Dr. Darrow is seeking through his school to meet a very real need that has long existed in the business world, that of thoroughly training young people for business. Between the grammar school graduate with vague ideas of spelling, punctuation, grammar and geography and a brief acquaintance with typing and stenography and the college or university graduate, with no training along commercial lines, there yawns a chasm that is almost the despair of more than one employer. His greatest need in the way of employes is for young men and women with a good general education and an intensive training in commercial subjects and business methods. Such



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people are usually competent and efficient workers for whom there is almost unlimited opportunity for advancement in the good business firms of the present day. The Darrow School aims to prepare just such employes for their future work. In its day and evening classes one can obtain the courses requisite for a thorough preparation as a stenographer, bookkeeper or secretary. In addition there is a higher course in accounting for those who wish to qualify for the Certified Public Accountant examinations and a normal course for prospective teachers.

The Darrow School of Business is registered by the regents of the University of the State of New York as a standard and approved commercial school, a convincing evidence of its high rank. The teachers are men and women of excellent general education and a thorough technical training in their special subjects. They have combined practical business experience with classroom service. In connection with his school Dr. Darrow maintains an employment bureau which has placed hundreds of students in good positions and seeks to assist every graduate to secure the kind of position for which he or she is best adapted and qualified. It is a significant fact that the bureau always has more applications for competent stenographers, secretaries, bookkeepers, accountants and general office workers than there are people to be placed. This service is free, both to the employer and to the employee and may be used by graduates at any period after they have left the school.

On the 31st of May, 1918, Dr. Darrow and Miss Miriam Minnich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Minnich of Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, were married. Mrs. Darrow is a teacher with the best of normal school and university training and prior to her marriage had had some years of experience in educational work. She is now principal of the Darrow School. Dr. Darrow belongs to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, which brings him into close contact with the life in the business circles of the city. Fraternally he is a Mason, while through his membership in the Harvard Club of Rochester he keeps alive the interests and associations of college days.

FREDERICK WIEDMAN.

Frederick Wiedman has established his position among the successful and representative members of the legal profession of Rochester, his native city. He was born on November 9, 1880, and his parents, Michael and Anna (Murter) Wiedman, migrated from Germany to the United States, establishing their home in Rochester in 1855. The father was a cooper by trade and became one of the well known business men of the city.

In the acquirement of an education Frederick Wiedman attended the public schools and the Rochester Free Academy, afterward becoming a student at the University of Rochester. He began reading law in the office of James B. Perkins and was admitted to the bar in 1906. He has since engaged in practice in Rochester, specializing in those branches of jurisprudence pertaining to real estate and loans, on which he is particularly well informed, and a large clientele attests his legal acumen.

In Rochester, on the 26th of November, 1921, Mr. Wiedman was married to Miss Anna Kuentze, a daughter of Henry Kuentze of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Wiedman have a son: Fred A. Wiedman, who was born in this city on December 30, 1922. Mr. Wiedman is a member of the Rochester and New York State Bar Associations. He is a republican in politics and has been for four years alderman from the thirteenth ward. He supports all worthy public enterprises and in his law practice whatever he does is for the best interests of his clients and for the honor of his profession. Mr. Wiedman's residence is at No. 226 Aldine street.

JAMES W. FRASER.

For more than a quarter of a century James W. Fraser of Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, has been connected with the great grain and produce firm of Belden & Company, Incorporated, of Geneseo, whose operations cover the entire western part of New York state, and whose reputation among the farmers is only excelled by that of the United States treasury. Mr. Fraser's connection with Belden & Company, Incorporated, began as an employe in the bookkeeping department. By years of faithful and intelligent service he has risen to the post of secretary of the company, and is also interested as a part owner. He was born at Caledonia, Livings-

ton county, New York, on April 5, 1872, the son of Alexander and Mary (Buchan) Fraser, and was one of a family of eight children, the parents of whom have passed away.

James W. Fraser acquired his education in the grade schools of Livingston county and in the Le Roy high school, afterward attending the Rochester Business University, at Rochester, New York, from which he graduated in 1892. He was then twenty years old and his first employment was with the hardware firm of Wilson & Moore at Caledonia, with which he remained for several years. Mr. Fraser moved to Geneseo in July 1898, and was employed as a bookkeeper by the wholesale grain and produce firm of Belden & Company, Incorporated. He has been connected with the company ever since, and has been its secretary since November 22, 1910. Mr. Fraser is also a director in the Geneseo Auto Company.

Mr. Fraser was married on January 27, 1904, to Bertha E. Paine, and they have three children: Frances M., Donald and Robert. Mr. Fraser is a republican in his political opinions, became president of the village of Geneseo in 1923, and has been one of the village trustees for years. Mr. Fraser is also a trustee of the Geneseo Presbyterian church, to which religious faith he adheres. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Soon after the Northern Livingston County Chapter of the Red Cross was organized in 1917, Mr. Fraser became a chairman, in which capacity he has since served.

ARTHUR GEORGE HOUGH.

Arthur George Hough, president of the Wiard Plow Company of Batavia, has been continuously connected with the affairs of this concern since attaining his majority, and by successive stages of advancement has become the chief executive officer of a widely known enterprise, which has contributed in substantial measure to the development of the Genesee country during more than half a century. Indeed, this concern has been a continuing industrial establishment in the east for more than one hundred and twenty years, having been founded in Connecticut in 1804, by Thomas Wiard, a pioneer blacksmith, from whose humble plow-shop there has been developed the great plow works now located in Batavia, where this plant has been in operation since its removal from East Avon in 1876. Arthur George Hough was born in East Avon, February 10, 1875, and is a son of Captain Charles W. and Jennie (Young) Hough, both members of old New York families and the latter was a daughter of George W. and Jerusha (Brooks) Young. The late Captain Charles W. Hough, an honored veteran of the Civil war, bought into the Wiard plow works at East Avon in 1871 and until his death was ever thereafter the treasurer of the company. The plant was moved from East Avon to Batavia in 1876 and Captain Hough continued actively identified with the interests of that concern until his death in 1900, one of the most useful and dependable citizens of that place, as is set out elsewhere in this work, together with an interesting narrative relating to the life and services of that veteran manufacturer and public-spirited citizen.

It will be noted by a comparison of above dates that Arthur George Hough was but an infant when his parents moved from East Avon to Batavia in 1876, and he thus was reared in the latter city, completing his local schooling in the high school. He then entered the law department of Cornell University, and in 1895, when but twenty years of age, was graduated from that institution. Mr. Hough had not taken the law course at the university with a view to entering upon the practice of law, but with the general view to acquiring an acquaintance particularly with commercial law as a further qualification for service in the office of the Wiard Plow Company, with which his father had so long been prominently connected, and upon his return from the university he became connected with the office staff of that then rapidly developing concern. Upon the reorganization of the Wiard Plow Company, following the death of Captain Hough in 1900, Mr. Hough was elected to succeed his father as treasurer of the company, and upon a further reorganization in 1914 he was elected president of the company, in which general administrative capacity he since has been serving. It is not too much to say that Mr. Hough's long experience in the direction of the affairs of this great concern, his tried executive abilities and his sound judgment have been decisively manifest in the continued growth and success of the business. The Wiard Plow Company furnishes steady employment to more than one hundred persons in the manufacture of plows and other agricultural implements, its annual product in plows alone running above twelve thousand high-grade plows which find a



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world-wide market, for the Wiard products enter largely into the export trade as well as into the great domestic trade area covered by that line in this country. In addition to his interests in this company Mr. Hough has other substantial interests, including a place on the directorates of the Buffalo Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, the Bank of Batavia and the Batavia Metal Products Corporation, and it will not be regarded as fulsome to say that he enjoys merited recognition among the foremost business men and representative residents of the city.

On June 23, 1898, in Batavia, Mr. Hough was united in marriage to Miss Collene Van Vleet of Candor, Tioga county, this state. Mr. Hough is a republican, attends the First Presbyterian church, and is a member of the Stafford Country Club. For two years Mr. Hough served as the treasurer of this club and has been president of the Holland Club. He has the distinction of having been the owner of the first gasoline car driven in Genesee county and his interest in motoring has never abated. Golf and other outdoor sports also afforded him pleasurable recreation. He is one of the active members of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce and is past president of the locally influential Rotary Club of that city. It is agreed that those who know him, and he has many friends, esteem him highly as a man of genuine personal worth, as a business man of ability, and as a citizen who is ever loyal to the best interests of the community.

HARLOW C. CARPENTER.

One of the most influential of the younger business men of Olean, New York, is Harlow C. Carpenter, treasurer of the Olean Trust Company. Mr. Carpenter worked his way up from humble beginnings, starting with this company in 1913 as a messenger and reaching the important post of treasurer in December, 1922. He has been active in the general business life of Olean as well, being secretary of the Olean Housing Corporation and treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce. He is an independent republican but has never sought political office.

Harlow C. Carpenter was born in Olean, the son of Charles W. Carpenter, a builder and contractor. He attended Olean high school and then entered the employ of the Olean Trust Company. When America entered the World war he enlisted, serving with the Field Artillery and was in the St. Mihiel and Meuse Argonne offensives, spending a year in active service in France. He is now treasurer of the Olean Post of the American Legion. Fraternally Mr. Carpenter is a member of the Presbyterian church and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is unmarried.

REV. JOHN J. LEE.

Thorough scholastic training and an earnest desire to uplift mankind well qualify the Rev. John J. Lee for his duties as pastor of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul at Elmira, of which he has had charge for the past eight years, and his labors have constituted a strong force in the spread of Catholicism. He was born in Rexville, New York, in 1864, a son of Peter and Bridget (Fahey) Lee, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They came as young people to the United States and were married in Canandaigua, New York. The father became a prosperous farmer and always followed that occupation. He was an adherent of the democratic party and filled various township offices, proving faithful to every trust reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature. There were seven sons and five daughters in the family, nine of whom are living. John J. of this review was the fifth in order of birth.

The preliminary education of John J. Lee was obtained in the public schools of Rexville and Canisteo Academy, after which he entered St. Charles College of Maryland. He spent nine years as a student at Niagara University and in 1894 was ordained to the priesthood. He was appointed first assistant at St. Stephen's Catholic church in Buffalo, remaining there for three years, and then came to Elmira as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's church, which he served for two years. On the expiration of that period he was called to the Church of St. Mary's of the Lake in Watkins, New York, of which he had charge for seventeen years, and since July, 1916, has been pastor of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul in Elmira. He has worked untiringly for the success of the church and his religious instruction has proven a resultant factor in promoting the spiritual welfare of those who have come under his guidance. The parish school has an enrollment of two hundred and

twenty-five pupils and five teachers are in attendance. Through intensive study Father Lee has become a man of broad culture and deep learning and his is a sincere and devoted service in behalf of the cause to which he has dedicated his life.

WILLIAM MATE.

The greater part of the large quantities of coal required for industrial plants and domestic use in Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York, is supplied by William Mate, whose business also extends into the territory adjacent to the town and is of large proportions. He was born at Groveland, Livingston county, on November 7, 1854, the son of Richard and Harriet (Wiley) Mate, both of whom have passed away.

William Mate was educated in the common schools, and while still a boy he started to work in a blacksmith shop, and in a few years had a shop of his own. For the next twenty-five years the blacksmith shop of William Mate was known for many miles around, was always busy, and did a most prosperous business. In December, 1917, Mr. Mate decided to retire and occupy his time in some less strenuous pursuit, and the opportunity offered in the willingness of Mrs. S. J. Woolever to sell the coal business she owned, and Mr. Mate became the purchaser.

Mr. Mate was married in 1885 to Emma Jerome, who has passed away. Some time after the death of his first wife Mr. Mate was married to Edith Lowery, and they have two children: Sherwood W. and Harold W. Mr. Mate is a member of the Masonic order, in religion he is a Presbyterian and a trustee of the Mount Morris church of that faith, and in politics he votes the democratic ticket.

WILLIAM F. LOVE.

One of the prominent younger members of the Rochester bar is William F. Love, district attorney of Monroe county. Born in this city on the 26th of October, 1880, Mr. Love comes from a good old Rochester family, for both of his parents, Frank W. and Marietta L. (Ward) Love, were born and have always lived here. Until 1918 the father was engaged in the grocery business, but is now retired from active commercial life. He was the first supervisor of the twentieth ward and held that office for years.

After passing through the successive grades of the grammar schools, William F. Love attended the Rochester Free Academy, from which he graduated in the class of 1896 and then took a year's course in the Rochester Business College. Subsequently he enrolled in the University of Rochester, which conferred the Ph. B. degree upon him in 1903. When he left the university the young man took up the study of law, entering the office of George Raines, where he worked and read his Blackstone until he was ready to take his bar examinations. He was admitted to practice before the New York bar in 1905 and for two years thereafter continued in Mr. Raines' office as a legal assistant. It was not until 1907, therefore, that he established himself in private practice under his own name. Equipped with native ability, a sound education and considerable practical experience in his chosen field, Mr. Love naturally rose rapidly in a profession that requires thorough preparation and actual accomplishments of those upon whom it bestows its honors. Ere long he had a good clientele and had won the confidence of the profession and the laity alike. In 1911 the post of assistant district attorney gave him additional opportunities to display his powers, and so well did he do so that in 1919 he was elected to the office of district attorney and in 1922 was reelected for a second three-year term.

During the World war Mr. Love served very ably on the draft board and as the United States government appeal agent, devoting a large share of his time and attention to the onerous duties connected with these offices. He belongs to the American, New York State and Rochester Bar Associations and tries in every possible manner to keep fully informed on all matters affecting his profession. He is now on his second term as president of the Association of Federal and State District Attorneys of New York State. A Roman Catholic in his religious faith, Mr. Love is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose, while in college days he was initiated into the brotherhood of Theta Delta Chi. He has always retained his interest in this college fraternity and for the past year has served as president of the Grand Lodge. He



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is first vice president of the Associated Alumni of the University of Rochester. In Rochester Mr. Love is known socially as a member of the Oak Hill Country, Rochester, Washington and Rochester Yacht Clubs.

In Rochester, on the 3d of June, 1908, Mr. Love was married to Miss Gertrude B. Dunn, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dunn, prominent citizens of Rochester. Mrs. Love passed away on March 2, 1913, leaving a daughter, Katherine G. Love, who was born June 5, 1909.

RALPH H. GORSLINE.

The business interests of Rochester are important and varied, offering splendid opportunities to the man of ambition, enterprise and initiative. Competition in the different lines of business, however, is exceedingly keen and only those possessed of more than ordinary ability have won the full measure of success. In this classification belongs Ralph H. Gorsline, president of the New York & Pennsylvania Clay Products Company, a million dollar corporation. He is one of the outstanding figures in industrial circles of western New York and represents one of the very oldest families in Rochester.

Mr. Gorsline was born in this city on the 12th of May, 1867, a son of William Henry and Sarah W. (Parker) Gorsline. The name of Gorsline has figured in connection with the business development and upbuilding of Rochester for more than a century, the family having been founded here by Richard Gorsline, the grandfather of Ralph H. Gorsline, who was of French extraction and resided for some years in East Bloomfield, New York, whence he came to Rochester in 1816. He was a builder and many costly and substantial structures still standing bear evidence of his architectural skill and ability. He assisted in constructing the ponderous stone aqueduct which crossed the Genesee river and revived, by its solid masonry and graceful arches, recollections of the old-time bridges over more classic streams. He laid the corner stone of St. Luke's Episcopal church in 1824, and this is the only century-old building in the city in continuous use. He was a typical specimen of the race from which he sprang, being sprightly and vivacious and possessing the artistic temperament in a marked degree, as well as a fine physique and great capacity for hard work. He died in 1870 at an advanced age, while his wife, whose maiden name was Aurelia Rice, died seven years later. For some years prior to his death he was elder in Dr. Shaw's Presbyterian church of Rochester and his name heads those inscribed on the memorial slab to the founders of that church.

William Henry Gorsline, father of Ralph H. Gorsline, was born in Rochester, July 12, 1829, and was educated in the public schools, which he attended to the age of fourteen, when he became his father's assistant in building operations. He inherited his father's artistic temperament in architectural lines and became one of the most prominent builders of the city. Among the fine structures which stand as monuments to his skill are the University of Rochester, the Rochester Theological Seminary, Rockefeller Hall, the high school, the city hall, of which he laid the corner stone in 1874, the arsenal, the Rochester Savings Bank, Powers commercial building, Powers Hotel, Warner's fireproof building, the Cunningham carriage factory, the First Presbyterian church, the Central church, the Brick church, the Jewish synagogue, the Grant building, and many others, which include fine business blocks and private residences. A striking evidence of the confidence reposed in the integrity of Mr. Gorsline is afforded by the fact that all the payments made by Mr. Powers for his splendid hotel, which was finished eleven months from the day of commencement, passed through his hands. Mr. Gorsline always faithfully fulfilled his part of every contract and was found true to every trust reposed in him. Whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion, and in business affairs was always found prompt and thoroughly reliable. The larger the contract the more it seemed to develop his capabilities, and, even though sometimes threatened with loss, he never relaxed his efforts to make his work as perfect as all his great skill and all modern appliances and inventions would permit. In 1874 he became a partner of Ira L. Otis in the manufacture of salt-glazed pipe, and founded what became one of the most important industries of the kind in the country, making extensive shipments from its retail yards in New York city to all parts of the world. The success of this enterprise was largely due to the inventive genius of Mr. Gorsline. He was also president of the Rochester Sewer Pipe Company and the Buffalo Sewer Pipe Company, and was a heavy stockholder in the Rochester Brick & Tile Company.

He was one of the directors of the Flower City Hotel Company and a trustee of the East Side Savings Bank. He became a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce, served on its first board of trustees in 1887 and was continuously upon its important committees. He was for two years president of the Builders Exchange and served on the boards of arbitration in labor matters.

In community affairs William H. Gorsline was deeply interested and did much to further public progress and improvement. He belonged to and was elder in the Brick Presbyterian church and was greatly interested in its work. In 1857 Mr. Gorsline was married to Miss Sarah Parker, by whom he had five children, of whom Ralph H. is the only one living. The mother died in 1874, at the age of thirty-five. In 1876 Mr. Gorsline was married to Miss Margaret Hawley Howe and they had two sons, William H. and Richard, both of whom are living. The father died in 1901, at the age of seventy-two years. In politics he was a republican and he attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry.

Ralph H. Gorsline obtained his early education in the grammar and high schools of Rochester and afterward entered the Cayuga Lake Military Academy, which he attended for two years. He next became a student at Cornell University of Ithaca, New York, a member of the class of 1889, and upon his return to Rochester secured a position with the L. P. Ross Wholesale Shoe Company. In 1890 he engaged in the manufacture of shoes, forming a partnership with George L. Van Alstyne, and the business was continued until 1894, when the firm failed, as a result of the widespread financial panic of that year. Mr. Gorsline then went to Buffalo in the interests of the New York Sewer Pipe Company, which he represented in that city for two years. In 1897 he returned to Rochester and engaged in the manufacture of clay products with the Rochester Sewer Pipe Company. In 1912 this company was merged with the New York State Sewer Pipe Company, of which Mr. Gorsline was made president, and this has since been consolidated with the Northern Refractories Company. The new organization is known as the New York & Pennsylvania Clay Products Company and Mr. Gorsline is its president—an office for which his experience and executive ability well qualify him. He has a comprehensive understanding of every phase of the business and is now at the head of one of the largest productive industries of this part of the state. The firm has established factories in Rochester and at Hutchins, Pennsylvania, and maintains its headquarters in this city.

On the 11th of June, 1891, Mr. Gorsline was married to Miss Hattie D. Dewey, a daughter of Judge Hiram Dewey, prominent in Jefferson county and founder of the Agricultural Fire Insurance Company. Mr. and Mrs. Gorsline have two sons and a daughter, all born in Rochester: The eldest, Ralph Dewey, was born in December, 1894. He attended the public schools and the Staunton Military Academy and is now assistant manager of the plant at Hutchins, Pennsylvania. During the progress of the World war he enlisted in the United States Hospital Corps and spent one year in France, being assigned to duty at Base Hospital No. 19. He married Miss Laura Brigham, who is also a native of this city; the daughter, Sarah D. Gorsline, was born in 1902 and since her graduation from high school has engaged in the study of economics and hotel management; Alvin H. Gorsline, the younger son, was born in 1906 and completed his high school course in 1924.

Ralph H. Gorsline is a member of the Rochester Club, the Rochester Automobile Club and the Nittany Country Club of Center county, Pennsylvania. He also belongs to Zeta Psi, a fraternity of Cornell University, and in Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree. Mr. Gorsline may well be termed a man of affairs, for he is successfully controlling important business interests and occupies a central place on the stage of action in Rochester. His residence is at No. 80 Berkeley street in Rochester, New York.

PHILANDER A. MOTT.

Though a decade and a half has passed since Philander A. Mott departed this life, he is remembered by many residents of Ontario county as a leading citizen and prominent business man of Phelps, where he made his home for a period of fifty-eight years. He was nearing the eightieth milestone on life's journey when called to his final rest on the 6th of March, 1909. He was born in Chatham, Columbia county, New York, March 14, 1829. In the year 1851 his parents, Philander and Mary Ann (Baker) Mott, removed from Chatham to Phelps, New York. His sister, Antoinette L., became the wife of Orren Gifford and the mother of three children, Mary, George



Philander Mott



Mary J. Mott



HOME OF PHILANDER MOTT, PHELPS, N. Y.



RESIDENCE OF MISS ALICE L. MOTT, CANANDAIGUA, N. Y.

Mott and Helen. Mrs. Gifford died at the early age of thirty. The Mott family is believed to have been of French refugee origin, and the name has been common from early times in County Essex, England, and on Long Island and in Westchester and other counties of New York, in America. Members of the family moved from France to England, where they held lands as early as 1375. The crest and arms which are held by the Motts in America were granted in 1615.

The early life of Philander A. Mott was spent at the home of his ancestors on the banks of the Hudson, and as a young man of twenty-two years he accompanied his father to Ontario county and settled in the town of Phelps. By his keen insight and remarkable business ability, coupled as it was with an ever broadening knowledge of affairs and a judgment that seldom erred, Mr. Mott added steadily to his estate and amassed a large and varied property, which, with the large business connections he formed in the course of his career, made him a well known man, not only in neighboring cities but also throughout the state. He was noted and pointed out for his habit of looking out personally after all the smallest details of his business, and as an example of one whose wealth had been created by old-fashioned, rugged business principles and conserved by his simple life, good health and temperate frugal habits. His success was all the greater because it was achieved in a small community, where business opportunities were not plentiful and, had his opportunities been greater, those who knew him say that he would have more than held his own with the ablest American financiers. Mr. Mott was a republican in politics.

In 1856 Mr. Mott was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Brush, who was born in Fenner, New York, December 26, 1836, the daughter of Miles Phillips and Lydia Adeline (Ray) Brush. Mr. and Mrs. Mott became the parents of five children, as follows: George P., who wedded Miss Carrie Vosburgh and has three children, George Everett, Hazel and Ethel; Alice L., residing in Canandaigua, where she enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance; Mary G.; Emma, the wife of Abraham Garlock of Newark, New York, and the mother of two children, Alice M. and Mott A.; and Antoinette, who is the wife of Lyndon E. Adams of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and has one son, George M. Mrs. Mott, the mother of these children, passed away on May 5, 1905.

EDWIN J. CARPENTER.

The future holds promise of professional prominence for Edwin J. Carpenter, an able and well known young attorney of Corning, his native town. Born on the 29th of August, 1897, he is the only son of Dr. Edwin J. and Helen L. (Abel) Carpenter. His paternal grandfather, Uri Carpenter, married a daughter of Edwin Merchant, who took up a large tract of land from the government in the Genesee country. Dr. Edwin J. Carpenter, the father of E. J. Carpenter of this review, was born on the 1st of July, 1864, and taught school for some years prior to taking up the study of medicine in the University of Buffalo. Throughout the remainder of his life he was successfully engaged in practice as a physician and surgeon of Corning, where he passed away on the 19th of November, 1919. His widow has been a member of the republican county committee since the time women were granted the right of franchise.

Edwin J. Carpenter pursued a high school course in Corning and in 1914 entered Cornell University, having won a scholarship in that institution. On the 11th of April, 1917, he enlisted in the United States navy for service in the World war. He was stationed in Newport, Rhode Island, and took instruction in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, while subsequently he was transferred to the Naval Aviation Division and instructed in flying at Chatham, Massachusetts. On the 21st of November, 1918, he was mustered out. He then resumed his studies in Cornell University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1918, while two years later the same institution conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. upon the completion of a course in its law department. Admitted to the bar in July, 1920, he entered upon the active work of his chosen profession in Corning in association with H. A. Heminway, with whom he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period, in May, 1922, he opened an office in Corning, where he has since practiced independently and has been accorded a growing clientage that has already connected him with considerable important litigation.

An active worker in the local ranks of the republican party, Mr. Carpenter is widely recognized as a loyal, public-spirited and progressive citizen whose efforts are

earnestly exerted in behalf of the general welfare. He made an excellent record as a member of the general assembly of New York in the year 1922, fully justifying the confidence and support of his constituents. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Congregational church of Corning, of which he is a trustee. His sterling integrity is a quality known and appreciated, while his genial manner has won for him a host of friends.

ROSS MEACHAM LOVELL.

Ross Meacham Lovell, prominent representative of the Elmira bar and member of the law firm of Stanchfield, Collin, Lovell & Sayles, is descended from one of the oldest families in this country. This family was founded in America in 1635 by Robert Lovell, who was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1595. He was a descendant of Robert, Lord of Ivery in Normandy, whose father, Roger, was cupbearer to William the Conqueror and whose grandson, Baron William Lovell, was the first Lord of Cary, County of Somerset, England, where he established an estate soon after the conquest. Ross M. Lovell was born in Marathon, Cortland county, New York, September 25, 1871, a son of Ransom M. and Dorcas Eliza (Meacham) Lovell, also natives of that town, in which they were married. The father was born in 1823 and passed away in 1907, at the age of eighty-four years. He was a farmer in Cortland county during his entire life. The mother was born in 1835, a daughter of Eleazer Meacham and granddaughter of Isaac Meacham. She survives her husband. Six children were born to Ransom and Dorcas E. Lovell, four of whom are living, and Ross M. is the youngest member of the family.

Ross Meacham Lovell attended Marathon Academy in his youth and obtained his higher education at Cornell University, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1893, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. While in Cornell he made a special study of history and political science. Taking up his residence in Elmira, he studied law in the office of Reynolds, Stanchfield & Collin and in 1898 was admitted to the bar. In the same year he became a partner of the firm, which is now known as Stanchfield, Collin, Lovell & Sayles, and which is considered one of the leading law firms of western New York. Mr. Lovell has charge of the trial work of his firm and in this field has been notably successful.

In 1915 Mr. Lovell was married to Mrs. Isabella Reynolds Campbell, who was born in Hornell, New York, and completed her education in a school for girls at Rochester, New York. Mr. Lovell's family consists of his wife and stepdaughter, Catherine Louise, born October 18, 1908; and John, born March 23, 1916; Robert, born December 13, 1917; James, born February 21, 1919; and Mary, born December 26, 1921.

In his political views Mr. Lovell has always followed an independent course. His professional connections are with the Chemung County, Cornell, New York State and American Bar Associations, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He is a trustee of the Supreme Court Library at Elmira, which office he has filled for a number of years. He was one of the founders of the Quill & Dagger Society of Cornell University, and he also belongs to the alumni association of that institution. In addition to the above Mr. Lovell is a member of the Elmira City, Golf and Country Clubs, and the Fort Orange Club of Albany, New York.

FRANK H. JOHANTGEN.

When his bank needed a cashier a few years ago the president mentally reviewed the young and prosperous business men of the town and finally selected one for the vacant position. That explains why Frank H. Johantgen is cashier of the Citizens Bank of Dansville, Livingston county, New York, and is also proprietor of a large clothing business in the town, of which a brother is the active manager. His birth occurred in Dansville, on the 6th of May, 1872, his parents being Nicholas and Louise (Didas) Johantgen. The firm of Johantgen Brothers, merchants, of Dansville, of which he is a member, had its inception in the spring of 1856 under the name of Foster & Puffer. Nicholas Johantgen, father of Frank H. Johantgen, began with this concern as a clerk on September 1, 1859, and in 1873 became a partner of

J. F. Brayton, who had succeeded the original firm in 1861. A decade later Nicholas Johantgen purchased the interest of Mr. Brayton and continued the business until 1896, when he was succeeded by his sons, Charles G., Frank H., Fred W. and Nicholas, Jr. Nicholas Johantgen, who passed away August 12, 1916, when seventy-four years of age, is survived by his widow and by ten of their eleven children. The son, Charles G., was called to his final rest in 1913. Fred W. now conducts a store at Perry, New York. Louis C., a younger brother, has been admitted to the firm of Johantgen Brothers.

Frank H. Johantgen, whose name introduces this review, supplemented his grade and high school education by a course of study in Canisius College of Buffalo, New York, from which institution he was graduated in 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His first employment was in the manufacture of shirts and overalls with the Dansville Shirt & Overall Company, with which he remained for a few years, or until 1896, when he embarked in the clothing business, succeeding his father, who had retired. Mr. Johantgen entered the Citizens Bank as cashier in 1916, on the personal solicitation of President Frank Fielder, and has fully justified the wisdom of the latter's selection.

On the 20th of April, 1896, Mr. Johantgen was united in marriage to Miss Anna Nagel. Three children have been born to them, namely: James, who is a medical student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, class of 1925; Helen, who was graduated from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, in 1924, with the degree of A. B.; and Richard. Politically Mr. Johantgen is a democrat and has served as town clerk. He is a devout communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church in Dansville and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Columbus. A lifelong resident of Dansville, he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance in the town and has long been numbered among its successful and representative citizens.

KENNETH CASTLE TOWNSON.

Kenneth Castle Townson is one of Rochester's loyal sons, and that he is an exceptionally capable and energetic young business man is demonstrated by the fact that he has been chosen director of the city's largest department store. He was born July 8, 1889, and his parents were Andrew J. and Marie A. (Castle) Townson, the former a native of Carlyle, England, and the latter of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The father was a boy of eight when the family came to the United States and at the age of twelve he became a wage earner, entering the department store now conducted by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company. He remained with that firm until his death and rose from the position of cash boy through the various departments of the business, at length becoming secretary and treasurer. He was highly esteemed by his associates in the business and by all with whom he came into contact, for he was a man of exemplary character and substantial worth. He passed away on the 16th of February, 1920, and is survived by the mother. Four sons were born to them: Douglas C., president of the firm of Curtis Brothers; Harold C., secretary of the Stecher Lithographing Company; Kenneth Castle of this review; and Andrew J., who is attending school. All are residents of this city.

Kenneth Castle Townson completed a course in the East high school and finished his education in the University of Rochester. Since entering the business world he has been identified with the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, and in recognition of his conscientious efforts and devotion to their interests he was steadily advanced as his experience and value increased. He is well qualified for the responsibilities which now devolve upon him and displays mature judgment and keen sagacity in solving the many problems which are constantly arising in connection with his duties.

Mr. Townson is a director of the Rochester Dispensary and other worthy civic enterprises, being ever ready to lend the weight of his influence to projects for the good of his community. He is serving as president of the Rochester Polo Club, which owes its present standing largely to his enthusiastic and untiring efforts in its behalf. The team is composed of about ten players, all of whom are expert horsemen, and has won many trophies. Mr. Townson has long been identified with the New York National Guard and his activities in this connection have gained him statewide prominence. He served in the Three Hundred and Tenth Cavalry and the Fifty-eighth Field Artillery during the World war and is at present commander of the Second Squadron, One Hundred and First Cavalry, sparing no effort to bring this squadron up to its present high standing among the cavalry units of the country.

Mr. Townson was married June 25, 1913, in Rochester, to Miss Elizabeth Mulligan, a daughter of Dr. Edward Mulligan, a well known physician of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Townson have two sons, Edward W. Townson and Andrew J. Townson (II). The former was born August 7, 1914, and the latter March 15, 1917, and both are natives of this city. Mr. Townson is a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and is connected with the Young Men's Christian Association, the Rochester Country Club, and Delta Epsilon, a college fraternity. He is essentially a member of the class of doers, thoroughly imbued with the progressive spirit of the age, and possesses those qualities which invariably pave the way to a successful career in any vocation, while his genuine personal worth has established him high in public regard. His residence is at No. 60 Argyle street.

HON. JOHN A. BARHITE.

Judge John A. Barhite was born in the city of Auburn, New York, June 11, 1857. On his father's side he came of sturdy Dutch ancestry, the family being among the early Dutch settlers along the Hudson river, the name originally being Barhydt. His mother was Sara Stanton of Herkimer county, who was of Revolutionary ancestry.

John A. Barhite prepared for college at the famous old Canadagau Academy, and entered the University of Rochester in the fall of 1877, graduating with highest honors in the class of 1881. After graduating from college he studied law in the office of Theodore Bacon, at that time one of the leading lawyers of the state. He was admitted to the bar in 1883 and became one of the most brilliant lawyers in the state. His clientele was extensive and of important character. He was known among the profession for the wide research and provident care with which he prepared his cases. At no time was his reading confined to the limitations of the questions. He was at all times an indefatigable student, looking beyond every contingency, and providing not alone for the expected but for the unexpected, which perhaps happens more frequently in the courts than elsewhere. He had an enviable practice.

He was a member of the Constitutional convention of 1894, being instrumental in having numerous sections relating to the judiciary of the state accepted. He served on several of the constitution committees, one of which apportioned the senatorial districts of the state and it was through his influence that Monroe county's one district was divided into two districts. He was also attorney of for the special collectors of the important supplemental tax for the construction of the west side sewer.

Judge Barhite was elected special county judge in the year 1906 and continued in office until 1917, when he resigned and was appointed public service commissioner. In his long service on the bench his rulings were reversed by the higher courts only three times, showing the soundness of his remarkable legal knowledge.

Judge Barhite was twice married, his first wife being Augusta Coleman, who died in 1894. His second wife was Mayme Eleanore Kelley, to whom he was married on November 18, 1908. He had three sons: Augustus Coleman Barhite, John Kelley Barhite and Robert Stanton Barhite. Judge Barhite passed away April 2, 1924, after an illness of about five months. A resident of Rochester from the time he entered the University of Rochester as a student, he was held in highest esteem by all who came into contact with him either in a business or social manner. The following editorial appeared in the Rochester Times-Union at the time of his demise:

"Through the death of John A. Barhite, former public service commissioner, Rochester and the state lost a citizen who made a record as a capable administrator. Judge Barhite, as he was known through having long been a special county judge, was a man of sound judgment, knowledge of the law and administrative capacity. Opinions differ regarding policy, but always it is necessary to find men who will make decisions, assume responsibility, do the work. Judge Barhite was conservative in his thinking and policy, energetic and effective in action, in private practice and his long career in public office was an honorable, reliable counselor and useful servant of the public."

The following is an excerpt from the resolutions of respect adopted by the Rochester Bar Association when Judge Barhite, one of its honored members, passed away: "It was the fortune of Judge Barhite to have as clients many of the large and varied interests in this community. In every case he was faithful to the interest of his client and brought to bear upon the problems that were involved, rare



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skill and legal acumen. The members of the bar of the county will remember with pleasure his work on the bench as special county judge and acting surrogate. He was grounded in the law and his reasoning powers enabled him to make correct application of its rules to the new situations of modern life. The grounds of his decisions were so clearly and logically stated that, as a rule, defeated litigants and their attorneys were forced to admit that he was reasonable and correct in his conclusions. As a practitioner he endeavored to be fair with his opponents. He had no desire to win a case on technicalities. He strove to marshal the law and the facts of his cases to the end that they should be won on their merits. It was his habit to relieve a tense situation by a bit of humor adroitly interpolated rather than engender bitterness by harsh words."

GUY WHIPPLE PERRY.

Elmira is largely indebted to its native sons for the progress made by the city in recent years and none has been more loyal and public-spirited than the late Guy Whipple Perry, who passed away August 24, 1924. His name has been an honored one in local insurance circles for more than a half century. He was born December 21, 1866, and his education was acquired in Elmira. He learned the insurance business under the guidance of his father, Thomas Perry, also a native of Elmira, and a pioneer in this field. He had established the business in 1866 and remained at its head until his death, which occurred in 1896. His commercial integrity was never open to question and he enjoyed the esteem of many friends. After the demise of its founder, Guy W. Perry ably guided the destiny of the business and under his judicious management it increased seventeenfold. It is conducted under the name of G. W. Perry Company and the firm does a general insurance business. It represents the Maryland Casualty Company and controls one hundred and sixty-eight agencies. The business has withstood the test of years because it was established upon the enduring foundation of honorable, straightforward dealing and by rigidly adhering to this policy its owners have built up one of the largest insurance agencies of the state.

In 1888 Mr. Perry was married to Miss Mary Walker, who was born in Elmira. Her father, James Walker, was a native of Scotland and migrated to the United States, settling in Elmira. He entered the plumbing business and was thus engaged until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Perry became the parents of three children, two of whom survive: Charles W. and James W. The former was born in Elmira, August 21, 1900, and obtained his higher education in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science. During the progress of the World war he spent two months in the Officers Training Camp at Philadelphia and is now a member of the firm of G. W. Perry Company. He is a Mason, belongs to the American Legion, the Exchange Club and to the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. His brother, James W. Perry, is also a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Mr. Guy W. Perry was a Knights Templar Mason and cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party.

HON. FRANK CAMPBELL.

The Hon. Frank Campbell, president of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Bath, New York, who died February 20, 1924, was one of the most influential men of southern New York and was nationally known and revered. He was the leading citizen of Bath and for many years occupied a unique position in the town, being called upon to aid and serve and usually lead all enterprises of a public nature. In addition he was a most successful banker and a liberal and steadfast supporter of the Jeffersonian party. He was born in Bath, March 27, 1858, the son of Robert Campbell, Jr., and Frances (Fowler) Campbell. His grandfather was Robert Campbell who came from Glasgow, Scotland, to Bath, in 1795. His father was a prominent man in Bath, having been a regent of the State University and also serving as lieutenant governor.

Frank Campbell attended Haverling Academy and also went to school in Trenton, New Jersey. In 1880 he and his brother, the late General Clarence Campbell, organ-

ized the banking firm of Campbell Brothers. Later the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Campbell organized the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, and was cashier of this institution until 1911, when it was organized as a state bank and he became president. He took pride in the confidence imposed in the bank and its methods, his conservative judgment was relied upon, and depositors came from far and near to deal with the bank. He was secretive in his charities, but they were many and while he enjoyed being called "a hardheaded banker" he was always aiding those who needed it, without fanfare or publicity. He was the dean of bankers in the county and his personal integrity was never questioned by rivals, enemies or friends.

When he was only twenty-one Mr. Campbell ran for county treasurer on the democratic ticket and later served as village treasurer. He was a member of the Democratic State committee for several years and in 1891 was elected state comptroller and served two years under Governor Flower. He was the youngest Comptroller elected in New York but handled the difficult duties of this office with efficiency and dispatch. He attended the democratic convention in Chicago in 1892 when Cleveland was nominated and worked hard for the great democrat, who gained the presidency. He was chairman of the Democratic State committee in 1900 and went to the national convention once more. All his life he has been a liberal giver of time, thought and financial aid to the party.

Mr. Campbell secured the state fish hatchery at Cold Springs and helped bring the state roads through northern Steuben county. As trustee of the New York State Soldiers Home for many years his sympathies were always with the veterans and during his trusteeship the board consisted almost entirely of veterans and he aided them in many ways. Fraternally he was a member of Steuben Lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M. and had taken several higher degrees. He was an organizer of the Steuben Club, member of the Hornell Elks, of the Corning Club and for many years a member of the Manhattan Club of New York city. He was a devoted follower of the art of fishing and many a fine catch of brook trout graced local tables after Frank Campbell returned with rod and reel.

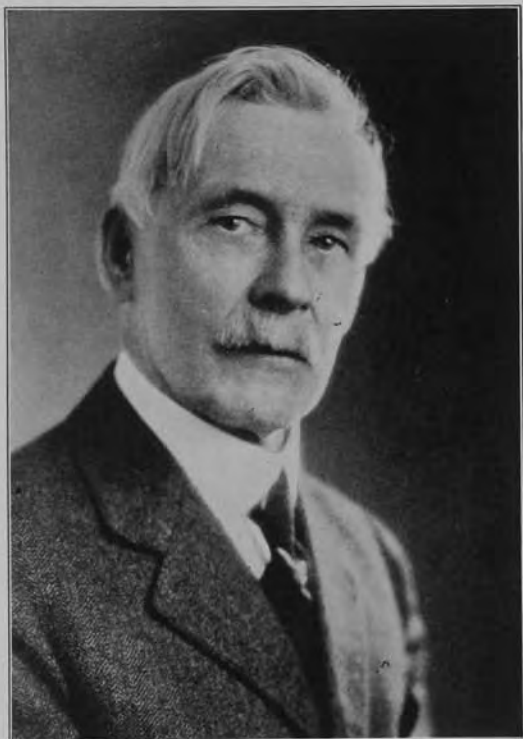
He was married in 1879, to Mary Louise, daughter of the late Warren W. Wilson, of Bath. Mrs. Campbell died in 1914. They were parents of one son: Wilson R. Campbell, who is vice president of his father's bank, president of the village of Bath, president of the board of trustees of the New York State Sailors and Soldiers Home, was the organizer and first president of the Bath Rotary Club and secretary-treasurer of the Empire State Abstract Corporation.

Mr. Campbell's influence on the life of Bath was far-reaching and his greatest memorial is the tribute of the many who knew him and his methods, and it is generally conceded that he contributed more to the town's growth and welfare than any other one individual.

JOHN D. LYNN.

Among the men who are prominent in the public life of the Genesee country no one has a more distinguished and creditable record than John D. Lynn of Rochester, former United States marshal for western New York and a leading member of the New York bar. Born in Ontario county, New York, in the town of Bloomfield, on April 12, 1857, he is the son of Maurice and Jane (Groves) Lynn. The mother, who passed away in Rochester on the 2d of November, 1923, at the venerable age of ninety-two, was born in County Kerry, Ireland, July 29, 1831. As a girl she came to Rochester with her mother and made this city her home until her marriage on November 1, 1852, when she moved to Michigan with her husband. Maurice Lynn was also a native of the Emerald isle and had come to the United States in early life. The young couple returned to New York state before long, however, settling in East Bloomfield and later in Mendon, where they lived until the death of the husband in 1892, at the age of seventy-three. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom are living: Mrs. John Grimm, Emma M. Lynn, John D., William F., and Edward B. Lynn, all of Rochester; and Thomas M. Lynn of Gates.

John D. Lynn, the third child in the family, attended school in Lima, New York, and graduated from Genesee Wesleyan Seminary in the class of 1878, after having completed the academic course offered by that institution. Immediately after leaving college he took up the study of law and three years later was admitted to legal practice before the bar of New York. A highly successful career in his chosen profession, extending over a period of forty-two years, entitles "Judge" Lynn to his



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high position in the legal fraternity. He is generally recognized as one of the foremost lawyers in this section of the state.

When he was but thirty-one Mr. Lynn became county judge for Monroe county, New York, and the title "Judge", by which he is frequently addressed, has clung to him ever since. Later he was appointed to the far more important position of United States district attorney for the western district of this state. Still later President Wilson appointed him United States marshal for western New York, a position that he filled for two successive terms. Early in 1924 Judge Lynn resigned from office to make way for the new republican appointee. This course was made necessary by the political policy in vogue in America of the party in power awarding the political appointments to its own members. Although a lifelong democrat Judge Lynn is regarded by representative people of various political affiliations as a capable, conscientious and efficient public official and his retirement from office is to be regretted as one of the many instances that lay the "spoils system" open to severe criticism.

The problems that arose during Judge Lynn's term of office were unique in many instances. In the period that intervened between his coming into office and the entrance of the country into the World war, the new marshal was deeply concerned with cases involving the violation of our neutrality. After the declaration of war, the marshal had charge of and responsibility for practically all war activities of the government in his district.

Since his retirement to private life Judge Lynn has resumed the practice of law in connection with the well-known firm of Lynn Brothers. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and one of the founders of the Rochester City Bar Association. For the past thirty-three years he has been a trustee of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary. He belongs to many fraternal and social organizations.

In 1885 Judge Lynn was married to Miss Minnie Taylor, daughter of George Taylor of Rochester. Mrs. Lynn died in 1898, leaving, besides her husband, three children: George Taylor Lynn, a well-known attorney of Rochester and an associate of his father in the legal practice; Maurice G. Lynn, also a Rochester attorney; and Miss Joan Lynn, who resides with her father. Upon Judge Lynn's retirement from public office he was given a banquet by the citizens of Rochester, arranged and attended by representatives of every class and condition of the city's active life. In size and enthusiasm it was said to be the greatest thing of the kind in the city's history.

CHARLES ZIMMERLI.

Rochester is justifiably proud of her native sons, whose loyalty and public spirit have become proverbial, and in their capable hands the future of the city is assured. In this classification belongs Charles Zimmerli, whose career has been marked by continuous progress. He has obtained his objective in the business world and has reared as a monument to his enterprise and industry one of the largest office furniture houses in this country. He was born in Rochester, on the 9th of January, 1876, and his parents, Rudolph and Rose Walchli Zimmerli, were natives of Switzerland. Rudolph Zimmerli migrated to the United States in 1855, locating in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he made his home for ten years, fighting in the Confederate army, during the Civil war. He returned to Switzerland after the war, in 1865, and married Rose Walchli. They lived in Switzerland until 1875 and subsequently they came to the New World, settling in Rochester, where he followed the trade of blacksmith for a number of years. He passed away in this city. The mother is living.

Charles Zimmerli attended the public schools until he reached the age of thirteen and then began earning his own livelihood, securing work with the Vetter Desk Company of Rochester. He remained with that firm for eighteen years, rising steadily in its service, and eventually became advertising manager. He next entered the employ of the Art Metal Construction Company, which he represented as a traveling salesman for nine years, and during that period gained a comprehensive understanding of the industry. In 1917 his ambition prompted him to establish a business of his own and the venture proved a notable success, developing with remarkable rapidity under the able guidance of its founder, until it has now assumed very extensive proportions. It is conducted under the name of the Zimmerli Business Furniture Corporation and Mr. Zimmerli serves as its president and treasurer, while he also

acts as secretary of the Rochester Cabinet Company, Incorporated, which is likewise a prosperous and growing concern.

In Rochester, on June 10, 1903, Mr. Zimmerli was married to Miss Sadie Holyer, a daughter of Thomas and Jennie Holyer. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerli have two children: Irma H. and Kenneth A. Zimmerli, twins, born February 14, 1910, in this city. Mr. Zimmerli is a Knights Templar Mason and Shriner and is also a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club and the Automobile Club of this city. He well deserves the title of "self-made man", for he became a wage earner at an early age, and his record is a highly creditable one, proving what may be accomplished by hard work and perseverance, when guided by sound judgment and keen business insight.

I. SEYMOUR COPELAND.

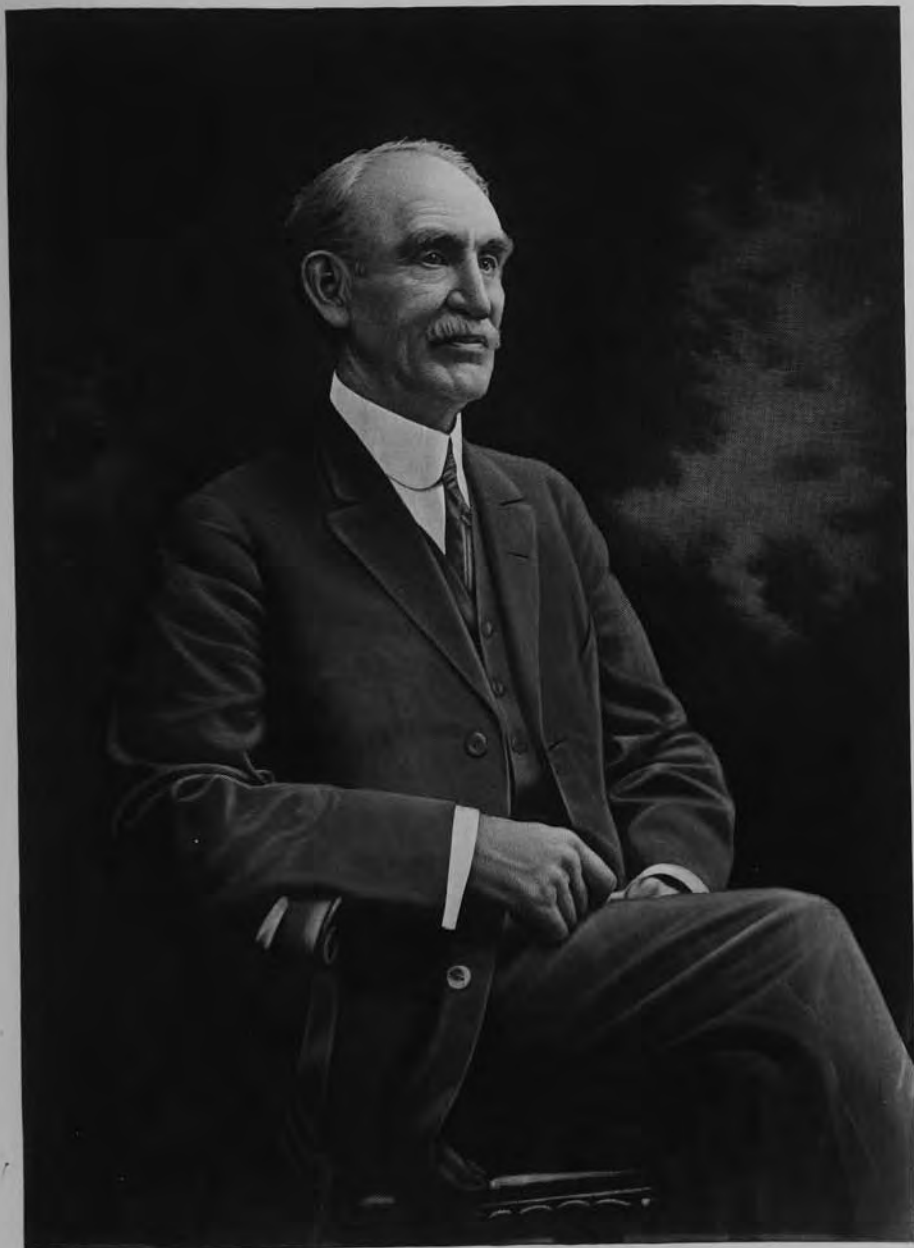
One of the best known newspaper men of New York was the late I. Seymour Copeland of Elmira. He was a man widely respected in his chosen profession, universally loved by those who knew him, and looked upon by his readers as a singularly gifted writer. He had many friends, as he well deserved to have, for he was kindly, sympathetic, deeply religious and, withal, a man of rare accomplishment. His journalistic career was notable and uniformly successful. As an editorial writer he was without superior and his efforts created a distinct impression upon the history of the papers with which he was identified. In his personal life his influence covered many things, many spheres of activity, and whatever he was associated with was invariably benefited. He was born December 30, 1849, in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, and died February 6, 1919, in Lemon City, Florida, where he had gone to spend the winter months. His parents were John and Harriet (Fairman) Copeland.

I. Seymour Copeland obtained his early education in the town where he was born and here also had his first employment. He came to Elmira in August, 1866, and here became associated with his uncles, the late Charles and Seymour Fairman, for many years editors and publishers of the Elmira Advertiser. Mr. Copeland learned the rudiments of the printing trade in the job printing department of this newspaper and later entered the press room. From here he was promoted to the position of foreman of the composing room and soon afterward assumed an editorial position, in which he achieved noteworthy success through a long career. A host of readers throughout southern New York remember with pleasure his "Pad and Pencil" column which appeared weekly for many years and which was a true reflection of the personality and ability of the writer.

In 1881 Mr. Copeland, in company with the late John B. Briggs, organized and published The Elmira Sunday Tidings. This newspaper was published for several years from the office located in the basement of the old Advertiser building, corner of Lake and Market streets. On May 24, 1888, with his brother-in-law, the late James F. Woodford, Mr. Copeland launched the Elmira Evening Star, a pioneer penny newspaper, which was first published on a small scale from an office located on the south side of West Water street, west of Main. The paper proved to be very popular and the plant was moved to more spacious quarters at the corner of Nicks street and Exchange place, where the publication was continued until the consolidation of the Star, and the Gazette and Free Press in 1907. The consolidated corporation erected the present building at Baldwin and Market streets. Mr. Copeland was elected president of the company, which position he held until his death. He did not content himself with merely an executive place on the newspaper, but gave his hardest effort toward building up the principles and the content of his publication. The character and editorial excellence of The Star-Gazette is largely attributable to the solid theories of this accomplished journalist. In the writing of obituaries Mr. Copeland was especially gifted. He had the ability to create articles in this vein which were prose poems; they were artistic bits of composition which have rarely been excelled in the history of journalism.

In his private life, Mr. Copeland was a simple, home loving man and his greatest pleasure was in the hours he spent with his devoted helpmate and children. He was married in 1874 to Miss Nancy Woodford, who survives him. Two children were born to them: A daughter, who died in infancy; and Dr. Woodford J. Copeland, who is mentioned on a subsequent page of this volume.

I. Seymour Copeland was a deeply religious man, and he practiced the religious principles which were guiding influences in his life. He was a devoted member of



I. Seymour Copeland

The Park church and it is a fitting thing to record that in 1924 his widow and son presented this church with a set of tower chimes as a tribute to his memory. Mr. Copeland was a staunch man in politics and fearless in his views. He was also a member of all the Masonic bodies and the Elks, and belonged to numerous clubs and societies.

CARL H. HENNRICH.

Carl H. Hennrich is a typical young business man of the present age—alert, enterprising, purposeful—and his ability is bringing him rapidly to the front in insurance circles of Rochester, his native city. He was born January 23, 1893, a son of August and Johanna (Krause) Hennrich. The father was long identified with mechanical pursuits and passed away in Rochester, on August 13, 1917, but the mother is still a resident of the city. They had a family of seven children: Herman C., who is associated in business with Carl H.; Minnie, Marie, Clara and Martha, all of whom reside in this city; Irving, deceased; and Carl H. of this review.

Carl H. Hennrich was a pupil in the grammar schools and high school and also attended the Mechanics Institute of Rochester. After completing his course he became a draughtsman. In 1912 his initiative spirit prompted him to enter the insurance business, and in 1915 he opened an insurance office in Rochester. He has met with encouraging success and is well informed on matters pertaining to the business, in which he takes a keen interest.

On the 27th of June, 1917, Mr. Hennrich was married to Miss Louise M. Martin, a native of Rochester and a daughter of Vitus Martin of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Hennrich have a son: Warren C. Hennrich, who was born September 18, 1921. During the progress of the World War Mr. Hennrich enlisted in the United States army. He has always discharged to the best of his ability the duties and obligations of life and measures up to the full standard of American manhood and citizenship.

FLOYD M. SHOEMAKER.

Floyd M. Shoemaker, prominent in industrial circles of the city of Elmira, was born in Dundee, New York, in 1872, a son of J. Monroe and Delia (Benedict) Shoemaker, who are mentioned more particularly in the sketch of Guy W. Shoemaker, to be found elsewhere in this volume.

Floyd M. Shoemaker attended the public schools of Elmira and also had the benefit of training in St. John's Military Academy at Manlius, New York, from which he was graduated in 1890, when eighteen years of age. His first experience along business lines was gained in the Second National Bank of Elmira, of which he became head bookkeeper, and for three years he was connected with that financial institution. Two years were spent in the employ of the Standard Oil Company and he then aided in organizing the Hygeia Refrigerating Company, of which he was made general manager. He is now its president and under his able direction an extensive business has been developed. Since 1919 he has been the executive head of the Frostilla Company, which was founded in 1872 by Clay W. Holmes. The Hygeia Refrigerating Company is one of Elmira's large industries. Its cold storage warehouses and ice plant are the largest in the interior of the state. This company has a large plant in Elmira and another in Toronto, Canada. The firm is represented in the United States by approximately fifty traveling salesmen, by twenty-six in Canada, and fifty in other countries. The sales offices are situated in New York city. Frostilla lotion for the skin is one of the best and most popular preparations of the kind on the market and no industry in the city has brought to it a greater degree of prestige. The business has been in continuous operation for fifty-two years and its success is due to the fact that the master formula of integrity and reliability has ever remained unchanged. Mr. Shoemaker is a director of the Chemung County Building & Loan Association and is financially interested in many of Elmira's successful enterprises.

On June 6, 1895, Mr. Shoemaker was married to Miss Flora L. Holmes, a daughter of Clay W. Holmes, who was one of the foremost business men of Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker have become the parents of four children, of whom M. Holmes is the oldest. He was born March 4, 1896, and received his higher education in Lafayette College at Easton, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Naval Reserve for a year and went overseas with the "Suicide" Division. He earned an officer's commission

at Pelham Bay Training Station. He is now a member of the Frostilla Company. The other children are: Guy S. and Clayton S., twins, born in 1898; and Lois S., the wife of Dudley Olcott (III). Mr. Olcott is the son of a prominent banker of western New York and owns a large stock farm in the vicinity of Corning. All of Mr. Shoemaker's children are married and he has three grandsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker are active in the First Baptist church, where Mrs. Shoemaker is one of the trustees. Mr. Shoemaker gives his political support to the republican party and belongs to the Ivy Lodge of Masons. He is also a member of the Elmira Country Club, Elmira City Club and the Engineers Club of New York city. Mr. Shoemaker has served as a member of the New York State Commission on Farms and Markets by appointment of Governor Whitman, has been president of the New York State Cold Storage Association, and during the World war was a member of Hoover's cold storage advisory committee.

JOHN BALL.

On all matters pertaining to grain and produce, large quantities of which are produced in the surrounding country, the word and opinion of John Ball of Caledonia, Livingston county, New York, is regarded as the last and highest authority. Handling grain and produce has been the sole occupation of his adult years, and he has built up and successfully manages an extremely large business in these essentials. He was born at Caledonia, on September 21, 1855, the son of Terence and Mary (McGee) Ball, both now deceased.

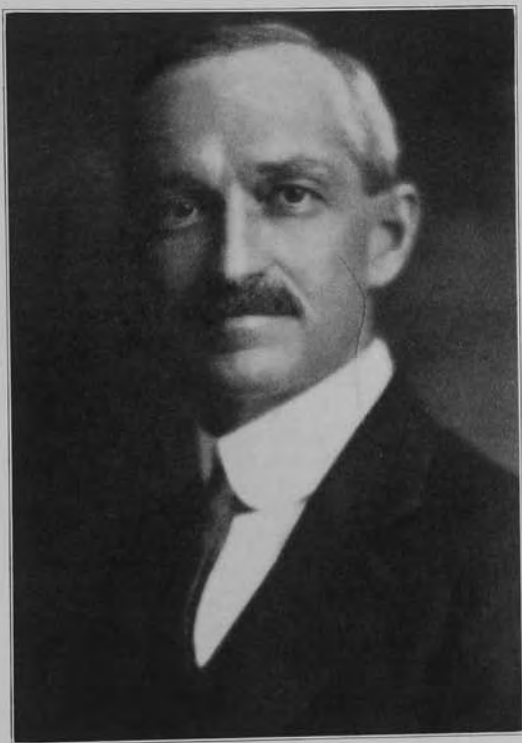
John Ball acquired his education in the district public schools, after which he went to work, and since that time has always been engaged in the milling business. He started in 1887 with F. P. Brownell, and was with him for a year, and then with his brother Thomas, who died on August 14, 1903. Mr. Ball is now associated with F. J. O'Brien.

Mr. Ball was married on November 6, 1889, to Helen Cain of Caledonia. Six children have been born to them: Joseph, John, Anna, Donald, Ida and Margaret. Politically Mr. Ball is a democrat, takes an interest in local affairs, and has been town assessor and village trustee. In religion he is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

HERMAN RUSSELL.

Herman Russell, vice president and general manager of the Rochester Gas & Electric Company, is one of the well known public utility executives of the country. For almost twenty years he has been prominently identified with Rochester's largest utility corporation and in his various capacities, which have carried additional responsibilities, he has been a resultant factor in its growth and development. He was born in Manistee, Michigan, September 21, 1878, a son of Edwin and Fannie Lincoln (Hopkins) Russell, both of whom were natives of Cattaraugus county, New York. The father went to Michigan in 1870, returning to New York a few years later, and after his marriage he took his bride to the Wolverine state, where he spent the remainder of his life. For a time he taught school in Michigan and later embarked in the lumber business, with which he was identified for many years. He is survived by his widow, who still resides on the old homestead in Manistee.

Herman Russell attended the public schools of his native city. His higher education was received in the University of Michigan, from which he won the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1898, and two years later that institution conferred upon him the Master's degree. He was the first holder of the Michigan Gas Association fellowship at the university in 1900. For two and a half years he was employed in the engineering department of the Detroit Gas Company and then accepted an offer from the San Francisco Gas Company, with which he remained from 1903 until 1905, inclusive. Mr. Russell was next with the gas company of Cincinnati, Ohio, and on December 1, 1906, assumed the duties of assistant superintendent of the gas plant of the Rochester Gas & Electric Company. He was rapidly advanced, becoming superintendent in the following year, then assistant manager, and is now serving as general manager and vice president of the company, of which he is likewise a director. His life work has been in the public utility field, where he has achieved a most creditable success.



HERMAN RUSSELL

Mr. Russell was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 21, 1905, to Miss Nellie Amelia Fortune, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fortune of Detroit, Michigan, the former of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have a son and daughter, both of whom were born in Rochester: Edwin Fortune and Frances Anne. Appreciative of the social amenities of life Mr. Russell is a member of the Rochester Club; the Washington Club; the Oak Hill Country Club, of which he is secretary; the Rochester Athletic Club; the Y. M. C. A.; and the Rochester Automobile Club. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In his professional and technical affiliations he is a member of the Michigan, Empire State and American Gas Associations and the National Electric Light Association, and his political support is given to the republican party. Mr. Russell's career has been one largely shaped by himself. He has forged ahead solely upon his own efforts and talents and his advancement has come as the recognition of work well done and his capacity for assuming greater burdens and responsibilities.

CHARLES FREDERIC HOWE.

A large percentage of Rochester's leading business men are native sons whose enterprise and initiative have been essential factors in city building, and in this classification belongs Charles Frederic Howe, a successful realtor. He was born March 4, 1881, and represents one of the oldest families of the city. His parents were Michael and Mary (Ragan) Howe, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Rochester. In early life the father came to Rochester and subsequently entered the employ of the local gas company, with which he was connected for about forty years, holding the responsible position of superintendent for a considerable period. His death occurred on the 3d of November, 1902, and the mother passed away March 16, 1914. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Howe was situated next door to that of the founder of Rochester and for sixty-eight years they lived in that dwelling, while their residence on that street—South Washington street—covered a period of seventy-eight years. They were largely familiar with many of the events which have shaped its history and enjoyed the esteem of many friends.

After completing his high school course Charles Frederic Howe matriculated in the University of Rochester and was graduated with the class of 1905. He was first connected with the Rochester Gas Company, of which he was made assistant chief clerk, and resigned his position in 1910 to enter the real estate business in association with William E. Morgan, who became the junior member of the firm. In the intervening period the business has grown steadily and their operations are now conducted on a large scale. They have greatly enhanced the value of property in those sections of the city in which they have been active, and rank with the leading real estate firms of Rochester.

Mr. Howe is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church and has taken the third degree in the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the local real estate board, and the Theta Chi fraternity. He also belongs to the Rochester Club, the Automobile Club of this city and the Genesee Valley Golf Club. Mr. Howe is enthusiastic in exploiting Rochester's resources and advantages and is recognized as a sagacious, farsighted business man whose word is to be relied upon, and a progressive, public-spirited citizen.

EDWARD E. DOTY.

To a very large extent the prosperity of western New York is dependent upon its farms, the product of which must be shipped and converted into cash before the farmers can pay their bills and necessary running expenses. This is a task the farmer cannot do himself without a grievous loss of time, while his unfamiliarity with market prices and the best time for shipping often would result in serious loss. Mr. Doty has spent his life in marketing the farmers produce, assuring them of the best prices, protecting them against unscrupulous dealers, and has been a potent factor in the agricultural prosperity of the section where his operations are conducted. His firm is known all over western New York, and bears the highest reputation among the farmers for its reliability and absolutely square and honest methods. He is the president of Belden & Company, Incorporated, of Genesee, Livingston county, New York, and is a

leading citizen in the affairs of the community aside from the business of his firm. He was born in Hamlin, Monroe county, New York, on July 1, 1862, the son and only child of George W. and Phoebe B. (Whipple) Doty.

Edward E. Doty acquired his education in the public schools of the county and ended with a course in the Brockport Normal School. He began his work in Geneseo when he was nineteen years old and is now president of Belden & Company, Incorporated, distributors of grain and produce. The firm was organized in 1897, and the territory in which it operates covers all of western New York. Shipments are made to all the principal market centers, in which the firm has its agents, who assure the best prices and also prompt collections. Mr. Doty has large financial interests in Livingston county besides his business. He is vice president of the Livingston County Trust Company and president of the Springwater State Bank, both institutions being of the most substantial and prosperous character.

Outside of business matters Mr. Doty takes an active interest in the affairs of Geneseo, and has been a member of the local board of the Geneseo Normal School for a number of years, and president of the village for several years. In his political views Mr. Doty is a republican, and in his religious convictions a Presbyterian and one of the trustees of the Presbyterian church in Geneseo. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, is a past master of Geneseo Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M., and one of its trustees. During the World war Mr. Doty was chairman of the War Stamp drive in Livingston county, the county being one of five in the state to fulfill its quota, which was nine hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Doty was married in 1887, to Mary M. McIntyre. They had four children: Lawrence E., Harold A., Kenneth M. and Robert L. Harold and Kenneth served in the World war, the former in the artillery and the latter as first lieutenant in the infantry. Both went overseas and Kenneth was wounded in action. Mrs. Doty passed away in 1920. Mr. Doty was later married to Mrs. Metta Gray Lent of Batavia, New York.

HENRY LEWIS MARSH.

Henry Lewis Marsh is well known in Rochester's business circles as president of the Genesee Provision Company, Incorporated, which he organized in 1906, and in fraternal life is a thirty-third degree Mason. He was born in Richford, Vermont, on the 3d of May, 1872, his parents being Amos and Catharine (Rock) Marsh, both natives of the state of New York. Removing to Vermont, they spent the remainder of their lives in the Green Mountain state, where the father devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits. Their family numbered twelve children, of whom five survive, as follows: Henry L., of this review; Amos, Mrs. Carrie Sheppard, Matilda and Melina.

In the acquirement of an education Henry Lewis Marsh attended the grade and high schools of his native city and subsequently continued his studies in the high school at Sutton, Quebec, Canada. After putting aside his textbooks he was identified with the grocery business in Providence, Rhode Island, until 1906, when he came to Rochester, New York, and organized the Genesee Provision Company, of which he has remained at the head. He here began business in a small way on South avenue and later took over the building of Henry R. East, which he remodeled for his own purposes, now having a modern and up-to-date establishment. The business of the Genesee Provision Company has grown to extensive and profitable proportions under his capable direction and excellent management. Mr. Marsh is also a director of the Rochester Motor Terminal, Incorporated.

On the 1st of January, 1901, in Providence, Rhode Island, Mr. Marsh was united in marriage to Lillie G. Wood, daughter of Fred A. Wood and a representative of a prominent family of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are the parents of two children: Henry Frederick, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in March, 1903, and is a student in the University of Pennsylvania; and Florence Rockwood, who was born in Rochester, New York, in October, 1914, and is attending public school in this city.

Mr. Marsh is the president of the Brighton and Penfield Civic Association. Fraternally he is identified with all bodies of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the honorary thirty-third degree. He is past master of Rochester Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest of Ionic Chapter, R. A. M.; past commander of Cyrene Commandery, K. T.; first lieutenant commander of Rochester Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; past potentate of Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and past monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. He is a director of the Masonic Temple Association



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and a member of its building committee. Mr. Marsh also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Merchants Association, the Automobile Club of Rochester, the Oak Hill Country Club, the Masonic Club and the Monroe Golf Club, being a director of the last named. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in Christ Episcopal church, in which he is serving as vestryman. Mr. Marsh has long been numbered among the representative merchants and progressive business men of his adopted city and the material prosperity which he now enjoys is attributable entirely to his own efforts, representing the fit utilization of his time, talents and opportunities. He resides in Brighton, and his residence "Knowlwood" is one of the most attractive of Rochester's suburban homes.

LESTER C. BROWNELL.

There are few occupations in life in which a legal education will not be found advantageous, and this is especially true of large business undertakings, in which knowledge of the law confers tremendous additional worth on men in executive positions. Lester C. Brownell, the efficient treasurer of the Allen & Bailey Tag Company, of Caledonia, Livingston county, New York, is primarily a lawyer and secondarily a treasurer, while his competency in the latter capacity is enhanced by his attainments as a member of the bar.

Lester C. Brownell was born in Caledonia, on August 8, 1881, the son of Finley P. and Emma W. (Warner) Brownell. His early education was acquired in the grade and high schools, after which he took the course in the Albany Law School, at Albany, New York, and for eight years afterward was in general practice in Caledonia. In 1915 Mr. Brownell became associated with the Allen & Bailey Tag Company and is now treasurer of the organization.

Mr. Brownell was married in 1904, to Bertha J. Baker of Caledonia. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of the United Presbyterian church, and of the republican party.

CHARLES McLOUTH, JR.

Charles McLouth, Jr., an attorney at law associated with the well known firm of Sutherland & Dwyer of Rochester, is following in the professional footsteps of his distinguished father, the late Hon. Charles McLouth.

A native of Wayne county, New York, Judge McLouth commenced the practice of law in Palmyra in 1858, shortly after being admitted to the bar, and was soon recognized as an attorney of unusual ability and force. For more than half a century he was one of the leaders before the Wayne county bar, and his practice extended to all the courts under the supreme court of the United States. He was very prominent in state and local politics as one of the democratic leaders. Judge McLouth served his fellow citizens conscientiously and well as president of the village and as president of the board of education for the Palmyra Classical Union School, of which he was a member for forty-four years continuously. For nineteen years he was president of the Custodial Asylum in Newark. He was president of the Palmyra Gas Company and for a long time director in the First National Bank of that village. He was appointed county judge by Governor Hoffman in 1869, to serve out the unexpired term of Judge Cowles. Throughout a long and useful life he was active in all that concerns Palmyra and proved himself a man of high standards and conduct in every civic relation. Judge McLouth died in 1917, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary A. Stuart, is still living. She is a native daughter of the Empire state, where she has lived all of her life. There were four children in the McLouth family, all of whom are living. Charles McLouth, Jr., is the second child and the only son.

Charles McLouth, Jr., attended the Palmyra high school and was graduated from Hamilton College with the A. B. degree, in the class of 1916. He graduated valedictorian of his class and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa society. He prepared for his professional career at Albany Law School and was admitted to practice in March, 1920. The practice of his profession was begun in the offices of Sutherland & Dwyer of Rochester, where he has remained to the present day. This association has given the young man valuable experience. Moreover, he has won the confidence of his

associates by his open, fair-minded approach to all questions, his painstaking mastery of the facts in each case and his sound common sense. He is a member of the Rochester and the Wayne County Bar Associations.

While his business takes him to Rochester every day, Mr. McLouth has continued to make his home in Palmyra, and takes a keen interest in the life of that community. He is a Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter, council and commandery of Palmyra and at present is holding offices in the commandery and chapter. He is an Episcopalian in his religious faith and a vestryman in Zion church.

During the World war Mr. McLouth entered the United States military service as a private in the Fourth Officers' Training School and was stationed at Camp Devens, Massachusetts; Camp Taylor, Kentucky, and Camp Jackson, South Carolina. He was commissioned second lieutenant in the Third F. A. R. D., and was honorably discharged from the army at Camp Jackson, with the rank of second lieutenant, after eight and a half months of active service.

THE REV. MICHAEL C. WALL.

One of the largest religious congregations in Avon, Livingston county, New York, is that of St. Agnes Roman Catholic church, of which Father Wall is the pastor. The parish of St. Agnes was organized in 1853, when the old Baptist church was bought by Father Maguire, the structure being afterward rebuilt and enlarged.

Michael C. Wall was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, on September 9, 1871, the son of William and Mary (Kenefick) Wall. His early education was acquired in the parochial schools of the province, and afterward at St. Andrew's, Rochester; St. Joseph's, Troy; and St. Bernard's, Rochester, the three latter schools being located in New York state. Father Wall was ordained priest on June 12, 1897, and his first assignment was as assistant pastor at the Holy Family church in Auburn, New York, where he remained for one year and five months. He then in succession was pastor of parishes at Stanley, Rushville, Horsehead, Elmira Heights and Dansville, all in New York state. He was at St. Patrick's in Dansville until 1921, and on July 6 of that year moved to Avon and assumed charge of the parish of St. Agnes. The first rector of St. Agnes church was Father Maguire, in 1853, the pastors in succession after him being Fathers O'Brien, Quigley, Bradley, O'Keefe, Hendrick, Curran, Dougherty, Owen, Farron, Darcy and Wall. The brick church was erected in 1869 and in 1923 underwent extensive remodeling under Father Wall's direction. The parochial school, erected in 1908, has two hundred and sixty-five pupils, and is under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph. There is a fine parish house, of Colonial style, which was bought from Captain Macy, and this also has been remodeled by Father Wall.

RICHARD E. WHITE.

Richard E. White, the period of whose active identification with the Rochester bar covers nearly a half century, may without invidious distinction be termed one of the most able and successful attorneys of this city. His birth occurred in Mansfield, Massachusetts, on the 12th of June, 1848, his parents being Ephraim H. and Phoebe J. (Smith) White, who were also natives of that state. It was in the year 1855 that the family came to the state of New York, locating at Halls Corner in Wheatland, where the father engaged in mechanical pursuits throughout the remainder of his life.

Richard E. White supplemented his public school education by a course of study in Fulton Seminary and subsequently attended the State Normal and Training School at Brockport, New York, after which he took up educational work in the schools of Monroe and Livingston counties. This claimed his attention for five years, on the expiration of which period he began reading law in the office of Joseph A. Stull and later with Oscar Craig. Admitted to the bar in June, 1875, the city of Rochester has remained the scene of his professional activities throughout the intervening period to the present and a most gratifying practice has been accorded him in recognition of his pronounced ability and broad legal learning. For seven years he was associated with the Hon. George A. Benton, who was later a justice of the supreme court of the state. An excellent presence, an earnest, dignified manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability accurately to apply its principles,



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are factors in Mr. White's effectiveness as an advocate. He has membership connection with the Rochester Bar Association, of which he was president in 1912, and the New York State Bar Association, and aside from his professional interests is director of a number of local industrial enterprises.

On the 25th of October, 1877, in Rochester, Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth M. Lacy of Scottsville, Monroe county, daughter of Dr. William G. Lacy, a prominent physician. Mr. and Mrs. White have two sons: Ernest L., born in Rochester, where he still makes his home, is assistant in the office of the city treasurer and is also engaged in the insurance business. He is married and has three children, Elizabeth Chapin, Carolyn G. and Ernestine Lacy White; R. Walter White, the other son, is also a native of Rochester, is connected with the Cooperative Law Publishing Company of this city, and is married and has one child, Barbara Elizabeth.

Richard E. White and his family are members of the First Presbyterian church,, in which he is an elder, and in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest. He had previously belonged to St. Peter's church of that denomination, in which he served as an elder for over forty years. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of all commendation. For almost a half century he has been actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community and one which has long been considered as conserving public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights.

EARLE T. MILLIGAN.

Earle T. Milligan, an enterprising merchant of Dansville, is the proprietor of one of the leading drug stores of the village, and his success has resulted from thorough preparation for his chosen line of work and unremitting application. He was born in York, Livingston county, November 21, 1889, a son of Archibald S. and Mary (Shannon) Milligan, both of whom are deceased. After completing his high school course Mr. Milligan became a student at the University of Buffalo, from which he was graduated in 1915, winning the degree of Ph. G. For one and a half years he was connected with the Minckler Drug Company of Genesee and then spent a similar period in the employ of the Leadley Drug Company of Batavia. He next became manager of the E. W. Simmons store at Brockport, New York, filling that position until October, 1920, when he located in Dansville. He purchased the drug business of James R. Wright and has since conducted the store, specializing in the Rexall products. He has a thorough understanding of the practical as well as the scientific phases of the business and has built up a good trade by earnest, systematic effort, progressive methods and close conformity to the principles of truth and honesty.

On October 1, 1912, Mr. Milligan was married to Miss Ruth Hooks of Retsof, Livingston county, and they have two children: Earle John and Barbara Alma. Mr. Milligan is a member of the Dansville Board of Trade, the Merchants Council and the Protectives. He is also a Rotarian and a Mason and his political allegiance is given to the republican party, while his religious views are in accord with the tenets of the Presbyterian church. He has thoroughly allied his interests with those of Dansville and works for the success of every project which has for its object the improvement and advancement of his community. He is a young man of progressive ideas who possesses that ambitious spirit which is the complement of industry, and his well-directed efforts have carried him steadily toward the goal of success.

GEORGE M. VELIE.

George M. Velie, who has been an active representative of the legal profession in Watkins during the past twenty-three years, was elected judge of the county, surrogate and juvenile courts in the fall of 1918 and has since ably discharged the duties of this important judicial office. He was born in the town of Hector, Schuyler county, New York, on the 30th of May, 1874, his parents being John W. and Lydia (Mathews) Velie. The father, who was born in Steuben county, New York, in 1828, was a successful agriculturist who resided for a half century in Schuyler county and who departed this life in 1915. The mother, whose natal year was 1840, passed away in 1921.

George M. Velie received a high school education in Watkins and continued his studies in the Cook Academy at Montour Falls, New York. He obtained his specific training for a professional career as a student in the Albany Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1901. The same year he was admitted to the bar and then entered upon the practice of his chosen calling in Watkins, where he soon built up a good clientage. For six years he filled the office of district attorney, making a most commendable record in that connection. He was elected judge of the county, surrogate and juvenile courts in the fall of 1918 and has thus remained on the bench through the intervening period to the present time. His decisions indicate strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge of the law and an unbiased judgment. The judge on the bench fails more frequently, perhaps, from a deficiency in that broadmindedness which not only comprehends the details of a situation quickly and that insures a complete self-control under even the most exasperating conditions than from any other cause; and the judge who makes a success in the discharge of his multitudinous delicate duties is a man of well rounded character, finely balanced mind and of splendid intellectual attainments. That Judge Velie is regarded as such a jurist is a uniformly accepted fact.

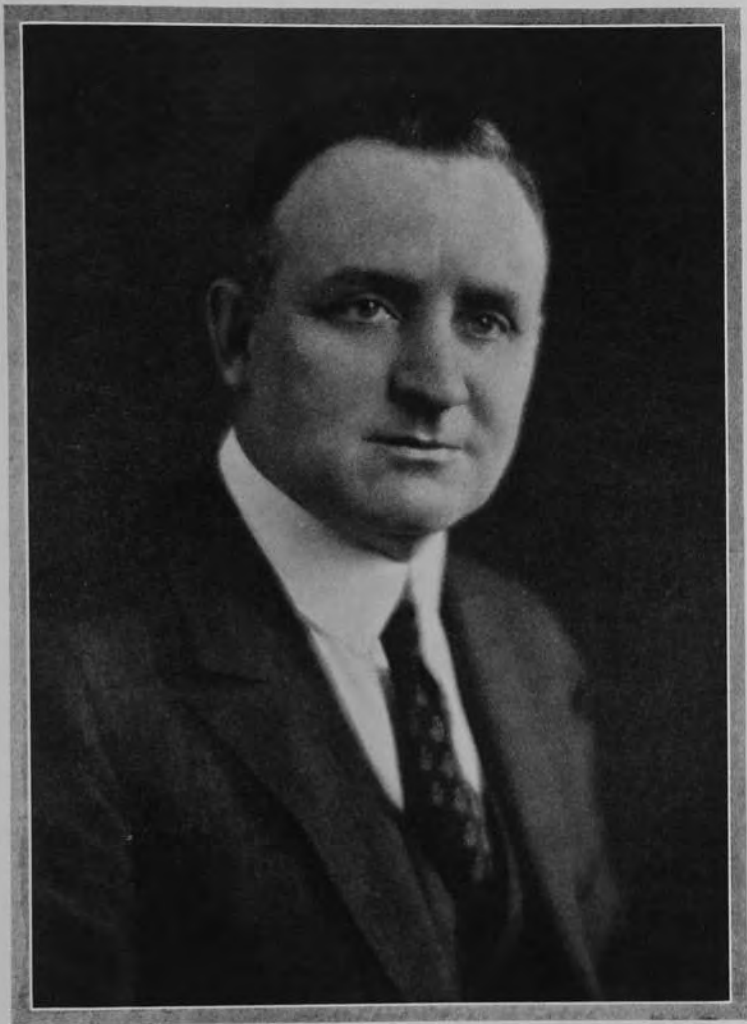
In 1904 Judge Velie was united in marriage to Miss Jessie A. Clarke of Canandaigua, Ontario county, New York. He gives his political support to the republican party and in religious faith is a Presbyterian, while fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge at Watkins. Along strictly professional lines he has membership connection with the Schuyler County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association, and he has been unanimously elected a member of the Broome County Bar Association. He has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a representative jurist and highly respected citizen of Schuyler county, within the borders of which his life has been spent.

LYELL TOWER HALLETT.

Lyell Tower Hallett, manager of the Rochester plant of the Beech-Nut Packing Company, has had a long and successful connection with that nationally-known industrial corporation. He came to this city a little more than a decade ago to supervise the construction of the plant conducted here by that company, and since its completion has remained in charge of its operation and management. He was born in Whitman, Massachusetts, August 20, 1880, a son of Wellington Lyell and Mary Jane (Tower) Hallett, both natives and lifelong residents of the Bay state. They now reside in Brookline, Massachusetts, where the father is still active in business affairs as president of the W. L. Hallett Transfer Company.

Lyell Tower Hallett obtained his early education in the schools of Rockland, Massachusetts, and graduated from the English high school of Boston. His first position after completing his school course was with the Beech-Nut Packing Company at Canajoharie, New York. Beginning in a subordinate position, the young man displayed initiative and ambition that attracted the favorable notice of his superiors and he was given the opportunity to advance as rapidly as his merits deserved. Eventually he rose to the office of manager of the Canajoharie plant, which is the home plant of the Beech-Nut Company.

It was in March, 1913, that Mr. Hallett came to Rochester to take charge of the erection of a branch plant for his firm. In this plant today jams, jellies and condiments of all kinds are being prepared and canned by the Beech-Nut corporation. It is one of the most up-to-date establishments of its kind in the country and is equipped with every known device for handling food products in a sanitary and efficient manner. Indeed, it has become one of the show places of Rochester, which is visited by hundreds of people every season. During the height of the canning and preserving season this large factory with its acres of floor space presents a long-remembered sight to those who are unfamiliar with canning as it is done commercially, and the management of the company extends every courtesy to visitors who wish to see how the good things that adorn their winter dining tables are prepared for distribution. When the plant is working at full capacity over five hundred people, many of them women and girls, are employed sorting and looking over the fruits and vegetables as they come in from the fields and orchards, operating the various machines used in the process of cooking, canning and labelling the products, and packing them for shipment. In the "off season" things are quieted down a bit and a staff of only about one hundred employees is carried over until the next busy season. In addition to being the executive



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head of the Rochester plant Mr. Hallett is also a member of the board of directors of the Beech-Nut Packing Company, which is now a ten-million-dollar corporation.

On June 25, 1902, Mr. Hallett was married in Canajoharie, New York, to Miss Bertha Virginia Lipe, a daughter of Ephraim and Eliza (Wood) Lipe. Mr. and Mrs. Hallett have a son and a daughter: Walter Wellington Hallett, born May 11, 1906, at Canajoharie, who graduated from Cascadilla Preparatory School of Ithaca, New York, class of 1924, and is now a student at Cornell University at Ithaca; and Florence Elizabeth Hallett, born March 3, 1908, also at Canajoharie, who is a student at Dana Hall of Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Mr. Hallett is a director and trustee of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, a member of the board of governors of the Rochester Club and the Oak Hill Country Club, and holds membership in the Rochester Yacht and Genesee Valley Clubs. He likewise belongs to Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, F. & A. M., Monroe Commandery, K. T., and Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine. It can be readily seen from the foregoing brief account of Mr. Hallett's career that he has made his own way up from the ranks, and that to him alone belongs the credit for whatever worth while he has accomplished. He is an excellent type of that class of citizens who are a valuable acquisition to any community, as is fully attested by the high position accorded him not only among Rochester's representative business men but in all such circles as he cares to mingle. Mr. Hallett's residence "Wellington", is one of the attractive homes on East avenue, Brighton.

ALFRED HART.

The qualities of business leadership are in a substantial degree the possession of Alfred Hart, whose stores are to be found in every section of Rochester, and he has aided materially in pushing forward the wheels of progress in the city. His activities have not been narrowed to business operations and his name also figures prominently in civic and philanthropic affairs. He was born in Oswego, New York, September 25, 1873, a son of Moses and Jessie (Mosely) Hart, the former a native of Germany and the latter of London, England. They migrated to the United States and the father embarked in the grocery business in Rochester, in which connection he became widely and favorably known. For thirty years he was continuously engaged in that business and success rewarded his well-directed efforts. He passed away in Rochester in 1910. The mother is still living in the city. Three sons were born to them: Leo, who is president of the large printing establishment which bears his name; Ephraim, also a prominent citizen of Rochester; and Alfred of this review.

Alfred Hart supplemented his public school training by a course in the Rochester Business Institute and then obtained a clerical position with the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, later assuming the duties of bookkeeper. After a long term of faithful service he severed his connection with the firm and joined his brother in organizing the Leo Hart Company. They were associated in the printing business for five years and on the expiration of that period Alfred Hart withdrew from the firm and established his first grocery store. Encouraged by the success of the venture, he gradually extended the scope of his operations until he is now the owner of a chain of fifty-three "serve-self" groceries in Rochester, being sole proprietor of the business, which stands as a monument to his enterprise, industry and executive ability. His commercial transactions have always balanced up with the principles of truth and honesty and he has built up one of the largest mercantile organizations of this character in western New York.

Outside of his business Mr. Hart's interest centers in the Jewish Children's Home, of which he is the president, and is now serving for the fourth term in that office. This is one of the leading charitable institutions of Rochester and during the year 1923 it cared for an average of fifty-eight children a month. Mr. Hart has secured a notable degree of efficiency in the management of the Home, which has also derived much benefit from the cooperation of the Mothers, Big Brothers and Sisters Clubs and the synagogues of the city. A. D. Joffe has been made life honorary president of the Home. The other officers are: William Markin and Mrs. Bessie Andoursky, vice presidents; Jacob H. Goldstein, treasurer; Hyman Kolke, secretary; and A. Bergash, Frederick Bieger, Dr. Frank E. Cross, Harry Eber, Nathan Kaplan, Maxwell Posner, Alexander Karz, Nathaniel Natapew, Jacob Robfogel, Morris Rosenbloom and K. Wolin, trustees.

In Rochester, on May 17, 1910, Mr. Hart was married to Miss Ida Rubens, a

daughter of Bernard Rubens, and they have three children: Ruth Helen, who was born in 1917 and is attending the public schools; Betty Jane, whose birth occurred in 1919; and Marjorie Esther, born in 1920. All are natives of this city. Mr. Hart is a member of the Rochester Museum of Art and also belongs to the Automobile Club of this city. He has made his life count as a strong force for good, and in contemplating his career it is worthy of note that great cities are built, large institutions are founded and national progress is furthered by men of this type. His residence is at No. 26 Homer street.

SPALDING EVANS.

The death of a man of resourceful business ability, of substantial achievement, of kindly nature and pronounced public spirit, is always a distinct loss to a community. Such a man was Spalding Evans, who passed away in Lockport, March 11, 1923, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was long a prominent figure in industrial, financial and social circles of the city and his was a successful career in the highest sense of the term. His life was guided by the principles of truth and honor and his memory is cherished by all with whom he was associated. He was born in Lockport, January 24, 1854, and his parents were Charles and Alice Jane (Spalding) Evans, the former of Welsh lineage and the latter of English ancestry. The family has had a long identification with the history of western New York. His grandfather, David E. Evans, and a great-great-uncle, Joseph Ellicott, were agents for the original Holland Land Company. His father was born in Batavia, New York, June 5, 1821, and the mother was born in Lockport, May 1, 1826.

Spalding Evans was graduated from De Veaux College in June, 1872, and afterward entered Hobart College, but did not complete his course in that institution. He was a student throughout his life and possessed a large and carefully selected library, containing between five and six thousand volumes. A broad reader and deep thinker, he was constantly adding to his store of knowledge and was never happier than when among his books. He resided for some time in Buffalo and first engaged in the transportation business, subsequently becoming a manufacturer of wool. His business was conducted under the name of Evans & Company and in its operation he displayed initiative, foresight and executive ability of a high order. He was the founder and builder of one of the large productive industries of western New York and also took a keen interest in financial affairs, serving for many years as one of the directors of the Niagara County Bank.

In Lockport, on August 20, 1879, Mr. Evans was married to Miss Mary Anna Buck, who was born in that city, January 27, 1857, a daughter of John Hildreth and Harriet (Fletcher) Buck. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Mary Hale Evans, was born September 5, 1880, and on June 23, 1904, became the wife of Richard Evans Norton, and they have two daughters, Nancy Evans Norton and Caroline Harper Norton, and reside in Rosemont, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia.

Mr. Evans was a lifelong democrat and in 1895 was appointed postmaster of Lockport by President Cleveland. He filled that office until 1899, discharging his duties faithfully and efficiently. He aided in organizing the Tuscarora Club and the Lockport Country Club, with which he was connected until his death, taking a prominent part in their activities. Mr. Evans was affiliated with Grace Episcopal church of Lockport and shaped his actions in harmony with its teachings. He had the welfare of his city deeply at heart and was ever ready to further any plans for its improvement. He possessed a strong sense of duty and honor and enjoyed to the fullest extent the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

The following, written by a long time friend, the president of the Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, appeared in the Grosvenor Library Bulletin, in March, 1923:

"It is with exceeding grief we inform the readers of the Bulletin that since our last issue Spalding Evans of Lockport, New York, on March 11, passed to the great beyond.

"Mr. Evans was the most eminent bibliophile in western New York; not only a true lover of the printed volume on account of its technical, mechanical and artistic make-up, but a collector of the best of the world's literature, intimately familiar with the text and contents of his library. He was the ideal exemplification of all that the term 'bibliophile' implies, a refined, cultured gentleman of modest mien, possessing a rare sense of humor, and a discriminating collector who understood and appreciated every element relating to the technique of the craft.



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"His library is one of the most complete and attractive ever assembled, of the intimate association type. First editions are in abundance, the result of personal search and individual quest. Autographs and manuscripts are seen in variety, as well as the personally extra-illustrated volumes bound in rare Moroccos and Levants, with splendid examples of inlays and toolings of the master binders.

"Many of us who were favored will always remember the library presided over by its hospitable master with rare grace and charm and will recall the generous welcome extended to the amateur seeking information about books. The graduates are numerous who were stimulated and inspired from observation and suggestion cheerfully imparted by the fascinating, erudite host.

"Mr. Evans is survived by a devoted wife, daughter and grandchildren, all of whom share in the love and appreciation of good books. Unlike many famous libraries, this one will not be dispersed but will be retained intact and will 'carry on' in memoriam, dedicated to a true gentleman and the perfect bibliophile."

GILBERT TRAVER AMSDEN.

For more than a century members of the Amsden family have been closely and prominently identified with the history of Rochester, and the work begun by the father and grandfather is being continued by Gilbert Traver Amsden, who is contributing his quota toward the commercial prosperity of the city by the successful management of a large insurance business. He was born July 14, 1879, a son of Frank J. and Ida F. (Bennett) Amsden, the latter a native of Canandaigua, New York. The paternal grandfather, Christopher T., opened the first store in the Powers building in 1870, where he conducted an insurance, steamship and railroad ticket business. He was one of the early pioneers of Rochester, arriving here in 1816, when the Genesee country was largely a wilderness and Indians roamed through the dense forests. His son, Frank J. Amsden, was born in this city and became one of its foremost business men. He was long a forceful factor in financial affairs, conducting a private bank in the Powers block, and also built up a large business in marine insurance. He was a man of sterling integrity, whose life was as an open book which all might read, and many were proud to call him friend. He passed away July 7, 1909, and the mother's death occurred on November 14, 1917.

Gilbert Traver Amsden obtained his early education in school No. 15 at Rochester, also receiving instruction from private tutors, and later completed a course in accounting at Bradstreet's Business College. He next entered the Phillips Andover Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898, and after his return to Rochester he became associated with his father in his various business activities. Since the latter's death Mr. Amsden has successfully conducted the insurance business which he had established and is sole owner of the enterprise, which is operated under the name of the Gilbert T. Amsden Company. He is a capable, far-sighted and enterprising business man and has proven a worthy successor of his father, bringing additional prestige to the family name by his close observance of a high code of honor.

In Rochester, on June 1, 1904, Mr. Amsden was married to Miss Louise A. Pitkin, a daughter of William Pitkin. Mr. and Mrs. Amsden have a son: Robert, who was born October 26, 1918. Mr. Amsden is a consistent member of St. Paul's Episcopal church and a republican in his political convictions. He is an energetic member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and also belongs to the Genesee Valley Club, the Oak Hill Country Club and the Rochester Automobile Club. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and exemplifies in his life the beneficent teachings of the order. His residence is on Landing road, Brighton.

CHARLES DENTON CROMWELL, M. D.

Dr. Charles Denton Cromwell, physician for the Retsof Mining Company, is thoroughly appreciative of the responsibilities of his chosen vocation, and his deep interest in his profession has led to the acquirement of broad knowledge and marked skill. He was born in Peoria, New York, August 10, 1877, a son of Charles and Alice S. (Rudgers) Cromwell, the latter of whom is deceased. His public school training was supplemented by study in Middlebury Academy, and in 1909 he was graduated from

the medical department of the University of Buffalo. He was connected with the Buffalo General Hospital for fifteen months, and later was identified with the Raybrook Tuberculosis Sanitarium. He practiced for two years in York, Livingston county, and then spent a year at the Iola Tuberculosis Sanitarium. From there he went to the Bowne Memorial Hospital at Poughkeepsie, New York, and also was engaged in private practice in Poughkeepsie.

Dr. Cromwell joined the New York National Guard and on June 16, 1916, at the time of the uprising along the Mexican border, he was called into active military service at Camp Whitman. He was sent to New York city to assist in organizing the Fourth Field Hospital and on November 10 was ordered to Texas. After reaching that state he was transferred to the Sixty-ninth New York Infantry and was a member of that famous regiment until February, 1917. He was then sent to Albany, New York, on recruiting service and remained in that city until June 24, when he was ordered to Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. Three months later he went to Spartansburg with the Tenth New York Infantry, later being transferred to the Sixth Field Artillery. In May, 1918, Dr. Cromwell went overseas with this outfit and after the signing of the armistice was in command of the Base Hospital at Mes Ves Bulcey, also acting as camp surgeon at Gondrecourt, France. While at Is-sur-Tille he was attached to the Second Pioneer Infantry and subsequently spent three months at Coblenz, Germany, with the Army of Occupation. He remained in the service until October 31, 1919, advancing from the rank of lieutenant to that of major, and is now a major in the medical division of the Officers Reserve Corps. After completing his term of service Dr. Cromwell returned to his native state and has since been physician for the Retsof Mining Company. His military experience has been of great value to him and his professional activities have been followed by excellent results.

On December 25, 1902, Dr. Cromwell was married to Miss Mary J. Milligan of Peoria, New York, and they have two daughters: Mary M. and Alice Pauline, the latter of whom is fitting herself for the profession of nursing. The Doctor has attained the thirty-second degree in the Masonic order and is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is allied with the republican party and is health officer of the town of York. He belongs to Retsof Post of the American Legion and is a member of the Methodist church. With the trend of modern professional thought, research and investigation he keeps in close touch, and stands high in the esteem of his fellowmen.

GEORGE S. CRANDALL.

George S. Crandall, editor of The Star-Gazette of Elmira, has been identified with the newspaper business for a quarter of a century and is one of the best known journalists of Chemung county. He started at the bottom of the ladder and proven ability and fidelity to duty have carried him to the top. He is one of Elmira's native sons and was born December 17, 1880. His parents were George H. and Anna (Strachen) Crandall, the latter of whom died when he was born. The father was a native of Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and came to Elmira early in the '70s. He was a doormaker for the H. C. Spaulding Company and for many years was in the service of that firm. George S. of this review was the only child in the family.

The public school training of George S. Crandall was supplemented by a course in the Elmira Free Academy and after his education was completed he worked for a time under his father, at first making doors and later incubators. He devoted a year to that task and in July, 1898, entered the employ of The Evening Star. He first acted as errand boy and later was advanced to the composing room, in which he spent six months. In 1900 he was promoted to the editorial department and since 1918 has been editor of The Star-Gazette, one of the leading newspaper publications of this part of the state. He is a fluent, forceful writer and his editorials are timely and well worth the reading. He is well informed on matters of public moment and has at all times used his influence to further the best interests of his city and state.

On December 1, 1906, Mr. Crandall was married to Miss Alda Marae Wells, who was born in Athens, Pennsylvania, and completed her education in Elmira Academy. They have a family of two children: George Wells and Phyllis Marae, both of whom are attending the public schools. Mr. Crandall is a member of the North Presbyterian church and has served on its board of trustees. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and has filled several offices in the order, being a past master of Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. & A. M., and a past high priest of Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M. He belongs to Southern Tier Council, No. 16, R. & S. M.; St. Omer's Commandery,

No. 19, K. T., and Ismailia Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Buffalo, New York. Mr. Crandall served several terms on the Masonic Temple board of trustees. He is a life member of the Masonic Club, of which he was secretary for twelve years, and during 1922 and 1923 was its president. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club of Elmira and in 1922 was called to the office of president. He is usually a republican in politics. Mr. Crandall had the advantage of an early start in a profession which calls for alertness and talent, not absolute requisites in other vocations but highly essential in order to achieve success in the newspaper field. He is of the progressive type, both as a journalist and as a citizen, and champions every movement calculated to up-build the city and promote the growth of the surrounding district.

FRANK E. TRIPP.

It has been said that one who enters the field of journalism is never able to leave it, for there is a fascination in thus keeping in touch with the thought and activity of the world from which one cannot escape. This statement finds exemplification in the career of Frank E. Tripp, who has devoted his life to this line of work, and his activities in this connection have made him widely known in journalistic circles of the Empire state. He was born in Breesport, Chemung county, New York, February 21, 1882, and is a son of Edward C. and Malissa J. (Turk) Tripp, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Michigan. They were married in Chemung county and reside in Elmira. The father has been in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad for more than fifty years, forty-two years as a locomotive engineer. He has reached the age of eighty-two years and the mother has passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Frank E. Tripp is an only child. He completed his education in the Elmira schools and began his journalistic career as a newsboy, carrying the first issue of the Star. He worked his way steadily upward, gaining a thorough knowledge of every detail of the business, and for fourteen years was connected with the editorial department. Since 1916 Mr. Tripp has been identified with the operating end of the business and is now part owner, publisher and general manager of the Elmira Star-Gazette, Incorporated, which publishes the Elmira Star-Gazette, the Morning Advertiser and The Sunday Telegram. They are carefully edited and have a large circulation, ranking with the leading newspapers of this section of the state. In 1921 Mr. Tripp purchased the interest of the late James F. Woodford in The Elmira Star-Gazette, Incorporated. This publishing institution is a part of the Empire state group of newspapers, owned and controlled by Frank E. Gannett of Rochester, Prentiss Bailey of Utica and Mr. Tripp. The group comprises, besides the three Elmira papers, the Rochester Times-Union, the Utica Observer-Dispatch, and the Ithaca Journal-News.

On June 18, 1904, Mr. Tripp was married to Miss Fanny B. Miller, a native of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, and they have two daughters: Mary, born July 24, 1907; and Nancy, born July 11, 1918. Mrs. Tripp is a Baptist in religious faith and Mr. Tripp is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a republican in politics and his fraternal connections are with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Masonic order. He is a member of Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. & A. M.; Elmira Chapter, R. A. M.; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 19, K. T.; and Kalurah Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Binghamton, New York. He also belongs to the Elmira Rotary Club. Mr. Tripp has at all times exerted his influence to further the best interests of his city and state, but has diligently avoided any connection with politics.

REV. PATRICK J. SMYTH.

For the past eight years the Rev. Patrick J. Smyth has been pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church at Livonia and his influence has been a beneficial factor for good in the community in which he labors. He was born August 19, 1872, in County Leitrim, Ireland, a son of John and Sarah (Lynch) Smyth, and for many generations the family lived in that country. The mother died in her native land and the father was the first of the family to settle in this state.

Patrick J. Smyth attended the national schools of County Leitrim until he reached the age of twelve, when the family came to the United States, continuing his studies in a parochial school of Auburn, New York. There he was graduated from high

school and for about eight years worked in various capacities in Auburn. In 1896 he became a student in St. Andrew's Preparatory School, from which he was graduated in 1900, and then entered St. Bernard's Seminary. In 1905 he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop McQuaid and in January, 1906, was appointed assistant at St. Mary's church in Auburn, where he was stationed until June, 1913, when he was assigned to Catholic churches at Cato and Red Creek, New York. On September 15, 1915, he became the first resident pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church at Livonia, which was set apart from the parish of St. Michael at Livonia Center in 1912. St. Joseph's church seats about three hundred and fifty people and the present parish contains over four hundred souls. In addition Father Smyth also has charge of St. William's church, a mission at Conesus, New York. He devotes his entire time to parish work and has made many repairs to St. Joseph's church and rectory. A man of fervent piety, he labors with consecrated zeal and devotion, and his efforts have been effective and resultant factors in promoting the spiritual welfare of those who have come under his guidance. In politics he is a democrat but not a strong partisan, being largely independent in his views, and his interest in the welfare of his community is that of a broad-minded, public-spirited and loyal citizen, whose influence is at all times on the side of progress, reform and improvement. He is a sincere follower of the faith he preaches and his efforts have been fruitful of great good to the cause of Catholicism.

WILLIAM NORTHRUP BROCKWAY.

William Northrup Brockway is one of the best-known men in the motor truck trade of western New York and comes from a family that for more than fifty years has been prominently identified with the vehicle manufacturing industry in this state. The Brockway Motor Truck Company is the outgrowth of a business established on April 15, 1874, in Cortland, New York, by William N. Brockway, grandfather of the present William N. Brockway. The business, at its inception, was for the manufacture of buggies. The firm specialized in high-grade carriages and from a comparatively small production in the early years, became one of the largest carriage manufacturers in the world. In 1888 William N. Brockway, the founder of the business, died, and was succeeded by his only son, George A. Brockway, the father of William N. Brockway. In 1913 George A. Brockway realized the advantages and unusual possibilities of the motor truck and organized the Brockway Motor Truck Corporation, of which he has since remained the executive head, the plant being located in Corning, New York. The first motor truck that was ever manufactured by the company is still in operation, and is owned by the Cortland Specialty Company, which uses it for distributing oils and gasoline throughout Cortland county. In many of the larger cities of the east the company maintains organized branches, which come into direct contact with the trade. These branches are under the jurisdiction of trained managers, who have been schooled at the Brockway factory and carry out Brockway policies to the letter. They have large sales and service stations, which assure the highest type of service possible. A large stock of parts is carried at each branch to provide quick service on every model. All mechanics are trained at the factory and understand the construction of the truck in every detail.

William Northrup Brockway, manager of the Rochester branch of the company, was born in Homer, New York, on the 17th of March, 1890, and received his education in the public schools of his native town, afterward becoming a cadet at the River-view Military Academy in Poughkeepsie, New York, from which he was graduated in 1907. He then entered the Brockway plant at Cortland, and applied himself to the task of mastering the details of the business. In March, 1919, he established a branch sales agency in Rochester and has since been its manager. He is aggressive, straightforward and direct in his methods and has secured a large volume of business in this locality for the Brockway Motor Truck Corporation, of which he is one of the directors, and is also a member of the board of directors of Brockway, Incorporated.

In Homer, New York, on the 11th of June, 1913, Mr. Brockway was married to Miss Charlotte Cottrell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cottrell of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Brockway have a son: William N. Jr., born January 6, 1920, in Rochester. During the World War Mr. Brockway enlisted at Syracuse, New York, and was commissioned a captain in the Aviation Corps. He is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is prominent in Masonry, serving as junior warden of his lodge, as master of the third veil in the chapter and as senior warden of the commandery, while in the consistory he has taken the thirty-second degree. He belongs



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to the Oak Hill Country Club, the Rochester Automobile Club, the Chamber of Commerce, is president of the Rochester Motor Truck Dealers Association, and casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. He stands high in business circles of Rochester. Mr. Brockway's city residence is at No. 200 Culver road, and his summer home is "Lazy Lodge" on Lake Canandaigua.

THOMAS L. TOAN.

One of the best known of the younger members of the Rochester bar who have attained a position of prominence in their profession is Thomas L. Toan. He was born in Perry, New York, on the 17th of June, 1890, a son of Charles and Stella (Wylie) Toan, the latter also a native of that town. The father was a commission broker of Perry and always resided in the Empire state. He is survived by the mother. Of their family of five children four are living: Lewis, Carl, Mary and Thomas L.

Thomas L. Toan received his early education in the public schools of Perry, New York, and this was followed by a four-year course in Cornell University, which awarded him the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He received the degree of LL. B. in 1912 and after his admission to the bar began his professional career in Rochester, practicing until the United States entered the World war, when he enlisted for service and was assigned to the field artillery, going overseas with the Eighty-second Division and spending eighteen months in France. He returned to this country in 1919 and was sent to Camp Upton, where he was discharged from the service. He resumed his practice in Rochester and is now a member of the firm of Van Alstyne, Toan & Allen, his associates being George Van Alstyne and Don C. Allen. This is one of the prominent legal firms of Rochester and the list of their clients is both representative and extensive.

Mr. Toan is a member of Doty-McGill Post of the American Legion and in Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree and is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Rochester Bar Association and belongs to the Rochester Athletic Club and the Cornell Club of this city. Although not yet of middle age, Mr. Toan is accorded a most creditable standing among the successful lawyers of Rochester.

WILLIAM L. BENNETT.

William L. Bennett, active in the real estate and insurance field as sole owner of the business conducted under the name of Arnold & Bennett in Medina, has had a busy public and business life and is widely recognized as one of the influential residents of the city. He has also manifested keen interest in community problems and is especially helpful in boys' work and in the betterment of conditions for the young people. He was born in Eagle Harbor, Orleans county, New York, on the 4th of July, 1865, his parents being William H. and Nancy (Walters) Bennett. The father, who emigrated to America from Devonshire, England, about 1850, was active in the milling and cooperage business in western New York for more than six decades. He had attained the venerable age of ninety years when he departed this life in 1921.

In the acquirement of an education William L. Bennett attended the grammar and high schools of East Bloomfield, New York, whence he came to Medina and was here employed as clerk in a clothing and furniture store for nine years. He next became proprietor of the Broadway Hat Store, which he sold ten years later when he went to Albany to assume the duties of a clerk in the state senate. Following his return to Medina he filled the position of postmaster by appointment for one year. On the expiration of that period, in 1913, he purchased the insurance business of Willis Buckle, Incorporated, in association with C. H. Arnold, and for ten years they worked together, developing the enterprise to its present extensive and profitable proportions. In 1923 Mr. Bennett purchased the interest of his partner but still retains the firm name of Arnold & Bennett. The business has grown steadily until it ranks among the foremost of its kind in this section of the state.

Mr. Bennett has been twice married. On the 20th of March, 1889, in East Bloomfield, he was married to Margaret Bridgland and they became the parents of a daughter: Edith May, who is the wife of Frank P. Cartwright of Washington, D. C., a secretary to Herbert Hoover. On the 20th of March, 1894, in Eagle Harbor, New York, Mr. Bennett was again married, his second union being with Augusta A.

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Mosher, and they are the parents of two children: Elma Ruth, who is the wife of David G. Crosby of Lyndonville, New York; and W. Hollis Bennett, who is with the General Motors Company in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Bennett gives his political support to the republican party and is widely recognized as a loyal and public-spirited citizen who withholds his aid from no movement nor measure instituted to promote the general welfare. He made an excellent record as town clerk, which position he filled from 1896 until 1906, covering a period of ten years. Mr. Bennett has been a director of the Young Men's Christian Association for twenty years. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as chairman of the finance committee. He likewise belongs to the Medina Ad Club, the Rotary Social Culture Club and the City Club. High and honorable principles have actuated him in all relations of life and his fellow citizens attest his sterling worth.

DENTON S. ROBINSON.

A veteran of the bar, at which he has practiced law for almost a half century, respected by the profession for his high ideals and profound legal knowledge, esteemed by his fellow citizens for his unselfish devotion to the betterment of the community, D. S. Robinson, attorney, of Nunda, Livingston county, New York, can look backward on his record with the pardonable pride of honorable achievement. He was born at West Sparta, Livingston county, New York, on June 2, 1854, the son of Levi and Desdemona (Denton) Robinson. Both parents were natives of New York, the father of Saratoga, and a farmer of English descent, and the mother a native of Ossian. The mother died in 1883 and the father passed away in 1892. They were the parents of twelve children.

Denton S. Robinson was educated in the grade and high schools, after which he began reading law in the office of F. C. Peck, and was admitted to the bar in 1878. He remained with Mr. Peck for three or four years after his admission to the bar and then practiced alone until he was joined by his son, Denton D. Robinson. In his political views Mr. Robinson is aligned with the republican party, has been president of the village of Nunda, and a trust fund examiner for the state comptroller's office. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious convictions find their expression in the Universalist church.

Mr. Robinson was married on August 30, 1879, to Emily C. Hunt, daughter of T. Dwight Hunt, a Presbyterian clergyman who built the first Protestant church in San Francisco, California, and published the first newspaper there, the Examiner. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson: Gertrude M.; Elizabeth M.; Max B., head of the engineering department in the University of Evansville, Indiana; and Denton D., associated with his father at Nunda. A sketch of him appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Robinson passed away on October 17, 1922.

HENRY J. ROWERDINK.

Among the young men of Rochester who hold a strong position in the esteem of its citizens is numbered Henry J. Rowerdink, a member of an old and highly respected family of this community. He is successfully directing the business founded by his father, a dealer in automobile accessories, and has amply proved that he came to the office through innate fitness and ability, as well as by right of inheritance. He is one of Rochester's loyal sons and was born December 24, 1884. His parents, William H. and Mary (DePotter) Rowerdink, were also natives of the city. The father was a dealer in wagons and harness and later embarked in the automobile accessories business, in which he was very successful, gaining a position of leadership in that field of activity. He passed away January 9, 1923, when sixty-four years of age, and is survived by the mother. They had a family of two children: Henry J. and Mrs. Mayme Layman, both residents of the city.

Henry J. Rowerdink supplemented his public school training by a course of study in the Rochester Free Academy and was graduated with the class of 1905. He then devoted his efforts to the mastery of the details of the automobile accessories business established by his father and subsequently was admitted to a partnership therein,



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at which time the firm name of W. H. Rowerdink & Son was adopted. Since January, 1923, he has been president of the company and the enterprising spirit, the inflexible will and the executive ability which enabled the father to lay the foundation of the business and foster its early growth were qualities inherited in full measure by the son, who is continuing the undertaking along modern lines. He is planning to increase its scope, being watchful of every new avenue opened in the natural ramifications of the trade, and the business now furnishes employment to about fifty persons, ranking with the largest of the kind in western New York.

Mr. Rowerdink was married January 6, 1918, in Rochester, to Miss Ethel Wilcox, a daughter of H. R. Wilcox, a prominent resident of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Rowerdink have a son, William H., whose birth occurred in 1919. Mr. Rowerdink is a consistent member of the Central Presbyterian church and along fraternal lines is connected with the Masonic order, belonging to the commandery, and he is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is one of the energetic members of the Chamber of Commerce and for the past ten years has served as a director of the Rochester Automobile Club. He is also identified with the Rochester Club, the Oak Hill Country Club and the local Athletic Club. He is an enthusiastic and zealous supporter of the resources and advantages of his city and is held in high regard by those who have known him from boyhood to the present time, for his life will bear the test of intimate knowledge and close association. Mr. Rowerdink's residence is at No. 19 Windemere road.

WILLIAM T. JONES, M. D.

Dr. William T. Jones, who has practiced his profession in Horseheads for the past fourteen years, was born in Ulysses, Tompkins county, New York, October 12, 1867, and his parents, Tertellus and Catherine Maria (Thompson) Jones, were also natives of the Empire state. The father was an agriculturist and resided in Tompkins county until 1919, when he removed to the middle west, settling in Wisconsin. He was allied with the republican party and took the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, serving for three years as supervisor of Infield township. He was identified with the Masonic order and a member of the Methodist church, with which the mother is affiliated. She still lives in Wisconsin but Mr. Jones passed away in November, 1923. Two sons were born to them, William T. of this review; and Minor S., the latter a hardware merchant in business in the Badger state. Tertellus Jones, Sr., the paternal grandfather, was born in the state of New York and in 1849 joined the rush of gold seekers to California, but died en route. The maternal grandfather, William Thompson, was a native of Connecticut and became one of the pioneer settlers of the Empire state.

William T. Jones attended the district school near his father's farm and received his high school training in Ithaca, New York. He next became a medical student at the University of Buffalo and was graduated with the class of 1891. He first located in Odessa, New York, where he spent two years, and then removed to Alpine, where he followed his profession for eighteen years. In 1910 he opened an office in Horseheads.

On December 19, 1894, Dr. Jones was married to Miss Charlotte L. Fowler, who was born in Mecklenburg, Schuyler county, New York, and completed her studies in the high school in Watkins, this state. They have a family of two children: Minor F., who is employed by the Eclipse Company of Elmira Heights; and Marjorie M., at home. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and the Doctor gives his political support to the republican party. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and his professional relations are with the Elmira Academy of Medicine, the Chemung County and New York State Medical Societies, and the American Medical Association.

ROLAND O. ROBERTS.

Roland O. Roberts, general manager at Rochester for the firm of Weed & Company, possesses all of the qualities which make for success in the business world, and proven ability has placed him in the responsible office which he now fills. He was born in Pike, New York, September 10, 1884, and is a son of John and Belle (Wheat) Roberts, also natives of the Empire state, in which they have always resided. As a young man the father embarked in merchandising at Pultneyville, Wayne county,

where he engaged in business for ten years, and then located in Rochester, but two years later removed to Addison. He returned to Rochester in 1905 and has since made his home in this city.

His son, Roland O. Roberts, attended school at Pultneyville and the high school at Addison, New York, afterward becoming a student in the Mechanics Institute at Rochester, in which he completed a two-year course. His initial business experience was obtained with Weed & Company of Buffalo, the largest hardware house in New York state, in whose service he has always remained, and his ability and fidelity to duty were soon rewarded by promotion. He eventually became traveling representative for the firm, acting in that capacity from 1908 until 1913, and Rochester was included in his territory. He was in charge of sales from 1913 to 1917, has been general manager since February, 1917, and was elected a director in 1923. He is thoroughly devoted to the interests of the firm and a large volume of business attests his zeal, enterprise and executive force.

On the 15th of June, 1911, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage to Miss May Surdam of Rochester, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Surdam of this city. Mr. Roberts is a consistent member of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church and in politics casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. He is serving on the investors' protective committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the membership committee of the Retail Merchants Bureau. He was honored with the presidency of the Kiwanis Club of Rochester in 1923 and belongs to the local Automobile Club. Mr. Roberts has steadily progressed through concentrated effort and the exercise of the qualities of patience and perseverance. He has the enthusiasm for Rochester characteristic of its citizens and his genuine personal worth has established him high in public regard. His residence is at No. 36 Harlem street.

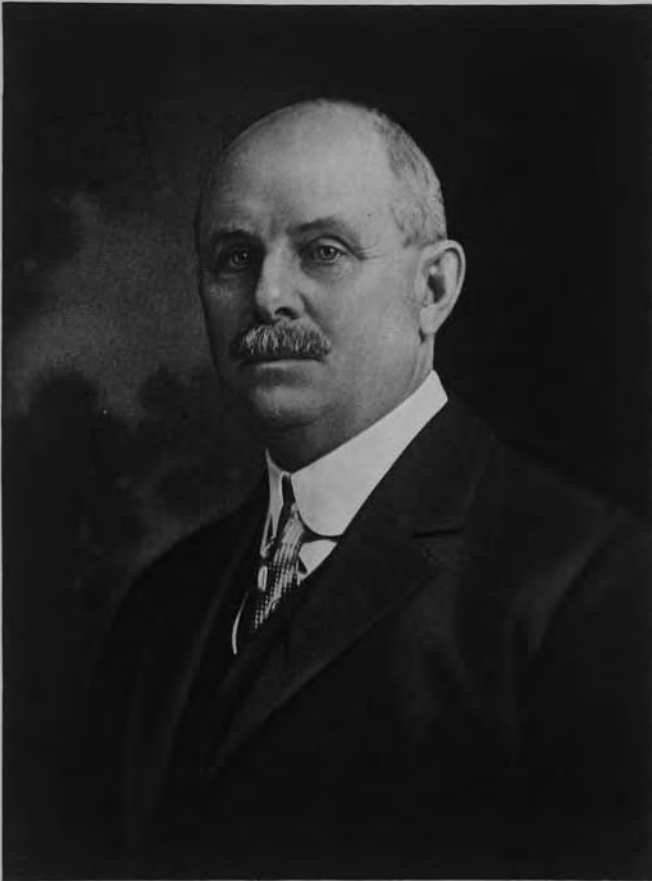
FRANK HENRY PHELPS.

The death of a man of progressive ideas, of substantial achievement and public spirit is always a distinct loss to a community. Such a citizen was Frank Henry Phelps, who was long numbered among the leaders of the lumber industry in Rochester and passed away in this city on the 27th of August, 1920. His was a successful career in the highest sense of the term and his integrity in business affairs, his civic loyalty, his fidelity in friendship and his devotion to the ties of home and family were characteristics which won for him the enduring regard of all with whom he was associated. He was a native of Canada, born in Merriton, in the province of Ontario, July 18, 1861, and his parents were Philander and Eleanor (Bradley) Phelps, the former a successful business man.

Frank Henry Phelps was reared and educated in his native province, attending the public schools of St. Catharines, and first worked for the firm of Orson & Noah, who had large lumber interests in Canada. Mr. Phelps remained in their employ until 1888, becoming thoroughly conversant with the business, and then crossed the border into the United States. On coming to Rochester he engaged in the lumber business, first becoming connected with the firm of Atwater, Armstrong & Clarke, with which he remained until the partnership was dissolved. In 1896 he was joined by the late Hosea Rogers, who became the junior partner in the business, and this relationship was continued until 1901, when E. O. Fletcher purchased the interest of Mr. Rogers. The business was conducted under the firm style of Phelps & Fletcher until 1917, when Mr. Fletcher retired, and the name was then changed to that of F. H. Phelps, Incorporated. The offices of president and treasurer were filled by Mr. Phelps and in addition to the sale of lumber the firm also engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds. Under the expert management of its founder the business grew steadily, becoming one of the largest industries of the kind in the city.

In St. Catharines, Canada, on June 1, 1882, Mr. Phelps was united in marriage to Miss Minnie E. Rawlinson, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wright) Rawlinson. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps became the parents of six children: Nellie Elizabeth, who is now the wife of Carl Johannot of Rochester; Harry Mortimer; Edna, who became the wife of Joseph Thomas Murray and died, leaving two children, Robert Phelps and Elizabeth Phelps Murray; Lucie, who is the wife of Paul Keating and the mother of a daughter, Jane Elizabeth; Ethel, who married Lamonte Dogdson and has a son, LaMonte, Jr.; and Frank Henry Phelps, Jr., who married Bettie Thompson.

During the World war Mr. Phelps was an indefatigable worker in the Home Guard and also aided in promoting the sale of Liberty bonds, and Thrift Stamps.



J. N. Phelps

He attended the First Baptist church of Rochester and was an adherent of the republican party. He served as president of the Builders & Traders Exchange and became a director of the New York State Retail Lumber Dealers Association and the Rochester Automobile Club, also acting as vice president of the Chamber of Commerce. He was a prominent Mason, belonging to Corinthian Lodge, F. & A. M.; Ionic Chapter, R. A. M.; Cyrene Commandery, K. T.; Rochester Consistory, A. & A. S. R., in which he attained the thirty-second degree; and Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He never wrought an injury to another and possessed the sincere affection of all with whom he was associated.

VIRGIL B. TUPPER.

Virgil B. Tupper, regarded as one of the able young lawyers of the Southern Tier, is engaged in general practice at Corning, where he was born on the 29th of September, 1892, his parents being Benjamin S. and Katherine (Rose) Tupper. The family has been represented in western New York since the year 1840.

Virgil B. Tupper attended the Corning Free Academy and then entered upon specific preparation for a professional career as a student in the law department of the University of Michigan, from which institution he was graduated in 1914. Following his return to Corning he served as a member of the board of public works for two years and subsequently was associated in law practice with James O. Sebring for five years. He next became a partner of Thomas F. Rogers but at the end of a year began practicing independently and has thus continued to the present time. Mr. Tupper has won for himself an enviable reputation both as an advocate and counselor and is accorded a lucrative clientage in recognition of his marked ability along these lines. He is an alert, enterprising and energetic young man, who has utilized to the full his time, talents and opportunities, and his ability and determination are carrying him steadily forward in his profession.

On the 29th of June, 1921, Mr. Tupper was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Bundy of Elmira, New York. He is an Episcopalian in religious faith and fraternally is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and with the Greek letter society known as Delta Chi, which he joined while a college student. A democrat in politics, he is an active worker in the local ranks of the party. For recreation he turns to hunting and other manly outdoor sports, but the demands made upon him in his professional capacity leave him comparatively little leisure for indulgence therein.

CHARLES REED PULFORD.

Activity along real estate and building lines is an unmistakable indication of the spirit of enterprise in a city and the efforts of the men operating in these fields are a most potent and far-reaching element in the development and growth of a community. To this useful class of citizens belongs Charles Reed Pulford, who is following in the business footsteps of his father, and his work sustains the high reputation which the family has always borne in contracting circles of Elmira, as well as in other lines of endeavor. He is one of the city's native sons and was born December 30, 1880. His parents were Charles A. and Harriet L. (Reed) Pulford, the former of whom was born in Homer, Cortland county, New York, and the latter in Elmira. The father was a successful contractor and many examples of his skill and handiwork are to be found in the city. He was a leader in local politics and for twelve years was chairman of the republican county committee. He served as commissioner of public works and was also called to the office of county clerk of Chemung county. Mr. and Mrs. Pulford were influential members of the First Baptist church of Elmira and he was a representative of the Masonic order. Three sons were born to them: Charles Reed of this review; Frank D., who is engaged in the wholesale paper business in this city; and Samuel A., city attorney of Elmira and also a forceful figure in business circles of this locality.

Charles Reed Pulford received his higher education in the University of Syracuse and gained a thorough understanding of the contracting business while in the employ of his father, who had organized the Pulford & Dempsey Company in 1885. Later the business was incorporated under the name of the Pulford & Dempsey Construction Company and the father remained at its head until his death, which occurred in 1918.

In that year Charles R. Pulford took over the business, of which he has since been the president, and his brother, Samuel A. Pulford, acts as secretary. They are engaged in general construction work and have about seventy employes. They have erected many buildings in Elmira and this section of Chemung county and no detail of their work is ever slighted. Their buildings are substantially constructed and attractive in design, representing the best in workmanship and material.

On October 8, 1920, Mr. Pulford was united in marriage to Miss Mildred A. Ballard, a native of Troy, Pennsylvania, and they have a wide acquaintance in the city. They are Baptists in religious faith and Mr. Pulford is allied with the republican party. For two terms he was a member of the city council. He belongs to the Union Lodge of Masons, to the Masonic, City, Century and Cold Brook Clubs, and Psi Upsilon, a college fraternity.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Catholicism in Mount Morris had its beginning in 1838, when Father Maguire came to the village and first administered to the organizers of St. Patrick's church. Later other priests came from Buffalo, Rochester, Lima, Portageville and Dansville and on these occasions services were usually held in private houses, among them the home of John Toole in Damonsville, the residence of Thomas Sloan on Conkey street, that of Keron Ryan on Hopkins street, and James Hart's dwelling, situated on the Flats. The early settlers of the village arrived here during the construction of the Genesee Valley canal and as work on that project progressed in the direction of Tuscarora, then known as Brushville, a small church was erected there on ground donated by Judge Carroll of Groveland. When operations on the canal ceased, services at Tuscarora were discontinued, as the members returned to Mount Morris in 1842, and the little church was afterward torn down. It was not rebuilt until 1851 and during the intervening period of nine years services were again held in private houses, in the old schoolhouse and in Green's Hall. Among the priests who came occasionally were the Rev. Bernard O'Reilly of Rochester, who afterward became Bishop of Hartford and died at sea on his return from Europe in 1856; Father O'Connor of Buffalo; Father Maguire of Lima; Father Edward O'Flaherty and Father Charles Tierney of Dansville; Fathers McEvoy, Barker and Carroll of Rochester; Fathers Dolan and Moore of Portage; and Fathers McKenna, Murphy and Shehan of either Buffalo or Rochester.

Under Father Maguire the first church was built on the site now occupied by the parsonage and facing Chapel street. It was a very small structure and was afterward enlarged on two or three occasions to meet the demands of a growing membership. Rev. James Ryan, who came here in 1857, was the first resident priest in Mount Morris. Owing to his poor health and an extensive mission, which included several of the neighboring towns, Rev. J. Z. Kunz assisted him for a short time. Father Ryan remained only a year and was succeeded by the Rev. Bernard McCool, assisted at various times by Father John Vahey and R. Stack. The Rev. Richard J. Story succeeded Father McCool as pastor and he remained for four years. In 1862 his place was taken by the Rev. Daniel Moore, who was followed by the Rev. Edward McGowan in March, 1866. In 1869 his duties were assumed by the Rev. David O'Brien and during his term of service the house and lot on the corner of Chapel and Stanley streets, adjoining the church, were purchased from James Conkey. The old church was moved back and converted into a barn. The house, which stood on the corner, was moved to the site formerly occupied by the church and enlarged. On the corner lot was erected the new church, a structure forty by one-hundred feet in dimensions with a tower one hundred and thirty-eight feet in height. The building was constructed of brick, the Gothic style of architecture being chosen, and represented an expenditure of thirty thousand dollars. The corner-stone was laid on Thursday, in the month of October, 1869, and the church was dedicated Thursday, December 18, 1873, by the Right Rev. B. J. McQuaid. Father O'Brien was called to other fields of labor about March 1, 1874, and his successor, the Rev. M. M. Meagher, remained a little over a year. The next priest, the Rev. J. J. Donnelly, was appointed pastor of the Catholic churches at Mount Morris, Genesee and Nunda, August 1, 1875, and held that charge until the summer of 1882. The parish was then assigned to the Rev. James H. Day, who was stationed at Mount Morris from May 1, 1893, until March, 1909, when he was sent to the Holy Rosary church at Rochester. He was succeeded by the Rev. A. E. Breen, D. D., who had been an instructor in St. Bernard's Seminary at Rochester.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS MUCKLE AND FAMILY

Standing, left to right—Andrew G., Rev. William D., Rev. Joseph T., Rev. John F., Rev. Charles E., Mother Mary Charles.
Sitting—Leo A., Mrs. Thomas Muckle, Thomas Muckle, Mrs. John E. McWilliams, Miss Jane.

He remained until January, 1919, and is now a teacher in St. Francis' Seminary at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Rev. Father Breen built an addition to the church and also a vestry. He likewise purchased the property at the corner of Stanley and Murray streets and built thereon a stone schoolhouse, which now has a registration of five hundred and sixty and is in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph. In January, 1919, Father Breen was succeeded by the present pastor, the Rev. Charles E. Muckle, and under his able management the church debt has been reduced from seventeen thousand, eight hundred dollars to seventy-eight hundred dollars. The church has a fine pipe organ, donated in 1920 by Frank P. Conlon, a prominent citizen of Mount Morris, in memory of his wife. There are six hundred communicants in the church.

REV. CHARLES E. MUCKLE.

Rev. Charles E. Muckle was born in Middlesex, Yates county, New York, May 1, 1885, a son of Thomas and Margaret (Delaney) Muckle, residents of Stanley, New York, who reared a family of nine children: John, pastor of St. Thomas' church at Somerville, New York; Elizabeth, now Mother Mary Charles of the Sisters of Mercy at Rochester; Charles E.; Joseph T., a member of the community of St. Basil, who was formerly president of Assumption College at Sandwich, Canada, and who is now stationed at Houston, Texas; William D., who is identified with the archdiocese of Toronto, Canada, and who is at present a student at the Canadian College in Rome, Italy; Leo, who acts as manager of the Farm Bureau of Niagara county, New York; Jane, who is engaged in teaching in Rochester; Mary, who is the wife of John E. McWilliams of Stanley, New York; and Andrew, who follows the occupation of farming at Stanley. The family is noted for its piety and devotion to the faith and five of the children are in the service of the Catholic church.

Charles E. Muckle attended the public schools and Penn Yan Academy of New York, later becoming a student at St. Michael's College of Toronto, Canada, and St. Bernard's Seminary at Rochester, New York. He was ordained to the priesthood in June, 1912, and was first assigned to duty as assistant at St. Mary's church at Auburn, New York, where he was stationed from 1912 until 1914. For four years thereafter he acted as superintendent of the Rochester Catholic high school and has since been pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Mount Morris. He also has charge of the Holy Angels church at Nunda and the Holy Name church at Groveland, both in Livingston county. His religious instruction has proven a tangible force for good and his course has at all times awakened admiration and respect.

G. HARVEY VAN BLARICOM.

With efficiency as his motto G. Harvey Van Blaricom of Rochester has steadily progressed since his initial effort was made in the business world and is now at the head of important financial interests, the success of the undertaking proving the quality of his mind and his powers of organization. He was born in Belleville, Canada, May 17, 1880, and comes of ancient English lineage, tracing his ancestral line to William, prince of Orange. His parents, Almon B. and Phoebe A. (Ferguson) Van Blaricom, were natives of the state of New York, removing thence to Canada shortly after their marriage. They remained in the Dominion until 1890 and then returned to the States, settling in Rochester. The father was long in the employ of the Eastman Kodak Company, which he served in the capacity of foreman for about twenty years. In 1913 he was killed in an automobile accident. The mother is still living in the city.

G. Harvey Van Blaricom is the younger in a family of two children. He was graduated from one of the high schools of Rochester in 1896 and next became a student in the Rochester Business Institute, completing his course in 1900. He secured a position as private secretary to J. G. Kaelber and Mr. Rolfe, prominent capitalists of this city, and was thus engaged for six years. On the termination of that period he entered the service of Brewster, Gordon & Company, wholesale grocers, and remained with that firm until 1910, when ambition prompted him to establish a business of his own. He entered the field of investment banking, in which he has continued, and that his choice was a wise one is indicated by the success which has attended his operations. The business is conducted under the name of the Continental

Securities Corporation, of which Mr. Van Blaricom is the president, and a well-merited reputation for reliability and integrity has won for the house a large and desirable clientele. Mr. Van Blaricom is unmarried and resides with his mother at No. 156 Shepard street in Rochester. He is actuated at all times by an accurate sense of business exigency, manifesting keen sagacity in the conduct of his affairs, and his success is well deserved, for it has been won by hard work and honorable dealing.

BERT CLAYTON DAVIS.

Bert Clayton Davis, who has contributed to Elmira's commercial prosperity through the able administration of the affairs of the American Warming & Ventilating Company, was born November 21, 1871, in Richardson county, Nebraska, a son of Thomas C. and Eliza (Babcock) Davis, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father went to Kansas early in the '50s and subsequently removed to Nebraska. In 1852 the mother arrived in the latter state, in which they were married, and six children were born to them. All are living and the subject of this sketch is the oldest of the family. Thomas C. Davis took up a homestead in Valley county, Nebraska, and by hard work and systematic methods converted his land into a productive, well improved farm. He now resides in Elmira during the summer season and in Florida during the winter months. Mrs. Davis has passed away. The father is a Seventh Day Baptist and his political support is given to the republican party. He served in the Home Guard during the Civil war and was a strong abolitionist.

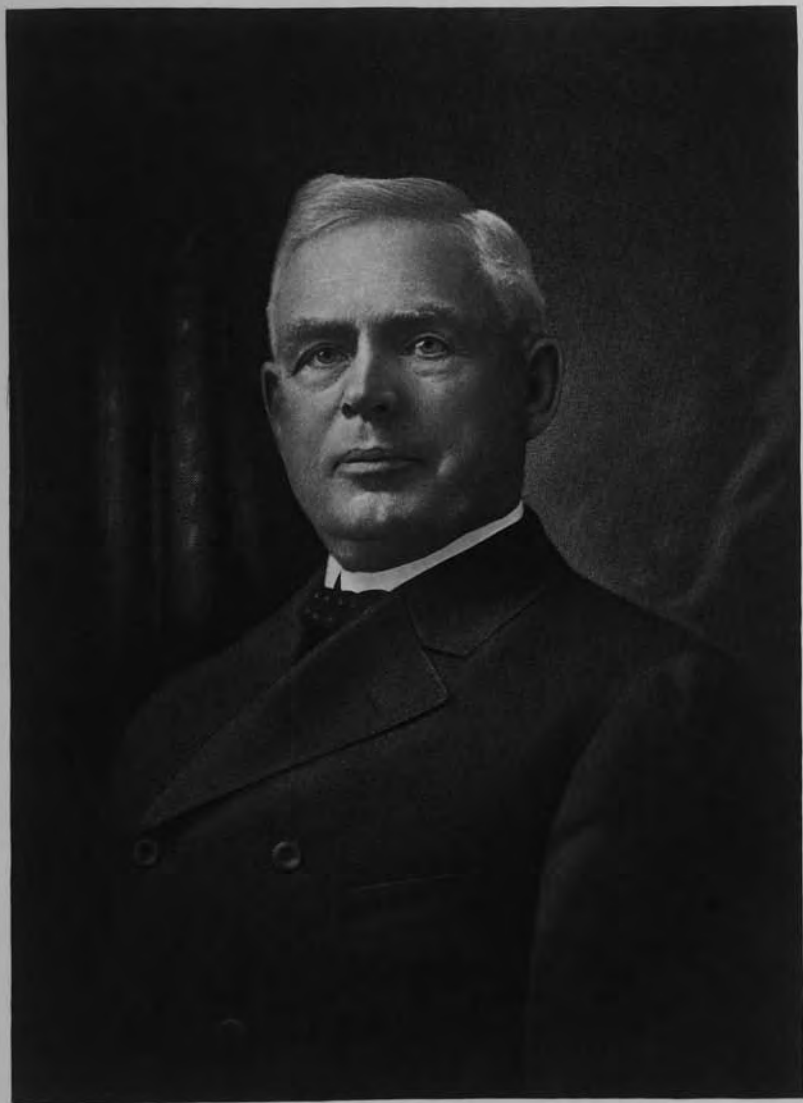
The public schools of Des Moines, Iowa, afforded Bert Clayton Davis his educational opportunities and his first work was in connection with the heating and plumbing business, with which he has been identified since 1895. He became chief engineer for Lewis & Kitchen, a well known plumbing and heating firm of Chicago and Kansas City. He came to Elmira in 1914 and purchased the controlling interest in the American Warming & Ventilating Company. The business is incorporated and Mr. Davis is president, treasurer and general manager of the company, which does a large business in heating, plumbing and sheet metal work and also builds power plants.

At Des Moines, Iowa, on June 25, 1896, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Nettie May Cooley, who was born in Muscatine, that state, and received her education in Des Moines. To this union has been born a daughter, Naomi Margaret, now a student in the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the First Baptist church and Mr. Davis is one of its trustees. He is a republican in politics. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. & A. M.; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; Southern Tier Council, No. 16, R. & S. M.; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 49, K. T.; Kalurah Temple of the Mystic Shrine; and Cashmere Grotto, No. 11, M. O. V. P. E. R. He is also connected with the Masonic Club, the Elmira Country Club and the Rotary Club, being a charter member and director of the last named organization. He likewise belongs to the American Society of Heating & Ventilating Engineers.

MICHAEL SLACK.

Michael Slack, the first president of the Medina Foundry Company of Medina, Orleans county, was a long-time resident and prominent business man of western New York. He was born August 11, 1840, in County Sligo, Ireland, and in 1847 came to the United States with his parents, who first established their home in New Jersey, while the year 1849 witnessed their arrival in Medina, New York. As a soldier of the Union army during the period of the Civil war, Michael Slack was in the field for three long years with the Seventeenth New York Separate Battery. He participated in the siege of Petersburg and in the closing battles of the sanguinary conflict between the north and the south.

Michael Slack engaged in the grocery business as a member of the firm of M. & J. Slack and at the same time established the Slack Quarries in Holley, New York, successfully continuing their operation for many years. This quarry property eventually became a part of the merger forming the Medina Quarry Company, of which Mr. Slack was made assistant treasurer. It was in 1901 that he organized the Medina Foundry Company for the manufacture of cast-iron pipe and fittings and plumbing supplies. He continued in this business until his death, at which time his



Michael Slack

son, B. Edward Slack, succeeded him in the presidency of the Medina Foundry Company, the original officers of which were as follows: Michael Slack, president; B. Edward Slack, secretary and treasurer; and O. F. Butts, vice president. The concern now employs one hundred men and turns out four thousand, five hundred tons of finished material annually. Sales are made through plumbing supply houses. Michael Slack was also a factor in financial circles as a director of the Union Bank of Medina and as vice president of the Medina Savings & Loan Association.

On May 12, 1870, Michael Slack was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Dolan and they became the parents of four children: Anna Louise, B. Edward, Thomas J., and James V. Anna Louise, who is deceased, was the wife of George L. Owens of Medina.

B. Edward Slack was born in Medina on the 9th of October, 1876, pursued his education in the public schools of that place and began his business career in his father's grocery. He later became connected with the Medina Foundry Company as secretary and treasurer and upon the death of his father succeeded him in the presidency. He is also a director of the Union Bank of Medina and president of the Medina Savings & Loan Association. Politically he may be termed an independent democrat and he has ably served his community as a member of the school board for nine years. He wedded Miss Bertha Warne of Medina, and they are the parents of a son, Edward T.

Thomas J. Slack was born on the 21st of December, 1878, and after leaving the Medina high school entered Canisius College of Buffalo, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1900. Since that time he has been active in the conduct of the business of the Medina Foundry Company, of which concern he is now secretary and treasurer.

James V. Slack was born October 17, 1884, and graduated from the Medina high school and subsequently spent two years as a student in Holy Cross College at Worcester, Massachusetts. He was employed in the Union Bank of Medina for four or five years prior to embarking in his present business as a retail shoe merchant of Medina. To him and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Irene Horrigan, have been born three children: Robert M., James V., Jr., and Howard B.

Michael Slack, the father of the above named, always took a great interest in Medina and its growth and prosperity. He served the village as trustee for several terms and was on the school board for many years. He was a democrat in politics but never very active politically, and the love of his home community was his first interest. Mr. Slack was widely recognized as a business man of ability and foresight. He followed the trend of the times and with the mechanical expansion of the country saw his opportunity and established the large concern which he headed until the time of his death. His love for his home town was shown in naming the factory the Medina Foundry Company and the plant has been a mainstay for the workingmen of Medina for more than twenty years. He departed this life on the 4th of February, 1917, in Medina, when in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

B. M. MARCUS.

B. M. Marcus of Olean, New York, is president of Metro Stations, Incorporated, retailers and wholesalers of petroleum products. He has built his business as a natural sequence to his earlier work as an oil producer and few concerns have had the amazing growth in four years as that enjoyed by Metro Stations. Under the trade name "Metro" the concern has both bulk stations and filling stations spread over Chautauqua, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Livingston and parts of Chemung and Steuben counties, New York, and Tioga, Potter and parts of McKean and Cameron counties, Pennsylvania. Mr. Marcus is a producer in Bradford field, Pennsylvania, New York state, Oklahoma and Kansas. The officers of the corporation are: B. M. Marcus, president and secretary-treasurer; and H. W. Marcus, vice president.

B. M. Marcus was born in Olean, November 28, 1884, the son of H. W. Marcus. He attended Olean high school and Columbia University, and later was with his father in the mercantile business in Olean and also started his oil business (producing). In his spare time he studied law, which was to prove of value to him in his business career. He was at one time secretary-treasurer of H. W. Marcus & Company, a business now sold to other interests. He is secretary of the Olean Improvement Company and part owner of Olean's largest hotel, The Olean House. He is also a director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Marcus served for a year in the navy during the World war. He is now chairman of the Olean Red Cross and has served as post commander of the American Legion. He was a delegate to the progressive party convention in 1912, and is now a republican. He is a Mason, a member of the City Club, the Bartlett Country Club and other organizations.

THOMAS HOWARD REMINGTON.

Thomas Howard Remington, a young attorney of Rochester, is associated with his father in practice as a member of the firm of Remington & Remington. He is a veteran of the World war and was commissioned captain. He was born in Caledonia, Livingston county, New York, on the 4th of September, 1891, his parents being the Hon. Harvey Foote and Mary Agnes (Brodie) Remington, also natives of the Empire state. On another page of this work may be found extended reference to the father, a leading representative of the legal profession in Rochester who formerly sat on the bench as judge of the municipal court.

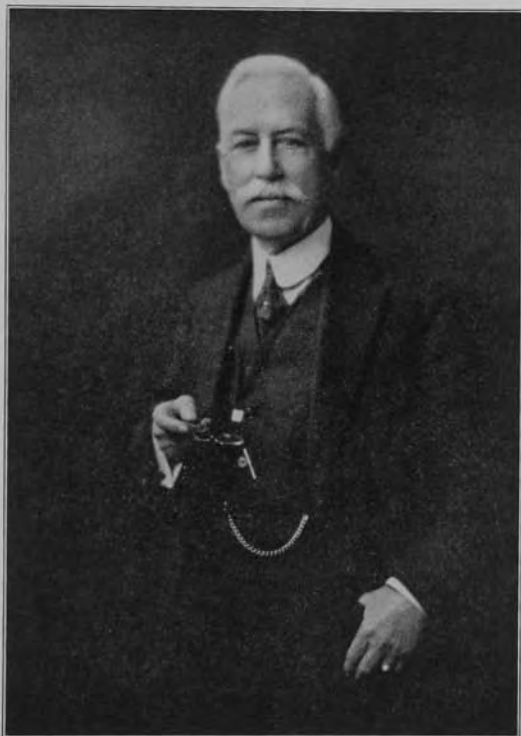
In the acquirement of an education Thomas Howard Remington attended the grade and high schools of Rochester and later the University of Rochester, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911. Having decided to follow in the professional footsteps of his father, he then read law under the latter's direction for one year, after which he matriculated in the Harvard Law School, which in 1915 conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. After returning to Rochester he engaged in law practice here until 1916, when he enlisted for military service and was detailed to the Mexican border, where he remained from July, 1916, until March of the following year as a member of Troop H, New York Cavalry. He reenlisted on the 13th of May, 1917, and was sent to the Officers Training Camp at Madison Barracks. On the 15th of August following he was commissioned captain and on the 29th of August was transferred to Camp Dix, whence he was sent overseas. Captain Remington participated in the St. Mihiel and Argonne drives and was discharged with the rank of major on the 6th of August, 1919. Since returning to Rochester, Mr. Remington has been actively engaged in law practice as a partner of his father. He is a member of the Rochester Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association and is secretary of the Buyahome Building Corporation of this city.

On the 15th of August, 1917, Mr. Remington was married to Miss Edith Ryder, daughter of Thomas B. Ryder of Rochester. They have two daughters: Ann Ryder, who was born October 12, 1918; and Jane Ryder, born October 18, 1920. Mr. Remington belongs to the American Legion, the Military Order of the World War and the Sons of the American Revolution and likewise has membership connection with the University Club, the Harvard Club of New York and with two Greek letter fraternities, Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa. His residence is at No. 309 Canterbury road.

ALBERT CHILD WALKER.

Albert Child Walker, who passed away on September 1, 1924, had been connected with the book and stationery business through a period covering nearly two-thirds of a century, and was at the head of Scrantom's, Incorporated, of Rochester, conducting one of the largest book stores of the country and also handling stationery and athletic goods. His birth occurred in Clarkson, Monroe county, New York, on January 15, 1845, his parents being Albert E. and Frances M. (Child) Walker. He attended grammar school in the acquirement of an education and when fifteen years of age left the schoolroom and entered the book and stationery business, with which he was identified the remainder of his life. He joined the firm of Scrantom, Wetmore & Company eighteen months after its organization in 1868, and had been a member thereof for more than fifty-five years when the enterprise was changed to Scrantom's, Incorporated, with Mr. Walker as president of the board of directors. Through all these years his well-directed efforts constituted a potent factor in the continued growth and expansion of the concern, which, as above stated, now conducts one of the largest book stores of the country and also deals in social stationery, leather goods, art novelties, pictures and framing, educational supplies, commercial stationery, office furniture, loose leaf devices, games and toys and sporting goods.

The religious faith of Mr. Walker was indicated by his membership in Christ



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Episcopal church, with which he became connected in 1855, at the time of its organization, while for more than four decades he was vestryman and warden. For several years he was a member of the standing committee of the diocese of western New York. He had been identified with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce since its organization and was helpfully interested in all movements looking toward the improvement of civic conditions. Nearly his entire life was spent in Monroe county and his career was ever such as to commend him to the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen, and none grudged him his prosperity, so honorably had it been won and so worthily used.

DONALD A. SCOTT.

After many years devoted to railroad work, in which his first position was that of telegraph operator, and then a few more years in the hardware business, Donald A. Scott became postmaster of Caledonia, Livingston county, New York, and is now serving his first term in public office. He was born in Mumford, Monroe county, New York, on March 9, 1865, the son of William Oliver and Jeannette (McKinsey) Scott, both natives of Scotland.

After completing his education in the district public schools Donald A. Scott began work as a telegraph operator at Craig Station, on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, and afterward in succession worked at Piffard, Retsof and York on the same company's line. From the telegraph key he was promoted to the position of city freight agent and stationed at Geneva, New York. Mr. Scott resigned this position in 1910 to engage in the hardware business with N. K. Marvin at Caledonia, a connection that lasted twelve years. On January 9, 1923, the late President Harding appointed Mr. Scott postmaster at Caledonia, and he is now serving in that capacity. Mr. Scott is also clerk and a trustee of the Caledonia high school board.

Mr. Scott was married in July, 1923, to Pearl Christian of Carbondale, Pennsylvania. He is a republican in his political views, and in religion holds to the Presbyterian faith. Fraternally Mr. Scott is a member of Eunice Lodge, No. 830, F. & A. M., in which he has filled all the chairs and has been treasurer for a number of years.

J. VINCENT ALEXANDER.

For more than two decades J. Vincent Alexander has figured prominently in business circles of Rochester, his native city, as general manager of the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, Vermont, and industry, ability and devotion to duty have placed him in the creditable position which he now occupies. He was born October 27, 1854, and his parents, John and Fannie Elizabeth Wood (Linton) Alexander, were natives of England. They came to the United States in early life and the father became secretary of the C. B. Woodworth Company of Rochester. He was one of the most prominent Masons of the Genesee country and was made secretary of all the Masonic lodges of the state, filling that office for many years. His life was a long, upright and useful one and closed in 1917, when he had reached the venerable age of ninety. The mother passed away in Rochester, in November, 1913, at the age of eighty-three years.

J. Vincent Alexander attended the public schools and completed his education in the Rochester Free Academy. After his graduation he entered the employ of the Flour City National Bank and through faithful, conscientious work rose from the position of messenger to that of paying teller. On severing his connection with that institution he assumed the duties of general agent of the National Life Insurance Company and for twenty-two years has been in the service of this corporation, which numbers him among its most efficient and trustworthy representatives.

On September 7, 1888, Mr. Alexander was united in marriage to Miss L. Jeannette Bidwell of Rochester, and their only child is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander find much enjoyment in travel and are planning a trip to Europe in the near future. They are affiliated with the Unitarian church and Mr. Alexander is secretary of the Rochester Historical Society. For the past ten years he has been identified with the Archaeological Society and for eight years was manager of the Rochester Festival Chorus, having pronounced musical tastes. He is a life member of Hamilton Chapter, R. A. M., and gives his political support to the democratic party, but has never aspired to public office. Whatever touches the welfare and progress of his city is a

matter close to his heart and he is keenly interested in the history of the Genesee country, a subject on which he is well informed. Mr. Alexander derives much pleasure and enjoyment from life, for his interests and activities are well balanced, and his personal qualities are those which make for popularity.

FRANK J. ALVERSON.

When the members of the bar of Dansville, Livingston county, New York, are mentally segregated in groups based upon their legal attainments and abilities Mr. Alverson is always placed in the first group, not of Dansville alone, but of the entire legal body of Livingston county. He was born at Dansville, on July 20, 1867, the son of Augustus A. and Maria (Cole) Alverson. He has two brothers. The father is living and is within a few years of the age of ninety.

Frank J. Alverson received his early education in the grade and high schools, and then began to read law in the office of J. M. McNair at Dansville, and also read in the offices of other notable men of the Dansville bar of the last generation, including Noyes, Bissell and Foss, being admitted to the bar on March 30, 1893. Before his admission to the bar Mr. Alverson had been west and spent three years in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has always practiced in Dansville, and has held the offices of police justice and justice of the peace.

On July 19, 1893, Mr. Alverson was married to Maria Remmel of Corning, New York. They have one son, Donald R., now attending the Buffalo Medical College. Fraternally Mr. Alverson is affiliated with the Masonic order and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

JOHN P. BOYLAN.

John P. Boylan came to Rochester in the summer of 1921 as the new vice president and general manager of the Rochester Telephone Corporation. More than twenty-five years of experience in the telephone industry had well qualified Mr. Boylan to assume the duties of manager of this large and rapidly growing public service corporation. He entered the employ of the Cleveland Bell Telephone Company in 1895 as time-keeper for a subway construction gang. From this position he rose through the intermediate steps of installer's helper, installer and supply agent to the rank of exchange manager. In 1903 he left the Cleveland Telephone Company to accept a position as general traffic manager for the Cuyahoga Telephone Company of Cleveland. Four years later he resigned this position to become general traffic manager for the Detroit Home Telephone Company. In 1909 Mr. Boylan returned to Cleveland to open an office as consulting engineer, specializing in traffic work, but in 1913 he gave up this work to accept the position of general manager of the Mountain Home Telephone Company, with headquarters at Plattsburg, New York. On the 1st of August, 1921, Mr. Boylan was appointed vice president and general manager of the Rochester Telephone Corporation.

Some eighteen months after he went to Rochester an appreciation of Mr. Boylan appeared in the house organ of his corporation, the Rochester Telephone Bulletin. It so concisely expresses the attitude of his fellow workers, that part of it is quoted here: "Those who have been closely associated with him (Mr. Boylan), both here and elsewhere pronounce him a 'regular fellow', and he has won their respect and admiration for his great spirit of fairness in all his dealings, and for his genial and friendly disposition. We have become very much attached to him, and take great pleasure in introducing him to those who have not had the pleasure. * * * We are hoping that he will like us as well as we like him, and remain with us for a long time. With such leaders as we have in our president and general manager, we should all get in the parade and fight like good soldiers in a good cause."

John P. Boylan, the man who has thus so completely identified himself with the interests of the corporation he represents was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 19th of December, 1876, a son of Terrence and Mary (MacInerney) Boylan, both of whom are deceased. His parents were Irish by birth and came to this country as young people. Terrence Boylan was superintendent of parks in Cleveland and actively connected with this work for a period of thirty-five years. The future telephone executive was educated in the parochial schools of Cleveland and graduated from



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St. Ignatius College in the class of 1896. The young man prepared himself for a business career by taking a commercial course. His early position with the Cleveland Bell Telephone Company stimulated his interest in this industry, in which he saw unlimited opportunities for advancement, and he has been identified with some phase of telephone work ever since.

In Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, on the 10th of February, 1910, Mr. Boylan was married to Miss Alma Wilson, daughter of Alfred and Anna Wilson, residents of Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Boylan have three children: Mary Elizabeth, born in Plattsburg in 1912, who is attending Nazareth Academy; John Wilson, born in Plattsburg in 1915; and Alfred George, born in 1917, also in Plattsburg. The two latter are pupils at Nazareth Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Boylan are very proud of their young daughter, who is displaying unusual literary ability for a child. Her little poems, usually written "off-hand" without much study or forethought, give promise of genuine accomplishment in maturer years. One of these appeared in the Rochester Telephone Bulletin in the Christmas number of 1923:

"Long, long ago one winter's night
Traveling over the fields of white,
Came three wise men from afar
Led by a wondrous star.

"It shone down on the earth so bright,
Making a path of silvery light.
It stopped by a stable cold and bare,
And when they entered the King was there."

Mr. Boylan is a third degree Knight of Columbus, which indicates that his religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church. Politically he pursues an independent course, giving his support to the men and issues he thinks best suited to promote the interests of the public. As a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club he lends his aid to the programs of those organizations for the commercial and civic betterment of the community, while professionally he is identified with the Rochester Engineering Society. Since coming here he has likewise been honored by election to the membership of the Rochester and Oak Hill Country Clubs. Mr. Boylan is a man who has frankly come up from the ranks; whatever he has accomplished in his work has been the direct result of his own efforts and ability. Like the executives of many other large corporations he has worked his way up from the bottom of the industry and is now proving by years of successful work in a responsible position the value of the training he received at the foot of the ladder. Mr. Boylan's residence is at No. 140 Seneca parkway.

HUBERT CARPENTER MANDEVILLE.

Hubert Carpenter Mandeville, one of the leading members of the Elmira bar and also a prominent figure in industrial and financial circles of the city, was born in Ithaca, New York, January 29, 1867, a son of Dr. Edgar W. and Carrie E. (Cassidy) Mandeville, the former of French Huguenot ancestry and the latter of Scotch and Irish parentage, both natives of Danby, this state. The father attended one of the medical colleges of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and began his professional career in Plains, Pennsylvania, where he practiced his profession, specializing in surgery. He was very skillful in his work and was surgeon for the mines near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the county, state and national medical societies, and was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political support was given to the republican party, while in religious faith he was a Presbyterian. To Dr. and Mrs. Mandeville were born two sons: Hubert Carpenter of this review; and Edgar W., the latter a heating contractor residing in Brooklyn, New York. After the father's death the mother established her home in Elmira.

Hubert Carpenter Mandeville obtained his early education in the public schools of Elmira and also completed a course in the Free Academy. He next matriculated in Union College at Schenectady, New York, and was graduated with the class of 1888, winning the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the office of Edward G. Herendeen of Elmira, under whom he read law for two years, and in 1890 he was admitted to the bar. Two years later he formed a law partnership with his former

employer and was a member of the firm of Herendeen & Mandeville until 1908, when they were joined by Ely W. Personius. Mr. Herendeen died in 1910 and subsequently the firm became Mandeville, Personius & Newman, which continued until 1924, when Mr. Newman was elected county judge and the firm became Mandeville & Personius. They are attorneys for many large corporations and their clientele is an extensive one. Mr. Mandeville is president of the Remington Salt Company of Ithaca, New York; vice president of the A. Wyckoff & Son Company of Elmira; vice president of the Thatcher Manufacturing Company of this city; president of the Elmira Foundry Company; and a director of the Chemung Canal Trust Company and the Elmira Savings Bank.

On the 8th of June, 1892, Mr. Mandeville was married to Miss Mary F. Stoops and they have become the parents of four children, of whom William H. is the oldest. He attended Union College, afterward completing a course in law at Columbia University, and has been admitted to the bar. He enlisted for service in the World war and went to France as captain of a company of artillery. His brother, Ernest W., joined the United States navy at the time of the campaign against Prussian autocracy and afterward took up the study of theology; Mary is a graduate of the National Cathedral School of Washington and of Elmira College, and is a graduate student at Bryn Mawr College; and Hubert C. Mandeville, Jr., is a graduate of Exeter Academy and Yale University, and is now studying law at Harvard Law School.

Mr. Mandeville is an Episcopalian in religious faith and a vestryman of Trinity church of Elmira. He belongs to the Psi Upsilon fraternity and Psi Upsilon Club in New York city, to the Elmira City and Country Clubs, the Authors Club of London, and also to the Elks and the Masons. His professional connections are with the New York State and American Bar Associations and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and he is likewise a member of the National Geographic Society and the Sons of the American Revolution. His opinion carries considerable weight in the councils of the republican party and he is now serving as state committeeman. He has never sought office as a reward for party fealty and the only public position which he has ever held was that of president of the Elmira Board of Education, to which he was elected in 1911. For ten years Mr. Mandeville was a member of the board and his work during that period was of much value to the city.

THOMAS C. GORDON.

Thomas C. Gordon, president of the First National Bank of Brockport, ranks with the foremost representatives of financial interests in this section of Monroe county and is successfully guiding the destiny of an institution which for more than sixty years has been controlled by members of the family. Mr. Gordon is a son of George Cooley Gordon and a grandson of Luther Gordon, both of whom are mentioned at length elsewhere in this publication.

Thomas C. Gordon was born in Brockport, New York, February 6, 1884. He was graduated from the Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, in 1905 and then became a student at Yale University, which he attended for three years, pursuing a scientific course. In 1909 he entered the First National Bank of Brockport, with which he has since been connected, and at the time of its reorganization in 1921 he assumed the duties of president. He has a thorough understanding of the intricacies of modern finance, a keen insight into business affairs and situations, and the policy which he follows is one which carefully safeguards the interests of depositors, at the same time promoting the success of the institution. The bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System and is capitalized at fifty thousand dollars, while its resources amount to one and a half million dollars. It is the largest, oldest and strongest bank in Brockport and a vital element in the development and prosperity of the district which it serves.

Mr. Gordon's activities have not been limited to financial affairs and his public spirit has been demonstrated both by word and deed. He served as trustee of the village from 1914 until 1920, was chairman of the board of water commissioners from 1915 until 1920, and acted as mayor from 1920 until 1922. His administration met with widespread approval, being directed at all times by a loyal and sincere regard for the interest of his fellow townsmen and characterized by constructive work. He displayed rare qualities as a public official and made a highly creditable record in every office to which he was called. He takes a keen interest in politics and is one of



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the local leaders of the republican party. He has frequently been a delegate to state conventions and for about ten years was chairman of the town republican committee.

In 1908, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Gordon was married to Miss Ruth Little Perry, a daughter of I. M. Perry of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have become the parents of two sons: Thomas C., Jr., and William Ward. The former was born in 1911 and the latter in 1914 and both are students at the Brockport Normal School. Mr. Gordon is a Royal Arch Mason and belongs to the chapter at Brockport. He is a consistent member of the Episcopal church and formerly served as its treasurer. He belongs to the State Bankers Association and to the K. O. A. and Delta Phi Greek letter societies, the former a fraternity of Phillips Academy and the latter a Yale organization. He is also a member of the Yale Club, the Genesee Valley Club and the Rochester Country Club. His military experience covers one and a half years of service as second lieutenant in the New York National Guard and during the World war he aided in organizing the Home Defense committee on this side of the river, being appointed by the governor of the state. Mr. Gordon has made his life count as a forceful factor in advancing the interests of his community along many lines, and worthily bears an honored family name.

HARRY B. MITCHELL, D. D. S.

Dr. Harry B. Mitchell is engaged in the practice of dentistry in Elmira and has won success in the profession of his choice. He was born in Horseheads, New York, and his parents were Henry and Susan (Hamilton) Mitchell, the former a native of England, and the latter of Sullivan county, New York. The father was born in 1824 and was a boy of eight when the family made the voyage to America on one of the old-time sailing vessels. It was a long and tedious trip, covering a period of sixteen weeks, and one of the daughters died at sea. Henry Mitchell served an apprenticeship to the tailor's trade but found it uncongenial and soon afterward became a cabinet finisher, following that occupation for many years. He was strongly in favor of prohibition and his life was guided by the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his fraternal connections were with the Masonic order. The surviving children are: Harry B. of this review; and Florence, who is the wife of Edgar Stowe of Elmira.

Harry B. Mitchell attended the public schools of Horseheads and prepared for the dental profession in the University of Maryland. After his graduation he opened an office in South Bethlehem, where he remained for two years, and has since been a resident of Elmira. He has taken postgraduate work in New York city under the direction of Dr. Tench. His office is situated at No. 304 East Church street and contains every appliance necessary for dental surgery.

In 1909 Dr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Florence Bullock, a native of Norwich, New York. Mrs. Mitchell is a Baptist in religious faith and the Doctor is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, and is identified with the Masonic order. He belongs to the various dental societies, and served for one year as president of the Sixth District Dental Society.

F. NEFF STROUP.

A liberal education and broad experience well qualies F. Neff Stroup for the responsibilities which devolve upon him as superintendent of the public schools of Newark, and the value of his services to the community is uniformly acknowledged. He was born in Blain, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1884, and his parents, George and Mary E. (Martin) Stroup, were also natives of that state. They were married in Blain and reared a family of six children, three sons and three daughters. The father served two terms as judge of Perry county, Pennsylvania, while he also followed the occupation of farming. The subject of this review was the fifth in order of birth.

F. Neff Stroup attended the public schools of his native county and in 1908 was graduated from the Millersville Normal School. He next entered Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which in 1913 conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, and in 1918 he received the Master of Arts degree from Columbia University, which also awarded him a superintendent's certificate. He began his career as an educator in 1902 and for four years was a teacher in the schools of

Blain, Pennsylvania. After his normal course was completed Mr. Stroup went to Strasburg, Pennsylvania, as supervisory principal and for two years was connected with the public schools of that place. For a year he was instructor in mathematics at the Millersville Normal School and from 1913 until 1916 was supervising principal in Spencerport, New York. From 1916 until 1921 he filled a similar position in Palmyra, New York, and has since been superintendent of schools in Newark. Fifty-four teachers are under his charge and fourteen hundred pupils are registered. The high school course covers four years and the vocational training includes instruction in homemaking and agriculture. There is also a commercial department and a special class for retarded pupils. Studious by nature, Mr. Stroup keeps in touch with the most modern ideas in regard to the education of children and thoroughly understands the needs of pupils, while he also possesses the requisite executive force. He inspires students and teachers with much of his own zeal and enthusiasm for the work and during the past three years there has been a marked increase in attendance.

In August, 1916, in Adams Basin, New York, Mr. Stroup was married to Irma Louise Gallup, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gallup. Mr. and Mrs. Stroup have two children: Margaret Alice and Mary Louise. During the World war Mr. Stroup aided in promoting the sale of Liberty bonds and thrift stamps. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith and a member of the church choir. He belongs to the blue lodge of Masons, is high priest of the chapter at Palmyra, and is also identified with Zenobia Commandery, Knights Templar. He is an ex-president of the Wayne County Education Association and likewise belongs to the New York State Teachers Association and the National Education Association. He is also a member of the Wayne County School, Men's Council and the Masonic Club. He exerts his influence to advance the standards of education in Wayne county and under his able administration the schools of Newark have made notable progress.

HARVEY FOOTE REMINGTON.

Harvey Foote Remington, who has been an active representative of the legal profession in Rochester during the past thirty-seven years, is a member of the well known firm of Remington & Remington. He was born in Henrietta, New York, on the 28th of June, 1863, a son of William Thomas and Sarah Ann (Foote) Remington. His early educational training was supplemented by a course of study in the Genesee State Normal School and subsequently he entered the Albany Law School, the legal department of Union University, which in 1887 conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. The same year he opened an office in Rochester, where he has remained continuously since, winning success and distinction as an attorney and counsellor at law and being accorded a most gratifying clientage as a member of the firm of Remington & Remington. He served as assistant corporation counsel from 1892 until 1895 and during the succeeding three years sat on the bench as judge of the municipal court. Business and financial interests of Rochester have also felt the stimulus of Judge Remington's cooperation as director and counsel of the Bastian Brothers Company, the First National Bank of Caledonia, Buyahome Building Corporation, James Vick's Sons and Vick & Dildine.

On the 28th of May, 1889, Judge Remington was united in marriage to Miss Mary Agnes Brodie of Caledonia, New York. Their children are seven in number, namely: William B.; Thomas H., an attorney of Rochester, mentioned elsewhere in this work; Agnes R., the wife of John E. Harmon; Harvey F., Jr.; John W., assistant United States attorney for this district; Harriet R., wife of Alden H. Sulger of Rochester; and Francis K.

Politically Mr. Remington is a staunch republican whose influence is ever found on the side of right, reform and progress. He did effective service as a member of the Rochester board of education in 1892 and is now president of the board of trustees of Keuka College. He is a director and secretary of the Maplewood Cemetery Association and during the period of the World war served as a member of the legal advisory board and of the Monroe County Home Defense Association. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Baptist church, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest. He was made moderator of the Monroe Baptist Association, is a member of the executive committee of the New York Baptist Union for ministerial education and a member of the executive committee of the New York Baptist Missionary convention. He is a member of the Finance committee of the Northern Baptist convention and secretary of the com-



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mittee on the Affairs of the American Baptist Foreign Society. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic organization, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Along strictly professional lines he has membership with the Rochester Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. His high standing in organizations of a patriotic nature is shown in his election to the presidency of the Sons of the American Revolution, of which he was at the head from 1919 until 1922, and he likewise belongs to the Society of Colonial Wars, the Empire State Society, the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, now serving on the Letchworth Park committee of that society; the American Flag Association, and the Rochester Historical Society. His name is also on the membership rolls of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Optimist Club the Rochester Club and the Monroe Golf Club. All who know him speak of him in terms of praise, and as he has always made his home in Monroe county, the circle of his friends here is a wide one.

WALTER E. LAUDERDALE, M. D.

Dean of the medical profession in the town of Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, is the title unanimously accorded to Dr. Walter E. Lauderdale, who for more than fifty years has been ministering to the ailments of its residents, and whose face is familiar to every man, woman and child in the community. Geneseo, in fact, would feel slighted if the name of Lauderdale did not appear on its roster of physicians. Dr. Lauderdale's father, who was a Scotchman and also a physician, was one of the pioneer medical men who made their homes in Geneseo, and was in practice in the town for over half a century.

Walter E. Lauderdale was born in Geneseo, on March 19, 1850, the son of Dr. Walter A. and Mary Ann (Vance) Lauderdale. He was educated in the grade and high schools of the town, and studied for the medical profession at Columbia University, in New York city, from which he received his degree of M. D. and was graduated in the class of 1874, after spending a short time in the hospitals for the practical experience to be gained in the treatment of cases. Dr. Lauderdale located in Geneseo and began practice, and has since resided there. The Doctor belongs to all the medical societies—county, state and national. In his religious convictions he is a Presbyterian, and is one of the trustees of the church in Geneseo. Politically he votes the democratic ticket, and has been president of the village.

Dr. Lauderdale was married on March 19, 1884, to Ella J. Youngs of Geneseo, and they have two children: Walter Elliott (III), and Helen. Walter Elliott (III), was married to Miss Helen Jenkins, and they have a son, Walter Elliott (IV), and a daughter, Jane. Dr. Lauderdale is a director in the Genesee Valley National Bank.

ELY WATSON PERSONIUS.

Ely Watson Personius, one of the leading trial lawyers of Elmira, has successfully followed his profession for more than a quarter of a century and during that period has filled important public offices, while he is also an influential factor in political affairs. He was born in Catlin, Chemung county, New York, July 19, 1875, a son of Elnathan and Jane (Upton) Personius, who were lifelong residents of the county. They were the parents of three children: Sarah, the wife of W. B. Bailey, who is connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad and resides at Mill Port, New York; Horace W., who is engaged in merchandising in Elmira, specializing in ladies wearing apparel; and Ely W. of this review. The father was a prosperous farmer of Chemung county and was called to public office serving as justice of the peace. He was a staunch republican in politics and his life was guided by the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which both he and his wife were earnest and helpful members. He was an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which he served for four years as a member of Company G, Fiftieth New York Engineers. He was identified with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Masonic order.

Ely Watson Personius supplemented his public school training by a course of study in the Elmira Academy and afterward entered Cornell University, which in 1898 awarded him the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar in the same

year and began the practice of law in Elmira in association with John B. Stanchfield, who was a member of the firm of Reynolds, Stanchfield & Collin. For a number of years Mr. Personius was a law partner of Judge Swartswood and in 1908 he became connected with the firm of Herendeen & Mandeville, which subsequently became Mandeville, Personius & Newman. The business is now conducted under the style of Mandeville & Personius and the firm is one of the strongest legal combinations in the city, numbering among its clients many large corporations.

In 1901 Mr. Personius was married to Miss Iantha Eastgate, a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania. She attended the public schools of that locality and completed her education in Elmira College. The children of this union are: Kirkwood E., who was graduated from Union College of Schenectady, New York, in 1923, and was married on February 9, 1924, to Dorothea Reynolds of Schenectady; Catherine J., who is a student at Elmira College, class of 1925; and William W. and James E., who are high school pupils.

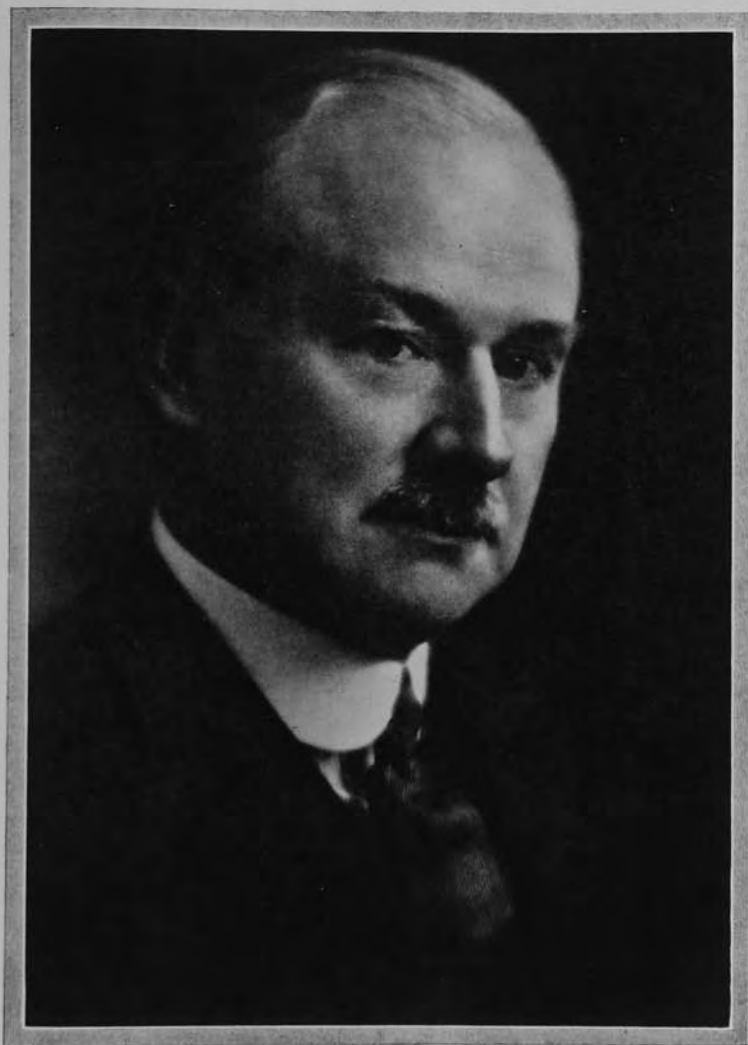
Mr. Personius is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and for a number of years has been one of its trustees, also acting as a teacher in the Sunday school. He takes a keen interest in politics and is secretary of the republican county committee. For fifteen years he has been a member of the Y. M. C. A. board of directors of which he was president for two years, and is now chairman of the building committee, which is erecting a new Y. M. C. A. building in Elmira, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars having been given by the citizens of Elmira for this purpose. Mr. Personius is also one of the trustees of the Children's Reconstruction Home and an influential worker in behalf of that institution. His professional prestige led to his selection for the office of district attorney, of which he was the incumbent for six years, and for some time he served as United States commissioner, discharging his duties with characteristic thoroughness, efficiency and conscientiousness. He belongs to the City and Rotary Clubs and is a Mason in high standing, serving as district deputy for the twenty-ninth district. He is a past master of Union Lodge, F. & A. M., and also belongs to the chapter, commandery and Shrine.

JOSEPH A. SCHANTZ.

Rochester seems to be particularly fortunate in the fact that a large proportion of her native sons, instead of going elsewhere to seek their fame and fortune, have elected to remain in their home city and devote their talents to the development of its commercial and industrial life. The local pride of these native sons, on the other hand, has not gone unrewarded, for in a steady and prosperous growth Rochester has offered many opportunities to the enterprising young man who chose to cast his fortunes with those of his native city. One of the native sons who has found prosperity at home is Joseph A. Schantz, owner of the Joseph A. Schantz Company, a furniture storage and carting concern, which is doing a large and growing business. He was born in Rochester, on the 6th of November, 1864, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wegman) Schantz. Mr. Schantz's father was one of the organizers of the Schantz, Minges & Shale Company.

Joseph A. Schantz obtained his education in Rochester schools and Bradstreet Business College. For a few years after leaving school he was employed in a clerical capacity in the business conducted by his father, following which he became associated with The Hayden Company, furniture manufacturers, located on Exchange street, and remained with this concern until 1901. when he resigned his position to go into business for himself and helped to establish what was first known as the Bickford-Schantz Company, furniture storers and movers. This partnership was continued successfully for several years, when Mr. Schantz bought out Mr. Bickford's interest in the firm and moved to his present location, corner of central avenue and St. Paul street. From that time to this the business has been steadily growing, until now the floor space required by its storage house covers nearly the entire square, of which Mr. Schantz is the owner. Moreover, the Joseph A. Schantz Company ranks as one of the largest and most prosperous of its kind in the city and enjoys an excellent patronage. At the same time that he has been building his own personal fortune, Mr. Schantz has also been helping in the development of the city, in whatever manner presented itself. For years he has been a loyal and effective member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and has ever cooperated with this body in carrying out its programs for the commercial advancement of this vicinity.

Mr. Schantz was married to Annie V. Jeffrey of this city on December 21, 1890.



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They had three children: Joseph M., who is now associated with his father in business; Mercy E.; and Marion T. Schantz. Mrs. Schantz died in 1904. Mr. Schantz was married to Minnie V. Smith, on September 21, 1910, and they have three children: Homer H., Helen L. and Warren Harding Schantz.

WILLIAM DAVID HEWES.

The Hewes family in America dates back to the colonial period. Several members of the family were active in the stirring events which led to the Revolution, and Joseph Hewes was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence from North Carolina. Some of the members of the family settled at Rome, New York, at an early day and have been identified with the history of the Empire state for two centuries or more. Marcena B. Hewes left the settlement at Rome as a young man and located near Le Roy in Genesee county, New York, where he purchased a good farm and conducted it until 1877, when he acquired a large farm near Bergen, where he resided until his death in 1902. He married Cordelia Bannister and the subject of this sketch is one of the eight children, five sons and three daughters, born to this union.

William David Hewes was born in the town of Le Roy, New York, July 26, 1868. After attending the grade schools, he entered the Brockport Normal School, from which he graduated in 1890. In the fall of that year he began teaching school in Clarkson, Monroe county. He then taught in Williamson, Wayne county, for two years, when he became principal of the schools in Shortsville, Ontario county, occupying that position for eight years. During the next four years he was principal of the public schools in Cuba, Allegany county. In 1905 he purchased a grocery store in Phelps, Ontario county, and remained in that business for about four years.

In 1910 he purchased the Patterson real estate and insurance business in East Rochester and located there. He still conducts this business under the name of William D. Hewes, Incorporated, handles all kinds of insurance, representing some of the strongest companies in the United States, and is active in the development of the village. He is president of the East Rochester Lions Club and can always be depended upon to lend a hand to any project that has for its aim the promotion of the civic welfare.

Mr. Hewes stands high in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of East Rochester Lodge, No. 1020, F. & A. M.; Palmyra Commandery, Knights Templars; and Ismalia Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, of Buffalo. He is an elder in the First Presbyterian church of East Rochester and superintendent of the Sunday school. His long experience as a teacher taught him the value of and necessity for better methods of child training and development, which may be considered one of his hobbies. Politically he is a republican and takes an active interest in public affairs, particularly those of a local nature. He has served as county committeeman for his party and has held the office of justice of the peace. However, he seems to derive more pleasure in assisting his friends to public office than in becoming a candidate himself.

On New Year's Day of 1902, Mr. Hewes was united in marriage to Miss Althea Knapp, daughter of Edward Knapp of Shortsville, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hewes have three children: Robert, born February 13, 1905; Harriet Augusta, born April 4, 1909; and William David, Jr., born April 15, 1915.

ERNEST SAMUEL HENNER.

Ernest Samuel Henner, secretary and general manager of the Empire Couch Company of Medina, has been one of the active factors in the growth and development of this prosperous concern. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of July, 1878, his parents being Philip Francis and Florence (Ahre) Henner. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, was a lifelong resident of the Keystone state.

Ernest Samuel Henner obtained his education in the grammar and high schools of his native city and after putting aside his textbooks was identified with the retail dry goods business for three years. He was afterward in the drapery and upholstery business in Philadelphia until 1905 and during the succeeding four years devoted his attention to the same line in Buffalo, New York. He then went on the road as a drapery and upholstery salesman and traveled thus until February, 1920, when he came to Medina to assume his present official duties with the Empire Couch

Company, which he has since represented in the dual capacity of secretary and general manager. His long experience in this line of business has constituted a valuable factor in the successful control of this prosperous and growing enterprise.

Mr. Henner has been twice married. On the 6th of June, 1907, in Chicago, he wedded Miss Jessie McLaren, and they were the parents of a daughter, Marjorie Ellen, who is a student in the Medina high school. On the 2d of April, 1913, in Buffalo, New York, Mr. Henner was again married, his second union being with Harriett Ethel McLaren. Their children are three in number: John Philip, Jean Ethel and Ernest S., Jr.

In politics Mr. Henner maintains an independent attitude, supporting men and measures rather than party. In his life he exemplifies the beneficent teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, to which he belongs, and he is likewise a member of the Alert Club of Medina. He is an ardent disciple of Izaak Walton and has a summer home on the lake, where he may retire in "dog days" and fish to his heart's content.

JAMES EARL McCURDY.

James Earl McCurdy, one of Dansville's enterprising merchants, has been content to remain in his native town, in which he has found excellent opportunities for advancement, and through their wise utilization he has become a prosperous business man. His birth occurred on the 20th of April, 1863, and his parents were Andrew and Jeannette (Scott) McCurdy. He received a good education, attending the district schools, Dansville Seminary and the Genesee Normal School, and began his independent career well equipped for life's responsibilities and duties. He has always been engaged in farming and merchandising and is the proprietor of one of the finest meat markets in Livingston county. He handles the best grade of meat, is courteous and obliging in his attitude toward patrons, and is content with a reasonable profit. As a logical result each year has chronicled a noticeable increase in the volume of his business and he is now conducting the leading meat market in Dansville. On April 26, 1900, Mr. McCurdy was married to Miss Rosa N. Schlick and they have become the parents of a daughter: Thelma Barbara, who is a student at St. Mary's-of-the-Woods, in Indiana, specializing in English and oral expression. Mr. McCurdy is a Mason and his political support is given to the democratic party, while in religious faith he is a Presbyterian. He takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs and his life in its various phases will bear the test of intimate knowledge and close association.

FRANK E. HOVEY.

The interests of Frank E. Hovey of Avon, Livingston county, New York, have always been identified with land, either as a farmer or as the manager of farm property. For a few years he was interested in the management of a hotel, but is now retired. He was born at Lima, Livingston county, on September 1, 1856, the son of Calvin B. and Mary E. (Gates) Hovey. His father, Calvin B. Hovey, was possessed of a large amount of landed property at the time of his death in 1880. Frank E. Hovey's boyhood was spent on his father's farm in Lima and his education was acquired at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary. In 1889 Mr. Hovey moved to Avon to take the management of the Herbert Wadsworth farm at Ashantee, and served in this capacity for thirteen years. He then purchased a farm of his own, and lived on it until the spring of 1911, when he turned it over to his son. From 1911 until 1920 Mr. Hovey was occupied in the management of the Avon Inn, and then retired. His only occupation now is that of looking after his farm property, of which he owns seven hundred acres. In 1921 Mr. Hovey opened the North Avenue addition to the village of Avon, comprising twenty-two building lots, on which he has erected twelve houses, and has disposed of them. At the present time (1924) only four unsold lots remain. This enterprise is considered a distinct contribution to the desirable growth of the village. Mr. Hovey is a republican in his political views and was town supervisor from 1901 until 1908. He is a director of the State Bank of Avon, a member of the board of education, and one of the village water commissioners for a number of years past.

Mr. Hovey has been married twice. His first wife, whom he married in 1878, was Estelle M. Sheldon, daughter of R. T. Sheldon of Mendon, New York. She died in



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1911. The two children born to this union are: Raymond E., now on the farm; and Lucy S., the wife of Watson MacMaster of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On December 31, 1912, Mr. Hovey was married to Jennie E. Ideson of Lima. He is a Thirty-second Degree Mason, a Knight Templar and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. In his religious convictions he is a Presbyterian, and has been a trustee of the Central Presbyterian church at Avon for a number of years.

WILLIAM J. NAYLON.

William J. Naylor is one of Rochester's well known business men whose entire career has been spent in this city, being a Rochesterian by birth, rearing and subsequent identification. He was born October 8, 1867, a son of Martin and Catherine (McCarthy) Naylor, and attended the Cathedral parochial school. After completing a course in the Rochester Free Academy he entered the business world and, as he demonstrated his worth to his employers, was intrusted with greater responsibilities and more difficult tasks. He has learned many valuable lessons in the school of experience and time has ripened his ability. Mr. Naylor is treasurer of the Spitz Building Company and secretary of the New York & Kentucky Company.

On June 28, 1893, Mr. Naylor was married to Miss Emma L. Kernan and they have two daughters and a son: Irene Dorothy, the wife of G. Eugene Connor; Lucille Olive; and Walter Kernan. Mr. Naylor is a communicant of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. He also belongs to the Oak Hill Country Club, the Rochester Club, the Automobile and Rochester Athletic Clubs, the City Club and the Knights of Columbus. No little credit is due Mr. Naylor for his progress in the business world, for he has forged ahead largely through his own efforts and talents. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the city and many of his best friends have known him from boyhood. He is deeply interested in all projects vital to the city's growth and fills an important place in the life of his community while the substantial traits of his character have established him in the esteem of his fellowmen. Mr. Naylor's residence is at No. 1648 Highland avenue, and his summer residence is "Jen-na-carra," Summerville.

THOMAS FRANCIS FENNELL.

Thomas Francis Fennell is a member of the Elmira bar, and has filled important public offices in the path of his profession. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, May 25, 1875, a son of Thomas McCarthy and Margaret (Collins) Fennell, both natives of County Clare, Ireland. The mother was one of the "Tall Collins of the Cliffs of Moher." She was six feet in stature, weighed two hundred and seventy-five pounds, and possessed extraordinary strength. The father participated in the Fenian Rebellion in Ireland in 1865-6. He was shot in action, captured and exiled to Australia. He was a political prisoner in that country from 1867 until 1871, receiving a pardon in the fall of that year, and then came to the United States.

Thomas Francis Fennell is widely and favorably known in Elmira, where he has resided since infancy, and after completing a course in the public schools he became a student in the Free Academy. His professional training was received in Cornell University, which in 1896 awarded him the LL. B. degree. He won a graduate fellowship, and in 1897 the degree of LL. M. was bestowed upon him by his Alma Mater. While a student he took a prominent part in athletic sports. He rowed on the Cornell Varsity crew, was a member of the Varsity Track and Field teams, of which he was captain in 1897, and was on the Varsity Football teams of 1894-95-96. He won the heavyweight boxing championship of Cornell in 1897. He helped coach the Cornell football team in 1898 and for parts of seasons for many years afterward. He was widely known in athletic circles of the east and coached the Pennsylvania State College football teams of 1905-06-07-08.

Mr. Fennell was corporation counsel of the city of Elmira. In 1909 he was appointed first deputy secretary of state, holding that position for two years, and in 1910 was the republican nominee for state treasurer. In 1912 he was the nominee of that party for the office of United States congressman. He served as judge of the state court of claims for three years, from 1915 until 1917, inclusive, was a member of the New York State Public Service Commission in 1918 and 1919, and during 1921 and 1922 was first deputy attorney-general of the state of New York. He has

always been loyal to every trust reposed in him and his public service was of a most important character and beneficial in its results.

Mr. Fennell was married November 25, 1908, to Miss Frances Sibyl Wyckoff, a native of Elmira and a daughter of Ernest Legrand and Alice (Brooks) Wyckoff, members of an old and prominent family of that city. The father was one of the substantial business men of Elmira and passed away in 1904, at the age of fifty-two years. The American progenitor of the Wyckoff family was a native of Holland and came with the first Dutch settlers to New Amsterdam, New York. Mrs. Fennell's mother is also a member of one of the oldest families of the United States and was the first regent of Chemung Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, filling that office for a number of years. She has six bars affixed to her D. A. R. pin, being entitled to one for each of her six ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff had five children, three of whom survive: Mrs. Fennell; Florence Adele, who is the wife of Frank Upson of Dundee, New York; and Ernestine Brooks, who married Dr. Pugh, a well known surgeon of Utica, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Fennell have become the parents of five children: Thomas Wyckoff, whose birth occurred on September 26, 1909; Alice Margaret, who was born on Christmas Day of 1912; Florence Mary, born April 9, 1915; Ernest Joseph, born December 1, 1919; and David Collins, born May 29, 1921.

Mr. Fennell's military record covers service in Company L, One Hundred and Third Regiment, New York State National Guard, of which he was a member for several years. He is a regular republican, and in religion he is a Roman Catholic. He is a Knight of Columbus and also belongs to the Father Mathew Temperance Society.

HERBERT L. HOLLISTER.

Herbert L. Hollister, office manager and one of the officials of The Ingersoll-Rand Company of Painted Post, is one of the busiest men in New York state. The world always piles many duties on the capable man, and he usually finds a way to take care of them all, and Mr. Hollister is no exception. In public as well as business life he is called upon often and seems to thrive upon responsibility. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1873, the son of Amos P. and Harriett (Kent) Hollister. The family moved to Painted Post in 1882.

Herbert L. Hollister attended the grammar schools and went to high school for one year. Then he entered the world of affairs, starting in with the Bronson National Bank and after one year of this work entered the employ of the Weston Engine Company, remaining there until June, 1898, when the shops were closed. The Ingersoll-Rand Company, which started in business in 1899, was only a small concern then, and it was not until 1901 that Mr. Hollister joined their forces when the Rand Drill Company consolidated with the Ingersoll-Sargent Drill Company. Meanwhile, Herbert L. Hollister had worked for the Painted Post Lumber Company and in 1901 went to Kane, Pennsylvania, to manage a lumber office there. He spent four years with the Imperial Engine Company and thus had a wide fund of experience to bring with him to the Ingersoll-Rand Company. He was made office manager at once and as the concern grew, his duties likewise multiplied. Mr. Hollister has full responsibility for the office management, accounting, buying and production layout. He is also secretary of the Painted Post Development Company, Incorporated; Secretary of the Painted Post Board of Education and a director of the Corning Cooperative Savings and Loan Association.

In fraternal life Herbert L. Hollister is equally active as in civic affairs. He belongs to Montour Lodge, No. 168, Painted Post; is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, belongs to Corning Consistory and Kalurah Temple, Shrine, Binghamton, New York. He has held all the chairs in the blue lodge and is past master of Montour Lodge. Mr. Hollister holds membership in the Corning City Club; Elmira Country Club; Corning Automobile Club and Corning Country Club, being secretary of the latter.

On March 27, 1895, Mr. Hollister was married to Miss Cora M. Wing. To them one son, Kenneth L., was born. He is now a student in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, being a member of the class of 1926 and belonging to Delta Phi fraternity. In 1912 Mrs. Hollister passed away. On November 5, 1913, Mr. Hollister was married to Miss Nelle M. Weaver, and they are the parents of three children: Marianne Louise; Herbert L., Jr., and Robert P. Mr. Hollister maintains a beautiful summer home on Lake Keuka. He travels a great deal now in connection with his

business and takes a keen interest in all public affairs. He is a republican and in his church affiliations is a Presbyterian. In all of the activities of the community he takes part and is known as one of the dependable leaders of Steuben county.

GEORGE MAXWELL DIVEN.

On the roster of public officials in Elmira appears the name of George Maxwell Diven, who is filling the office of postmaster, and his civic loyalty prompts him to put forth earnest and effective effort in behalf of the community, to whose advancement and upbuilding the family has made substantial contribution. He was born in Chemung county, New York, June 7, 1870, and his parents, Alexander and Anna (McQuhae) Diven, were also natives of this county. They had a family of three children but two are deceased. The father served for some time as superintendent of the Elmira waterworks and aided in organizing the company. During the progress of the Civil war he held the rank of major in the Union army, discharging the duties of paymaster. He was a republican in politics and served for two terms as mayor of Elmira, administering the affairs of the municipality in a businesslike and thoroughly satisfactory manner. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a faithful follower of its teachings.

At an early age George Maxwell Diven was left an orphan and his advancement has been won by hard work and proven ability. He first worked in the office of the waterworks, later entering the service of the La France Fire Engine Company, with which he was connected for eight years, and on the expiration of that period reentered the employ of the waterworks company, with which he continued for six years. In September, 1921, he was appointed postmaster of Elmira by President Harding, and under his administration the work of the office is performed systematically, promptly and efficiently, for Mr. Diven is most thorough and painstaking in everything that he undertakes.

In 1891 Mr. Diven was married to Miss Cora West, of Elmira, a daughter of A. A. West. Mr. and Mrs. Diven have a son, George M. Diven, Jr., who is attending Colgate College. Mr. Diven is an earnest member of the Presbyterian church and for a number of years has served on its official board. He gives his political support to the republican party and ranks with the public-spirited citizens of Elmira. He is always loyal to any cause which he espouses and faithful to every duty and has many friends, whose esteem he has won and retained by reason of his commendable traits of character.

RALPH THRALL OLCOTT.

In no avenue of business do men become so widely known as in journalism, not only as personalities, but as influences through their printed thoughts, which reach thousands, while their spoken words are heard by only a few. Ralph Thrall Olcott has devoted his life to work of this character and as editor and owner of the American Nurseryman and American Nut Journal of Rochester he has become a strong force in horticulture development, being a recognized authority on this subject. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, November 13, 1861, a son of James B. and Isabella (Thrall) Olcott, the former a native of East Haddam, Connecticut, and the latter of Greece, New York. The father was a Baptist minister and filled several pastorates in central Illinois. He was a man of scholarly attainments and for a considerable period was identified with the University of Rochester, also serving as pastor of churches in Greece, East Aurora and Rochester. His death occurred in this city and the mother passed away in Brooklyn, New York.

Ralph Thrall Olcott was reared in a home of culture and refinement and attended the public schools of Rochester and the East Aurora Academy, afterward becoming a student at the University of Rochester, of the class of 1887. He then became connected with the editorial staff of the Rochester Herald and later of the Rochester Post Express serving as an editor of that paper twenty years. He eventually decided to enter the publishing field on his own account, founding the American Fruits, American Nurseryman and the American Nut Journal, published by the American Fruits Publishing Company, of which he is president, treasurer and manager. He is editor of these journals, which have a large circulation among horticulturists in various sections of the country, and has made them publications of great value.

On June 1, 1887, in Manchester, New Hampshire, Mr. Olcott was married to Miss Grace Emma Reynolds, a daughter of George V. Reynolds. Mr. and Mrs. Olcott have three sons, of whom Gerard K. is the oldest. He was born December 21, 1890, and was married to Miss Marie Gepp; Ralph T. Olcott, Jr., was born May 11, 1895, and was married to Miss Verna Lowry. During the World war he joined the aviation department of the United States navy and was sent to the Great Lakes Training Station; Stark Reynolds Olcott was born May 3, 1899, and was married to Miss Elsie Striker of Rochester, by whom he has a son, Ralph T. Olcott (II). He also enlisted in the United States navy and was stationed at Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Mr. Olcott is a Knights Templar Mason and has taken the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, and Alpha Delta Phi, a fraternity of the University of Rochester. He is also connected with the Northern Nut Growers Association, the National Pecan Growers Association and the American Association of Nurserymen. Mr. Olcott has won success through the medium of his own efforts and the spirit of progress has ever actuated him throughout the years of his connection with journalism. He has always been actuated by a strong desire to serve his community and has written many articles which have led to the accomplishment of valuable results.

MILO L. CLEVELAND.

Brockport is indebted to members of the Cleveland family for her promotion, progress and development in many ways and throughout his life Milo L. Cleveland has ever manifested a spirit of helpfulness and devotion to the general good. He is an able executive and has won success as an engineering contractor, being president and treasurer of Cleveland & Sons Company, one of the large firms of its kind in the Empire state.

His father, Merritt A. Cleveland, was one of the foremost business men of Brockport. He was a native of East Hounsfield, Jefferson county, New York, and a son of Philander and Mercy (Richardson) Cleveland, the former a representative of one of the pioneer families of the Black River valley. He attended public and private schools of East Hounsfield, Brownville and Dexter and completed his education in the Watertown high school. In 1870 he entered the engineering department of the Carthage, Watertown & Sacket Harbor Railroad Company and later was appointed division engineer of the Lake Ontario Shore Railroad. In 1873 he had charge of the construction of the Kingston & Pembroke Railroad in Canada and in the following year, as a member of the firm of Hunter & Cleveland, completed the Lake Shore Railroad. In 1877 the firm style was changed to that of Hunter, Murray & Cleveland and they were awarded the contract for the construction of the locks and works at Port Colborne, Welland, Port Dalhousie and other points along the route of the Welland canal. They also built a portion of the Murray canal, connecting the Bay of Quinte with Lake Ontario, and engaged in deepening and improving many of the harbors along the lakes. In 1883-4 they built the Pittsburgh, Cleveland & Toledo Railroad in Pennsylvania and Ohio and the road is now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio system. In 1888 the Dominion government awarded them the contract to build the Gallops canal around the Gallops Rapids and one of the outstanding achievements of the firm was the making of the St. Lawrence river navigable for large vessels. They had few equals and no superiors in their line of work and their labors were a power in constructive development and evolution. Mr. Cleveland was a man of exceptional business ability and enterprise and his integrity was never open to question. In 1875 he was married to Miss Ellen E. Smith, a daughter of Oril Smith of Sodus, New York, and four children were born to them: Milo L., Helen, Harold and Florence.

Milo L. Cleveland was born at Port Colborne, Canada, and completed his education in Cornell University. The executive power and business acumen which distinguished his father are qualities which he has inherited in full measure. His plans are well formulated and have their basis in sound judgment, broad vision, keen sagacity and a ready discrimination between the essential and unimportant elements of a situation. Mr. Cleveland is a vice president of the First National Bank of Brockport, one of the strong financial institutions of Monroe county, and has labored effectively to broaden its scope. In Kansas City, Missouri, on September 26, 1906, Mr. Cleveland was married to Miss Kathryn Callaway, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Redman Callaway of that city and a descendant of Daniel Boone, the noted frontiersman. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland have become the parents of two children: Sibyl and Merritt.



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The latter is a pupil in the public schools of Brockport and the former is attending a finishing school at "Montemare", of Lake Placid, New York, and Miami, Florida.

Mr. Cleveland has always stood for progress, reform and improvement in civic affairs and for some years was village trustee, rendering important public service in that connection. He belongs to the Monroe Lodge of Masons at Brockport and along social lines is connected with the Genesee Valley Club, the Rochester Riding Club, the Cornell Clubs of Rochester and New York, and the Genesee Valley Hunt Club, while for recreation he turns to tennis, hunting and riding, and in fact, most of the outdoor sports. Although his attention is centered upon his business affairs, his interest in other lines is sufficient to maintain an even balance in his life and in his activities. He is a strong and resourceful man, ready to meet any emergency with the poise and ability that result from a right conception of things and a true regard for the privileges of others.

DENTON D. ROBINSON.

While still studying for the legal profession and close to the time for his graduation, the World war embraced the United States in its grasp, Denton D. Robinson, attorney, of Nunda, Livingston county, New York, abandoned his books for the service of his country. He enlisted on May 13, 1917, and was later assigned to the Three Hundred and Ninth Infantry, Seventy-eighth Division, in which he rose from the rank of second lieutenant to that of captain, was sent overseas, was gassed in the St. Mihiel sector, and was mustered out of the service on June 25, 1919. After his discharge Mr. Robinson returned to the United States and concluded his legal studies, returned to Nunda, and was admitted to general practice in September, 1919. He is now engaged in practice in partnership with his father.

Denton D. Robinson was born on August 10, 1892, the son of Denton S. and Emily (Hunt) Robinson, sketches of whom are published elsewhere in this history. His early education was received in the grade and high schools, after which he attended Colgate University, at Hamilton, New York, from which institution he received the degree of A. B. and graduated in 1914, and then entered Columbia University of New York city, and was a student in the law department until 1917.

Mr. Robinson was married on August 16, 1917, to Carrie M. Robinson, and the two children born to them are: Denton Hunt and Philip Ralph. Mr. Robinson belongs to the Theta Chi, Delta Sigma Rho and Phi Beta Kappa college fraternities, to the Masonic order and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the New York State and American Bar Associations. In his political views he upholds the policies of the republican party, and in religion is a member of the Universalist church.

WENDELL JOSEPH CURTIS.

For more than a quarter of a century Wendell Joseph Curtis has exerted a strong influence in banking circles of Rochester and members of the family have contributed materially toward the upbuilding and improvement of the city, so that the name has become synonymous with business ability, enterprise and public spirit in this section of Monroe county. He was born in Rochester, April 22, 1863, and his parents, Joseph and Mary B. (Fish) Curtis, were also natives of the Empire state, the birth of the former occurring in Monroe county and that of the latter in Madison county. Joseph Curtis was the president, editor and founder of the Union Advertiser and was equally successful in the field of finance. He was long one of the trustees of the Monroe County Savings Bank, of which he became president, and was filling that office at the time of his demise in 1883. He stood high in banking and journalistic circles of Rochester and his death was deeply regretted by a large circle of friends, as well as by his immediate family. Mrs. Curtis passed away in 1872, and like her husband, was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

Wendell Joseph Curtis obtained his education in the public schools and the Rochester Free Academy, after which he entered his father's employ, starting as office boy. He worked his way through each department of the newspaper plant, mastering every detail of the business, and eventually became president of the Union Advertiser. He proved a worthy successor of his father, displaying keen discern-

ment in the management of the business, and subsequently sold the paper, which is now operated under the name of the Times-Union. In 1898 Mr. Curtis had become a trustee of the Mechanics Savings Bank of Rochester and on May 1, 1920, was made secretary and treasurer of the institution, which he has since served in those capacities. He is thoroughly conversant with the details of modern finance and his business associates defer to his judgment in matters of importance.

On the 19th of February, 1885, Mr. Curtis was united in marriage to Miss Margaret B. Roby, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney B. Roby, the former a prominent business man of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have four children: Wendell J. Curtis, Jr., who was born in 1888 and is engaged in business in this city, was married to Edith Mulligan of Rochester, and they have a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth; Catherine Curtis, who was born in 1893, married John P. Day, manager at Rochester for the National City Company, and they have two children, Margaret Helen and John Palmer Day, Jr.; Ruth Curtis, who was born in 1895 and became the wife of Theodore Briggs, and they have three children, Barbara, William H. Briggs (II), and Catherine Curtis Briggs; and Sidney Roby Curtis, who was born in 1902 and is now a junior at Yale University. All of the children are natives of this city.

Mr. Curtis is always ready to lend practical aid to any movement which commends itself to his judgment as one likely to advance the public welfare and is treasurer of the Rochester Community Chest, a trustee and director of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, and vice president of the board of directors of the Industrial School. He is a member of the local Automobile and Ad Clubs, the Rochester Country Club and the Genesee Valley Club. He is allied with the democratic party and his religious views are indicated by his affiliation with the Unitarian church. Mr. Curtis is a man of many friends and his course has at all times marked him as a citizen of worth. Mr. Curtis' residence has been for nearly thirty years at No. 259 Culver road, and was the first dwelling erected on that thoroughfare between East avenue and the canal.

HORACE AVERY ABELL.

Horace Avery Abell, engineer of ways and structures for the New York State Railways, has had long practical experience in public utility management, and is regarded as one of the able men in the country in this capacity. He was born in Schenectady, New York, September 21, 1883, and is a son of Walter W. and Katherine (Otten) Abell, the latter of whom also was born at Schenectady, a descendant from Robert Abell of Weymouth, Massachusetts, 1630, the emigrant ancestor. The Abell family is one of the old colonial families. The late Walter W. Abell, who died at his home in Schenectady, in September, 1904, was born in Esperance, Schoharie county, and was very well known in Schenectady and that section of the state as a teacher and composer of music. His widow resides in Schenectady. Their family consisted of two sons and a daughter: Horace Avery of this review; Bliss, now a resident of Esperance, New York; and Mrs. George W. Tilden of Schenectady.

Horace Avery Abell was reared in Schenectady and received his preliminary education in the public schools of that city, supplementing this by study under private tutors. He entered the employ of the General Electric Company in Schenectady, and was connected with the affairs of that great corporation until May, 1904. He was early attracted to the engineering profession and his first practical experience along that line was acquired in the employ of the engineering department of the Schenectady Railway Company. His service with this company was marked by continuous advancement, through various capacities, to the position of chief of field parts. He ably discharged the responsible duties devolving upon him in the last named capacity for two years, or until his promotion in May, 1911, to the position of assistant to the engineer of maintenance of way of that company, in charge of all field and office work, such as surveying, plans and specifications, track construction, bridge building, erection of structures and the like. During this period of service Mr. Abell was "loaned" for a month to the Newport News and Old Point Railway & Light Company at Hampton, Virginia, and in 1913 he was "loaned" to the United Traction Company of Albany for the purpose of making a complete survey of all that company's property and tracks. During this time he also revised that company's office system and installed a new system for the engineering department. On September 17, 1917, Mr. Abell was advanced to the position of engineer of ways and structures for the Rochester Lines of the New York State Railways, with headquarters in Rochester. This assignment gives him charge of all bridge work and the two hundred and sixty buildings in the plant



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of these divisions of the New York State Railways, including also the maintenance reports and direction of construction work. Mr. Abell's advancements have come as the recognition of work well done and his capacity for assuming greater burdens and responsibilities.

On August 11, 1906, in Schenectady, Mr. Abell was united in marriage to Miss Rita Hunting, daughter of Charles A. and Ella (Knight) Hunting of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Abell have a daughter, Doris Hunting, born January 2, 1914. Mr. Abell is a Knights Templar Mason, has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and has also crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Rochester Club, the Civil Engineers and the Rochester Engineering Society. Mr. Abell's residence is at No. 966 Culver road.

HERBERT H. SHIPHERD.

Herbert H. Shipherd has long been well known in journalistic circles of Cattaraugus county as proprietor of *The Hub*, a weekly paper which is published in Little Valley and of which his son, Walter H. Shipherd, is editor. Herbert H. Shipherd was born in Richmond Hill, Queens county, New York, on the 5th of September, 1864, his parents being Jacob R. and Elizabeth (Rowe) Shipherd, the former a minister of the Congregational church. His district school education was supplemented by a course of study in Chamberlain Institute of Randolph, Cattaraugus county, New York.

When but a lad of six years Herbert H. Shipherd already manifested a marked penchant for the printing business, for he owned a small printing press and began learning the trade. He did some job printing with the assistance of his parents. Mr. Shipherd first worked on a paper in Fredonia, Chautauqua county, this state, was subsequently employed in Buffalo for several years and later did job work in New York city. On account of impaired health he returned to Randolph, New York, where he spent one year. It was in 1905 that he came to Little Valley and went to work on the paper known as *The Hub*, the job department of which he afterward purchased. Later he took over the paper, of which he has remained the proprietor to the present time. This is a weekly journal consisting of eight six-column pages, all home print, and has a large local and national circulation. In connection with its publication Mr. Shipherd does all kinds of job work, his patronage coming not only from Little Valley but from all parts of Cattaraugus county. He belongs to the Grange and is also a zealous student in Masonry, being a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the fraternity and now holding the position of district deputy. Through the columns of his paper he has advocated many movements and measures looking toward community advancement and progress, and he has long been numbered among the valued, influential and highly esteemed residents of Little Valley.

About 1888 Mr. Shipherd was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bertha Archer of Randolph, New York, and they have a son, Walter H., who was born on the 17th of July, 1895, and who acquired his education in the schools of Randolph and Little Valley. He devoted his attention to farming pursuits in the vicinity of Conewango, Cattaraugus county, for a decade but since the 1st of February, 1924, his time has been occupied by his editorial duties in connection with the publication of *The Hub*. He wedded Miss Florence Milroy of Randolph and to them have been born three children: Mary Louise, Edith Estelle and Herbert Haven.

G. FORT SLOCUM.

G. Fort Slocum, one of the well known and highly respected attorneys of Rochester, has practiced in this city for a period of forty-two years and has also achieved success in other walks of life, being at the head of important business interests. He was born in Scottsville, Monroe county, New York, March 2, 1856, and his parents, George E. and Lydia A. (Fort) Slocum, were natives of Onondaga county, this state. The father was a tinsmith and also dealt in stoves, building up a large business in Scottsville, where he resided for many years. He died in 1906, at the age of eighty-two, and the mother passed away in 1904, when seventy-four years of age. They had four children: Earl H., deceased; Le Roy M., who is still living in Scottsville; G. Fort, of this review; and Mors O., who has passed away.

G. Fort Slocum obtained his early education in his native village and prepared for educational work in the Brockport Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1874. In 1878 the University of Rochester conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the same year he became principal of the high school and academy at Mount Morris. He was appointed school commissioner for the western district of Monroe county, and in 1881 became principal of the high school at Charlotte. While engaged in teaching he became a law student at Yale University and also gave a portion of his time to editorial work. He read law in the offices of Francis A. Macomber, later a justice of the supreme court, and J. Breck Perkins, a well known historian and congressman from this district. Mr. Slocum was admitted to the bar January 1, 1882, and has since practiced in Rochester. In 1883 he was appointed assistant city attorney, acting in that capacity for a year, and during 1903 and 1904 served as deputy attorney-general of the state. He has a thorough knowledge of statute and precedent, prepares his cases with thoroughness, precision and skill, and in their presentation is logical and convincing. He has an extensive clientele and also serves as president of the Scottsville Sand & Gravel Company, which has profited by his legal experience and sound business judgment.

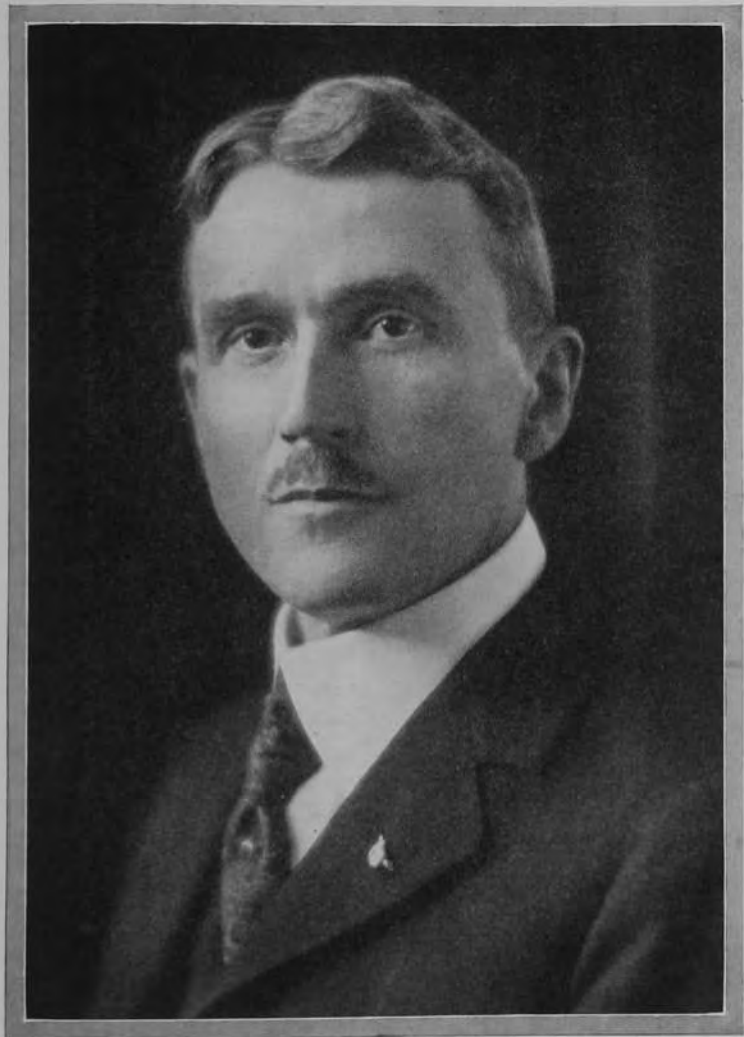
At Friendship, New York, on October 19, 1882, Mr. Slocum was married to Miss Mabel Hopper, a daughter of Alfred and Julia Hopper of Allegany county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Slocum became the parents of four children: Raymond F., the only son, died in 1917, when a young man of twenty-four. He was born in Scottsville and was a graduate of Cornell University in the department of agriculture; Mary S. was born in Scottsville and was married to Christopher J. Sheil of Rochester, by whom she has four children, Ruth Agnes, Richard, Betty and Joseph; Isla is a native of Rochester and is now the wife of Paul Judson. They reside in Kinderhook, New York, and have four children, Eleanor, Lowell, Robert and Paul, Jr.; Ruth was born in Rochester and during the World war served as a dietitian in an army hospital in France. She is married to Edward M. Brennan and they have two daughters, Jane and Betsy.

Mr. Slocum is a member of the Rochester City and New York State Bar Associations and also belongs to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Throughout his life he has been a tireless worker and his success has been founded upon industry and ability. He is rated as one of the leading attorneys of Rochester and honors his profession by his adherence to the solid virtues and enlightened principles underlying the law. His residence is at No. 58 Brighton street.

EDWIN PERRIN WILSON.

Edwin Perrin Wilson of the Hiram E. Wilson Company, Incorporated, florists in Rochester, successor to the old firm of Hiram E. Wilson & Sons, has been engaged in the floral business in Rochester all his active life, a business to which he literally "grew up", and is thus one of the best known florists in the state of New York, even as the firm with which he is connected is one of the oldest establishments of its kind in continuous service in this state. He was born in the city of Rochester, April 30, 1869, and is a son of Hiram E. and Hester (Perrin) Wilson, both members of old families in this section of the state and both of whom are still living in Rochester, the former at the great age of eighty-five years and the latter at the age of ninety-one. Both the Wilsons and the Perrins are of old Massachusetts colonial families.

Hiram E. Wilson, who is still living in the house in which he was married, at No. 807 Avenue D, is a son of Edwin F. and Lucinda (Davis) Wilson. Edwin F. Wilson came from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, to this section of New York in 1809, with his parents, Albert and Mabel (Bow) Wilson, who established themselves on a tract of two hundred acres in what is now a part of the city of Rochester, bounded by North street, Joseph avenue, Wilkins avenue, and thence north to Norton street. On that tract he erected a house and set up his home. With thoughtful care this old house has been preserved by the successive generations of the family and is now one of the priceless relics of early Rochester. The village which grew up around this Wilson settlement was known as Carthage and long since was absorbed by the expanding city of Rochester, but much of the original holdings of the pioneer Albert Wilson, now in a valuable section of the city, are still held in the family. The pioneer Wilson reared a family of five and his descendants in the present generation form a considerable connection hereabout. Hiram E. Wilson succeeded his father, Edwin F. Wilson, as a farmer on that Carthage tract and in 1884 established there the greenhouses which in



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the years since have been so largely developed, and started in as a general local florist. This business grew and as his sons came along, in accord with his plans they were admitted to cooperation with him in the conduct of the plant, which for years was thus carried on under the name of Hiram E. Wilson & Sons, and he continued active in business until his retirement some years ago, though still retaining an interest in the H. E. Wilson Company, Incorporated, the other members of which firm are, Edwin P. Wilson, Hiram W. Wilson and Ransford W. Wilson. This firm now has extensive florist establishments at No. 88 East Main street, at No. 835 Hudson avenue, at No. 807 Avenue D, and at No. 33 Franklin street.

Reared in Rochester, Edwin Perrin Wilson completed his education in the Rochester Free Academy and from the days of his boyhood, in association with his father and brothers, has given his attention to the expanding business of the great floral establishment which thus has been built up in Rochester, his best energies having been devoted to the development of that business along modern lines and in keeping with the constantly growing demand for the choice products of the Wilson greeneries. Mr. Wilson is a member of the American Florists Association and of the Rochester Floral Society and in the affairs of these bodies has long taken an earnest interest, helpful in many ways in promoting the common interests of the florists, not only of his home community but of the country in general, and has been one of the leaders in the popular movement which has brought the catchy phrase "Say it with flowers" into common use throughout the country. Mr. Wilson is an active and influential member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and is also a member of the locally influential Rotary Club. He is a Knights Templar and Royal Arch Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and has for many years taken a warm interest in Masonic affairs. He and his family are members of Asbury Methodist Episcopal church in Rochester.

On June 17, 1896, in Rochester, Mr. E. P. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Lillie E. Thomas, daughter of William Thomas, also a member of one of the old families of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have a very pleasant home at No. 136 Edgerton avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have four children: Helen, Edwin Thomas, Ruth and Herbert Wilson, the latter of whom, born in 1908, is now (1925) completing his work in the East high school; Miss Helen, born in 1900, was graduated from the East high school and is now attending the Eastman School of Music; Edwin Thomas, born in 1902, also was graduated from the East high school and now is associated with his father in the floral business. On August 27, 1924, he was married to Miss Helen Metcalf, daughter of George Metcalf of Boston; Miss Ruth, born in 1904, is now a student at the Mechanics Institute.

JUDGE WILLIAM CHARLES KOHLMETZ.

With postgraduate experience in the school of public affairs, Judge William Charles Kohlmertz is ably presiding over the city court of Rochester, criminal branch, and his career as a public official has been distinguished by fidelity to duty, high ideals of service and a comprehensive grasp of every problem presented for his solution. He is one of the city's native sons, and was born January 13, 1873, of the marriage of William T. Kohlmertz and Genevieve Krieg, who migrated from the Old World to the New, becoming residents of Rochester. The father was a tailor by trade and death terminated his activities in 1906. The mother passed away in December, 1921.

William Charles Kohlmertz attended the public schools and the Free Academy, afterward becoming a student in the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated in 1895, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He read law in the offices of H. G. Pierce and C. D. Kiehel and in 1897 was admitted to the bar. He began the practice of law in the same year in association with R. L. Saunders, maintaining offices in the E. & B. building, and later formed a partnership with Horace McGuire, while subsequently he was joined by Judge Westbury. His identification with public affairs dates from 1896, when he was chosen school commissioner for the seventeenth ward, acting in that capacity during 1896-97. In 1914 he was elected a member of the common council from the fifth ward and filled that position for two years. He was appointed police justice March 14, 1917, and in the fall of the same year was elected to that office for a term of six years. In 1919 the police and municipal courts were consolidated and in 1921 he was elected judge of the city court. Countless cases have been brought before him, involving all of the ills that the life of a city presents, and blessed with a human warmth born of contact with the people, Judge Kohlmertz possesses the poise, the breadth of mind and the instinctive

love of justice that make him a natural arbiter of human differences—a judge in all that the term implies.

In fraternal affairs Judge Kohlmetz has taken a very active and prominent part. He is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and in 1921 was grand master for the state of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He stands high in Masonry and is a charter member of Zetland Lodge, No. 951, F. & A. M., of which he has served as master. He is a Knight Templar, is presiding officer of the Rose Croix Chapter of the Scottish Rite, and has received the honorary thirty-third degree. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and a member of the Protectives, a volunteer fire company. The Chamber of Commerce also numbers him among its valued members and his social nature finds expression in his connection with the Rochester Yacht Club, the Oak Hill Country Club, the Rochester Automobile Club, the Masonic Club and the Washington Club, while along professional lines he is affiliated with the Rochester Bar Association. He is also a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. He is industrious, honest and fearless and has never violated a trust. Judge Kohlmetz has strongly impressed his individuality upon the history of his city and has won the respect of the entire community. His residence is at No. 55 Huntington park.

FRANK K. COOK.

Frank K. Cook, a highly respected member of the Livingston county bar, has engaged in practice at Geneseo for more than a quarter of a century and his legal acumen has brought his prominently before the public. He was born in Wheatland, Monroe county, New York, on April 22, 1872, and is one of six children in the family of Thomas and Elizabeth (Heffernan) Cook, both of whom are deceased.

After completing a course in the high school at Scottsville, New York, Mr. Cook entered the Geneseo Normal School and was graduated with the class of 1895. He then began the study of law in the office of Charles D. Newton, a well known attorney of Geneseo, and having mastered the principles of jurisprudence, was admitted to the bar in 1898. He opened an office in Geneseo, where he has since practiced law independently, and the court records bear evidence of his power as an attorney. His clientele has constantly increased and his law business is now of a most important character. His mind is analytical and logical in its trend and in his presentation of a case he is always fortified by a thorough understanding of the legal principles applicable thereto. His professional prestige led to his selection for public office and for six years he served as district attorney of Livingston county. He was appointed deputy attorney-general of the state and held that position for eight years. He has always been loyal to any trust reposed in him and his integrity has never been open to question.

On the 22d of August, 1900, Mr. Cook was married to Miss Jane Simons of Geneseo, and they have a son, Francis S., who is now a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Cook is a republican in politics and his professional connections are with the Livingston County and New York State Bar Associations. He holds to high standards of professional service and ranks with the foremost attorneys of Livingston county.

CHARLES M. TOMPKINS.

Charles M. Tompkins is classed with those enterprising men to whom Wellsville is indebted for its industrial progress and for many years was prominently identified with the milling business, but is now focusing his efforts upon oil development work, with which he has been connected for the past thirty-one years. He was born in Dansville, New York, March 8, 1873, a son of Joseph B. and Katherine M. (Kelly) Tompkins, who were married December 23, 1857. The mother was born October 25, 1836, and died July 4, 1914, at the age of seventy-eight years. The father was born in Lincolnshire, England, April 24, 1827, and was a boy of eight when his parents came to the United States. They settled in Albion, New York, and there he was reared and educated. For a number of years he was employed in mills in Black Rock, Rochester and Dansville, gaining a comprehensive understanding of the business, and then entered the industrial world on his own account, establishing a mill in Dansville. Later he transferred the scene of his activities to Perkinsville, New York, where he remained for seven years, resuming his milling operations in Dansville on the expiration



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of that period. The year 1887 witnessed Mr. Tompkins' arrival in Wellsville. He rented the James Swift mill, which he operated for five years as a member of the firm of Tompkins & Wolverton, when the junior member retired, and the style of J. B. Tompkins & Son was then adopted. The business was conducted under that name until December 1, 1923, when the mill was sold. Mr. Tompkins was a business man of high standing and a citizen of worth. He passed away July 24, 1903, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was an earnest and helpful member. He was a democrat with independent views and his fraternal relations were with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

His son, Charles M. Tompkins, attended the grammar schools of Dansville and the Wellsville high school, afterward completing a course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Buffalo, New York. In 1892, when nineteen years of age, he became a member of the firm of J. B. Tompkins & Son and was associated with his father in the milling industry until the latter's death. The business was sold December 1, 1923. On May 1, 1924, Mr. Tompkins resumed ownership of the mill which he had sold to R. A. Hardy, and continues to operate it under the policy established by J. B. Tompkins & Son. Mr. Tompkins has devoted some time to the oil industry, which he entered in 1893, securing land near Allentown, New York. He has inherited his father's keen discernment and administrative powers and derives a good income from his investments.

On the 20th of September, 1899, Mr. Tompkins was married to Miss H. Pearl Stoup and they have become the parents of a son: Ralph M., who was born August 16, 1906, and is now attending the Wellsville high school. Mr. Tompkins is not bound by the narrow ties of partisanship and votes according to the dictates of his judgment, regarding the qualifications of a candidate as a matter of paramount importance. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and belongs to the Shrine at Buffalo. He is a member of the Wellsville Country Club and a Congregationalist in religious faith. He is a worthy son of an honored sire and the respect which is uniformly accorded him is well deserved.

THE DIVEN FAMILY.

Among the names inscribed on the pages of Elmira's history none shines with a brighter luster than that of Diven. The members of this family have projected a force that has been of far-reaching extent and importance and most beneficial in its results. Their influence has been strongly felt in the legal profession, in the legislative halls of the state and nation, and in transportation, educational, military and civic affairs. The American progenitor of the family was Alexander Diven, who was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and a son of John Diven, who was born in 1752. Alexander Diven came to the New World with his wife, Margaret Diven, of English lineage, and settled in the Cumberland valley. He proved his loyalty to his adopted country by service in the Revolutionary war and was with Washington at Valley Forge. He was preparing to return home on the expiration of his term of enlistment and many of his comrades had made similar plans but were persuaded by General Washington to remain in the service. Mr. Diven remained in the Continental army until the siege of Yorktown and in 1799 settled in the district now known as Watkins, New York. He cleared and developed a farm and was the first postmaster of the community. It was there that his son, General Alexander S. Diven, was born February 10, 1809.

Alexander S. Diven obtained his higher education in Penn Yan Academy and at Ovid, New York. When a young man of twenty-one he came to Elmira and began the study of law in the office of Hiram Gray, also teaching school during that period. He spent some time in the office of Fletcher Haight at Rochester, New York, and afterward was connected with the county clerk's office at Owego, this state. He was admitted to the bar in Angelica, Allegany county, New York, and there followed his profession for eleven years, serving for five years of that period as district attorney of Allegany county. In 1842 he was chosen a director of the New York & Erie Railroad Company but declined to serve. The next year, however, he was persuaded to attend a meeting of the board of directors in New York city and became much interested in the project. He went before the state legislature and owing to his influence a bill was passed favoring the construction of the road. He remained with the corporation for many years, acting as its attorney until 1865. He drafted the first issue of bonds and during the building of the line served as commissioner of construction. In 1845 he returned to

Elmira, forming the law firm of Diven, Hathaway & Woods, and continued to make his home in the city until his demise.

Mr. Diven was one of the founders of the republican party and a leader of public thought and opinion. He served in the state senate in 1858-59 and was a member of the thirty-seventh congress, serving from 1861 until 1863, during which period he aided in organizing the One Hundred and Seventh New York Volunteer Infantry. He was a brave and gallant officer and served with distinction throughout the campaign in Virginia during 1862 and 1863, as shown in the records of the Civil war. He was commissioned colonel after the battle of Antietam and led his men on the bloody field of Chancellorsville. In 1863 he was made assistant adjutant general with the rank of major and placed in charge of the rendezvous of troops at Elmira. Soon afterward he was brevetted brigadier general and assigned to special duty as assistant provost marshal general, with headquarters at Elmira, his command including the whole of western New York.

Many important public utilities owe their origin and subsequent development to General Diven. He was largely instrumental in the construction of the Elmira and Williamsport Road, now a part of the Northern Central, and established the waterworks plant in Elmira. He was retained as counsel by a number of railroads and became widely known as a corporation lawyer. He was an eloquent orator and in wealth of language and felicity of illustration few surpassed him. His mind was well stored with information on all subjects and his address on Abraham Lincoln, delivered in Wisner Park in April, 1865, left a lasting impression upon the minds of his audience. He was actively identified with the management of the Elmira College for Women and was one of the influential members of the Presbyterian church. In 1834 he was married to Miss Amanda Beers, who was born in Elmira, October 22, 1811, a daughter of John and Keziah Beers.

Their son, George Miles Diven, was born in Angelica, New York, August 28, 1835, and was one of a family of eight children. He attended Elmira Academy, and a private school at Geneva, New York, afterward entering Hamilton College, from which he was graduated with honors in 1857. He studied law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar in 1862. For a number of years he was in partnership with his father and later became a member of the firm of Diven & Redfield. He was local attorney for the Northern Central and Lehigh Valley Railroads and gained high standing in his profession. He was equally successful in business affairs and was a leading spirit in the promotion and construction of the Elmira State Line Railway, now the Tioga branch of the Erie system. He was one of the founders of the rolling mills and acted as manager of the waterworks plant. He rehabilitated the business of the La France Manufacturing Company, placing it upon a solid financial basis, and was a director of the Erie Railroad Company and the Erie Sleeping Car Company. In 1872 he was chosen one of the trustees of Hamilton College and for five terms was president of the Elmira Board of Education, in which connection he did much to improve the public school system of the city. He was classed with the foremost lawyers of the state and in 1890-91 served as president of the New York State Bar Association. His life was one of great activity and usefulness and closed on the 3d of February, 1909, when he was seventy-four years of age. On June 3, 1863, he had married Miss Lucy M. Brown of Clinton, New York, and they became the parents of six children, two of whom survive: Louis, a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Alexander S. The latter was the third in order of birth and his biographical record follows.

ALEXANDER S. DIVEN.

For three generations members of the Diven family have engaged in the practice of law in Elmira and Alexander S. Diven is ably sustaining the traditions of an honored name, for the general public as well as the profession accord him rank with the leading attorneys of the city. His parents, George M. and Lucy (Brown) Diven, were married in Clinton, New York, in 1863, and six children were born to them. Four have passed away and those now living are Alexander S. of this review; and Louis. The latter resides in Philadelphia and is connected with the Babcock & Wilcox Manufacturing Company. The mother was born in Clinton, New York, in 1833 and died in 1888, at the age of fifty-five. The father was born in Allegany county, New York, in 1835, and attended a private school in Geneva, this state. He graduated from Hamilton College in 1857 and also studied law there, and was

admitted to the bar in 1861. He began the practice of law in Elmira, forming a partnership with his father, and successfully followed his profession until his death, which occurred on February 3, 1909, when he had reached the age of seventy-four years. He was an able exponent of his profession and numbered among his clients many large corporations. He was a republican in his political views and for many years was president of the board of education, rendering valuable service to the city in that connection. He was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity and his life was guided by the teachings of the Presbyterian church.

Alexander S. Diven received a liberal education, attending the public schools of Elmira, the Phillips Exeter Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire, and in 1894 was graduated from Yale University. He also completed a course in the Cornell Law School, and in 1898 was admitted to the bar. He began his professional career in association with his father and their business was conducted in the same office in which the grandfather had practiced law. Mr. Diven specializes in corporation law, of which he has made a close study, and is local attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for which his father and grandfather were also counsel. He is well versed in all branches of the law and prepares his cases with thoroughness, precision and skill, while in their presentation he is clear, logical and convincing. He has a large clientele and is one of the trustees of the Elmira Savings Bank, the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital and the Arnot Art Gallery.

In 1900 Mr. Diven was married to Miss Mabel Booth, a sister of Dr. Arthur W. Booth. Mr. and Mrs. Diven have two children: Irving Booth, a student at Yale University; and Lucy, who is attending high school. Mr. Diven is allied with the republican party and has served as a member of the board of education, of which he was president at one time. He is now a member of the Newtown Battlefield Commission and belongs to the City and Country Clubs and the Psi Upsilon fraternity. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist, being affiliated with the Park church of Elmira.

JOHN WEIDER.

Rochester has no citizen more loyal than John Weider, who has found in his native city excellent opportunities for advancement and through their wise utilization he has become the possessor of a substantial competence. For forty-five years he has continuously engaged in the harness business and as a pioneer in this field of activity he has become widely and favorably known. He was born February 26, 1860, and his parents, Phillip and Mary (Hartman) Weider, were natives of Germany. They were married in Rochester and the father became a mechanic in the employ of the C. J. Hayden Company. In 1873 he opened a grocery store and for about twenty-two years successfully engaged in that business. In 1895 he was appointed United States customs collector for the port of Rochester and filled that position until his death, which occurred in 1900. The mother passed away in 1884, when fifty-eight years of age. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Weider two are living, John and George J. Weider, both residents of this city.

John Weider obtained his education in one of the parochial schools of Rochester and first worked for the C. J. Hayden Company. For four years he was in the employ of the Union Advertiser and then served an apprenticeship to the harness-maker's trade under Frederick Worley. In 1879 he started in business for himself, opening a harness store at the corner of Griffith and South St. Paul streets, and remained at that location for fifteen years. In 1894 he removed to his present address at No. 24 Spring street, where he has a large stock, handling "everything for the horse." He specializes in repairing harness and collars on short notice and employs five skilled workmen, whose labors he closely supervises, never allowing an imperfect article to leave his establishment. He has a full line of imported and domestic riding equipment, in addition to horse blankets, whips, bridles and harness hardware, and sells to both the wholesale and retail trades. He has established an unassailable reputation for business integrity and reliability and is a recognized leader in the line in which he specializes. Mr. Weider believes that the horse will soon replace the automobile in many branches of business and a survey of his stock is convincing proof of the firmness of his convictions.

On the 22d of June, 1882, Mr. Weider was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Boltz, a daughter of Fred Boltz of Rochester and five children were born to them: Bertha, deceased; Anna, who is now Mrs. Hoffman; Frederick J., who married Miss Katherine Sullivan, and has a family of three children, John, Frederick and Betty;

Irene, who resides with her parents; and Phillip F., who is associated with his father in business.

In religious faith Mr. Weider is a Roman Catholic. He has taken the fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus and is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a self-made man, deserving of all the praise which the term implies, and a life of rightly directed industry has been crowned by successful achievement.

EDWARD A. NOBLE.

Except for four years spent at Rochester, New York, where he was engaged in the practice of law and was office attorney of the legal aid society there, the professional career of Edward A. Noble, attorney, has been passed entirely in Avon, Livingston county, New York, where he is associated in the practice of law with William A. Wheeler, and where he has been police justice since 1915. He was born at Avon on October 29, 1886, the son of George D. and Julia A. (Sullivan) Noble, both natives of Livingston county, where the father is living.

Edward A. Noble, after completing his education in the grade and high schools, started to read law with Judge William Carter at Avon, and continued his reading with Carnahan, Adams, Jameson & Pierce of Rochester, New York. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1911, and has since been engaged in general practice. After his four years in Rochester, Mr. Noble returned to Avon, where he has remained.

Mr. Noble was married on June 4, 1917, to Claribel M. Hogmire. The two sons born to them are: Edward and John. Mr. Noble is a member of the Livingston County Bar Association and the American Bar Association and of the Knights of Columbus. In his political views he is in accord with the democratic party, and in his religious convictions is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

LEONARD SAMUEL WHITTIER.

Leonard Samuel Whittier, former secretary and treasurer of the Eclipse Machine Company, is numbered among the younger business men of Elmira, where he resides. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 16, 1883, a son of David Lane and Mary (Wishard) Whittier, the former a native of Hallowell, Maine, and the latter of Rushville, Illinois. David Lane Whittier devoted his life to manufacturing interests and established the Eclipse Bicycle Company at Indianapolis, Indiana. Subsequently he transferred his business operations to Elmira, New York, and formed the Eclipse Machine Company, of which he became president. He remained at the head of this company until his demise and under his able administration the business prospered and came to rank with the larger manufacturing institutions of the city. He gave his political support to the republican party and was an earnest, helpful member of the Park Congregational church, with which his wife is also affiliated. Death terminated the labors of David L. Whittier on April 15, 1914, when he had reached the age of seventy-five years. His widow is still a resident of Elmira. They were the parents of four children, namely: Mrs. Georgia W. Crosley of Indianapolis, Indiana; Leonard Samuel; Mrs. Florence W. Parsons of Evanston, Illinois; and Mrs. Helen W. Brim of Columbus, Ohio.

Leonard Samuel Whittier obtained his early education in Indianapolis, Indiana, attended high school in Elmira and later Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1902 with honors. Returning immediately to Elmira, he entered the employ of the Eclipse Machine Company as office boy and thence he progressed through the various departments of the business until, in due course of time, he became secretary and treasurer of the company. In this position Mr. Whittier displayed marked executive powers and contributed substantially to the success of the company. His official connection with the Eclipse Machine Company was terminated by his resignation in June, 1924, when he retired from this active business association in order to devote his entire attention to his private interests.

On June 26, 1907, Mr. Whittier was united in marriage to Miss Florence Riedinger, a native of Elmira and the daughter of Philip F. and Alice Riedinger. Their only child, David Lane Whittier (II), was born April 16, 1908, and died March 10, 1919. The political support of Mr. Whittier is given to the republican party, while his



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religious affiliation is with the Park Congregational church. He is a director of the Y. M. C. A., a trustee of the Elmira Savings Bank, a member of the City Club of Elmira, of which he has served as president, and of the Elmira Golf and Country Club.

PHILIP I. BRUST.

Philip I. Brust, serving as postmaster of Medina by appointment of ex-President Harding, is making a most commendable record in this capacity and is also an active factor in business circles of the city as an associate of his father in the Brust Tailoring Company. He was born in Germany, on the 31st of January, 1878, his parents being Nicholas and Barbara (Oswald) Brust, who left that country to establish their home in the United States. The father has long been successfully engaged in the tailoring and men's furnishing business in Medina, New York, in partnership with his son Philip and is numbered among the substantial, representative and respected citizens of the community. The mother departed this life in Medina on the 22d of December, 1923.

Philip I. Brust obtained his education in the grammar and high schools of Medina, where he embarked in the tailoring business on attaining his majority. He has been associated with his father in the conduct of the Brust Tailoring Company during the past quarter of a century and in this connection has developed a business of extensive and gratifying proportions. Both father and son have gained an enviable reputation for expert ability in their chosen line, and the prosperity which has come to them is indeed well merited.

On the 27th of June, 1901, in Medina, Mr. Brust was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ryan, daughter of Patrick and Mary Ryan of that place. Their children are ten in number, namely: Grace M., Harold, Loretta, Edwin, Alfred, Robert, Gertrude, Geraldine, John and Anna.

Mr. Brust is a republican in politics and a very active worker in the local ranks of the party, manifesting keen interest in the various departments of civic government. He has been chosen committeeman many times and he made a splendid record as a member of the board of aldermen from 1907 until 1910, being the youngest man ever elected to the latter position. On the 6th of April, 1922, he was appointed postmaster of Medina by ex-President Harding for a four-year term and has since discharged the duties of this position with marked efficiency and dispatch. Mr. Brust is a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Columbus. Outdoor life constitutes his favorite form of recreation. Medina counts him among her energetic, progressive and public-spirited citizens as well as substantial business men.

FRED LE VALLEY.

Fred Le Valley, who has built up one of the largest wholesale plumbing establishments in western New York, has been engaged in this line of business for fifty-two years. He was born October 14, 1855, and comes of French lineage. His ancestors were Huguenots and left France because of religious persecution. One branch of the family was established in the United States and another in Canada, but its representatives in the New World are not numerous. Mr. Le Valley's parents were Nathaniel L. and Julia (Decker) Le Valley, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Orange county, New York. They came to Elmira late in the '40s and the father was first engaged in railroad work. Subsequently he entered the employ of Booth, Dounce & Rose, hardware merchants, and for several years was in the service of that firm. He was a republican in politics but never sought public office. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Le Valley, two of whom survive: Fred of this review, and Mrs. E. J. Stokes, who is a resident of Buffalo, New York.

Fred Le Valley received a public school education and at the age of sixteen became an apprentice in a plumbing establishment. He was four years in learning the trade and worked as a journeyman for several years, during which period he saved as much as possible from his earnings, being ambitious to establish a business of his own. In 1884 he became a member of the firm of Krowl & Le Valley, which was later known as Le Valley & Jenkins. The business is now conducted under the style of Le Valley McLeod Kinkaid & Company. The company has been incorporated and is capitalized

for five hundred thousand dollars. The Elmira property is valued at one hundred thousand dollars and the firm makes shipments to all sections of New York and Pennsylvania and to other eastern states, and has established a branch at Schenectady, New York, its holdings in that city being valued at fifty thousand dollars. The firm employs fifteen traveling salesmen, one of whom is Mr. Le Valley's son, who lives at Middletown, New York, and has charge of the territory in that locality. Fred Le Valley is vice president of the firm. The business represents the labor of a lifetime, and having earned a period of leisure, Mr. Le Valley has transferred the burden of his responsibilities to younger shoulders, although he still supervises the operation of the business, which stands as an imposing monument to his powers of organization and administration and his progressive spirit.

On July 6, 1882, Mr. Le Valley was married to Miss Ella A. Porter, who was born in Catawissa, Pennsylvania, and received her education in Elmira. She is a daughter of Charles Porter, an expert cabinetmaker, who came to this city several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Le Valley have a son, Arthur McLeod, who, as mentioned above, is connected with the business established by his father. Mrs. Le Valley is an active member of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal church of Elmira and her husband is an Episcopalian in religious faith. He is identified with the Masonic order and belongs to the lodge, chapter, council, commandery, Shrine and Grotto. He is also a member of the Masonic Club and votes the republican ticket.

FRANK THOMPSON ELLISON.

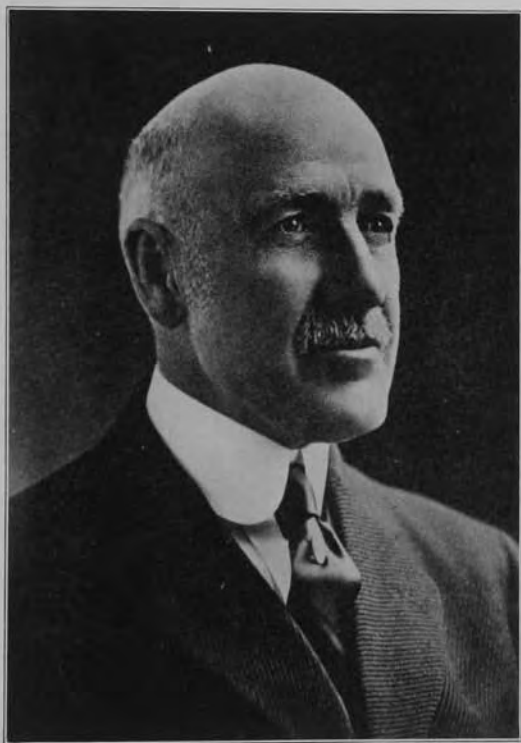
With Rochester's growth and progress the name of Ellison has long been closely and prominently associated, and Frank Thompson Ellison, who represents the third generation of the family in the city, is contributing his quota toward its development through his real estate operations. He was born February 14, 1853, a son of ~~James~~ Buell and Mary (Thompson) Ellison, the former a native of Orange county, New York, and the latter of Rochester. The paternal grandfather was one of the pioneer settlers of the Flower city, in which he established his home in 1822, more than a century ago. His son, Nathaniel B. Ellison, was active in business and civic affairs and filled several public offices of trust and responsibility. He was one of the early school commissioners of Rochester and aided materially in promoting its educational progress.

In the acquirement of an education Frank Thompson Ellison attended public and private schools of the city of Rochester. He completed a course in Satterlee's Institute and in 1873 was graduated from the University of Rochester, winning the A. B. degree. He then became bookkeeper in the establishment of Ellison & Stoddard, of which his father was the head, and filled that position for five years. He next studied for church journalism and entered Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, New Jersey, but after a few years of intensive study and doing some service for his denomination as a layman, his health failed. He spent some time in travel and after his recovery organized a company for the manufacture of fertilizer. Among other business men in Buffalo associated with Mr. Ellison was Mr. Alfred Schoellkopf. For twelve years Mr. Ellison successfully conducted that industry and then withdrew from the business. He has since been engaged in the development and operation of real estate and is president of the Rochester Investors Company, Incorporated, and vice president of the Millham Realty Company, Incorporated. In addition to his connection with these corporations he is interested in realty on his personal account. Several of the buildings occupied by some of Rochester's leading merchants on Main street, East, East avenue, Clinton street, Water street, and South avenue, have been erected by Mr. Ellison.

In Buffalo, New York, in 1904, Mr. Ellison was married to Miss Madeline Ross, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Ellison have a daughter: Helen Mary Ellison. Mr. Ellison's activities and interests not only cover a wide scope but have been no inconsiderable contribution to Rochester's upbuilding, showing him to be a man of broad views and well-rounded development. He is a member of the Johnson & Seymour Race Commission and also belongs to the Monroe County Farm Bureau, the Rochester Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the Rochester Country Club, the Southern Pines Golf Club, the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, and the Rochester Chapter of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Ellison has taken an active interest in politics and in 1912 was a candidate for state senator on the progressive ticket. In sustaining the benevolent institutions of the community Mr. Ellison has not failed to do his part. He never loses an oppor-

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tunity to exploit the resources and attractions of Rochester, whose progress is a matter in which he is vitally interested, and his record sustains the high reputation which members of the Ellison family have always borne. He has had a career of unusual activity and of notable success. The elements were happily blended in the rounding out of his nature, for he unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood, and his labors have been manifestly resultant. Mr. Ellison built his home at No. 2327 East avenue, Brighton, in 1910, and has since resided there.

LOUIS E. LOEWENGUTH.

The life record of Louis E. Loewenguth constituted a fine example of manliness and industry and closed on the 5th of September, 1923, when he had reached the age of sixty-seven years. For more than a half century he had been a resident of Rochester and his death was deeply mourned by a large circle of friends, for he was the possessor of many admirable traits of character. He came to the city a poor boy and through the force of his personality and the strength of his mental endowments rose to a position of leadership in local insurance circles, demonstrating what may be accomplished when one has the courage to dare and to do.

Louis E. Loewenguth was born in New York city, December 20, 1855, and his parents, George and Theresa (Wolf) Loewenguth, immigrated from Alsace-Lorraine to the United States, establishing their home in New York city. There Louis E. attended the public schools and after becoming a wage earner continued his studies in night schools. He first worked for a cotton broker of New York city and when about fourteen years of age came to Rochester in search of an opportunity for advancement. He secured a position as office boy in the establishment of James Elwood, under whom he gained a comprehensive understanding of the insurance business. Mr. Loewenguth found the work congenial and readily mastered the duties assigned him. As time passed he assumed heavier responsibilities and eventually became special agent and adjuster. Meanwhile he had been saving as much as possible from his earnings, and having profited by his experience, was prepared to establish a business of his own in 1903. The venture proved a success and the business was subsequently incorporated under the name of Loewenguth, Dineen & Hock, Incorporated. Mr. Loewenguth served as its president until his death and by untiring effort and wise management built up one of the largest insurance firms in the city. He was scrupulously honorable in all of his business transactions and his was a successful career in the highest sense of the term.

Mr. Loewenguth was united in marriage to Miss Emma Krieg who survives him and is still a resident of Rochester. They were the parents of two children: Frederick M., who is vice president of the business founded by his father; and Alice E., who was born June 10, 1890, and was married to E. B. Dineen, treasurer of the firm of Loewenguth, Dineen & Hock, Incorporated. Mr. Loewenguth was a communicant of the Catholic church and its teachings guided him in the relations of daily life. He was a Knight of Columbus and served on the board of fire underwriters of Rochester. He had the welfare of his city deeply at heart and his influence was a strong factor for good in his community. For the last thirteen years of his life his residence was at No. 30 Magee avenue.

HON. GEORGE S. JOHNSON.

For more than a century members of the Johnson family have contributed their share toward the upbuilding and progress of Wayne county, and the enterprising spirit which animated his forebears found expression in the life of Hon. George S. Johnson. He was long numbered among the leading merchants of Palmyra, while his name also figured prominently in public affairs, and at the time of his death, on October 11, 1924, he was serving for the second term as a member of the state assembly. He was born in Palmyra in 1853 and his parents were William R. and Lucy (Wilson) Johnson, the latter a native of Wayne county. They were married in Palmyra and of their family of six children one son and a daughter are living. The Johnson family was founded in Wayne county in 1798, and previous to that year its representatives had resided in the state of Rhode Island. William R. Johnson was born in Palmyra in 1817 and his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits.

George S. Johnson attended the Union School of Palmyra and completed his edu-

cation in the Rochester Free Academy. He taught school for eight years in Wayne county and for a year was an instructor in the Palmyra high school. In 1881 he withdrew from the educational field and turned his attention to commercial affairs, opening a retail shoe store in Palmyra in connection with John E. Schofield. This relationship was maintained until 1883, when Mr. Johnson was joined by Albert S. Rogers, with whom he was associated until the latter's death in 1911. In that year Edgar Congdon, formerly a clerk in the store, was admitted to a partnership in the business, which has since been conducted under the firm style of Johnson & Congdon. The firm is retailers of boots, shoes, trunks and ladies' hosiery and the business is one of the oldest in the town. It has been in existence for forty-three years and no mercantile firm of Palmyra enjoys a higher reputation for integrity and reliability. Mr. Johnson possessed a highly specialized knowledge of the business in which he was engaged and occupied a position of leadership in his chosen line of activity.

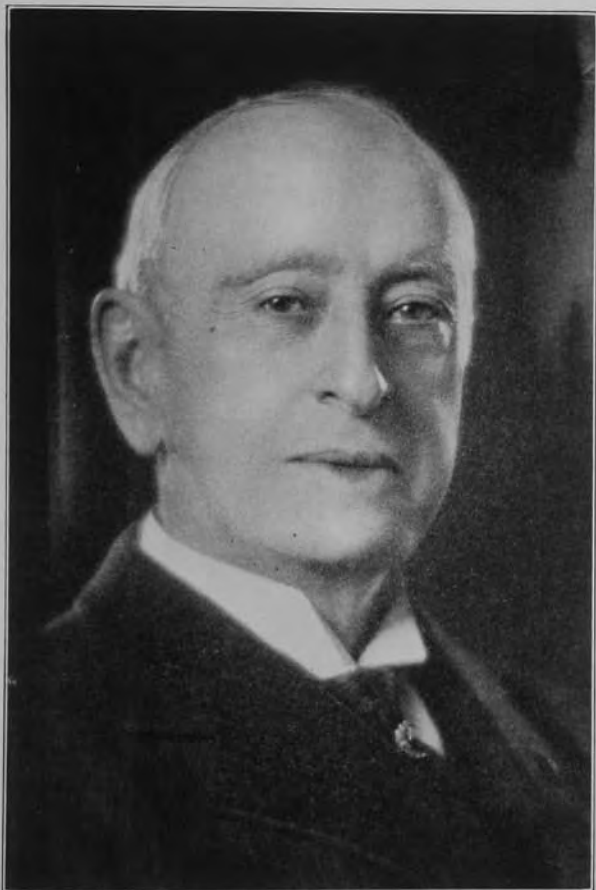
Business, however, formed but one phase of his life and he always evinced that earnest desire to promote the welfare and progress of his community and that spirit of devotion to the general good which are embodied in the highest ideals of citizenship. He was chiefly responsible for the children's camp, a philanthropic project, which was started in 1921. It was established for the care of tubercular children and is situated near Lake Ontario. Sixty cases have been treated in the camp, which has received the official endorsement of the state and county. It is operated by the Wayne County Tuberculosis Association, of which the Rev. J. L. Cann of Ontario, is the president, and until his death Mr. Johnson was treasurer of the organization, which is performing work of inestimable value. For two terms Mr. Johnson was president of the village of Palmyra and for three terms he discharged the duties of supervisor. He was chosen to represent Wayne county in the state assembly and endorsement of his able, conscientious work as a member of that body resulted in his re-election. He aided in securing the passage of much constructive legislation and his support of a measure was an indication of his firm belief in its value as a factor in good government. During the World war he was chairman of the first Liberty Loan committee in Palmyra and also acted as one of the Four-Minute speakers.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Foster, who was a daughter of L. H. Foster of Palmyra. She died in 1913, at the age of fifty-three. Having no children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson reared an adopted daughter, Marjorie, who is now the wife of Harold Eibler and resides in Palmyra. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Masonic lodge of Palmyra and the Chamber of Commerce, while his religious views were in accord with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church, with which he was affiliated. He had passed the Psalmist's allotted span of threescore years and ten and both mentally and physically was still in his prime, for he had wisely conserved his powers. His life was a long, active and useful one, fraught with much good, and he earned as his reward the confidence, esteem and admiration of his fellowmen.

FREDERICK L. HEUGHES.

Frederick L. Heughes, a leading figure in Rochester's industrial circles, is recognized as one of the most prominent men in western New York in his field of activity, which is the designing and fabricating of structural steel and iron work for buildings. He is the pioneer in this industry, for it was forty-six years ago that he established what has become the largest structural steel and iron works in Rochester, his native city. He was born on the 24th of March, 1850, his parents being William and Anna (Evans) Heughes. The father, who was successfully engaged in the printing business in Rochester for many years, passed away in San Francisco, California. The mother departed this life in Rochester.

In the acquirement of an education Frederick L. Heughes attended the public schools and Rochester Free Academy. On putting aside his textbooks he entered his father's shop to learn the printer's trade, which claimed his attention for a time. He soon abandoned this, however, to enter the architectural iron works of William H. Cheney at the old plant on South avenue, where he remained from 1871 until 1878 and worked his way upward from the position of bookkeeper to that of general manager. It was in the latter year that he embarked in business on his own account, establishing the first structural iron and fireproof building industry in western New York, where during the next quarter of a century he was practically the only representative of this industry. He did his first important work as contractor for structural



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steel work in erecting the steel framework for additional roofs on the Powers block in 1879, and subsequently the steel contracts for the Powers Hotel, the county court house, the Wilder block, the Chamber of Commerce building, the Granite building, the Masonic Temple, and others too numerous to mention, that are monuments to his ability.

In order to serve his business as contractor for structural steel for fire-proof buildings, he organized a separate company, the F. L. Heughes & Company, Architectural Iron Works, and these companies were merged and incorporated in 1908 as "F. L. Heughes & Company, Incorporated," engineers and contractors of structural steel for fire-proof buildings, who have erected many steel frame buildings in the city and state, including the Eastman school and theatre, and have grown and expanded to their present proportions from the enterprise he established in 1878. The prosperity which has come to Mr. Heughes is the merited reward of industry and perseverance, combined with executive ability.

Frederick L. Heughes is the father of four children, three sons and a daughter, namely: Walter L., president of F. L. Heughes & Company, Incorporated; Benjamin A., treasurer of F. L. Heughes & Company, Incorporated; Herbert F., of Rochester; and Celeste M., of Rochester. In fraternal circles Mr. Heughes is known as a Knights Templar Mason and Noble of the Mystic Shrine and he also belongs to the Rochester Club. A lifelong resident of Rochester, he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance in the city and has for many years occupied a foremost position in the industrial field.

SMITH O'BRIEN.

Smith O'Brien, one of the well known members of the Rochester bar, where he has practiced for more than twenty years, enjoys the reputation of being an able and successful attorney. He was born in Mendon, New York, December 10, 1875, a son of Thomas and Norah (Lynn) O'Brien, the former a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, and the latter of Marshall, Calhoun county, Michigan. When a young man of twenty the father came to the United States and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is yet living but the mother died during the childhood of Smith O'Brien of this review. They had a family of three sons: Smith and William E., both residents of Rochester; and Michael, whose home is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Smith O'Brien obtained his early education in the Union school at Fairport, New York, and later attended the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary. He was a member of the class of 1901 of the University of Rochester, and began the study of law in the office of Judge John D. Lynn. Mr. O'Brien was admitted to the bar in 1904 and has since engaged in the general practice of law in Rochester. He has steadily advanced in his profession and has been connected with some of the most important litigation coming before the courts of Monroe county. He is associated with Joseph McSweeney in the firm of O'Brien & McSweeney, and both the character and extent of the firm's clientele attest its high professional standing.

On September 12, 1908, Mr. O'Brien was married to Miss Marie Coyne, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Coyne of Mendon, New York. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien have five sons: William Smith, who was born in 1912; Robert Emmett, born in 1914; James Coyne, born in 1916; John Lynn, born in 1920; and Thomas Joseph, born in 1923. Mr. O'Brien is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church and a member of the Rochester Bar Association. He has always conformed his practice to the highest ethics of the profession and gives his undivided attention to his chosen life work. Mr. O'Brien's residence is at No. 183 Wellington avenue.

WILLIAM B. BUNDY.

With efficiency as his watchword, William B. Bundy has made continuous progress toward the goal of success, and that he has "arrived" is evident from the office which he is now filling—that of treasurer of the F. A. Owen Publishing Company, in which connection he is an important factor in the management of a business of extensive proportions. He was born December 12, 1866, in Alpena, Michigan, and his parents were Fulton and Phoebe Elizabeth (Burrows) Bundy.

William B. Bundy received a public school education and became an employe in a

bank at Wellsville, New York, afterward going to Andover, this state, where he remained until 1905. Subsequently he was identified with the banking business in Indiana and Oklahoma and in 1916 became associated with the F. A. Owen Publishing Company, with which he has since been connected. He is well qualified for the office of treasurer, owing to his long experience as a financier, and his business associates defer to his judgment in matters of importance.

On September 10, 1890, Mr. Bundy was united in marriage to Miss Margaret M. Leonard of West Union, New York, and during the period of their residence in Dansville they have made many friends. Mr. Bundy has thoroughly allied his interests with those of the town and is serving as president of the board of trade. He attends the Presbyterian church and is a republican in politics, while his fraternal relations are with the Masonic order and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is an alert, energetic and aggressive business man, able to cope with modern commercial conditions, and enjoys an enviable reputation for business integrity and sagacity.

FRANK EASTWOOD VAN DORN.

Close to forty years of service with the same banking institution is the record back of Frank Eastwood Van Dorn, cashier of the Bingham State Bank at Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York. He was born at Lindenville, Ogle county, Illinois, on May 26, 1868, the son of John and Mary Lucretia (Eastwood) Van Dorn.

Frank Eastwood Van Dorn acquired his education entirely in the public schools, his boyhood being passed in Pennsylvania and then on a farm in Livingston county, New York, from the time he was thirteen until he was seventeen years old. At that age, and on December 14, 1885, Mr. Van Dorn began work with the banking house now known as the Bingham State Bank, then conducted by Charles L. and Lucius C. Bingham, brothers. His first employment was that of bookkeeper, and in 1893 he became a partner in the business. At the time the business was incorporated in 1915 Mr. Van Dorn became cashier of the bank, having filled all the intermediate positions successfully during his many years with the institution. Mr. Van Dorn is chairman of Group No. 2 of the New York State Bankers Association, and is also on the executive committee of the Association of State Banks.

Mr. Van Dorn was married on June 22, 1898, to Mary Frances Seymour of Mount Morris. Two children have been born to them: Elizabeth, now a student in Wells College, at Aurora, New York, and Madeline, a student at Wellesley College, at Wellesley, Massachusetts. In his political opinions Mr. Van Dorn is a republican, and in his religious convictions a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order.

HENRY GRAHAM.

Henry Graham, one of Wellsville's progressive young business men, has advanced steadily through the medium of his own efforts and now occupies an influential position in industrial circles of this locality. He was born July 25, 1887, in Gold, Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Patrick J. Graham, was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, who followed the cooper's trade in western New York. His death occurred in February, 1897. He had married Adelaide Bixby and their son, James H. Graham, was born in Avon, New York, in November, 1848. He served an apprenticeship to the tanner's trade and subsequently, in association with James Thornton, engaged in the manufacture of leather. On the 17th of November, 1872, he was married to Miss Catherine Kane and they became the parents of Henry Graham. He spent the greater portion of his life in Wellsville and died in September, 1894, at the age of forty-five.

Henry Graham's parents moved to Wellsville in 1891, where his education was completed in the Wellsville high school. For a time he was employed in a drug store and later became rate clerk in the Wellsville offices of the Erie Railroad. He remained in the service of that corporation until July 10, 1916, when he became a member of the Wellsville Upholstering Company, and since January, 1917, has discharged the duties of secretary and director, in which connections he is contributing materially toward the expansion of the business. It was founded in 1898 by Frank W. Gent, who is president of the company, and A. L. Foster acts as vice president,



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while F. X. Barker is serving as treasurer. The business was incorporated in 1910 and ranks with the largest of the kind in this section of the state.

On the 27th of April, 1915, Mr. Graham was married to Miss Elizabeth Trahey of Wellsville, a daughter of George and Katherine (Byrnes) Trahey. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have five children: James Henry, who was born January 20, 1916; Mary Georgia, born December 7, 1917; Louis Edward, born February 27, 1920; Martha Colleen, born October 19, 1922; and Elizabeth Frances, born August 18, 1924.

Mr. Graham is a Catholic in religious faith and is a faithful communicant of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. He is a member of the board of education, a director of the Wellsville Red Cross Society, a Knight of Columbus, a member of the Lyceum Society, the Elks, the Rotary Club, the Wellsville Country Club, and the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce. He is prominent in the organizations of a civic nature and serves as president of the Rotary Club. He has lent the weight of his influence to every worthy public project and his integrity, enterprise and ability are qualities which have earned for him the confidence, respect and goodwill of his fellowmen.

FREDERICK M. LOEWENGUTH.

Frederick M. Loewenguth is a member of one of the old and highly respected families of Rochester and a native son whose record is a credit to his community. He was born April 18, 1886, and his parents were Louis E. and Emma Loewenguth, of whom an extended account is given elsewhere in this volume. Frederick M. Loewenguth attended the public and parochial schools, graduated from the Mechanics Institute of Rochester, after which he spent two and a half years abroad, studying decorative art in London and other large cities of Europe. On his return to the United States Mr. Loewenguth began his career as an art decorator and successfully engaged in that work until 1916, when he became associated with his father in business. He has since been vice president of the Loewenguth, Dineen & Hock Insurance Company, of which he is also the manager, and is likewise a director of the Home Builders Cooperative Savings & Loan Association. In the management of his affairs he brings to bear the keen sagacity and executive force which characterized his father and his work sustains the high reputation which has always been borne by the family. During the World war Mr. Loewenguth designed and superintended the Home Lands Stage exhibit in Rochester.

On the 5th of October, 1916, Mr. Loewenguth was united in marriage to Miss Irene O'Brien, a daughter of David and Carolyn O'Brien, prominent residents of this city. Mr. Loewenguth is a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Art and Yacht Clubs of this city, while his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church. He is punctilious in the discharge of his civic duties, and that he is a young man of sterling integrity and genuine worth is indicated by the high esteem in which he is held by those among whom his life has been passed. His residence is at No. 71 Magee avenue.

JOSEPH WALLACE BUCK.

The blood of Scotch and English ancestry flows in the veins of Joseph Wallace Buck, who comes of Revolutionary war stock and in both the paternal and maternal lines represents old and highly respected families of the East. He is ably following in the professional footsteps of his father and is rapidly coming to the front in legal circles of Elmira, his native city. He was born May 7, 1891, and his parents were George W. and Grace (Campbell) Buck, the former of whom was born in Sugar Hill, near Watkins, Schuyler county, New York, and the latter a native of Nelson, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. They were married in the Keystone state and reared a family of three children: Joseph Wallace of this review; Jerome C., who was born in 1899 and was graduated from Princeton University with the class of 1923; and Ruth C., who is the wife of William H. Mandeville, the oldest son of Hubert Carpenter Mandeville, a prominent attorney of Elmira, of the firm of Mandeville & Personius. Mrs. Buck was born in July, 1865, and her great-grandfather was a member of the Campbell clan of Argyle, Scotland, and was the founder of the family in America, migrating to the New World in 1802. George W. Buck was born March 24, 1849, and died April 24, 1911, at the age of sixty-two. The American progenitor of the Buck family

made the voyage from England to this country in the middle of the seventeenth century and settled in Connecticut. Mr. Buck's great-great-grandfather, David Hanmore, ancestor in the paternal line, was a soldier in the Continental army and participated in the battle of Newtown in 1779. George W. Buck attended Alfred University and in 1879 came to Elmira, taking up the study of law in the office of Rockwell & Collin. He was admitted to the bar in 1881 and successfully followed his profession in this city until his death, ranking with its most able attorneys.

Joseph Wallace Buck obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of Elmira and the Free Academy, afterward matriculating in Princeton University, from which he was graduated in 1913, with the degree of Litt. B. He studied law in the office of Herendeen & Mandeville and was admitted to the bar in July, 1917. He specializes in tax law, of which he has made a close study, and since 1914 has been associated with the present firm of Mandeville & Personius, or its predecessors. Mr. Buck has a thorough understanding of the fundamental principles of jurisprudence and is also identified with several business corporations, which he represents either in the capacity of an officer or director.

On October 25, 1920, in Elmira, Mr. Buck was married to Marjorie Ball Eldredge, daughter of Edward O. Eldredge, and Cornelius Royce Eldredge. Mrs. Buck was born May 27, 1900, in Owego, New York, of English lineage. The family was founded in this country early in the eighteenth century and was among the first to settle in Tioga county, New York. Ancestors of Mrs. Buck in both the paternal and maternal lines were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Buck have two sons: George Wallace, who was born on the 5th of January, 1922; and Joseph Campbell, born June 27, 1923. Mr. Buck is a member of the Park Congregational church of Elmira and his political support is given to the men and measures of the republican party.

EDWARD HALL CHAPIN.

Edward H. Chapin, special representative of the Southern Wheel Company, Incorporated, is a well known representative of industrial interests in Rochester. He is a native of Rochester and was born July 10, 1867, a son of Charles Hall and Mary Elizabeth (Kidd) Chapin. Moses Chapin the grandfather of Edward H. Chapin, was the first county judge of Monroe county, and the ancestral history is traced to Deacon Samuel Chapin who came from England and settled in Massachusetts between 1635 and 1640.

Charles Hall Chapin was born in Rochester, January 6, 1830, and in the maternal line was descended from Timothy Dwight, an early president of Yale College. Early in his business career, in the '50s, Charles Hall Chapin became manager of William Kidd & Company, car wheel makers, of Rochester, afterwards conducted under the firm style of Chapin & Terry. He entered the field of banking in 1871 as one of the organizers of the banking house of Kidd & Chapin, of which he had entire charge. In 1875 this was merged into the Bank of Rochester of which Mr. Chapin became president, acting in that capacity until his death. He was a man of resourceful business ability and his sound judgment and keen business discernment were considered valuable assets in the successful control of various business interests. In 1877 he organized the Rochester Car Wheel Works, which were established by William Kidd, and it became one of the most important industrial concerns of the city. He was also vice president of the Charlotte Iron Works and a trustee of the Roberts Iron Works of Kingston, Canada.

In 1854 Charles Hall Chapin was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Kidd, a daughter of William Kidd, and to them were born the following children: William Kidd, who is deceased; Charles Terry, chairman of the board and treasurer of the Chapin-Owen Company, Incorporated, of Rochester; Mrs. William E. Marcus, living in Montclair, New Jersey; Edward Hall of this review; and Eleanor B., who died in 1881, in Florence, Italy. The death of Charles Hall Chapin occurred on the 16th of March, 1882, and thus passed from the stage of earthly activities one who had contributed in large measure to Rochester's substantial growth and improvement. His wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Kidd) Chapin, had reached the age of eighty-five years when she passed away in Rochester on the 27th of November, 1918.

Edward Hall Chapin, whose name introduces this review obtained his early education in School No. 3 in Rochester and after leaving school No. 3 he traveled in Europe a year, waiting to enter St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, which he attended for three years, under the Rev. Dr. Henry Coit. Subsequently he pursued a special



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course in Cornell University as a member of the class of 1889. Following his graduation he made his way westward to Colorado, near Colorado Springs, where he engaged in ranching for two years, on the expiration of which period he purchased an interest in the Electric Railway Journal. After a time devoted to newspaper work he disposed of his interests in the east and returned to his home in Rochester. Here he became identified with the Standard Oil Company of New York but in 1899 severed his connection therewith to assume the duties of secretary of the Rochester Car Wheel Works. In 1903 the Rochester Car Wheel Works was merged with other companies into the National Car Wheel Company, of which Mr. Chapin became vice president and member of the board of directors. In February, 1924, the National Car Wheel Company was taken over by the American Brake Shoe & Foundry Company, which now owns about sixty odd plants in various sections of the United States and Canada. On January 1, 1925, the National Car Wheel Company was merged into the Southern Wheel Company, with general offices in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, both being subsidiaries of the American Brake Shoe & Foundry Company. Mr. Chapin was retired from executive participation and made special representative of the Southern Wheel Company, subject to call, with headquarters at the company's Rochester plant.

On the 28th of April, 1892, in Geneseo, New York, Mr. Chapin was united in marriage to Miss Louise Beach, daughter of Charles O. and Cornelia Elizabeth (Doty) Beach. Mr. Beach was formerly a prominent dry goods merchant. He passed away many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Chapin are the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Charles Hopkins, who was born February 15, 1893, in Rochester, where she received her education. She is the mother of two children: Elizabeth Louise Hopkins, who was born in Rochester, May 30, 1919; and Barbara Hopkins, born in Rochester, on the 22nd of August, 1922.

Mr. Chapin is a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and also belongs to the Automobile and Cornell Clubs of Rochester, the Engineers Club of New York, the Cornell Club of New York city, the New York Railway Club and the Central Railway Club of Buffalo. Resourcefulness and enterprise have brought him steadily to the front in business circles of Rochester and his is a well ordered, upright life that commands for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. Since June, 1911, Mr. Chapin has resided in Geneseo, Livingston county, New York.

JAMES O. SEBRING.

Attorney James O. Sebring, one of the most active men in New York state, has for many years been a leader of the democratic forces in Corning, New York, and the people's champion at all times. Risen from humblest beginnings, he has always aided the poor man and fought for civic justice, square dealing and righteous conduct. His career has been marked with many hardships and disappointments, especially in earlier years, and all he possesses has been gained by hard work, honest effort and tireless persistency. He was born November 4, 1860, the day on which Abraham Lincoln was elected president of the United States. He was born in Pulteney, Steuben county, New York.

James O. Sebring attended the district schools of Pulteney and higher school at Prattsburg. He was largely self-educated and it was a struggle covering years to obtain this education. But he persisted, teaching school when still very young and aiding his father on the farm. He saved the money to take a law course and then gave his savings to his father and continued to work and teach and study law on the side. He was finally admitted to the bar at Buffalo in June, 1885, passing the examination with the highest marks of any of the candidates, many of whom were college graduates.

Mr. Sebring started his practice in Hammondsport, and was there for ten years, building up the largest practice ever established there. He came to Corning in 1895, and has lived there ever since. For fifteen years he was in partnership with Warren J. Cheney and the firm of Sebring & King existed for several years, but he is now practicing alone.

Mr. Sebring was for years a democrat and has been active in local politics. Three times his friends urged him to make the race for mayor of Corning but on each occasion some of the strange foibles which make political history so uncertain have prevented his election. Mr. Sebring is now an independent republican, having run for

mayor as one the second time, as a democrat the first time and as a republican the third time. In his last campaign he made a gallant fight for tax reduction, prohibition enforcement and for saving the town's famous memorial, the Erastus Corning Clock Tower, the pride of the city. His stand on this question attracted so much favorable attention that the tower was saved but a democratic landslide kept him from office, having been defeated by the narrow margin of forty votes. He has been delegate to many state conventions.

In all the campaigns Mr. Sebring has been strong for the rule of the people and in his legal work he has donated thousands of dollars worth of service to the needy. However, his business has been so large that he has acquired a comfortable small fortune and he has one of the finest homes in the Genesee country.

Mr. Sebring was married on August 29, 1889, to Mary A. Bushnell of Bath. They have no children. He is a member of the Elks and the Odd Fellows. His chief interest has always been in his work and in the public good and his recreation is—more work.

ISAAC ALLISON.

Isaac Allison has successfully followed his profession in Elmira for more than two decades. He was born in Canisteo, Steuben county, New York, August 1, 1876, and his parents, Mortimer and Jane (Davis) Allison, were also natives of that county, in which their lives were spent. The father was a prominent banker of Canisteo and a man of high character and sterling integrity. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and faithfully followed its teachings. He was allied with the democratic party and served as postmaster of Canisteo. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Allison, four of whom are living.

Isaac Allison is the youngest member of the family. He attended the Canisteo Academy and afterward became a student at Cornell University, from which he received the A. B. degree. In 1903 his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. and in June of that year he entered upon his professional career in Elmira. He was first associated in practice with W. A. Turnbull and later formed a partnership with Erwin J. Baldwin, with whom he has continued. The firm of Baldwin & Allison has been accorded a liberal clientele and stands high in legal circles of the city.

On the 22d of June, 1905, Mr. Allison was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Harris, who was born in Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Allison is a democrat in politics; is a member of the Episcopal church and serves as one of its vestrymen; is identified with the Masonic fraternity; and belongs to the City and Country Clubs.

JOSEPH STIEGLER.

Joseph Stiegler, one of Dansville's leading merchants and substantial business men, is a representative of that type of well-bred foreign-born American citizen whose inherited tendencies of industry, enterprise and integrity have added so largely to the development and prosperity of our nation, and his loyalty and public spirit have been demonstrated on many occasions. He is a native of Alsace-Lorraine and was born under the Tri-Color, on the 13th of September, 1866, a son of George and Francesca (Wendling) Stiegler, both of whom are deceased. When a young man of twenty-five he responded to the lure of the New World and arrived in New York city on August 24, 1891. He spent a year in Buffalo, where he learned the shoemaker's trade, and on August 5, 1892, allied his interests with those of Dansville. He secured a position in the Blum shoe factory, where he was employed for nine years, and having carefully saved his earnings, was then able to establish a business of his own, opening a repair shop. Mr. Stiegler prospered in his undertaking and decided to broaden the scope of his activities, becoming the proprietor of his present establishment on Main street. He carries a large and well assorted stock of the finest grade of footwear and his is the leading shoe store in Dansville. He has an expert knowledge of the business, gained from years of practical experience, and has also directed his efforts into other channels, being president of the Retail Merchants Council, which has likewise profited by his executive ability and excellent judgment.

Mr. Stiegler's civic spirit is of that vital and forceful kind which finds its best expression in public activities and his worth to his community is widely acknowledged. The existence of the Dansville General Hospital is due to his efforts and to

those of William Maloney, Frederick A. Owen, Frank Blum, Dr. Fred R. Driesbach, John Kramer and William H. Miller, who were instrumental in raising the funds for its establishment three years ago. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars was secured by subscription for its equipment, remodeling, etc., and Mr. Stiegler is now serving as president of the hospital, which is a municipal institution but was formerly conducted as a private hospital. In 1916 his fellow citizens called him to the office of mayor of Dansville, which he filled most acceptably until 1923, securing for the town many needed improvements and working at all times for its best interests. Whatever touches the welfare of his community is to him a matter of deep concern and during the World war he gave further proof of his loyalty, working through the secret service to guard against injury to the local manufacturing enterprises.

On the 10th of January, 1893, Mr. Stiegler was married to Mrs. Katharine Gerber, who died December 21, 1911. Mr. Stiegler was married to Miss Elizabeth Gobel of New York city, on October 15, 1913. He is a faithful communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church of Dansville and gives his political support to the republican party. The record of Joseph Stiegler is the story of a man whose talents have been used for the benefit of Dansville and its citizens and constitutes an example well worthy of imitation, indicating the possibilities that lie before the individual and demonstrating what may be accomplished when effort and ambition combine.

JOSEPH M. STABEL.

The business interests of Rochester are important and varied, offering splendid opportunities for advancement to the man of ambition and enterprise. Competition in the different lines of business, however, is exceedingly keen and only those possessed of more than ordinary ability have won the full measure of success. In this classification belongs Joseph M. Stabel, whose life record is the story of earnest endeavor, marked by an orderly progression that has brought him at length to a field of broad influence and usefulness as the executive head of the Octo Engineering Company of Rochester, of which he was one of the founders. He was born in Buffalo, New York, September 29, 1874, a son of Philip and Johanna (Siefried) Stabel, both of whom were natives of Germany. In early life they immigrated to the United States, settling in Buffalo, New York, where they resided until called to their final rest. The father engaged in the manufacture of bricks and prospered in his undertaking, being honest, capable and industrious. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stabel: John, Frank, Michael, Joseph M., Mrs. Mary Thum and Mrs. Minnie Sippel.

In the acquirement of an education Joseph M. Stabel attended St. Mary's parochial school in Buffalo, New York, continuing his studies in the public schools, and his initial experience along mechanical lines was gained in the Queen City Engineering Works. He afterward secured a responsible position with the Winchester Repeating Arms Company in New Haven, Connecticut, and was next employed by the New Haven Clock Company. After severing his relations with that corporation Mr. Stabel became associated with the Stanley Instrument Company of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and subsequently returned to New York state, locating in Rochester. He entered the service of the Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Company and was placed in charge of the tool room. He remained with that concern for nine years and in 1913 aided in forming the Octo Engineering Company, which is composed of eight members. They started on a small scale and their stock was listed at a very low figure during the formative period in the history of the firm. While the business has grown slowly, it has never retrograded and today the affairs of the company are in a very prosperous condition. A share of its stock is worth one thousand dollars and the success of the business is due to the wise management and aggressive methods of its executive officers, also to the harmonious cooperation of the employes, whose work is performed under the most favorable conditions. Mr. Stabel is president and treasurer of the corporation and this well organized and efficiently operated industry reflects his enterprising spirit and administrative power.

On June 27, 1903, in Rochester, Mr. Stabel was married to Miss Lillie Kuder, a daughter of Christian Kuder, a prominent resident of the city. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Stabel are: Mildred, who was born in 1905 and is a graduate of Nazareth Academy; Cyrilla, who was born in 1907, completed a course in Nazareth Academy in 1924 and is now a student at D'Youville College, Buffalo, New York; and Gerald F., born in 1912, who is a pupil in a parochial school.

Mr. Stabel is a Roman Catholic in religious faith and has taken the third degree in the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is deeply interested in its plans to further the industrial development of the city. Being a man of strong purpose, determined will and indefatigable energy, he has "made good" and is well intrenched in popular confidence and esteem by reason of his steadfast integrity, his progressive methods and his civic loyalty. His residence is on Thatcher road, Irondequoit.

CHARLES FRANK HALLICK.

Among the citizens of foreign birth who have found and utilized the opportunities for business advancement in Rochester is numbered Charles Frank Hallick, whose enterprise and ability have resulted in the development of an important productive industry which he is successfully directing. He was born in Budapest, Hungary, May 10, 1887, a son of Emanuel and Eva (Hollosy) Hallick, the former of whom was numbered among the leading merchants of that city. Both parents are deceased. Six of their children are living: Frederick, Joseph, Alexander, Albert, Charles F. and Mrs. G. E. Edelkraut.

In the acquirement of an education Charles Frank Hallick attended the schools of Budapest and Nurnberg, afterward becoming a student in the Polytechnic Institute of Berlin, from which he was graduated in 1911, subsequently winning the degree of Mechanical Engineer from that school. He was employed successively by the Sammens & Halske Manufacturing Company, the Ludwig & Lowe Manufacturing Company, the Fritz Werner Company, the Bergman Electric Company, the General Electric Company and the Vereinigte Machine Gesellschaft at Nurnberg, gaining valuable practical experience and becoming an expert mechanic. In 1914, when a young man of twenty-seven, Mr. Hallick responded to the lure of the New World and has since been a resident of the Empire state. He first worked for the firm of Bausch & Lomb in the capacity of instrument maker, later becoming a tool and die maker for the North East Electric Company and the Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester. After severing his connection with the last named corporation he became an inspector for the North East Electric Company, with which he remained until 1918, and then established a business of his own, forming the Precise Manufacturing Company. Four years later he organized the Liberty Tool & Die Corporation, and since its inception the business has grown rapidly under the able management of Mr. Hallick. He is serving as president and secretary of the firm and successfully supervises the labors of from forty-five to seventy-five employees. Among his customers today are some of the most prominent manufacturers in the country, whose requirements are most exacting and afford a fine tribute to the high character of Mr. Hallick's product.

On the 24th of December, 1916, Mr. Hallick was married to Miss Margaret L. Toth, of Trenton, New Jersey, and they have a son: Charles F. Jr., who was born November 1, 1922. Mr. Hallick is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and also belongs to the Automobile Club, while his fraternal connections are with the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Masonic order. A man of high character and marked business ability, he has been a constructive force in Rochester's industrial progress, and is recognized as one of its most loyal, public-spirited and valuable citizens. Mr. Hallick's residence is at No. 56 Hopper terrace, Lakedale.

LESLIE D. CLUTE.

One of the most prominent of the younger generation of business men in Elmira is Leslie D. Clute, president of the L. D. Clute Motor Company, dealers in Ford products. He has developed the organization of which he is the executive head into one of the leading concerns of its kind in western New York, typifying in every particular the splendid efficiency and successful activity of the vast manufactory which it represents. He was born in Corning, Steuben county, New York, September 25, 1891, the elder of the two sons of Frank L. and Louise (Saks) Clute. Frank L. Clute was a native of Corning, the youngest son in one of that city's oldest families. His wife was born in Wales, of German and Welsh extraction, and came to this country in her childhood. Frank L. Clute was the proprietor of book stores in Corn-



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ing and Elmira for a number of years and later engaged in the leaf tobacco business, now being president of W. H. Ralyea & Company. He is a trustee of the Elmira Savings Bank and of the First Presbyterian church, also a member of a number of Elmira clubs and organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Clute are the parents of two sons: Leslie D.; and Howard H., who is the dealer for the Dodge Brothers motor cars in Elmira.

Leslie D. Clute obtained his education in the public schools of Elmira, graduating from No. 11 school and the Free Academy. He supplemented this training with a four-year course at Cornell University, which he won as a scholarship by competitive examination. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell, with the class of 1913. During his collegiate course he was very active in the social life of the institution and in athletics, in the latter activity having been known as one of the few Cornell men ever to have been captain of two varsity teams. Mr. Clute yet retains his interest in athletics at his Alma Mater and is a graduate member of the Cornell Athletic Council. During his course he was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity and a number of honorary societies.

After completing his education Mr. Clute's first employment was with the Remington Typewriter Company in Syracuse, New York, which connection he retained for about eighteen months. He then became affiliated with the American La France Fire Engine Company, with which he remained until the year 1916. At this time he resigned for the purpose of organizing the L. D. Clute Motor Company, to represent the Ford Motor Company in this section. Since its inception this company has grown to be one of the largest of its kind in western New York, a development which has kept pace with the remarkable expansion of the whole automobile industry. Largely to the energetic and wise management of Mr. Clute this company is indebted for its present rank. In point of efficient selling, in service to the public, and in modern methods throughout, the company is without superior. In addition to his attention to his individual business Mr. Clute has been actively interested in every movement for the benefit of the automobile trade and motor car owners. For four years he has been president of the Elmira Automobile Merchants Association and secretary of the Empire State Automobile Merchants Association. He is also president of the Merchants Acceptance Corporation, a director of the Merchants National Bank, and is the organizer and president of the Strathmont Realty Company, which purchased half of the estate of the late J. Sloat Fassett. This beautiful tract is now being developed into Elmira's only park residential section, restricted to the better class of homes.

On June 15, 1916, Mr. Clute was united in marriage to Miss Gladys Gridley, a member of one of the pioneer families of Elmira and a daughter of Charles H. Gridley, for many years a prominent hardware merchant of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Clute have two children, namely: William, born March 18, 1918; and Mary, born March 8, 1922. Mr. Clute's strong support of civic projects is indicated by the fact that he is a director of the Rotary Club, the Country Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the City Club. He gives his political support to the republican party and both he and his wife are consistent members of the Park Congregational church.

MATTHIAS HOLLENBACK WELLES.

A progressive spirit, guided and controlled by discretion and sound judgment, has brought Matthias H. Welles a desirable measure of prosperity and his activities in connection with the leaf tobacco business have stimulated commercial development in Big Flats and throughout the Chemung valley. He was born in the village in November, 1881, a son of George M. and Mary (Fassett) Welles, the latter a native of Elmira. The former was born in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, and as a boy came to Chemung county with his father. He resides on a farm near Big Flats and has many friends in this locality, in which the greater part of his life has been spent. He is identified with the Masonic order and his religious views are in harmony with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church. He supports the men and measures of the republican party and has served as town supervisor. Mrs. Welles passed away on the 18th of May, 1922. She was the mother of six children, four of whom survive: Matthias Hollenback of this review; George Edward, whose home is in Riverside, California; J. Sloat, who follows the occupation of farming; and Emily, the wife of John Hammond of Flint, Michigan.

Matthias Hollenback Welles pursued his studies in Big Flats and Elmira and completed his education in Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1904. He worked as a machinist for four years and in 1909 joined Charles A. Lowe in the leaf tobacco business, an association that has since been continued. The business is operated under the style of Lowe & Welles, and the firm has outdistanced many of its competitors, maintaining a position of leadership in this field. It has two warehouses in Big Flats and ships tobacco to many parts of the United States.

In 1908 Mr. Welles was married to Miss Edith Minier, who was born in Big Flats and is a daughter of Samuel A. and Clara (Carpenter) Minier, the former a pioneer merchant of the village. The children of this union are: Eleanor and Mary Louise. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Welles is one of its trustees. He casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and has filled the office of justice of the peace. He is a Mason and is also identified with the Improved Order of Red Men.

JOHN J. CRAIG.

Farming and the dry goods business have been the only occupations of John J. Craig, who, now an octogenarian, is living retired at Nunda, Livingston county, New York. He was born in East Sparta, the son of James Taylor and Betsy (Carney) Craig, on March 10, 1843, who are mentioned at length in the sketch of John J. Craig's brother, William Craig, published elsewhere in this history.

John J. Craig obtained his education in the district schools, and while still a boy was already a farmer, taking possession of a farm when but seventeen years old and conducting it for the following eight years. He taught district school for twelve winters in Livingston and Allegany counties. He operated a mill at Canaseraga in 1871, and in 1872, with his brother James, was in the dry goods business in the same town. After two years at Canaseraga, Mr. Craig bought the old farm and remained on it until 1915, when he retired and moved to Nunda to live.

In his political views Mr. Craig is a republican and held the office of assessor for a number of years. In his religious convictions he is a member of the Presbyterian church and served for many years as chairman of board of trustees. He is a bachelor.

GEORGE ELLSWORTH WOODCOCK.

Among the well known, popular, progressive and influential citizens of Rochester is George Ellsworth Woodcock, who occupies a prominent position in industrial circles of the city as vice president of the Sherwood Shoe Company. The business of shoe manufacturing has claimed his attention during his entire career and he is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the industry. He was born in Springfield, Otsego county, New York, on the 1st of February, 1862, his parents being Philip R. and Roby Jane (Pierce) Woodcock, who were lifelong residents of the Empire state. The father was a native of Canajoharie, Montgomery county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Woodcock became the parents of four children, three of whom survive; Charles D., a resident of Geneva, New York; Mrs. Mary L. Newton, who lives in China; and George Ellsworth of this sketch.

In the acquirement of an education George Ellsworth Woodcock attended public and private schools of Rochester and also spent some time as a student in Satterlee Institute. After putting aside his textbooks he entered the employ of the Utz & Dunn Company in a clerical capacity and as he demonstrated his efficiency and fidelity was promoted from one position to another of increasing importance and responsibility, until he had risen to the place of general manager. During the period of his connection with the Utz & Dunn Company, which covered a quarter century, he became thoroughly acquainted with the shoe manufacturing business in principle and detail, for there was no part of the work which he had not personally performed. He was therefore well qualified for his new duties when he became officially identified with the Sherwood Shoe Company in the capacity of vice president, and his efforts have since constituted a valuable factor in the steady expansion and continued success of this extensive manufacturing enterprise. A contemporary biographer said of him: "There has been nothing startling in his career, which has manifested, however, an unflinching fidelity to duty through the usual routine of business, as day after



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day he has carried on his work. His persistency of purpose is one of the strongest elements in his prosperity and its lack has caused a large percentage of the failures in the business world. Mr. Woodcock seems to have realized fully the value of industry and perseverance, and it is upon these characteristics as a foundation that he has built his success."

On the 10th of November, 1886, in Rochester, Mr. Woodcock was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth R. Busch, daughter of Charles and Mary Busch and representative of a prominent Rochester family. Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock have one daughter: Olive L., the wife of W. C. Clifford, was born and educated in this city. She has become the mother of a son, Elsworth R. Clifford, a splendid specimen of boyhood, who met a tragic death, being drowned while bathing. As the lad was an expert swimmer it is believed that he struck his head in diving and thus was unable to save himself. Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock make their home at No. 305 Barrington street in Rochester, where the circle of their fields is a wide one. Fraternally Mr. Woodcock is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Valley Lodge No. 109, A. F. & A. M., to Rochester Consistory, A. & A. S. R., and to Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His name is likewise on the membership rolls of the Masonic Club of Rochester, the Monroe Golf Club, the Rochester Club and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, of which he has been one of the trustees for a number of years. His political support is given to the republican party. He has never sought to figure prominently in public affairs but has always been loyal to duty, honest and faithful in every relation of life, and his record is, therefore, one well worthy of emulation.

WILLIAM L. OSTROM.

William L. Ostrom, editor and publisher of the Olean (New York) Evening Herald, is a newspaper man of more than thirty years experience, and has had management of the Evening Herald since the beginning of 1894. He was born in Nassau, Rensselaer county, June 16, 1862, his parents being Lyman Ostrom and Elizabeth (Smith) Ostrom. His father, a Christian man of profound convictions and a farmer, was killed in the Civil war, while William was still under two years of age. Shortly thereafter his mother, with her only son, returned to Trumansburg, Tompkins county, where they resided until after her son was married in May, 1887, to Miss Katherine Grace Campbell of Ithaca, New York. At that time Mr. Ostrom was employed by Gregg & Company, manufacturers of mowers, reapers and other farm machinery, the company employing about two hundred and fifty men. He worked there nearly seven years and left when the company announced in 1888 that it was forced to close its doors because of unavoidable business conditions. At that time Mr. Ostrom was in full charge of the collection department for the company throughout the United States.

Immediately upon severing his connections with Gregg & Company, Mr. Ostrom secured a position with the Warder, Bushnell & Glessner Company of Chicago, extensive manufacturers of farm machinery, having at that time a capitalization of four million dollars and after a month's trial he was placed in charge of desperate claims, a position of considerable responsibility, requiring an intimate knowledge of the collection laws of practically every state in the Union.

The latter part of 1893 he corresponded at length with his brother-in-law, Herbert D. Sibley of Olean, New York, and this correspondence resulted in his purchasing, in January, 1894, a half interest in the Olean Herald, an established and successful daily newspaper.

Early in 1902 the firm was incorporated under the name of the Olean Herald Company, and Herbert D. Sibley was made president and treasurer and William L. Ostrom, vice president and secretary. In the spring of 1915 Herbert D. Sibley was appointed postmaster and the following year, or in 1916, Mr. Sibley sold his interest in the Herald building and Olean Herald Company to Mr. Ostrom.

In January, 1917, during a heavy western gale at 3:30 o'clock in the morning, when the thermometer registered fifteen degrees below zero, the Herald building and plant were practically destroyed by fire. That year, therefore, required a double duty from Mr. Ostrom, that of continuing to publish a daily newspaper at No. 213 North Union street, and undertaking to erect a new modern four-story structure on the site of the burned building. The new building, with Buffalo litholite front and fully equipped with the latest in Mergenthaler linotypes, Keystone steel imposing stones, Chandler and Price presses, etc., was occupied the following October.

A word as to the operations and policy of the Herald: It has always been consistently democratic but has never supported any candidate known to be other than honorable and progressive. It enjoys the distinction of receiving the full leased wire service of the Associated Press, universally acknowledged to be the largest and finest news-gathering concern in the world. Its news features are distinctively exclusive and always the finest in the market.

The Olean Evening Herald is at present printed from a Hoe Web perfecting straight line sixteen-page press, with full electrical connections throughout. It is thoroughly modern in all of its appointments, as well as its policy and general management.

Late in April, 1923, through overwork, Mr. Ostrom suffered a relatively slight paralytic stroke which, however, compelled him to relinquish his business obligations for several months. He is again undertaking certain duties but is not assuming full arduous management as before his serious illness. The responsibilities of the business are being capably looked after by his two sons, Merle C. and Selden W. The former is now in charge of the mechanical and telegraphic branches and his younger son, Selden W., looks after finances and the collection department connected with circulation.

Mr. Ostrom has never held public office, preferring to direct his energies from the editor's chair. Nevertheless, his advice and judgment have been instrumental in matters affecting the life of Olean and vicinity. He is a Scottish Rite Mason.

Merle C. Ostrom, the elder son, is a graduate printer. He was born in Chicago, in 1889, and received a high school education in Olean. He thoroughly understands and manages the mechanical and telegraphic departments. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. He possesses considerable musical ability and is bass in the First Presbyterian church choir. He was married in 1912, to Miss Frances Estelle Severn, and they have two daughters: Cora Elizabeth and Ruth Katherine.

Selden W. Ostrom was born in Olean, in 1898. He attended Olean high school and spent three years at Cornell University. He is a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He was married to Miss Constance Murdock of Olean, and they have one son, Donald Murdock. He is also a charter member of the Olean Bachelor Club and is tenor soloist in the First Presbyterian church. As stated, his energies are directed toward the financial part of the business and also to circulation collections.

FREDERICK J. ODENBACH.

It is doubtful if there is a better known man in Rochester than Frederick J. Odenbach, president and treasurer of the Odenbach Company; and it is certain that there is none, outside of public life, who has a wider acquaintanceship throughout the Genesee country. For over twenty years he has been identified with the business life of this city, and the growth and development of the interests with which he has been so closely connected represent one of the outstanding achievements in the business history of Rochester during that period. He was born in this city, October 27, 1881, the eldest son of Frederick and Lucy (Kondolf) Odenbach, both of whom were lifelong residents of Rochester. The father was first connected with the foundry business, later opened a small refreshment store at the corner of Child and Jay streets, which in reality was the initial connection of the family with a business that has had such a remarkable outgrowth. Later additions to the business included several locations in Rochester and in 1900 the place at No. 112 State street was opened, which in those days was one of the best known and most popular in the city.

In 1904 Frederick J. Odenbach became a partner with his father and from that time has been a big factor in the development of the business. In 1909 they opened the Hofbrau on South avenue, of which a contemporaneous writer has said: "The restaurant became an immediate success. Rochester liked it and they like this tall clean-cut young man who greeted them with a smile and saw to it that they were given just the right amount of service to make them comfortable, but not pestered. Neighboring towns quickly began to contribute their quota of patrons and the business grew. The capacity of the restaurant was doubled and 'Odenbach's' became a Rochester Institution."

In 1912 the business was incorporated as the Odenbach Company and the other brothers were taken in, the officers of the corporation being: Frederick Odenbach, president; Frederick J. Odenbach, vice president and treasurer; Charles P. Odenbach, secretary. In 1913 the Odenbach Company leased the Hayward Hotel on South



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Clinton and made extensive alterations in the property, being planned, arranged and operated as a high class hotel. It at once sprang into favor and popularity. In 1919 the company opened its first Coffee Shoppe, on South Clinton, which was a great success from the beginning.

In 1919 occurred the death of the father, Frederick Odenbach, at the age of sixty-six. He was twice married, his first wife, Miss Lucy Kondolf, being the mother of his four sons: Frederick J., Matthew P., Charles P. and John H. His second wife, who is yet living, was formerly Miss Estella Shale.

Frederick J. Odenbach succeeded his father as president, Matthew P. Odenbach becoming vice president and Charles P. Odenbach, secretary. The continued growth of the business warranted expansion that was hardly good judgment to make on a leasehold, so in 1922 the Odenbach Company purchased the fee of the Hayward Hotel, also that of the Whitcomb Hotel of two hundred and fifty rooms, adjoining. These purchases comprise one of the most desirable pieces of downtown business property in the city. In 1923 they began remodeling these properties to provide for the most extensive and elaborate improvement yet carried out by the Odenbach Company. This involved an expenditure of over two hundred thousand dollars and resulted in the establishing of the new Coffee Shoppe, one of the finest of its kind in the country and certainly one of Rochester's show places. This was thrown open to the public on December 17, 1923, and over twenty-thousand people inspected this magnificent establishment on the opening day, and upwards of five thousand have been served daily since then.

The vision of Fred Odenbach is well illustrated by a conversation with a friend which took place years ago, and following the opening of the new Coffee Shoppe this conversation was recalled by the friend, whose comment follows in part:

"Occasionally in this world one meets up with a person with an ideal backed by a steadfast determination to bring that ideal into a living reality. Most of us, at some period between the cradle and the grave, are possessed of ideals, but more often than not we are caught in the swirl of circumstances and lack the power to breast the tide and hold to the faith of our dream of something a little bigger or a little better than has been done before. However, now and then one comes in contact with a most likable person with an appealing ideal, and it is a pleasure to observe the birth, growth and realization of a boyhood dream.

"It must be nearly twenty-five years ago that I made the acquaintance of Fred Odenbach. At that time he was assisting his father in the conduct of a place on State street. The younger Odenbach told me something at that time of his ambitions—of his ideal. He had visions of a place where thousands would come daily to eat and drink, a restaurant that would attract families, a place with an atmosphere of wholesomeness and with plenty of good food at moderate prices. There was nothing of the sort in Rochester at that time. The restaurants were small and very ordinary and the hotels in that day were largely used by transients. Dining down town had not yet come into vogue in Rochester and the conviviality of five hundred people all eating and visiting and listening to music was unknown in this city other than at an occasional banquet."

With the opening of the New Odenbach Coffee Shoppe, this writer asks: "Has Fred Odenbach fully realized the ideal of his boyhood?" He alone can answer. Certain it is that he has brought into a splendid success several establishments that would have been deemed impossible in Rochester two decades ago. It is likewise certain that he is the outstanding figure in the history of Rochester restaurateurs and that his genuinely warm spirit has contributed much to the hospitality of that city. Fred Odenbach may have reached his ideal but he has not reached the limit of his growth. Few men in the country are better versed in the technique of the feeding and entertainment of mankind than he is. He is constantly studying and seeking improvements and is not of the type satisfied with "well enough". He is a courteous and gracious host and does credit to Rochester and to the dream of his boyhood.

Fred J. Odenbach has spent almost his entire life in Rochester. As a school-boy he attended the Holy Family parochial school and public school No. 7. Early in his business career he was in Pittsburgh for a short time, then returned to Rochester and in 1904 joined his father in the business whose development and expansion have been so largely the result of his enterprise, originality and excellent business ability. Mr. Odenbach possesses a natural genius for organization, an aptitude for successful management and has established an advanced standard for restaurant and hotel operation in Rochester. Another prominent characteristic of his successful business career is that his vision has never been bounded by the exigencies of the moment but has covered as well the possibilities of the future. This has led him

into extensive undertakings, bringing him into marked prominence in the city's business circles. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and his due consideration thereof constitutes the even balance to his intense business activity. He is a member of the Oak Hill Country Club, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the New York Hotel Men's Association, the Rochester Athletic Club and the Chamber of Commerce, of which latter he is a vice president. He is also one of the directors of the Rochester General Hospital.

Mr. Odenbach was married in this city on October 9, 1907, to Miss Margaret T. Ochs, a daughter of August J. Ochs, a well known resident of Rochester. Mr. Odenbach is not only a successful business man but a man of high ideals whose personal worth is recognized by hosts of friends, many of whom have known him since boyhood. His activities have been a distinct contribution to the city's commercial progress and have placed him among Rochester's strong and able business men.

WILLIS G. CARMER.

Willis G. Carmer, superintendent of schools at Albion, New York, has held this position since 1899 and in the intervening quarter century has made the educational institutions of the city to rank with the best of their kind. He was the determining exponent of the high school and this secondary school now has four hundred pupils, nearly one-half paying tuition. The fact that so many pupils are willing to enter from outside districts proves the success of the institution more than anything else. Another notable factor in interesting the students of the surrounding territory, which is largely a farming district, is the high school's excellent course in agriculture. There are now twelve hundred pupils in the entire system under Mr. Carmer's control and forty-one teachers serve them. Two-thirds of the graduates of the high school attend college—another record seldom equaled by a high school.

Willis G. Carmer is a native of Dryden, Tompkins county, New York. The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon him by Hamilton College in 1885, while three years later he received the degree of Master of Arts from the same institution. Prior to coming to Albion, in 1899, he taught, successively, in the schools of Crown Point, Cincinnatus, Lyons, Dolgeville and Dansville. Mr. Carmer is an author of note as well as an educator, making frequent contributions to educational and other magazines. His chief work, however, has been in connection with the schools of Albion and his success here cannot be measured in terms of mere numbers or buildings. These are the outward signs of his deeds, but the influence of the man on the careers and lives of the many pupils who have been under his fatherly care and direction are the true accomplishments of an able man with a great purpose.

EDWARD W. BARTHOLOMEW.

Edward W. Bartholomew, president and treasurer of the E. W. Bartholomew Lumber company of Rochester, is one of the best known men in the lumber trade in western New York. He is a member of one of the old and prominent families of Erie county and was born in Buffalo, December 26, 1870, a son of Abram and Florence (Cutler) Bartholomew, lifelong residents of that city. The father was one of the prominent members of the Buffalo bar and successfully followed his profession from 1861 until his death in 1909, a period of forty-eight years. He was highly esteemed by his fellow citizens, who called him to public offices of trust and responsibility, which he filled with characteristic fidelity and efficiency. His widow resides in Buffalo and the four surviving children are: Mrs. Fred C. Olin, whose home is in Buffalo; A. Glenn and Morey C., prominent attorneys of that city, and Edward W., of this review.

Edward W. Bartholomew obtained his education in the public schools of his native city and his initial experience along business lines was gained with the Haines Lumber Company of Buffalo. He remained with that firm for five years and then became associated with one of the old and large retail lumber firms of that city. In 1899 he entered the business on his own account as a wholesale dealer in lumber. Since 1918 he has maintained his headquarters in Rochester, where his wholesale interests are located, maintaining a branch office in Buffalo and is also closely connected with some of the largest lumbering operations in the states of Arkansas,

Louisiana and Oregon. He is also the owner of retail lumber and coal yards in Victor and Pittsford, New York. He has a thorough knowledge of the lumber industry, with which he has been identified for a quarter of a century and his operations are conducted on an extensive scale. He is president and treasurer of the business which is known as the E. W. Bartholomew Lumber Company. Maurice E. Preisch is vice president, while A. G. Bartholomew of Buffalo is secretary.

In Cleveland, Ohio, on June 25, 1901, Mr. Bartholomew was married to Miss Clara B. Myers, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Myers of that city. Elizabeth, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew, was born in Buffalo, in 1905. She was graduated from Columbia Preparatory School in Rochester and is now attending Mt. Holyoke College of Massachusetts.

In religious faith Mr. Bartholomew is a member of the Presbyterian church and his political support is given to the candidates of the democratic party. He is a Mason, a member of the Rochester Automobile Club, Rochester Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Pittsford National Bank, Pittsford, New York, and while a resident of Buffalo was a member of the Saturn Club. He takes a deep and helpful interest in all matters relating to municipal progress and has earned the right to the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, for he has never resorted to questionable methods in his efforts to acquire wealth, placing his dependence upon the substantial qualities of industry, integrity and perseverance.

SAMUEL ARTHUR PULFORD.

Samuel Arthur Pulford is serving for the second term as county attorney of Chemung county and also controls important business interests. He is one of Elmira's loyal sons and was born in 1882, of the marriage of Charles A. Pulford and Harriet L. Reed, who are mentioned more particularly in the sketch of Charles Reed Pulford, appearing elsewhere in this work. Samuel Arthur was the second in order of birth in their family.

Samuel Arthur Pulford supplemented his training in the public schools of Elmira by a course in the Mercersburg Academy of Pennsylvania, afterward attending Lehigh University at Bethlehem, that state, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity. He was graduated from the law department of Syracuse University in 1905, where he was a member of the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity, and in the same year was admitted to the bar. He began his professional career in this city and a large clientele attests the confidence reposed in his ability. He was appointed county attorney in 1922 and was reappointed in January, 1924. He has won an enviable reputation as a corporation lawyer and is well versed in all branches of the law. He is a successful business man, capable of directing diversified interests, and is president of the Fells Ice Company, secretary of the Pulford & Dempsey Construction Company, president of the Banfield-Jennings Corporation, dealers in seeds and produce, and also operates in real estate.

On June 28, 1910, Mr. Pulford was united in marriage to Miss Daysey Best, who was born in Kinderhook, New York, and completed her education at Claverack, this state, and Syracuse University, where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Mrs. Pulford belongs to the Daughters of American Revolution, and attends the Baptist church, of which Mr. Pulford is a member, and he also belongs to the City and Country Clubs, is a York Rite Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and his political support is given to the republican party.

EDGAR S. BARNES.

From the position of an educator to that of editor is a perfectly natural transition, and in the case of Edgar S. Barnes of Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, the change has proved a most successful one. Mr. Barnes is editor of *The Livingston Republican*, a weekly paper which circulates all over that county and in some of the adjacent ones, and which faithfully records the happenings that are of absorbing interest to the community—the local gossip about society and personal items, church, lodge and political news. The paper fills acceptably a field that the more pretentious

metropolitan journals do not even attempt to skim, and in consequence is found in practically every home in the county.

Edgar S. Barnes was born at Newburgh, New York, on September 25, 1890, the son of Arthur and Lottie (Merritt) Barnes. His education took the course usual with the average American boy through the public schools, after which he took a course at Newburgh Academy, and then entered Colgate University, at Hamilton, New York, received his A. B. degree and was graduated in the class of 1911. For the ensuing five years Mr. Barnes was employed as a teacher in the Genesee Normal School. In 1914 he accepted the position of editor of *The Livingston Republican*, published weekly at Genesee, and has filled the position acceptably ever since.

Mr. Barnes was married on August 14, 1912, to Katherine Crowell of Wallkill, New York, and four children were born to them: Arthur, James, Barbara and Edgar. Mr. Barnes and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, being past master of Genesee Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M.; and he also belongs to Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at Colgate University.

MARSHALL DUNHAM BROWNLOW.

No Elmiran entering the business world in recent years has met with more pronounced success than has Marshall Dunham Brownlow, one of the city's progressive young realtors and a native son whose record is a credit to his community. He was born November 27, 1893, and is one of ten children in the family of James and Mary E. (West) Brownlow, the former a native of Dublin, Ireland, and the latter of Chemung county, in which they were married. The father migrated to Canada, where he learned the blacksmith's trade, and subsequently came to the States and settled in Chemung county. For many years he engaged in business in Elmira as a blacksmith and wagon-maker and became a master craftsman. He made the finest carriages in the state and followed his trade in Elmira for over half a century. He has been a resident of the city for sixty years and is now living retired in the enjoyment of a well-earned rest. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and she is very active in its work. She has served as president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and is also a very capable business woman, being a member of the firm of Brownlow & Company, Incorporated.

Marshall Dunham Brownlow attended the Elmira Free Academy and laid aside his studies to enter the real estate business, in which he has found a field for which he is exceptionally well qualified. He has met with notable success in his undertakings and through wise management, foresight and unremitting application has built up the largest real estate business in the city. The firm also writes a large amount of insurance annually and is a close corporation. Mr. Brownlow originally began in the real estate business in Elmira in April, 1911, simply as Brownlow & Company. This arrangement continued until he went into the service and until 1919, when the firm name became Brownlow & Company, Incorporated. Marshall D. Brownlow owns all the stock in the organization, of which he is the president and treasurer, while his mother is filling the office of secretary. The business was first housed in the Robinson building, but in October, 1922, moved to its present location at No. 406 East Church street. Mr. Brownlow personally owns several of the landmarks in the city. The Brownlow building, in which his offices are located, stands on land formerly in possession of the Arnots, pioneer settlers of Elmira, and he recently purchased the Steel Memorial building, another old townsite. His residence at No. 653 Park place, built by the late Platt Bryan, for years the assistant of Matthias Arnot when the Chemung Canal Bank was in its infancy, has been converted by Mr. Brownlow into one of the best equipped and attractive homes of the city.

On June 18, 1921, Mr. Brownlow was united in marriage to Miss Nora Botsford, who was born in Caro, Michigan, and was there educated. Her parents, Andrew and Anna Botsford, were pioneer settlers of Chemung county and her grandmother was a member of the first class graduated from Elmira College. Mrs. Brownlow's great-great-grandfather, John S. Botsford, was the founder of the city of Suffern, New York, and one of its early judges. The Botsford family was established in Chemung county in 1794 and ranks with the oldest in the valley. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow have a son: Marshall Dunham, Jr.

At the time of the World war Marshall D. Brownlow was one of the first men in this part of the state to enter the service. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve on August 15, 1916, and was discharged September 30, 1921. He was assigned to transport



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duty, with the rank of chief storekeeper, and the number of his war certificate was 51,803. Mr. Brownlow is a republican in politics and takes a keen interest in civic affairs. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Elmira Golf and Country Club, the American Legion and the "Forty and Eight" Club. He considers Elmira a most desirable place of residence and does all in his power to exploit its advantages and attractions. He is thoroughly en rapport with the progressive spirit of the age, and judging by his past accomplishments, the future holds much in store for him.

HALSEY SAYLES.

Born of a family distinguished for legal ability of a high order, Halsey Sayles is worthily sustaining its traditions. He was born in Elmira, on the 15th of November, 1876, a son of Henry Halsey and Ellen Boardman (Smith) Sayles, the former a native of Ithaca, New York, and the latter of Elmira. They were married in this city and became the parents of three children, namely: Halsey, of this review; Eleanor, who is the wife of Jervis Langdon of Elmira; and Henry B., also a resident of Elmira. The father was a civil engineer, having received his education in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, New York, and after following his profession for some time he engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Elmira. His wife is the daughter of the late Horace Boardman Smith, whose career is sketched upon a following page.

In the acquirement of an education Halsey Sayles attended the public schools and the Elmira Free Academy, afterward entering Princeton University, from which he was graduated in 1898, with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He studied law in the office of his uncle, Judge Walter Lloyd Smith, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1901. In the same year he obtained a clerical position in the office of Reynolds, Stanchfield & Collin and since 1907, has been a member of the same firm, which is now known as Stanchfield, Collin, Lovell & Sayles.

On the 25th of October, 1910, Mr. Sayles was married to Julia Ingersoll Day of Horseheads, New York, who was educated in Elmira College. They have two children: Henry H. and Ellen B. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sayles are members of the Presbyterian church and he also belongs to the City, Masonic, Rotary and Country Clubs of Elmira, the Corning City Club, and the University Club of New York city. He is a republican in politics and his professional connections are with the American Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the State Bar Association, and the Chemung County Bar Association. He is a York and Scottish Rite Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Sayles is a member of the committee to examine the character of candidates for admission to the bar in the sixth judicial district. He is a director of the Chemung Canal Trust Company, a director of the Children's Reconstruction Home, and a trustee of Elmira College.

HORACE BOARDMAN SMITH.

Horace Boardman Smith, a distinguished jurist and statesman and for many years one of Elmira's foremost citizens was born in Whitingham, Vermont, August 18, 1826, and his father, Dr. Nathaniel Smith, engaged in the practice of medicine in the Green Mountain state. The mother was a member of the Boardman family of Connecticut. Dr. Smith subsequently removed with his family to Pennsylvania, settling at Columbia Cross Roads, south of Elmira and just over the state line.

H. Boardman Smith was graduated with honors from Williams College in 1847 and began reading law under the supervision of Governor Robinson of Vermont. He completed his studies in the office of Judge Aaron Konkle at Elmira and was admitted to the bar in 1850. He at once formed a partnership with John Murdock and this relationship was maintained until 1859, when Mr. Smith was appointed to fill the office left vacant by the death of Judge Theodore North. A month later he was elected to the position but filled it only until May of the following year, when he became a member of the firm of Smith, Robertson & Fassett, continuing thus for nearly twenty years. As an orator he had few equals and in forensic combat he was regarded as a formidable adversary. He served as a member of congress for two terms, from 1871 until 1875, and in 1882 was elected judge of the state supreme

court, with jurisdiction over the sixth district of New York. He retired from the bench in 1885 because of ill health and passed away in 1888, when fifty-nine years of age. The firmness and integrity with which he held the scales of justice won for him high encomiums and the record of no public official of the state has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct or stainless in reputation than that of Judge Smith. His son, Walter Lloyd Smith, was appointed to succeed him on the bench, being elected to the office in the fall of 1886, and is still serving as judge of the state supreme court, his long retention in the position being proof of the quality of his service.

FREDERICK S. ELAM.

The manufacture of shoes has been one of the chief sources of Rochester's growth and in the development of this industry Frederick S. Elam has played a conspicuous part. He was born in Bergen, New York, July 20, 1879, and his parents, Jabez and Emma (Mason) Elam, were natives of England. They came to the United States in the early '50s and the father first engaged in the contracting business, later becoming one of the leading shoe manufacturers of Rochester. He was connected with that industry until his demise and success attended his operations. He passed away in 1905 and the mother's demise occurred in this city five years later.

Frederick S. Elam received a common school education and entered the business world at an early age. In his father's plant he gained a practical knowledge of the various processes connected with the making of shoes and subsequently became superintendent of the Napa (Cal.) Shoe Manufacturing Company. In 1907 he began the manufacture of soft-soled shoes in Rochester, specializing in that line until 1913, and in 1916 the F. S. Elam Company was incorporated. He is president of the firm and the executive head of the Elam-Buckland Shoe Company, makers of large sized shoes with flexible welts. He likewise serves as vice president of the Faust Shoe Company of Chicago and his business interests are extensive and important. He combines a capacity for detail with the ability to think in large terms and keeps his hand steadily upon the helm of his affairs, manifesting at all times strong administrative power.

In Rochester, on November 19, 1903, Mr. Elam was married to Miss Ella Mattle, a daughter of James Mattle of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Elam have a son: Byron M., who was born in Napa, California, on December 31, 1906. Mr. Elam is affiliated with the Episcopal church and conforms his life to its teachings. He is a member of the Ascension Club and also belongs to the Automobile and Ad Clubs. He is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is numbered among the progressive members of the Chamber of Commerce. He possesses the qualities of the leader and his constantly broadening activities have made him one of the foremost figures in industrial circles of western New York, while his integrity is above question. Mr. Elam's residence is at No. 31 Ridge road.

SAXON B. GAVITT.

The banking institutions of a city are a fair index of its commercial character and financial strength through the successive stages of its history. They are the centers around which all the movements of trade gravitate and by which they are regulated. To this end it is necessary not only to have substantial capital and valuable assets, but wise, efficient and dependable officials, whose administration and character strengthen public confidence. In this connection the Gavitt family is deserving of prominent mention, as its members for three generations have concentrated their attention upon financial affairs, and the work instituted by the grandfather fifty-eight years ago is now carried forward by Saxon B. Gavitt, president of the Gavitt National Bank of Lyons, a pioneer institution in this field. He was born in Lyons, January 19, 1882, a son of William S. and Gertrude Jewel Gavitt, also natives of that town, in which they were also married. They were the parents of three children, a son and two daughters. The father died January 11, 1921. The mother still resides in Lyons and is one of the vice presidents of the bank. Mr. Gavitt was a loyal, patriotic American and during the World war was prominent in Red Cross work in Wayne county.

Saxon B. Gavitt attended the Lyons Union School and completed his education in



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the Phillips Exeter Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated with the class of 1903. He then entered his grandfather's bank, which was first conducted by the firm of Gavitt & Murdock, and later the junior member retired, selling his stock to his partner. The institution was founded in 1866 by S. B. Gavitt, who remained at its head until his death, which occurred shortly after the reorganization of the bank as a national bank in 1904. His son, William S. Gavitt, then assumed the duties of president, ably guiding the destiny of the institution for fourteen years, and until the time of his death all of the stock in the bank was held by members of the family. The building in which the business is conducted was erected in 1838 for the old Bank of Lyons, and is owned by the family. Mr. Gavitt served for some time as cashier of the bank and since 1921 has filled the office of president. The executive ability, the inflexible will and indomitable perseverance which enabled the grandfather to lay the foundation of the business and foster its early growth, were qualities inherited in full measure by Mr. Gavitt, who has proven an able financier, displaying mature judgment and keen powers of discernment in directing the operations of the bank. The other officers are: G. J. Gavitt, first vice president; I. G. Mirick, second vice president; G. H. Milem, cashier, and V. Knittel, assistant cashier. The bank is capitalized at sixty thousand dollars and its deposits amount to nearly one and one-half million. Since its conversion into a national bank its resources have increased fivefold. It is the largest bank in Lyons and one of the strongest moneyed institutions in Wayne county, for it was built upon the enduring foundation of integrity and honor.

In April, 1907, Mr. Gavitt was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Green, a daughter of George M. Green of Syracuse, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Gavitt have two sons: Saxon B., Jr., and William S. Mr. Gavitt is a republican in politics and takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs but has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. He is connected with the New York State and American Bankers Associations and the institution of which he is the head is a member of the Federal Reserve System. He is a citizen of worth to his community and measures up to the highest standards in every relation of life.

EMMA LUDWIG SWEET.

A college graduate and a woman of gracious manner and charming personality, Mrs. Emma Ludwig Sweet has in recent years devoted her efforts to the novel task of helping others to enjoy themselves—a field of activity in which she has been very successful—and is now serving as director of social activities for guests of the Rochester and Seneca Hotels. She is also the possessor of marked musical talent and her reputation as an entertainer is more than local. She is a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Oscar and Freda Ludwig, the former of whom was a well known druggist of that city.

Emma Ludwig was graduated from the Scranton high school and was married in that city on November 9, 1901, to Willis D. Sweet, and has two children: Alma Ludwig, who is a violinist of ability and is one of the instructors at the Conservatory of Music in Ithaca, New York; and Willis D., Jr., who is engaged in the automobile business in Binghamton, this state.

Mrs. Sweet has always taken a keen interest in music and is a talented artist. She was soloist at the Presbyterian church in Dunmore, Pennsylvania, and has also appeared in concerts as a pianist. She organized a ladies' orchestra, composed of members of the Mothers Club and Parent-Teacher Association, and served as its director, furnishing the entire program for many organizations of a civic and charitable nature and also for social gatherings. Inmates of the Binghamton Almshouse were the first objects of her attention. For them Mrs. Sweet obtained various entertainments to vary the routine of institution life, and encouraged by her success, she began assisting young people in her home city in arranging social affairs. High school fraternities welcomed her suggestions in arranging dances, receptions and other events, and the Follies of 1920, presented by a cast of high school students for the benefit of the cafeteria fund, was a distinct success from both an artistic and financial point of view. Then the Parents Club, affiliated with the Rotary Club, the Recreation Club, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations of which she was a member, enlisted her talents. At a Christmas party given by the members of the St. Johns Avenue Parent-Teacher Club, Mrs. Sweet was one of the chief entertainers, and in the guise of Santa Claus distributed three barrels and three boxes of

clothing and toys to the poor families in the country districts. She has been the moving spirit in many beautiful entertainments and organized the Recreation Club, formed for the purpose of lightening the burdens and brightening the lives of those in unfortunate circumstances. She arranged a unique Halloween party for the Zonta Club and aided in raising funds for the American Legion, the Red Cross and the state camp of Girl Scouts, also assisting in promoting the sale of Liberty bonds, Thrift Stamps, etc., during the World War. Her charitable work has been done gratuitously and she has received many letters expressing appreciation of her untiring efforts and altruistic labors. Mrs. Sweet's noteworthy success in arranging entertainments attracted the notice of Lewis N. Wiggins, manager of the United Hotels Company, who tendered her the post of director of social activities for the Hotels Seneca and Rochester, and this affords her ample scope for the exercise of her versatile talents and creative powers.

Mrs. Sweet is a staunch republican in politics and worked earnestly for the election of Senator Hinman and the success of the party. She is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Binghamton and also belongs to the Kings Daughters and the Silver Cross Society. She is connected with the Rotary Club, the Recreation Club, the Civic Club, and is an honorary member of the Mothers Club of Binghamton. She possesses the true spirit of Christianity, and selfishness is an element utterly foreign to her nature. She has found that "It is more blessed to give than to receive", and her life has been fraught with much good to others.

GEORGE YOUNG WEBSTER.

George Young Webster, one of the best known members of the Rochester bar and for more than fifteen years county attorney of Monroe county, was born in Vineland, New Jersey, on the 30th of March, 1878, his parents being Charles M. and Ella (Young) Webster, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war the father was among the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for volunteers, enlisting as a member of Company A, Third New York Cavalry. He served from the beginning until the close of hostilities, held the rank of sergeant and was fortunate in that he was never wounded and was never absent from duty. Charles M. Webster was successfully engaged in the general produce commission business in Rochester and in Philadelphia for many years and for a time resided in Virginia. He was active along that line until his demise, which occurred in Rochester in 1915. To him and his wife, who still resides in this city, were born two sons: S. B., living in Tonawanda, New York; and George Young, of this review.

George Young Webster began his education in a log schoolhouse in Albemarle county, Virginia, and subsequently became a grammar school pupil in Parma, New York. Following his graduation from the Rochester Free Academy as a member of the class of 1897 he matriculated in the University of Rochester, which in 1901 conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During his university career Mr. Webster took an active interest in athletics, was captain of the varsity baseball team for three years and as a member of the track team held for some time the state championship in hurdle racing. Having decided to fit himself for a professional career, he read law in the office of McGuire & Wood, well known Rochester attorneys, and on passing the state bar examination was admitted to practice in 1903. Two years later he was appointed supervisor of the tenth ward, enjoying the distinction of being the youngest man in the state who had been chosen for that position up to that time. That his service in this connection was eminently satisfactory is indicated in the fact that he was reelected successively until 1909, when he declined to hold the office any longer. It was in 1909 that he was elected county attorney, in which capacity he has served continuously since by reappointment and has made a record of which he may well be proud. He holds membership in the Rochester Bar Association, the Monroe County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Aside from his professional activity Mr. Webster is interested in a number of corporations. He is president of the Special Realty Company; secretary of the Wagner Motor Car Company; vice president of the George J. Gillies Corporation; vice president of the Hilton Telephone Company; secretary of the National Fire Escape Corporation; and a director of the Cooper Electric Corporation.

On the 1st of June, 1905, in Rochester, Mr. Webster was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Lendon Boddy, daughter of Charles Boddy and representative of a promi-



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nent family of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Webster were the first graduates of the University of Rochester to be married. They have one daughter, Virginia L.

In his fraternal connections Mr. Webster is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Zetland Lodge, No. 951, F. & A. M.; Rochester Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Greek letter fraternity Delta Upsilon. Appreciative of the social amenities of life, he is a member of the Rochester Yacht Club, the Washington Club, the Rochester Ad Club and the Automobile Club of Rochester. Mr. Webster is also connected with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Rochester Historical Society, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lake Avenue Baptist church. His professional career covers a period of over twenty-two years and has been marked by continued advancement and has gained him rank with the leading lawyers of this city.

WALTER BENJAMIN SANDERS.

Editor and owner of the Nunda News, published at Nunda, Livingston county, Mr. Sanders is an active force in the affairs of his community. He was born in Nunda, on April 11, 1878, the son of Chauncey K. and Harriet (Tousey) Sanders, both of whom are deceased. They were the parents of three children: Walter Benjamin, Mrs. Frank S. Thomas of Rochester, New York, and Chauncey K., Jr.

The early education of Walter Benjamin Sanders was gained in the grade and high schools of Nunda, after passing through which he attended the Fort Plain Military Academy. Upon leaving the latter institution Mr. Sanders passed a year in New York city, then returned to Nunda, and in December, 1898, succeeded his father as proprietor of the Nunda News. The News was established by Chauncey K. Sanders in October, 1859, and was the first permanent newspaper in the village. Until the issue of November 19, 1859, the paper was printed by Mr. Sanders' brother, in the office of the Dansville Herald, of which he was then publisher, and in which office Chauncey K. Sanders had been employed for two years, the year prior having been employed in the office of the Genesee Democrat. Since Walter B. Sanders has been in control he has developed the circulation of the News to the largest list of all cash paid-in-advance subscribers of any paper in the county. The paper is issued weekly and has a large job printing plant attached. Mr. Sanders served in 1921 as president of the New York State Press Association. He also conducts the largest real estate agency between Rochester and Olean, and handles investments, mortgages, rentals and estates.

On June 5, 1901, Mr. Sanders was married to Georgia Rowell of Nunda. They are the parents of two children: Donald Rowell and Georgia Louise. Mr. Sanders is a republican in his political views, and in religion a member of the Universalist church. During the World war Mr. Sanders served as chairman of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Liberty Loan campaigns and also served as secretary of the Livingston County Home Defense committee, of which Major William A. Wadsworth was chairman.

JAMES ANNIN.

Every disciple of Izaak Walton will be interested in knowing that the oldest private fish hatchery in the United States, and also the most famous, is owned and operated by James Annin & Sons, of Caledonia, Livingston county, New York. The life of the senior member of the firm has been devoted to pisciculture, and he has scored some notable triumphs in his specialty. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 23, 1850, the son of James and Priscilla (Keith) Annin. When he was two years old his parents moved to Le Roy, Genesee county, New York, and there a few years later the boy received his education. When twenty-two years old, in 1872, Mr. Annin directed his attention to fish culture and established a fish hatchery at Caledonia, locating the plant on the Campbell farm, on the west side of the famous Caledonia Spring Creek. Today this plant is the oldest private fish hatchery in the United States. Mr. Annin's specialty is trout of all species, and private preserves in this country and abroad have been stocked from the Annin hatcheries. In 1880 Mr. Annin made an exhibit of trout eggs and fish hatching apparatus with the Fish-

eries Association of Germany, in connection with the World's fair held at Berlin in that year. For this he received a diploma of honor from the International Fisheries Association of Berlin. In 1892 Mr. Annin performed the difficult and important feat of carrying adult black bass to the Amherst Estate in England, for stocking the waters on the estate. He obtained his supply of fish from Lake Erie, at Sandusky, Ohio, and shipped overseas in cans, iced, accomplishing what had heretofore been considered impossible. While in England, Mr. Annin was entertained by the nobility in recognition of his work. From 1895 to 1900 Mr. Annin was superintendent of all the New York state fish hatcheries, and is now the oldest member of the American Fisheries Society.

Mr. Annin was married in January, 1877, to Jeannette Campbell of Caledonia. Their four children are: James C., an electrical engineer in Caledonia; Harry K., associated with his father in the fish hatcheries; Marguerite, wife of Howard Sinclair, a Livingston county farmer, and Howard, also associated with his father. Howard was a member of the Seventy-seventh Division during the World war and holds a second lieutenant's commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps. Mrs. James Annin's religious connection is with the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder, trustee and treasurer.

Joseph Annin, a native of Scotland, moved to Le Roy from Cayuga county, New York, in 1808, and had five children. His eldest son, William Le Roy Annin, was the first male child born in Le Roy after the town received its name. The fourth son, James, father of the fish hatching expert, was born in Le Roy in 1828, and in 1848 was married to Priscilla Keith of Boston. Peter Campbell, Mrs. Annin's grandfather, acquired from the Pulteney Estate in 1799 a large tract of land, later resided upon by the Campbell and Annin families. The first religious services ever held in the town of Caledonia were held in the Campbell home, and in 1802 the assembled neighbors organized themselves into a religious and civil society.

FRANK E. LUNN.

Frank E. Lunn, who is successfully engaged in the retail lumber business in Wellsville, has developed an extensive and profitable trade as a dealer in building materials of all kinds and also in coal. He was born in Shinglehouse township, Potter county, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of July, 1877, his parents being Simon and Caroline V. (Press) Lunn. The father, who was born in Tioga, Pennsylvania, in 1849, took up his abode in Shinglehouse, that state, when a young man of twenty years. Throughout his active business career he devoted his attention to contracting and jobbing interests and also to general agricultural pursuits.

In the acquirement of an education Frank E. Lunn attended the district schools of McKean county, Pennsylvania. On leaving the Keystone state he made his way to Pikeville, Allegany county, New York, where he engaged in cutting timber and jobbing logs to sawmills. It was in 1905 that he began the manufacture of lumber, cutting timber on a farm which he had purchased and also on adjacent land. Subsequently he bought two mills of his own and during the past several years he has engaged in sawing operations throughout the vicinity. In the spring of 1911 he came to Wellsville, where he embarked in the retail lumber trade and has since handled building materials of all kinds and for the past year has been an extensive dealer in coal. His early identification with the lumber business, from 1905 to 1921, was largely in supplying needs of barn builders and lumber for oil contractors. In 1921 the present policy of conducting business was established. In this connection he has developed an enterprise of large proportions and has gained an enviable reputation as one of the thoroughly reliable, progressive and prosperous business men of the community. He is also a director of the Central Petroleum & Refining Company of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

In early manhood Mr. Lunn was united in marriage to Miss Edna R. Ruth of Alma, New York, daughter of John Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Lunn have become the parents of six children: Agnes Inez, who is a graduate of the Wellsville high school and is now attending Alfred University of Alfred, New York; Frieda, who is deceased; Arlonine, a graduate of the Wellsville high school and a student in Alfred University; Ruth, who received the highest marks in her class at the Wellsville high school for four years prior to her graduation in 1924; Ralph E., a student in the Wellsville high school; and Gladys, who is an eighth grade pupil.

Mr. Lunn has made a most creditable record in the position of village trustee



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of Wellsville, in which capacity he has served for eight years. He is a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge and the chapter at Wellsville; to the commandery at Hornell, and to the consistory at Corning, this state. He is likewise identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs. His course has been an upright and honorable one in every relation of life, commending him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

FREDERICK STUART COUCHMAN.

Enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him is the memory of Frederick Stuart Couchman, whose name is written high on the roll of Rochester's honored dead. In the country's hour of need he stepped forth for national service and gave in his own person a living example of the highest ideals of American manhood and patriotism. In civic and business affairs he displayed the same fidelity to duty which characterized his military service and his record was an unblemished one, commanding for him the unqualified respect and admiration of his fellowmen. Death terminated his career on the 17th of November, 1921, when he was forty-seven years of age. His life was short, but eminently successful and complete.

Frederick Stuart Couchman was born in Cobourg, in the province of Ontario, Canada, January 3, 1874, a son of Walter and Lena (McLeod) Couchman, and he obtained his education in the public schools of his native land. When about fifteen years of age he came to Rochester and served an apprenticeship to the tailor's trade, obtaining employment with one of the large clothing concerns of the city. Subsequently he worked for various clothing manufacturers, gaining a thorough understanding of the business, and about 1900 entered the service of the firm of Louis Holtz & Son, with which he remained for eighteen years, acting as its eastern representative. In 1919 he organized the Couchman Clothing Company, securing a location at No. 135 Main street, East, in Rochester, and became president and general manager of the firm. He brought to the conduct of his affairs an expert knowledge of the business, acquired from years of practical experience, and ably directed the undertaking until January 1, 1920, when he sold the business, having been elected sheriff of Monroe county, which office he was holding at the time of his death. He filled other positions of trust and responsibility and at all times was animated by an unselfish spirit of devotion to the general good. He was a staunch republican in his political views. In the fall of 1910 he was elected supervisor of the sixth ward and served for five consecutive terms. He won the election as sheriff by an enormous plurality. He also acted as chairman of the board of supervisors, chairman of the building commission, and as president of the Monroe County Supervisors and the Supervisors Association.

Mr. Couchman was an aide on the staff of Governor Whitman of New York during both administrations of that executive, and his career in the New York National Guard covered a period of more than twenty-three years, during which he served in practically every capacity, from private to acting colonel of his regiment. His successive promotions to the rank of major, which he held at the time of his honorable discharge from service at the close of the World war, were won through merit and unfaltering devotion to duty, and the honors which were accorded him were well deserved. He received his first military training with the Rochester City Cadets and during the year 1894 was a noncommissioned officer in that organization. On June 4, 1895, he enlisted as a private in Company A, Third Infantry, at that time known as the Eighth Separate Company of the New York National Guard. He received his first promotion on July 1, 1897, when he became lance corporal, and on January 17, 1898, was promoted to corporal. On May 1, 1898, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, Major Couchman volunteered for active service in that campaign and was on duty at Camp Black from May 2 until May 17, when he was mustered into the Regular army, joining Company A, Third Regiment of New York Volunteers, on the 17th of May, 1898. On November 30 of that year he was honorably discharged from the United States service and then returned to the New York National Guard. On May 10, 1900, he was made sergeant of Company A and was honorably discharged January 6, 1902, in order that he might accept a commission as second lieutenant of his company. On April 28, 1902, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and on March 12, 1906, was commissioned captain of Company A. He served continuously with his company until November, 1920,

when he was made a major, and Major Arthur T. Smith, at that time first lieutenant of the old Eighth Separate Company, took his place as captain of Company A.

Following his promotion to the rank of commanding officer of the Third Battalion, Third Infantry, New York National Guard, the regiment was ordered to the Mexican border, leaving in June, 1916, and returning in October of the same year. Throughout the period which the regiment spent in training at Camp Whitman, Dutchess county, New York, and while stationed in Texas, Major Couchman won the respect and admiration of both his associate officers and the enlisted personnel of the Third Battalion. Although a strict disciplinarian, he had the rare quality of tact, regarding his men as human beings and not as mere cogs in the military machine of which he ultimately became a director. He was able to obtain the maximum amount of service from his men with the least expenditure of effort and was one of the most popular officers of the regiment.

When the United States entered the World war Major Couchman was mustered into active service with the Third Infantry, New York National Guard, at the state armory on April 13, 1917, and when the regiment left Rochester for Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, South Carolina, he accompanied it as the commanding officer of the Third Battalion. He retained this command after the regiment was reorganized at Spartanburg and was renamed the One Hundred and Eighth Infantry. It was attached to the Twenty-seventh Division and sailed from Camp Merritt, on May 8, 1918, reaching France on the 18th of that month. After his arrival in that country Major Couchman was placed in command of the First Battalion of the One Hundred and Eighth Infantry, Twenty-seventh Division, and soon afterward became acting commanding officer of his regiment, in the absence of Brigadier General Edgar S. Jennings, who was then colonel of the One Hundred and Eighth Infantry, for a time Major Couchman attended the Officers Training School at Langues, France, rejoining his command at Bouboret woods. His overseas service was marked by the same distinction which characterized his previous record. During the engagement at St. Souplet, in which the One Hundred and Eighth Infantry participated, he was gassed while directing the advance of the First Battalion and despite the fact that the poisonous fumes which he had inhaled were causing him extreme discomfort, he remained with the battalion until the close of the engagement. The battalion was brigaded with the English, in the Dickenbusch sector, and was later ordered to the front line at Abelles. After a rest at Villiers Faucon it was ordered to participate in the drive against the Hindenburg line, which continued from September 25 until October 10, 1918. At this critical period Major Couchman called for fifty volunteers to wade the river and capture a strong German position and his entire battalion offered to undertake this perilous expedition. After the smashing of the Hindenburg line Major Couchman pushed ahead with the remnant of his regiment under his immediate command and distinguished himself in further advances ordered by General O. Ryan. The following is a list of the battles and skirmishes in which Major Couchman participated: East Poperinghe Line, July 9—August 20, 1918; Dickenbusch sector, Belgium, August 21—30, 1918; Tierstradt Ridge, Belgium, August 31—September 1, 1918; Hindenberg Line (Bony), September 28—30, 1918; La Salle river (St. Souplet), October 17, 1918; Joue de Mer Ridge (Arbor Guemon), October 18, 1918; St. Maurice river, October 19-20, 1918.

Major Couchman remained with his regiment in France until it sailed from Brest, February 28, 1919, and received his honorable discharge from active service on March 31, 1919. A special train brought his battalion back to Rochester, April 2, 1919, and the Chamber of Commerce gave a dinner in his honor, after which a reception was held at the State Armory. To hundreds of veterans of the World war Major Couchman, although a commissioned officer of high rank, was a "buddy", and officers and privates alike mourned his death. Albert Williams, formerly a first lieutenant who acted as his adjutant from the time the regiment left Rochester for Spartanburg until it returned to the United States to be mustered out of the federal service after the war, paid Major Couchman the following tribute:

"He was admired and respected by every one of the men of his command. He never refused to help the soldier in trouble, as he felt that he was personally responsible for the safety of every one of the home boys so far as he had jurisdiction. At one time he was told to take his command into a shell-swept area in order that they might become accustomed to the noise and scenes accompanying a heavy bombardment. The Major was aware that some of his boys would be killed and injured in this experiment and accordingly he sent back word to the higher authorities that if they had simply requested him to take his men over the field, he felt it his duty to refuse. On the other hand, if it was an order which he had received, he had nothing to do

but obey. His superiors replied that they only requested him to cross the area under shell fire, so the trip was cancelled. At no time did he shrink from performing his duties, but displayed a quality of courage which was unexcelled by anyone in the sector. He never asked his men to do anything which he couldn't do himself."

"Major Couchman worked so long and so faithfully in the interests of ex-service men and members of the American Legion in particular that the loss of his services will be severely felt by his former comrades in arms," said Dr. Ralph Fitch, chairman of the Monroe county committee of the Legion. "He was an ardent supporter of all measures that were for the betterment of the disabled veterans, as well as for those who were left dependent through the casualties of war."

On June 18, 1896, Major Couchman was married to Miss Jennie Neuhart and they became the parents of a daughter: Thelma Maysie, who completed a course in the Mechanics Institute and also spent three years as a student in Converse College at Spartanburg, South Carolina. Mrs. Couchman survives her husband and was appointed commissioner of charities in January, 1922, by Mayor Van Zandt, and she is still occupying that office.

Major Couchman was an earnest, consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Rochester. He was connected with the various Masonic bodies and had attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite Consistory. He was also identified with the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the United Commercial Travelers. He was a member of the City Cadets, the Old Guard, George H. Yerkes Post of the American Legion, and was a past commander of G. Boardman Smith Camp of the Spanish-American War Veterans. He likewise belonged to the Sons of St. George and to the Rochester, Automobile and Kiwanis Clubs. He possessed a strong sense of duty and honor, never swerving from the high standards in which he believed, and his was an admirable character, worthy of all praise.

CLARENCE WILLIS.

Clarence Willis, an attorney of long practice and high standing in Steuben county, New York, has held many public offices and served the people of Bath and the rest of his native county faithfully for many years. He has also taken a great interest in public education and for many years was president of the board of education. He specializes in handling estates and has won honors in his career as an attorney.

Clarence Willis was born on a farm in Howard township, Steuben county, July 31, 1852, the son of William H. and Nancy (Whiting) Willis. Clarence Willis' maternal grandfather, Colonel John Whiting, came to Bath in 1814, and his paternal great-grandfather, William Willis, came to Steuben county in 1820, the family being an old New England one. He worked on the home farm as a boy and studied with Rev. Peter C. Robertson who started him with the classics and the interest taken in young Willis by this learned man of the cloth was to influence his later desire for the best educational opportunities for all. He likewise attended the district school and then Haverling Academy at Bath, graduating in 1871. He taught school for a time and studied law with Ruggles and Little and with Charles F. Kingsley. But he worked too hard and had to return to the farm to recuperate. He was finally able to complete his law studies and was admitted to the bar at Buffalo in 1878. He started practice in Bath and has remained there. In 1895 he received the honorary degree of Bachelor of Arts from Hobart College and in 1910 the honorary degree of Master of Literature from Alfred University. His own practice is a large and remunerative one.

Mr. Willis has held many local offices. He was elected village clerk of Bath in 1889 and police justice in 1890. In 1891 he was elected justice of the peace, holding that office for four years. He was appointed transfer tax attorney for Steuben county on March 1, 1907, by the state comptroller and served two years. He has been assessor and on the Bath Board of Health. He was elected to the board of education in 1888, and was in office, with the exception of a three-year interval, from 1901 to 1904. Mr. Willis resigned in December, 1914, on account of ill health.

In the larger field of county and state politics Mr. Willis has made a good record but is a democrat in a normally republican area. He was nominated for county judge in 1906 and made a fine fight. In 1909 he was the democratic nominee for the assembly but lost by a small margin. In 1910 he was nominated for state

senator and carried every district in Bath despite the fact that two years before Taft has swept the district with a majority of five thousand. But the other districts served to defeat Mr. Willis.

On April 23, 1890, Mr. Willis was married to Mary Alice Bullington. Mr. Willis is a director, secretary and superintendent of the Bath Cemetery Association, (Nondaga). Mr. Willis is very popular and he takes great personal pride in Steuben county and is the best informed historian concerning the county. He has a rich historical and general library, and he is the author of a tract on "The Pulteney Land Title" (Genesee tract), now in its fourth edition. His extreme interest, however, is always in the schools and he annually donates prizes for elocution. He established the Haverly High School Alumni Association in 1883, and has been its president for six years of the intervening period. He founded a chair of oratory in Alfred University in memory of his father and mother, and is a director of the Alumni Association of this university. He is Senior Warden of the St. Thomas church and has been a vestryman for many years. He is a prominent Odd Fellow and has been district deputy grand master and district deputy grand patriarch of the Order.

ELIZUR KIRKE HART.

The late Elizur Kirke Hart, retired banker of Albion, Orleans county, whose death occurred on January 21, 1923, was a worthy representative of a family that for several generations has had a conspicuous part in the development of this section of the Genesee country. The family is of record in the early settlement of New England, later generations migrating to the state of New York. Deacon Joseph Hart, the great-grandfather of Elizur Kirke Hart, moved from Greene county to Seneca county in 1806, and from there he came to Barre, Orleans county, in 1812. Elizur Hart, son of Deacon Joseph, in company with Joseph M. Cornell, established the Orleans County Bank in Albion in 1860, it becoming a national bank in 1865, when the name was changed to the Orleans County National Bank. He was president of this institution until his death. Hon. Elizur Kirke Hart, son of Elizur, succeeded his father as head of the Orleans County National Bank and became a very prominent figure in western New York as publisher of the Rochester Evening Post Express and also represented his district in congress. He married Louise Sanderson and their son, Elizur Kirke Hart, was born in Albion, New York, March 20, 1873.

After attending the Albion high school Elizur Kirke Hart continued his studies in the Riverside Military Academy at Poughkeepsie, New York, and Phillips Academy of Exeter, New Hampshire, after which he entered Harvard. Leaving the latter institution in 1895, he entered the banking business in the old Orleans County National Bank, first as bookkeeper and later becoming cashier and a director. Mr. Hart continued his connection with the bank until January, 1920, when the family interests in the institution were disposed of and the present Orleans County Trust Company was formed. Mr. Hart then retired from active business, devoting his attention to the management of his extensive private interests.

Mr. Hart was married on June 29, 1904, to Miss Elizabeth Beckwith Keeney of Albion, daughter of Allen and Ella (Beckwith) Keeney. Mr. and Mrs. Hart had three children: Elizur Kirke, born July 20, 1908; William Beckwith, born February 14, 1912; and Elizabeth Keeney, born January 21, 1914.

During the World war Mr. Hart took a leading part in local activities, serving on the general local committee of the Liberty Loan, and was captain of the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He was independent in politics, a member of Albion Lodge No. 1006, B. P. O. E., and of the Albion Country Club. He attended the Presbyterian church, of which he was a trustee.

LEON HAMILTON, M. D.

Dr. Leon Hamilton maintains a leading place among the physicians and surgeons who have chosen Elmira as the scene of their professional labors. He was born in Veteran, Chemung county, New York, August 4, 1884, and is a son of John and Emma (Merchant) Hamilton, the former a native of Veteran, this state, and the latter of Alpine. The father formerly followed the occupation of farming and is now engaged in the grocery business in Horseheads, New York. He is an earnest,



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helpful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his wife is also active in its behalf. He belongs to the Sons of Veterans and gives his political support to the republican party. He is a well read man and served as justice of the peace at Veteran from the time he was thirty until he reached the age of sixty, his long retention in office being proof of the quality of his service and the esteem in which he was held by his fellow townsmen. His father, Stuart Hamilton, was a native of Scotland and served for three years in the Civil war. He saw much hard fighting and one of the most important engagements in which he participated was the battle of Antietam. The maternal grandfather, Gurden Merchant, was a native of Alpine, Schuyler county, New York, a professor of music for thirty-five years, and one of a family of thirteen sons. His brothers were Enoch, Aaron, George W., DeWitt C., Silas B., Abel L., David O., Lewis H., Ardo J., James B., Norman M., and Oliner; eleven of whom were soldiers in the Civil war—a notable record of patriotism equaled by very few American families—and the forty-sixth congress passed a bill allowing the mother, Mrs. Eliza Upright, formerly Mrs. Eliza Merchant, a pension in recognition of the magnitude of her contribution to her country.

Leon Hamilton is the second in a family of five children. He completed a course in the Horseheads high school and also in a business college at Elmira, afterward becoming a student in the University of Buffalo, from which he was graduated in 1912, with the M. D. degree. He was connected with the Buffalo Hospital until September 30, 1913, and then opened an office in Elmira, where he has since engaged in general practice. He is a member of the surgical staff of St. Joseph's Hospital. He attends clinics in New York each year and in 1922 took postgraduate work in the University of Buffalo.

On November 1, 1916, Dr. Hamilton was married to Miss Edith F. Hamilton, who was born in Britton, South Dakota, and they have two children: John Henry, who is attending the public schools; and Mary Jeannette, aged four years. Dr. Hamilton is a Presbyterian in religious faith and his political views are in accord with the platform and principles of the republican party. He is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Ivy Lodge, F. & A. M.; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 19, K. T.; and Kalurah Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Binghamton, New York. He is also a member of the Country and City Clubs of Elmira, the Cold Brook Club and the Keuka Club. His professional connections are with the Elmira Academy of Medicine, of which he was president in 1918, the Chemung County and New York State Medical Societies, and the American Medical Association.

GEORGE L. KREIN.

George L. Krein, one of Dansville's native sons, has made insurance the ladder by means of which he has mounted to success, and demonstrates his public spirit by actual achievements, being a man of action whose cooperation can always be counted upon to further every worthy civic project. He was born on the 6th of December, 1866, and is one of a family of nine children whose parents were James and Catherine (Lander) Krein, the latter a native of Germany. The father was born February 25, 1825, at Merelbach, in canton de Forbach, arrondissement de Sarreguemines, département de la Moselle, France, and came to the United States when a young man of twenty-one. He resided for a time in Rochester, New York, and then went to Nunda, where he taught the French language in 1848 and 1849. He arrived in Dansville in 1850 and secured a clerical position in the establishment of the firm of Sikes & Wood, subsequently opening a grocery store, which he conducted until 1876. He then entered the insurance business and continued his operations in that field of activity until death ended his labors, on the 21st of January, 1892, when he was sixty-seven years of age.

His son, George L. Krein, attended the public schools and was also a student in the old Dansville Seminary. His first knowledge of business methods was gained as a clerk in the dry goods store of Dyer Brothers and he next became a clerk and telegraph operator in the Dansville office of the Erie Railroad Company. He was transferred by the road to Rochester, New York, where he remained for a year, and in 1889 returned to Dansville, becoming an assistant in his father's insurance office. There he gained a thorough knowledge of the business, which he found much to his liking, and subsequently entered the field independently. In June, 1921, he purchased the business of the late Bernard H. Oberdorf, and combined the two undertakings.

Success in substantial measure has attended his well-directed efforts and he now writes a large amount of insurance annually.

Mr. Krein is a staunch democrat in politics and has served his fellow citizens in various capacities, always doing conscientious and efficient work. For six years he acted as assistant postmaster of Dansville and in 1913 was appointed postmaster by President Wilson, filling that position until 1922. For twenty-one years he was town clerk—a record of long and faithful service which redounds to his credit. He has also been clerk of the board of supervisors and is now a member of the board of education, in which capacity he is working earnestly to improve the public school system of Dansville. He is a Rotarian and his fraternal relations are with the Improved Order of Red Men, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic order. He has taken the thirty-second degree in the last named organization and is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Presbyterian church and his life has been an exemplary one in all respects, winning for him the respect, confidence and goodwill of his fellowmen.

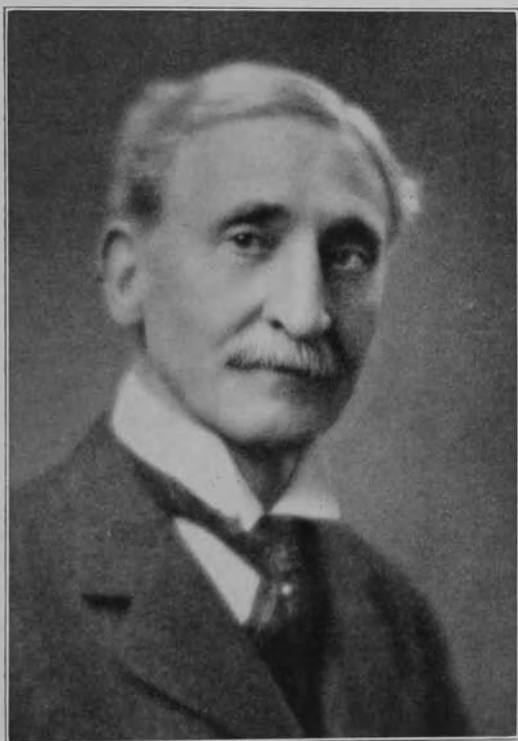
JOHN COOKE McCURDY.

John Cooke McCurdy, president and founder of McCurdy & Company, incorporated, one of Rochester's leading department stores, was born near Londonderry, Ireland, in 1852, a son of James and Jane (Cooke) McCurdy. He has had long experience as a merchant and since becoming a resident of Rochester has attained a prominent position in business circles of the city. The substantial growth and rapid development of the McCurdy store is an outstanding achievement in Rochester's mercantile history and represents a magnificent tribute to the business ability, enterprise and progressive character of its management. From a comparatively modest structure the McCurdy store now occupies five acres of selling space, with entrances from Main, Elm and Cortland streets, and its appointments represent the last word in modern department store construction. The character and values of its merchandise have been from the inception of the business such as to give the store a high standing and establish a reputation for commercial integrity that is not surpassed by any mercantile house in the city. Mr. McCurdy is recognized as a most capable executive, and with his sons, William C. and Gilbert J., who are active in the management of the business, there is represented an able and exceptionally well balanced business organization.

On the 23d of November, 1882, Mr. McCurdy was united in marriage to Miss Florence Anna Cathcart, and to them have been born five children: William Cathcart, Jean Cooke, Florence Caldwell, Gilbert James Cathcart and Gordon Wallace. Mr. McCurdy is a consistent member of the First Baptist church and also belongs to the Genesee Valley Club and to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

William Cathcart McCurdy, vice president of McCurdy & Company, Incorporated, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1883, and supplemented his early education, obtained in private schools, by a course of study in the William Penn Charter School. On the 18th of November, 1915, William C. McCurdy wedded Miss Helene Stephens Hart and they are the parents of a son, William Cooke. Fraternally Mr. McCurdy is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is also a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Automobile Club of Rochester.

Gilbert James Cathcart McCurdy, secretary and treasurer of McCurdy & Company, Incorporated, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of March, 1895. He prepared at Hill School of Pottstown, that state, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Williams College with the class of 1917. At the beginning of the World war he became an adjutant in the Williams College Student Battalion, thus serving until the time of his enlistment on the 27th of August, 1917. He joined the Sixth Company of the First Niagara Training Regiment, was commissioned first lieutenant of infantry on the 27th of November, 1917, and assigned to the Three Hundred and Fifth Machine Gun Battalion of the Seventy-seventh Division at Camp Upton, New York. On January 2, 1918, he was transferred to Company A, Three Hundred and Fifth Infantry, and on March 8th to Company B. He sailed for France on April 16, 1918, arrived at Calais on the 29th of the same month and began training with the British Fourth Army. In the following June he entered the front line in the Baccarat sector (Lorraine), while on the 10th of August he went into the Vesle sector and during the first three days of September crossed the Vesle on to the Aisne canal. He was relieved on the 12th of September and three days later was trans-



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ferred to the Chemical Warfare Service, being assigned to the Intelligence Division, with headquarters at Tours. Following the signing of the armistice he assisted in the preparation of a work entitled "History of the Chemical Warfare Service". He sailed for the United States as courier to Washington, D. C., carrying the above-mentioned history for delivery to the proper authorities. On the 5th of April, 1919, he was discharged from military service. On the 25th of September, 1920, Gilbert J. C. McCurdy was married to Miss Virginia Geier of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a member of the First Baptist church and also belongs to the University Club and to two Greek letter fraternities—Zeta Psi and Phi Beta Kappa.

STEWART N. MILLER.

The president of The Peoples State Bank of East Randolph, New York, and secretary-treasurer of The Cattaraugus County Cooperative Farmers Fire Relief Association, is Stewart N. Miller, who has done much to build up the businesses he is connected with as well as the general welfare and security of his home county. He is a native of East Randolph, born in 1870, the son of Norton W. and Lorette (Stewart) Miller, who came to this locality from Indiana in 1846.

Stewart N. Miller attended Chamberlain Institute at Randolph and then Ohio Wesleyan University for three years. In 1900 he graduated from the Law School of the University of Buffalo and after being admitted to the bar he returned to the farm. In 1908 he became secretary-treasurer of The Cattaraugus County Cooperative Farmers' Relief Association and during the time he has been an official of the company its insurance risk values have grown from five million seven hundred thousand dollars to nine million two hundred thousand dollars, a remarkable total for such a localized company. Chautauqua county is now included in the territory of business. Mr. Miller has also been president of The People's State Bank of Randolph since its organization.

The Cattaraugus County Cooperative Farmers Fire Relief Association was organized and its first policy written in September, 1885, at Randolph, with G. A. Gladden as president and B. F. Congdon as secretary. Mr. Gladden remained president until his death in 1899, and was followed by N. E. G. Cowen, who held the office until his death in 1905, when L. W. Van Hoesen held it until 1908. He was followed by M. S. Randall, who resigned in 1916 on account of poor health. J. M. Ackley was elected in his place and holds the office at the present time. Mr. Congdon held the office of secretary until 1895, being followed by Chester D. Tuttle of East Randolph, to which place the office was moved at that time. He held it for six years, followed by M. S. Randall, who held it for seven years. He resigned the office in 1908 and S. N. Miller was elected in his place and continues to serve. The present officers are: J. M. Ackley of Little Valley, president; C. D. Smith of Perrysburg, vice president, and Stewart N. Miller, secretary.

ALEXANDER CLINTON HERMANCÉ, M. D.

The true physician, in the exercise of his beneficent calling, heeds neither nationality nor distinctions of class, and the acquisition of wealth is nothing to him save as a means of giving material form and practical force to his projects for the uplift of humanity. In his self-abnegating labors he furnishes one of the truest examples of the altruistic life of which the world has knowledge. In this classification belonged Dr. Alexander Clinton Hermance, whose life was brought to a close on the 23d of November, 1923, at the age of sixty-six years. For over three decades he has engaged in the practice of medicine in Rochester and his departure left a great void in the city, for he was a man universally beloved—an exponent of all that is highest and best in the medical profession. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, June 8, 1857, a son of Charles Filler and Charlotte (Cook) Hermance, whose surviving children are: Mrs. William Murrell and Harry C. Hermance of Rochester; and Dr. George S. Hermance of Clarkson, New York.

In the acquirement of an education Alexander Clinton Hermance attended the public schools of his native city and continued his studies at Cambridge, Massachusetts, afterward entering Hahnemann Medical College at Chicago, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the class of 1883. Coming to Rochester, he opened an office at No. 595 St. Paul street, where he also resided, and remained at that location until

1903. He was a representative of the homeopathic school of medicine and enjoyed a very large practice. He was one of the founders of Hahnemann, now the Highland Hospital, and became chief of staff, on which he served for many years, being an honorary member at the time of his death. He was a frequent contributor to the Homeopathic Recorder and also served as city physician for five years, making a highly creditable record in that office. A close student of human nature, as well as the technicalities of his profession, he correctly applied the knowledge thus acquired to the needs of his patients, and inspired confidence in those whom he treated.

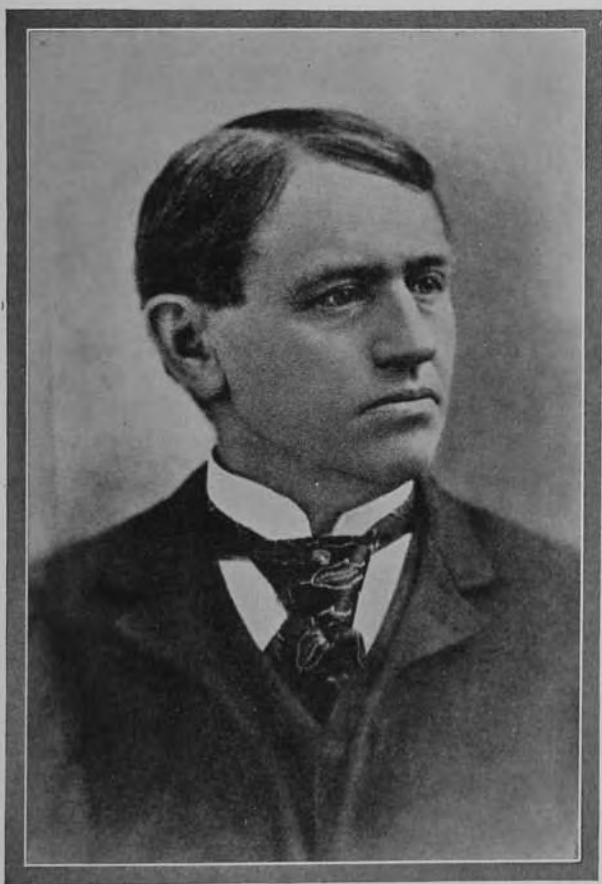
In Rochester, on October 24, 1889, Dr. Hermance was united in marriage to Miss Mary Margaret MacCallum, who survives him. Theirs was a very happy and congenial union, characterized by mutual understanding and helpfulness. The Doctor was an earnest, faithful member of St. James Episcopal church of Rochester and at one time sang in its choir. He had a high conception of the duties of citizenship and was a strong advocate of educational advancement, serving for several terms on the school board. He was identified with the Chamber of Commerce and along fraternal lines was connected with the Independent Order of Foresters and the Masons, belonging to Yonondio Lodge, Hamilton Chapter, Monroe Commandery and Damascus Temple in the last named organization. He never lost the attitude of a student toward his profession and kept in close touch with the achievements of research in the medical and surgical world through his membership in the Hahnemann Society and the city, state and national medical associations. Dr. Hermance was also the possessor of literary talent and wrote extensively on a variety of subjects for leading magazines. He prepared many papers for the Theosophical Society, of which he was a prominent member, and was likewise gifted as a public speaker, delivering many interesting lectures on that subject, on which he was exceptionally well informed. He had an insatiable thirst for knowledge and his mind was a storehouse of wisdom. He was always considerate of others in speech and action and his life was a strong and serviceable one, crowned by noteworthy achievement.

EDWIN K. BURNHAM.

On the pages of Newark's history the name of Edwin K. Burnham is indelibly inscribed and close investigation into his record serves but to heighten his fame and impress one with the value of his service. The spirit of enterprise animated his every action and he was foremost in all worthy projects. He was a resident of the village for fifty years and his death, which occurred on the 19th of March, 1915, at the age of seventy-five, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for his was a conspicuously useful life.

Edwin K. Burnham was born September 8, 1839, in Randolph, Vermont, and attended the Orange county (Vermont) grammar school, the high school at Randolph and Royalton Academy. In 1862, when a young man of twenty-three, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company C, Fifteenth Vermont Infantry, with which he fought in the battle of Gettysburg. He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant in 1863 and in the spring of 1864 was graduated from the Albany Law School. In June of the latter year he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in Newark, New York, as a partner of James E. Briggs, also a native of the Green Mountain state. In September, 1864, Mr. Burnham reenlisted and on October 10, 1864, was commissioned captain of Company D, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment of New York Infantry, with which he participated in the engagements in and around Petersburg until taken prisoner on the 2d of April, 1865. He was returned to his regiment April 9, the day of Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, and received his discharge June 4, 1865. Returning to Newark, he resumed the practice of his profession, and in 1872 entered the field of journalism, founding the Newark Union. He was one of the promoters of the fruit canning industry of western New York and owned a half interest in the Wayne County Preserving Company of Newark, which is now known as the Edgett-Burnham Company and has two thousand acres devoted to the growing of fruit and vegetables. It was incorporated in 1908, at which time Mr. Burnham became president, remaining at the head of the undertaking until his death, and in its management he displayed keen sagacity and executive ability of a high order.

The business was founded in 1863 and in 1921 his son, George A. Burnham, assumed the duties of president. He has proven a worthy successor to his father and under his able administration the scope of the industry has been greatly increased.



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The company now ranks with the largest canners of fruits and vegetables in Wayne county and the business has been in existence for sixty-one years, being one of the oldest of the kind in the state. The firm exercises the greatest care in the selection and preparation of its output, which finds a ready sale, owing to its superior quality and flavor, while the business methods of the house have always balanced up with the principles of truth and honor.

The activities of Edwin K. Burnham were not confined to business affairs and he was ever inspired by an unselfish spirit of devotion to the general good, directing his activities into those channels through which flows the greatest and most permanent good to the largest number. In the fall of 1884 he was elected to the state legislature and during his term of service was largely instrumental in securing the passage of the bill establishing the Custodial Asylum for Feeble-Minded Women, now the Newark State School, which is numbered among the important institutions of the state. It is located in Newark and for a number of years Mr. Burnham served as secretary and also as a member of the board of trustees. In June, 1889, he was appointed state superintendent of public buildings, which position he filled with credit and honor. One of his first innovations was the establishment of the rule that the nation's flag should float from the staff of the state capitol every week-day throughout the year, and this was the origin of the movement to display the flag on public school buildings. He was also called to the office of justice of the peace, which he filled for eight years, and for four terms acted as supervisor.

On August 31, 1865, Mr. Burnham was united in marriage to Miss Nancy A. Dillingham, a niece of Governor Dillingham. Of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Burnham, the only surviving member is George A. Burnham of Newark. Edwin K. Burnham was a leading member of *Vosburgh Post*, No. 99, G. A. R., of which he was commander for four terms, and also belonged to the Grange. He was identified with Newark Lodge, No. 83, of the Masonic order and was likewise a member of Lodge No. 250 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He left a name fragrant with good deeds and his labors will continue to bear fruit for many years to come. The ties of home and friendship were sacred to him and in his treatment of those with whom he was associated he was ever courteous and considerate.

CHARLES MARVIN EVEREST.

Charles Marvin Everest, president of the Vacuum Oil Company, was regarded as the foremost refiner and manufacturer of heavy petroleum oils in the industry and unexcelled as a refinery constructor. He was in the sixty-fifth year of his age when he passed away at Bridgeport, Connecticut, on the 22d of July, 1917, his birth having occurred in Portage, Wisconsin, October 25, 1852. His parents were Hiram Bond and Mercy Eleanor Everest, the former of whom founded the Vacuum Oil Company on the 4th of October, 1866. Hiram B. Everest was born in that part of Allegany county, New York, which is now in Wyoming county, April 11, 1830. He had what was then a preparatory course at Middlebury Academy, and when nineteen years of age went to Wisconsin, where he started in the nursery business near Portage. He had desired to go to California in 1849, but his mother raised too serious objection and a compromise was made on Wisconsin. He lived in Wisconsin seven or eight years, establishing an apple tree nursery. When the trees, raised from the seed, were ready for market they were nearly all ruined by an exceptionally severe winter. He tried another lot of trees grown from the seed and budded by himself from stock that stood the previous severe winter. These reached a size ready for sale when a still more severe winter killed the major portion of this stock. He sold the balance for sufficient to enable him to move to Ohio, where he bought land near Cleveland, now within the city limits, starting a vineyard and small fruit farm. Here again early frosts prevented the fruit from ripening. While at this place, the Mecca (Ohio) oil excitement broke out and Mr. Everest went to investigate conditions in that field. He made no investments, but soon after bought a tract of woodland near Cleveland and erected a sawmill. After two or three years he moved to Rochester, New York, his father also coming to this city at the same time from Wyoming, New York. This was in the spring of 1865. Having no business, he started a grocery store and during the first winter he met Matthew Ewing, who had a patent for distilling crude oil in vacuum, the claim being that by such distillation all of the crude oil would be converted into illuminating (kerosene) oil. Mr. Everest furnished the money and joined with Mr. Ewing in erecting a small experimental still in the

latter's back yard. As a result of these experiments Mr. Everest discovered there was a residual product that could not be distilled off. The experiment to convert crude oil entirely into illuminating oil having proved a failure, Mr. Everest set about to see what could be done with the residual product. Among other things it occurred to him that it might be useful for leather. He therefore arranged with Alling Brothers, the best known curriers of that day, to make some experiments with it. These resulted so satisfactorily, and they were so anxious for supplies, that Mr. Everest erected his first still, having a crude oil capacity of forty barrels. This is kept at the Rochester works and proves interesting in comparison with the present stills at Olean and Paulsboro, New Jersey, having a capacity of from four hundred to one thousand barrels. The oil made in this first still was sold to curriers principally in and about Boston. There had been previous experiments made with petroleum distillate oils, a patent having been issued for the use of petroleum on leather, but these had been unsuccessful. Vacuum oil, however, first known as "Ewing's Patent Vacuum Oil", met with such immediate success that the owner of the patent referred to threatened to enjoin the users of the oil. This practically destroyed the curriers' business and Mr. Everest's next step was to sell the oil in small cans to farmers and others. The oil was at first put up in square cans which had previously been used for canned oysters, and from this small beginning a very considerable trade was built up in Vacuum Harness Oil, still known to many of the older people of the country as a widely advertised article. Mr. Everest's next thought in connection with the use of this residual product was the lubrication of steam cylinders, and from this beginning there has developed the present organization of the Vacuum Oil Company. Desirous of obtaining a crude oil supply of his own and remembering the outcroppings of oily shale on the farm lands formerly owned by his father. Mr. Everest secured in 1878 oil leases on the farm and the surrounding farm lands. He drilled a test well, hoping to find oil, but instead of petroleum he discovered a stratum of rock salt seventy feet thick at a depth of about thirteen hundred feet. This deposit of salt has since been found to extend over a large area, and the salt industry of Wyoming and Genesee counties has grown to immense proportions. The first sixty-five barrels of salt manufactured in this region were made under Mr. Everest's directions. In 1879 Mr. Everest retired from business, although he retained the presidency of the Vacuum Oil Company until about the year 1900. He died March 5, 1913. The following is an excerpt from an article which appeared in the *Gargoyle World*: "It sometimes happens that a father originates a business and a son establishes it, but it seldom happens that an enterprise of such magnitude and of such world-wide scope as the Vacuum Oil Company owes its creation and development primarily to two men holding such a relation to each other. It is clear evidence of family talent. The elder Everest was a man of inquisitive mind and restless energy. As a young man he tried various enterprises, including specialized agriculture, without success before he at last found his opportunity in the petroleum industry. A less able man would have been discouraged from loss of time and capital in unsuccessful ventures, but he believed success was somewhere at hand and he never ceased its pursuit until it was overtaken. He was attracted to the oil business in the days of its first real development and approached it from an entirely original viewpoint. At that time refining processes were crude and designed to skim off from the oil the burning product only, all else being regarded as troublesome waste. It seemed to the elder Everest that this so called waste could be turned into products of great value and with this in mind he persuaded a few friends reluctantly to join with him in furnishing a meager capital in order that his ideas might be tried out in a practical way. It is needless to recount the vicissitudes of those early efforts, with their usual periods of discouragement and difficulty, it is sufficient to state that in a comparatively few years the elder Everest, in a small way, was making and selling petroleum oils of a character absolutely unique and filling a need that insured a large development. This fact attracted the astute founders of the Standard Oil Company, and they wisely concluded that the elder Everest possessed knowledge their great enterprise required. They finally induced him and his associates to sell a majority stock interest, for which a substantial price was paid. The elder Everest soon thereafter wearied of the details of the oil business and went west to try new enterprises, particularly agriculture, of which he was fond. Eventually he became a very successful grower of oranges in southern California."

Charles M. Everest, whose name introduces this review, came to Rochester with his parents when a child. In the acquirement of an education he attended the city schools and also spent a year as a university student. After putting aside his textbooks he became a clerk in the offices of the Vacuum Oil Company. He gave

careful study to this business until he had mastered its many details. He was promoted until he was made vice president and general manager and finally president in 1906, on the final retirement of his father from business. The original plant was in Rochester and at first was composed of a few small vacuum stills of forty barrels charging capacity. In 1890 an oil plant was purchased in Olean and that became the place for running the company's crude oil. The company's growth in fifty-eight years has been of such proportions that the facts seem like fiction. One important part of its development has been the manufacture and marketing of oils for lubricating automobiles, motorcycles, tractors and marine motors. When the automobile was added to the world's machinery the company at once began to learn its requirements for lubrication. When Charles M. Everest began his duties with the company, its offices were in the Powers building. His father, one clerk and himself were the only occupants. The younger man took charge of the company's affairs for three months during his father's absence in 1870. In 1877 he left the company's employ and became a wholesale dealer in refined oil. In 1879 he sold out his business and returned to the Vacuum Oil Company to be its vice president and treasurer. The following interesting account of his business career was published in the *Gargoyle World*: "When only a lad he permanently joined his father in the oil enterprise. By the time it was fairly on its feet he was well grounded in all its details, and when his father retired, the entire burden of executive management fell upon his shoulders. From that date the real growth and development of the company began. Although his father for many years, for sentimental reasons, retained the title of president, the son performed all the duties of the position. The executives of the Standard Oil Company wisely, and with only minor restrictions, gave him a free hand and provided necessary capital and in the end were amazed at the developments that followed. Charles Marvin Everest had all those characteristics which make the truly great business man. He possessed conviction, thoroughness, keen imagination, untiring energy, undaunted courage and a faith that surmounted all obstacles. No part of the work was too great for him to master or too small to attract his attention. He worked long hours and with unremitting attention. He was recognized at the time of his death as the foremost refiner and manufacturer of heavy petroleum oils in the whole industry, and unexcelled as a refinery constructor. During his management the company constructed a number of entirely new plants from his plans and under his direction which produced products unlike those turned out at any other. He constantly devised new processes and methods by which new products could be made or old products improved. He was never satisfied that a good thing could not be made better, and his single purpose was to make vacuum products ever distinguished for excellence and economy of service. Notwithstanding his rare gift as a manufacturer, he was a true accountant and the various systems of high efficiency now in use by the company, covering the manifold details of accounting routine and control, were originated by him. Above all, he had the rare gift of salesmanship in its broadest sense. He realized that the intrinsic value of a product is of no avail unless it is backed by exceptional marketing skill, for the user must be brought in touch with the thing to be used. It was due to his fundamental grasp of marketing problems, and his far-reaching imagination as to selling possibilities, that Vacuum products ultimately covered literally the whole world. When he succeeded to the control of the company's business at the retirement of his father, he first satisfied himself that the manufacture of heavy oils for lubricating and other purposes was the special line of policy to continue in the future, as in the past, and thereafter he never wavered in his determination. He set out first to produce oils, absolutely the best for the purpose designed. He established what was probably the first fully equipped laboratory in the oil industry and, not satisfied with its unaided efforts, sought the counsel of leading chemists and engineers in working out definite results. He established the first technical department in connection with the use and application of lubricants and products for leather making, being determined not only to supply products of the highest efficiency, but to keep full step with every new development. Every new form of machinery was carefully studied and experimented with until just the right product was evolved for its need. These initial efforts were subsequently expanded into what now comprise the great technical and laboratory forces that give intelligence and certainty of purpose to all the company's efforts. It was due to the work of such departments that the company was first to meet the requirements of the electrical industry, the creation of which is the marvel of the present age, and also the automobile, which has revolutionized transportation. Vacuum products have held first place ever since, not only in these but in all new developments of applied energy. Mr. Everest, when

he had satisfied himself that the products of the company were the best possible that then could be manufactured and were ready for a wide market, turned his thought to the question of their sale. At the time of the beginnings of the petroleum oil industry all oils were sold through jobbers and dealers, to whom the consumer applied, as it was practically impossible for the scattered producers of fish and animal oils to market their production direct. The oil refiners naturally followed the same plan and sold to and through the dealer. Mr. Everest decided that to secure the market that Vacuum products deserved and should have, he must go direct to the consumer and to adopt fixed prices the same to like buyers and subject to no abatement or modification. This plan sounds commonplace enough now, but was absolutely revolutionary then. The dealer's general method was to get the best price he could, and the manufacturer was satisfied with the best price he in turn could secure from the dealer who controlled the distribution. Mr. Everest was determined to make and control his own market. For a time the company's marketing operations were confined to a comparatively narrow local field, but plans were undertaken to cover the whole United States. Unremitting effort and free expenditure of capital resulted in a rapid spread of marketing organizations from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf, each employing a large salaried force of salesmen who sought the attention and interest of the consumer direct. This general plan has never since been deviated from in principle, although modified in the sale of Mobiloils, since the dealer is the sole medium employed in their distribution, but the whole design of the company's efforts as relates to this particular class of products is to reach the ultimate consumer by general advertising and other methods, so that he will demand from the dealer oils of the company's manufacture, and be satisfied to accept no other.

"Success rapidly followed on Mr. Everest's methods, which were rigidly adhered to, and the demand quickly outran the capacity of the Rochester plant. The first Olean plant was purchased and remodeled, which was the beginning of many successive steps since taken to expand the company's output, there never having been a time in its history, however, when sales did not tread upon the heels of production. As soon as the United States was well covered and success assured, Mr. Everest turned his thoughts to the foreign markets, which were virgin fields for such direct methods. The first tryout was made in England. Several carloads of the leading brands were shipped to Liverpool, among them 600 W. Cylinder Oil, which still holds the same preeminence as a cylinder lubricant that it held when first introduced, and a well trained representative was sent over to introduce the oils to the consuming trade by the same direct method employed at home. Success was immediate. The shipment was quickly sold and more called for and still more. The English buyer not only found the goods acceptable but liked the direct one-priced plan of sale. Mr. Everest quickly grasped the opportunities of the situation and personally went to England and spent a number of months in directly organizing a complete and self-contained selling center. From that time progress was uninterrupted in that country, and later on the business became so large and of so many ramifications that an English company was incorporated which in time secured manufacturing facilities of its own to supplement its operations. As soon as the business in England was fairly well established, trained men were sent to the Continent and ultimately, step by step, to Scandinavia, South Africa, Egypt, India, Australia, China and Japan, Russia, etc., until there did not remain a spot in the world where machinery was operated where Vacuum products were not well known and readily obtainable. It is today no idle claim that Vacuum oils are the standards of value and efficiency around the entire globe. Locally incorporated companies, with their own facilities, became necessary and were organized in country after country as time went on, until today Vacuum companies exist and operate under the laws of all important foreign countries. With the dissolution decree of the United States supreme court of 1911, the Vacuum Oil Company was totally severed from its affiliated relation with the Standard Oil Company, and being everywhere entrenched entered upon a new era of development, being guided through this period of readjustment by Mr. Everest with rare skill and judgment. Such is the record of Mr. Everest's achievement through nearly forty-five years of unremitting toil. It is a pathetic coincidence that death overtook him just as he had nearly completed his plans to retire from the active management and enjoy a well earned leisure. He was a just employer, expecting the same zeal and devotion he himself gave, but was quick to recognize and reward the same. He was exceptionally conscientious and was naturally modest and shy, intensely disliking notoriety and always avoiding prominence. His business principles were of the highest character, and he would never permit the company's

operations to carry the slightest tinge of unfairness or sharp practices. The whole organization founded by him was grounded in scrupulous honesty and uprightness of method. These principles, added to his great ability, have made the Vacuum Oil Company, as it exists today, a monument to his memory." Mr. Everest was also a director of the Security Trust Company and president of the Mechanics Savings Bank.

Mr. Everest was twice married. He first wedded Miss Jessie Wilson of Rochester and they had two sons: Raymond W., of Plainfield, New Jersey, who was married to Ruth Moore of Rochester, New York; and Jesse, who died in childhood. Mr. Everest's second wife was Miss Sophie Hubbard of Bridgeport, Connecticut, before her marriage to him. Their two daughters are: Ruth Hartwell, now Mrs. George Merritt Ward of Rochester; and Janet C.

Mr. Everest assisted in the organization of the local Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the board of directors of the General Hospital. When he gave to a philanthropic cause, he always preferred that fact should not be publicly known. It is said that he was a contributor to every such cause in Rochester. At the time of his demise changes were being made in his Rochester plant on Exchange street to give material improvements, rest rooms, lunch rooms, etc., for the convenience and comfort of the employees. His appreciation for the social amenities of life was manifest in his connection with the Genesee Valley Club, the Rochester Athletic Club, of which he was a life member, the Country Club and the Oak Hill Country Club of Rochester and the Union League Club, the Engineers Club and the Yacht Club of New York. He was likewise a member of the New York City St. Andrews Society and Burns Society.

CASPER G. DECKER.

One of the important industries of the Chemung valley is the Elmira Knitting Mills, of which William H. Bilbrough and Casper G. Decker have been the manager and president, respectively. For thirty-one years the business has been in continuous operation. Mr. Decker's father, Dr. Casper Schermerhorn Decker, was for many years a resident of Elmira and was numbered among its substantial business men and highly respected citizens. He was born in Roxbury, Delaware county, New York, February 2, 1820, and his parents were Gilbert and Anna (Schermerhorn) Decker. His public school training was supplemented by a course of study in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York city and he began the practice of medicine in Margaretville, New York, as a partner of his preceptor, Dr. John C. Allaben. Dr. Decker was thus engaged for five years and then, resigning his profession, leased a tannery in Sullivan county, New York. In 1860, in association with his brother David, he built a tannery in Wellsburg, this state, where he resided until 1863, and then removed to Elmira. He later formed a partnership with Edward H. Palmer and the firm of Palmer & Decker continued in the tanning business until 1893.

Dr. Decker was a staunch democrat in politics and an influential factor in public affairs. He was president of the commission which in 1873 and 1874 built the first iron bridges over the Chemung river at Main and Lake streets, and in the latter year was appointed by Governor Dix a member of the board of Commissioners of the New York State Reformatory at Elmira. He served on the city cemetery and sewer commissions and was twice elected to the Chemung County Board of Supervisors. He was a man of high character and had many friends, whom he had gained by a life of industry and rightly directed endeavor.

In 1853 Dr. Decker was united in marriage to Miss Euphemia B. Simpson, who was born in Lexington, New York, and subsequently became a resident of Phoenicia, this state. She passed away in January, 1907, and Dr. Decker's demise occurred on the 7th of May, 1907, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. He was a faithful member of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal church, to which he presented an organ on its dedication in 1901, and also served on the board of trustees.

Their only child, Casper G. Decker, was born May 5, 1860, in Summitville, Sullivan county, New York. He attended the public schools of Elmira, and also had the benefit of instruction in Syracuse University. He worked in his father's tannery until the business was discontinued and in 1893 with William H. Bilbrough, started the Elmira Knitting Mills, of which he has since been the president. The firm manufactures summer cotton underwear for men and there is a large demand for its output, which is of high quality, ranking with the best on the market. Mr. Decker has

given careful thought to the development of the business, which represents years of hard work and intelligently directed effort. He is also a director of the Thatcher Manufacturing Company of Elmira.

On March 2, 1901, Mr. Decker was married to Miss Caroline F. Spencer of Syracuse, New York, a daughter of the Rev. Henry F. Spencer, who devoted his life to the ministry in the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Decker are active members of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal church, which he has served in the capacity of trustee, also acting as superintendent of the Sunday school. He has always been a strong prohibitionist and during the World war engaged in government activities. He is a member of the Country and Rotary Clubs of Elmira and belongs to the Ivy Lodge of Masons.

CHARLES A. BROWN.

There is no one element which has a greater effect in upholding financial stability in a community than a carefully organized and conservatively conducted bank. Of such an institution Charles A. Brown is now an officer and as cashier of the Groveland State Bank he fills an important place in financial circles of Livingston county. He has a highly specialized knowledge of the banking business, which he has made his life work, and is well qualified for the responsibilities which devolve upon him. He was born in Dansville, New York, October 14, 1869, a son of William and Amelia (Tallmadge) Brown.

Charles A. Brown obtained a public school education and when eighteen years of age became bookkeeper in the Citizens Bank of Dansville, New York, and was employed in that institution for twenty-nine years, being teller for several years. He later became associated with the Groveland Banking Company, which was formed in November, 1917, with a capital of fifteen thousand dollars. The building occupied by the company was erected for its use by Gamble Wilson and the first directors were: Murray L. Gamble, president; Gamble Wilson, vice president; Charles A. Brown, cashier; William M. Shirley, M. E. Ross, Orrin C. Lake, and Albert J. Slaughter. On September 15, 1923, the institution became known as the Groveland State Bank and the capital was increased to twenty-five thousand dollars. The first directors were: Murray L. Gamble, president; James E. Donley, vice president; Charles A. Brown, cashier; William M. Shirley, M. E. Ross, Albert J. Slaughter, and Gamble Wilson. Mr. Brown has promoted the success of the institution by conscientious, systematic and efficient work, and the generous cooperation given him by the excellent board of directors has enabled the bank to show a steady growth and fill an important position in the business life of the community.

On the 25th of October, 1911, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Frances E. Wicker of East Orange, New Jersey. In religious faith Mr. Brown is a Presbyterian and he is chairman of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church in Dansville. His political support is given to the republican party, while fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order. He stands high in the regard of his fellowmen, for high ideals have guided him in every relation of life, and his actions have at all times been characterized by a fidelity of purpose born of the desire to have every duty well done.

JERVIS LANGDON.

Jervis Langdon marched in the front rank of the columns which have led the way to the development of the Empire state and the utilization of its great resources and a life of great usefulness and far-reaching influence was ended when on the 6th of August, 1870, he was called to his final rest. With the history of progress in Elmira his name was long closely and prominently connected and his memory is cherished by all who knew him. He was a man who would have been a valuable acquisition to any community, his irreproachable character no less than his achievements, compelling his recognition as one destined to lead in anything he undertook. He was born in Oneida county, New York, January 11, 1809, and was one of three sons in the family of Andrew and Eunice (King) Langdon, who were married February 8, 1804. They removed from Connecticut to New York state and were numbered among the early settlers of Oneida county. The father was born April 30, 1774, and died August 19, 1811, at the age of thirty-seven.



C. Langdon



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J. Langdon

The business career of Jervis Langdon covered a period of more than forty years and began in a country store in his home town. He was connected with business affairs in Vernon, Ithaca, Enfield and Salina, New York, but made very little progress until he came to Chemung county. In 1838 he settled in the hamlet of Millport, where he embarked in the lumber business, forming a partnership with Myron Collins, and later was associated with William H. Phillips. Subsequently Mr. Langdon returned to Ithaca, where he spent two years, and in 1845 established his permanent home in Elmira. For a number of years he was engaged in business with S. G. Andrus, under the style of Andrus & Langdon, and after the partnership was dissolved he organized the firm of J. Langdon & Company, which first as a partnership and later as a corporation survived him, under the leadership of his son, Charles J. Langdon, until 1905. Mr. Langdon dealt principally in coal and lumber and gradually extended the scope of his operations, establishing branches in Belmont, Hornellsville and Campbelltown. When the supply of timber in the east was exhausted he obtained lumber from the Pacific coast and from Canada. He engaged in anthracite mining and was the pioneer in shipping anthracite coal from Buffalo through the Great Lakes to Chicago and the west. In this connection his name became widely known. He was a man of broad vision, initiative spirit and exceptional executive force—an outstanding figure in the commerce of the nation. His success was won by constructive effort and honorable dealing, for he was guided by the Golden Rule in all of his commercial transactions, and said: "If I can't do business as a Christian I won't do business at all."

Mr. Langdon was married in Enfield, New York, to Miss Olivia Lewis, a daughter of Edward Lewis, a farmer residing in Lenox, Madison county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Langdon were survived by three children: Susan, who married Theodore W. Crane of Elmira; Olivia, who on the 2d of February, 1870, became the wife of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain); and Charles Jervis, whose biography follows this record. Mr. Langdon was an influential member of the Park church (Congregational) of Elmira, an anti-slavery church, whose edifice he helped build and to which he made liberal contributions. His religion was carried into his daily life and in it found beautiful expression. He was an astute business man, a public-spirited citizen, a loyal friend, a devoted husband and father, and his admirable traits of character won for him the high and enduring regard of all who had the honor of his acquaintance.

CHARLES JERVIS LANGDON.

Few men have occupied a warmer position in the hearts of their fellow citizens than did Charles Jervis Langdon, who was a lifelong resident of Elmira and stamped the impress of his individuality upon many lines of the city's development. He left a name fragrant with good deeds and to know him was to be his friend, for his was an admirable character, deserving of all praise. He was a worthy son of an honored sire and was born August 13, 1849, of the marriage of Jervis Langdon and Olivia Lewis, the former of whom was a pioneer in the anthracite field and one of the industrial leaders of the east. In 1838 the father removed from Oneida to Millport, Chemung county, New York, then a very busy mart occupied with the activities of the Chemung canal. There he engaged in the lumber business and subsequently became a dominant influence in business, social and civic affairs. Under the firm name of J. Langdon & Company he operated anthracite mines and held important coal contracts with mining and railroad companies. He was an ardent abolitionist and aided in conducting the famous "underground railroad".

Upon the death of Jervis Langdon in 1870, his only son, Charles Jervis Langdon, assumed the management of the large business built up by his father's constructive genius, and notwithstanding his extreme youth, he successfully directed the undertaking. Owing to the change in commercial conditions the contracts which had been awarded the firm of J. Langdon & Company by owners of coal mines and railroads were not renewed after 1905. Mr. Langdon thereafter devoted his attention to the management of other holdings, which were sufficiently large to necessitate the maintenance of an office, and for more than half a century the sign of J. Langdon & Company over the Baldwin street office has remained unchanged.

In discharging the duties of citizenship Charles Jervis Langdon was inspired by high ideals and for many terms was a valued member of the common council, also served as police commissioner. He was long a recognized force in the republican party. As a delegate to the National Republican convention of 1880, in Chicago, he was one of the three hundred and six who steadfastly held out for the renomination of

President Grant against the successful candidate, Rutherford B. Hayes. In 1880 Mr. Langdon was appointed commissary general by Governor Cornell, and he was also a major in the old One Hundred and Tenth Battalion, New York Militia, and likewise served in the Volunteer Fire Department of Elmira. In 1867 General Langdon joined a party of tourists who made a voyage to Europe and Africa on the side-wheel steamer Quaker City, and a young journalist, Samuel L. Clemens, who later became famous under the nom de plume of Mark Twain, accompanied them on the trip. The journey was made historic in Mr. Clemens' "Innocents Abroad" and the friendship of the two men led to the meeting and marriage of the celebrated author and General Langdon's sister, Olivia.

On the 12th of October, 1870, Mr. Langdon was married to Miss Ida Clark, a daughter of Jefferson Burr Clark, a prominent business man of Elmira. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Langdon: Jervis, who is executor of his father's estate; Julia Olivia, who is the wife of Edward E. Loomis, president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; and Ida, an educator.

General Langdon passed away November 19, 1916, at the age of sixty-seven years, and his demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. He possessed that sense of honor which is the vital essence of the gentleman and his life was a beneficial force for good. His secret charities were as wide as his knowledge of need, and one of his friends said of him: "He was a man whose integrity of character, unselfish spirit, broad sympathies and unstinted generosity made him a citizen beloved by all."

WILLARD CHARLES GOODGER.

Willard Charles Goodger, president and treasurer of W. C. Goodger, Incorporated, is a representative of one of Rochester's old families. James Goodger, his great-grandfather, resided near Holbeach, Lincolnshire, England, in 1790, and the grandfather, also James Goodger, came to America in 1840. Ann Wright, the grandmother, arrived in Rochester with her parents in 1827, at the age of five years, and resided on a farm located where the present St. Mary's Hospital now stands. She was confirmed in St. Luke's Episcopal church of Rochester in August, 1833. William Hobart Goodger, a son of James and Ann (Wright) Goodger, born July 17, 1845, in Rochester, was a pioneer manufacturer of ladies' shoes.

Willard Charles Goodger, a son of William Hobart and Frances Goodger, was born in Rochester, August 6, 1885. His entire business career has been spent in the shoe manufacturing industry, as in his earlier years he learned the business in his father's shoe factory.

Mr. Goodger was married to Miss Marie Quinn, on June 25, 1912, and they have a son and a daughter: Quintin Hobart, born March 21, 1914; and Jean Marie, born February 22, 1919. In religious faith, Mr. Goodger is affiliated with St. Paul's Episcopal church of Rochester. He is a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Oak Hill Country Club and along fraternal lines is connected with the Frank R. Lawrence Lodge of Masons. He is loyal to the city of his birth, in whose welfare and progress he takes a personal pride. Mr. Goodger's residence is at No. 1200 East avenue.

THOMAS BURR ROBBINS.

The vice president of The Bignall Company of Medina is still a young man but has taken his place in this concern and has manifested marked ability and resourcefulness. He is Thomas Burr Robbins, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 21, 1895, son of Henry Welles and Elizabeth K. (Rutton) Robbins. A sketch of his father, who is the president of The Bignall Company, may be found on another page of this work. Thomas Burr Robbins, the paternal grandfather of Mr. Robbins of this review, was the first representative of the family in western New York, coming from the Keystone state in 1901 and here spending the remainder of his life.

Thomas Burr Robbins, whose name introduces this article, obtained his early education in the public schools of Medina, New York, and continued his studies in Mercersburg Academy of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. He next entered Dartmouth College of Hanover, New Hampshire, but left that institution in 1917 and the following year became officially identified with The Bignall Company of Medina in the



WILLARD C. GOODGER

capacity of vice president, and he is also a director of the Union Bank. His well directed efforts in this connection have constituted an important factor in the successful control of this corporation, as well as of the Medina Stamping & Machine Company, of which he is vice president and secretary. The Bignall Company has developed an extensive industrial enterprise in foundry work and in the manufacture of plumbers' supplies.

Mr. Robbins exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and fraternally is connected with the Masonic order. He is an active and consistent member of the First Presbyterian church of Medina and also belongs to the Alert Club, the Tuscarora Club, the Town and Country Club and the Buffalo Athletic Club. A young man of genial disposition, as well as many commendable traits of character, he has gained a large circle of warm friends and is deservedly popular in both social and business circles of Medina.

EUGENE B. WILHELM.

Farming, with raising and dealing in live stock, formed the main interests and occupied the time for many years of Eugene Bailey Wilhelm of Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, prior to his election to the office of county treasurer of Livingston county. That agricultural pursuits are an excellent training school for financial and executive responsibilities is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Wilhelm has been re-elected to the office he now holds four times in succession, because of the trustworthy and economical administration of his important office. He was born at Conesus, Livingston county, on February 12, 1856, the son of John and Leora P. (Humphrey) Wilhelm, both of whom have passed away. The father was born at Milo, Yates county, New York, and the mother at Simsbury, Connecticut. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are living.

Eugene B. Wilhelm received his education in the district schools of Livingston county and at Lima Seminary and for a while after completing his education he was engaged in farming and the raising of live stock. He then went to Oakland county, Michigan, where for twelve years he was engaged in live stock dealing, and was also manager for the Highland Vinegar and Pickle Company. After this Mr. Wilhelm returned to his farm in Livingston county, New York, and was living on it when elected county treasurer in 1913. He has since been reelected four times on the republican ticket. He is a director of the Livingston County Trust Company, the Livonia State Bank, and the Springwater State Bank.

Mr. Wilhelm was married on December 27, 1882, to Carrie Patchin of Steuben county, New York, and they have two children: Eugene B., Jr., who is now living in Detroit, Michigan, was a major and instructor at Camp Humphrey, during the World war; Philip, who lives in Geneseo, was a first lieutenant in Company C, Three Hundred and Sixth Infantry, Seventy-seventh Division, and went overseas, acting as captain during his entire overseas service. He was gassed. Mr. E. B. Wilhelm, Sr., is a Knight Templar Mason.

HERMAN L. KELLY.

Herman L. Kelly, president of the First National Bank of Sodus, New York, is well known in financial circles of Wayne county and his name is also associated with other enterprises essential to the advancement and prosperity of the community in which he has always made his home. He was born July 22, 1871, and in both the paternal and maternal lines represents pioneer families of the county. His parents, Edgar W. and Mary (Ellsworth) Kelly, were natives of Wayne county, in which the maternal grandfather settled in 1800, migrating from Connecticut. Edgar W. Kelly was a prominent business man of Sodus and won success as a merchant. He also found time for public affairs and served for a half century as justice of the peace, while for two terms he filled the office of mayor of Sodus. He measured up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship and enjoyed the esteem of many friends. Mr. Kelly was married to Mary Ellsworth in Sodus, and four sons were born to them, Herman L. being the youngest.

Herman L. Kelly attended Sodus Academy and afterward became a law student in Union College at Albany, New York, from which he was graduated. He formed

a partnership with his oldest brother, M. M. Kelly, and they were associated in practice until 1909, when Herman L. organized the First National Bank of Sodus, of which he has since been the president. It was started with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars and a surplus of six thousand dollars and under Mr. Kelly's administration the business of the bank has increased steadily, for in its management he has adopted a policy that commends itself to public confidence and support. The institution is now capitalized at sixty thousand dollars, with a surplus of fifteen thousand dollars, and its resources amount to nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It is a member of the Federal Reserve system and ranks with the strong financial institutions of Wayne county. Mr. Kelly's progressive spirit has also led him into other channels of activity and in 1900 he formed the Sodus Cold Storage Company, of which he became president, filling that office until 1922. He is still financially interested in the concern and is serving on the directorate of the Sodus Packing Company. He is an astute business man and financier and his legal learning and experience have served him well in the conduct of his affairs.

In 1900 Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Alice Wride, a native of Sodus and a daughter of George S. Wride, a member of one of the old families of this locality. Mrs. Wride was of English lineage and the immigrant ancestor of her family was a passenger on the Mayflower. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have two children: Alice Mary and George, aged, respectively, twenty-two and seventeen years. The daughter was graduated from Smith College and is now teacher of English literature in the Sodus high school. The son is a high school student.

During the World war Mr. Kelly gave much of his time to the service of the nation and worked earnestly to promote the success of the Liberty Loans and other government drives. He has never sought to evade the duties and obligations of citizenship and has been called to public office, serving for four years as justice of the peace. He is a staunch adherent of the democratic party and has been a delegate to several state conventions. Mr. Kelly has also made his influence count as a strong force in the moral progress of his community and for forty years was senior warden of St. John's Episcopal church, of which he is now treasurer and a vestryman. His fraternal connections are with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Masons and in the affairs of the latter organization he is active and prominent. He is a past master of Sodus Lodge, No. 392, F. & A. M., and was made grand sword bearer of the Grand Lodge, serving under Judge Sawyer. He is a past high priest of Wayne Chapter, No. 276, R. A. M., and also belongs to the council at Sodus, the commandery at Palmyra and the Shrine at Rochester. Mr. Kelly is a member of the New York State Bankers Association and his social nature finds expression in his connection with the Newark Country Club and the Rochester Club. He is alert and enterprising to a degree and in every relation of life has acquitted himself with dignity, fidelity and honor, winning as his reward the unqualified esteem of his fellowmen.

GEORGE H. NEWELL.

George H. Newell was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, February 18, 1828. Financial troubles compelled his giving up school at the age of fourteen and he was apprenticed to a cabinetmaker. That he thoroughly mastered his trade is attested by a number of pieces of furniture made by his hand which are still in use after fifty years of service. At the age of twenty-one he was married to Rosetta Bontel, who lived but little over a year, having a daughter, Ella, who later became the wife of Herman S. Searle.

About 1850 Mr. Newell came to Rochester with a cash capital of but one hundred dollars with which to make his start. He obtained employment with Brewster & Fenn, then engaged in the manufacture of furniture at No. 53 State street, and boarded at No. 103 State street. Here he received promotion to the position of foreman. On August 14, 1851, he was able to purchase his first real estate in Rochester, a home on the northeast corner of Gorham and Cole streets, which he occupied until 1880. About 1853 he left the employ of Brewster & Fenn, purchased a lot adjoining his home and began the manufacture of furniture and made the first extension table in Rochester. For several years he continued this line, but as the business grew, he found there was a considerable waste of lumber and he conceived the idea of using this in making small picture frames. It soon developed that there was a greater demand for frames and a larger profit than in making furniture. He, therefore, organized his business under name of the Empire Moulding Works. The old factory soon became



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too small and land was purchased on the south side of Gorham street and a store building erected. Here, with an occasional addition to the building to accommodate the increase of business, Mr. Newell continued the manufacture of picture frames and mouldings throughout his life. The factory employed about three hundred men and their products were shipped throughout the United States and to England, France and the West Indies, branch offices being maintained in London and Paris.

A few years after Mr. Newell's arrival in Rochester, he was married to Rose Logan and there were nine children, only two of whom lived to mature age—Frank G. and Julia A. About 1870 Mr. Newell lost his second wife and soon after his health began to show signs of failure. His physician ordered recreation and less attention to business. Mr. Newell was able to comply with this advice by his love for the water and in 1872 purchased a small yacht, "The Rambler". His love for the sport may perhaps be better appreciated from the following verses taken from his log book:

Farewell the anxious throng with hurrying feet,
The city's murky air and dusty street;
Farewell the fading shore, with straining sail,
Our little bark flies on before the gale.

Swift from our bow we dash the scattered spray,
While in our wake the circling eddies play;
With joy we leave life's busy cares behind,
And loose the fetters from the weary mind.

And now once more we hail with joyful glee,
Our old companions of the rolling sea,
And join with eager heart and ready hand,
Old sportive Neptune and his restless band.

In 1875 Mr. Newell was married to Ada A. Stocton, formerly Ada Augusta Russell of Hurne, Allegany county, New York. Two children were born of this union: Anna, who died at the age of four years; and George R., who is mentioned later. George H. Newell, with all the care and attention which he lavished on his business, found time to be a public-spirited citizen of Rochester.

In 1880 Mr. Newell purchased a home on St. Paul street. He was a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce and one of its trustees, a member of the board of park commissioners and an active chairman on several of its committees, and did most of the bargaining in the purchase of lands for Seneca Park. He was a member of the school board for two terms and a trustee of the Rochester Trust and Safe Deposit Company. He was a charter member of the Rochester Yacht Club and acted as its commodore for the first four years of its existence.

Mr. Newell died on June 8, 1892. Resolutions adopted by the Chamber of Commerce, the board of trustees of the Rochester Trust Company, the Rochester Yacht Club and other organizations, all testify to the high regard in which he was held by his associates.

Frank G. Newell, the oldest son, continued the Empire Moulding Works until his death on February 17, 1920. He was married to Florence Chase, a daughter of Ethan Allen Chase, a prominent nurseryman of Rochester until his removal to California. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Newell: Helen, now married to Lawrence Achilles; and Florence, who still resides with her mother. Julia A., daughter of George H. Newell, was married to Albert M. Marshall, of Marshall-Wells Hardware Company, Duluth, Minnesota.

Ada A., the widow of George H. Newell, continued to reside with her son, George R., in the old homestead on St. Paul street for many years. She died December 23, 1920, at the age of eighty.

George R. Newell attended the Bradstreet School in Rochester for several years. He graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, in 1899, attended the University of Rochester for one year, and entered Harvard University in 1901. He was graduated in civil engineering in 1905 and has practiced his profession in Rochester since that time. In 1910 he was married to Ruth Emily Taylor, daughter of Frank Taylor, former president of the Union Trust Company and founder of Taylor Brothers Company. There are four children: George Taylor Newell, born March 30, 1911; Anne Russell, born June 17, 1914; Ruth Harnden, born June 18, 1916; and John Mills, born August 22, 1920.

Upon graduation from Harvard Mr. Newell entered the employ of the New York

State Railways, first acting as draughtsman in the Engineering department and finally working up to the position of assistant engineer in charge of construction. In 1909 Mr. Newell entered into partnership with Irving E. Mathews, former chief engineer of the New York State Railways and an office was opened in the Newell building, No. 103 Main street, West, to do a general engineering and survey business. In 1910 Mr. Mathews left the partnership to take a position in the city engineer's office, Mr. Newell continuing alone to conduct the business. In 1924 Mr. Newell incorporated, taking in as stockholders Mr. Harold F. Smeed, Mr. Kenneth J. Knapp and Mr. Gloster P. Hevenor.

Besides conducting the engineering office Mr. Newell has been interested in the development of real estate, particularly in the first ward, where he possessed property left to him by his father. He was a member of the First Ward Improvement Association and one of its directors from its beginning, and upon formation of the Rochester Motor Terminal Company, he was elected its first president, which office he has held ever since. Mr. Newell is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the University Club, the Rochester Engineering Society, the Rochester Historical Society, the Archaeological Society, the Rochester Yacht Club and the Harvard Club.

SOL HEUMANN.

Sol Heumann is a well known, popular and progressive young business man of Rochester who has won renown in the Genesee country as head of the Keller-Heumann-Thompson Company, Incorporated, which he has developed from a small establishment to a vast manufacturing plant furnishing employment to more than one thousand experienced clothing workers. He was born in Rochester, New York, on the 8th of April, 1883, his parents being Bernhard and Kate (Meyer) Heumann, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they crossed the Atlantic to America in early life. The father gained a well-merited measure of success in the cattle business, which claimed his attention to the time of his death. He is still remembered by many of Rochester's residents for his many kindly deeds and for the integrity and honor which marked his business dealings at all times. His wife, who still survives him, proved an ideal mother, rearing a family that would be a credit to any community and which is a splendid example of the influence of home training in character development.

Sol Heumann acquired his education in the public schools of Rochester and after putting aside his textbooks served an apprenticeship in the clothing manufacturing business, to which he has devoted his time and energies continuously since. He embarked in business on his own account with but a few employes, and some idea of the growth of the enterprise under his capable control may be gained from the fact that he now directs the labors of more than one thousand workmen, all of whom accord him their unqualified esteem and loyalty. It has been said that his name is a household word among his workers and a guarantee of fair dealing with all of his employes. The Keller-Heumann-Thompson Company, of which Mr. Heumann is president and director, was incorporated with a capital of \$300,000.00 which at present is \$2,250,000.00, and conducts one of the most sanitary and one of the best lighted and ventilated clothing factories in the United States. The products of the corporation are handled by the highest type of clothing merchants in all parts of this country. Mr. Heumann enjoys an enviable reputation as a business man of excellent executive ability, keen discrimination and unflinching enterprise.

A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, Mr. Heumann has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the order. He is likewise identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a life member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Holding to the religious faith of his fathers, he is a member of the Berith Kodesh temple. He also belongs to the Automobile Club of Rochester of which he is first vice president, the Irondequoit Country Club, the Idlers Club of Rochester, the Rochester Rotary Club, the Rochester Athletic Club and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Humane Society of Rochester and the Young Men's Christian Association. During the period of the World war he participated in the various drives which were carried on in aid of the government and has always taken a helpful interest in those projects instituted to promote the progress and advancement of his native city. His spirit of philanthropy is evidenced in the liberal assistance which he has given to Rochester's charitable organizations. He is a self-made man, before whom the door of opportunity has swung open because of his ability, industry and determination, and in winning ad-



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vancement he has at the same time gained the unqualified esteem and respect of those with whom he has been associated, for he is thoroughly dependable and his integrity and honor have ever remained unquestioned. Mr. Heumann's residence is at No. 24 Hawthorn street.

WILLIAM HENRY VICINUS.

William Henry Vicinus, a lifelong resident of Rochester and one of its highly esteemed citizens, was for many years well known in business circles as treasurer of the firm of Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus, Incorporated, the most prominent general contractors of the city. He was fifty-eight years of age when called to the home beyond on the 24th of December, 1923, for he was born on April 13, 1865. His parents were William and Caroline (Kohler) Vicinus, the former a member of the old original firm of Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus, the oldest contracting concern in Rochester.

William Henry Vicinus supplemented his public school education by a course of study in a business college and after putting aside his textbooks entered the employ of the Rochester Carting Company. Subsequently he became identified with the firm of which his father was a member and after the latter's demise was made its treasurer, serving in that capacity throughout the remainder of his life. He enjoyed a well-merited reputation as a business man of excellent executive ability and sound judgment whose efforts contributed in large measure to the steady expansion and continued success of the business. He was also one of the directors of the Citizens Bank, now the Union Trust Company.

On the 6th of October, 1897, Mr. Vicinus was united in marriage to Miss Eunice Elizabeth Whitmore, daughter of Valentine Fauldin and Eunice L. (Haight) Whitmore. To Mr. and Mrs. Vicinus were born two sons: William Whitmore, born March 15, 1901, who is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, class of 1923, is connected with the firm of Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus, and who married Miss Helen Brown of Buffalo; and Homer Walter, born May 10, 1904, who is a student in the University of Rochester, class of 1926.

Not only in the business circles of his community but also in its public life was Mr. Vicinus an active factor, serving for one term as a member of the general assembly. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Central Presbyterian church, while fraternally he was identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Valley Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Rochester Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He likewise held membership in the Rochester Club, the Rochester Athletic Club and the Builders Exchange. On the demise of Mr. Vicinus the last named organization sent the following letter to his widow: "The sudden death of Mr. Vicinus came as a great shock to the officers and members of the Builders Exchange. He had been a member of the organization for a great number of years, and his cheerful, kindly disposition and upright business methods had endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was loyal to his friends and to the industry of which he was a valued part. In his quiet, unassuming way he used his influence for the good of the community in which he had lived and worked for so many years. Our members desire to extend to you and to the members of your family their heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement, and have instructed that a page be set aside in our records in which a copy of this letter will be inscribed."

VALENTINE F. WHITMORE.

Valentine F. Whitmore, the father of Mrs. Vicinus, was the president and founder of the general contracting firm of Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus. He was a native of Germany, born September 17, 1844, and at the age of five years came from the fatherland to the New World, the family home being established in Syracuse, where he acquired the major part of his education. In 1859 he started out to earn his own livelihood, being employed as water boy on public works in Syracuse. At the age of eighteen he came to Rochester and later became superintendent of construction on the canal and received a contract to repair the Erie canal. He worked on the canal for the late Lewis Selye until 1868, when he established the contracting business which under his guidance and the assistance of able associates grew into one of the mammoth industrial enterprises of the city. He continued to do contracting alone for a time but on January 1, 1875, organized the firm of Whitmore, Rauber & Vicinus, in

association with the late John Rauber and William Vicinus, being made president of the concern. The rapid growth and development of the business necessitated the enlargement of the force of workmen from time to time. They were awarded and executed some of the largest contracts in the city, principally in street improvements. The firm is fortunate in possessing its own limestone quarry, for its principal work is street and sewer contracting, cut stone and masons' supplies and interior marble work. Mr. Whitmore was connected with a number of other business enterprises, served as vice president of the Merchants Bank and as trustee of the East Side Savings Bank and was at one time a director of the Genesee Valley Trust Company.

On the 21st of February, 1867, Valentine F. Whitmore was married to Miss Eunice L. Haight, and to them were born three sons and a daughter: Lewis S. of this city; Walter V., also of Rochester; Eunice, who is the widow of William H. Vicinus, and Homer G., deceased.

In his political views Valentine F. Whitmore was a stalwart republican and took a keen interest in the party's success, being somewhat active in local political circles. He served for four years as school commissioner and for four years as alderman, and while he took an active part in the city's welfare and upbuilding as well as in municipal progress and improvement, giving his influence in support of progressive public measures and lending his aid in a substantial way to furthering the plans for the city's development, he yet preferred to hold no public office, desiring rather to concentrate his time and energies upon his extensive business. He had passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey when his career was ended by death.

HARRY NATT HOFFMAN.

Harry Natt Hoffman is engaged in the nursery business in Elmira, his native city, and has served his fellow citizens in various capacities. His record as a public official is an unblemished one, characterized by fidelity to duty and thorough, painstaking work. He is a member of a family that was established in Chemung county a century and a quarter ago. He was born November 24, 1861, a son of George W. and Sarah (Bowman) Hoffman, both of whom were natives of this county. The paternal grandfather, William Hoffman, came of Pennsylvania Dutch stock and was born in Northumberland. He removed from the Keystone state to Chemung county, New York, in 1799, and purchased a tract of wild land, on which he built a small log house, which was later replaced by a substantial brick residence. He was one of the pioneer business men of Elmira and a leader in its industrial development. For a considerable period he operated a hat factory on Water street. His demise occurred in 1867, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. His son, George W. Hoffman, devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and owned a productive, well improved farm in the vicinity of Elmira. He was a member of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church and consistently followed its teachings. He gave his political support to the republican party and served at one time as alderman of the city.

Harry Natt Hoffman completed his education in Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1883, winning the degree of Bachelor of Science. For a time he worked on a farm and later entered the nursery business, in which he has since engaged. He has a large greenhouse and conducts his business under the name of the Hoffman Nursery Company. He has made a scientific study of the business and through wise management and unabating effort has built up one of the largest firms of the kind in this locality. He has a valuable farm, supplied with modern equipment, and also operates a dairy, receiving a good income from these sources.

In 1890 Mr. Hoffman was married to Miss Anna Wray, who was born in New York city and was there reared and educated. She was a Quaker but after coming to Elmira joined the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Hoffman passed away in April, 1923, leaving a family of six children: Wray B., who is a mechanical engineer and resides in the city of Philadelphia; Allyn P., who is associated in business with his father; Arthur L., who is a farmer and stock raiser and resides in Elmira; William E., a senior in Colgate College; Ruth, who is a member of the sophomore class at Wellesley College; and George C., who is attending the Elmira Free Academy. Wray, Allyn and Arthur were in training for service in the World war, but were not sent overseas. All are graduates of Cornell University.

Mr. Hoffman is a member of the congregation of the Presbyterian church and has served as one of its trustees. His ancestors were soldiers in the Continental

army and he is one of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is a republican in politics and for two years was a member of the city council. He served for four years as jury commissioner of Chemung county and was also park commissioner. He was appointed a member of the Sullivan Reservation Commission and during the World war was chairman of the local exemption board. On January 1, 1914, he assumed the duties of mayor of Elmira and filled that office until December 31, 1919. His administration was characterized by much constructive work and in the discharge of his duties he never placed personal benefit before the general good, lending the weight of his influence to every measure of reform and progress. Mr. Hoffman is a director of the Elmira Savings and Loan Association and vice president of the U. S. Cut Flower Company.

ELBERT ORLANDO BUDD.

In every community death is constantly taking his toll from the living. The record of Elbert Orlando Budd constituted a fine example of manliness, industry and devotion to duty and in his demise, which occurred May 27, 1924, in the Union Station at Utica, while he was on his way to a camp in the Adirondacks, his family and friends experienced a sudden and sad bereavement. He was long identified with the Eastman Kodak Company, to which he gave thirty-four years of faithful and efficient service, and Rochester numbered him among its loyal, public-spirited and highly esteemed citizens. He was born in Greece, New York, March 11, 1861, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Merrill) Budd, prominent residents of that locality, in which members of the Budd family have lived for several generations. The father was born in the town of Greece in 1842, and in 1864, when a young man of twenty-two, was appointed inspector of customs at Charlotte, New York. He served for twelve years as justice of the peace in Greece, also filling other public offices of trust and responsibility, and his many commendable traits of character established him high in public regard.

Elbert O. Budd was eleven years of age when the family removed to Rochester and his education was completed in School No. 6 in the Flower city. His initial experience along business lines was gained in the Cunningham book store on State street, in which he worked for three years. On the expiration of that period he became an employe in the Lockhart bracket factory on Center street, where he spent about five years. He then entered the service of the Eastman Kodak Company and was first stationed at the factory in State street, later being transferred to the Kodak Park works. At that time there were but sixty employes and all of the coating was done by hand. Mr. Budd readily mastered the tasks assigned him, conscientiously discharging his duties, and his efforts were rewarded by promotion from time to time. Taking a keen interest in his work, he was constantly seeking to broaden his knowledge and increase his efficiency, and eventually was made foreman of the paper coating department, which he brought up to a high standard. He practically grew up with the business, contributing his share toward the development of this gigantic industry, and its progress was to him a matter of personal pride, for he was ever loyal to the interests of his employers, giving to them the best service of which he was capable.

In 1884 Mr. Budd was married to Miss Elizabeth Marie Thistle and they became the parents of a son: Mortimer E., who is connected with the shipping department of the Eastman Kodak Company. About a month prior to his death Mr. Budd retired from the service of the corporation and was en route to the mountains to enjoy a much needed vacation when he suddenly expired. He was a charter member of Corinthian Temple, past noble grand of the Aurora Lodge of Odd Fellows, and was also identified with Unity Encampment of that order. In politics he was a republican and his interest in the welfare and advancement of his city was deep and sincere. He was a great reader and was well informed on all matters of public moment. He was a devoted husband and father and his happiest hours were spent in the society of his family. True to the ties of home and friendship, his was a well ordered, upright life that earned for him the unqualified esteem of all with whom he was associated.

Mrs. Budd is active in religious, social, fraternal and political affairs and her many admirable qualities have drawn to her a large circle of admiring friends. She is affiliated with Trinity Episcopal church and her life is guided by its teachings. She belongs to the Republican Club and is chairman of the tenth ward republican

committee, in which connection she displays much executive ability. She has filled several important offices in fraternal orders and is a past worthy high priestess of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, president of the Temple committee and a past matron of Corinthian Chapter. She is also a past president of past matrons and a past noble grand of Monroe Lodge of the Rebekahs, the woman's auxiliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

HON. GEORGE BOWEN.

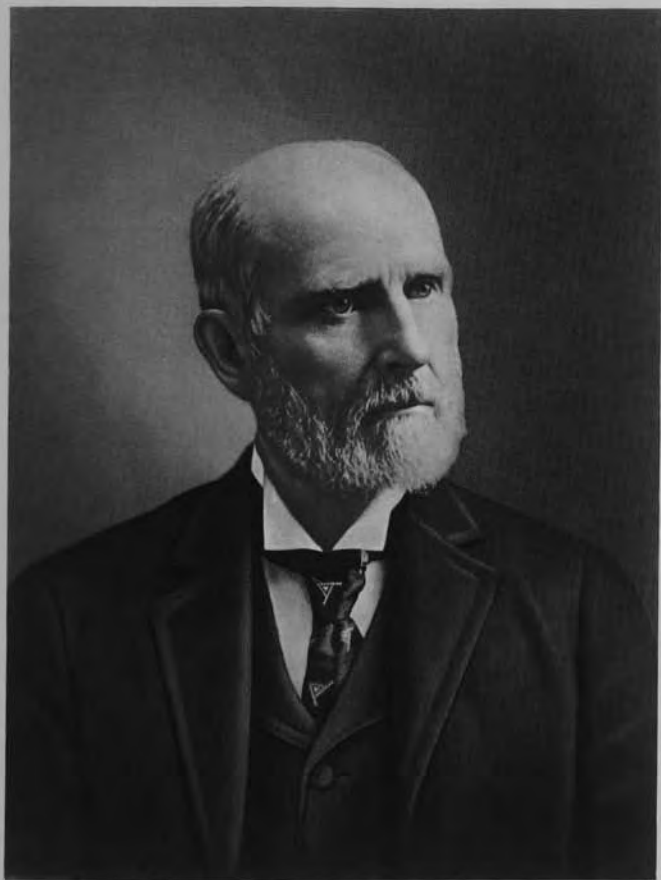
The Hon. George Bowen was for more than seventy years one of the most prominent and best known residents of Batavia. He practiced law there for nearly sixty years of that time, was a leading figure in business, politics and finance, and enjoyed a widespread acquaintance throughout the state. He was born in Shelby, Orleans county, New York, September 28, 1831, the son of Dr. Abiel and Anna S. (Cone) Bowen.

George Bowen was educated in the common schools, at Millville Academy, and Cary Collegiate Institute, from which he was graduated in 1848. He studied law in Batavia and was admitted to the bar in December, 1852. Shortly afterward he formed a law partnership with Elijah Hurty. Being in delicate health, he shipped in a fishing schooner for the Newfoundland fishing banks, returning to Batavia in 1854 to find that his law partner had died during his absence. Later, and from time to time, he had as law partners Nathan A. Woodward, William W. Rowley, the Hon. Edward C. Walker, his brother-in-law, the Hon. Charles Henshaw, later county judge of Genesee county, the Hon. Myron H. Peck, who was afterward elected to the same position; Loren Greene, and former County Judge Edward A. Washburn. The last partnership endured from 1889 until Mr. Bowen's retirement from the legal profession on January 1, 1909. Mr. Bowen died at the age of eighty-nine years, at his home in Batavia, on January 22, 1921.

Mr. Bowen joined the republican party upon its foundation, and in early life was elected both village and town clerk of Batavia and later district attorney of Genesee county. He conducted this office with marked ability and won an enduring reputation. He was corporation counsel of the village of Batavia and was postmaster of Batavia from 1861 to 1865, by appointment of Abraham Lincoln. He went to Washington and received his commission as postmaster from Mr. Lincoln personally, and at that time measured heights with the great emancipator, with the result that not a hair's breadth of difference could be discovered between them, each measuring six feet, four inches. Mr. Bowen served two terms as state senator, 1870-1874. and was directly responsible for the location of the New York State School for the Blind in Batavia. He was a trustee of this school for two periods of several years each, and at the termination of the latter declined a reappointment. At the close of his term in the senate he was offered a law partnership in one of the leading firms in New York, which he declined.

Mr. Bowen secured the original charter for the First National Bank of Batavia in 1864, and was a director of that institution from that date until his death, and vice president from 1898. He was also president of the Holland Purchase Fire Insurance Company in Batavia, which although financially very successful was liquidated and closed in the late '70s. His greatest success, however, was found in the profession of the law. He was reared in an atmosphere of general practice, and made it his rule to accept whatever case was offered him, so long as it seemed to possess merit. He did not specialize, but excelled both in the trial and the business branches of the profession. His opinion on questions of law was frequently sought by other members of the profession and his simple statement of a legal principle in plain language was found more to be relied upon than the involved and often conflicting opinions in the published volumes of reports, which during his time came to be multiplied to an extent which he in common with other lawyers greatly deprecated.

He was the friend and associate of the men of his time who were leaders in his profession and in political life—Judge Benjamin Pringle, once congressman from the Batavia district; United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew, who recently celebrated his ninety-first birthday; Judge Loran L. Lewis, for years the leader of the trial bar of Erie county; General James Wood of Genesee; Martin Grover, one of the most distinguished judges this state has ever produced; the elder Rufus W. Peckham, perhaps equally regarded as a jurist; and Sanford E. Church, for ten years chief judge of the court of appeals of this state. All of these were among his intimate friends,



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and there are many others whose names are still remembered. William F. Cogswell, George F. Danforth, Theodore Bacon, and the great men of the Rochester bar, were equally well known to him.

Mr. Bowen was married on December 17, 1856, to Emerette A. Walker, daughter of Cyrus and Anna (Hulett) Walker of Byron. Mrs. Bowen died on December 17, 1918. Their daughter, Miss Anna C. Bowen, lives in the family home, No. 210 East Main street, in the city of Batavia.

FLOYD W. RYAN.

Proprietor and manager of what is probably the largest hardware business in the town, Floyd W. Ryan, postmaster at Dalton, Livingston county, New York, had the practical experience of handling large affairs before he undertook to handle the government mails, and his administration of this important office has been of the most satisfactory nature. Floyd W. Ryan was born in Dalton, the son of John Ryan.

Mr. Ryan is a republican and has always taken an interest in politics, without, however, being an office seeker. His appointment as postmaster of Dalton by President Harding, on March 21, 1922, was therefore gratifying to the commercial element in the town and met with the approval of the residents, irrespective of their political inclinations. The hardware business of which Mr. Ryan is the owner was established in 1877 by C. S. Lynde, now retired and living in Dalton. Mr. Ryan entered the business as a partner in 1908, and in 1917 purchased Mr. Lynde's interest, since which time Mr. Ryan has conducted the business successfully alone.

Mr. Ryan was married on April 7, 1904, to Maude Lynde, daughter of C. S. Lynde. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan are the parents of two children: Floyd W., Jr., and Lawrence P. Fraternally Mr. Ryan is affiliated with the Masonic order.

STEWART STOWE PIPER, M. D.

Dr. Stewart Stowe Piper is an able exponent of the homeopathic school of medicine and a loyal American citizen who gave proof of his patriotism by service in the United States and France. For the past thirteen years he has maintained an office in Elmira, but he is a native of the south, born in Portsmouth, Virginia, in 1876, a son of Simeon and Myra (Armstrong) Piper, the latter a native of Binghamton, New York, and a daughter of Gabriel Armstrong, who removed from this state to the south before the Civil war. He was one of the pioneer lumbermen of that region and there spent the remainder of his life. Simeon Piper was born in Orange county, New York, and migrated to the south, where he spent the greater part of his life, devoting his attention to the lumber business. He gave his political support to the republican party. His death occurred in Chemung county, in 1891, when he was fifty-eight years of age, surviving his wife for ten years. The latter passed away in 1881, at the age of thirty-two. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Piper's paternal grandfather enlisted in the Union army at the age of sixty-five and served for two years. He contributed six sons to the service of his country, namely: Daniel, Simeon, George, William, James and Henry, two of whom were killed in the service. Simeon joined Company F, First New York Light Artillery, and his term of service covered four years. Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Piper became the parents of two children: Stewart Stowe of this review; and Harriet, who is the wife of Samuel K. Hudson, a prosperous farmer of Chemung county.

Dr. Stewart Stowe Piper obtained his preliminary education in the schools of Norfolk, Virginia, and Chemung county, New York, and in 1906 was graduated from the New York Homeopathic Medical College and Flower Hospital. He began his professional career in Horseheads, New York, where he remained for a time, and since 1911 has been a resident of Elmira. He devoted two years to postgraduate work and now specializes in urology, although still continuing in the general practice of medicine. Dr. Piper also conducts a state clinic in Elmira.

Dr. Piper volunteered for service in the World war and was the first physician in Chemung county to enlist. He was commissioned a first lieutenant on July 6, 1917, was post commander at Charleston, South Carolina, and was ordered to France

in August, 1918, as regimental surgeon with rank of major. He received his honorable discharge on the 21st of August, 1919, and resumed his practice in Elmira.

On April 20, 1909, Dr. Piper was married to a daughter of Dr. James T. Renouff, a prominent surgeon of Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. and Mrs. Piper have one son, Myles Standish.

Dr. Piper belongs to the Masonic lodge and club and is also a member of the American Legion. Along professional lines he is connected with the Elmira Academy of Medicine, the Chemung County and New York State Medical Societies, the New York State Homeopathic Medical Society, of which he was treasurer during the World war, and the American Institute of Homeopathy. Aspiring to high ideals of service, he utilizes every opportunity to promote his knowledge and increase his efficiency, and enjoys the respect of his professional colleagues and also of the general public.

GEORGE C. SCHLEGEL.

George C. Schlegel, secretary and treasurer of the Schlegel Manufacturing Company, is one of Rochester's successful business men whose entire life has been passed in this city, and he was born here on the 4th of July, 1870. His father, Frederick Schlegel, was one of the prominent florists of Rochester, and his mother, previous to her marriage, was Miss Adelheid Fetzner.

George C. Schlegel was the youngest of six children and after attending the public schools he took a course at the Rochester Business Institute. He began his career in the florist business with his father and for several years was thus engaged, learning a great deal concerning the science of floriculture. In 1900 he joined his brother, Charles P. Schlegel, in the industrial enterprise now known as the Schlegel Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of all kinds of narrow fabrics for automobiles, in addition to carriage, hearse and other trimmings. This is one of the most substantial manufacturing concerns in Rochester, employs from two hundred and fifty to three hundred people, occupies a superb plant thoroughly modern in construction and equipment, and its product, which is nationally known, represents the highest standards in its line. The success achieved by the Schlegel Manufacturing Company is a magnificent tribute to its management. About 1893 Mr. Schlegel, in company with John A. Hartfelder, organized the furniture manufacturing concern known as John A. Hartfelder & Company, and remained thus connected until about 1902.

In Rochester, on the 13th of June, 1912, Mr. Schlegel was married to Miss Caroline M. Stecher and they have a daughter: Helen Adelheid. Mrs. Schlegel is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stecher, the former of whom was one of the foremost men in this country in the lithographing business. Mr. and Mrs. Schlegel are well known in the social and club life of the city. Mrs. Schlegel is a member of the Century Club, the Thursday Musical Club and Woman's City Club and takes an active part in the work of these organizations. Mr. Schlegel is a life member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Rochester Club, the Automobile Club of Rochester and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. His business activities not only have a direct bearing upon the city's industrial prosperity, but have placed him in a most creditable position among Rochester's strong and capable business men. Mr. Schlegel's residence is at No. 1132 East avenue.

THOMAS F. ROGERS.

Thomas F. Rogers, eminent attorney and expert on criminal law, has practiced in Corning, New York, since 1903. During that time he has built up a very successful law practice and found opportunity to give much effort to the democratic party as well. He was born in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, June 26, 1879, the son of Edward and Margaret (Cullinan) Rogers, both of whom were born in Ireland, the former coming to the United States when a small boy and learning the tanner's trade. He is still living, at the age of eighty-seven.

Thomas F. Rogers was educated in Corning high school and Niagara University, Niagara, New York, where he took the literary course and was graduated with the class of 1898. He then attended Columbia Law School, where he took a special law course and passed his bar examinations in 1901. The young attorney began practice in Addison, New York, and stayed there for two years, after which he opened



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offices in Corning. Thomas Rogers went into partnership with Judge Waldo M. Willard in 1908, and this association continued for four years, being severed by the death of Judge Willard. In 1919 he took Charles E. McManus into partnership with him. He has kept up a busy general law practice but has made his greatest success in criminal law. For example, he has defended in twenty-nine murder cases and won twenty-six of them. His practice extends all over the Southern Tier of counties in southern New York and the northern part of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Rogers is a democrat of distinction and is the virtual leader of that party in Corning. He has served as delegate to many state conventions and has been a member of the county and city committees, and his influence is far-reaching in the party of Jefferson and Wilson. During the World war he became associated with the Alien Property Custodian in the legal department in New York, under Joseph Griffin, and still maintains this connection.

Thomas F. Rogers is a Roman Catholic, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, and the Corning Country Club. His recreation is golf. He is a bachelor.

LEWIS HENRY.

One of the most prominent practitioners at the Elmira bar is Lewis Henry, one of the city's native sons, who was born June 8, 1885. His parents, William T. and Annie (Swift) Henry, were married in Hamilton, New York, and for many years have been numbered among the highly respected residents of Elmira. His mother is a native of Hamilton and his father was born in New York city, in 1849. His father is a graduate of Colgate Academy, University and Theological Seminary, for four decades was pastor of the First Baptist church of Elmira, and is now its pastor emeritus. He gives his political support to the republican party and has always conscientiously discharged the duties of citizenship. He is a man of scholarly attainments and his influence upon the life of his community has been of the highest order. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry, six of whom survive. Lewis is the sixth in order of birth.

Lewis Henry was graduated from the Elmira Free Academy in 1904 and in 1909 received the A. B. degree from Cornell University. He completed a course in the Columbia Law School in 1911, in the same year was admitted to the bar, and has since followed his profession in Elmira.

Mr. Henry was married on October 23, 1914, to Miss Marianne Olcott, who was born in Corning, New York, and was educated at Briarcliff Manor, this state. They have two daughters: Anne and Marianne. Mr. Henry is a Baptist in religious faith and his wife is a member of the Episcopal church. He casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and has been chosen to fill important public offices. He served for four years on the board of supervisors of Chemung county and on April 11, 1922, was elected congressman from this district, filling out the unexpired term of Alanson B. Houghton, who was appointed United States ambassador to Germany. He has also been county attorney. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, a Knight of Pythias and an Elk. He belongs to the City and Country Clubs of Elmira, the Corning City Club, the Town & Gown Club of Ithaca, the Cornell University Club of New York, and the Racquet Club of Washington, D. C. Mr. Henry has won a well-deserved reputation as a public speaker and his services upon the platform are constantly in demand throughout this section.

WILLIAM FREDERICK BORNCAMP.

With the history of Rochester's progress along industrial lines the name of William Frederick Borncamp is closely and prominently associated, and his sudden death on the 12th of June, 1923, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for his life was one of great usefulness and activity, actuated by high ideals and characterized by intense devotion to duty. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 4, 1875, a son of Henry and Lena (Schurch) Borncamp.

The education of William Frederick Borncamp was acquired in the public schools of his native city. His first independent business venture was the establishment of a retail grocery in Minneapolis at the corner of Fourth avenue, South, and Nineteenth street, South, and he continued as its proprietor until he entered the military

service of his country, when his brother purchased his stock of merchandise. Subsequently Mr. Borncamp went to Albert Lea, Minnesota, and entered the employ of a wholesale grocery firm of that city, in which he spent about five years. He next became sales manager for Franklin MacVeagh & Company of Chicago, a large wholesale grocery house, with which he was connected for two years in that capacity, and on the expiration of that period came to Rochester. He acted as sales manager for the American Fruit Products Company until the failure of the firm, when the business was taken over by the Duffy-Mott Company of New York, of which Mr. Borncamp was a member. He became its secretary and filled that office until his death, contributing materially toward the development of what is now the largest industry in the United States devoted to the manufacture of vinegar and cider. All of his force and energy were expended upon the upbuilding of this business, to which he gave his undivided attention, never allowing himself time for recreation, and he lived to see the undertaking upon which he had spent so much effort reach its full fruition, rejoicing in the accomplishment of a task well done. Mr. Borncamp was also one of the organizers of the American Cider & Vinegar Manufacturers Association, which maintained its headquarters in Rochester, and at one time he served as its president.

On September 4, 1895, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mr. Borncamp was married to Miss Nellie E. White and they became the parents of five children: Wendell, who married Blossom Doser and is connected with the Duffy-Mott Company; Irwin, who married Mildred Fox and has a daughter, Betty; Le Roy, who married Hazel Harrison and resides in New York city; Margaret, the wife of Cle W. Herman; and Dorothy.

Mr. Borncamp was not identified with any organizations of a social or fraternal nature and subordinated every interest to the demands of his business, realizing the value of concentrated effort. During the fourteen years of his residence in Rochester he made a lasting impression upon the business life of the city and his labors will continue to bear fruit for many years to come. His keen sagacity and superior executive force made him a power to be reckoned with in the world of commerce and he was honored for his integrity, admired for his ability and esteemed for those qualities which made possible his success. Death came to him unexpectedly as his train was entering the Grand Central station in New York city. He passed away at the age of forty-eight years, when in the full flush of his powers, and while his life was short, it was eminently complete, affording a notable example of singleness of purpose and an indomitable spirit.

JOHN EDWARD GUBB.

John Edward Gubb, the capable incumbent in the position of postmaster of Batavia, to which he was appointed on the 25th of April, 1922, was successfully engaged in business as a shoe merchant for about two decades prior to that time and has long been numbered among the most public-spirited and enterprising residents of the city. He was born in Elba, Genesee county, New York, on the 15th of May, 1865, his parents being William and Ann (Brailey) Gubb. The father emigrated to this country from England and settled in Genesee county, this state, where he spent the remainder of his life as an agriculturist.

John Edward Gubb completed a course in the grammar and high schools of Batavia by graduation in 1884 and after putting aside his textbooks entered the employ of T. F. Woodward, a shoe merchant, with whom he remained for ten years. Subsequently he served as salesman for the shoe house of Edward R. Rice of Buffalo for about nine years, on the expiration of which period he embarked in the shoe business on his own account in Batavia, feeling that his capital and experience justified him in the venture. As proprietor of the J. E. Gubb Shoe Store he developed a business of large and profitable proportions, which he conducted for about twenty years and then sold. As above stated, he was appointed postmaster of Batavia for a four-year term, on the 25th of April, 1922, and is making an excellent record in this capacity by reason of the efficient and faithful discharge of the duties devolving upon him.

On the 4th of June, 1892, Mr. Gubb was married to Miss Julia B. Bull, daughter of Miles and Maria C. Bull of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Gubb are the parents of two sons: Lawrence Edward, who fills the position of Buffalo district manager for the Philadelphia Storage Battery Company; and William Miles, who is manager of the Endicott-Johnson shoe store of Batavia.



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A staunch republican in politics, Mr. Gubb has been an active worker in the local ranks of the party and was chosen the first councilman from his district when Batavia was incorporated as a city. He enjoys high standing in the community as a citizen whose efforts have ever been exerted in behalf of municipal progress and improvement, and he belongs to both the Batavia Chamber of Commerce and the Batavia Rotary Club, being a charter member of the latter organization. He has served as a director of the Local Young Men's Christian Association and was a member of the committee which had charge of erecting its new building in Batavia. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, of which he has long served as a trustee and in the work of which he takes an active and helpful part. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, in which he has filled all of the chairs, belonging to Batavia Lodge, No. 375, F. & A. M., of Batavia; Western Star Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M., of Batavia; Batavia Commandery, No. 34, K. T., of which he has been prelate for a number of years; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Rochester. Mr. Gubb is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has ever manifested an enthusiastic interest in work along the lines of civic betterment and community welfare and is justly numbered among the valued and esteemed citizens of Batavia.

HOWARD R. GIBSON.

In the conduct of most country newspapers a job printing plant is usually an important part of the outfit, and the earnings from this are essential to the operation of the whole enterprise. The practical printer, therefore, starts off with a decided advantage in the conduct of a country weekly newspaper. Howard R. Gibson, editor and proprietor of the Avon News of Avon, Livingston county, New York, is one of these practical printers, and is making a success of his paper because of his thorough knowledge of the printing business. The Avon News has a circulation of about seven hundred copies weekly, and the revenue from this, added to the earnings of the large job printing plant, make the publication a profitable venture.

Mr. Gibson was born at Tippecanoe, Ohio, on January 6, 1874. His ancestors were associated with New York state, his grandfather, Charles DeWitt Gibson, at one time having been the proprietor of the White Horse Tavern at East Avon. Mr. Gibson learned the printing trade in Colorado and worked at the trade continuously until the founding of the Avon News on October 23, 1907. The paper was started as a democratic weekly by Mr. Gibson, and is issued every Friday.

On June 22, 1905, Mr. Gibson was married to Louise Walther, who is his able assistant in the conduct of the News. They have two children: Corodon W. and Walther W.

GEORGE M. SHULL.

Now retired from a long and distinguished career in journalism, during which he became one of the best known newspaper men in the Genesee country, George M. Shull of Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York, is living at his home in peaceful reflection on the incidents of his eventful life. As an editor it is said of Mr. Shull that he was fearless in the expression of his opinions editorially, and was always reliably on the side of clean politics and clean living. He was born on April 11, 1846, at Dansville, New York, the son of Griffith D. and Aseneth (Moe) Shull, his parents being of German descent, but natives of New York state.

George M. Shull received a preliminary education in the district school in the suburbs of Dansville, which had quarters in the "Old White School House" and was conducted under primitive conditions. When he broke into the newspaper business in 1860 he was fourteen years old, and his duties were that of printer's devil on the Advertiser at Dansville, under the late A. O. Bunnell. At the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Shull tried to enlist, but failed. Not discouraged by this rebuff, he tried a second time, and again failed. Being plentifully endowed with pertinacity, he tried a third time, and was accepted, becoming a member of Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-eighth New York Volunteers. Mr. Shull participated in a number of engagements with the Army of the Potomac under General Grant, and during the latter part of his service was attached to the general staff of Brigadier General Gregory, as

orderly. After the close of hostilities Mr. Shull returned home and for a time was employed on the Republican at Geneseo. He became foreman of the Dansville Express in 1870, and afterward was local editor and business manager of the paper. On March 4, 1875, Mr. Shull founded the Mount Morris Enterprise at Mount Morris, and published this paper with marked success until November, 1912, on the 12th of the month selling out to Raymond Haywood. Mr. Shull was one of the organizers of the Craig Colony and a director under Governor Flower, was one of the organizers of the Mount Morris Odd Fellow lodge, and was one of the charter members of the Mount Morris G. A. R. post, which is now inactive.

Mr. Shull was married on March 12, 1891, to Mrs. Jennie Garlinghouse Mills. They have one son, Frederick P., who is a graduate of Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, and is now manager of the Genesee Valley Manufacturing Company.

ABRAHAM LANDE, M. D.

Dr. Abraham Lande, now practicing his profession in Elmira, his native city, was born March 11, 1882, a son of Theodore and Bertha (Panimo) Lande, natives of Russia. The latter were married in New York city and became the parents of five children, one of whom is deceased. Abraham, of this review, is the oldest. The father was a wholesale jeweler and a successful business man. Mr. and Mrs. Lande were faithful members of the High Street Temple and he was also connected with the Masonic order, while his political allegiance was given to the republican party. The public school education of Abraham Lande was supplemented by a course in Cornell University and his medical training was received in the University of Buffalo, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. He was an interne in the Erie County Hospital for two years and has since practiced in Elmira, with the exception of the time spent in the service of his country. He enlisted in the Medical Corps of the Fourth Regiment, Field Artillery, and was sent to Camp Jackson, South Carolina. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and his term of service covered four months. After his discharge he returned to Elmira and is now a member of the medical staff of the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital. He has attended the Post Graduate College in New York city, also the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Doctor Lande is of the Jewish faith and his professional relations are with the Elmira Academy of Medicine, the Chemung County and New York State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner and is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Cold Brook Club, the Cornell Club of New York, the American Legion and the "40 & 8" Club.

JOSEPH PERCY KALBFUS.

Rochester has long been classed with the great manufacturing cities of the country, while it has also become widely known as a center of culture, and among those who have contributed to its prestige along educational lines is Joseph Percy Kalbfus, the founder and head of a preparatory school for boys. He was born in Frostburg, Allegany county, Maryland, January 8, 1868, a son of the Rev. Charles H. and Frances L. (Patterson) Kalbfus, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. The father was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and removed to Ohio, becoming connected with the West Ohio conference. His powers and talents were unselfishly dedicated to the moral uplift of humanity and his course at all times awakened admiration and respect. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kalbfus: Charles P., deceased; John W., a resident of Dayton, Ohio; Frances L., who has also passed away; and Joseph.

Reared in a home of culture and in an environment of learning, Joseph Percy Kalbfus has naturally devoted his life to study and to the dissemination of knowledge. He obtained his higher education in the Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he received the A. B. degree in 1895, and afterward took postgraduate work in the University of Chicago. He came to Rochester in 1901 and for six years was an instructor in the Bradstreet Preparatory School. In 1907 he established the Kalbfus School for Boys, which he has successfully directed for the past seventeen years. He is most thorough in his methods of instruction and the institution which he has built up



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compares favorably with the best of its kind in the east. The school was located for three years on Beverly street, for six years on East avenue, corner of Scio street, and moved to its own property in Culver road in 1915.

In Ripley, Ohio, on September 26, 1898, Mr. Kalbfus was married to Miss Melissa D. Fulton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fulton. Mr. and Mrs. Kalbfus have become the parents of three sons: Howard F., who was born July 5, 1902, and is now a senior at Ohio Wesleyan University; Charles Rea, born December 2, 1904, and a member of the Sophomore class of that institution; and Thomas B., who was born on October 20, 1912, and is attending the Kalbfus school. All of the sons are natives of Rochester.

Mr. Kalbfus is faithful to the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church and takes an active part in its work. He is a member of the Rescue Mission committee of the Italian Union and his deep interest in the sociological and economic questions of the day finds expression in practical benevolent work. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and through his connection with the Chamber of Commerce is furthering the industrial progress of his city. His life has been a strong and serviceable one, of great value to his community, and his ability has placed him with Rochester's leading educators.

REV. EDWARD PHELON HART.

Enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him is the memory of the Rev. Edward Phelon Hart, who for many years was rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church of Rochester, which owes its upbuilding and prosperity to his indefatigable labors and inspired leadership. He possessed a strong conscience, a sturdy faith, and wit and learning were blended in his attributes. To him the world, with its dissensions and controversies, was destined to a great though future harmony, and to this end he devoted the full service of a finely tempered mind. He was one of Rochester's native sons, belonging to a family whose members have been prominent in the social life of the city for generations, and had a wide and distinguished circle of relatives and friends. He was born July 6, 1851, on a farm on the site of the old Brinker Station, a landmark familiar to many Rochesterians and now occupied by a large manufacturing plant. His parents were Roswell and De Etta (Phelon) Hart, the former a prominent attorney of the city. The father was a native of Rochester and a grandson of Roswell Hart, Sr., who was one of the pioneer settlers here, owning a commission house where the Elwood building now stands.

Edward Phelon Hart received his elementary education in private schools of the city and afterward matriculated in the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated in 1872, with the A. B. degree. While a college student he became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Psi Upsilon fraternities. He engaged in business for a few years and later turned to educational pursuits, becoming a teacher in a school for the deaf, founded by Z. W. Westervelt. He afterward assisted in organizing the Western New York Institution for the Deaf, and at this time became interested in an Episcopal mission for the deaf, translating the services, which were held in St. Luke's church. Having decided to enter the ministry, he completed a course of instruction in the De Lancey Divinity School at Geneva, New York, and on December 21, 1884, was admitted to holy orders as a deacon of the Episcopal church. He was ordained to the priesthood in the following September and was designated assistant rector at St. Luke's church, with which he was connected for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period Mr. Hart was placed in charge of a mission at the corner of Merrimac and Hollister streets. His energy and resourcefulness, his enthusiasm and devotion, resulted in an increase in membership and St. Mark's church was built and dedicated. The congregation was started with a few families detached from St. Luke's church, and increased rapidly. Mr. Hart continued in the pastorate until his death, which occurred on the 16th of May, 1917, and much of the success of his pastorate was due to his untiring energy. He declined many offers from larger parishes, preferring to remain with the church and people to whom he gave his undivided love and service. He was beloved in his church to a degree enjoyed by but few clergymen and his passing away was deeply mourned. He was a familiar figure in the city. His interest in the deaf continued throughout his life. He was a trustee of De Veaux College at Niagara Falls, a member of the Cathedral Chapter at Buffalo, of the Missions of the Episcopal church, and the Committee on Canon Laws. He was noted for his devotion to his calling and for his kindness of heart. His whole life

was given over to those in distress and those who were in need of a guiding hand. To this work he gave unsparingly of his time and became a veritable leader in church matters in Rochester. His attention was not devoted exclusively to the members of his own parish and almost daily he attended to the wants of those who were sick or in trouble and who had no connection with his church.

On September 21, 1901, Mr. Hart was married to Angelica Church of New York city. Her death occurred on July 8, 1902. In Rochester on October 24, 1911, Mr. Hart was married to Miss Alice Clark Bannard, a daughter of Charles and Eliza (Simpson) Bannard. Mr. Hart is survived by his widow, who resides at No. 118 Troup street in this city.

Among the many fine tributes paid to Rev. Mr. Hart, we quote the following by Mr. Edmund Lyon:

"So cosmopolitan was his spirit of brotherhood that the whole community mourned the loss of a personal friend. His life, so pure and open and radiant of good cheer, was wholly sanctified by the loftiest ideals of Christian service. In fact, service was the keynote of his life and to it he devoted to the full, all the power of his strong, deep nature. In no more beautiful way was this shown than in his warm sympathy for the unfortunate and especially for the deaf. Many a deaf child has offered up a prayer of thanksgiving that Edward P. Hart has lived, and will miss, oh so sadly, his gladsome greeting. It is not strange then, that we who knew him best, loved him most. The fragile flowers which today were strewn are but the tokens of the sweet converse and hallowed associations which garlanded his memory."

James L. Whitley said of him: "In the death of the Rev. Edward P. Hart the community has suffered a great loss. To the thousands who knew him and who honor mankind, who reverence intellect and love all that is generous and noble in human character, his memory will be cherished as the most precious recollection of life. To the numbers to whom he so unselfishly administered during his more than thirty years of service, his memory will be cherished and his life will serve as an inspiration. They will not forget his genial and generous nature, his graceful humor, the warmth of his friendship and the thousand intangible qualities that made up the perfection of his character. By the purest and greatest of those who survive him his example may be viewed with profit and it will be well with any who, at the close of life, are worthy to fill a grave such as received all that was mortal of him."

Dr. Westervelt said at commencement exercises: "One who has been with us on every closing day for the last forty years is not with us today, the Rev. Edward P. Hart. He was with me when we were starting the school. He worked for nine years as a teacher and he has continued to be interested in our school and in everyone who has been connected with it. We have lost a very dear friend in the death of Edward Phelon Hart. This is the first closing day since our school opened that he has not been upon our program. He was dearly loved by those who were pupils when he was a teacher. Some of them are here now and are anxiously waiting for some word of remembrance, for they remember him as a dear friend, one who did much for everyone. You have all seen his picture in the Advocate and read the story of his life that was given there, but we could not tell of the unnumbered courtesies that endeared him to each of us. It may not be that he had the opportunity to do for everyone what he did for some, for as a minister, all who could have him wanted him to marry them, and the genuineness of his sympathy and love was a consolation if he were called to officiate at funerals. * * * Everyone felt rewarded and blessed whenever greeted by him, and loved him for his sympathy. It is written in our hearts and we love his memory."

Rev. David L. Ferris, rector of Christ church, said: "The Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things. In the death of the Rev. Edward Phelon Hart, Rochester has lost one of its rare souls, and the rector, one of his dearest friends. A deeply spiritual nature, gifted in the art of friendship, transparently genuine in all he did, by his example he has enriched the lives of us all and by his ministry he has glorified the high calling in which he so faithfully served."

The following tribute was paid him by A. J. Warner, of the Times-Union: "Through the death of the Rev. Edward P. Hart the people of St. Mark's church have lost more than a rector in the conventional meaning of that word. They have lost a friend and counselor whose greatest joy and chief anxiety was the parish which he founded and for which he so lovingly cared. Those who have been privileged to be in close touch with the Rev. Mr. Hart's work say that no one will ever know fully the good he has accomplished during the thirty odd years of his ministry, the cheer and comfort he has spread by countless acts of kindness and thoughtfulness, such as

come only from one who has 'seen the vision'. In a sense that is attained by few men, his has been a life of service and of sacrifice, for, declining several calls from important churches that would have meant broader worldly opportunity and greater financial recompense, he remained at St. Mark's, steadfast in the belief that there lay his first duty, that there he was most needed. He left this life as he lived it—strong in faith and at peace. His memory will continue an inspiration to the parish he loved and to the friends who mourn his loss. And surely they could have no benediction more beautiful."

The following beautiful poem, written by Emily Weed Hollister, is expressive of the sentiments entertained for the Rev. Mr. Hart by the people of Rochester:

"He lives again
In every soul he touched,
In every suffering human frame.

"He could not go.
Each spring when flowers bloom
The seed he sowed in us will show
Its power to grow.

"He lives for all
God's children! Returning ever good for ill,
Scarce seeing evil; so high his call
From God to all.

"Dear friend, we say,
And saying, feel again
His warmth of love, his sun-lit day,
His faith to pray."

DON G. CRAIG.

Well known in business circles and operating extensive farm properties, Don G. Craig of Nunda, Livingston county, is also general sales agent for the state of New York for the famous Dudley Wall Safe. He was born in Nunda on September 12, 1877, son of William and Emily J. (Grover) Craig, and received his education in the public schools of his native place. He began his business career in 1898, with the seed firm of Belden & Company in its branch at Nunda, with which his father had long been connected. He later became manager of the local branch and so continued until April 1, 1924, when he resigned to devote his attention to his other rapidly growing interests, being the owner of over eight hundred acres of farm lands, including two farms in the town of Portage and one in Nunda. His agency for the famous Dudley Wall Safe, known as the "bull dog of the home" on account of the protection it affords valuables, now requires practically all of his attention.

On October 19, 1910, Mr. Craig was married to Helen Stewart Caldwell of York, and they are the parents of two daughters: Emily Jane and Helen Caldwell. Mr. Craig is a republican in his political views and in his religious convictions is a member of the Presbyterian faith. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason, affiliating with De Molay Commandery No. 22, at Hornell, New York.

HENRY WELLES ROBBINS.

Henry Welles Robbins is an outstanding figure in industrial circles of Medina as president of The Bignall Company, in the conduct of which he has been active since his arrival in this city in 1901, and also as head of the Medina Stamping & Machine Company, which he organized in 1905 and of which he has since served as president. He was born in Penn Yan, Yates county, New York, in 1872, his parents being Thomas Burr and Mary (Welles) Robbins. The father was active in the coal mining industry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he spent the greater part of his life.

Henry Welles Robbins attended the public schools of Pittsburgh in the acquirement of an education and after putting aside his textbooks devoted about eight years to mercantile interests. It was in 1901, when a young man of twenty-nine years,

that he took up his abode in Medina, New York, and became associated with The Bignall Company, the continued expansion and success of which is largely attributable to his excellent executive ability and sound judgment. In 1905 he organized and became president of the Medina, Stamping & Machine Company, of which concern he is still at the head and which has developed to large proportions under his capable direction. He is also vice president of the Union Bank. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, and his close application to business and his wise management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is today his.

In June, 1894, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Robbins was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth K. Rutton of that city. They have one son: Thomas Burr Robbins, who is mentioned on another page of this publication. In politics Mr. Robbins is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Presbyterian church of Medina. The nature of his interests outside of business is further manifest in his membership connection with the Alert Club, the Tuscarora Club and the Town and Country Club. During the years 1920 and 1921 he occupied the presidency of the New York State Automobile Association. His course has ever been characterized by devotion to duty and fidelity to principle, and all who know him attest the fact that the sterling traits of his character are many. He is interested in all lines of progress and improvement and his cooperation can be counted upon to further the material, intellectual and moral upbuilding of the community in which he makes his home.

NEIL STEWART.

One of the best known and most successful business men of Livingston county, of the past generation, was Neil Stewart of York, whose immediate ancestors of Scotch birth were among the pioneer residents of the county. His parents, Alexander and Margaret (McDougal) Stewart, were natives of Scotland. The former was born in 1778 and at the time of his marriage was about thirty years of age. Soon afterward he came with his wife to the United States, settling in York in 1810 and purchasing a large tract of land, on which there was a dense growth of timber. They reared a family of six children, four sons and two daughters. The father passed away in February, 1845, while the mother's death occurred fifteen years later.

Their son, Neil Stewart, was born in York, July 12, 1811, and became one of the foremost business men of the county. He attended the district schools of Livingston county and a select school in Caledonia, after which he engaged in educational work, teaching in the public schools of York and Caledonia. When twenty-three years of age he accepted a position with J. H. and E. S. Beach, millers of Rochester and Auburn, New York, and soon afterward was placed in charge of their warehouses and boats at York Landing, on the Genesee river. He remained in their employ for six years and then entered the grain and wool business in York. In early life he also followed merchandising in York Center, serving as postmaster during a portion of that time, and likewise conducted a flour mill at York Landing. In 1870 he began dealing extensively in grain, wool and lumber, and for a period of fifteen years was one of the largest purchasers of wool and grain in this section of the country, having a warehouse at Craigs, Piffard, Livonia and another at York, and also for a period received grain at Spencerport, now Fowlerville. On October 1, 1871, he established a bank in Livonia and was equally successful in financial affairs. He was a sagacious, farsighted business man of the highest integrity and ability, and his labors were resultant factors in everything that he undertook. He was a whig in politics but became an adherent of the republican party on its formation in 1854.

Mr. Stewart took a keen interest in public affairs and rendered valuable service as assessor, justice of the peace and supervisor, filling the last named office for three years. At the time of his death Neil Stewart was possessed of nearly two thousand, five hundred acres of land, which he acquired through various purchases during the course of his successful career and the management of which during the later years of his life occupied much of his time.

On March 12, 1840, Mr. Stewart was married to Jane, daughter of William Nichol of York. Her death occurred on May 20, 1891, while Neil Stewart passed away on April 30, 1893. They were the parents of ten children: Margaret, who married Homer MacVean of York; Jane E., deceased, who became the wife of George K. Whitney of Geneseo; Eliza, who married John Sinclair of Caledonia; Ella, the deceased



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wife of Edward C. Caldwell of York; Alexander N. of Livonia; Agnes, who married George D. Smith of New York city and is deceased; Charles N. and William N., of Livonia, both of whom have passed away; Mary K., the deceased wife of George A. Donnan of York; and Neil, Jr., also deceased.

LESLIE J. ATKINS, M. D.

Dr. Leslie J. Atkins, a young physician of Olean, New York, has already made a name for himself in his profession, his fine service during the war proving a "post-graduate" course of unusual intensity for him. Born in Blossburg, Pennsylvania, he attended the Olean high school and then the University of Buffalo, receiving his M. D. from that institution in 1917. He also studied genito-urinary surgery at the New York Post Graduate College in 1920.

During the World war Dr. Atkins served with the United States forces in the Medical Corps from 1917 to 1919. He was transport surgeon on the R. N. N. Anchises; the United States Steamship Santa Marta and the Dante Alighieri, being in transport service between Italy, England and France. He is now a captain in the Reserve Corps and is local company surgeon of Company I, New York National Guard.

After his discharge Dr. Atkins came to Olean, where he commenced private practice and has met with unusual success for a young surgeon. He is in charge of the city Venereal Clinic and a member of the New York State and County Medical Associations, as well as the American Medical Association, and the American Urological Society. He has been very active in ex-service men's work and is now commander of Olean Post of the American Legion. He also belongs to the Elks and the Knights of Columbus and is a faithful member of the Roman Catholic church. He is an independent democrat.

Dr. Atkins is highly esteemed in his community and his experience and special postgraduate work combined with his skill, promise him an increasing patronage as the years go by, for western New York is always quick to recognize ability in her sons.

JUDGE GEORGE McCANN.

The title which prefixes the name of George McCann has been well earned and his work on the bench has won high encomiums from members of the bar. For the past ten years he has been a justice of the supreme court of the state of New York and the legal fraternity of Elmira is proud to number him among its members. The city claims him as a native son, for he was here born on the 23d of June, 1864, and his parents, James and Helen L. (Neish) McCann, were married in Elmira. The mother was born in Andes, Delaware county, New York, July 13, 1829, and died April 26, 1917, at the age of eighty-eight. She was a daughter of David Neish, and Margaret (Cowan) Neish, both natives of Scotland. James McCann was born in Elmira, September 2, 1820, a son of John McCann, who was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and migrated to the United States in 1794, settling in the Chemung Valley of New York. James McCann was a lifelong resident of Chemung county and his attention was devoted to agricultural pursuits. He was active in the Grange and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belonged to the Presbyterian church, of which his wife was also a member. He was a republican in politics and took the interest of a good citizen in public affairs but never aspired to office. He passed away May 23, 1904, when eighty-three years of age. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCann, three of whom survive: John, a resident farmer of Horseheads, New York; George, of this review, and James D., who operates a foundry at Elmira.

After completing a course in the Elmira Free Academy George McCann entered Cornell University, from which he received the B. S. degree in 1886, and in 1888 his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar in November of that year and became a member of the firm of Rockwell, McDowell & McCann, which association was maintained for three years, when the name was changed to the style of Rockwell & McCann. The firm existed for twelve years, the partnership being terminated at the time of Judge McCann's elevation to the bench. He assumed the duties of county judge and surrogate on January 1, 1903, and served for eleven years—the longest term of any incumbent of those offices in Chemung

county. The prestige which he won in that connection led to his selection for higher honors and in January, 1914, he took his seat upon the bench of the state supreme court. He had charge of trial work for about ten years and was recently assigned to the appellate division of the court.

On the 6th of April, 1893, Judge McCann was married to Miss Florence Fillingham, who was born, reared and educated in Ithaca, New York, and passed away August 30, 1915, leaving a son, Arthur F., now engaged in the practice of law in Elmira. The latter received the Master of Arts degree from Cornell University and is also a graduate of the Law School of Columbia University. He saw service in the World war as a second lieutenant of the Fifty-ninth Pioneer Infantry and spent a year in France. Judge McCann was married May 27, 1919, to Mrs. Florence (Johnson) Farr, the widow of Fred H. Farr. She was born in Ulster county, New York, and was educated at Elmira College.

Judge McCann is an adherent of the republican party and his civic spirit has found expression in effective public service. For eight years he was a member of the Elmira Board of Education, of which he was president for two years, and his work in that connection was productive of much good. He belongs to the local Grange and his fraternal relations are with the Improved Order of Red Men, the Royal Arcanum, the Order of Eagles, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Masons. He is very active in the last named organization and has taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites. At one time he was potentate of Kalurah Temple of the Shrine at Binghamton, New York. He is a member of Cashmere Grotto and at one time held the highest office in the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets. He is connected with the Rotary Club, City, Country, Automobile and Outing Clubs, the Town & Gown Club of Ithaca, the Norwich City Club, the Cornell Club of New York city and of Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity. He is a member of the Chemung County, New York State and American Bar Associations and for four years was president of the New York Association of Surrogates. He occupies a position of distinguished preferment in his profession and his record confers honor and dignity upon his state.

VITO P. CIMINO.

In the considerable Italian colony in the city of Rochester there are few more conspicuous figures or men more prominent in the general affairs of the community than Vito P. Cimino, well known funeral director of that city, whose establishment at No. 31 Lake avenue is well equipped for the exacting requirements of the calling in which he has been engaged for years. Mr. Cimino is a native of Italy but has been a resident of this country since he was fifteen years of age and thus feels himself quite as much an American as though "native and to the manner born." His eyes first saw the light February 13, 1880, on the historic island of Sicily, off the southern coast of Italy and a part of that country, the largest island in the Mediterranean sea, and he thus now is in the very prime of his vigorous manhood. His parents, Alphonso and Jennie (Pidalino) Cimino, now residents of Rochester, also are of Sicilian nativity. In his home country Alphonso Cimino was a manufacturer of shoes, a vocation he followed until his retirement in 1921; in which year he and his wife came to America and have since made their home in Rochester, where three of their sons have long resided, and where he is now living retired from the active duties of life. There are six sons in this family, Vito P. Cimino (the fourth in order of birth) having five brothers, namely: Jerome Cimino, who continues to make his home in Sicily; Charles Cimino, now living in Rochester; Joseph Cimino, who remains in Sicily; Salvator Cimino, a resident of the city of Buenos Aires, in the Argentine Republic; and Jesse Cimino, a resident of Rochester.

Vito P. Cimino was fifteen years of age when in 1895 he came to the United States. He had completed in the schools of his native town a course approximating what is known as the high school course in this country and his ambition had been fired by wonderful stories that had been brought back by some of his fellow countrymen of the opportunities that awaited young men in America. To him, from the days of his early childhood, music had been a ruling passion and though little more than a boy he had become a skilled performer in brass, with particular reference to the trombone and the barytone instrument. Upon his arrival in the United States he proceeded to the city of Buffalo, where through a prior understanding he was soon engaged as a bandsman in the famous band of Professor Scinta in that city,



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playing the trombone and the barytone horn. This accomplishment, however, was but the ornamental part of his life, something more than a diversion, for he was paid for his service in the band, of course; but he had his definite career to consider—a real vocation in life. He had had some little experience in the office of an undertaker in his home land and upon coming here he took up professionally the study of embalming and mortuary disposition, in accordance with the laws and standards of this country, and perfected himself in the exacting requirements of the undertaker's calling. Thus prepared for the practical conduct of a funeral director's establishment, Mr. Cimino, in February, 1915, moved from Buffalo to Rochester, and became established as a funeral director at No. 347 North street, right in the heart of the local Italian colony. There he did so well that it was not long until he began to feel the need of larger quarters and he moved his establishment to a more commodious building on Ontario street, where he remained until in May, 1924, when he bought the property that then was being vacated by the old established firm of undertakers, Moore & Fisk, who were moving into new and larger quarters, and he has since been carrying on his business at this latter place, No. 31 Lake avenue, where he has an admirable equipment for the discharge of the delicately dignified obligations resting upon the modern funeral director.

On October 14, 1903, in Buffalo, Mr. Cimino was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Wright, daughter of William B. and Harriet (Seymour) Wright of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Cimino have three children: a daughter, Harriet Jennie Cimino, born July 19, 1904, who was graduated from the Rochester high school in 1923; and two sons, Vito W. Cimino, born April 30, 1906, now a student in the East high school; and William J. Cimino, born July 4, 1918.

Mr. Cimino is a member of the National Undertakers Association and of the New York State Undertakers Association. He is affiliated with the American Order of the Sons of Italy and all the local Italian societies in Rochester and is also a member of the Rochester Club and of the local Automobile Club. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cimino has ever kept up his musical work and is a member of the Shrine band in this city. He has done well in his ventures since coming to this country and in the very best sense of that much abused term may properly be referred to indeed as "a self-made man," for he has attained his present position in the business and social life of the city by dint of his own ambitious efforts, doing well from day to day those things which his hand found to do. Mr. Cimino's sympathetic nature and kindheartedness is often reflected in his numerous acts of quiet charity. The seeming pleasure, or the genuine "thank you" from some deserving recipient of his generosity, affords Mr. Cimino one of his greatest pleasures. In fact, as he claims, "It is really a thrill." His charities are of the practical kind and along original plans of distribution, for it is a "hobby" with him, while he studies to make his benefactions more effective and far-reaching. Mr. Cimino resides at No. 31 Lake avenue, while his summer home is on Martin road, West Henrietta, New York.

JOHN C. MURPHY.

John C. Murphy is well known in commercial circles of Horseheads, and for nearly a quarter of a century his attention has been concentrated upon the real estate business. He represents an old and highly respected family of the village of Horseheads. He was born August 10, 1860, of the union of Patrick Murphy and Mary Corbett, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They were married in England and soon afterward came to the United States. The father was an adherent of the democratic party and served for a number of years as superintendent of streets in Horseheads. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were faithful communicants of the Roman Catholic church and both passed away in Horseheads. John C. was the second child in their family, six of whom are living.

The public school training of John C. Murphy was supplemented by a course in a business college in Elmira and he afterward followed the occupation of farming, devoting a large portion of his time to market gardening. His next venture was in the real estate field, which he entered in 1900, and his work has been of the utmost value to Horseheads, stimulating its growth and progress. His business has increased steadily and since 1909 he has also maintained an office in Elmira. He is known as a thoroughly reliable business man and at one time had charge of the property of the

Chemung Canal Trust Company of Elmira. He is the owner of six farms and other valuable pieces of property, situated in various parts of the state.

In March, 1884, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Mary Donnelly, a native of Elmira and a daughter of Thomas Donnelly, for many years a foreman in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are zealous members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, and in politics he follows an independent course. For two years he served his fellow townsmen in the capacity of mayor and his official course met with widespread approval.

J. POPE DE LANEY, M. D.

The medical profession of the Genesee country finds a worthy and able representative in Dr. J. Pope De Laney, who has been successfully engaged in general practice at Geneva for more than forty years. He was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on the 2d of August, 1857, his parents being M. G. and Sarah Pierce (Pope) De Laney, the former a native of Dublin, Ireland, and the latter of Augusta, Maine. M. G. De Laney was a surgeon in the United States navy for nearly forty years—fleet surgeon ranking as admiral.

J. Pope De Laney, one of a family of two sons and two daughters, supplemented his public school education by a course of study in Hobart College of Geneva, New York. He left Hobart but received the honorary degree of Bachelor of Science in 1886, while two years later the same institution conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Science. He was an instructor at Hobart, 1885-88. Having decided to follow in the professional footsteps of his father, he matriculated in Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York city and in 1885 received therefrom the degree of M. D. He at once opened an office in Geneva, where he has remained in the general practice of medicine and surgery to the present time and has been accorded a patronage of large proportions, in recognition of his marked skill in the field of his chosen calling. Dr. De Laney has ever remained a student of his profession and he keeps in touch with the advancement constantly being made by eminent members of the profession through membership in various medical organizations and by reading the best medical literature to be obtained. In addition to his professional activity he is a director of the Genesee Mining Company of Rochester, vice president and director of the Geneva Permanent Loan & Savings Association and a director of the General Filtration Company of Rochester.

In politics Dr. De Laney maintains an independent attitude, while his religious faith is that of the Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and with the Greek letter society known as Sigma Phi, and he also belongs to the Genesee Valley Club. Although he has devoted the greater part of his time to his practice, the Doctor is essentially public-spirited and has been influential in the furtherance of many movements for the benefit of the community at large. He possesses a genial and pleasing personality, a cheerfulness which readily dispels the gloom of a sickroom and a love of humanity that is manifest in his immediate answer to any call of suffering.

DAVID JUDSON CHAFFEE, M. D.

The true physician in the exercise of his beneficent calling furnishes one of the finest examples of self-abnegation and devotion to the service of humanity of which the world has knowledge. Such a man was Dr. David Judson Chaffee, whose life ended on the 28th of January, 1923, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. Great personal gifts were his and he spared no labor to make full use of his remarkable healing powers, which for a half century were effectively utilized to alleviate the suffering and add to the happiness of Rochester's citizens. His life was filled with good deeds and kind words, and he will long be gratefully remembered for his broad humanitarianism and altruistic work. He was born May 6, 1835, in Palermo, New York, a son of Abner and Julia Ann (Hurlburt) Chaffee, and was a direct descendant of Thomas Chaffee of Chaffcombe, Somerset county, England, who crossed the Atlantic in 1635, settling in Hingham, Massachusetts.

David Judson Chaffee received his elementary training in the public schools of his native town and then entered Falley Seminary at Fulton, New York, from which



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he was graduated in March, 1855. He was a student in a commercial school at Fulton in 1856 and later matriculated in the Albany Medical College, but abandoned his intention of becoming an allopathic physician, completing his professional course in the Homeopathic Medical College at Cleveland, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1863 with high honors. He also attended the Homeopathic Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1867.

Dr. Chaffee began the practice of medicine at Palermo, making his first professional call on February 3, 1860, and in November of that year he went to Cleveland for the purpose of attending medical lectures, returning to his native town after finishing his studies. On November 5, 1860, he cast his first presidential ballot, voting for Abraham Lincoln, whose address at Cleveland in February, 1861, he was privileged to hear. He was married in Fulton, New York, and went with his bride to Jennings Corners, New York, where they spent four years. In 1867 Dr. Chaffee moved with his family to Fairport, New York, where he made many friends, and while there he realized for the first time that he possessed a gift that was of far greater value than medicine. During an epidemic of diphtheria he lost but one patient, while many died under the ministrations of his fellow practitioners. His gift was an intangible force, a magnetic quality impossible to describe, and was in the nature of healing by the power of touch. He had known for some time that by simply placing his hands upon a patient's head he was able to completely dispel the pain without any feeling of discomfort to himself or the person thus treated. In May, 1873, he came to Rochester and the remainder of his long and useful life was spent in this city, where his exceptional skill drew to him a large practice.

Dr. Martin B. Anderson, at one time president of the University of Rochester, and a patient of Dr. Chaffee's, in an attempt to explain this gift, said in part: "Our terms alone show our ignorance. It cannot be electricity. There are no wires. It cannot be magnetism, there is no battery. Who can say it is vitality, for who knows just what vitality really is?" Dr. Chaffee was always a great mystery to other physicians, who could not understand why he could do so many things they were unable to accomplish. When he administered medicine it was always prepared by himself and the Hahnemann remedies were used exclusively. His method of diagnosis was to place his hand upon the head of the patient, whose physical condition he correctly determined by this contact, never questioning those who sought his services in regard to their state of health. This was not clairvoyance. Occasionally he would place his hands upon the patient's body but generally touched only the head, and his treatment was followed by a feeling of warmth and restfulness. He could greatly reduce pain in one ministration and always effected a cure in two or three treatments. In cases of numbness he restored feeling and life and in fact his method was more beneficial than medicine in checking diseases of all kinds. Dr. Chaffee was also able to treat successfully people in far distant cities, as well as those near by. He would magnetize a piece of paper or cloth by holding it between his hands and the effect was similar to that of a personal application. Many out of town patients took advantage of this great opportunity to benefit by Dr. Chaffee's healing powers. He could magnetize water so that it would keep fresh indefinitely. When asked if he treated certain diseases, he always said: "I don't treat diseases, I treat people, and when the person is better the disease disappears. I help nature to help herself." He completely cured those suffering from supposedly incurable diseases, such as cancer, tumors, etc. His patients regarded him as a friend and counselor as well as a physician and he was benevolent and charitable to a degree. He disliked ostentation and display and his benefactions were known only to the recipients thereof. His hand was ever ready to extend aid to the needy and he often paid the rent for a poor family, also sending supplies of fuel and provisions, and would frequently watch all night at the bedside of a patient in order that the other members of the household could get a much needed rest. He was wholly unselfish and his motto was "Do all the good you can, for as many people as you can, in all the ways that you can, just as long as you can." When in need of relaxation and quiet, he would leave the city and spend a brief interval in some locality where he was unknown, but even then people would discover his name in the hotel register and seek his services.

Dr. Chaffee took great delight in travel and had visited practically every point of interest in the United States, while he also made two trips abroad in company with his wife and daughter. When he was seventy-five years of age and his wife seventy-two they made the journey to the Pacific coast and at the age of sixty-three years Dr. Chaffee learned to ride a bicycle, continuing to ride until his eightieth year. He was exceptionally temperate in his habits and totally abstained from the use of all liquors as well as tea, coffee and tobacco. In 1908 he fasted for thirty-two days

because of catarrhal trouble, taking no food, but drinking water. He greatly improved his condition and during this period attended regularly to his practice. From childhood he possessed an insatiable desire for knowledge and his mind was well stored with useful and valuable information, gleaned from years of close and discriminating study. He was an exceptionally interesting conversationalist, being well informed on many subjects, and to the last was eager to improve his time, ever striving to broaden his field of usefulness. Dr. Chaffee was quiet and unobtrusive in manner, yet firm in his decisions. His advice was: "If you know you are right, stick to it, no matter who is against you; but if you have made a mistake, never hesitate to admit it." All who knew him can unhesitatingly attest to his adherence to truth, his integrity and unrightness of character throughout his life. He never complained, but always made the best of whatever happened. Even during his last illness he was cheerful and hopeful. His mind was always active and he was quick at repartee; in fact, he was far in advance of the average person in knowledge of matters outside the path of his profession. During the 1921 influenza epidemic Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee, their daughter and granddaughter, were all stricken at the same time and for several days there was little hope for either the Doctor or his wife. Mrs. Chaffee lived only fourteen days after the disease entered her system, passing away March 24, 1921, and her death was a great shock to the Doctor, as theirs was an unusually happy union, extending over a period of fifty-eight years. As soon as possible he resumed his professional routine but in the spring of 1922 again had the influenza and never fully recovered from its effects, although he continued to visit his office daily until within a month of his demise. He contributed liberally toward the support of the Universalist church of Rochester and was at one time a member of the Monroe County Medical Society.

In Fulton, New York, on March 4, 1863, Dr. Chaffee was married to Miss Louisa Broadwell, a daughter of Henry Broadwell, a well known architect and contractor of Fulton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Royal Pullman, a close friend of Dr. Chaffee and a brother of the founder of the Pullman Car Company. Dr. Chaffee is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Cora Chaffee Boddy of Rochester, and a granddaughter, Florence Boddy.

PETER A. VAY.

Peter A. Vay, vice president and manager of the Lincoln office of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank and president of the State Bank Section of the New York State Bankers Association, is the dean of Rochester bankers. His identification with the banking business in this city dates back more than forty-five years, when as a young man not yet nineteen he took the position of messenger in the old Flour City National Bank, then located in the Powers building. Mr. Vay was born in Rochester, New York, September 8, 1860, his parents being Rudolph and Eva (Mandel) Vay, who in early life emigrated to the United States from central Europe and took up their abode in Buffalo, New York. The father, a man of liberal education, was an instructor in the parochial schools of Buffalo and of Rochester for a number of years but abandoned the teaching profession to embark in the dry goods business. A few years later, however, he disposed of his mercantile interests and organized the German Insurance Company of Rochester, of which he served as secretary until he severed his connection therewith and engaged in the fire insurance business on his own account, conducting the same successfully to the time of his demise in 1910. To him and his wife, who also passed away in this city, were born eight children, five of whom survive: Fred J., Mrs. Theresa Schreiner, Mrs. Margaret L. Steimes, Mrs. George C. Brutsche and Peter A. of this review.

Peter A. Vay supplemented his parochial school training by a course of study in the Rochester Free Academy, from which he was graduated at the age of eighteen years. On the 19th of August, 1879, he entered the Flour City National Bank of Rochester in the capacity of messenger and with the passing years was promoted from one position to another of increasing responsibility, until on January 2, 1894, he was made assistant cashier, while on November 11, 1898, he became cashier of the institution. On January 1, 1906, the Flour City National Bank was merged with the German-American Bank into the National Bank of Rochester, which latter institution on May 1, 1906, absorbed the Commercial Bank and became the Lincoln National Bank, of which Mr. Vay was assistant cashier until appointed cashier on December 26, 1906. He was made a director on January 12, 1909, and on January 26, 1910, was elected



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vice president. On December 1, 1920, the Lincoln National and the Alliance Banks were merged into the Lincoln-Alliance Bank, since which time Mr. Vay has been one of the vice presidents, and manager of the Lincoln office at No. 33 Exchange street. Mr. Vay's long experience has made him thoroughly familiar with every phase of the banking business, and it is doubtful if there is another man living in Rochester who has known personally so many of the city's big financial men during the past forty years or more. At the New York State Bankers convention held in Montreal, Canada, in 1924, Mr. Vay was elected president of the state bank section of that organization. He is likewise a director of the Lisk Manufacturing Company of Canandaigua, New York, and of the Reed Manufacturing Company of Newark, this state.

In June, 1884, in Rochester, Mr. Vay was united in marriage to Miss Martha Kirsch, daughter of Arius and Gertrude Kirsch, representing a well known and prominent family of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Vay have four daughters and a son, all of them natives and residents of this city: Mrs. John A. Griffin, who is the mother of three children, Margaret, John and Mary; Mrs. Charles H. Hebing, who has five children, Marion, Florence, Charles, Ruth and Jane; Mrs. Harold E. Stonebraker, the wife of a prominent patent attorney of Rochester and the mother of two children, Vay S. and Daniel; Mrs. Edward W. Krieg; and Arthur L., who wedded Miss Ruth Mutschler.

Mr. Vay is a staunch republican in politics and fraternally is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus, in which he has attained the fourth degree. He is a trustee of St. Peter and St. Paul Roman Catholic church and also of the Elizabeth Guild House, St. Patrick's Girls Orphan Asylum and Aquinas Institute. He has membership connection with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Rochester Club and the Washington Club and well deserves recognition among Rochester's well known citizens and men of sterling worth. Mr. Vay's residence is at No. 73 Kenwood avenue.

K. M. DAVIES.

Every successful business enterprise adds to the stability, material development and financial standing of the community in which it is operated, and to the initiative spirit and administrative powers of K. M. Davies the village of Williamson is largely indebted for its growth and prosperity. He is engaged in the canning business, an industry that has been one of the chief factors in the upbuilding of western New York, and in seeking a market for his output he directs commerce to the town, at the same time furnishing a means of livelihood to many of its residents. He was born in Alloway, New Jersey, November 2, 1873, a son of John K. and Mary (Mulford) Davies, who are also natives of that place, and each has reached the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey. The father was born in Ohio and subsequently became a resident of New Jersey, removing from that state to New York. He operated a cannery for many years and success rewarded his labors. Mr. and Mrs. Davies were married in Alloway, New Jersey, and became the parents of two sons, K. M. and Edgar.

K. M. Davies obtained his education in the public schools of New Jersey and Pennsylvania and when a young man of twenty-one embarked in business for himself, establishing a cannery at Sharptown, New Jersey. In 1900 he went to Fairport, New York, and for four years was connected with the Howard Thomas Company. During this period he built a canning plant at Williamson and began operations here in 1902, under the firm style of the K. M. Davies Company. The plant was destroyed by fire in 1916 and was immediately replaced by a modern, well equipped cannery, erected at a cost of four hundred thousand dollars. The business has been incorporated and Mr. Davies is filling the offices of secretary, treasurer and manager. He has a highly specialized knowledge of the business, which he has made his lifework, and his executive ability is indicated by the success of the undertaking. The firm cans both fruit and vegetables, and also operates a cold storage plant, and its employes are all obtained in Williamson. In purity, excellence and flavor the products of the company are unsurpassed and its output is shipped to many parts of the country.

In 1906 Mr. Davies was married to Miss Mary Schaap, a daughter of Peter Schaap. Mr. and Mrs. Davies have two adopted children: Hazel I. and Doris M. Mr. Davies is a republican in his political views but has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. He is a Knights Templar Mason and a Shriner, and has

also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. His commercial transactions have at all times balanced up with the principles of truth and honor and in winning success he has also gained the respect, confidence and goodwill of his fellow-men.

GEORGE WELCH LOOMIS.

The death of a man of versatile talents, notable achievement and high character is always a distinct loss to a community. Such a man was George Welch Loomis, scholar, linguist, theologian and financier, who passed away in Rochester, November 8, 1922, when sixty-nine years of age. His intellectual nature was finely attuned and his life in its various phases stood the test of intimate knowledge and of close association.

George Welch Loomis was born in Wilmington, Delaware, November 24, 1852, a son of George and Eva (Smith) Loomis, and during his childhood went with his parents to Meadville, Pennsylvania. Soon afterward his father became president of Allegheny College, which the son entered when a boy of twelve, and was graduated with the class of 1871, while in his seventeenth year. While attending that institution he joined Delta Tau Delta fraternity and in 1874 won his Master's degree. He was a brilliant scholar and at the age of eighteen was chosen vice president of Beaver College. Mr. Loomis spent several years abroad, specializing in the study of languages, and in 1874, soon after his return to the United States, matriculated in the Drew Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1877. He was ordained a minister of the Methodist church and filled pastorates in Niagara Falls, Bolivar and Rochester, ably promoting the ecclesiastical interests under his charge. He retired from the ministry, having decided to enter the financial field, and for a few years was engaged in the banking and mortgage business at Corning, Iowa. He was successful in the venture and afterward lived practically retired until his death.

Upon his return to Rochester, Mr. Loomis was married to Miss Celeste Gardiner, a daughter of Addison Gardiner, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Loomis is survived by his widow and a daughter, Celeste, the wife of Nelson P. Sanford of Rochester.

Mr. Loomis was a member of the Frank R. Lawrence Lodge of Masons; Monroe Commandery, K. T., and Rochester Consistory, A. & A. S. R., in which he attained the thirty-second degree. He was one of the Sons of the American Revolution and a member of the Genesee Valley Club. For many years he was president of Highland Hospital and also served the local Humane Society in a similar capacity. He was a good citizen and lent the weight of his influence to every worthy public project. Studious by nature, Mr. Loomis was a gentleman of rare mental endowments and his memory is cherished by all who came within the sphere of his influence.

BURTON C. MEEKER.

For twenty-eight years Elmira has numbered Burton C. Meeker among its citizens. He has won noteworthy success in the educational field and has made the Meeker Business Institute one of the best commercial colleges in this section of the state—a credit to the city and its founder. He was born in Owasco, Cayuga county, New York, July 11, 1871, a son of the Rev. Henry and Celestia (Dailey) Meeker, who were also natives of the Empire state. The father was born in 1826 and death terminated his labors in 1906. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and a strong advocate of the temperance cause. The mother was born in 1829 and her demise occurred in 1907. There were two sons in their family: Ernest, a farmer residing in Smithfield, Pennsylvania; and Burton C., of this review.

Burton C. Meeker is self-educated and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in life. He completed a course in Cazenovia Seminary and afterward became a student in Syracuse University, which he attended for a year. He came to Elmira in 1896, when a young man of twenty-five, and at that time there were three business schools in the city, all of which he acquired. He now operates but one, the Meeker Business Institute, which was incorporated in July, 1923. He is filling the office of president and J. S. Kellogg acts as treasurer, while E. R. Brown is serving as secretary. The school has an enrollment of one hundred and eighty pupils and

there is usually a waiting list. The Institute is second to none in the character and thoroughness of its instruction and has the largest membership of any school in the state situated in a city the size of Elmira.

In 1895 Mr. Meeker was married to Miss Vina Eddy, who was born in Thurston, New York, and received her early education in the country schools, afterward taking a commercial course in Elmira. They are the parents of a daughter: Genevra Rose, aged eleven years. They are members of the First Baptist church and Mr. Meeker is a York Rite Mason. He also belongs to the Grotto and his political support is given to the republican party. He is a Rotarian and has been vice president and treasurer of the local club. His time is equally distributed between his business and his duties as president of the board of directors of the Children's Reconstruction Home, sponsored by the Rotary Club. He is working earnestly and effectively in behalf of this worthy institution, which was founded for the purpose of correcting by scientific treatment physical defects in children. The Home is thoroughly equipped for work of this character and Miss Nelda King acts as its superintendent.

WILLIAM A. WHEELER.

Bench and bar speak and think highly of William A. Wheeler, attorney, of Avon, Livingston county, New York, where for twenty years he has been engaged in the practice of law and has built up an extensive clientele. He was born at Geneseo, Livingston county, on November 18, 1876, the son of Nathan and Mary R. (Hurd) Wheeler, who are now living on a three-hundred-acre farm in Livingston county. W. A. Wheeler of this review was one of their six children, the others being daughters.

William A. Wheeler acquired his early education in the grade and high schools and the Geneseo Normal School, after which he taught school for one year and was principal of the Springwater high school. He began his preparation for the legal profession in the spring of 1900, reading law in the office of Judge William Carter and Judge Edwin A. Nash, at Avon, remaining there until the death of these judges. He was admitted to practice in the spring of 1903 and has since been engaged in general practice, of recent years being associated with Edward A. Noble. For six years, 1914 to 1920, Mr. Wheeler served as district attorney of Livingston county.

Mr. Wheeler was married on November 28, 1907, to Gertrude Owen of Henrietta, Monroe county, New York. He is a member of the principal bar associations, a republican in his political views, and his religious connections is with the Presbyterian church. Fraternally Mr. Wheeler is affiliated with the Masonic order. During the World war he was an active worker in the American Protective League, a secret service organization.

ANTHONY HENRY MCGREAL.

The name of Anthony Henry McGreal is written high on the roll of Rochester's honored dead and his untimely demise, which occurred on the 22d of February, 1924, when he was fifty-three years of age, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he was a broad-gauged man whose life was an example of rare beneficence. Like "the good gray poet" he was a firm believer in the brotherhood of man and many were the good deeds which he quietly performed, so that his memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him.

Anthony Henry McGreal was born June 13, 1870, in Macedon, New York, a son of James and Anna (Gannon) McGreal, both of whom were natives of Ireland. As young people they immigrated to the United States, settling in Macedon, where they purchased a farm, and resided upon that property until their family of eight children reached years of maturity. The surviving children are: James and Martin McGreal, Mrs. Mary McGarry and Mrs. Owen B. Daley.

Anthony Henry McGreal attended the public schools of his native town until he reached the age of twelve and then came to Rochester, joining his brothers, Lawrence and John, who had previously located in the city. They had opened a grocery store at the corner of St. Paul and Gorham streets and later moved to the intersection of North and Franklin streets. Subsequently they embarked in the wholesale liquor and tobacco business, purchasing a building at East Main and Swan streets, later locating at No. 31 East avenue, which is now occupied by the Music Lovers Shop. The Mc-

Greal Brothers Company built up a large trade and remained in the liquor business until the passage of the Volstead act, when they sold their stock. A. H. McGreal then purchased the Eggleston Hotel, which he conducted for a number of years, afterward operating the Grand View Beach Hotel. He was also owner of a cigar store on South avenue and Ely street for a time and in 1919 entered the insurance business. He purchased the Aetna building in 1922 and there maintained an insurance office until death terminated his activities. He was resourceful, sagacious and energetic and his business methods were characterized by the progressive spirit of the age, while his integrity was ever above question.

On the 25th of June, 1903, Mr. McGreal was united in marriage to Miss Mary Louise Fitzgerald and they became the parents of four children: Clarence J., Austin J., Anthony G. and Mary Louise.

Mr. McGreal was a Roman Catholic in religious faith and a faithful communicant of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. He was also identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Order of the Alhambra, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Foresters of America, the Rochester Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Hotel Men's Association of New York State. He was allied with the republican party but never aspired to public office. An astute business man, he possessed a strong and forceful personality, yet withal was modest, gentle, kind and sympathetic—a rare combination of qualities found only in the largest and finest natures. He delighted in rendering service to others but practiced a charity that sedulously avoided the gaze of the world, for he was thoroughly genuine, with a disposition to which all pretense was foreign. One of the most companionable of men, Mr. McGreal drew his friends from all walks of life, and of him it was truthfully said:

"None knew him but to love him,
None named him but to praise."

M. DOYLE MARKS.

One of America's industrial leaders has said: "Experience is the harvest of life, and every harvest is the result of a sowing." M. Doyle Marks has sown wisely and well, and his life has been a succession of harvests. At an early age he displayed that spirit of self-reliance and enterprise which is one of the fundamentals of success and his record affords a striking example of notable achievement through individual effort. He has become well known in mercantile circles of Elmira, building up the largest music store between New York city and Buffalo.

Mr. M. Doyle Marks was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, December 21, 1869, a son of Jacob C. and Elnora (Rodkey) Marks and is of Holland-Welsh parentage. He attended the public schools of Renovo, Pennsylvania, and later took a course in the Erie Commercial College. At the age of twelve he began providing for his own livelihood, entering the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as hammer boy, then in the office of the motive power department. He remained with that corporation until 1890, during which time he also studied the common school subjects and music, directed a concert band, and played professional baseball with the railroad team. In the spring of 1890 he established a newspaper in Montoursville, Pennsylvania, devoted a year to journalism, then sold out. He returned to Renovo, bought a grocery store, and remained until May 22, 1893, when he engaged himself to the firm of D. S. Andrus & Company, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, as traveling piano salesman. In 1898 he came to Elmira as branch store manager for D. S. Andrus & Company. He filled that position until 1905, when he purchased a quarter interest in the business, and in 1914 became sole owner, changing the name to that of the M. Doyle Marks Company, of which he has since been the president and general manager. He owns the building in which the business is conducted—a substantial structure, situated at Nos. 309-311 East Water street. It is thirty-six by one hundred feet in dimensions and four stories in height. In order to secure additional floor space Mr. Marks has also leased a building and likewise operates a branch store at No. 105 North Aurora street in Ithaca, New York, of which he is the owner. He has incorporated the business, which furnishes employment to forty-six persons, and his sales in the two establishments amounts to a half million dollars annually. The company carries a complete line of band and orchestra instruments, piano lamps, music cabinets, piano and silver polishes, brief cases and music bags, also repairs all kinds of musical instruments and rents, tunes, moves and stores pianos. An entire floor is used for exhibiting grand pianos and the institution is a complete music house. The firm has the exclusive local agency



Mr. Doyle Marks

for the world's leading pianos, reproducing pianos and talking machines and furnishes a complete equipment for brass bands and orchestras. It maintains the largest sheet music and player roll libraries between New York and Buffalo and has in stock, duplicates of every Victor and Edison record made. The business was established in 1860 and sixty-four years of honest dealing stand back of every transaction of the house. The firm utilizes the one price system and throughout the years of its existence has constantly adhered to the principle that public service is a public trust, ever realizing the fact that the confidence of thousands of loyal patrons is its most valuable asset. Mr. Marks has an expert understanding of the music business, to which he has given years of careful study, and that he is an executive of exceptional ability is demonstrated by the remarkable success of the house. His salary as a piano salesman amounted to fifty dollars a month and his rapidly developing powers have carried him into the field of large enterprises and ever-widening opportunities. He is also a director of the Merchants National Bank, acting president and director of the Elmira Savings & Loan Association, and president of the Glenora Harmonica Company.

On September 11, 1900, Mr. Marks was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Weale, who was born in Caton, New York, and educated in Elmira. They are the parents of a son, Kenneth, who was born March 8, 1902, and is now a student at Cornell University. Mr. and Mrs. Marks are members of the Park Congregational church and he has been president of the Men's Own Church Club. He is republican in politics. He has a beautiful home in Glenora, New York, and there the family spend the summer months. He holds to high ideals in relation to the duties of citizenship and is now serving his second term as water commissioner. For five years he was the executive head of the Humane Society and has also been president of the Southern Tier Baseball Club and the Rotary Club. He was president of the Century Club for six years and has also served the Business Men's Association, the Elmira Automobile Club and the Young Men's Christian Association in that capacity. Mr. Marks is active in fraternal affairs. He has taken the degrees of the York and Scottish Rites and belongs to Kalurah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is monarch of Cashmere Grotto, No. 11, M. O. V. P. E. R., and is likewise connected with the Order of Eagles, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the City Club, the Country Club, the Masonic Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a trustee of Elmira College, and of Cook Academy at Montour Falls, New York. He is past president of the Elmira Symphony Orchestra, and is on the executive committee of the Boy Scouts. He was city chairman for drives which raised four hundred thousand dollars for the Y. M. C. A. and three hundred thousand dollars for Elmira College.

AUSTIN W. ERWIN.

Having been tried in various public offices of importance and responsibility and having proved competent and trustworthy in each, Austin W. Erwin, attorney at law, of Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, now fills the responsible position of district attorney of Livingston county, being elected to the office on the republican ticket on November 6, 1923. As a practicing lawyer Mr. Erwin had shown himself well versed in the law and had built up a comfortable practice, while his standing in the legal fraternity was of the highest character. He was born at West Sparta, Livingston county, New York, on April 26, 1887, the son of Thomas C. and Susanna (McTarnagham) Erwin. His mother is a widow, the father having died in 1906.

Austin W. Erwin was educated in the grade and high school of Geneseo and took the classical course at the Geneseo Normal School, graduating from the latter in 1909. While at the Normal School he was president of his class and also manager of the baseball team. After his graduation Mr. Erwin began to read law in the office of Judge Lockwood R. Doty, and in 1912 took a special course in trial law at Columbia University, New York, where he was president of the student's association of the University. He continued to study law until March 10, 1914, when he was admitted to practice at the bar. Mr. Erwin remained in the office of Judge Doty until 1915, when he opened an office of his own and has been in general practice ever since. From 1910 until 1918 Mr. Erwin was a justice of the peace in Geneseo, and then resigned. He was appointed supervisor of the town in 1918 and has been reelected twice, serving as chairman of the board in 1922-23.

Mr. Erwin was married on September 9, 1916, to Ruth L., daughter of Remer D. and Emily (Hallock) Chase of Rochester, New York, who moved to Rochester in 1912

from East Bloomfield, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Erwin have two children: Austin W., born September 22, 1918, and Jean Louise, born March 1, 1921. Mr. Erwin is a member of the Livingston County Bar Association and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a past master of Geneseo Lodge No. 214, F. & A. M.; and belongs to New York Chapter R. A. M., Mount Morris, New York, and to the consistory at Rochester. In his religious associations Mr. Erwin is a member of the Presbyterian church, is chairman of the division board of the twentieth division of the New York State Sunday School Association, and in December, 1923, was elected president of the board of directors of the Western New York Summer School of Christian Education. During the World war he was a Four-Minute Man, a member of the legal advisory board, and an official participant in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives.

HARRY R. DRAKE.

Seldom a community is called upon to witness the passing of an individual whose death occasioned more widespread feeling of sorrow than that of Harry R. Drake of Newark, Wayne county. Christian gentleman, ideal husband and father, successful self-made business man, and active in all movements for the general good, his memory is cherished not only by a devoted family, but a wide circle of acquaintances as well. Mr. Drake was at the time of his death, president of Harry R. Drake & Sons, Incorporated, manufacturers of paper boxes in Palmyra, New York, and was one of the prominent figures in his line of business in the country. He was born in Newark, New York, April 20, 1851, son of Le Roy and Eliza D. (Lamoreaux) Drake.

Harry R. Drake received his education in the grammar and high schools of his native place. He early entered mercantile pursuits and established a modest grocery business in Newark, which he conducted for a number of years. During a part of this time he also operated a wagon, purchasing produce from the farmers in the vicinity. It was from the latter business that he evolved the idea of making butter trays of paper and he became interested in their manufacture. Beginning in 1895 in a very small way, the business soon developed to include the manufacture of paper boxes and in that line it has grown to its present proportions. In 1906 the factory was moved from Newark to Palmyra, so that the source of supply would be nearer the field of demand, the Palmyra packing plants at that time using almost the entire output of the industry. With the solid foundation of ability, integrity and industry Mr. Drake continued the expansion of his industrial enterprise and in 1913 incorporated the business under its present name. He became president thereof and so continued until his death, though in later years, because of poor health, the burden of the business was borne by his sons, who have always closely followed the policy inaugurated by their father, the firm ever enjoying an unassailable reputation for reliability and fair dealing. Harry R. Drake & Sons, Incorporated, have a modern factory in Palmyra, well equipped for the making of set-up paper boxes, and they also own two large warehouses. Theirs is the only industry of the kind between Rochester and Syracuse and they ship their output to almost every state in the Union. While the factory is in Palmyra, the residence of the members of the firm has always been in Newark, and at present two of the sons, Albert R. and Charles H., are holding important public office, the first named being a member of the municipal board and the latter president of the village.

Harry R. Drake was a republican in politics and served on the board of village trustees when the present city hall was erected. He was a past master of Newark Lodge, No. 83, F. & A. M., and a most enthusiastic member of that fraternity. He was also affiliated with Newark Chapter, No. 117, R. A. M.; Zenobia Commandery, No. 41, K. T., at Palmyra; and Newark Lodge, No. 1249, B. P. O. E. He was a most active member of the Methodist church, very regular in his attendance, and for many years served as president of the board of trustees.

He was married (first) in 1869, to Mary E. Mumford, who died in 1873. She was the mother of a daughter, Frances, who is the widow of L. G. Baldwin and resides in Newark. Mr. Drake was married in 1879, to Mary A. Towler-ton, who survives him, as do their three sons: Albert R., Charles H. and J. Le Roy.

A contemporary writer said of Mr. Drake: "Of kindly disposition, his friends were numbered by his acquaintances. While devoting himself earnestly to his manufacturing business, he still found time to lend his moral, financial and physical support to every movement of civic progress and betterment. * * * His untimely death was a shock to those in the community who had worked with him for so many



HARRY R. DRAKE

years and learned to think of him as a brother with a true spirit of brotherly love for his fellowmen. His devotion to his family is exemplified in the success of his manufacturing business under his sons' active direction." Said another writer: "Harry Drake was one of the exemplary men of the village. Devoted to his family, generous to his children, neighbors and friends, few men in Newark have lived a better life than Harry Drake. He has been one of the pillars of the Methodist church and one of its most liberal contributors for many years. As his business grew in late years, he has given much of the responsibility to his sons, so that he has been more free to do many things that he loved to do. He has been a good Samaritan among his circle of friends, offering succor to the poor and the needy as often as the opportunity presented itself. Mr. Drake had the courage of his convictions and could always be counted upon to stand with the righteous forces who happened to be working for any good and noble cause. During the years when the temperance local option campaigns were vigorously fought, Mr. Drake was one of the strongest men in his support for temperance. Newark can ill afford to lose him, but his splendid life and the lineaments of his whole character will live on and on as a constant source of help and comfort to his bereaved family and hosts of friends." Mr. Drake passed away October 9, 1921.

GEORGE A. PERSONIUS.

For a quarter of a century George A. Personius has maintained a photographic studio in Elmira and his familiarity with every phase of the art supplements his appreciation of beauty of form, color and grouping. His work is of a most artistic character, displaying the latest improvements in photography, and the years have brought him well deserved prosperity. His activities have not been narrowed to business operations, however, for he has given unreservedly of his powers toward civic advancement, and is widely known because of his public service, which has been of a most valuable character. He was born in Catlin, New York, October 12, 1873, and represents one of the pioneer families of Chemung county. His parents, Lucius M. and Anna (Rosenkrans) Personius, were also natives of this county and the father followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He was an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which he served for three years as a member of Company L, Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, and participated in eight notable battles. For two months he was incarcerated in Andersonville prison and his death resulted from the hardships and privations which he endured while in the service. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and gave his political support to the republican party, while his life was governed by the teachings of the Baptist church. He was the father of four children, three of whom survive: Edwin, a successful carpenter and contractor residing in Miami, Florida; Fred J., who is also a contractor and builder, and George A., of this review. The paternal grandfather, John Personius, was also a native of Chemung county and devoted his life to the development of its rich agricultural resources. For generations the family has been noted for its loyalty, patriotism and public spirit. William Personius fought for American independence as a soldier in the Continental army and was given a tract of land near Ithaca, New York. At the close of the conflict he settled on the property, a portion of which is still owned by the family. He also fought in the War of 1812, in which three of his sons likewise participated, and thirty-six members of the Personius family served in the Civil war—a remarkable record of valor and devotion to country.

George A. Personius received his education in country schools and began life on a farm. The art of photography made strong appeal to him and at the age of twenty-one he obtained employment in a studio, working for six months without pay. Being keenly interested in the work, he readily mastered the technical phases of the business, and on November 4, 1899, opened a small studio at No. 137 East Water street, Elmira. He is now the owner of the substantial stone building at No. 269 Baldwin street, in which his business is located and is regarded as the leading photographer of the city. His work bespeaks expert skill and careful study and he has met with gratifying success from both a commercial and artistic standpoint.

Mr. Personius enlists his talents as readily for the public weal as for his own aggrandizement and the welfare and progress of his city is a matter in which he takes much personal pride. He served for a time as police commissioner and was chairman of the Near East drive, in which connection he was instrumental in raising the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars by popular subscription. He is a director

of the Children's Reconstruction Home, which owes its existence chiefly to his untiring efforts. The other officers are: Burton C. Meeker, president; Dr. J. Lee Kinner, vice president; Martin H. Murphy, treasurer; and Halsey Sayles, secretary. The Home building was the residence of Colonel David C. Robinson, also his father, Lucius Robinson, a former governor of the state and is located on one of Elmira's best residential streets, surrounded by spacious lawns, rearranged under the direction of a landscape architect. It was purchased and equipped by members of the local Rotary Club and has all the advantages and comforts of a real home. The institution was established for the purpose of correcting, as far as possible, physical defects of children and is under the advice and consent of the State Board of Charities. An expert dietitian is in attendance and each child has the proper food needed for his particular case, together with daily baths and treatment. The Home has excellent school privileges, ranging from the kindergarten upwards and including an academic course under the direction of Harvey O. Hutchinson, superintendent of public schools.

In 1900 Mr. Personius was united in marriage to Miss Mary Roloson who was born in Millport, New York. There she attended the public schools, continuing her studies at Montour Falls, this state, and after completing her education followed the profession of teaching until her marriage. Mr. Personius has attained the Knights Templar degree in Masonry. He belongs to the Masonic, Century and Rotary Clubs and of the last named organization was president in 1921-22.

CHARLES WESLEY WOOLEVER.

Although he has passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey Charles Wesley Woolever is still in full possession of his mental and physical powers and for nearly a half century has been engaged in the drug business in Dansville, which numbers him among its pioneer merchants and self-made men. He was born in Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York, July 2, 1848, a son of John and Tamzen (Groff) Woolever, and received a public school education. He began to earn his own livelihood at the age of fifteen, becoming a clerk in a hardware store, and two years later secured a position in the drug store of which James Yeomans was the proprietor. He was in Dansville during 1871 and then started for the Pacific Coast region, spending six years in the west. He returned to Dansville in 1879 and purchased the drug business conducted by the firm of Hamilton & Parmelee. He is one of the best known druggists in Dansville and has been in the same location for forty-five years. He has established an enviable reputation for reliability and straightforward dealing and his patronage has increased steadily from year to year.

On June 28, 1876, Mr. Woolever was united in marriage to Miss Mary Durr and they have become the parents of six children: Sophie, who is the wife of Alonzo H. Welch of Dansville; Minerva, deceased; Jane, the widow of Edwin A. Hall; Mae, who married Arthur H. Davies and resides in New Jersey; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Sireno F. Adams of Dansville; and Frances, who assists in operating the drug store.

Mr. Woolever is an active factor in every movement looking toward the accomplishment of real and practical good and his service on the board of education covers a period of ten years, while he has also filled the office of town clerk, making a highly creditable record in each connection. He is allied with the democratic party and attends the Presbyterian church. His life has been rightly lived, and no citizen of Dansville enjoys in greater degree the respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

ARTHUR H. NORTON.

Arthur H. Norton, a well known educator of Yates county, is the president of Keuka College at Keuka Park, which he organized as a college for women, and which he has developed in three years into a thriving and prosperous institution. He was born in Hartford, Washington county, New York, on the 9th of December, 1870, his parents being Lyman Norton and Cynthia (Gates) Norton, the former of New England stock. Among his ancestors were those who participated in the Revolutionary war. As a young man Mr. Norton taught three winters in the district schools of Washington county, which forms the background of his later life.

In the acquirement of an education Arthur H. Norton attended the Troy Conference Academy of Poultney, Vermont, and later continued his studies in Syracuse



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University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1899. In 1913 he received the degree of Master of Arts from Colgate University, while two years later Syracuse University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy. He gained his initial experience in the educational field as an instructor in Mexico, Oswego county, New York, where he remained from 1899 until 1904, while during the succeeding seven years he served as principal of Cook Academy at Montour Falls, this state. From 1911 until 1919 he taught in the department of mathematics and astronomy in Elmira College, of which institution he was vice president for four years of that period. It was in 1919 that Mr. Norton became president of Keuka College, a new Baptist educational institution for women. Under his administration the school has grown to such an extent that the erection of a large new dormitory has been found necessary. During two years of travel Mr. Norton studied the management of various women's colleges, and his remarkable success in building up the Keuka Park institution is the outcome of long experience as an educator combined with thorough understanding of his chosen field of labor.

In 1902 Mr. Norton was united in marriage to Mrs. Susan Perlet Hurd of Mexico, New York, daughter of Frederick and Susan Perlet. Mr. and Mrs. Norton are the parents of two daughters: Ruth, who is a member of the class of 1925 of Keuka College; and Mary, a student in Penn Yan Academy. The World war found Mr. Norton overseas as a Y. M. C. A. secretary with the One Hundred and First Engineers of the Twenty-sixth Division. He is an honorary member of Company B, One Hundred and First Engineers.

Mr. Norton usually gives his political support to the democratic party where national questions and issues are concerned, but at local elections he casts an independent ballot. He is a firm believer in the cause of prohibition, is a consistent member of the Baptist church and is vice president of the Baptist State convention. He is a Royal Arch Mason, belongs to the Masonic Club and is likewise a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity, of the Yankee Division Club of Boston and of the Rotary Club of Penn Yan. Actuated by high principles and worthy motives in every relation of life, he has won and retained the confidence and affection of a large circle of friends.

WILLIAM H. GREENHOW.

William H. Greenhow, editor and publisher of the Hornell Tribune-Times for many years, was an important factor in the public life of Hornell during that time. His death in 1918 was a shock to the community which had known him as a private citizen and in that strange "fatherly" capacity which an editor has in a smaller city. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1845. The family moved about considerably during his boyhood but finally settled in Hornell. His father, John Greenhow, originally came from "the Lake country" in England, where he was a friend of William Wordsworth, the great poet. The Greenhows had a literary bent and in 1873 John Greenhow purchased The Hornell Tribune and formed the firm of John Greenhow & Son. The paper was named for Greeley's famous New York Tribune, and was brought to Hornell by a Mr. Hough in 1850, who sold it to Mr. Schaeffer, who in turn sold it to John Greenhow. Some years after the Greenhows purchased the Tribune they also bought the Times, calling the consolidated paper the Tribune-Times. When John Greenhow died, his son, William, assumed full charge and conducted it until the time of his death.

Mr. William H. Greenhow was married on June 23, 1888, to Miss Helen Stephens, the adopted daughter of Obadiah and Emily Stephens of Canisteo. Mr. and Mrs. Greenhow became parents of one daughter: Olive M. When Mr. Greenhow died Mrs. Greenhow and her daughter, now Mrs. Olive G. Buisch, decided to retain the paper, and Mrs. Buisch has succeeded, being the only woman publisher of a daily in New York state. Mr. Greenhow's neice, Miss Mabel Wombough, is editor. The paper was for years a democratic organ but has recently become independent in politics. A new plant was erected in the year 1924. William H. Greenhow was an able newspaper man and was admired for the vigorous editorials which he wrote and for his general ability to produce a first-class newspaper.

William H. Greenhow was postmaster at Hornell for four years, being appointed by President Cleveland in 1886. He was founder of the New York State Associated Dailies, and always a factor for the betterment of newspapers. He was a director of the Citizens National Bank and the First National Bank of Hornell. Mr. Greenhow was a self-educated man but became a great leader and student. He was deaf from

infancy but despite this handicap succeeded where many others would fail. His record in the community stands unassailed, and he left a heritage to his family in which the goodwill of hundreds of friends was the mighty asset.

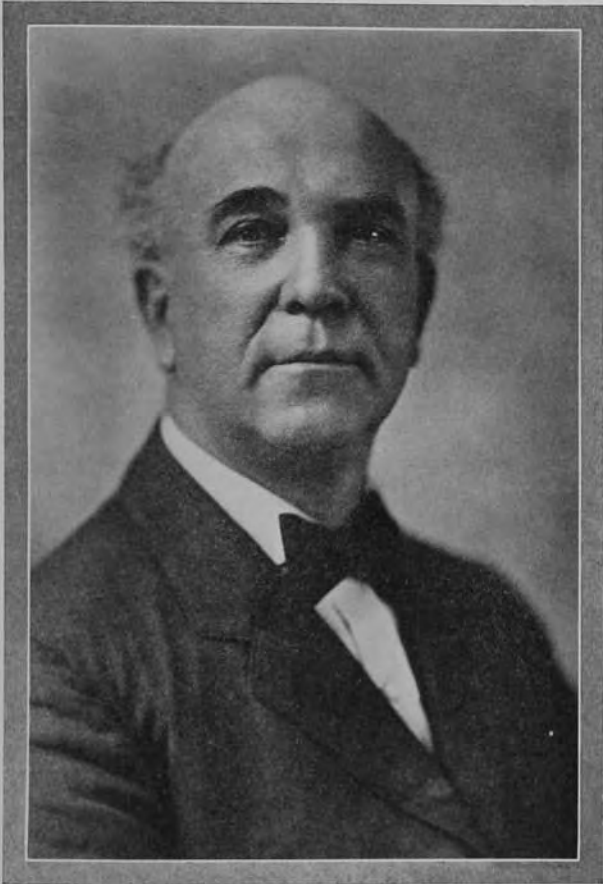
RANSOME TEDROWE LEWIS.

Ransome Tedrowe Lewis, a civil engineer of broad experience and marked technical ability, is well known in business and professional circles of Elmira as local manager of the American Bridge Company, and for twenty-two years has held this responsible position. He is one of the foremost in all worthy public projects and is an effective exponent of all that makes for loyal and progressive citizenship. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, January 22, 1868, a son of Dr. George W. and Sarah (Tedrowe) Lewis, who were married September 3, 1865, in the Hoosier capital. They had a family of four children, all of whom are deceased except Ransome T. The mother was born near Batavia, Ohio, and now resides in Elmira with her son, having reached the venerable age of eighty years (1924). The father has passed away. He was a native of Indiana and served for four years in the Civil war. He was a member of Company G, Seventieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at the battle of Resaca, Georgia. Upon recovery from his wounds he was transferred to the hospital service and after receiving his discharge completed a course in the Indiana State Medical College. He opened an office in Indianapolis, but practiced only two years when death terminated his activities. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and gave his political allegiance to the republican party.

Ransome Tedrowe Lewis obtained his early education in the public schools of his native city and afterward became a student in the engineering department of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1888. His first work was in the maintenance-of-way department of the Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad and for two years he was with that corporation, his headquarters being in Pittsburgh. He next became inspector for the firm of G. W. G. Ferris & Company, engineers and inspectors, and remained with them until 1896, when he went to Cleveland, Ohio, as inspector and engineer for the Osborne Engineering Company. In 1899 he was placed in charge of their Philadelphia office, inspecting all of the work done by the concern in that district, and later acted as chief inspector for the New York Central Railroad Company. Subsequently he returned to the Philadelphia office of the Osborne Engineering Company, with which he continued until October, 1901, and then entered the plant of the American Bridge Company in Athens, Pennsylvania, as plant manager. He was made manager of its Elmira plant in February, 1902, and has since been retained in this position. He is faithful to the interests intrusted to his charge and is one of the most capable and trustworthy representatives of the corporation.

On the 21st of March, 1894, Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Etta Lucia Hilliard of Warsaw, Indiana, who attended Purdue University. They have two children: Joseph H. and Kathleen M. The former entered the service of his country during the World war and was appointed an instructor at Camp Zachary Taylor, holding the rank of first lieutenant of artillery. He was graduated from the department of chemical engineering at Purdue University in 1918 and is now with the Dwight P. Robinson Company, Incorporated, power development engineers of New York city. He married Florence Meyers of Washington, D. C., and is the father of two children, Polly Anna and Jane Meyers; the daughter, Kathleen, was graduated from Elmira College in June, 1923, completed a course in dietetics at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, in June, 1924, and is now assistant in the School of Dietetics at this famous institution.

During the World war Ransome T. Lewis was active in promoting the success of the Red Cross, Liberty Loan and other campaigns, also served as chairman of the Forgings and Stampings Group of Region Six, War Resources committee. He is allied with the republican party and wields much influence in furthering civic advancement. He has served on the Elmira board of education and also takes a keen interest in the Boy Scout movement. He was president of Elmira Council, Boy Scouts of America, for eight years and upon his resignation in 1924, was made president emeritus of this council. He is an earnest worker for the Y. M. C. A., having aided materially in securing funds for the new home of the last-named organization in Elmira. He is a York and Scottish Rite Mason, also belongs to the Shrine and the Grotto. He is a member of the Masonic Club, the Century Club, the Elmira Country Club and



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the Rotary Club. He is an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Elmira, to which congregation his wife and children belong, Mrs. Lewis being particularly active in church work. Mr. Lewis is connected with the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society for Testing Materials, the American Academy of Science and the National Geographic Society.

HON. DELBERT CAMPBELL HEBBARD.

Hon. Delbert Campbell Hebbard, for more than a quarter of a century an active member of the Rochester bar and for nearly two decades judge of the municipal court, was long prominent in civic and fraternal affairs of this city. He was in the fifty-eighth year of his age when death terminated his career on the 20th of August, 1923, his birth having occurred on a farm in the town of Le Roy, Genesee county, New York, October 14, 1865. His parents were Lewis B. and Margaret Burnham (Campbell) Hebbard, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Caledonia, Livingston county, New York. The ancestry in the paternal line was represented in the patriot army of the Revolutionary war, while the Campbell family claimed several of the soldiers of the Civil war. On his father's side Judge Hebbard was a direct descendant in the eighth generation from Governor Bradford of Massachusetts and was eligible to join the Mayflower Society. On his mother's side he was a member of prominent Scottish descendants who were connected with the most important clans. Lewis B. Hebbard, father of D. C. Hebbard, came to New York with his parents when only seven years of age, the family home being established in Genesee county, where he lived and died on a farm. He was prominent and respected in his community and served as assessor of his town for about twenty years, also filling other minor offices. The four surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Hebbard are: Donald D., a resident of Rochester; Catherine, living in Le Roy, New York; Mrs. Hamilton Vallance of Caledonia, this state; and Mrs. Manford J. Dewey of Oneida, New York.

The boyhood days of Delbert C. Hebbard were quietly passed on the home farm. In his youth he attended the district schools in Genesee county and was afterward graduated from the Genesee Normal School, with the class of 1890. He had been engaged in teaching for two years prior to his graduation, and during the three years preceding his arrival in Rochester in 1893 he taught at the Union School at Mumford, as its principal. On coming to this city he took up the study of law in the office and under the direction of Surrogate Selden S. Brown, continuing his reading until he had successfully passed the required examination, which secured his admission to the bar in 1896. From the start he was a successful attorney and his ability won many law-suits. He prepared his cases with great thoroughness and care and in his presentation of a cause showed a mind trained in the severest school of reasoning. About four years prior to his death he dissolved his partnership with United States Commissioner Edwin C. Smith, with whom he had maintained offices in the Powers building. As a representative of the legal profession he had steadily worked his way upward, gaining recognition as one of the strong and able practitioners in Rochester. By appointment of Judge Hazel he was United States commissioner for three years and in November, 1903, was elected judge of the municipal court for a term of six years, in which capacity he served through three complete terms. He was elected for a fourth term of six years that began on January 1, 1922, and would have expired on December 31, 1927. His course on the bench was distinguished by all that marked his record as a man and lawyer, including unswerving fidelity and a masterful grasp of every problem that was presented for solution. In a review of his life which appeared in a local publication at the time of his demise, Judge Hebbard was characterized as a man of quiet, gentlemanly demeanor who was popular with members of the legal fraternity and with his fellow judges. High tribute to Judge Hebbard as a man and lawyer was paid by City Court Judge Joseph M. Feeley, who expressed the sentiment of the other members of the court.

In April, 1904, Judge Hebbard was united in marriage to Miss Bessie M. Campbell, of New York city. Their daughter, Bessie Margaret, in company with Eric Vance, had the distinction of unveiling "Constitution Rock" in the Park square opposite Convention Hall and also unveiled the tablet at the Lincoln-Alliance Bank commemorating the visit of Lafayette to Rochester.

A lifelong republican, Judge Hebbard was active in the party councils. James L. Hotchkiss, republican leader, declared that Rochester lost a judge and lawyer of

highest personal standards in the passing of Mr. Hebbard. His interests were broad. He was a member of the Brick Presbyterian church and for a number of years conducted the boys' work at the First Presbyterian church. After becoming affiliated with the Brick church he was an active member of the Men's Class. Fraternally he was a prominent Mason, belonging to Genesee Falls Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., of which he was past master; Hamilton Chapter, R. A. M.; and Monroe Commandery, K. T. He was a past steward of the Grand Lodge of Masons of New York state and was likewise identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Judge Hebbard held membership in the Rochester Historical Society and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the vice presidents of the Rochester Humane Society and a member of the Rochester Bar Association and the Burroughs-Audubon Club. Judge Hebbard was a kindly man, quite of the Harding type, having no unfriendly feeling for anyone and always ready to help those who needed assistance. Unostentatious and modest, he was what is often of more consequence—a good man.

The following editorial appeared in the Herald: "Though long illness had to some extent prepared his friends for the approaching end of their association with him, the sudden passing of Delbert C. Hebbard shocked and saddened them. A wholesome spirit, a kindly and understanding intelligence, a shoulder good to lean upon, were gone. In his twenty years' service on the city court bench he never became conspicuous. He did not aspire to higher power, nor ever directed his ambition toward a merely ornamental position in the public eye. The conscientious discharge of his arduous duties as a judge amply satisfied him and he gave to it unstintedly the application of a well informed, penetrating and temperate mind. On the occasion when he presided in the criminal branch of his court, the prisoners who appeared before him were sure to obtain a sympathetic hearing and a just decision, which if adverse he tempered with such mercy as his legal conscience would allow. Attorneys esteemed it a pleasure to plead before him. He was patient with the young and untried, was never arrogant, disdained to employ sarcasm, and when he found it necessary to admonish or rebuke did it quietly and took no joy in it. Judge Hebbard had in large measure the qualities of head and heart that make and endear a gentleman. His death was a real loss to his city as well as to his family and friends."

Resolutions on the death of City Judge Delbert C. Hebbard were adopted at a special meeting of the Rochester Bar Association at the courthouse on August 22, 1923. The committee on resolutions, composed of Robert Averill, Special County Judge Frederick L. Dutcher, James L. Hotchkiss, Harry Otis Poole, Edward Lynn and Philetus Chamberlain, reported the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

"Delbert Campbell Hebbard, for nearly twenty years a judge of one of our most important tribunals, died suddenly in the city of Rochester, on the 20th of August, 1923. He was born at Le Roy on the 14th of October, 1865, of colonial and Scotch ancestry. His early youth was spent upon a farm and he acquired his preliminary education in the public schools. He graduated from the Genesee Normal School in the class of 1890 and for about three years thereafter was engaged in educational work preparatory to his commencing the study of law. For the latter purpose he came to the city of Rochester and entered the office of the Hon. Selden S. Brown, as a law student. After completing the required course of study he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in the city of Rochester, where his entire professional and judicial life was to be spent. For many years he practiced in partnership with Edwin C. Smith and for a number of years served as a United States commissioner for this district. He was elected in 1903 a judge of the former municipal court, which was subsequently superseded by the present city court. He served continuously as a judge of these two courts down to the time of his death. Judge Hebbard was essentially a public man and for over a quarter of a century had a useful part in the affairs of this community. Originally of a powerful physique and great vitality, he was further blessed with broad sympathies and great common sense. He never spared himself. By hard study he became a well read lawyer and an able judge and both in private practice and on the bench gave to his clients and to the public the best that was in him, and undoubtedly thereby hurried his untimely end. His other interests were broad and liberal. He was active in church and humanitarian work. He delved deeply into the treasures of history. He was a man among men in political, fraternal and civic affairs. Perhaps the thing about Judge Hebbard most noticeable to his fellow members of the bar was the trust which his mere presence seemed to inspire. To meet him was to trust him. Naturally in his professional and judicial life he had occasions to differ with many, but we doubt

if his perfect honesty or sincerity of purpose was ever questioned. Although an aggressive lawyer, at times a strong partisan in politics and for years an absolutely fearless judge, we doubt if he has left a single personal enemy behind him. The untimely death of Judge Hebbard is an irreparable loss to the bar of Monroe county and the state of New York; and the Rochester Bar Association sincerely mourns his departure."

CHARLES WOOD BINGHAM.

Immediately after completing his education in the grade and high schools of Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York, Mr. Bingham entered the banking business owned by his father and uncle. He was then eighteen years old, and is now president of the Bingham State Bank at Mount Morris, the institution being the outgrowth of the business his father founded. Charles Wood Bingham was born on July 1, 1859, at Mount Morris, the son of Charles L. and Charlotte (Wood) Bingham.

Charles L. Bingham was born in Mount Morris on April 25, 1827, and died on October 29, 1892. He was the youngest son of Dr. Charles Bingham, who moved to Livingston county from Connecticut in an early day. Charles L. Bingham had a common school education and began work when sixteen years old as a school teacher, afterward becoming a private tutor. While teaching he studied law and soon after coming of age was admitted to the bar. He then formed a partnership with Judge George Hastings, which terminated upon the death of the latter in 1866. Mr. Bingham abandoned the law in 1869 and with his brother Lucius C. and Sears E. Brace, entered into the banking business, under the name of Bingham Brothers & Brace. This firm was dissolved after seven years, Mr. Brace retiring and Bingham Brothers continuing the business. Eight years afterward Charles Wood Bingham, the only surviving son of Charles L., entered the firm, and in 1889 Lucius C. Bingham's death left the father and son as the survivors in the business. Charles L. Bingham was married to Charlotte Wood of Columbus, Ohio, in 1857. Three children were born to them, of whom Charles Wood Bingham is the only survivor.

The banking business was incorporated in February, 1915, under the title of the Bingham State Bank, with a capital stock, as before, of fifty thousand dollars. Charles Wood Bingham is president, B. E. Brophel vice president, Frank E. Van Dorn cashier, and William E. Morrow, assistant cashier.

Charles Wood Bingham was married on November 5, 1895, to May Scales, of Reedsville, North Carolina. Four children have been born to them, three of whom survive, Helen, Sally and Barbara. Mr. Bingham is a member of the Masonic order, in religion is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and in his political views is a democrat.

RAYMOND A. TURNBULL, M. D.

Dr. Raymond A. Turnbull, physician and surgeon, has practiced for nearly two decades in Elmira, his native city. He was born August 29, 1880, a son of William P. and Janie (Gaut) Turnbull, the former a native of St. Lawrence county, this state, and the latter of Cincinnati, Ohio. They were married in St. Lawrence county and came to Elmira in 1875. The father was a successful shoe manufacturer and devoted his life to that business. Fraternally he was a Mason and he gave his political support to the republican party. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and active in the work of the church. He passed away in 1884, at which time he was serving as president of the Young Men's Christian Association of Elmira. He is survived by the mother, who still makes her home in the city. They were the parents of two sons: Raymond A., of this review; and William A., a major in the United States army and a resident of Washington, D. C.

Raymond A. Turnbull supplemented his public school training by study in Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, and afterward entered the Buffalo Medical School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904. In the same year he began his professional career in Elmira as a general practitioner and was thus engaged until 1916, when he went to the Mexican border as a captain in the Medical Corps. He was there stationed for three months and on his return to Elmira enlisted for service in the World war. He joined the One Hundred and Seventh Infantry, which was attached to the Twenty-Seventh Division, and spent a year in

military service in the United States and a similar period in France. He was promoted to the rank of major while in that country and in April, 1919, received his honorable discharge.

On June 17, 1903 Dr. Turnbull was married to Eleanor Rae Haskin, a native of Elmira and a daughter of Frank Haskin, a salesman. Dr. and Mrs. Turnbull have four children: Henry, Norman, Robert and Elizabeth. The parents are members of the Episcopal church and in politics Dr. Turnbull is a republican. He has served for one term as coroner, and he is now a member of the board of water commissioners. Fraternally he is a Mason and his professional connections are with the Chemung County and New York State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. He belongs to the American Legion and is also a member of the Cold Brook Club, the Elmira Golf & Country Club and the City Club.

ISAAC A. CHAPELL.

Isaac A. Chapell, principal of the high school of Honeoye Falls, Monroe county, New York, is a native of the Empire state, born in the village of Byron, Genesee county. His elementary education was acquired in the common schools. He then entered the Elba high school and after completing the course in that institution became a student at the Genesee Normal School, where he was graduated in 1914. The next year he received the degree of B. S. from Cornell University. In the fall of 1915 he began his career as an educator as principal of the Gainesville high school, in Wyoming county.

In common with thousands of other young men, Mr. Chapell's peaceable occupation was interrupted by the World war. In the spring of 1917 he entered the army and became a student in the Officers' Training School at Madison Barracks, Sacket Harbor, New York, where he graduated with the rank of second lieutenant. He then attended the Artillery School at Camp Dix, in New Jersey, until transferred to the school at Camp Jackson, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was made instructor in gunnery and served in that capacity until the close of the war. He was mustered out at Camp Kearney, San Diego, California, as first lieutenant, and returned to New York.

In the fall of 1919 Mr. Chapell resumed teaching as principal of the Newark high school, in Wayne county. The following year he came to Honeoye Falls as principal of the high school and has since occupied that position. His success as a teacher is no doubt due to the fact that he thoroughly prepared himself for his work before entering upon his duties as pedagogue. He is recognized as one of the progressive educators of western New York.

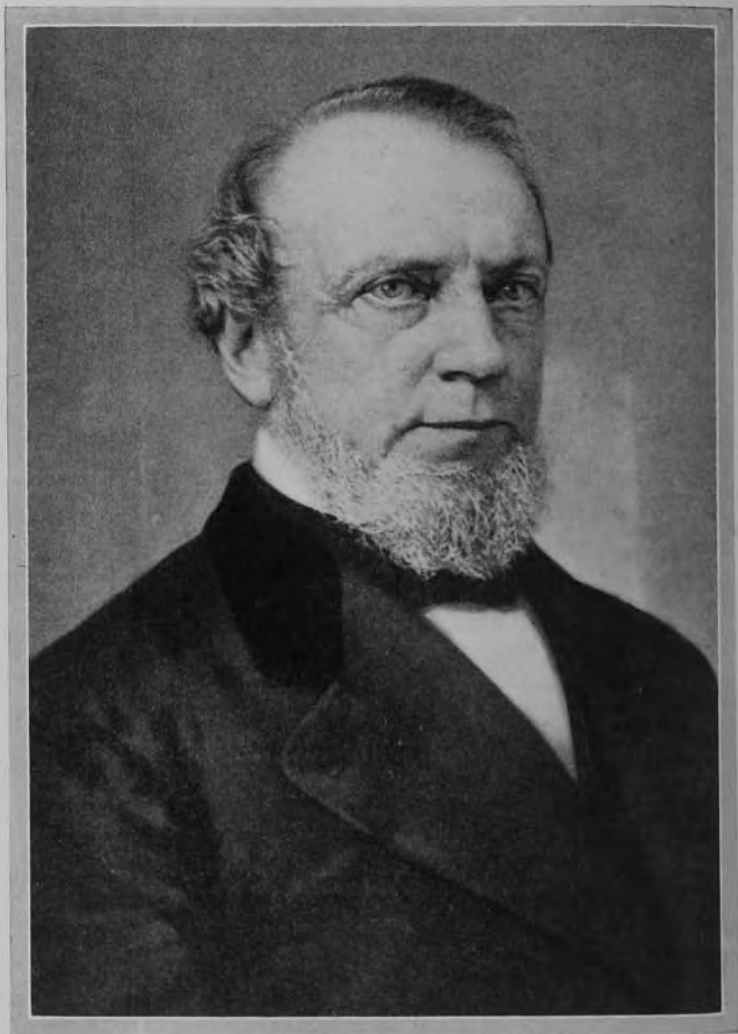
Mr. Chapell was married on August 20, 1921, in Byron, New York, to Miss Marian F. Babbage of that place, and they have one daughter: Marjorie Louise. Mr. Chapell is a Master Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but has never been especially prominent in lodge work.

HENRY WELLINGTON RATHBONE.

One of the foremost business men and manufacturers of Chemung county during the last generation was Henry Wellington Rathbone, the first of the illustrious family of that name to become established in the county. In finance, in railroad and coal activities, in manufacturing and in citizenship he was a successful leader, a man with large ideas and ambitions and the necessary courage of initiative to see them through. He was born August 14, 1813, in Oxford, Chenango county, New York, a son of General Ransom Rathbone. The father was of genuine New England stock and was born in Connecticut, April 9, 1780.

Henry Wellington Rathbone received his education in the schools of his birthplace and in Oxford Academy. Very early in his life he exhibited a decided talent for manufacturing and for several years he operated paper mills near Oxford. In 1859 he became a resident of Steuben county, New York, and there, in Rathboneville, was soon engaged in extensive business operations. For a period of twenty years he retained his connection here with mercantile, lumber and milling enterprises.

In 1858 Mr. Rathbone came to Elmira, and in company with others organized the Elmira Rolling Mill Company, which enterprise gave promise of making the city the steel center of the east. Unfortunately, however, a strike in 1880 caused the plant



HENRY W. RATHBONE



James M. Atchison

to be shut down and it was never reopened. In addition to these projects Mr. Rathbone was a director of banks and a consummate financier. His death occurred on September 29, 1891.

On July 14, 1846, Mr. Rathbone was married to Sarah Elizabeth Bailey of New York city, a daughter of Captain James Bailey of the United States army. To Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone were born three children, namely: Mary Bailey, who was the wife of John A. Reynolds; William Henry Rathbone, and James Bailey Rathbone.

JAMES BAILEY RATHBONE.

The history of Elmira contains no prouder name than that of Rathbone and one of the most notable representatives of this family was the late James Bailey Rathbone, equally well known as a business man, a financier and a philanthropist. He possessed those characteristics which not only assured him material success in life, but endeared him to a host of friends. In the social circles of his community he was a leader and in civic affairs he was always vitally and actively interested. Extremely liberal by nature, he was at the same time astute and wise in his business judgment as indicated by the success which was his in the management of large properties left to his care.

James Bailey Rathbone was born in Rathboneville, Steuben county, New York, October 31, 1851, the son of Henry Wellington and Sarah Elizabeth (Bailey) Rathbone. His early education was received in the schools of Elmira, whence he had moved with his father in 1858, and his first work was done with the Elmira Rolling Mills. He became connected with the Chemung Canal Bank in 1879 first, and in 1904 became vice president of the institution. He assumed the presidency of this bank in 1918, succeeding Ray Tompkins, and continued successfully in this capacity until his death on November 23, 1919. Finance was his natural vocation and it was a business in which he was eminently qualified to attain the rank which he did. Upon the death of Matthias H. Arnot in 1910 he was one of two named as executors of the extensive Arnot properties.

In civic affairs James Bailey Rathbone invariably assumed a leading role. He was interested in the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital and was one of the managers of the Arnot Art Gallery. He was a member of the city cemetery association, the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Association. He was one of the founders and a charter member of both the City Club and the Country Club. He was also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His religious life was guided by the teachings of the Episcopal church. He was liberal in his political views and pursued an independent course.

On January 2, 1879, James B. Rathbone was married to Miss Harriet Arnot, a daughter of John Arnot, Jr., and Harriet (Tuttle) Arnot. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone, namely: Anne Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, wife of Alexander D. Falck of Elmira; John Arnot, president of the Arnot Realty Corporation; and Mary Catherine, wife of Arthur Lewis Hoffman of Elmira. Mrs. James B. Rathbone was a native of Elmira, born here March 22, 1859. Her death occurred on May 3, 1919.

JOHN ARNOT RATHBONE.

In both the paternal and maternal lines John Arnot Rathbone is descended from old and notable families of Elmira, long identified with the city's financial growth and development and leaders in civic affairs. He is a worthy scion of his race, ably sustaining the traditions of an honored name. His operations in the real estate field have been essential elements in city building as well as a source of individual success. He was born in Elmira, April 26, 1886, a son of James Bailey and Harriet (Arnot) Rathbone, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. In the acquirement of an education, John Arnot Rathbone attended the public and private schools of Elmira and afterward matriculated in Phillips Andover Academy at Andover, Massachusetts. He was graduated from that institution with the class of 1906 and then went abroad, spending a year in Europe. In 1908 he entered the employ of the Chemung Canal Trust Company, with which he was connected for ten years, eventually becoming assistant receiving teller. He left the institution to

enter the Arnot Realty Company, a holding company for the estates of the Arnot and Rathbone families. In 1919, following his mother's death, Mr. Rathbone became the executive head of this firm. He has wisely administered the interests under his charge and his judgment in business matters has proved to be sound and practical.

On June 26, 1909, Mr. Rathbone was united in marriage to Miss Gracia Ganett, who was born near Atlanta, New York, and attended the public schools of that locality, completing her studies in Ithaca, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone are rearing two adopted children: Gracia and John Arnot, Jr.

Mr. Rathbone is non-partisan in his political views. For ten years he has been a member of the board of managers of the State Hospital for the Insane, which is located in Binghamton, New York. He was chosen for this position by Governor Glynn and has since been reappointed by both Governor Whitman and Governor Smith. He is a director of the Chemung Canal Trust Company, a member of the board of trustees of the Arnot Art Gallery; also a member and treasurer of the board of trustees of the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital. Mr. Rathbone is an influential member of Grace Episcopal church and for over seven years has been one of its vestrymen. He is a Mason and belongs to St. Omer's Commandery No. 19, K. T.

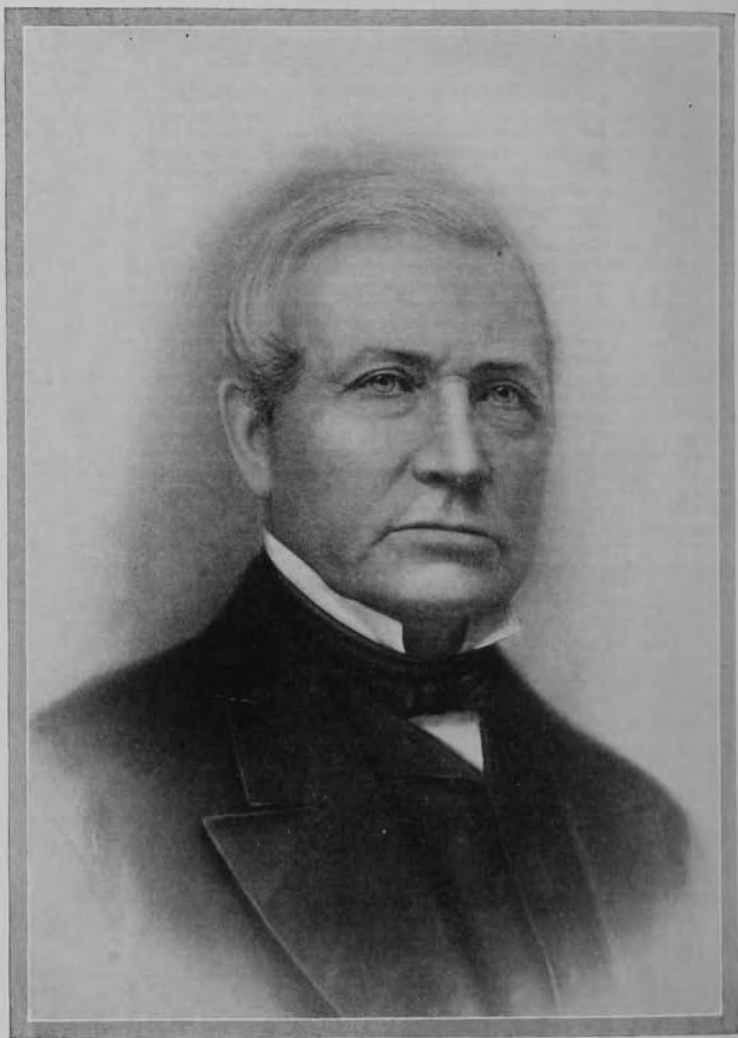
JOHN ARNOT, SR.

The career of John Arnot, Sr., is one closely allied with a period of unusual growth and development in Elmira and the story of his life is, in many respects, a record of service and loyalty to the community which he chose for his home. He was a financier of repute, an executive of proved ability, and a citizen who contributed materially to community affairs. His start in life was that of a poor boy, but his ambition was limitless. Consequently while yet a young man he had won his success. During his life he was intimately associated with many business projects which have become permanent in Elmira. The name of Arnot has become indelibly impressed upon the social and civic structure of Elmira and whenever and wherever the history of the city is written the name of Arnot will be oft repeated.

John Arnot, Sr., was born in Perthshire, Scotland, September 25, 1793. In 1801 the Arnot family sailed across the Atlantic to America and settled near Albany, New York, whence John Arnot, Sr., drove to Elmira by way of the Susquehanna valley in 1817. During his residence in the eastern part of the state Mr. Arnot had attracted the attention and favor of Egbert Egberts, a prominent merchant of Albany, and to this man Mr. Arnot was indebted for his start in the mercantile business. In 1819 Mr. Egberts assisted him to establish his business on Water street, just below Fox street, in a building formerly occupied by Lyman Covell. Within a few years Mr. Arnot had sufficiently established himself to be able to buy out the interests of his benefactor.

During the year 1831 Stephen Tuttle, father-in-law of John Arnot, Sr., in association with Robert and Lyman Covell, constructed a brick building on the corner of Lake and Water streets. In this building Mr. Arnot, in association with Mr. Tuttle, started business which was continued for several years. Mr. Tuttle retired eventually and Mr. Arnot continued alone until 1841, when he sold out to the firm of Partridge & Hill. During the ten years he was in business at this location Mr. Arnot had also built a foundry on Lake street and in 1834 brought to Elmira the first steam engine ever in the city. In addition to this enterprise he became extensively interested in real estate and in the organization of the Chemung Canal Bank, the predecessor of the present Chemung Canal Trust Company. In 1841 he was elected cashier of this institution and in 1842 became president. In 1848, associated with Constant Cook, John Magee and Charles Cook, Mr. Arnot was of invaluable assistance to the Erie Railroad in building to Elmira from Binghamton, also from Elmira to Corning. He was later made a director in the railroad company. In 1854 he was elected president of the company building the Junction canal. Mr. Arnot was an able financier of the highest reputation and in all was a broad-minded, public-spirited citizen. He was at one time in control of the local gas works and carried on extensive mining interests. He was a member of the Elmira board of education from 1859 until 1865 and in 1858 was the democratic nominee for congressman from his district, but was defeated at the polls by a very small majority. Prior to the organization of the republican party Mr. Arnot had been a whig, but after the above named event he supported the principles of the democrats.

In the winter of 1823 John Arnot, Sr., was married to Miss Harriet Tuttle, a



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daughter of Stephen and Mary Ann (McKerachan) Tuttle. To Mr. and Mrs. Arnot were born three sons and two daughters, namely: Stephen Tuttle Arnot, for many years a prominent politician, member of the Elmira council, mayor in 1883, who died November 18, 1884, at the age of fifty-six years; John Arnot, Jr., whose life story is upon another page; Marianna, the eldest daughter, was the wife of William B. Ogden, one of the founders of the city of Chicago, and its first mayor; Fanny, the youngest daughter, was the wife of G. G. Havens, of New York city, and Matthias Hollenback Arnot was the third son.

The death of John Arnot, Sr., occurred November 17, 1873, at the age of eighty years and in his passing Elmira lost one of the most useful and prominent citizens in her history. His wife passed away on December 6, 1877.

JOHN ARNOT, JR.

Prominent in financial circles, political life, and known widely as a business man of rare ability, was John Arnot, Jr., of Elmira, the son of John and Harriet (Tuttle) Arnot. He was one of the foremost men of Elmira and his name is inseparably associated with the early history of the city. He took a notable part in public affairs and on several occasions was honored with public office by the people, a trust which he always fulfilled with credit to himself. He proved himself a statesman of the first rank and during his national legislative career was instrumental in framing legislation which has proved of much value to the nation.

John Arnot Jr., was born March 11, 1831, the second son and fourth child of the parents named above. He received his early education in the private schools of Elmira and completed his scholastic training at Yale University. For a time he was associated with the banking interests in New York city. In the year 1852 he assumed the duties of cashier of the Chemung Canal Bank of Elmira and filled this office for many years. His active connection with this institution was severed only by his death on November 20, 1886, the indirect result of an unfortunate accident which occurred two years previously. In October, 1884, while opening the doors of the vault of the bank one morning there occurred an explosion of gases which had accumulated therein. Mr. Arnot was severely injured and never fully recovered from the accident.

From 1859 until 1864 Mr. Arnot acted as president of the village of Elmira. In the latter year Elmira became a city and he was chosen its first mayor. He was returned to the office in 1870 and 1874. In 1882 he was elected congressman from his home district on the democratic ticket. He served in the forty-eighth session of Congress and on the completion of his term was reelected, having been the unanimous choice of both parties.

On June 2, 1858, John Arnot, Jr., was married to Anne Elizabeth Hulett of Horseheads, who was born April 16, 1837, the daughter of Charles and Anne E. (Munson) Hulett, and died in December, 1907. To Mr. and Mrs. Arnot were born four children, namely: Harriet, wife of the late James B. Rathbone; John Hulett; Matthias Charles, and Edward Munson, who died in infancy.

MATTHIAS H. ARNOT.

The history of Elmira is, in great measure, a record of the men who by their labor and achievements have contributed to its progress and development. Some of these men became truly great and among them was the late Matthias H. Arnot, a worthy member of one of the city's most notable families and one who accomplished much. He was not a seeker of publicity and his efforts were usually cloaked with characteristic modesty, but in many enterprises designed for the public good and in many movements of beneficial nature he was the guiding influence. As a banker and business man he was unexcelled, even by the brilliant men who were his contemporaries. Personally he possessed those qualities which endeared him to countless friends. He was astute, honorable, sympathetic and courageous, qualities which brought him success in life and which have assured him a conspicuous place in the annals of Elmira and western New York. Matthias Hollenback Arnot was born in Elmira, Chemung county, New York, November 10, 1833, a son of John Arnot, Sr., and Harriet (Tuttle) Arnot, who are mentioned on another page of this volume.

Matthias H. Arnot received his early education in the schools of his native city and completed his education in Yale University. He interested himself in athletics while at Yale and at one time was stroke oar on the varsity crew. After leaving Yale he immediately returned to Elmira and entered his father's bank, the Chemung Canal Bank. In the year 1873 he was elected president of this institution and served with distinction and noteworthy success in this position until 1910, in which year, on February 15th, he passed away. His connection with this bank was his greatest work in life, to which he devoted himself almost exclusively. He did not seek public office, but he did take great pride in two official connections which he retained for many years—memberships on the reformatory board of managers and the Elmira board of education. Mr. Arnot never married.

Matthias H. Arnot was a member of the City Club of Elmira, the Yale Alumni Association, the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, and the Union, Manhattan and Metropolitan Clubs of New York city. In politics he was a democrat and his religious affiliation was with the Episcopal church. He was intensely interested in art during his life and made a notable collection of paintings which are now housed in the Arnot Art Gallery, his gift to Elmira, the story of which institution is presented elsewhere in this work.

ORRIN C. LAKE.

Commercial activity in Groveland has received marked impetus from the enterprising spirit and systematic efforts of Orrin C. Lake, who for thirty-three years has engaged in the grain and produce business in this section of Livingston county. He was born on a farm in the township of Mount Morris, February 15, 1864, and his parents were Jerome A. and Louise M. (Curtis) Lake. The surviving members of the family are: Harry P. and Sarah L., both of whom are residents of Bath, New York; and Orrin C. of this review.

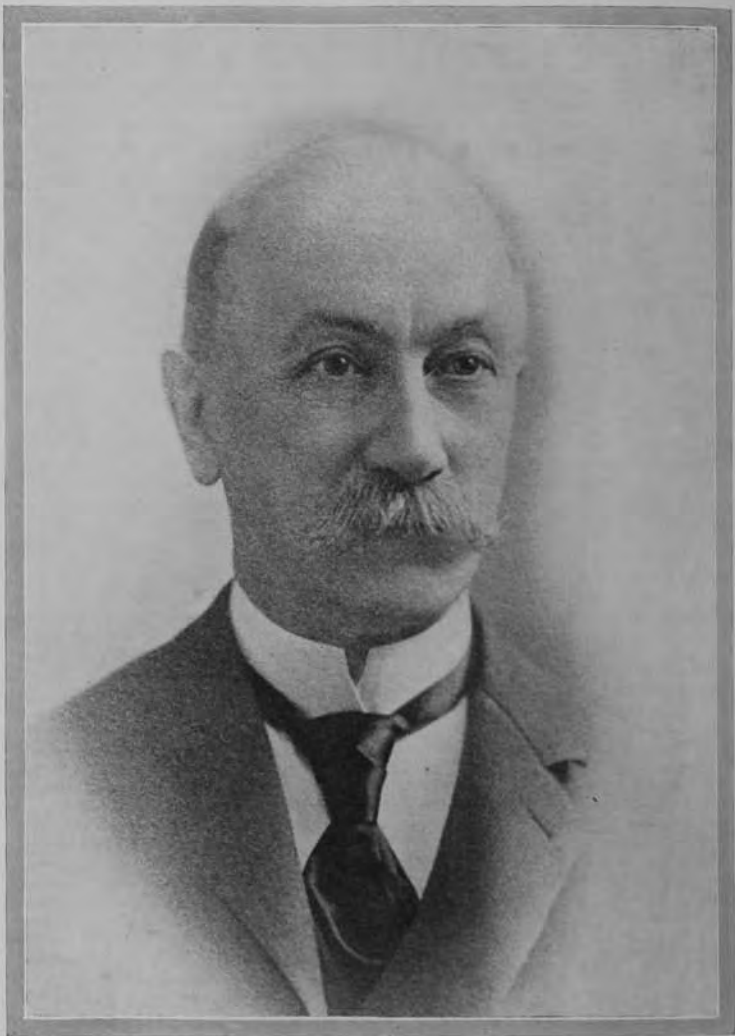
Orrin C. Lake received a good education, attending the public schools, the Genesee Normal School, and Colgate Academy at Hamilton, New York. He followed the occupation of farming until he reached the age of twenty and in 1886 became book-keeper for the Genesee Valley Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for three years. He next became yardmaster and weighmaster for the Retsof Mining Company, devoting two years to that work, and then went to Virginia, where he entered the real estate field. A year later Mr. Lake returned to the north and since October 1, 1891, has engaged in the grain and produce business in Groveland. He is now a member of the firm of Ewart & Lake and the business has been incorporated. Mr. Lake is thoroughly informed on everything pertaining to the trade and at the time of its establishment became a director of the Groveland State Bank but at present is not an officer of that institution. He is one of the best known grain and produce merchants of Livingston county and is conducting a business of substantial proportions, developed by hard work and wise management.

On the 25th of March, 1891, Mr. Lake was united in marriage to Miss Helen M. Ewart of Groveland, and they have a son, George E., who is associated with his father in business. Mr. Lake is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is a trustee of the Presbyterian church and his political support is given to the republican party. He is a man of well balanced capacities and powers who has steadily progressed since his initial effort was made in the field of business, and his course has been characterized by honor and integrity in every relation of life.

W. SLAYTON WILSON.

W. Slayton Wilson, president and founder of W. Slayton Wilson, Incorporated, is one of Rochester's representative business men and well known citizens. He was born in Macedon, Wayne county, New York, on the 17th of June, 1883, his parents being John A. and Laura A. (McIntyre) Wilson, the former a native of Bennington, Vermont, and the latter of West Monroe, Oswego county, New York. John A. Wilson has resided in various parts of the country and at one time was engaged in lead mining in the Joplin, Missouri, district. He is now living retired in Los Angeles, California.

W. Slayton Wilson received his early education in the schools of this city, graduating from the Mechanics Institute in 1902. He then entered the Massa-



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chusetts Institute of Technology, which conferred upon him the degree of M. E. in 1906. The following year he was graduated from Lehigh University of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. After about six months association with R. F. Woodward, known as the "Jello" king, he embarked in the real estate business on his own account in Rochester. Notable among his activities in this field was the purchase of the property at the corner of Chestnut and James street, where he erected one of the most modern and up-to-date apartment buildings that up to that time had been constructed in Rochester. This apartment, known as the Wilsonia, was sold by Mr. Wilson in 1918. Subsequently he disposed of his principal real estate interests and in November, 1921, organized W. Slayton Wilson, Incorporated, underwriters and insurance engineers, of which he has since been the executive head.

The following interesting paragraph concerning Mr. Wilson appeared in a local publication: "W. Slayton Wilson, Rochester clubman, former president of the Men's Club of St. Paul's Episcopal church, had a boyhood ambition to be the owner of a small grocery store because he 'could have an unlimited supply of candy and cookies' whenever he wanted to—'without cost'. How he changed his mind and became a member of the Rochester insurance world is told by him as follows:

"I was born in Macedon, but came to Rochester when a boy. I was a student at high school here, then at Mechanics Institute, afterward going to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and then to Lehigh University. My childhood idea of becoming the operator of a country grocery store soon waned when I started to see the city and I decided that I would look around for some vocation that meant excitement and at the same time the opportunity to make good. I first tried my hand at mining and became interested in some mines in Missouri. I gave that up later for timberlands in British Columbia. Next I came back to Rochester, where I started building small houses. I built the Wilsonia on Chestnut street, which was named after me. Real estate was too fluctuating and I looked for something that remained staple whether times were good or bad. I discovered the insurance business was the one I was seeking and I went into that and have been at it since. My motto is simple—just that of following the Golden Rule."

In October, 1908, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Louise B. Pixley of Le Roy, New York, daughter of Charles B. Pixley, a prominent ranchman and cattle raiser of Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have a daughter: Jane Burden, who was born in Rochester on March 18, 1915.

Mr. Wilson has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, F. & A. M.; Batavia Commandery, K. T.; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. Paul's Episcopal church and, as previously stated, he has served as president of its Men's Club. In club circles he is well known and popular, belonging to the Washington Club, the Rochester Club, the Rochester Yacht Club, the Rochester Ad Club, the Rochester Auto Club, the Rochester Tennis Club and the Technology Club of Rochester. He is also a member of Delta Tau Delta, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and of Company A of the Boys in Blue. The material prosperity which has come to Mr. Wilson is due to his own efforts. The elements were happily blended in the rounding out of his nature, for he unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood and his efforts are resultant factors in everything he undertakes.

ARCHIE LORNE HALE.

It has been said that nine out of every ten men drift into the type of work for which they are best fitted. Seldom does it happen, however, that anyone enters upon his life work so literally by accident as was the case with Archie Lorne Hale, secretary and treasurer of the George R. Fuller Company of Rochester. He was born in Trout River, New York, on the 13th of December, 1875, a son of Arthur E. and Alice (Patterson) Hale, the former a native of the Empire state and the latter of Canada. They have always resided in this state, where the father engaged in the marble industry. He is still active, although he has lived to celebrate his seventy-third birthday. Mrs. Hale passed away twenty years ago.

Archie Lorne Hale was educated in the public schools and the Norwood Free Academy, from which he graduated in 1896. After preparing himself for a commercial career by taking a business course in the Albany Business College of Albany, he secured a position with the New York Central Railroad and worked his way up to the position of supervisor of bridges in the Watertown (New York) office. At

this period in his career the young man fell ill and as his break-down in health was ascribed to too much indoor confinement he took the advice of his physician and applied for an outside job. As a temporary expedient he took a situation with the New York Central as a brakeman. Unfortunately his lack of familiarity with this sort of work led to a very serious accident in less than a week's time. Mr. Hale was thrown under the wheels of a moving freight train in the yards and narrowly escaped with his life. As it was, one leg was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated at the knee and the unfortunate victim of the accident was confined in a hospital for many weeks. When at last he was able to be up and about, Mr. Hale came to Rochester to the George R. Fuller Company, to have an artificial limb fitted in place of the one he had lost. He became so interested in the work of this concern through this contact with it that he accepted a clerical position in its office in 1903. Since then Mr. Hale's advancement has been steady and consistent. Progressing through the various departments as fast as he mastered the various essential details of the firm's work, he was promoted from one responsible position to the other until he is today secretary, treasurer and general manager of the George R. Fuller Company, which positions he has held since 1921. The George R. Fuller Company is engaged in the manufacture of artificial limbs and trusses. In addition to its Rochester plant and store it maintains branch establishments in Buffalo, Boston and Philadelphia.

In New York city, on June 2, 1903, Mr. Hale was united in marriage to Miss Mary Maguire, daughter of Patrick Maguire of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have one child: Arthur J. Hale, born in Rochester on March 31, 1904. He is a graduate of the Rochester high school and is now assistant manager of the Old Colony Club of Rochester. During his more than twenty years of residence in this city Mr. Hale has made many friends and acquaintances in business and social circles. He has come to the front through the sheer force of merit and ability, for he has worked his way up from the ranks and done so in the face of a handicap that would have disheartened a less courageous man than he. His residence is at No. 93 Iceland park.

CORNELIUS O'DEA.

Cornelius O'Dea, attorney at law, practicing in Elmira, was born December 21, 1884, in Horseheads, Chemung county, New York, and is a son of Michael and Mary (McInerney) O'Dea, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of this city. Four children were born to them and Cornelius of this review is the oldest member of the family and the only son. Mr. and Mrs. O'Dea are living in Elmira and for many years the former was engineer for the Standard Oil Company. He is an adherent of the democratic party and a Catholic in religious faith.

Cornelia O'Dea was graduated from the high school at Horseheads and afterward became an employe of the Standard Oil Company, remaining with that corporation for a year. He read law in the office and under the direction of A. C. and J. P. Eustace, well known attorneys of Elmira, and was admitted to the bar in 1906, when twenty-two years of age. He was connected with the firm of Eustace & Eustace until 1913 and for the next five years practiced alone. In 1918 he formed a partnership with Michael Danaher, who became senior member of the firm, and this relationship has been continued. They are general practitioners, maintaining offices in the Huelett building.

Mr. O'Dea is a faithful communicant of the Catholic church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and Father Matthew's Temperance Society. He is a stanch democrat in politics and in 1916 was the local candidate of the party for the office of essemblyman. He was a member of the board of aldermen for three terms.

BENJAMIN W. WELLINGTON.

Benjamin W. Wellington, postmaster, banker and business man, public-spirited individual and republican leader, has been active in almost every community and large business enterprise of Corning. Since 1884 he has labored in the interests of the town in a large way and has served as mayor, supervisor, chief of the fire department and in many other official and responsible capacities. Under his direction

many of Corning's most noteworthy improvements came into being. The public library came about through the donation of an institution of this nature and Benjamin W. Wellington's service helped make it prosper. In short, he is an integral part of Corning and has been called upon for every sort of public service. He was born in Corning, March 23, 1861, the son of Quincy W. and Matilda Briggs (Wickham) Wellington.

Benjamin W. Wellington was educated in the public schools and Harvard University, graduating from that famous college in 1883. He then returned to Corning and started in the banking business with his father. This bank was a private institution, which was known as the Wellington Bank and was conducted by father and son until 1920, when Quincy W. Wellington died at the age of eighty-seven. The father had always remained president and the son vice president of the bank. Following the father's death Benjamin W. Wellington sold the bank to the Corning Trust Company.

Besides his banking business Benjamin W. Wellington has taken a great interest in politics and has served Corning and Steuben county well. Almost as soon as he left college he began to take an active part in the work of the Grand Old Party, and this interest has continued ever since. He was twice elected supervisor for the town of Corning. During the second term Corning became a city and this legislated him out of office. He was the second mayor of the city, served as chief of the fire department for two terms and served on the board of water commissioners and on the board of river commissioners. Over two hundred thousand dollars was spent under his direction by the waterworks board for enlargement of the pumping station, extension of mains and a new reservoir, and one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars more for the erection of the dyke to protect the north side of Corning. This dyke was built during his term as mayor and he appointed the commission, of which he later became treasurer. He was president of the Library Association for several years, his father having been the donor of the library to Corning. Quincy Wellington purchased the library from the founder, Colonel Thompson, and turned it over to the city. Benjamin Wellington has served on city republican committees and has attended several state conventions as a delegate. He was appointed postmaster of Corning on February 1, 1923, by President Harding. He made no attempt to gain this office but his many friends in the city urged his appointment and he received the nomination. Corning postoffice is of first class rating and is the busiest one in the county.

Mr. Wellington was married on September 23, 1886, to Anna Ballard Robinson, and they have four children: Gertrude, who is now Mrs. Stanwood Edwards Flitner of Englewood, New Jersey; Miss Catherine Wellington, a graduate of Vassar who was vice president of her class, is a Phi Beta Kappa and was secretary of the Vassar endowment. She also studied in Columbia University and is now studying English and Psychology at London University, England; Beatrice is now Mrs. Ralph Edward Ogden of New York city; and Quincy Wellington, (II), is a junior at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Wellington is a member of the Christ Episcopal church and was vestryman for many years. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, member of the Corning Country Club, the Harvard Club of New York city, and a life member of the Corning Club. He has been a credit to Corning in every undertaking and his place in the community is a fixed one, the worthy son of an illustrious father.

EDWARD CHARLES EDELMAN.

Edward Charles Edelman, one of the leading and successful representatives of the legal profession in the city of Rochester, has been engaged in general law practice in Rochester during the past twenty-seven years. His birth occurred in this city on the 23d of March, 1874, his parents being Lewis and Mary A. (George) Edelman. The father, who for a half century has been connected with the coal trade in Rochester, developing an extensive business in this direction, was born in Baden, Germany, his parents being Joseph and Margaret Edelman, who were likewise natives of that country.

Lewis Edelman, the father of Edward C. Edelman, accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States in 1851, attending St. Joseph's parochial school. After putting aside his textbooks he began learning the printing trade, devoting three years to that work. He next turned his attention to the harness-making

trade, which he folowed from 1860 until 1868. In that year he began business on his own account in the old Sibley building on Main street, where he continued until 1874, when he retired from the harness business and turned his attention to the coal trade. He has prospered as a coal merchant and is still active in this business as president of the Edelman Coal Company. A resident here from early boyhood, he has become widely and favorably known throughout the city and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of its prosperous and enterprising business men.

In 1873 Lewis Edelman was married to Miss Mary A. George, a native of Rochester, who was a daughter of Andrew and Mary A. George. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Edelman became the parents of ten children, six of whom are living: Edward C., of this review; Caroline, who is a member of a religious order; Rev. Louis W., who is the pastor at the church of St. Louis at Pittsford; George L., vice president of the Edelman Coal Company; Rev. Adolph, assistant pastor of the Holy Redeemer church; and Pauline, also a member of a religious order. The family are communicants of the Catholic church and in politics Lewis Edelman is a prominent democrat, who for some years past has been an influential factor in the councils of his party. As an alderman representing the old thirteenth and seventh wards he has exercised his official prerogatives in support of many measures that are deemed of great benefit to Rochester.

Edward C. Edelman, whose name introduces this review, supplemented his parochial school training by a public school course and attendance at Georgetown University. He then began reading law in the office of Mr. Morrison H. McMath and in 1897 was admitted to the bar, after which he entered at once upon active practice in Rochester, which city has since numbered him among its able attorneys. As a general practitioner his clientele is extensive and of an important character. His diligence and energy in the preparation of his cases, as well as the earnestness, tenacity and courage with which he defends the right, as he understands it, challenge the highest admiration of his associates. He invariably seeks to present his argument in the strong, clear light of common reason and sound logical principle. Mr. Edelman served as assistant corporation counsel in 1898 and 1899.

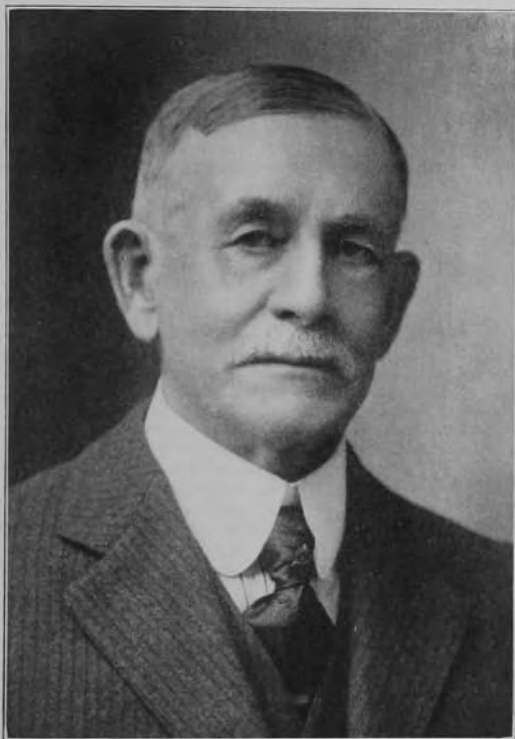
On the 15th of June, 1905, in Rochester, Mr. Edelman was united in marriage to Miss Rose Gaffney, daughter of John Gaffney, representing a prominent family of this city. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edelman have become the parents of a daughter and two sons: Rosemary, who was born in May, 1906, and is a graduate of Nazareth Academy; John L., whose birth occurred in Rochester in 1913 and who is a student in Nazareth Hall; and Robert J., who was born in this city in 1920. Fraternally Mr. Edelman is a third degree Knight of Columbus. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is actively identified with the Rochester Bar Association. In the city of Rochester, where his life has been spent, the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. Mr. Edelman's residence is at No. 433 Maplewood avenue.

DELMAR M. DARRIN.

For fifty years Delmar M. Darrin has practiced law in Addison, New York, and has been an integral and important part of the community life of that town. The ninth in descent of the Knapp and Darrin families in America, he has well carried on the family traditions of honesty, goodwill and service to the people about him. He was born in Barrington, south of Penn Yan, New York, June 6, 1849, the son of David and Mary Jane (Mathers) Darrin. When he was three years old the parents moved to Addison, where he has since resided.

Delmar M. Darrin attended the public schools and Cornell University, where he took the academic course and then read law in the office of John W. Dinning in Addison. He was admitted to the bar in 1875 and has conducted a general practice in Addison for half a century. He has held the office of referee in bankruptcy since 1901, and was also corporation counsel for some time. He has been a lifelong republican.

Mr. Darrin was married on June 22, 1876, to Mary Hill Dawson of Plainfield, New Jersey. They had three children, two of whom are living: Hugh Webster Darrin, the son, was educated at Hamilton College and the Albany Law School, and was in partnership with his father for a number of years under the name of Darrin & Darrin, with office in Corning, until the death of the son in 1917; one daughter, Helen, is now Mrs. Charles E. Robertson of Atlanta, Georgia; the other daughter, Miss Katherine



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Darrin, saw much service overseas during the World war, as a member of the Red Cross organization, and was assigned to civilian relief duty in Southern France. Later she was sent to the American Embassy at Le Mans, where her duties brought her into contact with the officers and the best society of France. She is a speaker on current topics and has large classes in a dozen towns in southern New York.

The Darrin family is not only historic in the Genesee country but has a proud lineage in America. The original Darrin settled in Guilford, Connecticut, and the Knapp family settled in Watertown, Massachusetts. There were two brothers, Nicholas and Joshua. The latter was one of the commissioners appointed to make a treaty with the Indians—a treaty never broken. Another ancestor was with General Wolf when he captured Quebec in 1759, and another Darrin served in the War of the Revolution. Delmar M. Darrin has thirteen ancestors who came to America before 1660, four of them being from Holland. His grandfather, Ira Darrin, married Margaret Knapp in Elmira, New York, and in this city David Darrin, Delmar Darrin's father, was born.

Delmar M. Darrin is a member of the Steuben County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He also belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution. He is warden of the Episcopal church of Addison and was a vestryman for many years (since 1884) before he succeeded his father as warden in 1897. He is president of the Addison Library Association and is the only survivor of the three men who founded the library. He was a member of the board of education of Addison for twenty-three years and its president for two years. He has lived a long, useful, successful life and has hosts of friends in Steuben county and New York state.

WINFIELD A. HOLCOMB.

While the efforts of the merchant and the manufacturer take more tangible form in direct results, the labors of no individual more closely affect the welfare of a community than do those of the teacher, whose instruction leaves an ineffaceable impress upon the minds of the young, constituting a guiding force in later life. Winfield A. Holcomb, principal of the Genesee Normal School, has devoted his life to the dissemination of knowledge and holds to high standards in his profession, progress being his watchword. He was born January 23, 1862, at Norwich, New York, a son of Robert A. and Abigail A. (Johnson) Holcomb, the former of whom passed away in 1910, but the latter survives and has reached the venerable age of eighty-four years.

Winfield A. Holcomb attended the rural schools of New York and the high school at Ripley, afterward taking a classical course at the Fredonia State Normal School. He was graduated from that institution in June, 1886, and his studies there were supplemented by additional college work in Greek, mathematics and science. His career as an educator covers a period of thirty-eight years and his first position was that of principal of the Ripley high school. He was thus engaged for four and a half years, resigning January 1, 1891. He then became school commissioner for the second district of Chautauqua county and filled that office for fifteen years, constituting five terms. He was elected for the sixth term, but resigned to accept an appointment in the state department of education as inspector of high schools under Commissioner A. S. Draper. For seventeen years he was connected with that department and during half of that period was also special inspector of training schools and training classes, while during the last two years he was in charge of high school inspection and teacher certification. In September, 1922, he came to Genesee to open the Normal School and in November of the same year was appointed principal. He brought to this important office broad experience as an educator and ability of a high order and under his capable administration the institution is making notable progress.

On the 6th of August, 1890, Mr. Holcomb was united in marriage to Miss Catherine C. Lombard of Ripley, and five children were born to them: Ruth L. and Catherine E., twins, the latter of whom died in 1916; Albert W., a graduate of Colgate College and now a resident of Albany, New York; Frederick E., who is a student at that college; and Edward L., who is in the employ of the Livingston County Trust Company at Genesee.

Mr. Holcomb is a Presbyterian in religious faith and his political support is given to the republican party. He is a member of the National Education Association and the Department of Superintendence of that organization, the State Teachers

Association, the State Superintendents Association and the Normal School Council. Along social and fraternal lines he is connected with the Genesee and Wadsworth Clubs and the Masonic order. He keeps in touch with the most advanced thought of the day along educational lines and occupies a position of distinction in his chosen profession.

F. E. STORMS.

Reared in the school of hard work, F. E. Storms, president of the Citizens National Bank of Hornell, New York, has great respect for all workers and makes it his creed to believe that all good citizens are equal. His own life has been an example of what intelligent application can do. He was born in Hornell, July 5, 1874, the son of William H. and Emma H. (Banford) Storms. His father was a native of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and his mother of Bath, New York.

F. E. Storms attended the public and high schools of Hornell, and following this worked in different stores for a few years, learning the fundamentals of business. He enlisted for service in the war with Spain and served as quartermaster sergeant in Company K, Third New York Volunteer Infantry at Camps Black, Alger and Meade. In 1902 he was appointed bookkeeper of the Hornell water department and also served as cashier. In 1908 he entered the banking business, becoming bookkeeper in the Bank of Steuben, and four years he later became assistant cashier. On September 30, 1915, he became associated with the Citizens National Bank of Hornell as cashier and in January, 1923, became president of that institution. Worthy of note is the fact that when he joined the bank's forces in 1915 the deposits were only a little over a half million dollars, and on May 1, 1924, they had increased to more than two million, three hundred thousand. This increase of four hundred and sixty per cent is considered one of the most remarkable banking achievements in New York state.

Mr. Storms was married on June 15, 1912, to Carrie S. Strack, and they have two children: Charles W. and Robert. Mr. Storms is a Mason, being affiliated with Hornellsville Lodge, No. 331, F. & A. M.; Steuben Chapter, No. 101, R. A. M.; Hornellsville Council, No. 35, R. & S. M.; DeMolay Commandery, No. 22, Hornell; and Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Rochester. He is also a member of the Elks, the Hornell Country Club and the Automobile Club.

THOMAS M. LOSIE.

Thomas M. Losie, one of the leading attorneys and business men of Elmira, was born in Elmira, September 28, 1877, a son of Thomas M. and Jeannette (Craig) Losie, the former of whom was born in Whitney, Ontario, Canada, while the latter was born near Skaneateles, New York. They were married in Elmira in 1861 and became the parents of ten children, five of whom grew to maturity, and three are now living. Thomas M. was the ninth in order of birth. The father was a tinsmith and in 1867 established a roofing business in Elmira. He operated it successfully for many years and the business is now owned by Thomas M. Losie of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Losie, Sr., were members of the Baptist church and active workers in its behalf. Thomas M. Losie, Sr., was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his political support was given to the republican party. He was a son of Abraham Losie, who was born in Connecticut. He came of Huguenot stock and followed the trade of a blacksmith. Some of the family were explorers and were among the first settlers in Canada. One, Abraham Losie, was charged with treason because he participated in the Canadian rebellion and many who bore the name of Mathews, the family name of Mr. Losie's paternal grandmother, were soldiers and officers in the British army. The maternal grandfather, Robert Craig, was a native of Scotland and a woolen manufacturer. He established a mill in Elmira and during the Civil war manufactured blankets for the federal government.

Thomas M. Losie graduated from the Elmira high school and then entered Cornell University, which in 1898 conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar before he reached the age of twenty-one, but was not sworn in until three months later. He has engaged in general practice in Elmira for a period of twenty-six years and during this time has successfully handled many important



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law cases. He is identified with several business enterprises but devotes most of his time to his profession.

In 1903 Mr. Losie was married to Miss Gertrude Jennison, also a native of Elmira, and they have become the parents of three children: Jeannette, a senior in high school; and Thomas M., Jr., and Margaret, who are also attending school. Mr. Losie is an adherent of the republican party and has been clerk of the surrogate court, also serving at one time as deputy collector of internal revenue. He belongs to the State Bar Association and is a Baptist in religious faith. He is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is a York Rite Mason. He served as master of Ivy Lodge, F. & A. M., in 1910 and in 1924 was elected a representative of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine. For many years he has been secretary of the Masonic board of trustees.

CLAIRE COUNTRYMAN BATEMAN.

Claire Countryman Bateman, one of Dansville's enterprising business men, has been identified with the automobile trade for several years, and every step he has made toward a successful career has been in the right direction. He was born in Cameron, Steuben county, New York, April 1, 1879, and is one of the three children in the family of Charles A. and Margaret E. (Countryman) Bateman, the former now a resident of Dansville.

After completing a course in the public schools Claire C. Bateman became a student at the Geneseo Normal School and his education was completed in the University of Syracuse, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904, winning the degree of Bachelor of Science. He was employed as a traveling salesman for ten years and in 1914 embarked in the automobile business in Rochester. In 1915 he returned to Scottsburg with his father, who was then engaged in mercantile pursuits, and since 1916 he has been a resident of Dansville. In April of that year he opened his present salesrooms on Main street and now has the local agency for the Dodge Brothers car. He sells a large number of machines each year and is numbered among the leading automobile dealers of this district. He has had broad experience in the business and keeps in close touch with all new developments in the automobile trade.

On December 22, 1915, Mr. Bateman was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Harris of Penfield, New York, and since coming to Dansville they have made many friends. Mr. Bateman is president of the Rotary club, and along fraternal lines is identified with the Masonic order. His political views coincide with the platform and principles of the republican party and in religious faith he is a Presbyterian. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his community, loyally supporting all projects for the general good, and has earned the reward of the honest, upright citizen—the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

JOHN JOSEPH MCINERNEY.

John Joseph McInerney, lawyer and lawmaker, has been numbered among the able attorneys of Rochester for more than two decades and during the years 1909 and 1910 represented his district in the state assembly. His birth occurred at Salamanca, Cattaraugus county, New York, on the 10th of June, 1873, his parents being Michael Garry and Ellen (Kane) McInerney, both of whom were natives of Ireland, whence they came to the United States about 1856, settling first in Brooklyn. Subsequently they removed to Salamanca, while the year 1885 witnessed their arrival in Rochester, where the father served as city blacksmith. His mother is living, but his father has passed away.

At the usual age John Joseph McInerney entered the public schools of his native city and there passed through successive grades to the eighth. He put aside his textbooks at the age of thirteen years and learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for about eight years in the employ of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh, the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and the New York Central Railroad Companies, leaving the latter railroad after having assumed entire charge of the mechanical repair department of locomotives from 7:00 p. m. until 6:00 a. m. He then turned his attention to the field of newspaper work, becoming a reporter on the

Rochester Herald and the Union and Advertiser. Subsequently he accepted the position of executive clerk for Mayor George A. Carnahan, thus serving from 1900 until 1902. In October, 1902, he went to Albany, New York, as legislative correspondent for the Union and Advertiser and while there he also attended the Albany Law School. After completing a thorough course under the direction of that institution he passed the bar examination on the 13th of January, 1903, and was admitted to the bar in March of the same year. In April following Mr. McInerney opened an office in Rochester and through the intervening period of twenty-one years has been accorded a most enviable practice. No dreary novitiate awaited him. He soon gained a liberal clientage that has connected him with much important litigation and has won high standing in the professional ranks of his adopted city. He supplied the funds necessary for tuition and other expenses of his education by his own labor. He was ambitious and energetic and allowed no obstacle to brook his path that could be overcome by honorable and determined effort. He entered upon the practice of law with Charles B. Bechtold, under the firm name of McInerney & Bechtold. Since the partnership was dissolved Mr. McInerney has been alone. In addition to his professional activities he is financially interested in several corporations as a director.

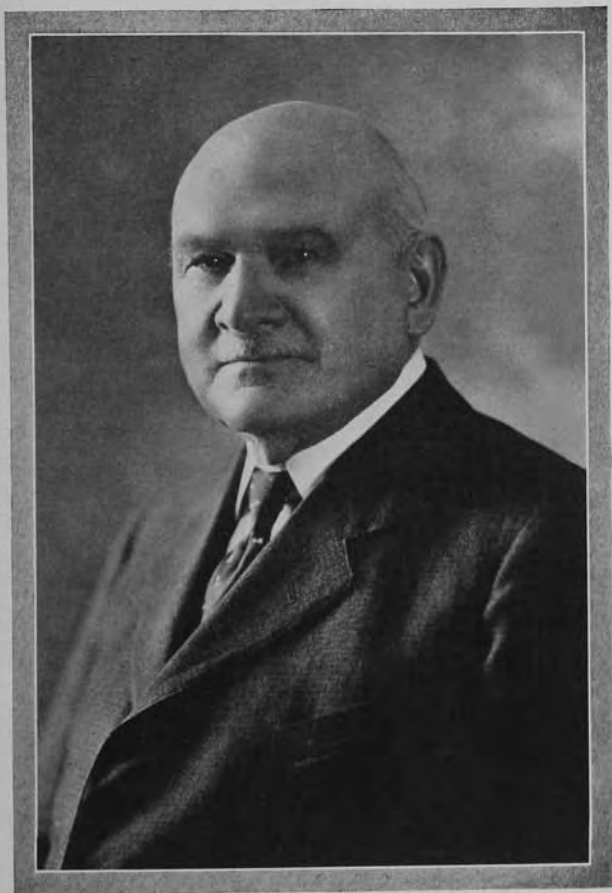
On the 11th of November, 1911, in Rochester, Mr. McInerney was united in marriage to Miss Florence M. McRoden and they have become the parents of three children: John J., Jr., Kevin and Brendan. The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, while fraternally Mr. McInerney is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. It was during his three years' incumbency as grand knight of Rochester Council that a twelve-story clubhouse was erected at a cost of one million, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

During the period of the World war Mr. McInerney acted as chairman of the Monroe County Four-Minute Men. He has been chosen vice president of the Harding Memorial and is widely recognized as a patriotic and public-spirited citizen whose aid can ever be counted upon in the promotion of projects looking toward advancement and progress. His record as a public official covers service as secretary to the mayor of Rochester and as state assemblyman in 1909 and 1910, during which period he gave thoughtful and earnest consideration to the many vital questions which came up for settlement in the legislature. Mr. McInerney has a social, genial nature which makes him a favorite in various club and fraternal organizations. He was made vice commodore of the Rochester Yacht Club, is a trustee of the Rochester Tennis Club, a member of Oak Hill Country Club, and is a director of the Automobile Club of Rochester. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Rochester Bar Association, and he is president of the Rural Life Publishing Company. Mr. McInerney's home, "Killarney," is on East avenue, in Rochester.

GEORGE HENRY SPRING.

George Henry Spring, one of the well known financial executives of Elmira, was born in Laceyville, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1853, a son of T. D. and Polly (Lacey) Spring, the latter a lifelong resident of that village. The father was born in Maine, April 15, 1811, and served an apprenticeship to the harness-making trade, which he followed for a number of years, also conducting a shoe-making shop. He was the pioneer druggist of Laceyville and was engaged in that business at the time of his death. His political support was given to the democratic party and both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. He was deeply interested in all worthy civic projects and at one time served as justice of the peace in Laceyville. He died in October, 1866, when fifty-five years of age. His wife was born July 20, 1817, and passed away in 1861. They were the parents of ten children, three of whom survive: Mrs. Lydia Stone, a widow, who has reached the age of seventy-eight and resides in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Theodore Smith, also a widow, aged seventy-five, residing in Montrose, Pennsylvania; and George Henry.

As George Henry Spring's parents died during his childhood, many of the advantages enjoyed by the American boy were denied him. His education was necessarily limited, but he improved the opportunities he had and the study and reading he did were so thoroughly assimilated that they were of lasting benefit to him in later years. Mr. Spring first learned the harness-making trade, which he followed for ten years in Laceyville. Upon the expiration of that period he secured an agency from the Singer



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Sewing Machine Company, which he represented in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, in 1880, later going to Bath, New York, and in 1886 he came to Elmira. During this time he sold eight thousand machines, which established a record which has never been equaled in this territory.

In 1887 Mr. Spring turned to the insurance business, in which he was again successful. In 1892 he sold over one million dollars worth of insurance. He originated disability insurance at a meeting of the insurance board in Chicago in 1893 and wrote the first policy of that type in the state on Doctor Henry of Elmira, who is still a resident of the city. For seventeen years Mr. Spring was identified with the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company.

After severing his connection with this company, Mr. Spring devoted his attention to the management of his extensive realty interests in Elmira. Since its organization he has been one of the directors of the Elmira Savings & Loan Association, of which he is now secretary and treasurer, having succeeded H. M. Clark in these offices. He has been of material influence in promoting the growth and success of this institution. The rapid growth of the business of the association is indicated by the fact that in January, 1919, its assets amounted to four hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars, while they now (1924) total one million, four hundred thousand dollars.

On December 10, 1878, George H. Spring was married to Miss Elizabeth Smith, also a native of Laceyville, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of four children, three of whom survive: T. Dwight, who is connected with the Toledo Wholesale Tobacco Company; George L., who is a draftsman residing in Detroit, Michigan, and who drew the plan of the first carburetor used on the Fordson tractor; and Annette, who is the wife of Dr. R. O. Gregory. Mrs. Spring passed away on January 13, 1888. On October 23, 1895, Mr. Spring was married to Miss Clara Barbour, who was born in Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Spring are members of the First Baptist church and the former has served on the board of trustees. Mr. Spring is a republican in politics, but has never sought office. He is a York Rite Mason and also belongs to the Shrine and the Grotto. His activities in the Masonic fraternity through the work accomplished by the Committee of Twelve, as chairman of the Masonic Carnival in 1903 and in time used in rebuilding the temple after the fire, stand as a memorial to his Masonic work. He was one of the executive committee of the Masonic board of trustees of the Masonic temple at the time of its rebuilding.

ASHER MINER WELLMAN.

Natural gas, for use in industry as well as for domestic purposes, is one of the essentials of modern progress, and is a material factor in the prosperity of any community which enjoys an adequate supply. Gas supplies power, the heat required in many manufacturing processes, and its consumption in homes, in spite of the competition of electricity for lighting, grows continually for cooking, heating, etc. Asher Miner Wellman of Caledonia, Livingston county, New York, is at the head of the gas companies which supply his home town and contiguous territory. He early recognized the fact that volume production means cheaper production, and has steadily stimulated the use of gas, to the benefit of the consumers as well as the producer. He was born in Friendship, Allegany county, New York, on November 13, 1866, the son of Abijah J., (now deceased) and Kate (Miner) Wellman, both natives of New York state. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living.

Asher Miner Wellman received his education at Friendship Academy, from which he went to the Hopkins Grammar School at New Haven, Connecticut, where he was graduated in 1884 and then entered Yale University. From Yale he received the degree of A. B. and graduated in the class of 1888. On Mr. Wellman's return to Friendship he became cashier of the First National Bank of the town, filling the position from 1889 until 1892, when he became president of the bank and held the office until 1915. Mr. Wellman moved to Caledonia in July, 1913, and in partnership with T. B. Crary purchased the Tri-County Natural Gas Company and the Caledonia Natural Gas Company. He is now president of both companies, and also a director of the Stacy Candy Company of Rochester, New York. He takes an active interest in politics as a republican, and has been assistant clerk of the state senate since 1915. He began as index clerk in 1901, then was journal clerk, and since 1901 has served continuously in the senate desk, except during the years 1911 to 1914.

Mr. Wellman was married on June 28, 1893, to Hattie P. Baldwin of Saxtons River, Vermont. Three children have been born to them: Kathryn I., Laura B. and

Harriet L. Fraternally Mr. Wellman is a Knight Templar and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious connection is with the Baptist church.

WILLIAM H. MUNSON.

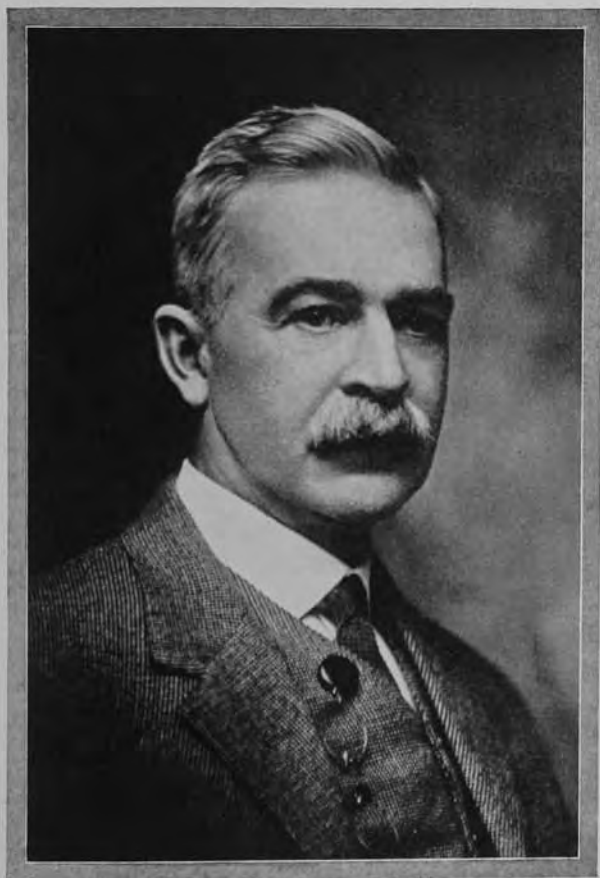
William H. Munson, district attorney of Orleans county since January 1, 1918, was born in Medina, New York, on the 3d of May, 1886, the son of Dr. Edward and Lillian (Smith) Munson. His father, a native of Penn Yan, New York, was graduated from Hobart College of Geneva, this state, and then entered Columbia University, from which institution he received the degree of M. D. He is engaged in practice in Medina.

William H. Munson attended the Medina high school prior to his matriculation in Cornell University, which conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. at his graduation in 1910. He was admitted to the bar at Rochester in September of the same year and began practice in association with T. A. Kirby in Albion, New York, where he thus remained for one year. Appointed by Hon. Isaac S. Signor, clerk of the surrogate's court of Orleans county, he served in this office under Judge Signor and Judge Fred L. Downs, from September 1, 1911, until December 31, 1917. In the fall of the latter year he was elected district attorney, in which capacity he is still serving very acceptably, now filling his third term. He gives his political support to the republican party and along strictly professional lines has membership connection with the Orleans County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association.

On the 25th of November, 1909, Mr. Munson was united in marriage to Miss Frances Ely of Ithaca, New York, and they have become the parents of two children: Barbara, whose natal day was June 19, 1912; and Ruth, who was born December 19, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Munson are consistent members of the Episcopal church and the former also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Alert Club, the Tuscarora Club of Lockport, New York, and to Delta Chi, a national Greek letter fraternity.

JOSEPH H. PIERCE.

Joseph H. Pierce, one of the foremost architects of Elmira, for forty-four years has been a resident of the city, and his name is inseparably associated with its up-building and improvement. He began life as a poor boy and has worthily won the right to the honorable title of "self-made man". He belongs to one of the oldest families in this country and traces his ancestry to the colonial epoch in American history. He was born in Dundee, Yates county, New York, September 2, 1855, a son of Herschel Wright and Mariette (Pierce) Pierce, who were married in that town. The mother was born in the vicinity of Mexico, New York, in 1825 and died in 1893, at the age of sixty-eight. The father was born on a farm near Dundee in 1818, and passed away in 1891, when seventy-three years of age. He learned the carpenter's trade and for fifty years was engaged in business as a general contractor. He was a skilled artisan and erected most of the buildings in Dundee. He was one of the gallant officers of the Union army and served for three and a half years in the Civil war. He was commissioned captain of Company A, Seventy-sixth New York Volunteers, and saw much hard fighting, having participated in the memorable engagements at Chancellorsville, Antietam, Spotsylvania and Gettysburg. He entered the last named battle with thirty-five men and only seven responded to roll call at its close. Of the remaining twenty-eight, all were killed or wounded except two, who were captured by the Confederates. Mr. Pierce was educated at Lima Seminary and his study of the political situation led him to indorse the principles of the republican party. He was active in public affairs and served for a number of years as supervisor, and also served two terms as county school commissioner of Yates county, New York. He was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and contributed liberally toward its support. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, two of whom survive: Joseph H. of this review; and William H., who resides in Moreland, New York, and follows the occupation of farming. The paternal grandparents were Samuel and Sallie (Wright) Pierce, the former of whom settled on a farm near Dundee, in Yates county, New York, in 1817, and there resided until his death, which occurred in 1864. The American progenitor of the Pierce family migrated to the



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New World prior to 1623, as his name appears upon the records of the Old Colony in that year. In 1627, upon the division of cattle, he received two shares of a red cow, which he traded to Miles Standish for one ewe lamb.

Joseph H. Pierce attended the public school and academy at Dundee and graduated from Starkey Seminary. Between the ages of fourteen and seventeen he engaged in farm work and his education was acquired during the winter months. For a time he followed the carpenter's trade and then obtained a position in the office of Warren H. Hayes, a well known architect of Elmira. Under his guidance Mr. Pierce mastered the technicalities of the profession and when his employer left the city he purchased his interest in the business, which is now conducted under the firm style of Pierce & Bickford, being registered architects in the states of New York and Pennsylvania. For a long period of years they have been, and are still, securing many important commissions, not only in their own city, but throughout an ever-widening territory. Among some of the more important works designed by them in Elmira are the city hall, Steele Memorial building, the Masonic temple, several large business blocks on Water street, the state armory, the First Baptist church, Hedding church, the Free Academy, the South Side high school, the Star-Gazette building, the Iszard department store and the Y. M. C. A. building. They also designed many of the state normal school buildings at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, the high school in Towanda, Pennsylvania, the high school in Bradford, Pennsylvania, the model school in Mansfield and also the high school there, the Clifton Springs Sanitarium in Ontario county, New York, and many other buildings within a radius of several hundred miles. Their buildings are mostly of fireproof construction. Their work is the expression of a high and enduring art, manifesting splendid adaptation to specific needs, combined with beauty of form and design. They employ a large office force and their business is conducted according to the highest standard of professional ethics.

In 1886 Mr. Pierce was married to Miss Carrie Decker, daughter of Hon. David Decker. She was born in Elmira and received her education in that city and in Cazenovia Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce are members of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal church and for thirty-five years Mr. Pierce has been one of its trustees, while he has also acted as superintendent of the Sunday school. In Masonry he has taken the degrees of the York and Scottish Rites and has filled some of the chairs in the commandery, while he is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Elmira Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Association and also belongs to the Century Club. He supports the platform and principles of the republican party and has been called to public office, serving for four years as police commissioner. Mr. Pierce keeps in close touch with the progress that is being made along architectural lines in the New World and his designs have always been characterized by originality and that degree of taste and consistency which indicates the true artistic touch.

FRANK W. HERRON.

Frank W. Herron, secretary and treasurer of the Producers Gas Company at Olean, New York, has been identified with this public service concern for thirty-four years and has worked his way up from bookkeeper to his present responsible post. He has taken a great interest in oil and gas development and has been rewarded by the amazing growth of this utility during the past quarter of a century. Everything pertaining to civic life and betterment has interested Mr. Herron, too, and his efforts for the upbuilding of Olean have been effectual. He was born in Prattsburg, New York, September 4, 1867, the son of Robert and Harriett (Clark) Herron. His father was an active resident of Bath, New York, but in his later years became an invalid and did not participate in the business world. He died April 12, 1914. The paternal grandfather, John Herron, was the first of the family to settle in the Genesee country, coming here in 1833 and becoming one of the most prominent men of the section. Herron Hill, south of Bath, was named for him.

Frank W. Herron attended the public and high schools of Bath and Westbrooks Academy at Olean. He then entered the employ of Merscreau & Company, lumber dealers of Portville, New York, where he remained for two years. He became bookkeeper for the Producers Gas Company and has been with them ever since, and in 1915 was promoted to secretary-treasurer. His work has always been appreciated by the company and he is considered one of the bulwarks of the concern.

Mr. Herron was married to Miss Anna Rockwell in Mount Morris, New York,

December 23, 1891. She came from Smithport, Pennsylvania. They have four children: Donald W., a Watertown, New York, newspaper man; Selden C., in the oil business in Port Arthur, Texas; Lois F., and Robert F., students in the Olean schools. Mr. Herron is a member of the Olean Masonic order, an active republican, and a member of St. Stephens Episcopal church.

MAHER BROTHERS COMPANY.

The firm of Maher Brothers at Medina, New York, was founded in 1877 for the manufacture of upholstered furniture and the disposition of same through the medium of a retail store. The retail branch of the business was discontinued in 1888, when the concern became an exclusive manufacturing enterprise. In 1899 the owners formed a company for the manufacture of furniture frames which they conducted as the Medina Furniture Company until 1912, when it was merged with the Maher Brothers concern under the name of the Maher Brothers Company, which style has been maintained to the present time. It distributes its product in every part of the United States through its own sales force. Its ever growing volume of business is due to the high quality of the manufactured product.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN WILSON.

Joseph Chamberlain Wilson has been an active factor in municipal affairs of Rochester as an officeholder for the past twenty-eight years and since 1919 has filled the position of city comptroller. In business circles of the city he is also well known as secretary and treasurer of the jewelry establishment conducted under the name of the J. C. Wilson Company, which had its inception forty-six years ago. His birth occurred in Binghamton, Broome county, New York, on the 11th of October, 1851, his parents being Henry and Ann S. (Williams) Wilson, both of whom were natives of New York city and always remained within the borders of the Empire state. The father, who devoted his attention to mercantile pursuits throughout his active business career, passed away in Syracuse, New York. The mother was a resident of Rochester when called to her final rest.

Joseph C. Wilson obtained a high school education in his native city and at an early age entered the service of a well known jeweler of Syracuse as an apprentice. After having mastered the trade he worked as a jeweler in Syracuse until 1878, which year witnessed his arrival in Rochester. Here he embarked in business as a jeweler on his own account and still conducts a well appointed establishment of this character on East Main street, having developed an extensive patronage through reliable and enterprising methods. Mr. Wilson is not only the secretary and treasurer of the J. C. Wilson Company but also secretary and treasurer of the Acme Sales Company and a director of the Haloid Company, manufacturers of photographic paper. Of the Acme Sales Company he formerly served as president. He is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and his executive ability and excellent management have brought to the concerns with which he is connected a large degree of success.

On the 12th of May, 1881, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Hutton, daughter of James Hutton. Their children are three in number: Joseph R., who was born in this city and is a graduate of the University of Rochester, is actively engaged in business as secretary and general manager of the Haloid Company. He wedded Miss Katherine Upton of Rochester and has two children, Joseph C. and Richard Upton Wilson. Mrs. Alice Lillian Howell, a native of Rochester and a graduate of the Rochester high school, still makes her home in this city. She is married and has two children, Alice L. and Frank Walker Howell. Mrs. Emma Maud Crandall, who was also born in this city and is a graduate of the Rochester high school, is the mother of two children, Charles Trafton and Robert W. Crandall.

Mr. Wilson became interested in municipal affairs early in the '90s and was urged by his fellow townsmen to accept candidacy for public office. In 1896 he was elected alderman of the nineteenth ward, serving in that capacity until 1900, when he was chosen city assessor. In the latter position of public trust and responsibility he continued for seventeen years, or until 1917, while during the two succeeding years he acted as city treasurer. Since 1919 he has filled the office of

city comptroller and in this connection also has made a most commendable record that fully justifies the support and confidence of his constituents. Fraternally Mr. Wilson is a thirty-second degree Mason and has taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rites. He is likewise identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Universalist church. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, to the Rochester Historical Society and to the Rochester Club, the Washington Club of Rochester and the Rochester Automobile Club. At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing Mr. Wilson to be a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in his individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions, but there are as dominating elements in this individuality a lively human sympathy and an abiding charity, which, as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally gained to him the respect and confidence of men.

ARTHUR E. WOOD.

Arthur E. Wood, president of the Big Elm Dairy Company, is one of the best known men in his line of business in western New York. Mr. Wood's connection with the dairy business dates back at least a half century. He was born in Rochester, New York, December 5, 1860. His parents came to the United States in the latter '50s. His father was William Wood and his mother's maiden name was Emma Low. Both were natives of Nottingham, England, and for a number of years were residents of Rochester, where their deaths occurred. William Wood was a well known milk distributor of this city forty years ago and was conducting a successful business of that character at the time of his death. There were four children in his family: Mrs. Daniel Hatch of Canandaigua; Arthur E., of this review; Mrs. Hattie Berner, now deceased; and Albert W., who is vice president of the Big Elm Dairy Company and is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Arthur E. Wood attended the schools of Rochester and when but a boy, while at work for his father, gained his first practical knowledge of the dairy business that was to occupy his attention for a lifetime. He remained with his father in that work until he was twenty-four years old, when he entered the employ of a Mr. Terrill, who was also in the dairy business. A year later Mr. Wood changed employers and became associated with Charles Kelley and still later was in the employ of George Brasser, another dairyman of this city. When Mr. Brasser died Mr. Wood purchased from the estate the milk route of his late employer, which he conducted successfully until 1902. In that year he joined with several other men in organizing the Big Elm Dairy Company. The growth of this company has been remarkable. Its management has been both capable and progressive. The fireproof structure that now houses the business was erected in 1915 and is generally conceded to be the most modern and scientifically equipped in western New York, representing the last word in plant construction of its character. As its chief executive Mr. Wood has been no small factor in the success of the Big Elm Dairy Company, the other officials being Albert W. Wood, vice president, and Oscar B. Spieler, secretary and treasurer. It is both interesting and significant to note here that many patrons now being served by this company bought milk from Mr. Wood years ago when he took over the route of Mr. George Brasser, and have continued to give him their patronage from that day to this. The fact that Mr. Wood is numbered among the substantial business men of a city wherein he has passed almost his entire life, and where many of his best friends are those who have known him longest, is indicative of the high character of his business methods and practices. Fraternally he is known as a York Rite Mason who has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise identified with the Rochester Lodge of Elks and belongs to the Rochester Club.

On the 30th of November, 1889, Mr. Wood was married in this city to Miss Myrtle B. Dieter, daughter of Mathew Dieter, a well known resident of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have two sons: Arthur M., born in Rochester in 1896; and Howard W., born in 1901. The older son is engaged in business in Canandaigua, New York. He is married, his wife being the former Miss Marguerite Haley of Rochester. During the late war he enlisted in the American navy and was assigned to the United States transport service, where he was on active duty for a year and

a half. The younger son, Howard W., who is a high school graduate and also completed a course in Syracuse University, is now associated with his father in the active management of the business.

MILTON E. VAN DUSEN.

Farming and the live stock business are the principal occupations of Milton E. Van Dusen of Nunda, Livingston county, New York. He is a large owner of farming land, of which he is the active manager. He was born in the town of Hume, Allegany county, New York, on April 14, 1858, the son of Myron and Elizabeth (Boynnton) Van Dusen. There were seven children in the family, three of whom are living. Both parents have passed away.

Milton E. Van Dusen's education was obtained in the district schools and at Pike Academy, in Wyoming county, and after its completion he began work as a farmer in Wyoming county. When twenty-one years old Mr. Van Dusen moved to Mount Morris, in Livingston county, and took up farming, at which he has continued. He owns four farms, aggregating four hundred acres, in the town of Mount Morris. Mr. Van Dusen is a democrat in his political views, was village president for four years, a trustee for eleven years, president of the board of education for two years and a member of the board for ten years.

On October 12, 1881, Mr. Van Dusen was married to Rose Clark of Portage, New York. They have a daughter: Lena, wife of Fred L. Dake of Nunda. Mr. Van Dusen is a regular attendant at the Presbyterian church and has been one of its trustees for sixteen years. Fraternally Mr. Van Dusen is affiliated with the Masonic order.

FREDERIC S. COVENTRY.

Frederic S. Coventry, a man of broad experience in business affairs, ranks with the leading realtors of Rochester, where his activities have contributed to the city's growth and upbuilding. He was born at Stuyvesant Falls, New York, on the 7th of November, 1858, a son of Stephen M. and Maria Jane (Wadsworth) Coventry, the former also a native of that place. The father removed to Monroe county, New York, and became identified with the paper industry of this locality, the mills being operated by water power. He engaged in that business for many years and passed away in August, 1873. The mother was born in Wayne county, New York, on the 7th of July, 1832, and has reached the venerable age of ninety-two years. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Coventry and two are now living: Frederic S.; and Mrs. Minnie Mills, whose home is in Rochester. A son, John T., who died in January, 1925, was a resident of Lima, New York.

Frederic S. Coventry attended a district school near Lima and in 1869 became a pupil in the public schools of Rochester, where he completed his education. He began his business career as a clerk in the Burke store, in which he worked for several years, and then entered the employ of the Strauss Clothing Company. He next became associated in business with his brother, John T. Coventry, and for five years they were proprietors of a general store at Lima. In 1895 Frederic S. Coventry returned to Rochester and became manager of the Bristol Hotel and also operated the White Kitchen Restaurant. He disposed of that business to enter the real estate field, in which he has since continued with ever increasing success. He has an expert knowledge of the business and his interests have been well managed. His buildings are substantially constructed and attractive in design, representing the best in workmanship and material consistent with the prices charged. In development projects he has not only studied present needs and conditions but has also looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities and possibilities of the future and his operations are conducted on an extensive scale. Mr. Coventry has developed the following subdivisions: Crittenden Park, which contains one hundred and eighty lots; Bon Air, comprising one hundred and ten lots; and is the owner of Riverside Gardens, a tract containing three hundred and twenty-eight lots, which are now on sale, and Coventry Manor and Sarasota Flora, comprising two hundred lots. He also platted the Nowadoga subdivision, a tract containing ninety-eight lots, situated on elevated level land, commanding on the north a beautiful view of Lake Ontario, and on the south, at the crest of a prolonged hill, a magnificent panorama of the far-famed



Frederic S. Leavenworth

scenery of the lower Genesee valley. It is a veritable garden spot—an ideal place in which to live and enjoy country life, with city conveniences. He has real estate interests in Florida and has made a number of profitable investments in and around Sarasota, Punta Gorda and St. Petersburg in that state. Mr. Coventry also has other business interests, owning a cigar and news stand in the Powers Hotel for twenty-seven years, and has shown excellent judgment in his investments, which return to him a substantial income.

On August 10, 1898, in Elmira, New York, Mr. Coventry married Miss Marietta Snyder, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Snyder of that city. Mr. Coventry is a member of the Central church of Rochester. He is a well known Mason, being a member of Genesee Falls Lodge, No. 507, F. & A. M.; has attained the thirty-second degree; is also a Shriner; and belongs to Lalla Rookh Grotto, No. 3. He is identified with the Rochester Historical Society, the Automobile Club of Rochester, and for a number of years belonged to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. Alert, enterprising and resourceful, his efforts have been directed along steadily broadening lines of greater usefulness, and his friends are legion. Mr. Coventry's residence is at No. 11 Vick Park A.

A. B. DE GROAT.

A. B. de Groat is a photographer of Bath who makes a specialty of high-class portrait work and has become widely recognized as a skilled and successful representative of his art. He is a native of Zumbrota, Minnesota, born December 14, 1868, and is a son of the Rev. A. B. and Mary (Hoagland) de Groat. His father, born in Painted Post, Steuben county, New York, preached the gospel as a minister of the Baptist denomination. The maternal grandparents of Mr. de Groat of this review were also numbered among the pioneer residents of Steuben county, this state, having taken up their abode among the early settlers of the town of Howard.

A. B. de Groat, who was still quite young when he came with his parents to the Empire state, acquired his preliminary education in the public schools and continued his studies in Haverling Academy, while subsequently he pursued a business course at Hornell Business School of Hornell, New York. He then took up photography, to which he has devoted his attention to the present time, now conducting a well appointed and attractive studio in the town of Bath. Mr. de Groat does all kinds of outside and inside photography but has become particularly known for high-class portrait work, in which he specializes. He has the true artist's conception of the values of light and shade, and his work has won popular favor to a degree that makes his patronage a very extensive one.

In 1907 Mr. de Groat was united in marriage to Miss Effie Orcott and they are the parents of a son: Albert Ford. Mr. de Groat is a republican in politics. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, is past master of Steuben Lodge No. 112, A. F. & A. M., and past patron in the Amaranth Lodge. His hobby is the raising of gladioli, of which he produces a rare French variety, which his cultivation and sale have brought into wide demand.

LOUIS J. KNAPP.

A city always follows the careers of its successful sons with a pride that is almost parental in character. This interest in the success of the younger generation is naturally more intense if the individual's efforts are expended in his own community, where they are watched with a kindly solicitude and their results directly felt. Thus it comes about that Rochester points with considerable pride to the achievements of Louis J. Knapp, one of her prominent real estate men. Born in this city, on the 7th of July, 1882, he has lived here all of his life. His father was also one of Rochester's native sons. Victor Knapp, the father, was a well known and successful grocer here for many years, enjoying a large business prior to his death in 1900. The mother, who passed away on August 12, 1921, was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, and bore the maiden name of Frances Mehl. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children, of whom six survive her: Miss Edith Knapp of this city; Mrs. Cora Durgin of Detroit; Mrs. Adelaide Burns of Rochester; Cornelius V. Knapp, also of this city; Karl J. Knapp of Minneapolis; and Louis J. Knapp of this

review. As a boy Mr. Knapp attended the St. Peter and St. Paul Parochial school and the Rochester Free Academy, later supplementing this general education with a commercial course in the night school of the Rochester Business College.

Mr. Knapp's early venture into business was as an associate of his brother in the grocery business. Later he held a position with the Hunting Company, dealers in plumbers' supplies, as credit manager for five years, following which he entered the plumbing and heating business on his own account. He did a contracting and jobbing business along these lines for about five years, eventually selling out. Mr. Knapp first became interested in the real estate field as a member of the organization of the Robert J. Carroll Corporation, a well known realty firm of Rochester. Not only did this type of work prove congenial to Mr. Knapp, but it offered him abundant opportunity to make the best use of his abilities as a business man as well. On May 1, 1921, he opened his own real estate office and has been doing business in his own name ever since. The success that has attended this venture speaks volumes for Mr. Knapp's ability and for the confidence his clients have placed in his integrity and judgment. Ten years of consistent but well rewarded effort have placed him in the front ranks of the men engaged in this line of work.

Mr. Knapp votes with the republican party and religiously is identified with the Roman Catholic church. He has taken the fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus and is serving as the district warden of the fifteenth district in that order. His clubs are the Rochester Automobile and Alhambra Clubs. In connection with his business he maintains membership in the Rochester Real Estate Board.

In Rochester, on the 9th of June, 1908, Mr. Knapp was married to Miss Jennie Harnischfeger, who belongs to a well known Rochester family. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have a son, Louis J. Knapp, Jr., who was born in this city on the 1st of November, 1921. Since 1909, Mr. Knapp has resided at No. 53, Linden street, having purchased the property on the 12th of April that year.

JOHN S. LAPP.

The manufacturer is at once the mainstay and the motive power of every community in which he is found. To this useful class of citizens belongs John S. Lapp, who has transmuted his visions into brilliant realities. His constructive efforts have resulted in the development of an industry of large extent and importance, and as the founder and head of the Lapp Insulator Company, Incorporated, operating in Le Roy, he has achieved an international reputation. He was born in Honeoye Falls, New York, August 6, 1878, a son of John and Christine (Ritzenthaler) Lapp, the former a carriage-maker and a man of inventive genius. The paternal grandfather immigrated from Germany to the United States about 1840, settling in western New York, where he spent the remainder of his life. His son John was long a resident of Rochester, and died in that city on the 2d of April, 1921.

John S. Lapp attended the public schools of Honeoye Falls and afterward became a student in the University of Rochester, completing two years in that institution in 1899. In the same year he became an employe of Fred M. Locke, a manufacturer of insulators in Victor, New York, for whom he worked until 1901, and for three years thereafter he was in the service of C. S. Knowles of Boston, Massachusetts, engaged in the same line of business. In 1904 he returned to the Locke Insulator Manufacturing Company, with which he was connected until 1915, filling the offices of secretary and manager. In 1916 he established a business of his own, organizing the Lapp Insulator Company, Incorporated, and assumed the duties of vice president and general manager. He served in those capacities until 1922 and has since been president and general manager of the company. In 1917 the company erected a plant in Le Roy and first employed twenty-five men. Additions have been built each year and in 1924 the capacity of the plant was tripled. The firm now has over three hundred employes and is doing a business of approximately one million dollars a year. It manufactures high voltage porcelain insulators, obtaining material for this purpose from England, Canada and America, and the output of the plant is sold to the highest electric power lines in the world. The firm has created an international market for its insulators and has representatives in Australia, Norway, New Zealand, and throughout the United States. Mr. Lapp has a highly specialized knowledge of the business, of which he has made a life study, and the remarkable success that has attended the operations of the concern is proof of his superior executive ability and organizing powers.



JOHN S. LAPP

In October, 1902, in Honeoye Falls, New York, Mr. Lapp was married to Miss Ethna L. Visscher, a daughter of Stephen K. Visscher of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Lapp have become the parents of four children: Rudolph S., a member of the class of 1927 at Union College; and Judith H., Wendell V. and Dean H., all of whom are attending the Le Roy high school.

Mr. Lapp is liberal in his political views and supports the candidate whom he considers best qualified for office, irrespective of party ties. He takes a keen interest in civic affairs and as a member of the water, light and park commissions and school board of Le Roy he is rendering valuable service to his community. He is a member of the board of directors of the Le Roy National Bank; belongs to the Chamber of Commerce of Rochester; Olive Branch Lodge, F. & A. M., at Le Roy; the Oatka Hose Club of Le Roy and the Stafford Country Club. He turns to golf and motoring for recreation.

ROSS GEORGE LOOP, M. D., F. A. C. S.

For over a quarter of a century Elmira has been the scene of the professional labors of Dr. Ross George Loop and he has gained recognition as one of the foremost surgeons of the city. He was born in Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1876, a son of James W. and Anna J. (Brant) Loop, the former also a native of that county, and the latter of Lindley, Steuben county, New York. They were married in Nelson, Pennsylvania, in 1874, and Ross George Loop was their only child. One of the earliest settlers of Chemung county was Christian Loop. Dr. A. M. Loop, another member of the family, was born in Elmira and subsequently removed to Tioga, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the practice of medicine for a period of sixty-five years. James W. Loop was an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which he served for two years as sergeant of Company G, Second New York Cavalry. He became a resident of Elmira in 1884 and engaged in the real estate business. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian church and he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his political support was given to the republican party. He passed away in 1912. The mother still resides in Elmira.

Ross George Loop attended the public schools and the Elmira Free Academy, afterward entering the medical department of the University of Buffalo, from which he was graduated in 1897 as president of his class. He was one of the founders of Omega Upsilon Phi, a Medical Collegiate fraternity, and was the first president of Alpha Chapter, the first chapter of the fraternity. For eighteen months he was interne at the Erie County Hospital of Buffalo and in 1898 opened an office in Elmira, where he has since made his home. He specializes in surgery and has served on the staff of the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital of this city since 1899. He has enhanced his skill by postgraduate work in Paris, London and Edinburgh.

On June 5, 1900, Dr. Loop was married to Miss Agnes Margaret Elliot, who was born, reared and educated in Port Huron, Michigan, and they have become the parents of two daughters: Marget Brant, who is attending the Institute of Musical Art of the city of New York; and Jane Elliot, a public school pupil.

Dr. Loop's military experience covers seven months' service in the United States army during the World war. He was commissioned captain and assigned to duty at the base hospital at Camp Lee, Virginia. He is a member of the American Legion and has served as commander of Elmira Post. He is also a member of the Military Order of the World war. He is one of the Sons of the American Revolution and a member of the First Baptist church, while in politics he is a republican. In 1914 Dr. Loop was honored with a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. He has written and spoken extensively on surgical subjects.

HON. JAMES WOLCOTT WADSWORTH.

Hon. James Wolcott Wadsworth of Geneseo, financier, former member of congress, agriculturist and one of the widely known and most highly esteemed citizens of the Genesee country, was born on the 12th of October, 1846, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of Brigadier General James S. and Mary (Wharton) Wadsworth. James W. Wadsworth is the grandson of James Wadsworth, who, with his brother William, came from Durham, Connecticut, to what is now Livingston county in 1790,

and bought a large tract of land of the reserved Phelps and Gorham Purchase in the Genesee valley. General James Samuel Wadsworth, son of James, became a leading citizen of the Empire state. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the Union army and rose to the rank of brigadier general. While the War between the States was in progress he was the republican candidate for governor in 1862 but was defeated by Horatio Seymour, the democratic candidate. He was killed in May, 1864, while gallantly rallying his division—Fourth of the Fifth Corps—in the battle of the Wilderness.

James Wolcott Wadsworth was a student at the famous Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, Connecticut, preparing for Yale, but left in the fall of 1864, to enter the Union army. He first served as volunteer aid on the staff of Gen. G. K. Warren, commanding the Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, from October 1, 1864 to January, 1865, and was then appointed captain and A. D. C. by President Lincoln, and on April 1, 1865, was brevetted major for "gallant and meritorious service" at the battle of Five Forks, Virginia, serving on the staff of General G. K. Warren. In May he was ordered to report to General Sheridan, at New Orleans but hostilities having ceased he was mustered out on June 25, 1865. Upon his return to Genesee he assumed the management of extensive farm interests, which he has continued very successfully.

Always a staunch republican, his first public office was as supervisor of Genesee in 1875, 1876 and 1877. In 1878 and 1879 he was a member of the assembly, and in 1880 and 1881 was comptroller of the state of New York. He then became his party's choice for congress, being first elected to the forty-seventh congress, and served in the forty-eighth, fifty-second, fifty-third, fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh congresses, retiring in 1907. Mr. Wadsworth was a member of the constitutional convention of 1914. In 1898 Yale University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

Hon. James W. Wadsworth was for many years president of the Genesee Valley National Bank at Genesee and president of the Genesee River National Bank at Mount Morris, and is now president of the State Bank of Livonia, vice president of the Citizens Bank of Dansville, chairman of the board of the Livingston County Trust Company and of the Genesee Valley National Bank. He is now first vice president of the board of managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, having first served seven years as its president.

On September 14, 1876, James W. Wadsworth was married to Louisa Travers, daughter of William R. Travers of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth are the parents of a daughter and a son: Harriet, who is the wife of Fletcher Harper of New York; and Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., senior United States senator from New York.

FRANK ROWLETT AULLS.

Frank Rowlett Aulls, the capable incumbent in the position of county treasurer of Steuben county, justly merits the proud American title of a self-made man, for he has been dependent upon his own resources from the age of fourteen years and has won prosperity in business and prominence in public life. He was born in Bradford, Steuben county, New York, on the 7th of August, 1878, and represents an old family of the county. His great-grandfather, William Aulls, made his way to Pleasant Valley in company with William Baker in 1793, seventeen years before the arrival of the Hammond family, in whose honor the town of Hammondsport was named. Ephraim Aulls, the grandfather of Frank R. Aulls, came to the Empire state from Connecticut and took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Pleasant Valley. Frank Aulls, his father, a native of Wayne, Steuben county, this state, died when his son, Frank R., of this review, was a youth of fourteen. In the acquirement of an education Frank Rowlett Aulls attended the public schools and the Haverling Academy. After putting aside his textbooks he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until he had attained his majority. In 1898 he built a feed mill in Bradford, Steuben county, and two years later purchased the waterpower mills at Campbell in the same county. He also erected the Aulls electric plant in Campbell and owned ninety-eight per cent of the stock. The following is an excerpt from a review of his career, which appeared in the Elmira Star-Gazette under date of July 27, 1922: "The citizens of Campbell and Savona, New York, now have the advantages of metropolitan places in the way of electricity for power and illumination. On January 10, 1921, Frank R.



FRANK R. AULLS

Aulls organized the Aulls Electric Corporation, under the laws of New York state, and the following are the officials: Frank R. Aulls, president; R. C. Turnbull, treasurer; and William V. L. Turnbull, secretary. In a fine new annex constructed of concrete and connected with the Aulls flour mill, a complete plant was constructed and equipped with General Electric Company machinery of Schenectady, with the hydroelectric direct connected system. Visitors to the town will find a plant second to none and with up-to-the-minute apparatus. Mr. Aulls has few equals as a well balanced and efficient business man. * * * He has recently remodeled his flour mill from a fifty-barrel wheat flour to a seventy-five barrel per day buckwheat mill and ten ton per day feed mill, so that he will have unsurpassed facilities for supplying the wholesale and retail trade in the future." The sale of his electric plant was noted in *The Evening Leader* of Corning, New York, on March 7, 1924, as follows: "Negotiations which have been under way for some time were closed yesterday when the Aulls Electric Corporation of Campbell entered into a contract with the New York Central Electric Corporation, distributors of Niagara power, for the sale of the transmission lines, the only assets of the company. Frank R. Aulls of Campbell also entered into a contract for the sale of the power plant, grist mill and water rights now owned by him in the town of Campbell to this corporation."

Mr. Aulls has figured prominently in public affairs of his community. He was a member of the board of education for eight years and had served as supervisor of the town of Campbell for seven and one-half years when he resigned to assume the duties of county treasurer. He was appointed county treasurer by Governor Miller on the 4th of November, 1921, and was elected to that office as a republican candidate four days later, running about two thousand votes ahead of the ticket. In the year 1915 Mr. Aulls was appointed chairman of the committee named to locate and build the Pleasant Valley Tuberculosis Sanitarium, an institution containing thirty-two beds, which was completed and opened in the fall of 1918. On this committee he served as chairman until his resignation from the board of supervisors of Steuben county in 1921. He had filled the vice presidency of the Steuben County Agricultural Society for eight years when elected president of the organization in 1923. On the 1st of September, 1917, Mr. Aulls was commissioned by Governor Charles L. Whitman as first lieutenant of the Home Defense Reserve of the State of New York.

Mr. Aulls has been twice married. He first wedded Miss May Charlton of Peekskill, New York, who departed this life in 1906. On the 1st of September, 1909, he was united in marriage to Miss Marguerite C. Cox of Cleveland, Ohio, and they are the parents of three children: Anna, Frank W., and Virginia. In Masonry Mr. Aulls has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Corning Consistory, A. & A. S. R. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, of which he has been a trustee for two decades.

LOUIS C. ZIEGLER.

Louis C. Ziegler was for many years identified with the Otis Elevator Company and is now devoting his attention to public affairs, serving as president of Palmyra, his native village. He was born on the 4th of January, 1868, and his parents, Jacob and Lena (Zipfel) Ziegler, were natives of Germany. It was in 1845 that the Zipfel family immigrated to the United States and Jacob Ziegler came alone to this country in 1850, during his boyhood, making his way to Wayne county, New York. He served an apprenticeship to the carriage maker's trade, which he followed in Palmyra for a number of years, building up a good business. He was an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which he served from 1861 until 1865 as a sergeant in the New York State Cavalry, and gallantly defended the Union cause. In 1864, at Palmyra, he married Miss Zipfel and they became the parents of three children, the subject of this review being the second in order of birth. The two sons survive, but the daughter has passed away.

After his graduation from the Palmyra high school, Louis C. Ziegler completed a course in the Rochester Business University and in 1885 obtained a clerical position with the Graves Elevator Company, which subsequently sold its business to the Otis Elevator Company. Mr. Ziegler's services were retained by the new owners of the business and he was employed in Rochester until 1907, when he was sent by the firm to Buffalo, New York. As he proved his worth and reliability he was steadily advanced. He was made manager of the Buffalo office in 1912 and filled the position for four years, when he resigned, owing to ill health, and returned to Palmyra. His

work has since been in the field of public service, in which his efforts have been equally resultant and beneficial. He served for four years as trustee of the village and for four years was justice of the peace. He is now acting as president of the municipality, justice of the peace and also discharges the duties of town assessor. He brings to his official life the same intelligent grasp of conditions and conscientious application which characterized his business career and his work has received high commendation.

During the World war Mr. Ziegler devoted much of his time to government activities, laying aside all personal interests, and was appointed local chairman of the committee in charge of the Fourth Liberty Loan and the Victory Loan, also serving on the committees which raised funds for the Salvation Army, Red Cross and War Chest drives. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge, chapter, council and commandery at Palmyra, and his political support is given to the republican party. He is a member of the Steamer and Hose Company and an ex-president of that organization. He has never used his talents unworthily nor supported a dishonorable cause and his record as a public official as well as a private citizen is an unblemished one, while his personal qualities are those which make for strong and enduring friendship.

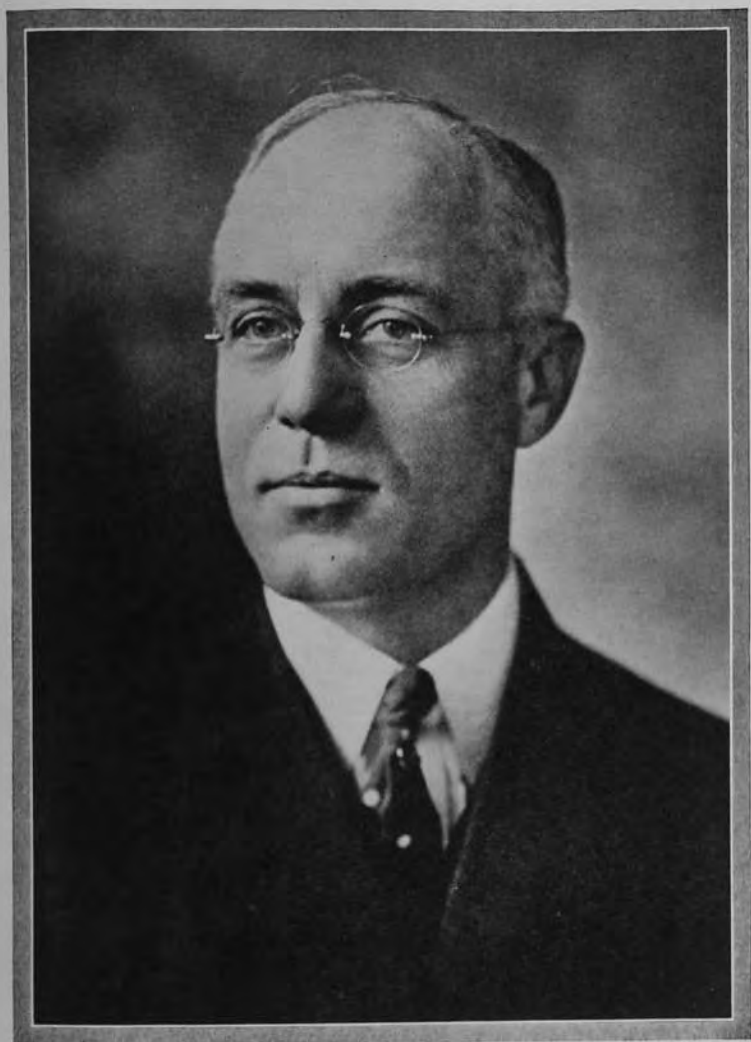
HON. SEYMOUR LOWMAN.

Seymour Lowman, lieutenant governor of the state of New York, former state senator from the forty-first district, prominent in finance and commercial circles in the Southern Tier, is descended from one of the pioneer families of Chemung county. He is one of the outstanding business men of southern New York and the fact that his clean, honorable activities in many fields have won recognition from his fellows is indicated in the support given him in the 1924 campaign, when he was chosen by the voters for the second highest office in the state. His record in politics and in his various vocations is filled with notable achievements and in every way he has upheld the pride and prestige of the family name which he bears.

Seymour Lowman was born on a farm in the town of Chemung, October 7, 1868, the son of John Lowman (1832-1884) and Fanny (Bixby) Lowman, and the grandson of Martin and Lydia (Jenkins) Lowman. The mother survives, but the father passed away on August 7, 1884. He was a native of Lowman, New York, and his wife was born in Bainbridge, this state. The progenitors of the Lowman family in Chemung county were Jacob Lowman (1769-1840) and Martin Lowman (1794-1862) brothers. They were of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction and sons of George Lowman (1743-1809) and Esther (Koenig) Lowman (1750-1821), residents of Middletown, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. Soon after General Sullivan and his army drove the Indians out of the Chemung valley Jacob Lowman began to make trading trips up the Susquehanna to Tioga Point. Finally settling permanently at Chemung in the year 1792, he soon became a large owner of farm and timber lands in that town. He married Huldah Bosworth (1774-1839) and reared a family of two sons (George and Jacob) and three daughters (Laurinda, Esther and Cynthia), who became prominent in the social and business life of the community.

Martin Lowman was a younger brother of Jacob Lowman and served in the War of 1812. On being discharged from the army in 1814 he came to Chemung county and settled just below what is now the hamlet of Lowman. At the time of his death he owned over one thousand acres of land and was one of the leading dairy farmers of the Southern Tier. He married Lydia Jenkins (1800-1877) and had four sons, Frederick, George, John and William; and four daughters, Esther, Sally, Alzina and Julia. Many of the pioneer families of the Chemung valley have become extinct. Not so with the Lowmans, who are still numerous and highly respected. They are largely interested in agriculture in the neighborhood where their ancestors settled more than one hundred and twenty-five years ago.

Seymour Lowman was educated for the law and practiced his profession in the city of Elmira for several years. He became interested in various business enterprises and finally abandoned his profession in order to devote his entire time to other lines of endeavor. In politics, in which field Mr. Lowman has won distinction, he has always followed the republican banner, and no man in the state has been a stronger advocate of the principles of the Grand Old Party. Mr. Lowman was a member of assembly from Chemung county during the years 1909 and 1910. In 1918 he was elected to the state senate from the forty-first senate district, comprising the counties of Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins and Tioga. He performed meritorious service in



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this public office until 1924. In the latter year, at the republican state convention, he was chosen as the party's candidate for lieutenant governor, on the ticket headed by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Although the latter was defeated by his democratic opponent, Mr. Lowman and the remainder of the republican candidates were elected at the polls on November 4th.

Seymour Lowman was married on September 7, 1893, to Kate Harding Smith of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, a woman of gracious personality and a worthy helpmate in the career of her husband. To this union the following children have been born: Abner Marshall; Gratia, wife of Arthur Stiles; Fanny; Caroline; and Katherine. Abner Marshall Lowman married Camilla Bryan of Elmira and has one son, Marshall Lowman. Abner M. Lowman was an aviator in the United States navy during the World war, having been a lieutenant, junior grade, on the Battleship Nevada, in charge of the observation balloon attached to that vessel.

HUBERT J. MARTINS.

The business interests of Rochester are important and varied, offering splendid opportunities for advancement to the man of ambition and energy. Competition in the different lines of business, however, is exceedingly keen and only those possessed of more than ordinary ability have won the full measure of success. To this class belongs Hubert J. Martins, who for the past fourteen years has been numbered among the leading realtors of the city and is now conducting his operations on an extensive scale. He was born in Montclair, New Jersey, March 22, 1876, and his parents, John and Katherine (Lally) Martins, were natives of Ireland. In early life they came to the United States and for a time were residents of New York city, whence they removed to Orange, New Jersey, and later to Montclair, where both passed away.

In the acquirement of an education Hubert J. Martins attended the public schools of Orange and Montclair, New Jersey, and afterward became a student at George-town College. On leaving that institution he joined his father, who was engaged in merchandising, and after the latter's death, which occurred in 1905, secured a position as salesman with the Garfield Realty Company. In 1910 he organized the Martins-Hall Realty Company and is now serving as president of the business, which has been incorporated. He is an expert valuator and has developed several subdivisions, greatly enhancing the value of property in the sections where he has operated. He is an astute, farsighted business man and has brought the firm to a position of leadership in real estate circles of Rochester.

On October 1, 1910, Mr. Martins was married to Miss Flora Kester, a daughter of John B. Kester. Mr. and Mrs. Martins have two sons, William and James, natives of Rochester. The former was born in 1912 and the latter in 1916 and both are pupils in the public schools. Mr. Martins is an influential member of the Rochester Real Estate Board and the Chamber of Commerce and his life is guided by the teachings of the Roman Catholic church, of which he is a faithful communicant. Whatever touches the welfare of his city is to him a matter of deep concern and in the control of his interests he has worked toward making Rochester a most desirable and attractive place of residence.

JOHN BENNETT.

There is no satisfaction in life which can quite equal that of the man who has finished a successful career and in the autumn of his life settles down to enjoy the fruits of his labors, knowing that he has accomplished something worth while. Such is the history of John Bennett, who for nearly a half century was engaged in the banking business in Horseheads and is now living retired. He is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Chemung county and a worthy scion of his race. He was born on the old homestead, at the edge of the village, in 1847. His grandfather, Comfort Bennett, was born in Orange county, New York, in 1781 and came to Chemung county in 1799, when eighteen years of age. At that time there were few white settlers in this section of the state and he was foremost in the development of the rich agricultural resources of the valley. He worked diligently and systematically, bringing to his pursuits an intelligent, open and liberal mind, and gradually increased the scope of his operations until he became the wealthiest farmer

in five counties, being rated as a millionaire. In 1806 he was married to Abigail Miller, a daughter of Alexander Miller. His demise occurred in Big Flats in 1864, when he was eighty-three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett became the parents of twelve children.

Their son, George Bennett, was born on the home farm in Chemung county in 1810, and there spent the period of his boyhood, attending the district school of that locality. In 1860 he removed to Horseheads, where for some time he conducted a store. He was one of the founders of the first bank in the village, establishing a private institution, operated under the firm name of Reynolds, Bennett & Company. Like his father, he was an astute business man and became the possessor of a substantial competence, continuing his financial activities until 1893, when death terminated his labors. He was a man of unblemished reputation and enjoyed to the fullest extent the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen. He gave his political support to the republican party and served as postmaster of Horseheads and also as clerk of court in Chemung county. He was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a charter member of the Masonic lodge at Horseheads. He was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and contributed liberally toward its support. In 1832 he was married to Elizabeth Swartwood, who was born in Ellistown, New York, and three children were born to them: Mary, Eliza and John of this review. The daughters are deceased.

After completing his high school course John Bennett obtained a position in the office of his father, then clerk of the court of Chemung county. Here he worked for three years, and then went to Horseheads, entering the bank of Reynolds, Bennett & Company. He remained with the institution for forty-eight years and contributed substantially toward its upbuilding, by able, systematic work. This institution became the Chemung Valley Bank and later, on August 1, 1896, it was changed to the First National Bank, by Mr. Bennett. In 1922 Mr. Bennett sold the majority of his stock in the bank and now looks after his other investments, from which he derives a large income.

On Christmas day of 1872, Mr. Bennett was married to Miss Josephine Whitaker of Sussex, New Jersey, and two children were born to them: Mabel, of Horseheads, who is the widow of Frederick C. Ayers and has two children, Ellen and Fredericka; and Louise, who is the wife of Oliver D. Eisenhart of Horseheads, and the mother of sixteen children: J. Richard, Myrtle, Gilbert O., Bennett, Franklin, William, Oliver D., Jr., Mark, Ford, Alice, Josephine, Judson, Betty, Joseph Eberley, Edward and Dorothy.

Mrs. Bennett was a devoted wife and mother and her death, on March 26, 1923, was deeply regretted by her family and all who came within the circle of her influence. Mr. Bennett is a member of the Presbyterian church and his political views are in accord with the platform and principles of the republican party but he has never aspired to public office.

MICHAEL O'CONNOR.

Michael O'Connor comes of sturdy Irish stock and his ability has placed him with the foremost members of the Elmira bar. He is one of Elmira's native sons, and was born March 14, 1871. His parents, Patrick and Bridget (Burke) O'Connor, were natives of the Emerald isle and were married in Towanda, Pennsylvania, to which place they went as children. They removed to Elmira in 1865 and with the assistance of his father and brother Patrick O'Connor built three of the first houses erected in the western part of the city, bringing the lumber through the canal. Patrick O'Connor followed the carpenter's trade and was employed in that capacity in the shops of the Erie Railroad. He was a faithful communicant of St. Patrick's Catholic church and gave his political support to the men and measures of the democratic party.

Michael O'Connor completed a course in the Elmira Free Academy and in 1894 was graduated from Cornell University, which awarded him the degree of LL. B. He was clerk of the surrogate court for three years and in 1896 was admitted to the bar. He began the practice of law in Elmira in 1897 and for some time was a member of the firm of Taylor, Heller & O'Connor. It is now conducted under the style of Heller & O'Connor and for twenty-seven years the firm has occupied the same offices. Theirs is one of the best known legal organizations in the city and much important litigation has been intrusted to their care. Mr. O'Connor's legal acumen led to his

selection for public office and he has served as corporation counsel, municipal judge and county attorney. He has been very successful as a criminal lawyer, although he does not specialize in that branch of jurisprudence, and has tried twelve murder cases, also assisting the district attorney in prosecuting two cases of this character.

In 1905 Mr. O'Connor was married to Miss Catherine O'Brien, who was a native of Towanda, Pennsylvania, and who died May 10, 1908, leaving three children: Lawrence, the first born, was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and is representative for western Indiana for the American Sales Book Company, with headquarters at South Bend; J. Burke is engaged in the furniture business in Elmira. When the United States declared war against Germany he was attending Cornell University and at once abandoned his studies. He enlisted in the navy and received his training at Newport News, Virginia, winning an ensign's commission. He was assigned to transport duty and remained in the service for twenty-nine months; Frances attended Mount St. Vincent Academy, afterward spent three years as a student at the Sargent School of Physical Culture in Boston, Massachusetts, and is now a teacher in the Elmira Free Academy. For his second wife Mr. O'Connor married Mrs. Margaret Foley Cowley, the ceremony taking place in Auburn, New York, in 1912. She has a son, Thomas Cowley, who is a senior in St. Francis' School and will enter Colgate College next year.

Mr. O'Connor is a member of St. Cecelia's Roman Catholic church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Elmira Country Club and casts his ballot for the candidates of the democratic party.

LEON O. WILLARD.

One of the large industrial plants at Nunda, Livingston county, New York, is that of the Nunda Casket Company, Incorporated, an important factor in the commercial life of the town because of the number of hands employed and the large sums of money paid as wages and salaries. Of this flourishing business Leon O. Willard is the president. He was born in Nunda, on July 5, 1888, the son of O. J. and Frank (Rollah) Willard, the former of whom now resides in Daytona Beach, Florida.

After obtaining his education in the grade and high schools of Nunda and St. John's Military Academy Leon O. Willard went to work with the casket company. He bought out his father's interest in 1909, and was secretary and treasurer of the company until March 1, 1924, when he became president. For a short time Mr. Willard was connected with the Nunda Water & Electric Light Company.

Mr. Willard was married on August 26, 1913, to Bernice Dana of Nunda, and they are the parents of two children: Dana O. and Nancy Willard. He is a republican, is interested in politics, and is town clerk of Nunda. Fraternally Mr. Willard is affiliated with the Masonic order, and in religion is a member of the Universalist church.

The Nunda Casket Company, Incorporated, was originally established by W. H. Willard in 1879 for the manufacture of caskets and furniture. The company was incorporated in 1915, with H. J. Gordon as president and Mr. Willard as secretary and treasurer, and upon its reincorporation on March 1, 1924, L. O. Willard became president and Kenneth R. Willard, secretary and treasurer. Kenneth R. Willard was born in Nunda, on November 13, 1902, and was educated in the public schools, at St. John's Military Academy, the Rochester Business Institute and Columbia University, New York city.

ALONZO LEWIS WATERS.

For the past six years Alonzo Lewis Waters has been president of the Medina Daily Journal Publishing Company of Medina, New York, which owns the Medina Daily Journal, a republican newspaper with a circulation of over twenty-five hundred and the only daily in Orleans county, and also the Medina Register, a democratic weekly with a circulation of over seventeen hundred. The company also conducts a large job printing business.

Alonzo Lewis Waters was born in Medina, on the 6th of September, 1893, his parents being Arthur L. and Ida May (Lewis) Waters. The father, an agriculturist

by occupation, who has been a lifelong resident of this section of the Empire state, now makes his home in Medina. Henry Waters, the great-great-grandfather of Alonzo L. Waters, came to the Genesee country from New England in 1810 and took up his abode in the vicinity of Medina.

In the acquirement of an education Alonzo Lewis Waters attended the grammar and high schools of his native town and following his graduation in 1912 spent one year as a student in Miami University of Oxford, Ohio. He then devoted a year to the life insurance business in Medina, after which he turned his attention to journalistic interests in 1915, becoming connected with the editorial department of the Medina Daily Journal. Since that time he has remained active in newspaper work, save for the period of his service in the World war. He enlisted in the Three Hundred and Eighth Field Artillery, with which he served overseas from May, 1918, until April, 1919, being wounded and gassed during the Argonne offensive. Following his honorable discharge from the army he returned to Medina and resumed his connection with the corporation of which he is the president.

On the 26th of September, 1923, Mr. Waters was united in marriage to Miss Helen Dorothy Eckert, daughter of Harry Eckert of Medina. Mr. Waters exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He is also a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity. In December, 1924, he was elected master of Medina Lodge, No. 336, F. & A. M., and is at present head of this body; in 1923 he was elected illustrious master of Alpha-Omega Council, No. 71, R. & S. M., and was again elected to this position in 1924; and he has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. From 1917 to 1921 Mr. Waters was exalted ruler of Medina Lodge, No. 898, B. P. O. E. In 1923 he was honored by the New York State Elks Association by being elected its vice president and has since been a member of several important committees. He also has membership in the Rotary Club, the Alert Club and Alpha Chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity. A young man of high purposes and worthy motives, he has gained many friends in the varied walks of life and his popularity is well deserved.

SAMUEL RANSEL CORNISH.

Samuel Ransel Cornish, long numbered among Rochester's highly esteemed and successful business men, was at the time of his death the president of the Batavia Lumber & Coal Company. He was born in Wyand, Bureau county, Illinois, on the 8th of February, 1866, the son of Hiram and Melissa (Smith) Cornish. In the maternal line he was descended from Mayflower ancestry, and his forebears on both sides had been residents of Plymouth, Massachusetts, since the early part of the seventeenth century. Hiram Cornish, the father of Samuel R. Cornish, was a native of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and when a young man located in Wyand, Illinois, where he became a pioneer retail lumber dealer and where he resided throughout the remainder of his life.

Samuel Ransel Cornish attended the public schools of his native place and acquired his early knowledge of the lumber business under the supervision of his father. He was in his early twenties when he entered the employ of James A. Wilson, who was a large wholesaler of lumber and who made him manager of his yard in Fairbury, Illinois. His unusual capabilities were soon recognized. He severed his association with Mr. Wilson to accept a position with the Alexander Lumber Company of Chicago, which operated a number of yards in Illinois and Indiana. Mr. Cornish first served as auditor and subsequently became buyer and general manager for this large concern. Later he entered into partnership with his former employer, James A. Wilson, arriving in Rochester in September, 1908, to assume the management of the three yards which he and Mr. Wilson owned in this section—the Batavia Lumber & Coal Company of Batavia, the Fairport Coal & Lumber Company of Fairport, and the Lyell Avenue Lumber Company of Rochester. Of these corporations Mr. Cornish became secretary and treasurer. In 1912 he purchased the interest of his associate and became sole owner of the three yards, assuming the presidency of these corporations two years later. Mr. Cornish disposed of the Lyell Avenue business in 1919 and thereafter devoted his attention exclusively to the conduct of the other two yards, with splendid success. He was considered one of the best informed men in the lumber trade in the country and was also one of the most widely known in his line. He was



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a man of unusual business ability and enjoyed an enviable reputation for honor and integrity.

Mr. Cornish was married to Miss Maude Ross of Cullom, Illinois, and they became the parents of a daughter, Eva Maude, who is the wife of Thomas F. Dorrity of Rochester, and the mother of one child, Helen Ross. Mr. Cornish was a staunch republican but never sought public office as a reward for party fealty. He attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry, belonged to the Mystic Shrine and to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and for a number of years maintained membership connection with the Rochester Club. He was also an enthusiastic member of the Rochester Yacht Club. Mr. Cornish was extremely fond of outdoor life, particularly the forest and stream, and made many trips to the north woods on fishing and hunting excursions. His residence in Rochester was always at No. 38 Vick Park B, and there his death occurred on January 9, 1925, when he was about fifty-nine years of age. His remains were interred in Mount Hope cemetery.

EDWARD E. BROGAN.

The spirit of progress which characterizes Dansville's citizens is strongly manifest in the career of Edward E. Brogan, who is associated in business with his brother, James M. Brogan. In insurance circles of this locality they are recognized leaders. Edward E. Brogan was born April 7, 1883, at Portage, New York, of the marriage of Patrick M. and Mary (Barrett) Brogan, both of whom have passed away. There are also two daughters in the family: Grace M., who is engaged in business with her brothers; and Nellie M., who is the wife of Louis P. St. Cyr of Hudson, New York.

Edward E. Brogan received his early education in a parochial school and after his graduation from the Dansville high school began the study of law, completing his course at Albany, New York, in 1908, and he later attended Columbia University. After his admission to the bar he practiced law for two years and in May, 1914, joined his brother James in the insurance business, with which they have since been connected. They now represent over thirty companies and conduct a general insurance business. Their business has prospered, for their work is thoroughly systematized and their plans are carefully formulated and promptly executed, while their integrity is above question.

Mr. Brogan is a democrat in politics and served in the World war. He is a past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus and county historian of the American Legion. He is a gifted writer and speaker, and while engaged in the practice of law he was a formidable adversary in forensic debate. He has addressed many public gatherings and enjoys an enviable reputation as an orator. He has met every responsibility of life to the best of his ability and has many friends, whose esteem he has won and retained by reason of his high principles and admirable qualities.

HARVEY O. HUTCHINSON.

One of Elmira's most valuable citizens is Harvey O. Hutchinson, who for the past three years has filled the office of superintendent of schools, and under his guidance notable improvements have been made in the educational system of the city. He was born in Berkshire, Tioga county, New York, March 11, 1878, a son of Orrin and Mary Frances (Smith) Hutchinson, the former also a native of that place, and the latter of Owego, New York. They were married in Owego and became the parents of five children. Orrin Hutchinson received a fair education, and being a man of studious habits, was constantly adding to his store of knowledge. He was a republican in politics and held various town offices. He was an earnest, helpful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his wife was also one of its active workers. He was a son of Harvey Hutchinson and a grandson of Samuel Hutchinson, who went to Tioga county about 1790 in company with Ichabod Brainard. At that time pioneer conditions prevailed in the district and each took up land in the county. The tract was covered with a dense growth of timber and arduous labor was required to clear the land and prepare it for the planting of crops. Upon his property Samuel Hutchinson built a log house as a home for his bride, Abigail Brainard, the daughter of his neighbor, and for four generations the farm has been in possession of the family.

In 1895 Harvey O. Hutchinson completed a course in the Newark Valley high

school and then spent a year as a student in the Owego Free Academy, subsequently matriculating in the University of Syracuse, from which he received the degree of Ph. D. He taught school for a year at Little Meadows, Pennsylvania, before he entered college and after finishing his education taught at Locke, Berkshire, Pompey Hill, Sodus and Syracuse, New York. He was then appointed deputy commissioner of education for Vermont, in which connection he had supervision of the high schools throughout the state, and in 1921 came to Elmira as superintendent of city schools. He has charge of ten grammar schools, two high schools and one vocational school. Over eight thousand pupils are enrolled and two hundred and seventy-five teachers are under his supervision. He has had broad experience as an educator and is resourceful in meeting the various problems that arise in connection with the work. Moreover, he has secured the harmonious cooperation of the teachers in his efforts to maintain the highest possible standard not only as to scholarship, but also as to discipline in the training of the students for good citizenship and his work has received high commendation.

Mr. Hutchinson was married on August 16, 1899, to Miss Stella B. Sabin, who was born, reared and educated in Victory, Cayuga county, New York, and they have become the parents of three sons, the oldest of whom is Myron. He was born September 20, 1902, and immediately after his fifteenth birthday enlisted for service in the World war, becoming a member of the One Hundred and Twentieth Field Artillery, which was attached to the Thirty-second Division. He participated in all of the campaigns engaged in by his division during the last year of the war, being severely gassed while at the front, and was but sixteen years of age when discharged from the service, having been one of the youngest soldiers in the American Expeditionary Forces. He is now connected with the United States Rubber Company at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; his brother, Warner Alton, was born January 20, 1904, and is now a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania; Robert Lowell was born September 25, 1911, and is attending the public schools.

Mr. Hutchinson is a consistent, helpful member of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal church. He is allied with the republican party and conscientiously discharges the duties of citizenship. He is a member of the library board and aided in founding the Children's Reconstruction Home, one of the worthy philanthropic institutions of the city. He belongs to the lodge, chapter, and commandery in Masonry and has twice filled the office of senior warden. He is vice president of the local Rotary Club and also has membership relations with the Masonic Club, the Country Club, and Phi Delta Theta, a college fraternity.

WILLIAM H. MURRAY.

One of the leading men of affairs in Hornell is William H. Murray, who during a long public and business career has found time to take an active interest in community affairs and state politics. Today, as the owner of a successful insurance business, a director of the First National Bank and president of the Maple City Loan Association, he takes front rank among business men. He was born in Hornell, July 26, 1855, the son of John F. and Julia (Dolan) Murray. After attending the public schools of Hornell he went to work for the Erie railroad in the shops and as a brakeman. He rose to yardmaster at Hornell and was in this responsible position for fourteen years. He became deputy sheriff, serving for six years and was appointed chief of police of Hornell on March 18, 1889, in which capacity he served for six years more. Under President Cleveland he held the office of postmaster for five years. In 1889 he founded his insurance business, and he carries every line of insurance, fire, life, casualty, etc. He was elected sheriff of Steuben county in 1912, and took office on January 1, 1913, serving a full term of three years.

For many years Mr. Murray was chairman of the democratic district convention and served as delegate to county and state conventions. Business interests have interfered with his political activity but he is still decidedly interested in the Jeffersonian party. He is chairman of the Flood Abatement Commission, appointed by the mayor of Hornell. He is a member of the Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus.

In 1875 Mr. Murray was married to Miss Catherine Magnier, daughter of John Magnier, of Wellsville, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have five children: John H. and Joseph R. (twins), who are conductors on the Erie railroad and assist their father in his business during their off hours; Julia, who is now Mrs. D. J. McCarthy



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of Elmira; Mary, who is Mrs. J. B. Hogan of Hornell; and Nellie G., who resides with her parents. Mr. Murray has been a director of the First National Bank for twelve years; a director of the Chamber of Commerce for ten years, and president of the latter body for a term of three years.

CHARLES M. DISPENZA.

Charles M. Dispenza, one of Rochester's most successful young realtors, has been actively engaged in the purchase and sale of property here during the past twelve years. His birth occurred in Buffalo, New York, on the 17th of January, 1893, his parents being Vincenzo and Josephine (Barone) Dispenza, both of whom were natives of Italy. Emigrating to America in early life, they located in Buffalo, this state, where Vincenzo Dispenza was variously engaged until coming to Rochester. Here he established an Italian wholesale and retail grocery concern and continued as president and general manager thereof to the time of his demise, which occurred in 1905. To him and his wife were born four children: Louis J., who is a member of the Rochester police department; Mrs. Clara Cirrincione, residing in Rochester; Charles M., of this review; and Josephine M., also living in this city. Mrs. Dispenza is still living.

Charles M. Dispenza began his education as a grammar school pupil, at St. Bridget's parochial school from which he graduated with honors in 1908 and then entered the East high school, as a member of the class of 1912. After putting aside his textbooks he secured a position with the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, manufacturers of optical instruments, working as a clerk in the office until the 1st of September, 1912. He then embarked upon an independent business career as a real estate broker and in this field has gained well-merited success, being today widely recognized as one of the leading realtors of Rochester and the sole proprietor of the Charles M. Dispenza Realty Company with offices at No. 519 Duffey-Powers building. He has thoroughly acquainted himself with property values so that his opinions concerning profitable purchases and sales are considered authoritative by many. Mr. Dispenza is an active member of the Real Estate Board of Rochester and is serving as chairman of its entertainment committee.

On the 8th of June, 1920, in Rochester, Mr. Dispenza was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor A. Fornataro, daughter of Giovanni and Gelsamina Fornataro of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Dispenza have one child: Eleanor June, who was born in Rochester, on the 27th of June, 1921. Mr. Dispenza is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church and a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the Alhambra Club and to the Auto Club. His record is indeed an inspiring one, for his present prosperity is attributable entirely to his own efforts and industry. In the negotiation of important realty transfers he has manifested marked ability in his chosen field of business activity, and in every relation of life his course has been such as to commend him to the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen. His residence is at No. 230 West High Terrace.

THOMAS HOPKINS ALVORD.

For almost half a century, and that is almost the life of the paper, the controlling hand at the helm of the *Livonia Gazette*, published at Livonia, Livingston county, New York, has been that of an Alvord. Thomas Hopkins Alvord, who is now publisher of the journal, was born at Livonia on August 24, 1889, the son of Clarence M. and Ella F. (Hopkins) Alvord. The father bought the *Livonia Gazette* in 1877, when the paper was less than two years old, and for the next forty-five years the energy and talents of Clarence M. Alvord were devoted continuously to the publication of the *Gazette*, his work being ended by death on January 8, 1923. A sketch of him appears on another page of this history. His son, Thomas H., took up his father's work and responsibilities.

Thomas Hopkins Alvord received his early education at the Livonia high school and after finishing there in 1908 entered Hamilton College at Clinton, New York, from which he received the degree of Ph. B. and was graduated in the class of 1912. During the following two years, 1913 and 1914, Mr. Alvord taught in the academic department of the high school at Hempstead, Long Island, New York, being principal

the second year, after which he entered Columbia University of New York for post-graduate work and received the degree of Master of Arts in 1915. In the fall of that year Mr. Alvord went back to school teaching and was thus engaged at Bridgeport, Connecticut, until June, 1916, when he returned to Livonia to be associated with his father in the publishing of the Gazette. In the fall of 1917 he left to engage in Y. M. C. A. work, severing his connection therewith in August, 1918. Mr. Alvord then entered the Navy Radio School at Norfolk, Virginia, remained there until January, 1919, and when he received his discharge returned to Livonia and again became his father's associate on the paper. This work he continued until the death of his father in January, 1923, since which time Mr. Alvord has assumed full control of the publication. He has been president of the Western New York Newspaper Publishers Association for the past two years and is also a member of the New York Press Association. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, being a past master of Livonia Lodge, No. 778, F. & A. M. In politics he is a republican, while in religious affiliation he is an active member of the Livonia Baptist church.

Mr. Alvord was married on August 8, 1917, to Florence P. Adams, daughter of Delbert D. and Fanny (Pierce) Adams of Livonia. The two children of the marriage are: Emily Adams Alvord, born on March 5, 1920, and Thomas Adams Alvord, born on January 30, 1923.

CHARLES HARVEY PERKINS.

Charles Harvey Perkins is one of the enterprising young men who have profited by the opportunities which Newark offers for advancement along commercial lines and his operations in the nursery business have been attended by notable success. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 9, 1889, his parents being Herbert D. and Nellie (Guild) Perkins, the former a native of Wisconsin. The mother was born in Grand Rapids, in which city their marriage took place. Mrs. Perkins survives her husband, who devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins reared a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, all of whom are living, the subject of this review being the fourth in order of birth.

Charles Harvey Perkins obtained his education in the public schools of his native city and since 1902 has been continuously connected with the nursery business. For the past ten years he has been vice president of the firm of Jackson & Perkins & Company, engaged in the wholesale nursery business in Newark and the largest operators in this line in Wayne county. They distribute their stock throughout the United States and their trade also extends to Canada. Mr. Perkins is a capable executive, thoroughly informed on everything pertaining to the business in which he is engaged, and is also one of the directors of the Arcadia National Bank of Newark.

At Geneva, New York, on July 10, 1915, Mr. Perkins was married to Miss Grace Willower, a daughter of John and Maria Willower of Fayette, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have two sons: Charles Dale and James Willower. In politics Mr. Perkins is a republican and fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is also a Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter, council and commandery, and to the Shrine at Rochester. He is a good citizen and his life record is one in which superior business ability and the recognition and utilization of opportunity are well balanced forces. He has ever directed his business by the rules which govern strict integrity and his personality is one which inspires respect and confidence.

CARL GEORGE ZIMMERMAN, M. D.

Dr. Carl George Zimmerman, a veteran of the World war, has won noteworthy success in the practice of medicine and surgery in Elmira, his native city. He was born November 23, 1889, and is a son of John C. and Josephine (Blum) Zimmerman, natives of Syracuse, New York. They were married in that city and soon afterward removed to Chemung county. They are residents of Elmira, where for many years the father has been engaged in the piano business. He is a member of the German Catholic church and a republican in his political views. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have four children: Josephine, who is the wife of John M. Walsh, manager of the Glen Springs Hotel in Watkins, New York; T. John, who conducts an automobile business in Elmira; Carl George, of this review; and F. Gerald, who is identified with a wholesale plumbing establishment of the city.



DR. CARL G. ZIMMERMAN

Carl George Zimmerman attended the public schools and the Elmira Free Academy, and afterward became a student at George Washington University, which in 1911 bestowed upon him the M. D. degree. For a year he was an interne in a hospital in Washington, D. C. From there he went to the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital in Elmira, in which he spent a similar period. In 1913 he established himself in practice in this city. He followed his profession continuously until April, 1918, when he enlisted in the Medical Corps of the United States army and after finishing his military training was placed in charge of a surgical ward at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia. From there he was ordered overseas and assigned to duty at Evacuation Hospital No. 36. He spent eleven months in France and after receiving his discharge from the service completed a course in the New York Post Graduate Hospital. Returning to Elmira, he resumed his professional activities and now devotes the greater part of his time to surgical work. He is a member of the staff of the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital. He is devoted to his profession and through constant reading and close study of the cases that come under his care he is continually enlarging his sphere of usefulness.

On November 12, 1924, Dr. Zimmerman was married to Miss Agnes Pauline Honan of Elmira, who was born in Buffalo, New York, September 29, 1899, the daughter of John W. and Ellen (McAuliffe) Honan. John W. Honan died in 1912. Dr. Zimmerman is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church and belongs to the American Legion, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Elmira Golf and Country Club and the Cold Brook Country Club. His ability led to his selection for the offices of city physician and police surgeon, which he filled for four years, and he also served on the school medical board for a time. He holds membership in the Elmira Academy of Medicine, the Chemung County and New York State Medical Societies, and the American Medical Association.

HARRY COBURN GOODWIN.

It is a trite saying that there is always room at the top, but a real comprehension of the truth should be a stimulus to many whose shortsightedness prevents them from seeing anything but the more crowded condition of those lower steps which lead to the upward climb. Recognizing the fact that a wise utilization of opportunity will lead to success, Harry Coburn Goodwin has built up an advertising business which ranks with the largest and most important in Rochester, and his influence is one of broadening activity and strength in the field in which he is operating. He was born in Jefferson county, New York, August 7, 1877, a son of Nahme and Anna E. (Proctor) Goodwin, the former a native of Maine, while the latter was born in the Empire state. The father is now a resident of California but the mother is deceased.

After completing his public school course Harry Coburn Goodwin attended Ives Seminary in Jefferson county, New York, for a year and then became a student at Hamilton College, as a member of the class of 1901. Going to Unionville, Missouri, he entered the field of journalism and for a time was connected with the editorial department of the Pantograph. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he enlisted in the Sixth Missouri Regiment and went as a private to Cuba, remaining in the service for nine months. In 1901 he became a reporter for the Watertown (N. Y.) Standard, with which he remained for two years, and at the end of that time assumed the duties of advertising manager for the R. W. & O. Division of the New York Central Railroad Company. Later he filled a similar position with the Watertown Times and about 1904 became a reporter for the Rochester Herald. His journalistic ability won him promotion to the responsible office of Sunday editor of that paper and he afterward joined the Rochester Post-Express in the capacity of city editor. He was with that paper for two years and then accepted the post of advertising manager for E. Kerstein Sons Company, of which he later became a director. He remained with that firm for five years and then embarked in the advertising business on his own account, organizing the H. C. Goodwin Company in 1919. The business has been incorporated and since its inception has developed rapidly under the expert guidance of Mr. Goodwin, who has a highly specialized knowledge of the art of advertising and displays keen sagacity and marked executive ability in the management of his affairs.

On September 20, 1899, at Antwerp, New York, Mr. Goodwin was married to Miss Jane A. Peck, a daughter of Daniel Peck of St. Lawrence county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin have two children: Coburn P., the elder, was born in 1905 and was graduated from the West Side high school, afterward entering Hamilton

College, which he is now attending; Helen P. was born in 1911 and is a public school student.

Mr. Goodwin is an adherent of the republican party and takes an active and prominent part in city and state politics, while he is also keenly interested in civic affairs. He is an energetic and progressive member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and in 1913 was honored with the presidency of the Rochester Ad Club, serving for one term. He also belongs to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and to the Oak Hill Country Club and the Rochester Athletic Club. Mr. Goodwin is self-educated, obtaining the funds for his college training by working as a printer, and his success is well deserved, for it has been won through honorable methods and earnest, systematic effort. His residence is at No. 132 Rockingham street.

ERWIN J. BALDWIN.

Erwin J. Baldwin, the Nestor of the Elmira bar, has practiced continuously in this city for a period of fifty-two years, and a long, useful and upright life has earned for him the unqualified respect and admiration of his fellowmen. He was born March 10, 1849, and although he has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of threescore years and ten, he is still an active factor in the world's work, retaining the poise and keen mentality which have ever characterized his professional career. He is a native of Otego, New York, and his parents were John J. and Sallie M. (Beardsley) Baldwin, in whose family were eight children, four of whom survive. The father was born in Meredith, Delaware county, New York, and the mother in the state of Connecticut. They were among the pioneer settlers of Otsego county, in which they located in 1800, and for many years Mr. Baldwin conducted a blacksmith shop in Otego. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a consistent follower of its teachings, while his political support was given to the republican party.

Erwin J. Baldwin obtained his public school training in his native county and began the study of law in the office of E. B. Youman's. He came to Elmira in 1872 and cast his presidential ballot for Ulysses S. Grant, who was then a candidate for a second term. Mr. Baldwin was admitted to the bar in 1873 and has since practiced in this city, in which he has found an excellent field for the exercise of his legal talent. His clientele has grown steadily as his professional prestige has increased, and the court records bear abundant proof of his ability as a lawyer. Mr. Baldwin is the owner of a productive, well improved farm situated two miles from Wellsburg and utilizes scientific methods in the development of his land, which he has converted into a valuable property.

In 1876 Mr. Baldwin was married to Miss Alice J. McDowell, a native of Chemung county, and they have two daughters: Frances and Florence, both of whom are at home. Their son, Edward M., who was the oldest in the family died at the age of fifteen. Mr. Baldwin is a republican in politics and takes the interest of a loyal citizen in public affairs, but the only office to which he has ever aspired was that of judge of the supreme court of the state. He was the candidate of the democratic and prohibition parties, but met defeat at the polls. He is an earnest, helpful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and carries his religion into his daily life. He has filled all of the church offices and for ten years was superintendent of the Sunday school.

JERVIS LANGDON.

Jervis Langdon, one of Elmira's substantial business men, has found his native city a most desirable place of residence and through the capable management of his commercial interests has contributed materially toward its progress, while at the same time he has achieved individual prosperity. He was born January 26, 1875, and represents the third generation of the family in the city. He was named in honor of his grandfather, who settled in Elmira in 1845 and became widely known through his activities in the anthracite coal trade, in which he was a pioneer. Mr. Langdon's parents, Charles and Ida (Clark) Langdon, were also natives of Elmira. The former passed away in this city on the 19th of November, 1916. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Langdon, a son and two daughters. Charles Langdon was a close friend of the noted author, Samuel L. Clemens, who chose the sister, Olivia Langdon, as his wife.



ERWIN J. BALDWIN

Jervis Langdon completed his education in Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1897, winning the degree of LL. B. He engaged in business with his father, head of the firm of J. Langdon & Company, Incorporated, which had been founded by the grandfather, an extensive dealer in lumber and coal, and the owner of valuable anthracite mines. Owing to the change in commercial conditions their contracts with mining companies and railroad corporations were not renewed after 1905 and they turned their attention to the management of other holdings. They are now wholesalers of limestone and the business is operated by Jervis Langdon, who is executor of his father's estate, as well as trustee of the estate of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain). He is also a partner in the Chemung Coal Company, a large retail organization.

On October 2, 1902, Mr. Langdon was married to Miss Eleanor Sayles, and they have two children: Jervis, Jr., who is nineteen years of age and is a student at Cornell University; and Eleanor, who is attending Shipley School at Bryn Mawr. Mr. Langdon is a member of the Park Congregational church and gives his political support to the republican party. He was a member of the city council for two terms and for several years was president of the board of managers of the Binghamton State Hospital for the Insane. He is a member of the University Club and the Cornell Club of New York city and belongs to the City, Country and Rotary Clubs of Elmira. His record sustains the high reputation which has always been borne by the family, and in person, in talents and in achievements he is a worthy scion of his race.

JAMES W. COWAN, D. D. S., M. D. S.

Outside of the practice of his profession as a dentist, which Dr. James W. Cowan has been practicing for thirty-seven years at Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, where he has built up a large practice through his skill and thoroughness, Doctor Cowan finds a stimulant in history. That explains his interest in the compilation of the war history of Livingston county, a work upon which he is now engaged.

James W. Cowan was born July 9, 1863, in Guelph, Province of Ontario, Canada, and received his early education in the public schools, attended the high school in his native place, and the Royal School of Gunnery at Kingston, Ontario. The Doctor's professional studies were pursued in the United States, at Baltimore, Maryland, where he received his D. D. S. degree from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery and was graduated in the class of 1887. Immediately after this Doctor Cowan located at Geneseo and has been in practice there ever since. In 1888 Doctor Cowan was awarded the degree of Master of Dental Surgery by the Dental Society of New York.

Doctor Cowan was married on June 25, 1890, to Alice M. McCurdy of Ossian, Livingston county, New York. The two children born to them are: Margaret, wife of B. H. DeMotte of Millington, New Jersey; and Paul M., now studying civil engineering at the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, Ohio. He was a quartermaster in the United States navy during the entire period of the World war. He belongs to the Seventh District Dental Society, is a member of the American Dental Association, and of the New York State Dental Society. Fraternally Doctor Cowan is a Mason. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian church, and his political ideals are those of the republican party.

RAYMOND DAVID BURCH.

A man of progressive ideas and enterprising spirit, Raymond D. Burch has "made good" and his name is an influential one in business circles of Rochester in connection with the automobile trade, with which he has been identified for the past sixteen years, working his way upward through the substantial qualities of industry and perseverance. He was born in Rome, Oneida county, New York, May 15, 1878, and is a son of Herbert and Arabella (Barringer) Burch, who are also natives of the Empire state, and both are living. The ancestral record is traced to the colonial period in American history and the Burch family was first established in Stonington, Connecticut. Agricultural pursuits have always claimed Mr. Burch's attention. Mr. and Mrs. Burch are the parents of three children: Mrs. Bertha Ford, Mrs. Daisy Colatz and Raymond D. of this review.

Raymond David Burch obtained his education in the country schools of Oneida county and his first knowledge of business methods was gained in a clerical capacity.

He was connected with mercantile affairs for twenty years and in 1907 became identified with the automobile business at Watertown, New York. He arrived in Rochester in 1909 and acted for a time as salesman for a local automobile agency, later joining a firm operating a line of sightseeing cars. He spent some years in Flint and Detroit, Michigan, the center of the automobile industry, and in 1916 again took up the sales end of the business. In 1918 he accepted the position of manager for the Adrian H. Boyce Company, Chevrolet dealers, and following the death of Mr. Boyce, in 1922, established the Burch-Buell Chevrolet Corporation, opening salesrooms at No. 360 East avenue, in Rochester. Douglass Buell is secretary of the company, and Mr. Burch serves as its president. He has a detailed knowledge of the business, acquired through keen observation and years of practical experience, and closely watches each phase of the trade, knowing that in this age of strong competition every point must be carefully safeguarded. He has surrounded himself with a corps of capable assistants and under his judicious management the business is making satisfactory progress, each year marking a notable increase in the volume of sales.

Mr. Burch was married in Rome, New York, to Miss Mary Joplin, and they became the parents of two children: Herbert N. and Elsie M., both natives of that city. In April, 1919, Mr. Burch was married in Ontario, New York, to Miss Bessie McWhorf, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McWhorf. By this second marriage Mr. Burch also has two children: Raymond Donald, whose birth occurred February 18, 1921; and Dorothy, born December 6, 1923. Both are natives of Rochester.

Mr. Burch belongs to the Automobile Dealers Association of Rochester, the Automobile Club of this city, and the Rochester Club. He is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and also belongs to Rochester Lodge No. 24, B. P. O. E. He brings to his various duties in life a broad mind and a keen intelligence, which are the basis of his success, and he enjoys in a marked degree that reward of the honest, upright citizen—the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

DAYTON MAHAFFEY.

Dayton Mahaffey, the president of Mahaffey Brothers, dealers in oils, is a man who has built up a business from small beginnings and is now proving his ability as a business man of more than ordinary accomplishments. He was born in Fassett, Pennsylvania, and educated in the public schools and then started work as a brakeman for the New York Central. He rose to be a conductor and railroaded for eighteen years. Unlike most men in that service, he did not spend his entire life working for others, but started in business with his brother, Boyd Mahaffey, in 1915, when they opened a garage in Corning. Their business grew and in 1922 they started their present enterprise—wholesale jobbers in petroleum products. In two years they have built up a wonderful trade, with five jobbing centers, Corning, Hornell, Elmira and Bath, New York, and Athens, Pennsylvania. Their trade covers Steuben, Allegany, Chemung, Tioga and Schuyler counties, in New York, and Bradford county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Mahaffey was married on June 16, 1914, to Sarah Lampman of Dresden, New York, and they have one daughter, Eleanor.

Dayton Mahaffey has made an important place for himself in both the business and club life of Corning. He belongs to the City Club, the Corning Club, the Country Club, the Rotary Club and is a director of the Corning Fish and Game Club. He belongs to Painted Post Lodge, F. & A. M., and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. He is also a member of Corning Consistory and Kalurah Temple of Binghamton, New York. He is a republican in politics.

J. LANSING STEWART.

For more than sixty-two years members of the Stewart family have contributed materially toward Rochester's upbuilding and improvement through their operations as general contractors, and the business is now being conducted under the firm style of Stewart & Bennett, Incorporated. Mr. Stewart is one of Rochester's native sons and was born December 23, 1861, his parents being James and Mary Jane (Baird) Stewart, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They migrated to the United States in 1855 and in 1862 the father embarked in the contracting business in Rochester. He

was one of the pioneers in that field, in which he won and retained a position of leadership, and remained at the head of the business until his death. He was rigidly honest in all of his commercial transactions and enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most reliable and competent men in his business. His death occurred in 1892, while his widow passed away in 1920. They were the parents of six children, namely: Mrs. J. S. Bennett, whose home is in Plattsburgh, New York; Mrs. V. A. Millard of Elmira, this state; Agnes, deceased; Isabella, who is unmarried and lives in Rochester; Mrs. C. C. Culver, of this city; and J. Lansing, of this review.

J. Lansing Stewart attended the public schools of Rochester, and in 1888, when a young man of twenty-seven, became associated with his father in the line of business he has since followed. In 1892 he became president of the firm, then known as J. Lansing Stewart, Contractor and Builder, and continuing the undertaking along modern lines, he has greatly enlarged its scope. The enterprising spirit and high standard of workmanship which enabled the father to lay the foundation of the business and foster its early growth are qualities that have never been passed up by the son, who is not only upholding the traditions of the past, but keeping fully abreast with the times in the rapid progress of building construction. The work done by this company represents the highest degree of efficiency in its line and the firm has gained a reputation that gives it an outstanding position among the construction companies of Rochester. The business was incorporated in 1914 as Stewart & Bennett, Incorporated, with J. Lansing Stewart as president, and Vincent S. Bennett, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Bennett is a grandson of James Stewart and represents the third generation in this business enterprise. The remarkable growth of the corporation is reflected in the large volume of business that it performed in 1923. Mr. Stewart is president of the realty company which bears his name and he has been equally successful in his operations in that field, for he is a shrewd business man whose plans are carefully formulated and promptly executed.

In November, 1892, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Frances Wheeler, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wheeler, members of one of the old and prominent families of Rochester. Mr. Stewart is a prominent member of the Builders Exchange of Rochester and also belongs to the Yacht Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, where for a number of years he has been spending his winters. He is widely and favorably known in Rochester and is numbered among those progressive men who have taken a leading part in promulgating the city's power and greatness. Mr. Stewart's residence is at No. 695 Seneca Parkway.

HEMAN WRIGHT MORRIS.

Heman Wright Morris, a prominent and successful member of the Rochester bar through the past forty-eight years, is now engaged in practice with his son, George William, as a member of the firm of Morris & Morris. His birth occurred at Conesus, Livingston county, New York, on the 3d of March, 1854, his parents being William Chandler and Sarah (Washburn) Morris, both of whom spent their lives in the Empire state. The father devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Livingston county throughout his active business career and was widely known as a substantial and esteemed citizen of the Genesee country.

Heman Wright Morris was reared amid the usual environment and conditions of agricultural life and was provided with excellent educational privileges. After attending the country and district schools of his native county he became a student in Genesee College of Lima, New York, and later entered Syracuse University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1872, receiving the degree of Master of Science from his Alma Mater in 1875. He served as an instructor for one year in Gouverneur Academy in St. Lawrence county, New York, and in 1873 he came to Rochester, where he entered the law office of the firm of Cogswell & Perkins as a clerk. At the same time he began studying law and after he had largely mastered the principles of jurisprudence he was admitted to the bar in October, 1876. He remained with the firm, however, until July, 1877, when he began practice on his own account, his previous experience and training having well qualified him for the work. He was a member of the firm of Sullivan & Morris from 1881 until 1890, when a reorganization in the firm led to the adoption of the title of Morris, Sullivan & Jerome, which relation was continued until 1894. Mr. Morris subsequently practiced independently until joined by his son, George William, in the present firm of Morris & Morris. He is accorded an extensive and lucrative clientage of dis-

tinctively representative character and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation in the ranks of the legal profession in Rochester. A contemporary biographer said of him: "His industry and perseverance are strong elements in his professional advancement and he makes a thorough study of his cause before he enters the courtroom, so that he is able to present his client's interests in the best possible light". His high standing in professional circles is indicated in the fact that he was chosen president of the Rochester Bar Association in 1914. He is also a member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Mr. Morris is a director of the Columbia Banking & Loan Association, and a trustee of the Canton Theological School of St. Lawrence county, New York.

On the 31st of May, 1883, in Rochester, Mr. Morris was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hobart Perkins, daughter of John Henry Hobart Perkins, who was engaged in mercantile business in New York city. She passed away in March, 1921, leaving two sons: Edward Ernest, who was born in Rochester in 1884, is a graduate of the University of Rochester and is now engaged in the bond brokerage business in this city; and George William, whose birth occurred in Rochester in 1887 and who is a graduate of the University of Rochester and the Columbia Law School. The latter is engaged in law practice with his father. During the period of the World war he spent eight months as a private in the United States army and was sent overseas.

In club circles Mr. Morris is well known as a member of the Genesee Valley Club, the Kent Club of Rochester and the University Club of Rochester. He also belongs to the Rochester Historical Society. His course has been an upright and honorable one in every relation of life, so that he well merits the esteem and confidence accorded him. His residence is at No. 205 Barrington street, Rochester, New York.

GEORGE GARDINER REYNOLDS.

George G. Reynolds was born in Elmira, New York, October 7, 1875, the second son of Gardiner G. and Lucy (Pratt) Reynolds. He has four brothers: Frederick P., Charles R., Robert and Royal. For a number of years his father was engaged in the wholesale tea and coffee business in Elmira. His mother was the daughter of Ransom Pratt, a woolen cloth manufacturer of Elmira.

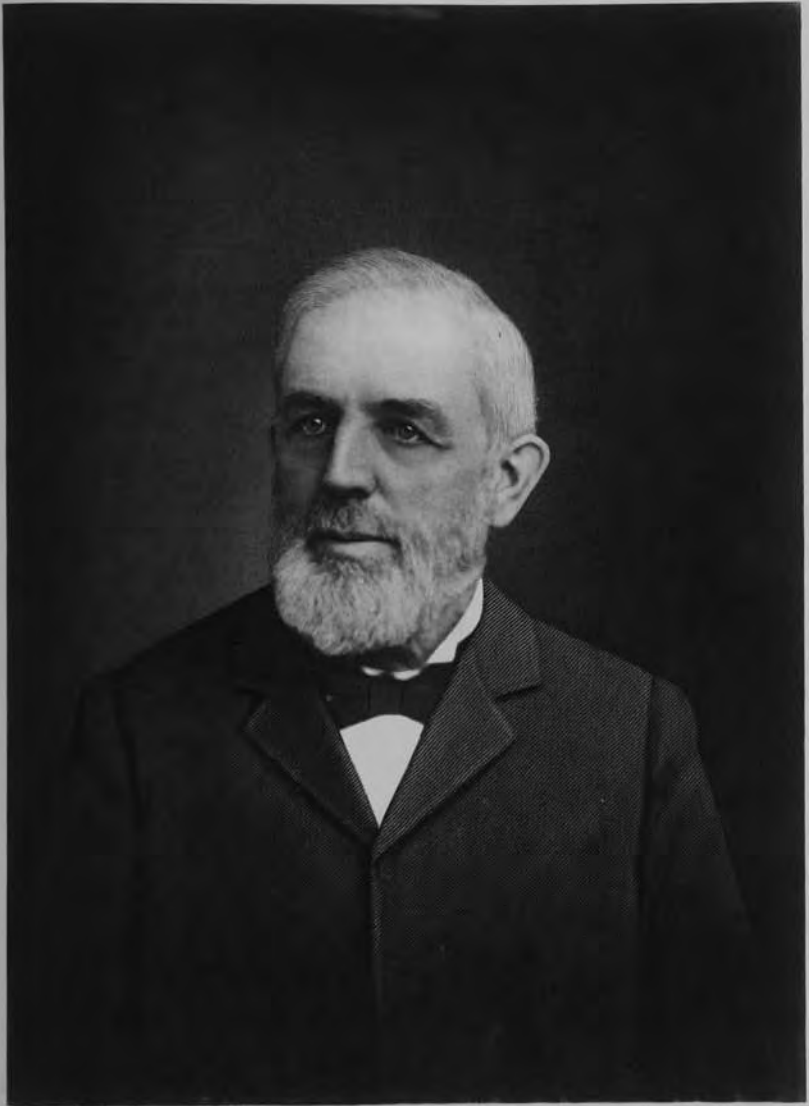
George G. Reynolds graduated from the grammar schools and the Elmira Free Academy. In 1898 he graduated with the degree of LL. B. from the Cornell University College of Law. For ten years after being admitted to the bar he was associated with the well known Elmira law firm of Reynolds, Stanchfield & Collin. Since that time he has successfully practiced law alone in Elmira, with offices in the Robinson building.

In 1903 Mr. Reynolds organized and has since developed the Consumers Gas Company, supplying gas to Watkins and Montour Falls, New York. Since its organization Mr. Reynolds has been president and the principal stockholder of this company.

On June 15, 1905, Mr. Reynolds was married to Miss Katherine D. Hall, daughter of Samuel J. Hall of Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have one son, Ransom Reynolds, who was born September 17, 1910. They are members of the Trinity Episcopal church of Elmira and are prominent in the city's social and civic affairs. Mr. Reynolds is a member of the City Club, the Country Club, the Masonic order, and is past exalted ruler of the Elmira Lodge of Elks. In 1911 Mr. Reynolds was the candidate of the republican party for mayor of the city of Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds reside at the corner of Hoffman and Fifth streets, in one of Elmira's most attractive homes.

FRANKLIN MILES.

At an early period in the development of Rochester the Miles family, of which Franklin Miles was a representative, was founded in this city and for many years he figured in its industrial activity, one of the strongest and most influential firms being that of W. E. & F. Miles, manufacturers of sash, doors and blinds. Born in Bloomfield in 1832, he was a son of William and Catharine (Emmert) Miles, who at an early day in the development of western New York settled at Victor. Later they removed to Mary and, establishing their home at the birth place of the father. Frank-



Franklin Miles

lin Miles attended school while spending his boyhood days under the parental roof and at the age of eighteen years came to Rochester, where he entered business in connection with contracting and building. He was thus associated with the substantial improvement and development of the city and later he became identified with his brother, William E. Miles, in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, under the firm style of W. E. & F. Miles. This relationship was continued until 1899 and was characterized by a continued growth in business, resulting from the high standards that were ever maintained in correct materials used, in the methods of manufacture and in service to the public. The firm met competition in a rivalry of merit rather than in a war of prices and paid to the high grade of workmen employed a legitimate share of the profits which their talents brought to the business. The relations of the house with other business houses were ever above reproach and measured fully up to the standards of honorable dealing. Franklin Miles continued an active factor in the management and control of this profitable industry until 1899, when he disposed of his interest, after which he enjoyed merited ease in a well earned rest up to the time of his death, which occurred August 2, 1907.

In 1854 Mr. Miles was married to Miss Sarah Fay, who died in 1871, and in 1876 he married Miss Agnes E. Crowner, of Rochester, who now resides at 43 Vick Park A., the residence being completed by Mr. Miles, in 1884. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in the Thirty-third New York Volunteer Infantry and when his term of service expired joined the Forty-ninth New York Regiment, remaining in the army until hostilities ceased. In politics he was independent and without desire for political preferment. He became prominent and prosperous in business life. He was a man of domestic tastes, quiet and unassuming in manner but the genuine worth of his character gained for him the trust and respect of those with whom he was associated.

WILLIAM T. SHANAHAN, M. D.

Dr. William T. Shanahan, medical director and superintendent of Craig Colony for Epileptics, at Sonyea, in Livingston county, has held these responsible offices for the past twenty-three years and his long retention therein is proof of his ability and fidelity to the trust reposed in him. He was born in Syracuse, New York, May 14, 1878, and is a son of James T. and Johanna (McDermott) Shanahan, both of whom are living. He attended the public schools and received his professional training in Syracuse University, which in 1898 conferred upon him the M. D. degree. For a year he acted as an interne in a general hospital, and on February 11, 1901, was appointed to the medical staff at Craig Colony and in October, 1908, was made superintendent, for which position his highly specialized knowledge of epilepsy and kindred diseases well qualifies him. Over sixteen hundred patients are under the care of Dr. Shanahan and in their treatment he has met with pronounced success. He is also a capable executive and his services have been of inestimable value to the state.

On September 16, 1903, Dr. Shanahan was married to Miss Mabel Fox, a native of Ireland and formerly a resident of New York city. Eight children were born to them, but Anna, the sixth in the family, is deceased. The others are: Margaret, Catherine, James, Mary, William T., Jr., Gertrude and Daniel. Dr. Shanahan is a member of the American Psychiatric Association, the Association for the Care of the Feeble-Minded, the National Association for the Study of Epilepsy, the Livingston County and New York State Medical Societies, and the American Medical Association. He also belongs to Alpha Omega Alpha and Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternities. He is a Knight of Columbus and casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. His professional attainments are of the first order and the worth of his work is widely acknowledged.

WILLIAM JOHN HINCHEY.

The editor and proprietor of the Medina Daily Journal, published in Medina, Orleans county, is an active newspaper man of many years' experience who has not only built up a successful enterprise but has served his community well and faithfully, supporting the best movements and causes and working for the betterment of Medina and the surrounding territory. He is William John Hinchey, who with Alonzo Lewis

Waters operates this daily paper and also a weekly, the Medina Register, as well as a flourishing job printing plant.

William John Hinchey was born February 8, 1869, at Middleport, New York, the son of Ferdinand and Emeline (Horsfall) Hinchey. His father came to this country from Germany when a child and throughout the remainder of his life made his home in Middleport, New York, where he conducted a general merchandise business and also served as postmaster for several terms. He departed this life on the 23d of December, 1899.

In the acquirement of an education William John Hinchey attended the public schools of Middleport, then the Clinton Liberal Institute at Fort Plain, New York, and subsequently St. Lawrence University of Canton, this state, from which institution he was graduated in 1891. After completing his education he taught school in this district for two years and in 1893 decided upon a journalistic career, becoming the proprietor and editor of the Middleport Herald. For a period of twenty years he thus served the people of that community, building up the Herald into a splendid newspaper, and then seeking a larger field, bought the Medina Daily Journal in 1913 and disposed of the Herald. The Journal, which was established in 1903, is the only daily in Orleans county. It has a circulation of over twenty-five hundred and is a republican organ. Since Mr. Hinchey has taken it over, it has become a strong force in the community and his ability as an editor and publisher is widely recognized. The Medina Register, a weekly with seventeen hundred subscribers, was purchased by the Journal in 1920. It is a democratic paper and has been in existence since 1876.

In 1894 Mr. Hinchey was married to Miss Laura Hammond, daughter of Andrew J. and Martha Hammond of Middleport. Mr. Hinchey gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Christian Science church. His aid and influence are ever given on the side of progress, reform and improvement, and he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of the successful and wide-awake journalists of the Genesee country.

ERNEST TOWNSEND.

As head of the firm of Ernest Townsend & Son, of Le Roy, Ernest Townsend operates one of the most extensive insurance agencies in western New York, while among other business interests which claim his attention is the enterprise conducted as the Townsend Oil Company. He was born in Pavilion, Genesee county, on the 3d of February, 1863, his parents being Elbert and Emily (Olmsted) Townsend. The father, who spent practically his entire life in the Genesee country, became widely known as a breeder of high-grade stock, shipping his merino sheep to all parts of the world. During the years 1873 and 1874 he represented the county of Genesee in the state assembly.

In his youth Ernest Townsend was a student at the old Le Roy Academy. Prior to taking up his permanent abode in Le Roy, as a young man of thirty-one years, he was identified with his father and his brother, Horace E. Townsend, in raising thoroughbred stock. In this connection he traveled extensively, visiting Australia, England and other foreign countries, and made a trip around the world before he had attained his majority. In 1894 Mr. Townsend removed to Le Roy and engaged in the meat business, successfully conducting a market for ten years, during the earlier portion of which period he was in partnership with Abraham Van Valkenburg. In 1904 Mr. Townsend turned his attention to the insurance field, and in 1906 he added to his growing interests the large business of the E. M. Harmon agency, the oldest insurance agency in Le Roy. Six years thereafter, in 1912, Mr. Townsend took his son, Elbert J. Townsend, into partnership with him, and at the present time they are operating one of the largest insurance agencies in this part of the state, covering a wide territory. The handling of automobiles became an added feature of the business in 1910, Ernest Townsend & Son becoming local representatives for the Ford, Overland and Chalmers cars, but this branch of their business was disposed of in 1922. Ernest Townsend is also active in the management of the Townsend Oil Company, a concern which buys oil and gas by the carload and distributes the same to the farmers of western New York. The Townsend Oil Company owns and operates "The Grove", a free tourist camping ground at Le Roy, where motorists may find open fireplaces, benches and tables, a pavilion, lunch counter and tea-room and also a service station with visible pumps where Pennzoil straight run gasoline is sold. Continuing its public-spirited and progressive business policy, in 1924 the Townsend



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Oil Company established a free parking space with room for one hundred cars, also a ladies rest room, on Bank street, near Main, in the business section of Le Roy.

In October, 1888, in Le Roy, New York, Mr. Townsend was united in marriage to Effie V. Van Valkenburgh, daughter of John H. and Mary P. (Heddon) Van Valkenburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend are the parents of two children, namely: Elbert J., a partner of his father in the insurance business and also associated with him in the conduct of the Townsend Oil Company, who married Charlotte Keeney of Le Roy, and their two children are, Elinor and Theodore; and Charlotte M., who is the wife of Herman M. Jones and resides in Norfolk, Virginia, and they have a daughter, Phyllis Ann.

The religious faith of Mr. Townsend is indicated by his membership in the First Baptist church of Le Roy, while fraternally he is identified with Le Roy Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Oatka Hose Company. Mr. Townsend has always been a republican in politics, and when the new village charter went into effect in 1897, he was elected trustee for one year. He was reelected the following year for a term of two years, and declined a renomination for a third term. After an intermission of one year Mr. Townsend was persuaded again to accept the nomination for trustee. He was elected and reelected for four successive terms of two years each, making a total of thirteen years of service on the board, when he declined further renomination. In 1906 Mr. Townsend was elected town clerk of the town of Le Roy, which office he filled for six years, or until he went to Seattle on account of the health of his daughter. The following is an excerpt from an article which appeared in the Le Roy Gazette under date of March 18, 1914: "The republican village caucus, held last evening for the purpose of placing in nomination a ticket to be supported at the charter election on Tuesday, April 7th, was called to order by Clarence Bryant, of the village committee. * * * Ernest Townsend, the man named for village president, possesses unusual qualifications for the office, and it is doubtful if a stronger candidate could have been selected. * * * In addition to his long service and experience in both village and town affairs, and his successful business career, Mr. Townsend brings to the position for which he has been nominated the reputation of a four-square man who has in the past unqualifiedly stood for what he considered right, even at the sacrifice of personal friendships. He is a man of dignity and pleasing personality, and if elected he will bring to the office of village president every qualification for a clean, businesslike and successful administration." Mr. Townsend was elected mayor of Le Roy in 1914 and reelected in 1915. In January, 1925, he was appointed supervisor of Le Roy.

FREDERICK ELLIOTT CONVERSE.

Frederick Elliott Converse, senior member of the law firm of Converse & Converse, one of the leading legal firms of Palmyra, is one of the oldest practicing attorneys in the city, as regards the length of time he has been following his profession. His career as a lawyer began nearly forty years ago, when as a young man fresh from law school he entered into a partnership with Major Murganzy Hopkins which continued until 1910. From that time to the present his practice has continued uninterrupted. Born in Farmington, Ontario county, New York, on the 3d of November, 1860, he is the son of Joseph Converse, a native of the Empire state and a farmer by occupation. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Louisa M. Reynolds, is still living, at the venerable age of ninety. She was born in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, New York, and was married in Farmington. The subject of this review is the youngest of the three children born to this union, two sons and a daughter. His sister, Anna Louise Taskett, passed away in Florida in 1886, at the untimely age of thirty.

Frederick Elliott Converse was educated in the Palmyra Classical Union School and the Albany Law School, graduating from the latter with the Bachelor of Laws degree in the class of 1885. That same year he entered upon the active practice of his chosen profession by forming a partnership with Major Hopkins, a relationship which endured with mutual benefit and profits until 1910, when Major Hopkins retired. For the following seven years Mr. Converse carried on the burden of a large and important legal practice alone. In 1917 he took into partnership his son, W. Ray Converse, under the firm name of Converse & Converse. The practice, which is one of the largest in Palmyra, has brought Mr. Converse into contact with many important

pieces of litigation and has given him wide opportunity to display his many abilities as a lawyer and business man. Among his clients are many of the most influential and substantial citizens and firms of this vicinity and Wayne county.

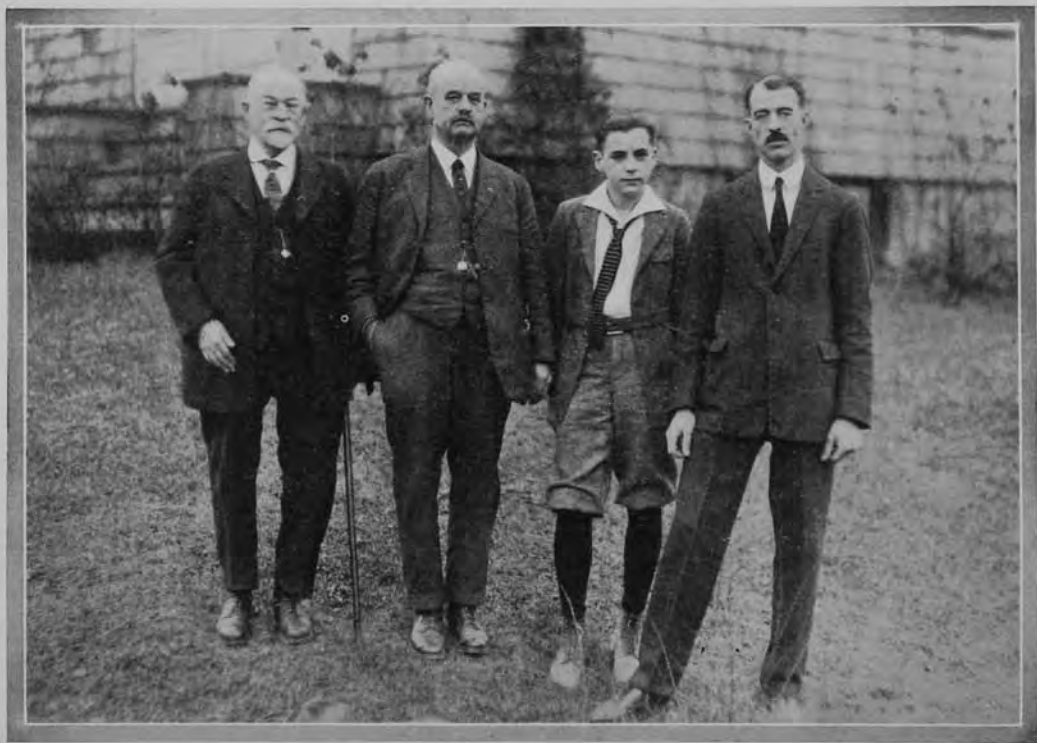
In a biographical notice of this character it is fitting that the public services of a man such as Mr. Converse should be noted. During the troubled days of the great World war he served as a member of the exemption board and the legal advisory board for this county, giving freely of his time and legal skill to the prosecution of this important phase of the war work. As one of the Four-Minute men he made many speeches in behalf of the different loans and war drives in Wayne county, and he also served as treasurer of the war relief committee of the Red Cross Auxiliary. For thirty years he has been a member and secretary of the Palmyra board of education, faithfully and ably performing his not inconsiderable duties in this connection all these years because he has felt it to be one of the first duties of a citizen to see that the youth of the community were well fitted for life. His political affiliations are with the democratic party, but he has never sought the honors of public office outside of his home city, where office-holding has appeared to him a simple matter of civic duty. Mr. Converse has the type of local pride that makes one seek to preserve the traditions and ideals of the outstanding men of former generations. In this connection he helped to organize the Palmyra Historical Society, of which he is now the vice president, and is cooperating with its members in striving to keep alive the memories of people and events that will serve as a standard and inspiration to the present and future generations. He is an active member of the Baptist church, in which he has sung in the choir for thirty years and is now acting as one of its board of trustees. Fraternally Mr. Converse is identified with the Masonic order and belongs to the blue lodge in this city.

In Palmyra, on the 28th of November, 1888, Mr. Converse was united in marriage to Miss Florence L. Vail, the daughter of James H. Vail of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Converse have three children: W. Ray, who is the junior partner in his father's law firm; Frederick James, an instructor in electrical engineering at the Southern California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, California; and Eloise, wife of Harold I. Davis, a farmer of Pembroke, New Hampshire.

J. HARRY SAGER.

J. Harry Sager, a well known citizen and business man of Rochester, is at the head of the J. H. Sager Company, which he incorporated in 1905 for the wholesaling and retailing of automobile specialties of his own invention and manufacture. He was born in Belleville, Ontario, Canada, on the 4th of August, 1859, his parents being James F. and Sarah H. (Jones) Sager, who were also natives of that country. The father, who was born in 1836, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and is now living retired at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. The mother departed this life in Rochester, New York, in the year 1904. Their family numbered nine children, two of whom are deceased. Those who still survive are: J. Harry, the eldest; Mrs. Lillian Brooker, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Charles, who makes his home in Syracuse, New York; William, living in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Dr. Albert E., a practicing dentist of Rochester; Fred, a resident of Winnipeg, Canada; and Mrs. Edward Lynn, living in Rochester.

In his youth J. Harry Sager attended school in Canada. Following the completion of a course in the Ontario Business College of Belleville he learned the trade of cabinetmaking. After finishing his apprenticeship he came to Rochester and entered the employ of the Hayden Furniture Company, a manufacturing concern in whose service he began experimenting on mechanical devices. His first invention was a "baby seat" for a bicycle, the manufacture of which he began immediately after securing his patent papers. In the meantime he was working on other devices with the result that he next produced a patent bicycle seat, which became known over the world as the Sager saddle and which, like the "baby seat", was widely sold. Other patents followed in rapid succession. None, however, had a larger sale than the "cushion fork" for motorcycles, which was sold on a royalty basis to the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Company. Mr. Sager then invented a bumper and a fender guard for automobiles and since then has produced many patent devices for automobiles and motor vehicles, as well as other useful patents, all of which he is now manufacturing. He already has more than one hundred patents to his credit. The J. H. Sager Company, of which Mr. Sager is president, was incorporated in 1905,



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since which time the business has developed to extensive and profitable proportions. Mr. Sager is a self-made man whose success is attributable to his marked mechanical skill and ingenuity, indomitable industry, close application and excellent business ability. If Mr. Sager has a hobby aside from his business, it is the improvement and development of his suburban property at Dumpling Hill, on the Scottsville road. In November, 1921, he purchased that property and through his vision and enterprise has transformed it into a valuable residential and business property. Notwithstanding the active life he has led Mr. Sager is a remarkably well preserved man for one of his years. He has been successful, but this fact in no way has detracted from his natural democratic manner. His friends and associates feel for him a peculiar esteem, not only for his genuineness and dependability but as well for his many wholesome qualities of mind and heart. Genial and optimistic by nature, he extracts from life the real essence of living.

On the 26th of January, 1884, in Rochester, Mr. Sager was united in marriage to Miss Cora B. Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Mills. Mr. Mills was formerly superintendent of motive power for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway. Mr. and Mrs. Sager are the parents of two children: Clinton M., who was born in Rochester in 1889 and pursued a course of study in the Mechanics Institute of Rochester, is now a designer for the Selden Truck Corporation. He wedded Miss Ann Boyland of Rochester and they have two children, J. Harry (II), who was born in this city in 1910; and Woodruff, born in Rochester in 1916; Thelma L., the daughter of J. Harry and Cora B. (Mills) Sager, was born in Rochester in 1896 and pursued her education in the grammar and high schools of her native city and in the University of Rochester. She was married to M. Porter Walley and resides at Dumpling Hill on the Scottsville road, in Monroe county.

Mr. Sager is a Mason, being a life member of Genesee Falls Lodge, No. 507, F. & A. M.; a life member of Hamilton Chapter, No. 62, R. A. M.; a life member of Monroe Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; and a life member of Damascus Temple, Mystic Shrine. He has likewise been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the past forty-five years and he is a member of the Automobile Club of Rochester, and the Monroe County Fish and Game Protective Association. Mr. Sager is a citizen of worth to his community and an upright, honorable and useful career has won for him the respect, confidence and goodwill of those among whom his life has been passed. Mr. Sager's residence is at No. 9 Brooklyn street.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LEVY.

Benjamin Franklin Levy, one of the leading attorneys of Elmira, his native city, was born April 2, 1874, a son of Simon H. and Jennie (Sellner) Levy, the former a native of Lithuania and the latter of Germany. They were married in Elmira, arriving here during the progress of the Civil war, and the father engaged in the grocery business, also operating in the field of real estate. He was identified with the Masonic fraternity and in politics was a staunch republican, believing that the principles of the party contained the best elements of government for the majority. He passed away in 1911 and the mother's demise occurred in 1918. They were the parents of twelve children, six of whom are deceased. One son, Isaac H., was for some time associated in practice with his brother, Benjamin Franklin Levy, of this review, and became one of the leading lawyers of New York city; August is a chemist, connected with the H. A. Metz Company of Brooklyn, New York; Albert is a successful dental practitioner and resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Ira H. lives in Geneva, New York, and is engaged in the clothing business; Rae is the wife of M. N. Sammet of Brooklyn, New York. Harriet M. was graduated from Cornell University and became instructor in Latin at the Elmira Free Academy, filling that position for a number of years. She afterward went to Brooklyn and taught school in that city until her death, in 1911.

Benjamin Franklin Levy completed a course in the Elmira Free Academy and afterward became a student at Cornell University, from which he won the LL. B. degree in 1895. A year later his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Laws and he was admitted to the bar in 1895, while attending the university. In 1896 he engaged in practice with the firm of Bacon & Aldridge, well known attorneys of Elmira, and was thus associated until the death of Mr. Bacon in 1912. In 1914 Mr. Levy became associated with Wallace W. Seeley, who has since been his partner.

In June, 1904, Mr. Levy married Miss Martha Bimberg, a graduate of the local academy and Elmira College, and a daughter of Joseph Bimberg, a prominent tobacco manufacturer of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Levy have two children: Benjamin Franklin, Jr., and Harriet Jane.

Mr. Levy is a man of deeply religious nature and for a quarter of a century has been president of the Temple of the Children of Israel. He has also found time for civic affairs and is much interested in social service work. He is one of the sponsors for the Boys Band, which numbers one hundred and fifty members; he aided in organizing the local troop of the Boy Scouts of America and is a veteran scout and a member of the National Council; when our country joined the allied nations in their efforts to suppress Prussianism, Mr. Levy was made secretary of the local war chest and devoted much time to government activities. He is president of the Non-Partisan Association for the League of Nations. He was elected a delegate to the Progressive National convention of 1916. This is the only public office to which Mr. Levy has aspired or which he has held. He has always been a republican, except during the four-year period of the existence of the progressive party, founded by Theodore Roosevelt. Since 1900 Mr. Levy is a member of the Ivy Lodge of Masons and he also belongs to the chapter. He has membership in the Rotary Club and other civic organizations.

JUDGE BERTRAM L. NEWMAN.

Among those who are upholding the prestige of the Elmira bar is numbered Judge Bertram L. Newman, whose identification with the legal profession covers a period of sixteen years. He is a man of high character, studious, well versed in the law, and is therefore thoroughly qualified for the responsible offices of surrogate, judge of the county court, also the children's court, of Chemung county, to which he was elected in November, 1923. He was born in Little Falls, in Herkimer county, New York, September 15, 1885, and is a son of William H. and Celia (Sprague) Newman, natives of Poland, this state. The father was reared on a farm in Herkimer county and obtained his education in the district schools of that locality. He engaged in teaching school for a time and then obtained work in a factory. In 1887 he purchased a farm in Tioga county, New York, and for nine years his attention was given to agricultural pursuits. In 1896 he removed to Elmira and has since been identified with the management of the State Reformatory. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Newman four are living, and the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth.

Bertram L. Newman was graduated from the Elmira high school in 1903 and began the study of law in the office of Gilford Tobey. He was admitted to the bar in 1908 and began the practice of law in the office of Herendeen & Mandeville. In 1918 he became a member of the firm of Mandeville, Personius & Newman, with which he was connected until his elevation to the bench in 1923, where he assumed his duties in January, 1924. He dispenses justice with an even hand and his decisions indicate strong mentality, careful analysis and a thorough grasp of the principles of jurisprudence. He served as United States commissioner from 1914 until 1923 and his record as a public official is one which redounds to his credit.

On June 21, 1911, Judge Newman was united in marriage to Miss Nellie G. Suffern, who was born, reared and educated in Elmira, and they have four children: Bertram Leland, Jr., born in 1912; Edward O., born in 1915; Robert S., born in 1916; and Marion E., born in 1918. Judge Newman is a strong advocate of the platform and principles of the republican party and served for seven years as a member of the county committee. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith and belongs to the Lake Street church of that denomination. He is a member of the Century Club and his fraternal connections are with the Queen City Lodge of Odd Fellows and Union Lodge, No. 95, of the Masonic order.

CHAUNCEY LYMAN WHITING.

The rising fortunes of a youth endowed only with ability and industry is a theme frequently encountered in the life stories of successful men in contemporary American life. It is seldom, however, that it is developed with such striking simplicity as in the case of Chauncey L. Whiting of Rochester, one of the foremost automobile men of



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central New York and a conspicuous figure in the Buick Motor Company's sales organization. The desire to do each task, no matter how humble, a little better than anyone else, was directly the means of his getting his start in the motor world. Once given the opportunity to demonstrate his abilities in a field in which he was naturally well qualified to succeed, Mr. Whiting justified the confidence that had been placed in him and has been going ahead ever since.

The story runs something like this: Born in Waterville, New York, on June 26, 1872, Chauncey Lyman Whiting comes from substantial American stock. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Woolcott, was a native of Ware, Massachusetts, but spent practically all of her life in New York state. The father, Chauncey C. Whiting, was born in Broome county, New York, and was connected with the boot and shoe industry during his active life, working all branches of the business from manufacturing to the retail trade. He was a veteran of the Civil war and saw three and a half years of active service as an enlisted man in the Regular One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Infantry. Mr. Whiting died in Rochester, in 1911, and was survived by his wife for twelve years, her death occurring in February, 1923. Of the three children born to them two sons, Fred Buell and Chauncey Lyman of this review, reside in Rochester; a daughter, Mrs. Josie Broughton, is deceased.

Chauncey Lyman Whiting's boyhood was spent chiefly in Elmira and Moravia, New York, where he went to school, attending the high school in the latter place. When he had finished his school career the youth came to Rochester to start out to make his own way in the world. In considering the various ways of earning a livelihood open to him, he came to the conclusion that he would follow the calling of a funeral director or undertaker, and accordingly served an apprenticeship in the establishment of the Ingmire & Thompson Undertaking Company of this city. Eventually he obtained a state license. He continued with the Ingmire & Thompson organization, however, serving an uninterrupted term of fifteen years in all, in its employ. While, of course, he had learned his profession and gained some valuable practical experience, Mr. Whiting was not prospering financially in his work. He made "both ends meet" and that was about all.

Meanwhile, an event of almost revolutionary importance had taken place. The motor-driven vehicle, once little more than a rich man's toy, had taken its place in the transportation systems of the world. Mr. Whiting's employers were among the first men in their line of business to adopt the new vehicles. They had always prided themselves on their up-to-date establishment, and saw in the automobile an opportunity to render their service more effective and satisfactory. Not long after the automobile became an established fact in every-day life, the Ingmire & Thompson Company was maintaining an excellent auto service for its own business and for private use. One of the partners owned an especially fine car and it fell to Mr. Whiting's lot to keep it in perfect condition. As he was allowed to drive the car himself on Thursdays for his own pleasure, the young man took a proprietary interest in its appearance and working condition. Moreover, he mastered all the details of the mechanism, in spite of the fact that this was his first acquaintance with motors. One day while he was busily at work polishing up his car in the garage of the company the president of the Jackson Automobile Company was shown through as a guest of the firm. It happened that the car Mr. Whiting was working on was a "Jackson" make, so the president of the company paid especial attention to its condition. So favorably was he impressed with the car's appearance and the care that was being bestowed upon it that he drew Mr. Whiting aside and offered him a position in the plant at Jackson, one much better than that with the Ingmire & Thompson Company. The young man accepted.

In the Jackson plant Mr. Whiting was placed in charge of the department testing out the chassis and engines of the unfinished cars. While he was thus engaged, one day Mr. Durant, president of the Buick Automobile Company, happened by the Jackson factory and stopped to question him about his training as an automobile mechanic, where he learned to drive and so forth. The replies were apparently satisfactory, for at the close of the conversation Mr. Durant made him a conditional offer of employment in his company. He promised him that if after a six months' trial his services should have proven satisfactory, he should be given the Rochester agency. Mr. Whiting accepted the proposition, served his six months' probation, and on May 3, 1906, assumed control of the agency at Rochester. In conjunction with the Rochester agency, he also conducted for a time the Buffalo branch for the Buick Motor Company. In Rochester he founded the C. L. Whiting Buick Corporation, which has grown into one of the most successful automobile agencies in the state of New York.

The agency covers Monroe county and does an enormous volume of business annually. The credit for this remarkable record is due largely to the president of the local company, Mr. Whiting, whose tireless efforts, effective sales methods and thorough mastery of the motor business have been the chief factors in building up the agency.

On June 21, 1896, Mr. Whiting was united in marriage to Miss Cathrine McGuire of Hornell, New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McGuire, highly respected residents of that place. He is identified with Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, fraternally, and belongs to the Rochester, Rochester Auto and Rochester Yacht Clubs, and the Chamber of Commerce. His many endearing qualities have attracted a host of friends. Generous in his sympathies, kindly in his philanthropies and in his personal dealings the most pleasant of companions, Mr. Whiting enjoys a well deserved popularity in the city he has so long made his home.

Unlike many men gifted with a mechanical genius Mr. Whiting loves animals. His Avon-Vale farm near Avon is one of the finest in New York state devoted to the raising of blooded horses. There he owned the world's champion jumping horse, Skyscraper, which gained the championship at that time at the New York horse show, with a height of seven feet, six inches. He also owns a farm in Pittsford, Monroe county, that is devoted to the raising of German police dogs and wire-haired terriers and other blooded animals. In these and other hobbies Mr. Whiting is enjoying the fruits of years of successful labor and consistent effort in the automobile industry. All of his modest fortune has been accumulated in this line of business; for Mr. Whiting states that when he went to Jackson to work for the Jackson company he did not have the money to pay his railroad fare. A career such as his should be full of inspiration to ambitious youths who have their own way to make in the world. Success was not waiting for him at the first turn in the road, but by persevering and doing the best he could with the task in hand he prepared himself to profit by his opportunities when they did come. Mr. Whiting's residence is at Avon-Vale Farms.

JAMES M. BROGAN.

James M. Brogan, one of the prominent citizens of Dansville, has been a resident of the village since 1892 and through his well directed activities in business and public affairs has contributed materially to its advancement and prosperity. He was born March 12, 1877, a son of Patrick M. and Mary (Barrett) Brogan, and is one of a family of six children, of whom two sons and two daughters survive. For a time he was a clerk in the office of Gorham & Pratt, attorneys, and later in Robert Pratt's office, leaving to become manager of the Interocean Telephone & Telegraph Company. In May, 1914, he entered the insurance business in association with his brother, Edward E. Brogan, and they are also operating in real estate. They are sagacious, farsighted, enterprising business men and have met with well deserved success in their undertakings.

On the 26th of June, 1918, Mr. Brogan was married to Miss Mildred M. Brophy, and they have a daughter, Catherine Frances. Mr. Brogan is a member of the Catholic church and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a past grand knight. He is also a county ex-president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is an adherent of the democratic party and an active worker for the good of his community. He served for seventeen years as justice of the peace. He was one of the founders of the Dansville Board of Trade, and for several years one of the board of directors. He loyally supports all those projects which count for most in civic growth and development.

ROBERT BARDWELL WICKES.

Robert Bardwell Wickes has been an active and successful representative of the legal profession in Rochester for the past forty-five years and for nearly four decades has served as president, treasurer and manager of the Abstract Guarantee Company, which he helped to found in 1886. He was born in Guilford, Connecticut, on the 3d day of August, 1857, his parents being the Rev. Henry and Elizabeth (Bardwell) Wickes. The father, a clergyman of the Presbyterian denomination, served as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Brighton, New York, from 1869 until 1875, and subse-

quently occupied other pulpits in western New York. His last years were spent in retirement in Rochester, where both he and his wife passed away.

Robert Bardwell Wickes supplemented his early education by a course of study in the Rochester Free Academy and the University of Rochester. He graduated from the latter institution in 1878. Having determined to follow the legal profession as a life work, he entered the law office of William F. Cogswell, leaving after a year to enter that of James B. Perkins, with whom he continued his reading until qualified to pass the state bar examination. He was admitted to the bar in 1880, and ever since has been a practicing attorney in Rochester. His work is almost entirely in connection with real estate titles and he has succeeded in making the Abstract Guarantee Company a very important element in the handling of real estate transfers. The records of the company contain hundreds of maps not to be found elsewhere and a duplicate record of all the deeds and mortgages in the county clerk's office arranged upon the principle of location as distinguished from the name indexes used in the public offices.

On the 9th of September, 1889, Mr. Wickes was united in marriage to Margaret Perkins Cogswell, daughter of William F. Cogswell. Mr. and Mrs. Wickes are the parents of five children: Francis C., born in 1890, graduated from Williams College in the class of 1912 and received the degree of LL. B. from Harvard University in 1915. He is now engaged in the practice of law in this city. Immediately after his graduation from Harvard Law School he went to Belgium as a member of the Belgian Relief Commission and continued in that work until the entry of the United States into the World war. Upon being sent out of Belgium by the Germans he joined our army headquarters at Paris, was commissioned captain and served in the second section of the General Staff until the end of the war. He then entered the United States relief work under Herbert Hoover, serving at Hamburg and other places. He married Miss Germaine Attout of Belgium, and has two children: Margaret Cogswell and George; Philip Bardwell, the second son, whose birth occurred in Rochester in 1892, and who studied in the University of Rochester and in Cornell University, now devotes his attention to agricultural pursuits in Ontario, Wayne county, New York. While the World war was in progress he served as ensign on a United States submarine chaser. To him and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Marian Grant Libbert, has been born a son, Robert Bardwell Wickes (II); Elizabeth, the oldest daughter, born in Rochester in 1894, is a graduate of Vassar College, and the wife of Dr. Rufus B. Crain of this city; Henry Herriman Wickes, who was born in Rochester in 1898, attended Williams College and also the Cornell Law School, receiving the degree of LL. B. from the latter institution in 1922. He was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps during the World war, and is now engaged in law practice in New York city; and Alice Cogswell, born in Rochester on the 23d of November, 1908, is a student in the Columbia Preparatory School.

Mr. Wickes is a member of the University Club and also belongs to Delta Upsilon, a Greek letter fraternity. His ancestors were among the earliest settlers on Long Island, Thomas Wickes being named as patentee of the Town of Huntington in 1664, and all his other ancestors and all his wife's ancestors claim descent from settlers of the seventeenth century in New England.

FRANK D. BALL.

Prudent and cautious men and women always protect themselves against loss and possible ruin by carrying an adequate amount of insurance on their property. The cost of insurance is no longer considered an expense, but as one of the best possible investments, while the underwriting business is regarded as one of the most benevolent enterprises that human ingenuity has ever invented. Frank D. Ball of Caledonia, Livingston county, New York, has made insurance the business of his life, and through the large agency which he conducts in the town the greater portion of the risk business of Caledonia and the surrounding country is written. He was born in Caledonia, on January 18, 1867, the son of Terence and Mary (McGee) Ball, both of whom have passed away.

Frank D. Ball received his education in the public schools of the town and in the Genesee Normal School. After finishing school he went to work in the grocery business with his brother, and then spent six years in the west. Upon Mr. Ball's return to Caledonia he started in the insurance business, and for twenty-five years has been at the head of the extensive agency which he conducts, representing five

of the largest and soundest insurance companies. He finds the time and has the disposition to interest himself in the political and local affairs of the community, and during the World war was chairman of the War Savings Stamps committee and did active work in its behalf. President Wilson appointed Mr. Ball postmaster of Caledonia, and for nine years he filled the position to the entire satisfaction of the citizens of the town. In his political leanings Mr. Ball is a democrat, and was a member of the board of supervisors for two terms, 1909-14.

Mr. Ball was married in 1897 to Mary Smith of Caledonia, who died in 1902, leaving three children: Leonard, Stella and Irene. In 1907 Mr. Ball was married to Eva Nichols of Mumford, New York, and they have one child, Ola. In his religious convictions he is a member of the Roman Catholic church. Fraternally his affiliations are with the Knights of the Maccabees, the Modern Woodmen of America and the American Fraternal Insurance Association.

KINGMAN NOTT ROBINS.

Kingman Nott Robins was born in Waterville, Maine, September 7, 1881, and was a son of Rev. Henry Ephraim and Cordelia Ewell (Nott) Robins. He came as a child to Rochester, New York, where his father accepted the chair of Christian ethics in the Rochester Theological Seminary. He was educated in Worcester Academy and Harvard University, from which he graduated in 1904, cum laude in economics. He married Miss Elizabeth Adams Sibley, daughter of Rufus Adams and Elizabeth S. (Conkey) Sibley, of Rochester, in 1913, and they lived at 935 East Avenue, Rochester. He died in that city, February 5, 1923.

Mr. Robins was president of the Farm Mortgage Bankers Association of America; president and treasurer of the Associated Mortgage Investors of Rochester; a director of Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, Rochester; director of the Security Trust Company, Rochester; a director of the Alberta Flour Mills, Ltd., and a director and treasurer of the Round T. Ranch & Highwood Land Company, Alberta. He was second vice president of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and member of various committees; a director of the Y. M. C. A., chairman of industrial committee and trustee of endowment funds; a director and secretary of the Highland Hospital; a trustee, treasurer and member of finance committee of University of Rochester; a director of Western New York Institution for Deaf Mutes; a member of Rochester Anti-Tuberculosis Committee; a director, treasurer, member executive committee of the Provident Loan Society; vestryman, member of finance committee and other committees of St. Paul's church; and trustee of Church Extension Society. He was a member of the University Club; Archaeological Society; American Economic Association; American Geographical Society; Canadian Alpine Club; National Club of Toronto; Harvard Club of New York; Genesee Valley Club of Rochester; Country Club of Rochester; Fortnightly of Rochester; American Academy of Political and Social Science. He was the author of "The Farm Mortgage Handbook," Doubleday, Page and Company, 1916, and made contributions on financial topics to Scribner's, Trust Companies, Annalist, and various other financial magazines.

The short, yet vivid and complete life of Kingman Nott Robins, briefly outlined, was typical of all that was best and most attractive in American young manhood. In a very few years he made a distinct and lasting contribution to the farm mortgage business in its local and national aspects; to economic education through his writings; and to the civic, religious and social life of the community in which he lived, by his compelling personality, his character and high ideals, his quick and generous sympathy and cooperation. The following quotations will estimate his achievement, revealing the place he held in the minds and hearts of those with whom he was associated.

The following editorial appeared in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle: "The death of Mr. Robins is a sad loss to a host of friends outside of his intimate family circle and business associates. He was a successful business man, but far better than that he was a successful American citizen in the finest sense of the term. In personal as well as in business relations and in public affairs he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all those who possessed his acquaintanceship. It can be truthfully said he was cut down in the flower of his usefulness. . . . A hasty sketch of his business and public connections cannot do justice to his clean-cut character, his high ideals, or the splendid example he set for others. His career is an inspiration to any young man who is desirous of making the most of his natural gifts and of



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being of real service to the community. There are compensations for his early loss in the thought that he made the most of his time, that he lived a full, well-rounded life, and that neither he nor those attached to him ever had any occasion for mourning over wasted years. Life to him was an opportunity which he employed to the utmost. Instead of permitting heavy business responsibilities to narrow his outlook he found more time for public service than many men who are concerned only with petty affairs and yet who plead that they have no time for anything outside the daily round. His memory will be cherished by all who came in contact with him in any way, and his name will be entered on the scroll of those who reflect honor on the city of their home."

The following quotation is from the memorial address read before the Farm Mortgage Bankers Association: "He was one of the original few interested in the organization of a national association for farm mortgage bankers. On May 7th and 8th, 1914, at the Hotel Astor in New York, he presided at the meetings which resulted in the organization of the Farm Mortgage Bankers Association. It was he who gave us the constitution and by-laws of the association, which were so well drafted that very few changes have been made. He was elected vice president of the association at the first meeting, and was one of the officers of the association continuously from the time of its organization to the time of his death. . . . He helped plan and execute our legislative campaigns, and was always present in Washington when needed in working for the legislation which he thought would benefit farm credits.

"The memory of Kingman Nott Robins is one of the sweet blessings of my life. If my assisting efforts in the organization, growth and management of this association brought me no other reward than the friendship of Kingman Nott Robins, I have been richly blessed and well paid. His lovable nature, his refined, dignified, inviting manners, his analytical mind, his knowledge of psychology and economics, his value of men and things, his judgments based on careful consideration, were all magnets drawing people to him—establishing relationships of friendship inspired by confidence. We all know where Mr. Robins stood—always for the Golden Rule and service to others. He never envied his competitors, but rather was ever ready to boost, and never tolerated the idea of destruction—a most refreshing character in this busy, aggressive, competitive world. His living example to his competitors was an influence in our lives which did more to raise our standards as his competitors and as competitors of each other than any other man among us.

"As an original thinker in farm credits and taxation economics, he laid the foundation for our association's activities in bringing the public to the realization that tax exemption of securities relieved the rich and burdened the small property holders, accomplishing just the reverse of what the legislation was intended to do.

"He was a recognized economist among the best economists in our country. His contribution to education was putting into action his belief that all people should understand economics and the fundamental laws. We loved him the more for fighting for his conception of what was right and best for all the people rather than supporting the demagogue politician's popular fancy 'to advocate that which made the most votes.' He was a true American citizen—proud of his pioneer ancestors who fought for education, progress and American citizenship.

"The management of his own business was sufficient to take all the time of an average successful business man, but he devoted days and weeks to our association's affairs, and when at home, his interest in church, educational, charitable and public welfare organizations consumed more of his time and energy than was good for his own health. Too great willingness to work and carry responsibilities for others sapped his vitality. He lived his life of usefulness, radiated happiness and optimism and laid in his short life foundations for future superstructures to be erected by others. These foundations of work and giving will be lasting influences not only upon us but upon others following us."

CASSIUS A. PHILLIPS.

Cassius A. Phillips has been in continuous practice of law in Elmira for a period of forty-one years. He was born in Milford, Otsego county, New York, June 3, 1860, a son of John F. and Lucy J. (Slingerland) Phillips, who were also natives of that county, in which they were married. They were the parents of two children, one of whom is deceased. The father served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade and followed that occupation for a number of years, afterward turning his attention to

agricultural pursuits. He was an adherent of the democratic party but never aspired to public office. He passed away in Otsego county. His wife died March 26, 1924. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and formerly took an active part in its work.

Cassius A. Phillips received his academic training in Otsego county and studied law in the offices of Baldwin & Baldwin, prominent attorneys of Elmira. He was admitted to the bar in 1883 and began the practice of law with E. C. Van Duzer, with whom he was associated for ten years. For a time he was in the office of Erwin J. and F. E. Baldwin but for the past twenty years has been alone in practice, specializing in land titles and is regarded as an authority on this department of the law. He has been attorney for the Chemung Valley Mutual Loan Association.

In 1886 Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Kate Baldwin, a sister of Erwin J. Baldwin and a daughter of John J. and Sally M. (Beardsley) Baldwin, the former a native of Delaware county, New York, and the latter of Connecticut. Mr. Baldwin was a blacksmith and resided for many years in Otego, New York. He died in Elmira. Mr. Phillips gives his political support to the republican party and at one time was deputy county clerk. He is an earnest member of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal church and served for many years as one of its trustees.

J. NORTON WOOD.

From an early age J. Norton Wood has fought life's battles unaided and to his own efforts is due the success which he now enjoys. For thirty-five years Elmira has numbered him among its citizens and a large productive industry is the visible result of his constructive labors and initiative spirit. His standing in his community is indicated by the fact that his fellow citizens have called him to the office of mayor, which he is now filling, and he has also rendered other public services of an important character. He was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, February 3, 1874, a son of Solomon and Emma (Doty) Wood, who were also natives of that county. They were married in Elmira and became the parents of ten children, six of whom survive. The father followed the occupation of farming and subsequently became the proprietor of a general store in Chandlersburg, Pennsylvania. He served three years in the Civil war, during which time he was wounded. He gave his political support to the candidates of the republican party. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The public schools of Pennsylvania afforded J. Norton Wood his educational privileges and when twelve years of age he left home and secured work on a farm. Subsequently he served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, and in 1889, when a youth of fifteen, he arrived in Elmira. For some time he was employed in a planing mill, where he took a keen interest in the business and utilized every opportunity to increase his knowledge of the details connected with its operation. In 1908 he felt that his experience was sufficient to enable him to conduct a business of his own and accordingly he established a plant for the manufacture of sash, doors and interior woodwork. The business is now incorporated under the name of J. N. Wood & Company and is capitalized at one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Wood is president and treasurer of the firm and under his able guidance the business has grown rapidly. The company finds a ready market for its output and the industry ranks with the largest of the kind in this locality. Mr. Wood also has other business interests, being a director of the Chemung Valley Loan Association.

On the 2d of March, 1898, Mr. Wood was married to Miss Maude Alice Hill, a native of Chemung county, and they have become the parents of five children: Meryl Norton, a city employee, who married Vera Tong and they are the parents of three daughters and one son; Howard Milton, who is connected with his father's business; Helen Gertrude, who is in the service of the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company; Ida Josephine, who is identified with a local ice company; and Francis Lemuel, who is a public school pupil. Mrs. Wood is a Baptist in religious faith and an earnest worker in behalf of the church.

Mr. Wood is a staunch republican in his political views and an active worker in the ranks of the party. His public spirit is denoted by his keen interest in civic affairs and as school commissioner he has done much to improve educational facilities in Elmira. In 1921 he was the people's choice for mayor and indorsement of his first term's service resulted in his reelection in 1923. He lends the weight of his influence to every measure of reform and progress, never placing personal benefit



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before the general good, and in the discharge of his official duties he displays the qualities which have made him a successful business man. He served as president of Union No. 532 of the Carpenters & Joiners of America and was also secretary of the local union of the Federation of Labor. He is a trustee of the Salvation Army and a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Chamber of Commerce. He is an Elk and a Mason and both he and his wife are identified with the Order of the Eastern Star, in the work of which she takes an active part. Mr. Wood is a director of Cashmere Grotto and belongs to the Masonic Club, the Century Club, and the City and Country Clubs.

CLAUDE PITTS.

The Ingersoll-Rand Company, Incorporated, of Painted Post, has a number of able executives who have been with the concern for many years and not the least of these is Claude Pitts, chief engineer of the company. He is a man who has worked his way up from the ranks and learned his business step by step, until today he ranks with the best engineers in the vicinity.

Claude Pitts is a native of Painted Post and attended the schools of this town. He showed an interest in engineering at an early age and studied nights, and after school days kept up his study. His first position was with the Western Engine Company, for whom he worked for two years, until the death of Mr. Weston, when the plant was closed. He then put in a year with the Silsby Fire Engine Company and following that shifted to the concern with which he has been prominently identified since. From 1901 to 1903 he was with Ingersoll-Rand's Tarrytown plant but since then he has been in Painted Post. He began on the lowest rung on the ladder and learned the work by practical application and in 1910 was made chief engineer.

Mr. Pitts has always taken a great interest in school matters and served on the Painted Post school board for five years. He is a republican in politics but more interested in education than in partisan disputes. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, past master of Montour Lodge, No. 117, Painted Post, and of Corning Consistory. He is a member of the Corning Country Club and also belongs to the Elmira Country Club and the Automobile Club. His patriotic service during the World war was to assist in the war work done by the Ingersoll-Rand Company, Incorporated.

On October 25, 1902, Mr. Pitts was married to Theodora Corey, and they have two sons: Leonel C. and Claude Pitts, Jr. Leonel is a junior (1924) at the University of Michigan, although only nineteen years of age. He is taking an engineering course. The parents of Claude Pitts were James H. and Mary (Houghtailing) Pitts, both natives of New York state. His father was in the lumber business for many years and now resides with Mrs. Pitts in Painted Post, where both are enjoying well earned rest in their latter years.

JUDGE DAVID N. HELLER.

Few public officials of Elmira have made a more notable record than David N. Heller, who for seventeen years has faithfully discharged the duties of municipal judge, and the city is proud to claim him as one of its native sons. He was born January 29, 1866, and his parents were Charles and Mary (Neish) Heller, the former a native of Chemung county and the latter of Delaware county, New York.

The father, Charles Heller, was of German lineage and the mother's ancestors were natives of Scotland. She was a Presbyterian in religious faith and he was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Heller was allied with the democratic party and served as a member of the school board of his home district. He was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Heller were married in Chemung county and to their union were born four children, three of whom survive. The paternal grandfather, Michael Heller, removed from Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, to Chemung county, New York, in 1805, and his farm is now included within the corporation limits of Elmira.

David N. Heller received his higher education in Cornell University, from which he won the degree of B. L. in 1888, and also devoted a year to postgraduate work in the law department of that institution. For a few months he read law in the office of

the firm of Reynolds, Stanchfield & Collin and in 1890 was admitted to the bar. He was connected with the surrogate court for three years and in 1893 was elected county clerk, holding that position until 1897. In that year he became a member of the firm of Taylor, Heller & O'Connor, which was continued until 1904, when Mr. Taylor was appointed deputy attorney-general. The partnership was then dissolved and Mr. Heller has since practiced alone. He has a thorough knowledge of statute and precedent and has been intrusted with much important litigation. In 1907 he was the people's choice for judge of the city court and five successive reelections at four-year intervals have continued him in that office. He has twice been endorsed by all parties. In that time countless cases have been brought before him and the ability and equity with which he has administered the law have won him the respect of the entire community.

On April 19, 1911, Judge Heller was united in marriage to Miss Julia Weyer, a native of Elmira and a daughter of J. Phillip Weyer, a well known brick manufacturer of this city. The Judge is a member of the Park Congregational church and his fraternal relations are with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. He is a staunch democrat in his political views and became a member of the state assembly in 1899. He belongs to the Masonic and Country Clubs, and along professional lines is connected with the New York State and American Bar Associations, and the Chemung County Bar Association, of which he is past president.

ALVAH GRIFFIN STRONG.

Alvah Griffin Strong, head of Alvah G. Strong, Incorporated, of Rochester, comes of ancestry honorable and distinguished, and is a worthy representative of one of Rochester's most prominent families. He was born in New York city, September 4, 1900, and bears a name that is woven into the very texture of Rochester's history, representing a family whose members for generations have projected upon the city a force that has been far-reaching in its consequences and most beneficial in its effects. His father, Henry G. Strong, was born in Rochester in July, 1873, a son of Henry A. and Helen (Griffin) Strong and a grandson of Alvah Strong, for whom the Alvah Strong Hall of the Rochester Theological Seminary has been named, while his uncle, Dr. Augustus Hopkins Strong, was president emeritus of that institution. Henry G. Strong spent two years as a student in the University of Rochester and later attended Yale University as a member of the class of '96 S. Upon his return to Rochester he entered the employ of the Eastman Kodak Company, of which his father was president. In 1909 he assisted in forming the Strong-Crittenden Company, an automobile concern, with showrooms in Clinton avenue, South. Mr. Crittenden withdrew from the business a year or two later and Mr. Strong continued it alone until about 1915, when he became president of Strong Motors, Incorporated. Shortly before his death his latest enterprise was opened—a salesroom and garage of the Cleveland Six—at the former Pierce-Arrow location in East avenue. With others he was instrumental in forming the Cleveland Six Company and was also a director and founder of the Chandler Automobile Company. The Rochester sales branch of the new car was soon to be incorporated as the Harry Strong Company. The first car had been received and was being shown when news of Mr. Strong's serious condition reached Rochester. The formal opening was being postponed until his return. He conducted his business on the employees profit-sharing basis and was the first automobile dealer in Rochester to give those in his service the Saturday half holiday, extending this favor to both the office and service station forces. For ten years he had been prominent in automobile activities and was a charter member of the Buffalo Automobile Club and one of the founders of the Rochester Automobile Club, of which latter organization he served as president and at the time of his death, on the 14th of August 1919, was one of the directors. He was also a director of the show committee of the Automobile Trades Association.

In March, 1895, Mr. Henry G. Strong was married to Miss Millie Hoefler of Rochester, and they became the parents of two sons: Alvah Griffin of this review; and Pritchard H. Strong. The wife and mother passed away in June, 1914. On May 31, 1919, Mr. Strong was married to Miss Marion E. Geil, a daughter of the Rev. Henry W. Geil of Rochester. Mr. Strong was a member of the Brick Presbyterian church and a generous contributor to its support and also to many philanthropic projects. He enjoyed golf and was a member of the Rochester and Oak Hill Country Clubs. He also belonged to the Genesee Valley Club, the Rochester Club, the Psi Upsi-



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lon fraternity, and many social organizations in other cities. He had many friends and those with whom he was closely associated entertained for him the strongest and deepest regard, for he possessed a warm heart, a sympathetic nature and a sense of humor that made him a welcome member of any gathering.

In the acquirement of an education Alvah Griffin Strong attended the public schools and the Hill Preparatory School, afterward becoming a student in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, from which he was called to Los Angeles, California, by the death of his father, whose body he brought back to Rochester for burial. On January 1, 1922, Mr. Strong was one of the organizers of C. C. Hall, Incorporated, dealers in evaporated apples, of which he is vice president. He is now also serving as president of the Fruit Valley Corporation, manufacturers of fruit syrup, and under his management and direction the industry is constantly expanding. In 1924 Mr. Strong founded Alvah G. Strong, Incorporated, a real estate holding and brokerage company, of which he is president. Since 1923 he has been one of the owners and treasurer of the George W. Stafford Motor Company, Incorporated, local distributors of the Cunningham and the Jordan motor cars. One of Mr. Strong's business interests that has been rapidly expanded is that of stock breeding. Beginning in a modest way on Alasa Farms in Genesee county, to breed thoroughbred milking shorthorn cattle, he headed his herd with Bessboro Musician, junior champion at the Rochester Exposition in 1924 and one of the finest sires of that breed in the country. It was largely to allow for the expansion of this industry that Mr. Strong transferred the location of Alasa Farms by his purchase in September, 1924, of the noted Shaker Tract Farm of sixteen hundred acres, on the south shore of Sodus Bay. This purchase represents one of the largest and most important transfers of farm property that has taken place in the Genesee country in years. The immense acreage includes two hundred and twenty-five acres of apple orchards, eight hundred and forty acres of timber, thirty-six houses, as well as a sawmill and planing mill. The qualities of business leadership displayed by his father and grandfather are traits inherited in full measure by Mr. Strong, who is regarded as one of the most aggressive and enterprising of Rochester's younger business men.

On July 31, 1920, Mr. Strong was married to Miss Marjorie Hall, a daughter of C. C. Hall, a prominent business man of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Strong spent their honeymoon in the Golden state and in 1921 they returned to Rochester. They have two daughters: Marjorie Elizabeth, who was born in this city, on the 15th of June, 1921; and Nancy Griffin, born December 8, 1924.

Mr. Strong enjoys the social amenities of life and is a member of the Rochester Country Club, the Oak Hill Country Club, the Rochester Club, the Automobile Club, the Rochester Yacht Club, of which he is vice commodore, the Genesee Valley Club, the Yale Club of New York city and the Phi Gamma Delta Club, also of New York city. He is a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. In Masonry Mr. Strong has attained the thirty-second degree, being a Royal Arch Mason and a Shriner and belonging to the Shrine Lunch Club of Rochester, and is an honorary member of Damascus Temple Patrol and Tigris Temple Syracuse. Genial and optimistic by nature, Mr. Strong extracts from life the real essence of living and his friends and associates feel for him a peculiar esteem, not only for his abilities but for his democratic ways and genuine qualities of mind and heart. He stands high in business circles of the city, is popular in its social life and worthily sustains the traditions of an honored family name. His residence, "Twin Beeches", now in course of construction in Pittsford, will be one of the very finest of Rochester's suburban homes.

AMOS HUBBELL COBB.

Among the men who are prominent in the fruit and vegetable canning industry of central and western New York, is Amos Hubbell Cobb of Rochester, secretary of the New York Cannery, Incorporated. The son of Amos Hubbell Cobb and his wife, Angeline (Hodgman) Cobb, he was born in Brooklyn, New York, on the first day of March, 1874. His father, a native of Green county, New York, moved to New York city in the early '60s. He became associated with Kemp, Day & Company, after which he became a member of the firm, Goodman, Cobb & Company, wholesale paper dealers, of No. 16 Reed street, New York city. This firm was in business until 1881, at which time he purchased a canning plant at Fairport, New York, which he conducted until his death in 1891. His widow is still living and makes her home in

Rochester. They were parents of five children, two of whom are living: Frederick H., who died in Rochester, in February, 1918; George Watson Cobb of Montclair, New Jersey, who is sales manager for the American Can Company; Angie, who was the wife of Stanley Shepard, died on October 15, 1918; Clarence Shepard Cobb, who died June 10, 1917; and Amos Hubbell, of this biographical review.

Amos Hubbell Cobb was educated in the public and high schools of Fairport, New York, and Colgate Academy at Hamilton, class of 1894. In January, 1895, he purchased an interest in a laundry in Rochester, as a member of the firm of Carpenter & Cobb. In 1898 he sold his interest in the laundry and became secretary of the Cobb Preserving Company, located in Fairport. Subsequently he was elected treasurer of the company and later became its president. In 1919 the Cobb Preserving Company became one of the units of the New York Canners, Incorporated, and he was elected its secretary and associate production manager.

For a year Mr. Cobb contributed to the educational advancement of his community by serving as president of the Brighton board of education, while his support has always been given to the program of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, for the development of the economic and civic interests of the community. He is a member of the Rochester Ad Club, the Genesee Valley Club, the Oak Hill Country Club, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Rochester Historical Society.

On October 1, 1896, Mr. Cobb was married to Mary G. Carpenter, daughter of George W. and Susan B. Carpenter, of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb have three children, two sons and a daughter. The daughter, Angelina H., is the wife of Harry A. Sessions, attorney of Rochester, and they have two daughters, Angela C. and Suzanne C. Sessions; Amos Hubbell Cobb (III), graduated from Yale University in the class of 1922, and is now president of the A. H. Cobb Manufacturing Corporation of Rochester, New York; the third child, George Warren Cobb, is connected with the New York Canners, Incorporated. All three children were born in Rochester and there received their early educational training.

WILLIAM ANDREW ROBISON, P. H. B., M. D.

Dr. William Andrew Robison, a successful physician of Medina, was born in Buffalo, New York, on the 28th of January, 1888, the son of James L. and Cordelia Etta (Crapser) Robison. His father, a United Brethren minister in this part of the state for thirty years, is now retired and resides in Medina. It was about the year 1840 that Thomas Robison, the paternal grandfather of Dr. W. A. Robison, took up his abode in Buffalo, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Following his graduation from the Lockport high school in 1901, William Andrew Robison entered the University of Buffalo, from which institution he was graduated as a pharmacist in 1905, having defrayed the expenses of the course with his own earnings. He at once secured employment as a druggist and was eventually made manager of the drug department of the William Hengerer Company in Buffalo. In this way he built up a good foundation for his later work, as he soon became interested in the practice of medicine. In 1909 he returned to the University of Buffalo for the medical course and four years later received therefrom the degree of M. D. He next became resident physician of the German Deaconess Hospital in Buffalo, where he was assistant to Dr. Mansberger. In 1915 he branched out for himself in Lyndonville, where he built up a fine practice during his five years of residence. The city of Medina has been the scene of his professional activity since 1920 and here he has gained such a reputation for skill and ability in his chosen calling as has brought him a patronage of ever-increasing volume and importance. He is a member of the staff of the German Deaconess Hospital of Buffalo and belongs to the Erie County Academy of Medicine, and is a member of the Greek fraternity of medicine, Beta Phi Sigma.

On the 16th of September, 1916, in Java, New York, Dr. Robison was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Geraldine Murphy, daughter of Edward J. Murphy of Geneva, this state. Dr. and Mrs. Robison are the parents of two children: William Andrew, Jr., who was born September 16, 1921; and Elizabeth Geraldine, whose natal day was February 11, 1923.

Dr. Robison is chiefly interested in his profession but loves motoring as a hobby and maintains three cars, so that he may travel when he has time. He gives his political support to the republican party and withholds his aid from no movement or measure looking to the advancement and progress of the community. He enjoys



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the respect and esteem of his fellow practitioners, because of his close conformity to the highest professional ethics, and by reason of the many sterling traits of his character he has gained an extensive circle of warm friends in his adopted city.

DAVID A. WHITE.

Among the well known and successful attorneys of Orleans county is David A. White, who is actively engaged in general law practice in Medina. He was here born on the 14th of December, 1887, his parents being John C. and Ellen (Pendergrast) White. The father, who is deceased, was a harness maker by trade.

Following the completion of a high school course in Medina, David A. White spent two years as a student in the law department of Cornell University. He was admitted to the bar in 1912 and during the succeeding decade was associated with the firm of Fluhrer, Reed, Wage & White in Albion. Since the fall of 1922 he has practiced independently in Medina and the gratifying clientage which he now enjoys has come to him in recognition of his marked ability in the work of the courts.

Mr. White was elected justice of the peace for the town of Ridgeway in 1916 and has long been an influential factor in the local ranks of the democratic party, effectively exerting his efforts in its behalf and at the same time doing everything in his power to promote community progress and upbuilding. The party chose him as its candidate from this strong republican district in congress in 1916 and again in 1922. He has served as county committeeman for six years and was sent as delegate to the national convention held in New York city in 1924. Mr. White is a member of the board of directors of the Medina Hospital Association and is widely recognized as a public-spirited, progressive and enterprising citizen. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, being grand knight of the former organization for four years and exalted ruler of the latter for two years. He is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic church and is accorded high standing in both social and professional circles of Orleans county, within the borders of which he has always lived.

Mr. White was married to Miss Mary G. Henry of Washington, D. C., and they have become the parents of three children: David, Elizabeth and Marietta.

FREDERICK WILLIAM SWAN.

The Scotch ancestors are manifest in the life of Frederick William Swan, a member of an old and prominent family of Elmira and a native son. For the past five years he has been vice president of the Chemung Canal Trust Company. He was born November 13, 1868, and his parents were Charles and Lucretia Angeline (Randall) Swan. They were married in Kirkwood, Illinois, in 1857, and ten children were born to them, but four are deceased. The mother was born near Rutland, Vermont, in 1837 and is now residing in Washington, D. C. The father was born near Warwick, in Orange county, New York, in 1828 and died in 1902, at the age of seventy-four. He was reared on a farm and became county superintendent of schools of Chemung county, New York. In 1853 he entered the insurance business, subsequently organizing the firm of Swan & Sons, and remained at its head until his death. The business is still continued and is now conducted under the name of Swan & Sons-Morss Company, Incorporated. Mr. Swan was a member of the Presbyterian church and a democrat in politics. While he never aspired to public office, he was foremost in all civic projects and his influence was a potent force for good in his community. He was a grandson of William Swan, who was born near Glasgow, Scotland, and came to the United States as a young man; he proved his loyalty to his adopted country by service in the Revolutionary war. His son, William Swan, Jr., was a native of Orange county, New York, and fought in the War of 1812.

Frederick William Swan attended the public schools and afterward became a student in the Elmira Free Academy, from which he was graduated in 1885. He engaged in the insurance business with his father and brother and for twenty years was a member of the firm of Swan & Sons, now operated under the style of the Swan & Sons-Morss Company, Incorporated. Mr. Frederick Swan is vice president and a director of the concern, which has been in existence for a period of seventy-one years and is one of the oldest in the city, as well as one of the largest. For some

time he had been interested in financial affairs and in 1919 he was elected vice president of the Chemung Canal Trust Company, which was founded in 1833 and is numbered among the pioneers in this field of activity. Mr. Swan is also a director of the bank, which is considered one of the strongest moneyed institutions in this part of the state. He is a director and vice president of the Eclipse Machine Company of Elmira and is also a director of the Shepard Electric Crane & Hoist Company of Montour Falls, New York, the Johnson Oil Refining Company of Chicago, Illinois, and the Elmira Mechanics Society, being likewise vice president of the last named organization.

In Elmira, on October 2, 1907, Mr. Swan was married to Miss Elizabeth Rachel Johnson, daughter of Lorenzo R. Johnson and his wife, Sara (Horton) Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Swan have six children: Lorenzo Johnson, Esther Lucretia, William Johnson, Eleanor B., Sarah E. and Priscilla. Mr. Swan is a vestryman of Trinity Episcopal church. He is treasurer of Elmira Council, Boy Scouts of America, a director of the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital and formerly served as president of the Elmira Chamber of Commerce. He is a Mason and an Elk and one of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is a member of the Elmira City Club and also belongs to the Elmira Golf & Country Club.

ANTHONY JAMES FLOOD, M. B., M. D., C. M.

The citizens of Perry, Wyoming county, consider it a most fortunate circumstance that when Dr. Anthony James Flood, late of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, was compelled to change his residence on account of his health he chose their city as his future dwelling place. For Dr. Flood is a physician and surgeon of unusual ability and training, whose services would be highly valued by any community in which he might choose to locate. As he has been able to resume his professional activities, Dr. Flood has risen to an enviable position among the medical fraternity of this section of New York and has gained the recognition his talents so justly merit. Born on the 19th of October, 1885, in Delta, Ontario, he is the son of the late Anthony J. and Bridget G. (O'Connor) Flood of that place. His father was a business man and lived in Delta for many years prior to his death.

Anthony James Flood was educated in the Athens high school and Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, from which he graduated in 1912, with the M. B. degree. Two years later the same university awarded him the degree of M. D. C. M. The young physician started the practice of medicine in 1914 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, where he remained until 1919, devoting the greater part of his time to surgery, of which he had made a special study. At that time his health failed and he was obliged to give up a large and growing practice in Sault Ste. Marie in order to seek a better climate and more favorable conditions for his recovery. Happily for the Genesee country the Doctor's choice fell upon Perry, which has been his home ever since. As soon as he was able to do so Dr. Flood began to practice his profession again and has built up a large practice in Perry and the surrounding territory, where his reputation is now well established. In Canada he was a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, and since coming to the state has been admitted to the fellowship of the American Medical Association and the Wyoming Medical Society. To a considerable degree the Doctor's unusual rise in his profession is due to the fact that he has never lost an opportunity to increase his knowledge of medicine and surgery. He has already done a large amount of graduate work for so young a man and spent the summer of 1924 in Europe where he attended the noted clinics and lectures of Vienna, London and other famous medical centers.

In Sault Ste Marie, on the 17th of July, 1916, Dr. Flood was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude C. Gagnon, daughter of L. P. and Susan (Rosseau) Gagnon of that city. Dr. and Mrs. Flood are parents of three children: Anthony James, Jr., born in 1918; Constance, born in 1919; and John Francis, born in 1922. Before her marriage Mrs. Flood studied music, graduating from the conservatory of Toronto University, and she is an accomplished musician, whose talent brings much pleasure to her family and friends.

Thoroughly public-spirited in his outlook on life, Dr. Flood has identified himself intimately with the interests of the community he has chosen to make his home. He belongs to the Perry Chamber of Commerce, the Perry Club and the Silver Lake Country Club. As the latter club membership indicates, he is very fond of golf, although this is not his only hobby in the way of recreation. All outdoor life appeals



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to him and fishing and hunting are two of his favorite sports. Dr. Flood's religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church and he is a member of St. Joseph's parish of Perry. Politically he ranks as a republican with independent tendencies.

R. A. PAGE, M. D.

Practice of medicine according to the homeopathic school is worthily represented in Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, by Dr. R. A. Page, a native of the county and a long established practitioner in the town, where he has been a most successful member of the medical profession. He was born at Nunda, Livingston county, on December 9, 1871, the son of Herman D. and Mary O. (Warner) Page, both of whom have passed away. They were parents of three children.

The early education of R. A. Page was gained in the grade and high schools of Nunda, after the completion of which he entered the New York Homeopathic College in New York city, from which he received his degree of M. D. and was graduated in the class of 1894. After his graduation Dr. Page took one year of hospital work and then located in Geneseo, opened an office and has been practicing his profession there ever since.

Dr. Page was married on June 6, 1900, to Mary West of Geneva, New York. The Doctor is a member of the Livingston County Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order. In his religious convictions he is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, and in his political leanings a member of the republican party. The Doctor is one of the four coroners of Livingston county.

HOUSTON BARNARD.

Houston Barnard, well known in Rochester as a leading business man and yachtsman, was born in this city, on the 3rd of January, 1871, the son of William C. and Elvira C. (Houston) Barnard. His father, a native of Acworth, New Hampshire, was one of the famous '49ers who crossed the continent to California shortly after the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill, near Coloma. Leaving New England for the Pacific coast, he stayed out there until about 1855, when he returned, well rewarded for his hardships and struggles in the western mining camps. Unlike most of those who joined the argonauts of 1849 Mr. Barnard was successful in his mining prospecting to such an extent that he was able to live a more or less retired life after he came back east. He took up his residence in Rochester, where he had numerous investments, and lived here until death claimed him in 1907, at the advanced age of eighty-two. Mr. Barnard's mother passed away in 1888, when he was about seventeen years of age. Her family, the Houstons, were well known in western New York. She was a daughter of Isaac Houston, who conducted a tavern on the Ridge road, between Rochester and Lewiston years ago. His hostelry was the first stage stop in the days of the stage-coach, where the horses were exchanged before continuing the journey to Lewiston. Mr. Houston was well known and a prominent politician in that section of the state in his day.

Mr. Barnard attended the Rochester Free Academy, from which he graduated in 1889, and then took up the practice of civil engineering in various local offices and with the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad. He was identified with the reconstruction of the trolley system of the city as its chief engineer during its transformation to electric operation and laid out the Summerville Railway Line and boulevard.

Mr. Barnard served as assistant superintendent of public works, in charge of the western division of the state, under the administration of Governors Roosevelt, Odell and Higgins. Later entering the general contracting business, he was identified with the construction of the Cobbs Hill reservoir, the Utica and Tonawanda improvement of the New York Central Railroad, and several contracts for the construction of the Barge canal.

For thirty years Mr. Barnard has been identified with the physical growth of the city, in his earlier years laying out numerous streets and tracts in all parts of the city, and more recently himself developing important real estate enterprises of high character for residential purposes in the East avenue section. Mr. Barnard is

president of the Barnard Development Company, Incorporated. Fraternally Mr. Barnard is a member of Genesee Falls Lodge, Masonic order, Genesee Valley and Rochester Clubs, Thousand Islands Yacht Club and Lotos Club, New York.

Mr. Barnard donated his cruiser "Qui Vive" to the United States government at the beginning of the World war and it was taken to Norfolk, Virginia, under command of Charles H. Van Voorhis and a Rochester crew, and served as a dispatch boat for the fleet at Hampton Roads until the close of the war. In acknowledgment of this act the government presented Mr. Barnard with a bronze tablet bearing suitable inscriptions.

EARLE S. WARNER.

The Warners of New England are principally descended from three heads, never as yet connected on this side of the water, though very likely all of one family in England in times remote. These heads were: Andrew, one line of whose descendants is herein traced; William, of Ipswich, Massachusetts, from Boxted, England, whose descendants, like those of Andrew, are widely scattered throughout the United States; John, of Farmington, Connecticut, ancestor of Colonel Seth Warner of Revolutionary fame, and of a long line of Warners who settled in Litchfield county. In Virginia was Colonel Augustine Warner, whose daughter Mildred became the wife of Lawrence Washington and grandmother of George Washington. Many prominent southern families are of this blood.

(I) Andrew, son of John Warner, of Hatfield, England, was born there in 1595. He came to America in 1630 and in 1632 was a resident of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He removed to Hartford, Connecticut, with the party of original proprietors, and was chosen deacon of the First church there in October, 1633. He held this office continuously until 1660, when, owing to an unhappy and protracted quarrel in the church, he removed with others of the church to Hadley, Massachusetts. An agreement to go was signed "at Goodman Ward's House in Hartford, April 18, 1659", among the signers being Andrew Warner. He was living in Hatfield on the 8th of October, 1660, as a meeting was held at his house there on that date, which passed resolutions of government. This was the beginning of the settlement. He later was an early settler of Hadley, Massachusetts, where he died. The name of his first wife, who was the mother of all his children, is unknown. He married (second) in 1659, before leaving Hartford, Esther, widow of Thomas Selden, who survived him until 1693. Children: 1. Andrew, married Rebecca Fletcher and died in Middletown, Connecticut, January 26, 1681. 2. Robert, married (first) Elizabeth Grant; (second) Mrs. Deliverance Rockwell; he died in Middletown, April 10, 1690. 3. Jacob, married (first) Rebecca; (second) Elizabeth Goodman; he died September or November 29, 1711. 4. Daniel, of further mention. 5. Isaac, married Sarah Boltwood; he died 1691. 6. Ruth, living in 1677, and was presented to the court on the charge of wearing silk. 7. A daughter, married John or Daniel Pratt. 8. Mary, married (first) John Steel; (second) William Hills. 9. John, lived in Middletown, Connecticut.

(II) Daniel, son of Andrew Warner, "the Emigrant", died April 30, 1692. He may have lived for a time in Milford, but later was a resident of Middletown, Connecticut. He married (first) Mary -----, who died September 19, 1672; married (second) April 1, 1674, Martha, daughter of Robert Boltwood, sister of Sarah Boltwood, wife of his brother Isaac. She died September 22, 1710. Children: 1. Mary, died young. 2. Daniel, married Mary Hubbard. 3. Sarah, born November 25, 1665, married Isaac Sheldon. 4. Andrew, born June 24, 1667. 5. Anna, November 17, 1669, married Isaac Hubbard. 6. Mary, born September 19, 1672, married Samuel Sheldon. 7. Hannah, born January 24, 1675, married Samuel Ingram. 8. John, died aged thirty-eight years. 9. Abraham, born December 20, 1678. 10. Samuel, of further mention. 11. Ebenezer, born November 5, 1681, married Ruth Ely. 12. Mehitabel, October 1, 1683, married Preserved Clapp. 13. Elizabeth, married, December 26, 1705, Thomas Wells. 14. Esther, born December 15, 1686, married Samuel Henry. 15. Martha, born April 3, 1688, died November 25, 1689. 16. Nathaniel, born October 15, 1690.

(III) Samuel, tenth child of Daniel and Martha (Boltwood) Warner, was born April 13, 1680. He married (first) May 1, 1715, Hannah Sackett; married (second) Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Morton. Children: 1. Rebecca, born May 6, 1716. 2. Jesse, May 6, 1718. 3. Samuel, October 27, 1722. 4. Nathan, no further record. 5. David, born February 15, 1732. 6. Joshua, December 12, 1733. 7. Hannah, died



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in infancy. 8. Elizabeth, married Israel Chapin. 9. Abraham, lost at sea. 10. Sarah, married Elijah Waite.

(IV) Jesse, son of Samuel and Hannah (Sackett) Warner, was born May 6, 1718. He resided in Belchertown and Conway, Massachusetts. He married Miriam Smith, born October 30, 1718. Children: 1. Elisha, born April 1, 1740. 2. Hannah, August 28, 1741. 3. Miriam, July 21, 1743. 4. Rebecca, September 16, 1745. 5. Jesse (2), of further mention. 6. Philotheta, born February 21, 1749.

(V) Jesse (2), son of Jesse (1) and Miriam (Smith) Warner, was born in Conway, Massachusetts, February 1, 1747, died in Orleans, New York, October, 1833, aged eighty-six years. He, no doubt, served in the war of the Revolution, but Massachusetts records give four of the name Jesse Warner who served, and he cannot be positively identified. Twelve pages of "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution" are required to register the names and services of Warners in the Revolution from Massachusetts alone (volume XVI). In 1796 he settled on what was afterward known as Warner Hill, two miles east of the village of Orleans in the town of Phelps, Ontario county, New York, where he resided until his death. He was a rigid Baptist and fond of theological argument, and very positive that his belief only was orthodox. In 1812, when an epidemic of fever swept the country, he was sorely stricken and so near death that his son Lewis measured him and went to Geneva (the nearest point) to obtain a shroud. On his return with it his father was on the road to recovery, while Lewis himself was stricken and died, the shroud being used for him instead of his father. He married Sarah Warrener, born September 14, 1745, in Longmeadow, Hampden county, Massachusetts. Children: 1. Elijah, born 1770, settled in Ontario county. 2. Lewis, born 1772, died young. 3. Rufus, of further mention. 4. Jesse (3), a soldier of the War of 1812; shot in the hip, captured by the Indians, taken to Canada, made his escape and returned home. 5. John, came to Ontario county in 1800; was a tanner, had a tannery in Phelps, manufactured boots and shoes, and kept a tavern for the accommodation of teamsters with their six and eight horse teams engaged in the transportation of freight between Albany and Buffalo. 6. Oliver, killed by a stroke of lightning. 7. Lucinda, born 1796, married a Mr. Peck.

(VI) Rufus, son of Jesse (2) and Sarah (Warrener) Warner, was born in Conway, Massachusetts, in 1775, died in Ontario county, New York. He came to the town of Phelps, Ontario county, with his father in 1796, and later settled in the town of Hopewell, same county, where he engaged in farming. He married Hazy Rice, a sister of "Elder Caleb Rice", whose mother was a sister of Rev. John Leland, of New England fame. Children: Two sons and two daughters.

(VII) Hiram, son of Rufus and Hazy (Rice) Warner, was born in the town of Hopewell, Ontario county, New York, in May, 1808, and died in October, 1884. He settled in the town of Phelps, Ontario county, in 1836, purchased a farm and built the residence which is yet occupied by the family. He was a republican and held several of the town offices. While many of the descendants of Jesse Warner have been Baptists, this branch belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Mary Jane Knapp, who was born in 1809 and passed away in April, 1889. Children: 1. Maria, married Robert B. Ferguson. 2. Mary Jane, married Edward Aldrich. 3. Rufus, born February 26, 1833, married Charlotte W. Rice. 4. Henry D., of further mention.

(VIII) Henry D., youngest child of Hiram and Mary Jane (Knapp) Warner, was born in the town of Phelps, Ontario county, New York, June 17, 1844, and died on the 4th of June, 1908. He was a prosperous farmer, owning two hundred and five acres and an orchard of fifteen acres. He was a republican in politics, and a member of the Universalist faith. In January, 1875, he married Frances Belle Spear, a great-granddaughter of Allan Spear, who was born in Paisley, Scotland, in 1749, came to New Hampshire in 1774 and participated in the Revolutionary war. Frances Belle (Spear) Warner is also a great-granddaughter of John Price, who came from Frederick, Maryland, to Ontario county, New York, in 1800 and was actively identified with public affairs from that time until his death in 1837. Mr. Price was twice chairman of the board of supervisors in Ontario county. He was a member of the state legislature from Ontario county continuously from 1814 to 1821, and was for many years associate judge and for a short time county judge of Ontario county by appointment to fill a vacancy. His daughter, Susan Price, married Allan Spear (II). They had five children, one of whom, James Allan Spear, married Mary Belle Baggerly and had two children, Theodore and Frances Belle. The latter married Henry D. Warner and is the mother of Earle S. Warner, the subject of this sketch. The children of Henry D. and Frances Belle (Spear) Warner are three in number, namely: Belle W.,

who married Charles J. Carr of Dayton, Ohio; Earle S.; and Theodore Henry, who was born May 16, 1889, and who married Veda May Esty of Phelps, New York.

(IX) Earle Spear Warner, eldest son and second child of Henry D. and Frances Belle (Spear) Warner, was born in Phelps, Ontario county, New York, August 12, 1880. His early and preparatory education was obtained in the public schools. He then entered Hobart College, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Letters as a member of the class of 1902. Choosing the profession of law he entered the law department of Cornell University, which conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Laws at his graduation in 1905. He was admitted to the bar of New York state in the same year, and in January, 1906, opened an office in Phelps, where he continues in the practice of law. He was appointed as attorney for the village of Phelps in 1908 and has served continuously in that capacity until the present time. He was actively identified with the organization of the Phelps National Bank in 1910, and is one of its directors. He has served on the board of education and also as president of the village of Phelps. He was president of the Phelps Home Defense Corps, president of the Phelps War Chest Association and president of the Phelps War Savings Association during the World war, and served as director of War Savings for Ontario county from 1918 until 1920. At the close of the World war he inspired and organized the Phelps Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Corporation. In June, 1919, he was appointed clerk of the board of supervisors of Ontario county; also county attorney for Ontario county and has served as such clerk and county attorney since the original appointment. Mr. Warner is a republican in politics and a member of the Universalist church.

On the 26th of November, 1907, Warner was married to Selma, daughter of Charles H. and Lucretia (Dillingham) Holbrook. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and with the Masons, belonging to Sincerity Lodge, No. 20, F. & A. M., of Phelps; Newark Chapter, R. A. M.; Geneva Commandery, No. 29, K. T.; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Rochester. He is also a member of Theta Delta Chi and Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity.

HOMER KNAPP.

Homer Knapp, a well known builder, who for the past thirty-six years has been successfully identified with Rochester's building operations as a general contractor, is the president of the Rochester Composite Brick Company, the Genesee Valley Realty Company and the Composite Sales Corporation. He was born in Big Flats, Steuben county, New York, on the 29th of March, 1858, his parents being George W. and Josephine L. (Haskell) Knapp, who were natives of Delaware and New Hampshire, respectively.

In early boyhood Homer Knapp began his education as a public school student in Steuben county and later attended the Corning Free Academy, from which institution he was graduated in 1876. His initial step into the business world acquainted him with the trade of carpentering and subsequently he also learned the mason's trade spending about three years in this way. During this period he also enjoyed additional school advantages. In Corning, New York, Mr. Knapp entered upon an independent business career as a contractor and builder, doing mason work as well as carpentering and in fact, constructing the buildings from cellar to garret. It was in 1887 that he established his home in Rochester and through the intervening years he has been associated with the building operations of the city as a contractor. Various important contracts have been awarded him and beautiful residences, fine churches and substantial business houses are proof of his knowledge of the business and his painstaking care in the execution of the work. He has also been awarded contracts on various public buildings and has won an enviable reputation for his faithfulness and trustworthiness. Among the more important structures erected by Mr. Knapp are: The Masonic Temple, Seneca Hotel, Strong building, Brick Church Institute, German United Trinity church, East Side Presbyterian church, Third Church Parish House, No. 36 public school, No. 18 public school, No. 28 public school, Irondequoit school, Haskin Art Glass building, Kelsa Laundry Company building, M. E. Monahan & Son building, Oak Hill Country Club, American Fruit Product Company building, Y. M. C. A., Irondequoit Country Club, Dewey Avenue Presbyterian church, St. Johns Mission, No. 1 public school, Spencer Ripley Methodist Episcopal church. And the residences of H. E. Corey, Dr. N. M. Collins, Dr. E. J. Bissell, Charles H. Wanzer, Charles P. Schlegel, A. O. Finn, S. G. Curtis, Fred W. Zoller, W. G. Stuber,



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Thos. F. Adkin, William Eastwood, M. D. Knapp, Charles Stern, R. E. Martin of Allens Creek, L. G. Wetmore, John G. Elbs, Dr. George H. Gage, Jas. E. Kelso, Leon L. Benham, J. E. Bryan, Geo. B. Garrison, Maurice F. Geer, Dr. Albert C. Snell, Phillip Present, W. H. Rowerdink, Ogden R. Adams, and John C. Woodbury. The position of prominence which he has attained in the business circles of his adopted city is indicated in the fact that he is now at the head of the Rochester Composite Brick Company, the Genesee Valley Realty Company and the Composite Sales Corporation, the last named being an extensive brick manufacturing concern.

On the 2d of January, 1885, Mr. Knapp was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Graham of Corning, New York, daughter of Joseph Graham. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp became the parents of three children: Horace, who died in infancy; Emma J., who is the wife of Ralph H. Hellancamp of Rochester; and Mildred H., who gave her hand in marriage to Harold Shule of this city.

Mr. Knapp is well known in republican circles and while his aspirations are not in the line of political preferment he does what he can for the interests of his friends who seek advancement in official lines. During the years 1913 and 1914 he served as county chairman of the progressive party. Through the period of the World war he took an active part in all Liberty Loan drives, in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association and in the Community Chest and War Savings Stamps campaigns. He makes generous contribution to the support of all religious denominations and fraternally has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry, belonging to Genesee Falls Lodge No. 507, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a life member; Ionic Chapter, R. A. M.; Cyrene Commandery, K. T.; Rochester Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Knapp is a member of the Builders Exchange; has been president of the Rochester Carpenters Association, and one of its trustees for many years; and also belongs to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, while in club circles he is well known as a member of the Rotary Club, the Rochester Auto Club, and the Rochester Ad Club. A long time resident of the Genesee country, his record is inseparably interwoven with its annals, and for more than a third of a century Rochester has numbered him among her representative and prosperous business men and highly esteemed citizens.

CHARLES SWAN, JR.

Charles Swan, Jr., one of Elmira's substantial business men, has always remained loyal to his native city and represents a family whose members have figured prominently in local insurance circles for more than seven decades. His parents, Charles and Lucretia Angeline (Randall) Swan, were married in Kirkwood, Illinois, in 1857, and ten children were born to them, four of whom are deceased. The mother was born near Rutland, Vermont, in 1837, and is now living in Washington, D. C. The father was born near Warwick, New York, in 1828 and passed away in 1902, when seventy-four years of age. He served as superintendent of schools of Chemung county and embarked in the insurance business in 1853. He founded the firm of Swan & Sons and successfully conducted the business until his death. He was a man of strict integrity and stood deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow citizens. He was allied with the democratic party and his life was governed by the teachings of the Presbyterian church. He was a son of William Swan, who was born in Orange county, New York, and fought in the War of 1812. His father, William Swan, Sr., was born near Glasgow, Scotland, and defended American interests in the Revolutionary war.

Charles Swan, Jr., received his education in Elmira, attending the public schools and the Free Academy. He entered his father's insurance office after completing his studies and after the death of its founder the business was continued by the two sons, Charles and Frederick W. Swan, until May 1, 1920, when they admitted Hume Morss as a member of the corporation, changing the name to that of Swan & Sons-Morss Company, Incorporated. They sell all lines of insurance except life and the business is the oldest of the kind in the city. It was reared upon the foundation of honest, straightforward dealing and has always maintained a position of leadership in this field. Frederick Swan is vice president of the company and Charles Swan, Jr., is filling the office of president. They are enterprising, reliable business men and

worthy successors of their father. Charles Swan, Jr., is also a director of the Chemung Valley Mutual Loan Association.

On November 25, 1912, Mr. Swan was married to Miss May Maxon, a native of Augusta, Kentucky, and a daughter of Edward C. and Maude (Cushing) Maxon. Edward C. Maxon was connected in an editorial capacity with leading newspapers of Kentucky and Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Swan have a son: Charles Swan (III), who was born in February, 1914. Mrs. Swan is a member of the Episcopal church and her husband is a Presbyterian in religious faith. He is a Knights Templar Mason, an Elk, has passed through all the chairs in the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to the Masonic, Rotary, City, Century and Country Clubs and the Sons of the American Revolution. In politics he is a democrat.

FREDERIC H. HILL.

Broad experience as a civil engineer well qualified Frederic H. Hill for the responsible office of manager of the Elmira Water, Light & Heat Company, and the high standard attained in the operation of this important public utility is eloquent of his capacity for such service. He was born in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1879, a son of the Rev. John F. and Margaret (Guthrie) Hill, the latter a native of Butler county, that state, in which their marriage occurred. The father was born in Armstrong, Pennsylvania, and completed a course in Washington & Jefferson College when a youth of eighteen. He next became a student in a theological seminary and was graduated at the age of twenty-one. He at once entered the ministry and was at first a Covenanter, later becoming a Presbyterian. He was a potent force in the moral progress of the communities in which he resided and exemplified in his life the true spirit of Christianity. He was a strong prohibitionist and organized the Temperance League in the church. His father, John Hill, was one of the pioneer educators of Pennsylvania. The maternal grandfather, Thomas Guthrie, engaged in the practice of medicine and was also a minister in the Church of the Covenant.

Frederic H. Hill is a member of a family of seven children, four of whom survive. He received his academic training in Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in 1900, and two years later Pittsburgh University conferred upon him the degree of Civil Engineer. His first position was in the engineering department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with which he was connected for five years, and later he was associated with firms engaged in railroad construction. He next entered the private practice of his profession, specializing in that branch of engineering which pertains to fuel consumption, and in May, 1913, he assumed the duties of manager of the Elmira Water, Light & Heat Company. He brought to his work in this connection executive ability as well as technical skill and his services are of great value to the public. Mr. Hill is constantly striving to broaden his field of usefulness and devotes much thought and study to his work. In 1916 he perfected a system of mixing natural gas with the manufactured product and in 1923 installed the plant, which was one of the first to use this process in the United States.

On October 12, 1907, Mr. Hill was married to Miss Frances Jackson, who was born in Wilmington, Delaware, and received her education in Northampton, Massachusetts. They have two daughters: Lucy Askew, a student at Elmira Academy; and Margaret Guthrie. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Lake Street Presbyterian church and he is one of its trustees. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner and also belongs to Elmira Grotto, in which he holds office. He is connected with the Masonic Club, the Elmira City and Country Clubs, and the Engineers Club of New York city. He is a charter member of the local Rotary Club and is also identified with the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

JEREMIAH COLLINS.

Jeremiah Collins, deputy sheriff of Wayne county, has been continuously identified with this office for a period of forty-one years—a notable record of long and faithful service—and his work has been of inestimable value to the law-abiding citizens of this section of the state. He was born in Lyons, New York, March 10, 1856, a son of Cornelius and Ellen (McCarthy) Collins, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They



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were married in Wayne county, near Lyons, and became the parents of six children, five sons and a daughter. Three sons are living and the subject of this sketch is the oldest of the children. As a young man the father settled in Rose and for many years followed the occupation of farming, passing away at the venerable age of ninety-three.

Jeremiah Collins attended the public schools of Lyons and when a boy of ten obtained work on the farm of H. G. Hotchkiss, in whose employ he remained for some time. On the 4th of January, 1883, when a young man of twenty-seven, he was appointed deputy sheriff of Wayne county, and has since been connected with that office, serving as sheriff from 1907 to 1910 and from 1913 until 1916. He has always been conscientious and efficient in the discharge of his duties and his long retention in office is indisputable proof of the worth of his services. He has also filled other public positions of trust and responsibility, acting as excise commissioner for the town of Lyons, and during the tenure of office of Judge Sawyer was truant officer in all of the towns of Wayne county.

On May 5, 1878, Mr. Collins was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Quigley, a daughter of Thomas Quigley of Galen, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have four children: The firstborn, Cornelius J., was married to L. Braemer of Lyons. He is connected with the Trinchere Lumber Company and resides in Russell, Colorado; Catherine is a dressmaker and resides at home; Teresa is a professional nurse and lives in Buffalo, New York; Frederick Emmet is a member of the firm of Holloway & Collins, engaged in the clothing business in Newark, Wayne county. During the World war he joined the Engineers Corps of the United States army and remained in the service for nine months. He was stationed at Camp Upton for a time, going from there to Virginia, and was discharged with the rank of second lieutenant.

Mr. Collins also contributed his services to the government, working tirelessly to promote the sale of Liberty bonds and thrift stamps. He is a member of St. Michael's Catholic church and along fraternal lines is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a staunch republican in politics and in 1908 was a delegate to the state convention of the party. He has to his credit an exceptionally fine record as a public official and is recognized as a man of strict integrity, whom neither fear nor favor can swerve from the course which he believes to be right. He has a wide acquaintance in Wayne county and the sterling traits of his character have established him high in public regard.

NELSON SAGE.

Nelson Sage is an active factor in the industrial development of western New York as president and general manager of the Rochester Button Company, one of the large manufacturing concerns of this city, with which he has been continuously identified for more than two decades and of which he has been at the head since 1916. He is a native son of Rochester and a representative of one of the old and honored families of the city. He was born on the 19th of April, 1872, his parents being John Lake and Marion M. (Jones) Sage, both of whom were natives of the Empire state, the former born in Rochester and the latter in Saratoga. John L. Sage was engaged in the shoe manufacturing business on an extensive scale, and when he passed away in Rochester in 1911 the city mourned the loss of one of its prominent and highly respected citizens. His widow, who still makes her home in Rochester, enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here. Their family numbered three children, two of whom survive, Frances Elizabeth and Nelson.

In the acquirement of an education Nelson Sage attended the grade schools of his native city and also pursued a course of study in the Rochester Free Academy. After putting aside his textbooks he became associated with his father in the shoe manufacturing industry, continuing in that line of business for seven years. On the expiration of that period, in 1903, he disposed of his interest therein and became financially connected with the Rochester Button Company, which he first served in a modest capacity. With the passing years he made steady progress, advancing from one position to another of increased responsibility and importance until in 1916 he was chosen president and general manager of the concern. The enterprise has continued to grow and prosper under his capable control and Mr. Sage has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of the representative and successful manufacturers of the city. He is also identified with financial interests as a director of the Merchants Bank of Rochester.

Mr. Sage belongs to the Genesee Valley Club, the Rochester Club, the Washington Club and the Automobile Club of Rochester, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Baptist church, of which he is a trustee. He has always lived in Rochester and that his career has measured up to high and creditable standards is indicated in the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his stanch friends and admirers.

SAMUEL G. H. TURNER.

Many of the leaders in the business and financial world of Elmira are native sons, whose ability and enterprise have been used for the benefit of the city, which owes much to their loyalty and public spirit. Of this number is Samuel G. H. Turner, who serves as president of the Second National Bank and has also achieved success and prominence in other walks of life. He was born June 18, 1878, and his parents were Robert T. and Helen (Boyd) Turner, both of whom were of American ancestry and the father was one of the well known attorneys of Elmira, gaining high standing in his profession.

Samuel G. H. Turner attended the grammar and high schools of Elmira and later matriculated in Union College, Schenectady, New York, which in 1898 conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He next became a student at the Albany Law School and was graduated with the class of 1900. In the same year he was admitted to the state bar and at once entered upon the practice of law in Elmira, successfully following his profession for thirteen years. In December, 1913, Mr. Turner was elected president of the Second National Bank, of which he has since been the executive head, wisely directing the policy of that institution, which under his able administration has grown and prospered. It is regarded as one of the most substantial and conservative banks in this part of the state, and the other officers of the institution are: Elwood B. Crocker, vice president; M. Y. Smith, cashier; Roy B. Delo and Pierson H. Salmon, assistant cashiers; and O. N. Reynolds, trust officer. In addition to his financial activities Mr. Turner also acts as president of the Shepard Electric Crane & Hoist Company of Montour Falls, New York; vice president of the Lowman Construction Company of Elmira and the Elmira Foundry Company; and a chairman of the board of the Corona Typewriter Company of Groton, New York; a director of the Thatcher Manufacturing Company of this city, the Elmira Water, Light & Railway Company, and of several other industrial and financial corporations.

During the World war Mr. Turner was chairman of the committee which had charge of the Liberty Loan campaign for the Elmira district and in all the patriotic drives and movements he was actively engaged. His interest in the welfare and progress of his community is deep and sincere and for two years he was a valued member of the Elmira board of education. He is treasurer of the Allied Charities of Elmira and for the past twelve years has filled a similar office with the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Turner was married on June 15, 1907, to Miss Maude MacCaul of Appleton, Wisconsin, and they are the parents of four children: Hathaway, Lucy, Alexander MacCaul and Helen Elizabeth. Mr. Turner is a member of the City, Country and Rotary Clubs of Elmira, and is also a Mason.

PERRY EDWIN FELLOWS.

Among the prominent and progressive business men of Rochester who are deserving of individual mention in this work is Perry Edwin Fellows, president, treasurer and manager of The Gillies Lithographing & Printing Company. A native of Orleans county, New York, he was born August 12, 1872, the son of Darius and Clara (Perry) Fellows, both of whom were likewise natives of the Empire state. The father was a man of the old school, honest, hard-working and conscientious, and withal successful in his calling of a farmer. A man of high principles and exemplary conduct, he was much honored by all of his neighbors and acquaintances. Both he and his wife have passed away.

As a boy Perry Edwin Fellows went to school in Albion, New York, passing through the successive grades and graduating from high school. His first regular

employment was with Henry A. Bruner, the owner and editor of the Orleans American, one of the weekly papers of Albion. After working for Mr. Bruner for a short time the young man resigned his position to accept a similar one with James Carpenter, editor and proprietor of the Gloucester County Democrat of Gloucester, New Jersey. Later he went to Philadelphia, where he worked as job compositor for Edgar Kemp & Son for a year, following which he was connected with Edward P. Stern & Company, both concerns making a specialty of printing city directories and magazines. In the house of Allen, Lane & Scott of Philadelphia, one of the largest printing firms in the country, Mr. Fellows obtained some very valuable experience in show printing. This concern turned out the large posters used by circuses and road shows in advertising their attractions throughout the country. After working for Edward P. Stern & Company he accepted a position with the Philadelphia Daily Press as make-up man and a month later was assigned as reporter. Returning to Albion, New York, he was connected with the Orleans County Herald for a few months, after which a partnership was formed between James Tuite and himself, the two gentlemen operating a printing plant at Niagara Falls for three years. After selling out his interest to Mr. James Tuite, Mr. Fellows secured a position as editor and manager of the Palmyra Journal. During the three years he was identified with the paper Mr. Fellows built it up, making it a journalistic success. When the owners of the Journal sold out to the Palmyra Courier, Mr. Fellows came to Rochester, where he has lived ever since.

Mr. Fellows' first position in this city was with the Artistic Printing & Engraving Company. Later he was connected with the Spinning, Davis & Steel concern in an important capacity and is generally credited with having built up that business. In 1910 an opportunity presented itself for Mr. Fellows to go into business on his own account. As The Gillies Lithographing & Printing Company was about to go out of business, the stockholders were glad to dispose of its plant and goodwill. Here, as in the case of all the other businesses he has built up, Mr. Fellows worked slowly and surely, gradually feeling his way and expanding only as the increased volume of work warranted such steps. Thus laying a sound foundation for his future development, Mr. Fellows was soon able to see his work bearing fruit. Today this company stands out as one of the leading printing and publishing concerns in New York state and enjoys a patronage commensurate with its prestige. The plant is recognized as one of the most modern in equipment and methods in the country and gives steady employment to more than sixty people. A large stock of fine print papers is always on hand and Mr. Fellows makes a point of keeping in stock all the materials used by the trade, so that he can fill large orders on very short notice. Quality and service is the motto of his establishment. Nor is there a printer anywhere in the country better able to judge good workmanship and materials and to carry out contracts for fine printing, than Mr. Fellows. He has learned the trade from the bottom up and as a master craftsman is an example and inspiration to all who are associated with him.

In addition to his work as head of The Gillies Lithographing & Printing Company, Mr. Fellows is owner of three weeklies—"This Week in Buffalo", "This Week in Rochester" and "This Week in Syracuse." These three publications have a combined weekly circulation of over thirty-five thousand. The Gillies Lithographing & Printing Company print, bind and mail several other magazines, some weeklies and monthlies. Among this lot of publications is the American Journal of Nursing, with a world-wide circulation, which requires several tons of paper at one issue. The concern also prints publications for Michaels, Stern & Company and the Hickey-Freeman Company, both of which conduct clothing manufacturing establishments of national scope, and prints various school papers, monthlies for the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Masonic publications and numerous house organs. Mr. Fellows is one-half owner in the Bus Line Advertising Company and a member of the Associate Industries of New York State. He was mayor of White City, on the lake front, and is a republican in his political affiliations. Something of his recreational interests is revealed by his membership in the Rochester Club, the Automobile Club of Rochester and the Rochester Yacht Club and he likewise belongs to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Masonic order, ranking as a member of the Mystic Shrine in the latter organization. He is genial and optimistic by nature and extracts from life the real essence of living.

Mr. Fellows and Miss Rose E. Bills were married in Albion, on the 5th of November, 1893. Mrs. Fellows is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Bills. Mr. and Mrs. Fellows are the parents of three children: The eldest, Leo Darius

Fellows, was born in Albion in 1894. He was married to Miss Marion Stewart of Rochester and they have one daughter, Barbara; Marion, born in Niagara Falls in 1896, is now Mrs. Stanley W. Mix of Rochester; Mrs. Wenona Marth, who was born in Palmyra in 1898, now resides in Albany. Mr. Fellows' city residence is at No. 1 Burke terrace, while his summer home is at White City, Irondequoit, New York. He is also owner of the Fellows homestead at Gaines, New York, on the famous Ridge road, which property has been in this Fellows family for over seventy-five years.

ASAPH BLOOMFIELD HALL.

Asaph Bloomfield Hall, a World war veteran, is now serving as county clerk of Chemung county. He was born in Meridian, Connecticut, January 22, 1898, and is a son of H. H. and Jennie (Hale) Hall, also natives of the Nutmeg state. In 1908 they removed to Elmira, where they have since resided. Mr. H. H. Hall is a member of the Park Congregational church, and casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party, while fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order.

Asaph Bloomfield Hall is the oldest of three children. He was nine years of age when his parents established their home in Elmira and his education was completed in the Free Academy of this city, from which he was graduated in 1917. He began his business career as a newsboy. On July 7, 1917, he was accepted for service in the World war, becoming a private in Company I, Fifty-sixth Infantry, which was attached to the Seventh Division. He received his training at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, after which he was ordered to the front, and was stationed on the firing line in France until the armistice was signed. He was made a corporal, then a sergeant and finally was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was released from service July 30, 1919, and returned to Elmira, where he secured a position with the Lowman Construction Company. On the 6th of November, 1923, Mr. Hall was elected clerk of Chemung county and took office in January, 1924. He has all the qualifications which go to make up a first-class official and the work of his department is systematically, efficiently and conscientiously performed. Mr. Hall is deputy commissioner of the New York State Veterans Relief Commission for Chemung county, an office which offers no pecuniary rewards, and was first appointed by Governor Miller and afterward reappointed by Governor Smith. He has handled more than forty cases and paid out over six thousand dollars under authority of the law.

On June 21, 1924, Mr. Hall was married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Lowman of Lowman, New York, the daughter of Edward M. Lowman. Mr. Hall is active in the affairs of the American Legion and was first vice commander of Harry B. Bentley Post of that organization. He takes a deep interest in every project for the betterment of his community and is secretary of the Hoffman Park Playground Association and scoutmaster of Troop No. 12 of the Boy Scouts of America. He is identified with the Loyal Order of Moose and belongs to Ivy Lodge, No. 397, of the Masonic fraternity. He is also a member of the Masonic Club and in religious faith is a Congregationalist, belonging to the Park church of that denomination.

HOOD FURNACE & SUPPLY COMPANY.

The old established and notable corporation—the Hood Furnace & Supply Company—is one of the leading industries of Corning. It was founded in 1881 by Cyrus Hood and George R. Brown. Some years later Mr. Hood bought out his partner's interest and took Dr. A. M. Gamman into the business with him. In 1892 the company was incorporated, with Cyrus Hood as president. Later on his sons, Alfred G. Hood and Robert H. Hood, became officials in the concern, the former being made treasurer and the latter superintendent of the foundry.

The Hood Furnace & Supply Company, which employs about one hundred men, is an extensive plant located at Third street, east and the railroad, and the foundry is on Front street, just west of the Corning Glass Works. The concern is especially noted for its three celebrated furnaces, the New Home, Our Home and the Cheerful Home, the last named being its great specialty. The business has increased greatly over the years and the company is now one of the largest in this section.

The Hood family is one of the oldest in the Genesee country and is a respected and honored group. Uriah D. Hood lived near Geneva, New York, and married Olive



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Cooper. Cyrus Hood, their son, was born in Corning, October 24, 1847, and was educated in the public schools. He was in the lumber business for fifteen years before starting his furnace concern. He was married to Jemina Gamman in 1879, and their children are: Alfred G., George C. and Robert H.

Alfred G. Hood was born in Corning, February 10, 1882, and after attending the local schools entered Cornell University, took up mechanical engineering and graduated with the class of 1905. He has been secretary-treasurer of the Hood Furnace & Supply Company since 1905. He was married to Elsie Mann, on December 22, 1907, and their children are: Robert, Donald, Marjory, Kenneth and Ruth.

George C. Hood was born in Corning, attended Amherst College and entered the Presbyterian ministry. After traveling among the colleges for a year, where he was actively engaged in the student volunteer work, he was sent to China as a missionary. He has worked there for a period of twelve years, with fine success under difficulties and is splendidly carrying on the work of the Master.

Robert H. Hood was born in Corning and attended Amherst College, and he has been superintendent of the foundry since his college days. He was married on June 18, 1921, to Florence Dare of Syracuse, New York, and they have three children.

All of the Hoods are Presbyterians and republicans. The family are prominent and through their work and helpful spirit in the community have gained an honored place in the esteem of their fellowmen.

ROBERT TIFFT TURNER.

With the history of progress in Elmira the name of Robert Tift Turner was long closely and prominently associated and his labors were of far-reaching extent and importance and most beneficial in their effects. Many important public projects owe their inception to his initiative spirit and ability as an organizer. A man of versatile talents, he not only won a notable measure of success in the law, but was equally at home in the fields of business and finance, and his public service was of a most valuable character. Not alone for his ability is his memory held in reverence by those who knew him, for he was possessed of conspicuous personal qualities. He was known chiefly for his kindly and simple nature, with great capacity for friendship, and so he had, as he deserved to have, many friends. His actions and decisions were controlled by his desire that right and truth should prevail; he eliminated trouble and discord wherever his influence reached. Material success did not destroy the love of the simple and wholesome things of life and throughout his career he clung to those fundamental precepts of Americanism which are the most glorious heritage of our race.

Robert Tift Turner was born in Veteran, Chemung county, New York, January 28, 1835, a son of John and Ulissa (Tift) Turner, the latter a daughter of Robert Tift of Rensselaer county, New York, and of French descent. They were married in 1824. The mother's death occurred on October 1, 1871. John Turner was born in 1800 and was of English lineage. In 1826 he removed from Rensselaer county to Veteran, where he engaged in the lumber business and also followed the occupation of farming. He was a strong abolitionist and was one of the six men in Veteran who voted for James G. Birney for president in 1844. However, he never aspired to public office. He was highly esteemed in his community and passed away on January 17, 1881.

In the acquirement of an education Robert Tift Turner attended the Whites-town Seminary and was later a student at Alfred University, in Allegany county, this state. He next matriculated in Union College at Schenectady, New York, and was graduated with the class of 1861. He read law in the office of Hathaway & Woods, prominent attorneys of Elmira, and in 1862 Colonel Hathaway enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company A, One Hundred and Forty-first Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Turner was placed in charge of his affairs and after the Colonel's death managed the estate for the heirs. In 1864 Mr. Turner was admitted to the bar and four years later associated himself in practice with Seymour Dexter, remaining in the same office in which he had studied law. In 1872 E. C. Van Duzer was admitted to a partnership in the firm of Turner & Dexter and in 1879 Seymour Dexter was elected county judge and surrogate of Chemung county. The firm then became Turner & Van Duzer and the business was continued under that style until the death of the junior partner in 1894. Later he formed a partner-

ship with his son, under the firm name of Turner & Turner, which association continued until the death of the father on November 7, 1915.

In 1877 Mr. Turner and Solomon L. Gillett purchased the auger and cutlery plant of the Nobles Company, which had become insolvent, and reorganized the business. They established the industry upon a paying basis and successfully operated the factory until 1887, when it was sold to eastern capitalists, who removed the business to Connecticut. The ability which Mr. Turner displayed in the management of the Hathaway properties led to his selection for other trusts of that character and from that time forward he specialized in the administration of estates—a field of activity for which he was exceptionally well qualified. He also devoted much of his time to the promotion of large business projects and was the organizer of the Elmira & State Railway Company, now a part of the Erie system. He also established the Canal Railway, of which he became president; this later became a part of the Utica, Ithaca & Elmira Railroad, of which Mr. Turner was a director and counsel. This road is now part of the Lehigh Valley. For many years he was attorney for the New York, Lackawanna & Western Extension. He was one of the organizers and until the time of his death the president of The Shepard Electric Crane & Hoist Company of Montour Falls, New York. He was one of the original directors of the old Elmira & Horseheads Street Railway. He was a director of the Second National Bank, of which he later became vice president, was one of the trustees of the Elmira Free Press and for three years was treasurer of the Elmira Advertisers Association. His knowledge of the law was comprehensive and exact and he was conceded to have been one of the most talented members of the Elmira bar.

Mr. Turner was a democrat in politics and in 1872 was elected alderman from the fourth ward. In 1876 he was elected mayor by a large majority, his opponent having been the late Dr. Patrick H. Flood. He was serving in that capacity at the time of the big strike in 1877 and managed the situation in a highly creditable manner. He was the first president of the Elmira Board of Trade and held the office for several years.

In the year 1868 Mr. Turner was married to Miss Helen E. Boyd of Buffalo, New York, a daughter of General John W. Boyd of Geneva, Wisconsin. General Boyd was one of the prominent men of that state and took an active part in political affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Turner were the parents of five children, namely: Sara, wife of Hiram H. Bickford of Elmira; Welthea H., deceased; Elizabeth Ulissa; Samuel G. H.; and Robert T. Mr. Turner was a member of the Episcopal church, senior warden of Trinity church, and faithful in his religious ideals.

Throughout his life Mr. Turner bore an unblemished reputation and commanded the respect of the entire community. His intellectual nature was finely attuned and his life was an inspiring example of good citizenship.

SHERMAN COLLINS.

Sherman Collins, president and treasurer of the Sherman Collins Company, Incorporated, and managing director of the popular Olean House in Olean, New York, is a native son of New York state, of which he has been a resident all his life, and a resident of Olean for the past ten years and more. He was born in Ithaca, and is a son of Hartson and Sarah (Sherguar) Collins, the latter of whom is still living. She is a member of one of the colonial families of New York and of Revolutionary stock, one of her great-grandfathers having served in the Continental army as a member of the staff of General Washington. The last Hartson Collins also was of colonial and Revolutionary descent, his paternal great-grandfather, Thomas Collins of Lansing, New York, having served as a soldier of the Revolution in General Sullivan's army. The Collinses are of Scottish stock.

Reared in Ithaca, Sherman Collins completed his local studies in the high school there and then entered Cornell University, but did not finish the course. While at Cornell he was elected to the college fraternity Psi Sigma Kappa and also served as president of the association in charge of the Gamma Chapter House of that fraternity. He has ever retained his hearty interest in the continuing affairs of this fraternity. Upon leaving the university Mr. Collins became engaged in the mercantile business in Ithaca and continued thus engaged at that place for twenty years, the greater part of this time being employed as a bond underwriter, representing banks and other financial interests in New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago. While thus engaged Mr. Collins promoted the organization of the Cayuga Lake Cement Company and in



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Portland Point, New York, erected an extensive cement plant and built a town for the accommodation of the operatives of the plant, becoming the proprietor of all the buildings in the town, the land on which the town and cement plant were located having been owned by him.

In the year 1915 Mr. Collins entered upon his previous connection with the Southern Tier Hotel Company, of which he was elected treasurer, succeeding the Sartwell Estate, the proprietary interests in the old Olean House in Olean, where he was managing director of this fine hotel property and long recognized as one of the leading hotel men in the state. On January 1, 1925, he bought the interests of the Southern Tier Hotel Company and changed the corporate name to the Sherman Collins Company, Incorporated, being president and treasurer of the new company.

Mr. Collins' popularity among his associates in the hotel business in New York is attested by the fact that he is now (1925) serving as vice president of the New York State Hotel Men's Association, to the general affairs of which organization he has for years given his earnest attention. Since the Southern Tier Hotel Company took over the Olean House in 1915, extensive additions and improvements have been made in that popular old hostelry. The capacity has been doubled, the hotel now having no fewer than two hundred and twenty-five rooms, eighty of which are equipped with individual bath facilities. There is a well conducted dining-room and grill operated in connection, these latter, however, being carried on under separate management.

Mr. Collins has for many years been one of the most enthusiastic yachtsmen in New York, an interest which he accounts perhaps his chief diversion. For fifteen years he was the commodore of the Inter-Lake Yacht Racing Association, an organization formed for the promotion of the sport of yachting on the lakes of western New York, and for eight years was president of that association. He is a Knight Templar and a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Damascus Temple, and has long taken an active interest in Masonic affairs. He also has membership in the Olean City Club, the local Kiwanis Club and the World Travel Club.

Mr. Collins married Miss Harriet Milks of Ithaca and both he and his wife take an interested and helpful part in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Collins has been a great reader and a lifelong student of history and has collected a private library of much value, the books on his shelves now numbering something more than two thousand, a large section of this library being devoted to historical works.

WILLIAM C. DALEY.

Although he has not yet celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of his birth, William C. Daley has made a record in the real estate world that entitles him to individual mention among the men who are making history in the Genesee country. For history today is more a matter of economic and social development than of kings and battles. An experienced real estate man with a business of his own at the youthful age of twenty-four, Mr. Daley has continued steadily to climb and is today the president and treasurer of the General Realty Service Corporation, Incorporated, an organization with a state-wide business. Nor is there any indication that he has changed his direction or his rate of speed. In fact, Mr. Daley's friends are predicting for him a future as full of promise as the past has been of achievement. A product of the Empire state, William C. Daley was born in Baldwinsville, March 1, 1891, which was also the birthplace of his father, James Daley. His father has always lived within the borders of the Empire state and is a successful farmer. His mother, Miss Nora Donovan before her marriage, was born in Charlotte, New York. She passed away in 1894 and is survived by her husband and two of their five children: William C. of this review; and his sister, Mrs. Ethel (Daley) Demmert.

In his early youth William C. Daley went to school in Baldwinsville and after finishing his work in high school at about fourteen years of age, he journeyed west and for several years was employed on the laying out of Gary, Indiana. Later he went to the Pacific coast. Locating in San Francisco, he found employment with the Pacific Coast Construction Company, general contractors, with whom he remained for three years. At the end of that time he decided to return to his native state and, accordingly, took up his abode in the city of Rochester in 1911. Here he entered the realty field for the first time and during the seven years that he was connected with one of the leading real estate firms in the city he learned all of the technicalities of the business, as well as local conditions affecting the market.

While he was storing up this valuable knowledge he was also becoming acquainted in the city and establishing connections that subsequently aided him substantially in building up his own clientele. All of this time he was working with a view to having a business of his own eventually. In 1917 he became associated with the General Realty Service, Incorporated, as subdivision manager. At that time the company was engaged in a general brokerage, rental and property business. The rapid growth of the subdivision portions of the business finally resulted in all other divisions of the business being discontinued and their efforts concentrated on subdivision business. Today the company is one of the influential factors in the real estate field of western New York and has extensive interests elsewhere in the state. In addition to doing a general realty business of large proportions the corporation makes a specialty of subdividing large tracts of land such as: The East Avenue Estates, the largest of the recent subdivisions in Rochester; the Kings Highway subdivision of Brooklyn; and a number of well known tracts. In January, 1919, he was made vice president and treasurer, and in January, 1923, he was elected president and at present is chief executive and treasurer.

At Bradford, Pennsylvania, on October 7, 1913, Mr. Daley was married to Miss Viva Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cook of that city. Mr. Daley belongs to the Rochester Real Estate Men's Association, the Rochester Ad Club, the Washington Club, the Oak Hill Country Club, the Rochester Engineering Society and the Rochester Historical Society. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His residence is at No. 138 Windemere road.

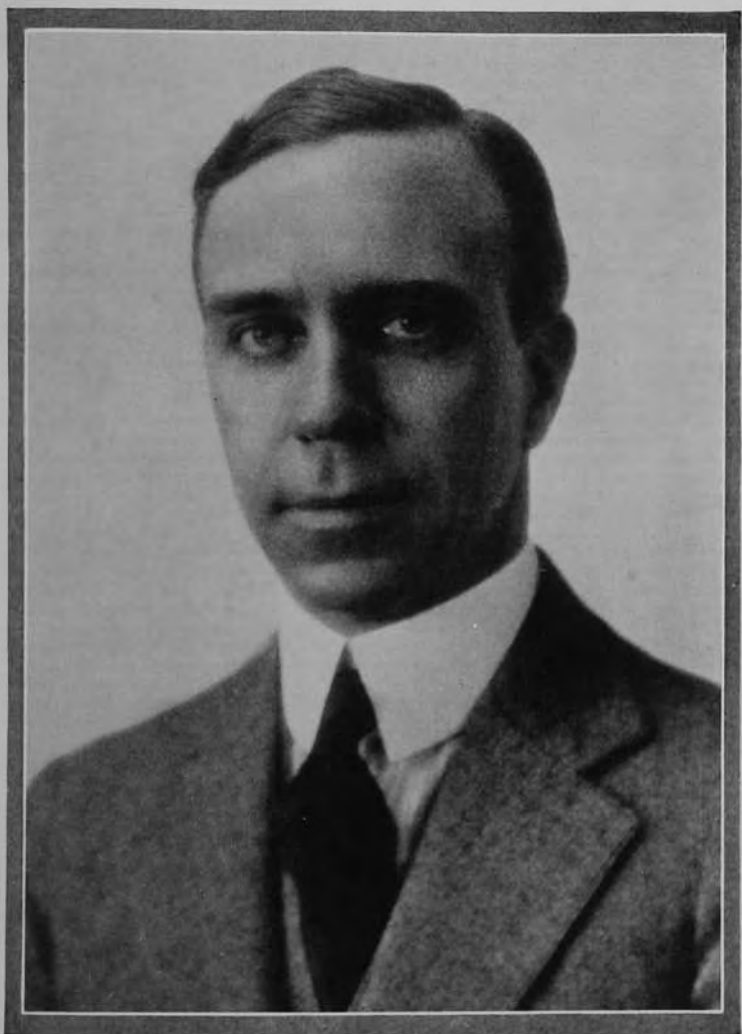
ALEXANDER D. FALCK.

Alexander D. Falck, whose name figures conspicuously in industrial, financial and legal circles of Elmira, his native city, was born March 7, 1878, and in the maternal line is descended from some of the oldest families of the city. His parents were William and Mary B. (McQuhae) Falck, the former a native of Berlin, Germany, and the latter of Elmira. They were married in Elmira and two sons were born to them, Frederick and Alexander D. The former was born in 1874 and is now general manager of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, with headquarters in the Quaker City. After his migration to the New World, William Falck enlisted in the United States army and received an officer's commission. He defended the Union cause during the Civil war and remained in the Regular army for twenty years afterward. Following his retirement from military service he settled in Elmira and became manager of the Elmira Water Works Company. He was soon made treasurer and general manager of The La France Fire Engine Company, with which he was connected for a quarter of a century and which he made the largest manufacturer of fire engines and apparatus in the country. He died in 1909 and is survived by the mother, who still lives in Elmira. Colonel Falck was a member of the Loyal Legion and gave his political support to the republican party.

Mrs. Falck is a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and an active worker in its behalf. Her father, John McQuhae, was a native of Pennsylvania and removed from that state to New York, settling in Chemung county. He married Miss Azubah Carpenter, a member of one of the pioneer families of this section. Her grandfather, Major General Mathew Carpenter, was a distinguished officer in the Revolutionary war and became one of the leading lawyers of Newtown and Elmira, also served in the state assembly. Mrs. Falck is a granddaughter of William Baldwin, who was numbered among the early settlers of Chemung county.

Alexander D. Falck attended the public schools and Elmira Academy. He graduated from Williams College in 1899, and in 1901 was graduated from the Law School of Columbia University. After his admission to the bar he began the practice of law with the firm of Reynolds, Stanchfield & Collin, becoming later a member of the firm. He continues today a member of the same firm under its changed name. In 1918 he retired from general practice, becoming assistant to the president of the Corning Glass Works. When Mr. Houghton, now United States ambassador to Germany, entered congress, Mr. Falck succeeded him in the office of president and has since been the executive head of the Corning Glass Works, to which he devotes the greater portion of his time. He is also vice president and a director of the Chemung Canal Trust Company and the Arnot Realty Corporation, while he likewise has other business interests.

On June 3, 1908, Mr. Falck was married to Elizabeth Arnot Rathbone, a daughter



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of James Bailey and Harriet (Arnot) Rathbone, the former of whom served as president of the Chemung Canal Trust Company and was numbered among Elmira's foremost citizens. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Falck: Alexander D., Jr., James Rathbone and Elizabeth Arnot Falck. Mr. and Mrs. Falck are affiliated with Grace Episcopal church and he is a member of the City and Country Clubs, and other clubs, and the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He is allied with the republican party and at one time was a member of the board of supervisors.

CHARLES N. WHITE.

Charles N. White, member of the firm of White Brothers, florists, of Medina, Orleans county, New York, seeing the possibilities in the business of supplying people with beautiful roses, has been so successful as manager of his plant and partner with his brother, Ralph White, that the firm now does a large volume of business each year and has become noted for the quality of its flowers. Started on a farm in a small way, the florist concern had to move to Medina in 1911 to reach better shipping facilities, and this move proved a good one, the next thirteen years being banner ones for them.

Charles N. White was born in Hartland, New York, in 1879, the son of Charles White and Mary (Smith) White. His father was born in Schoharie county, New York. Eventually he located in Hartland, Niagara county. His lifelong occupation was that of a farmer. After their father's death Charles and his brother, Ralph White, took over the farm and engaged in trucking and then started raising hothouse flowers for the market. By 1911, sixteen years after the business was started, the brothers had thirty thousand feet of glass and Charles moved the business to Medina. They now have one hundred and fifty thousand feet of glass. After a short time the firm began to specialize in rose culture and its present business is wholesale, with Buffalo, Rochester, Cleveland, Detroit and other cities demanding its product.

The most modern varieties of roses are raised and the enormous sale has shown what interested and capable men can do in this business. They now employ thirty men, while a few years ago they did most of the work themselves. Among the varieties raised are: Red, Sensation, Templar, Crusader, Yellow, Souvenir de Claudius, Coolidge, Sunburst, Golden Ophelia, Pink, Mrs. Harding, Columbia, Premier, Butterfly, Pilgrim and Commonwealth. On the farm are raised such "outside" flowers as asters, gladioli, and fruit and truck vegetables.

Mr. White was married to Gertrude Gill of Hartland and they have two children: Mary Gill and Charles Hubbard, both of whom are students in the local schools. Mr. White is a republican in politics, and a member of the Elks, Moose and Odd Fellows.

FRANKLIN WILLIAM JUDSON.

Franklin William Judson, one of Rochester's best known and most popular young citizens, has long been a prominent factor in public life, for he represented his district in the state legislature through eight successive terms and in November, 1922, was elected to his present position as sheriff of Monroe county. Representing a family long established in the Genesee country, he is the fourth generation of this Judson family who have passed their entire lives in Monroe county. He was born in Rochester on the 15th of August, 1887, an only child of Frank W. and Katherine Victoria (Appel) Judson, who are natives of Brighton and of Rochester, New York, respectively. The paternal grandfather, William W. Judson, was born in Rochester in 1834, and was a resident of Monroe county all of his life. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Jane Thomas was a native of Brighton, New York, and was a resident of Monroe county throughout her life. The maternal grandparents of F. W. Judson were Joseph and Mary (Simmons) Appel, natives of central Europe. The former, who was born on the banks of the Rhine, was but a boy when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, the family home being eventually established in Rochester, New York. Mrs. Mary (Simmons) Appel, who crossed the Atlantic in girlhood, was a resident of Rochester, New York, where she gave her hand in marriage to Joseph Appel.

Frank W. Judson, the father of Mr. Judson of this review, learned the trade of a merchant tailor in early life and later established himself in business on Main

street in Rochester, where for more than three decades he successfully conducted a high-class merchant tailoring establishment. However, in order to gratify his lifelong ambition to own a farm, he finally disposed of this business to the present owner, Charles R. Pierce, and purchased the property on which he now resides and where he is free to enjoy the fruits of his earlier labors. His wife, in order to be near her son, has accepted the position of matron at the Monroe county jail.

In the acquirement of an education Franklin William Judson attended Rochester public school No. 29 and also the East high school, after which he pursued the short course in agriculture at Cornell University. Following his graduation therefrom in 1909, he returned to Monroe county and here devoted his attention to scientific farming on his parents' farm. In addition to carrying on the work of the fields he also ably discharged the duties devolving upon him as assessor of the town of Gates, which position he filled for seven years. In the fall of 1914 he was first elected to the legislature and as a member of that body represented his district for eight successive terms, giving thoughtful and earnest consideration to the many vital questions which came up for settlement. He filled numerous important offices, including that of chairman of the taxation committee for six years, and for five years was a member of the special joint committee of the senate and assembly. In November, 1922, Mr. Judson was elected sheriff of Monroe county, in which capacity he has proved himself to be one of the most efficient officers chosen for the position in many years. Those who do not hold themselves amenable to law find him a fearless and courageous champion of the right. Always a resident of Monroe county, his friends here are legion.

HERBERT B. CASH.

Herbert B. Cash, president and general manager of the Upton Cold Storage Company, is one of Rochester's well known business men. He was born in Sherburne, Chenango county, New York, on June 1, 1868, a son of Cordon E. and Sarah (Hughes) Cash. The father was born in Smyrna, Chenango county, New York. The mother, who was a native of England and came to the United States when a young girl, departed this life in 1876. Cordon E. Cash was a farmer in Chenango and Oneida counties for a number of years but is now living retired and makes his home in Waterville, New York.

Herbert B. Cash was born on a farm and was reared as were farmer boys of forty years ago, when work was plenty and hours were long. He had the advantages of the public schools, and continued at farm work until he was nearly twenty years of age. He began his business career as a salesman and collector for Kempf Brothers Piano Company of Utica, and during the four years he was thus engaged he demonstrated his ability, both as a successful salesman and a valued employee. Mr. Cash left that firm to accept a better position when in 1893 he came to Rochester as general manager of the Domestic Sewing Machine Company's business in this city. He remained in that connection about five years, then made a change which was in the way of another advancement, being placed in charge of all the agencies of the New Home Sewing Machine Company throughout western New York, northern and northwestern Pennsylvania, and continued to serve in that capacity until 1909.

In the meantime he had been elected supervisor of the eighteenth ward in Rochester, serving three successive terms, from 1903 to 1909, and being a member of the most important committees. During the last two terms he was chairman of the ways and means committee, which carried with it the floor leadership. In 1909 he was elected county superintendent for the poor of Monroe county, his term expiring on January 1, 1912. He was not a candidate for reelection, as on the 1st of the previous August he had accepted the position of vice president and general manager of the Upton Cold Storage Company. Mr. Cash's ready adaption to the requirements of this position no doubt had considerable to do with his being made president of the company in 1914, which office, together with that of general manager, he has since been filling. His work in this connection has proven him to be an able executive and an excellent organizer.

The relation of a well conducted institution of this character to the business convenience and development of the city's commercial interests is very important and the Upton Cold Storage Company has developed into one of the big business enterprises of the city.

As a citizen Mr. Cash is entitled to especial consideration, for he has displayed a commendable interest in everything that makes for the public welfare. His record



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as a public servant is an excellent one, for he exercised in the discharge of his official duties the same qualities that have made him a successful business man and civic leader. While he never permitted his energies to be absorbed by petty details and ever kept his mind focused on the broad policies involved in the efficient administration of his duties, he always had attention for those minor matters that are not cared for as a mere matter of routine.

In the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, of which Mr. Cash has been a member for many years, he has taken a keen interest and has done valuable work. He has served on various committees of that organization, is an active member of the transportation committee, serving as vice chairman for 1919 and chairman for 1920, also a member of the good roads committee, the traffic council executive committee, the entertainment and cruise committee and the barge canals committee. It was Mr. Cash who organized the plan for enlisting the help of the Rochester Commercial Travelers Mutual Benefit Association to advertise the Rochester Exposition, and when put into operation this plan proved most valuable.

In his political connections Mr. Cash is a staunch republican and is one of the advisors and counselors of the party in Monroe county. He belongs to Wahoo Tribe, No. 228, Improved Order of Red Men; Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 25; the Rochester Commercial Travelers Mutual Benefit Association and the United Commercial Travelers Association. As a member of the Rochester Young Men's Christian Association he supports the work of that organization in the community. He is also vice chairman of the Harding Memorial Fund for Monroe county. He has been a member of the International Apple Shippers Association for the last twelve years, having served on different committees, and for the last two years has been chairman of the National Publicity committee, which is made up of several hundred men, from all parts of the world.

In March, 1888, in Waterville, New York, Mr. Cash was married to Miss Rosabell Wickens, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wickens of that village. Mr. and Mrs. Cash have one son: Raymond C., who was born in Utica, New York, in 1893, and was educated in Rochester public and high schools, and the Mechanics Institute. He is now a merchant of Waterville, and is the owner of the Raymond C. Cash Company in that village. In 1915 he was married to Miss Ada Melvin of Waterville and they have two sons: Vincent Huntington, born in 1917; and Roger Herbert, born in 1919.

For nearly a third of a century Herbert B. Cash has been identified with the business, public and civic life of Rochester. He enjoys a wide acquaintanceship throughout the city and many of his best friends are those who have known him the longest. Genial and optimistic by nature, he extracts from life the real essence of living.

ELLEN HARRIS NORTH.

In the modern business world women's activities have been successfully directed into many channels and their work compares favorably with that done by the ablest men. A most useful line of endeavor has been chosen by Ellen Harris North, who, as the founder and president of the Genesee Jam Kitchen, Incorporated, has developed an important industry. She is one of New York's native daughters, her parents being Albert M. and Mary (Young) North, the latter a daughter of Governor John Young, who was chosen the chief executive of the Empire state in 1846.

Ellen Harris North was accorded liberal educational advantages, attending a private school, afterward taking a course of instruction in the Genesee Normal School, and completing her studies in Paris, France. Her present business was established in May, 1893, and from the first was conducted under the unique name of the Genesee Jam Kitchen. At that time her desire was to undertake work which could be done in her own home and the making of jams and jellies, suggested itself as the most easily accomplished. Accordingly she converted the basement of her home into a "jam kitchen" and sought her patronage in distant cities, catering to a discriminating clientele. She set her own prices and the quality of her home-made product quickly became recognized, for she entered upon the work with high ideals of service and from these she has never deviated. The demand for her goods rapidly increased, and from this humble beginning has been evolved a business which extends over a wide section of the United States, while the firm also has an export trade with England. The product of the Genesee Jam Kitchen, Incorporated, which became a corporation in 1922, is sold by high class groceries in

many cities, and consists of fresh fruits, preserves, stuffed oranges, fruit salad, mince meat, pickles, plum pudding, brandied jams, syrups, extracted honey, sauces, jams, marmalades, jellies, grape fruit confections and other delicacies. The development and growth of the business has been of much value to the community in various ways, particularly the stimulating of fruit growing and supplying a market for the fruit. Only the choicest ingredients are used in making these products, which are unsurpassed in purity and excellence of flavor, and during the World war the firm shipped over sixty carloads of jams to France. The average number of employes is between eighty and ninety, the number varying according to the season, and in the control of this industry Miss North displays foresight, poise and executive ability of a high order, and has achieved a notable measure of success.

WILLIAM J. WEED.

Reputed to be one of the best banking officials in western New York, with a lifetime of experience in the banking business, William J. Weed of Avon, cashier of the State Bank of Avon, Livingston county, New York, is also known as one of the most worthy citizens of his community. He has been cashier of the State Bank of Avon since its organization in 1891, and shares, with Aaron Barber, the bank's president, the distinction of the same long and continuous service with the institution, and the credit for the growth and prosperity of the bank to its present dominating position in the financial field of Livingston county.

William J. Weed was born at Franklinville, New York, on July 19, 1858, and acquired his education in the public schools of that place and at Ten Broeck Academy. He left the latter institution when sixteen years old and was at once employed as bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Franklinville, where he remained until 1889, when he removed to Cattaraugus, New York. In 1891 Mr. Weed became a resident of Avon and cashier of the State Bank, then just organized with a capital stock of thirty thousand dollars. In 1924 the assets of this institution were more than one million, four hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Weed was married on February 19, 1880, to Alice M. Shokency of Avon. Two children were born to them: A son, W. Stanley; and a daughter, M. Adelaide, who died when fourteen years old. Mrs. Weed passed away on November 20, 1922.

ARTHUR N. CHRISTY.

Arthur N. Christy is numbered among those men who have been most active in pushing forward the wheels of progress in Newark and his business operations cover a wide range, while he is also filling the office of postmaster. He is enterprising, resourceful and determined and in every direction in which his inclination has led him his strong personality and broad grasp of affairs have placed him in a position of leadership. He was born in Rochester, New York, May 18, 1880, and his parents, Arthur and Mary (Norton) Christy, were also natives of that city, in which their marriage took place. The father was one of the officers of the Rochester Building & Loan Association and has passed away. The mother is still living.

Arthur N. Christy is the elder of the two sons in the family and completed his education in the Newark high school. Subsequently he entered the mail order field, organizing the firm of Arthur N. Christy & Company, and has built up one of the largest concerns of the kind in this section of the state, making shipments to all parts of the United States. He has been equally successful in other lines of activity and is general manager of the business of Knight & Bostwick, nurserymen; vice president of the Fruit Growers Nurseries; president of the C. H. Weeks Nursery Company and the Northern New York Nurseries; and vice president of the Commercial Laboratories, engaged in the manufacture of shaving preparations, face creams and other toilet requisites. They also make perfumes and food products and conduct a business of extensive proportions, manufacturing in their laboratories forty preparations of various kinds. From the foregoing it is evident that Mr. Christy is a man of large affairs and exceptional executive ability. He derives keen enjoyment from the solution of intricate business problems and his name in connection with the management of a corporation is a guarantee of its success, for he never

fails to reach his objective, while the methods which he employs are honorable and straightforward.

Mr. Christy's civic spirit is of that vital and forceful kind which finds its best example in public service and the value of his work is uniformly conceded. He served as mayor of Newark in 1912 and 1913 and in 1915 was called to the presidency of the Chamber of Commerce. On the 6th of October, 1921, he became postmaster of Newark under appointment of the late President Harding, and for three months previous to that time had been acting postmaster. His duties are discharged with characteristic thoroughness and efficiency and his service is much appreciated by his fellow citizens. His position is one of great responsibility, for this is the largest first-class post office between Syracuse and Rochester, with the exception of Auburn, New York, and handles forty-seven per cent of the mail for Wayne county.

Mr. Christy was married in Newark, March 1, 1904, to Miss Bertha M. Mitchell, a daughter of Calvin Mitchell of Wolcott, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Christy have one child: Eleanor Frances. Mr. Christy is an Episcopalian in religious faith and an active worker in behalf of his church, serving for four years as one of its vestrymen and for three years as treasurer. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Masons. He belongs to the lodge at Newark, the chapter and commandery at Palmyra, and Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Rochester. He has been a constant and untiring worker in all that makes for civic growth and development and Newark is the richer in citizenship and resources by reason of his purposeful, upright and useful life.

DR. WOODFORD J. COPELAND.

Dr. Woodford J. Copeland, prominent in newspaper and financial circles of Chemung county, is a worthy scion of one of Elmira's old families. He was born December 7, 1875, the son of I. Seymour and Nancy (Woodford) Copeland.

Woodford J. Copeland was educated first in the public schools of his native city and then in the Elmira Free Academy. He completed his education in New York University, receiving the A. B. and M. D. degrees from this institution. Upon leaving the university he specialized in eye, ear, nose and throat practice for about four years and for a time was also visiting physician at the New York State Reformatory at Elmira. In 1900, however, the magnetic atmosphere of newspaper work became more inviting than medicine, and Dr. Copeland entered into newspaper work with his father, a connection which he retained for many years. He succeeded his father in the presidency of the company at the time of the latter's death. Dr. Copeland maintained his position with the Evening Star and with the Star-Gazette until January 1, 1924, when he withdrew from active connection with the company and disposed of his interests, which had by this time extended to large newspaper holdings in several large cities of central New York, including Rochester and Utica. Since that time Dr. Copeland has given his attention solely to travel and to his private interests.

Dr. Copeland was married on November 30, 1905, to Mrs. Alice Miller Warnock of Elmira, and to them one son has been born: Irving Seymour, a student at Brown University. The Doctor and his wife attend the Presbyterian church and in politics the former is a republican. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies, the Country Club, City Club of Elmira, Cold Brook Club, Masonic Club and Lake Keuka Club.

SAMUEL E. DE COSTER.

Samuel E. De Coster, president of the De Coster Real Estate Company and president of the De Coster-Reed Company, is one of Rochester's representative business men and occupies a foremost position in the lines of real estate and insurance wherein his activities have been centered, ever since he came to this city more than twenty-two years ago. He is a native of New Jersey and was born in Basking Ridge, on the 14th of January, 1867, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel De Coster. Mrs. De Coster's maiden name was Bockhaven. Both Mr. and Mrs. Samuel De Coster were natives and lifelong residents of New Jersey. The father in his active life was a successful farmer, his death occurring in 1919, at the age of eighty-nine. His widow survives and is now in her ninety-third year.

Samuel E. De Coster was educated in the schools of New Jersey and after graduating from the State Normal School was for about ten years successfully engaged in school work, during which he was principal of various schools in northern New Jersey. In 1902 he gave up his educational work to come to Rochester and embark on a business career, entering the real estate business on his own account. His business interests are conducted as the De Coster Real Estate Company and the De Coster-Reed Agency, the latter organization handling the insurance branch of the business. As the executive head of both organizations Mr. De Coster has been no small factor in their building up and development. He belongs to the Real Estate Men's Association and to the Chamber of Commerce and has always taken a keen interest in any movement or project tending to improve or benefit the city. Fraternally he is a Mason, has attained the thirty-second degree, and is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. De Coster was married in Dumont, New Jersey, in June, 1893, to Miss Mary E. Fuller, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton A. Fuller of that city. Mr. and Mrs. De Coster have one son: Atwood G., who is associated with his father in business. He was born in Dumont in 1897, and educated in the schools of this city and the University of Rochester. During the World war he enlisted for service and was sent to the Officers Training Camp at Plattsburg, New York, receiving the commission of a first lieutenant. The signing of the armistice just as he was commissioned, prevented him from seeing any overseas service. He was married in June, 1923.

HIRAM HASKELL EDGERTON.

The achievements of many who have won renown which entitles them to the gratitude of mankind are recorded in stone and bronze, but Hiram Haskell Edgerton needs no such monument; his fame is preserved in the hearts of the people of Rochester, to whom he left a magnificent heritage. Great personal gifts were his and he spared no labor to make full use of his powers. His was an extraordinary service to his city and the impress of his individuality is stamped indelibly upon the pages of its history. For fourteen years he served as mayor of Rochester and his identification with public affairs covered more than a half century, while examples of his skill as a building contractor are found in many of the city's finest structures.

Mr. Edgerton was born April 19, 1847, in Belfast, Allegany county, New York, a son of Ralph H. and Octavia C. (Penhollow) Edgerton, both of whom were descended from sturdy New England stock. The father was a native of Vermont and became a resident of the Empire state, living for some time at Olean. In 1858 he established his home in Rochester and there spent the remainder of his life, devoting his attention to the retail lumber business.

His son, Hiram H. Edgerton, began his education in the public schools of his native county, continuing his studies in Cattaraugus county and in Rochester. He attended the Genesee Seminary at Belfast, the Rochester Free Academy and also completed a course in the Business Institute of this city. His first knowledge of the lumber trade was gained at the age of sixteen and after his father's death, which occurred in 1868, he succeeded to the business, operating it successfully until 1881 in connection with a retail coal yard. Mr. Edgerton then entered the contracting business, with which he was identified for many years, maintaining a position of leadership in that field. Among the most imposing structures which he erected were the Wilder building, the Rochester Post Office and about forty church edifices. He rebuilt the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr stores, as well as the Granite building and for several years had charge of practically all of the structural building for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway Company. He constructed many manufacturing plants, and the high quality of his work and a well deserved reputation for reliable, straightforward dealing brought him important contracts from other cities in this and adjoining states.

Mr. Edgerton's thoughts were ever fixed upon problems for the betterment of his community and he was always in the vanguard of every movement looking toward the accomplishment of real and practical good. The characteristics that dominated him in the upbuilding of his large business were injected into his administration of civic affairs and he was eminently practical in all of his ideas. From 1872 until 1876 he was a member of the Rochester board of education, of which he was president for two terms, and was also the executive head of the commission in charge of the construction of the east side trunk sewer in 1899, one of the most important



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municipal undertakings which had been attempted by the city up to that time. From 1900 until 1908 he served as president of the common council and in 1907 was elected mayor of Rochester on the republican ticket. He had had previous training for the duties of head of the city government in 1903, when he acted as mayor for a number of weeks, filling the chair of Mayor Adolph J. Rodenbeck, who resigned to accept an appointment as judge of the state court of claims. He served until the close of the year, when James G. Cutler was elected to the mayoralty.

For seven consecutive terms, from January 1, 1908, until December 31, 1921, Mr. Edgerton was the incumbent of that office—a record equalled only once in the history of the city and rarely in any American city. At the close of his final term he was appointed superintendent of municipal construction, a position created for the purpose of enabling him to carry forward to completion the projects that he had started. The achievements of his several administrations comprise an imposing list and demonstrate his remarkable ability as a city builder, the breadth of his mind and his unusual capacity for public service.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of Mr. Edgerton's official career was the creation of Exposition Park, which occupies the site of the old reformatory. Through this means he prevented the existence of a prison near the heart of the city, thus earning the plaudits of his fellow citizens, and when the great expansion of park area is considered, its beautifying and adornment by public buildings, the inestimable value of his work is partially understood. The high esteem in which he was held by the residents of Rochester was strongly illustrated shortly after his death, when, in response to popular demand, the name was changed to Edgerton Park, which through his efforts has become one of the city's most noted public institutions and the scene of the greatest outdoor horse show ever given in the United States. In this beautiful setting stand the public library, the municipal museum, established through his instrumentality, housing in the same building the collection of the Rochester Historical Society; the Jefferson junior high school; a public bath house; a model playground, and the fine buildings used annually by the Rochester Exposition Association, and at other times to accommodate conventions, also for the display of the numerous exhibits which are brought to the city because of the facilities afforded here. The exposition buildings are likewise utilized throughout the year for athletic sports of all kinds.

Mr. Edgerton was also responsible for the construction of an additional conduit from Hemlock lake; the building of an adequate reservoir; the introduction of the sewage disposal system; the erection of the garbage disposal plant and incinerator; the building of flood protection walls on the river and the deepening of the river bed; the installation of new fire apparatus; the elimination of four grade crossings; the preliminary plans for a new bridge across the Genesee river, and under his regime work was begun on the construction of the new street and railroad in the bed of the old Erie canal, purchased from the state for this purpose. He was indefatigable in his efforts to improve the city and during his administration more than eighty acres were added to the public park system. Ontario Beach Park, which he secured for the municipality in 1920, had an attendance of more than a million persons in the summer of 1921. He established city seed beds, propagating grounds and nurseries and worked ever toward making Rochester more attractive and desirable as a place of residence.

During Mr. Edgerton's incumbency in the office of mayor, twenty-five new school buildings were erected and seventeen others were remodeled. Seventeen engine houses were completed and the personnel of the fire department was increased from two hundred to five hundred men. Two hundred miles of pavement were added to the city at a cost of twelve million dollars and one hundred and eighty miles of sewers were laid at an expenditure of four million dollars. Meanwhile the city's tax rate remained low and its municipal bonds still command a higher price in the open market than those of any other city in the world. Mr. Edgerton created the bureau of playgrounds and recreation and in 1921 twenty-five playgrounds were in operation, with an attendance of one and a half million children. The bureau of playgrounds organized baseball clubs for adults, also providing facilities for bathing, indoor baseball and basketball, and has served as a model for other cities. Mr. Edgerton secured for Rochester its fine public library, establishing branches throughout the city, so that all might have free access to good reading matter, and in 1921 one million, two hundred and twenty-eight thousand, two hundred and fifty-two volumes were issued for home use. One of his last acts as mayor was to provide by ordinance an appropriation for a history of Rochester's part in the World war, to be prepared under the direction of the public library. He was fearless in the discharge

of his official duties and this trait in his character was strongly manifested during the great strike of the clothing workers in 1913. He was just, considerate and kindly in his attitude toward his employees, thus securing that harmonious cooperation so essential to the success of every business corporation. Mr. Edgerton was very popular, especially with the laboring classes, which fact contributed to his political success, and in many of his plans for the betterment of the city he endeavored to provide work for those in need of employment—a policy that tended greatly to increase its population. He was a man of honor who had none of the earmarks of the professional politician, and he worked unselfishly and untiringly in the interests of civic growth and improvement. He was admired for his good judgment and indomitable spirit and endeared himself to the entire community through his kindness and geniality.

On the 13th of May, 1868, Mr. Edgerton married Miss Medora L. De Witt, a daughter of Cornelius Sherman De Witt, of Henrietta, Monroe county, New York. Two children were born of this union: Edna is the wife of Henry Lampert, of Rochester, and has a daughter, Edna Frances; Elizabeth De Witt married Benjamin T. Roodhouse and their home is in Wilmette, Illinois.

Mr. Edgerton was identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and also belonged to the Masonic Lodge of Rochester and to the Genesee Valley Lodge of Elks. He was a trustee of the Rochester Public Library and honorary president of the Rochester Exposition Association. In youth he enjoyed hunting, boating and athletic sports and in later life derived much pleasure from visiting the parks and public playgrounds. He loved children and was ever planning to enlarge and increase the opportunities for healthful recreation for the people of his city. His heart was in sympathy with the sorrows of the unfortunate and his hand was always ready to extend aid to the needy. Preeminently loyal and public-spirited, his pride in his community was contagious and resulted in placing Rochester among the foremost cities of the country.

Mr. Edgerton passed away at his home in Rochester, June 18, 1922, at the age of seventy-five years, and his departure was an irreparable loss to the community.

WILLIAM U. LEE.

William U. Lee, one of the highly esteemed citizens of Medina, Orleans county, successful financier and able business man, and for thirty-six years president of the Medina Savings and Loan Association, and its guiding spirit, died November 23, 1924. Mr. Lee was born December 21, 1843, in the town of Barre, Orleans county, and came of a pioneer family in Orleans county. Charles Lee, father of William U., came from Barre, Massachusetts, to Orleans county and located on a farm he had purchased from the Holland Land Company, where he resided the remainder of his life. He was twice married and there were children born to each union. The second wife of Charles Lee was Eliza Underhill, and she was the mother of William U. of this review.

William U. Lee attended the district schools and the Clinton Liberal Institute at Poughkeepsie, New York, and during his attendance there the institution was removed to Clinton, New York, where he completed his education. He was reared to farm work and after the death of his father succeeded him to the ownership of the home property in Barre. He continued to operate the farm successfully until 1880, when he was forced, because of failing health, to give up agriculture and for three years thereafter he spent his time in travel in search of health. In 1883 he removed to Medina and on March 20, 1888, helped organize the Medina Savings and Loan Association, of which he became president and so continued the remainder of his life. Mr. Lee devoted much time and energy to the building up of that organization, which grew to reach nearly every home in Medina, and (said a local paper) "it will stand as a monument to his untiring efforts in behalf of the welfare of the people of Medina, who have lost a good friend."

Mr. Lee was married in Barre, New York, to Frances H. Church of Albion, daughter of John Church, a pioneer farmer of Albion. Mrs. Lee died May 3, 1922. Their daughter, Mary E., is the widow of Charles W. Whedon, who was a prominent manufacturer of Medina, and whose death occurred on September 15, 1919. Mr. Lee was a democrat in early life but later became a republican. He was president of the City Club at the time of his death, and for nearly a quarter century was a trustee and treasurer of the Presbyterian church, retiring from these offices several years



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prior to his passing. Mr. Lee provided in his will for the establishment of a public library in Medina, subject to the desires of his daughter, Mrs. Whedon. The library site, building and endowment, under the conditions, can be provided by Mrs. Whedon and are to be incorporated as the Lee-Whedon Memorial Library, Incorporated. Mr. Lee's residence in Medina was at No. 220 Park avenue.

HON. FREDERICK LOUIS DUTCHER.

Hon. Frederick Louis Dutcher, one of Rochester's most active and valued citizens, has been a representative of the legal profession here during the past twenty-eight years and is now serving on the bench as judge of the juvenile court and as special county judge. He was born at Lone Tree, Iowa, October 1, 1870, a son of Henry H. and Mary Ann (Darrow) Dutcher, the father a native of Avon, New York and the mother of Rochester, New York. The father, who always resided in the Genesee country with the exception of a few years spent in Iowa and Illinois, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits until the last twenty years of his life when he was a stationary engineer in Rochester, New York. He passed away in 1919. To him and his wife, who still survives, were born ten children, as follows: Mrs. Cora Colson, who makes her home in Genesee, New York; Charles A., a resident of Rochester; William H., living in Auburn, New York; Hon. Frederick Louis, of this review; Mrs. Marian L. Boyink and Mrs. Rosamond L. Welsh, both of whom are residents of Rochester; Arthur G., a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work; two who died in infancy; and J. Edward, a prominent attorney who died in 1914.

Frederick L. Dutcher was four years of age when brought by his parents to the state of New York, the family home being established at Avon. After completing the district school course he became a high school pupil at Avon and was graduated in 1889. In that and the succeeding year he engaged in teaching district school near South Livonia and at Foote's Corners, Conesus, New York, and later was vice-principal of the Avon high school. In the fall of 1890, he entered Syracuse University, from which institution he was graduated in 1894, on the completion of a course in liberal arts. He then resumed the profession of teaching, which he followed at Palmyra, New York, for one year, on the expiration of which period he became a clerk in the office of Shuart & Sutherland, attorneys, with whom he read law until admitted to the bar on November 30, 1896. He at once entered upon law practice in Rochester, where he has remained continuously since and is at present associated with his brother, Arthur G. Dutcher, the two forming a strong professional combination. Frederick L. Dutcher was elected special county judge in 1920 and in November, 1923, was reelected to that position. In that capacity Judge Dutcher is making a splendid record. To wear the ermine worthily it is not enough that one possess legal acumen, is learned in the principles of jurisprudence, familiar with precedents and thoroughly honest. Many men, even when acting uprightly, are wholly unable to divest themselves of prejudice and are unconsciously warped in their judgments by their own mental characteristics or educational peculiarities. This unconscious and variable disturbing force enters more or less into the judgments of all men, but in the ideal jurist this factor becomes so small as not to be discernible in results and loses its potency as a disturbing force. Judge Dutcher is exceptionally free from all judicial bias. As a member of the Juvenile Welfare Association and a director of the Rochester Humane Society he takes a deep and active interest in social welfare work and is frequently called upon to make public addresses on matters pertaining to this subject.

On the 10th of June, 1902, Judge Dutcher was united in marriage to Miss Clara J. Welch, daughter of Frank and Elvina Welch of Avon, New York. Their children are three in number, namely: Donald F., who was born in Rochester, May 29, 1908; Ruth M., whose natal day was September 25, 1910; and Richard A., whose birth occurred in Rochester, April 2, 1915.

Judge Dutcher, ever a stalwart champion of the cause of education, served as a member of the Rochester school board from 1898 until 1900. He enjoys high standing in the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. Judge Dutcher was raised in Avon Springs Lodge, No. 570, Avon, Livingston county, in 1892, while home from college on a vacation. He is now past master of Yonondio Lodge, No. 163; past high priest of Hamilton Chapter, No. 62, R. A. M.; past illustrious master of Doric Council, No. 19, R. & S. M.; member

of Monroe Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple and Lalla Rookh Grotto, No. 3. At the one hundred and twenty-seventh annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of the state of New York, Royal Arch Masons, in 1924, he was elected grand high priest. Judge Dutcher is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and in religious faith is an Episcopalian, serving as vestryman of the Church of the Ascension. He is likewise a member of the Greek letter fraternity known as Beta Theta Pi and of O'Rourke Camp of the Sons of Veterans. His name is also on the membership rolls of the Washington Club, the University Club, the Masonic Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Rochester Historical Society, while along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Monroe County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a staunch republican. Judge Dutcher has spent practically his entire life in western New York and is widely recognized as one of the most esteemed citizens and honored jurists of this part of the state. His residence is at No. 140 Birr street.

FLOYD W. ANNABEL.

Among Steuben countys' native sons is Floyd W. Annabel, one of its wide-awake and successful attorneys, who has been engaged in the general practice of law at Bath since 1911. He was born in the town of Howard, on January 13, 1886, his parents being William H. and Eve (Hoagland) Annabel, the former a well known agriculturist of that place. The paternal grandfather of F. W. Annabel came to the Empire state from Connecticut in company with his father. Members of the Hoagland family formerly lived in the vicinity of Amsterdam, New York.

Floyd W. Annabel supplemented his district school education by a course of study in the Avoca high school and then entered Syracuse University, from which institution he was graduated upon the completion of the law course as a member of the class of 1910. The same year he was admitted to the bar and in 1911 began the practice of his chosen profession in Bath, where he has remained to the present time.

On the 18th of June, 1913, Mr. Annabel was united in marriage to Miss Olive Dutcher, and they are the parents of two daughters: Ina Katherine and Jean Elizabeth. A stalwart democrat in his political views, Mr. Annabel has served as state committeeman for the party. He is a member of the Rotary Club and fraternally is identified with the Masons and the Odd Fellows, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church.

JAMES EVERETT NASH.

James Everett Nash occupies the important position of general superintendent of the Worcester Salt Company, with which he has been continuously identified during the past three decades, while since 1914 he has been in charge of the mammoth manufacturing plant at Silver Springs. The offices of the concern are maintained in New York city, where in 1867 James H. Nash, the father of James E. Nash, founded the Nash-Whiton Company, predecessor of the Worcester Salt Company, which is among the largest industries of the kind in existence. It was the Nash-Whiton Company which introduced the manufacture of high-grade table salt in the United States.

James Everett Nash was born in South Norwalk, Connecticut, on the 6th of January, 1875, his parents being James H. and Augusta (Dibble) Nash. As above stated, it was in 1867 that the father founded the Nash-Whiton Company of New York city, which imported and sold salt under the name of the Worcester salt. This concern had become one of the largest of its kind in the country when in 1886 Joseph M. Duncan invented a new process of manufacturing salt and interested the company therein to such an extent that they contracted for the patent and became the pioneer manufacturers of high-grade table salt in the United States. In 1894 the Nash-Whiton Company and the Duncan Salt Company were consolidated under the name of the Worcester Salt Company, of which James H. Nash was made the first president. This extensive industrial concern conducts plants at Silver Springs, New York, and at Ecorse, Michigan, the former having a daily capacity of more than one and one-quarter million pounds, while the latter has a capacity of three-quarters of a million pounds daily. The corporation finds its principal market in America but also does



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some export business. Its chief product is table salt, which is marketed under the three brands of "Worcester", "Ivory" and "Iodized", a salt formula product first marketed in 1924 and endorsed by the medical profession as a preventative and alleviation of goitre. Lorenzo Benedict, who has been connected with the Worcester Salt Company since 1890, or throughout his entire business career, is now the president of the corporation and enjoys the reputation of being one of the best informed men in the salt business.

James E. Nash, whose name introduces this review, pursued his early education in the grammar and high schools of his native city and continued his studies in the Wesleyan Academy, from which institution he was graduated in 1894. He then entered the manufacturing department of the Worcester Salt Company, in which he has remained through the intervening period of thirty years, winning steady advancement as he demonstrated his ability in the capable discharge of the duties entrusted to him. It was in 1914 that he was made general superintendent and a director of the corporation, which he has thus represented to the present time, his sound judgment and his thorough knowledge of the business proving valuable factors in its successful control. He is vice president of the Silver Springs National Bank.

On the 27th of October, 1896, at Silver Springs, New York, Mr. Nash was united in marriage to Miss Jane E. Driscoll, daughter of Jerry and Mary Driscoll of Silver Springs.

Mr. Nash has been very active in public affairs as a supporter of the republican party, having served as chairman of the republican county committee since 1914 and as a member of the republican state central committee since 1919. He was also the incumbent in the office of village president from 1904 until 1917. During the period of the World War Mr. Nash rendered valuable service to the government as county fuel administrator, as a Four-Minute man and as a member of various Liberty Loan committees. He is now a member of the Letchworth Park commission. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge at Castile, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist church, in the work of which he takes a helpful interest. He is a member of the Silver Lake Country Club, the Silver Lake Golf Club, the Perry Club and the McNair Club of Warsaw. He finds rest and relaxation in outdoor life and is particularly fond of golf as well as motoring. His prosperity has been the result of intense application, faith in his own powers and a readiness to assume responsibility, and his many sterling qualities have gained him a high place in the regard of those with whom he has been brought into contact.

JAMES D. McCANN.

Elmira is a monument to the aggregate efforts of many enterprising business men, one of whom is James D. McCann, a conspicuous figure in industrial circles of the city and a member of an honored pioneer family of Chemung county. He has a wide acquaintance in Elmira, in which his life has been spent. He was born September 5, 1868, a son of James and Helen L. (Neisch) McCann, who are mentioned more specifically in the sketch of Judge George McCann. James D. McCann has two brothers, John, living in Elmira Heights; and George, a justice of the supreme court, living in Elmira.

James D. McCann supplemented his public school training by a course in the Elmira Free Academy and also attended a local business college. He obtained a position as bookkeeper for the firm of Pratt & Company, (wholesale hardware), remaining with them for several years, and on January 1, 1898, was called to public office, becoming treasurer of Chemung county. He served in that capacity until December 31, 1903, discharging his duties with characteristic efficiency and thoroughness, and in 1904 became one of the organizers of the Elmira Foundry Company. He has since been secretary, treasurer and general manager of the firm and from the time of its inception the business has enjoyed a steady growth, which has been stimulated by his initiative spirit, progressive methods and executive power. The industry is one of large proportions and since 1916 has been affiliated with the General Electric Company of Schenectady, New York.

Mr. McCann was married on December 15, 1891, to Miss Mary C. Ford, who was born in Big Flats, New York, and received her education in Elmira. Two daughters have been born of this union: Helen, the wife of Richard E. Kinsman, who is connected officially with the La France Fire Engine Company of Elmira; and Florence F., who is attending the Elmira Free Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. McCann are earnest members of the Lake Street Presbyterian church and for about fourteen years he was president of its board of trustees, of which he is still a member. He is both a York and Scottish Rite Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Rotarian and also belongs to the City Club and the Elmira Golf & Country Club. He is identified with the republican party and is always in the vanguard of every movement looking toward the accomplishment of real and practical good. As president of the village of Elmira Heights he rendered valuable public service and his many fine qualities of character have drawn to him a large circle of loyal friends. Mr. McCann resides in the old home, which was built by his grandfather in 1833, and with the history of progress in this section of the state he is largely familiar.

GEORGE MATHER FORBES.

George Mather Forbes, head of the department of philosophy of the University of Rochester, was born in Middlesex, Yates county, New York, on the 13th of June, 1853. His father, Rev. Merrill Forbes, was born in Fort Ann, New York, June 2, 1820, and died November 22, 1884. He spent some years in collegiate and theologic study at Hamilton Institute of Hamilton New York, now developed into Colgate University. Soon after the close of his studies he was ordained to the Baptist ministry in the church in Sodus, Wayne county, New York. This event was the beginning of an arduous and markedly successful lifework, wholly devoted to the service of churches in western New York—a service which continued without intermission to the day of his death on November 22, 1884. In the early days of his ministry he was married to Maria Jane Palmer, daughter of George Palmer, a well known resident of Sodus, Wayne county, New York. Maria Jane (Palmer) Forbes was a woman with keen intellectual and literary interests and richly endowed with the rarest and noblest qualities of womanhood. This endowment enabled her to make an essential contribution to the work and success of her husband and profoundly influenced the character of her children, four sons and two daughters.

George Mather Forbes began his preparation for college at Medina high school, in Orleans county, New York, and as part of his preparation passed the first "regents examination" issued by the state board of regents in Albany. His preparation was completed at Middlebury Academy of Wyoming, New York, and with his brother, John F. Forbes, he was admitted to the University of Rochester in September, 1871. The freshman year was successfully completed, but finances were exhausted. His landlady kindly agreed to wait for the unpaid board bill until the amount could be earned in the harvest fields at Wyoming. Notwithstanding the earnings on the Wyoming county farms, it became clear that immediate return to college was impossible, and that much more must be earned if college education was to be resumed. Dr. Forbes secured a position as joint principal at one of the oldest New York academies, located in Alexander, Genesee county, New York, and after a successful year of academic teaching was offered the position of principal of the Union school in Arcade, Wyoming county, New York.

Upon his arrival in Arcade he at once reported to the president of the board of education, who astonished him with the remark that he had not favored his appointment and did not believe that he was "big enough" to teach the school, as his predecessor had "been thrown out of a window" by some of the "big boys". This challenge was a stirring one to the new teacher. He took charge of the school and was not thrown out; on the contrary a public examination and exhibition at mid-year brought a frank, public acknowledgment from the president of the board that he had been entirely mistaken in his judgment. At the close of the year Dr. Forbes and his brother, J. F. Forbes, who had also been teaching for two years, resolved to make a daring venture and spend their savings for a year of study in Europe. This resolution was immediately carried out, and they landed at Hamburg, Germany, in August, 1874.

Having already acquired a reading knowledge of French and German, a few weeks' practice in speaking secured admission to the Luisen-städtischen Realschule in Berlin, where courses were taken corresponding to those taken in American colleges, and these studies were supplemented by attendance upon selected courses of lectures in the University of Berlin. The second half of the year was spent in Paris with a similar program of study and the summer vacation was spent in travel to the south as far as Naples and included the arduous task of the ascent on foot of Mount



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Vesuvius. The culminating experiences were in Rome, for the city was as yet untouched by the later modernization. Garibaldi was still living and his birthday was celebrated by a vast multitude, to which he responded by a brief address of acknowledgment from the porch of his modest dwelling. A few days later admission to an audience with the pope, Pius IX, was granted. In marked contrast to present customs each person was formally introduced to the pope by the distinguished cardinal and statesman, Antonelli, and the pope gave a moment of conversation to each visitor.

Upon the return of Dr. Forbes to this country in the fall of 1875 he received a letter from the board of education in Arcade, urging him to resume his position as principal at a substantial increase of salary. The offer was accepted and at the close of another successful year of teaching he returned to the University of Rochester to complete his course. A year of credit was granted on credentials brought from abroad and he entered the junior class and graduated with the class of 1878. At the close of his college course, seven years from the time he first entered, Dr. Forbes was at the head of his class in rating for scholarship. At commencement he took the first prize for the Davis medal and was awarded the Sherman graduate fellowship in economics upon submission of the thesis after an additional year of graduate study. This fellowship then yielded three hundred dollars, to provide for the expense of graduate study and preparation of the required thesis. In the autumn following his graduation Dr. Forbes accepted an invitation to join Albert Chadwick, a graduate of the University of Rochester, in the management of the Overhiser Preparatory School in Brooklyn, a school of very high standing, devoted almost exclusively to the preparation of students for Harvard University.

During his residence in Brooklyn, Dr. Forbes was married to Prudie Hodgman Gordon, eldest daughter of Stephen Decatur Gordon of Rochester and teacher in the public schools. She was born on February 15, 1851, and died on January 21, 1903. Two children were born of the marriage: Gordon Merrill Forbes, born February 17, 1882, who died on December 24, 1897, during his second year in high school; and Florence Forbes Killam, who was born July 22, 1887, and is the widow of Dr. Douglas Killam, late professor of mathematics in the University of Alberta, Canada. Dr. Killam served with distinction throughout the World war as officer in the Canadian army. He died of accidental drowning in 1923.

After three years of administration and instruction in the Overhiser school Dr. Forbes received from President Anderson of Rochester the offer of an appointment as assistant professor of Greek in Rochester and at once accepted it as opening the way to realize the ambition of his life. Thus his work as a college teacher began in September, 1881. Very early in his work in the University, Dr. Forbes made evident his interest in the social and civic problems of the community by joining the Young Men's Christian Association, which then had very limited and unsuitable quarters on the second floor of a Main Street building. His interest in the work of the Association led to his election as its president in 1884 and he served in this office until 1891. During this period, by heroic effort, a building at the corner of South avenue and Court street was erected by the association and dedicated on November 2, 1890. Chauncey M. Depew, then at the height of his brilliant career, made a stirring presentation address on behalf of the donors, and Dr. Forbes responded with an address of acceptance on behalf of the Association.

Upon the retirement of the loved and venerated Dr. Asahel Kendrick in 1886, Dr. Forbes was made full professor of Greek. He made known, however, to President Anderson that his ambition was to enter the field of philosophy and education. He found sympathetic response both from President Anderson and from his successor, President David J. Hill. President Anderson's confidence and helpfulness was shown when, on account of his declining strength he turned over to Dr. Forbes the course in ethics for seniors. Soon after Dr. Hill's appointment as president, the course in logic was assigned to Dr. Forbes and in 1894 he was formally appointed to the chair of philosophy and education.

At this time there was in the field of education a rapidly growing conviction that efficient teaching throughout the whole educative process must be grounded in sympathetic study of the psychology, principles, and philosophy of education. This view became revolutionary in its influence upon the conception of training for teachers in the public schools. It was evident that the colleges and universities were the only institutions which could undertake such a task. The demand upon them became increasingly urgent. In response to this demand Dr. Forbes offered courses in general psychology, educational psychology, science and philosophy of education and history of education. The immediate large registration in these courses gave evidence of the urgent need. Dr. Forbes also organized Saturday morning classes for teachers

who were in active service, both in the city and surrounding towns, and at the request of the City Teachers Association he gave a course of ten lectures open to all teachers and intended to develop the foundation principles upon which a science of education must rest.

Dr. Forbes did not confine his civic interests solely to the public schools. His early economic studies aroused a keen interest in the "free silver propaganda" and the attempt to elect a president on that issue. Dr. Forbes, in order to contribute to the refutation of what he regarded as a dangerous doctrine, wrote a syllabus for a course of public lectures on "Money and the Mechanism of Exchange." This was published by the board of regents at Albany and was the basis of courses of lectures for two successive seasons in Rochester, Buffalo and surrounding towns.

In the years immediately preceding 1900 public sentiment in Rochester became thoroughly aroused on account of deplorable conditions in the public schools. The situation had become so serious as to attract state-wide attention and culminated in a scathing denunciation by Governor Roosevelt of existing conditions in the schools of Rochester, and the threat of drastic action by the state unless prompt measures were taken to improve conditions. To meet this situation a bill was drafted by Dr. Frank F. Dow, a member of the existing board. This bill, with some amendments, was passed by the legislature. The bill provided for a board of five commissioners, to be elected at large and to have full control of the school system, both as to education and finance. Dr. Forbes was nominated as a candidate for election for the new board and with the consent of President Rhees accepted the candidacy, and after a vigorous campaign, in which he made many addresses to the voters, he was elected a member of the new board, which took charge of the schools on January 1, 1900. The first campaign was followed at the end of each four years with a similar contest. In such a forward movement, which necessitates radical changes, there is always a conservative body of voters in opposition, and hence each election demanded a further vigorous campaign, which required a thorough knowledge of the educational issues and aims involved. On account of his professional equipment and familiarity with the educational issues Dr. Forbes was called upon to serve in each campaign, so that by the time of his retirement, the new school policy and organization was so thoroughly understood and appreciated by the community that the educational system was accepted as established and subsequent elections turned solely on the choice of candidates as to their fitness to serve as members of the board.

In 1905, with the hearty approval of his colleagues on the board of education and the consent of President Rhees, Dr. Forbes visited Europe for the purpose of making a comparative study of the organization, methods and results of primary and secondary education as administered in Europe. The chief studies were made in the primary and secondary schools of England, Scotland, France, Germany and Italy. Dr. Forbes' earlier experience as student in the secondary schools of Germany and France and his years of teaching in educational science enabled him, by means of reports and lectures, to present to the teachers of the public schools a comprehensive and comparative account of the methods and efficiency of the European schools, by which our own schools might profit.

Dr. Forbes served on the board of education for twelve years, being three times elected for a four-year term. During the last six years he was president of the board. His earlier experience, both in administration and instruction, in both private and public schools and his years of service in the university in teaching the science, history and philosophy of education, enabled him to render professional service in the reorganization and development of the public school system in Rochester, so that at the time of his retirement from the board of education he had made an outstanding contribution to the public school system of Rochester, which had come to be regarded as among the very foremost of progressive school systems in the United States.

While serving as president of the board of education, Dr. Forbes was elected president of the New York State Teachers Association. During the period of his service as president and as member of the executive committee, fundamental changes were made in the constitution of the association, which have greatly contributed not only in membership, but also in influence and increasing service of the association to all the interests of the educational systems of the state. At the request of the executive committee of the association Dr. Forbes prepared a code of ethics for the teachers of the state, which was adopted and published by the association in 1913. It has since had a nation-wide recognition. The code has also been used by request from various parts of the country as the foundation of many local codes.

While he was president of the board of education Dr. Forbes and his colleagues

became deeply interested in the proposal to use the public schools in the interest of broader civic education, by opening the school buildings to the public in the evening as local community centers for social gatherings and for the discussion of public questions, in the interest of a better and more intelligent citizenship. The board of education authorized the use of the school buildings for the purpose named and in many districts such social and civic centers were organized and realized with marked success the purpose for which they were created. On the second anniversary of the "Social Centers", Hon. Charles E. Hughes, then governor of New York state, accepted an invitation to address the meeting, at which Dr. Forbes was presiding. Governor Hughes was so deeply impressed with the spirit and purpose of the occasion that in closing a stirring address he said, "I am more interested in what you are doing here than in anything else in the world, for you are buttressing the foundation of democracy." Unfortunately the hostility of political interests succeeded in undermining this most hopeful movement.

Meantime, by 1914, the increase of enrollment in the department of philosophy and education at the university was such that it was found necessary to appoint an assistant, and by 1919 the number of students in the department was so large that it became evident that a division must be made. Dr. Forbes chose to continue as head of the department of philosophy. The increase of students, however, was so rapid that this change had little effect upon registration of students in the department of philosophy. By 1923 the enrollment of students in the department varied from thirty to one hundred in the courses offered.

In 1918 Dr. Forbes was married to Edith Willis Linn, widow of Samuel H. Linn and daughter of Dr. F. L. H. Willis and Love M. Whitcomb Willis.

JOHN C. DICKEY.

An active career of nearly a quarter of a century in the newspaper business preceded the appointment of John C. Dickey to the position of postmaster at Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York, which position Mr. Dickey is now filling. Prior to that he was United States Loan Commissioner from 1896 until 1912. He was born at Nunda, Livingston county, New York, on November 7, 1860, the son of David and Margaret (Crawford) Dickey, both natives of the north of Ireland and both now deceased.

John C. Dickey received his education in the grade and high schools, after which he obtained employment with George M. Shull, publisher of the *Enterprise*. In 1881 Mr. Dickey, in partnership with George S. Elicott, bought the Mount Morris Union, and in 1896 Mr. Dickey became the sole owner of the paper by the purchase of his partner's share, and conducted the publication alone until 1918, when it was absorbed by the Picket Line Post. Mr. Dickey's appointment as postmaster was made by President Harding in 1922.

Mr. Dickey was married on the 14th of March, 1906, to Jane Baker. They have two children: Elizabeth and David. Fraternally Mr. Dickey is affiliated with the Masonic order.

FRANK WILLIAM ADRIANCE, M. D.

For forty-five years Dr. Frank William Adriance has ministered to Elmira's citizens in a professional capacity. He was born near Owasco Lake, near Auburn, in Cayuga county, New York, September 19, 1854, a son of William and Deborah A. (Angevine) Adriance, the latter a native of Dutchess county, New York. They were married in Albion, Michigan, of which city Mr. and Mrs. Angevine were early settlers. The mother of Dr. Adriance passed away in Watkins, New York. The father was born in Cayuga county and there engaged in farming, also followed that occupation in Orleans county, this state. He cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and in religious faith was a Presbyterian, in which church he was an elder. He was a son of Jacob Adriance, who was born in Dutchess county and when a young man purchased a tract of four hundred acres in Cayuga county. By arduous labor he cleared the land and eventually transformed it into a valuable property, on which he reared his family. His father, Rem Adriance, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Frank William Adriance completed a course in the high school in Medina, New

York, and his professional training was received in the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1877. He opened an office in Watkins, New York, remained in that city for nine years, and in October, 1886, became a member of the medical fraternity of Elmira. He specializes in materia medica.

On the 8th of January, 1879, Dr. Adriance was married to Miss Elizabeth Beach, a native of Seneca county, New York, and to this union was born a daughter: Linnette A., who was graduated from Elmira College and resides with her parents, whose country home is situated on Sodus Bay. They are members of the Presbyterian church and the Doctor is an adherent of the republican party. While a resident of Watkins he filled the position of coroner for a term. He served for two years on the state board of medical examiners and his professional relations are with the New York State Medical Society, the American Institute of Homeopathy, and the Interstate Medical Association. He is also a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

JOHN WARREN JARDINE.

John W. Jardine, vice president of the Genesee Valley Trust Company, is one of the best known of the city's younger bank officials and one whose entire business career has been devoted to the banking business. He was born in Rochester, October 9, 1885, a son of John and M. Cornelia (Kentner) Jardine. The father, a native of Scotland, came to America in early life and located in Rochester, where he has ever since resided.

John W. Jardine was educated in the public schools of this city and soon after leaving high school entered the employ of the Alliance Bank as messenger. He remained with that institution and its successor, the Lincoln-Alliance Bank, until 1923, having in the meantime been advanced to the position of assistant cashier of the latter bank. In 1923 he was elected vice president of the Genesee Valley Trust Company and since then has been a factor in the progress of that institution, whose growth represents a magnificent tribute to its management and is one of the outstanding achievements in Rochester bank development of recent years.

Mr. Jardine has attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry, is a member of the Rochester Club, the Ad Club, the Rochester Yacht Club, the Oak Hill Country Club and the Chamber of Commerce. His church membership is with the Lake Avenue Baptist church. On October 10, 1912, Mr. Jardine was married to Miss Alma Nohe, a daughter of Frederick Nohe of Rochester.

ALBERT JOHN HOLLISTER.

In the business world advancement has ever been the fitting recognition of loyalty and efficient service, but seldom does one meet with a man who has so thoroughly identified his interests with those of his employer, or has been so adequately rewarded for his efforts as Mr. Albert John Hollister. As a young man he entered the service of the M. E. Wolf Insurance Company as an office boy. In this humble capacity he displayed such a desire to please and ambition to learn the business that he was promoted from one position to the other until he had thoroughly mastered every department of the business. Immediately following the death of Mr. Wolf, Mr. Hollister stepped into his position as president of the company, which he now holds. Long prior to that time, however, Mr. Hollister had become Mr. Wolf's close friend and business confidant. So fully did the younger man enjoy Mr. Wolf's confidence that he was made executor of a very large estate. For after Mr. Wolf's death, when his will was read, it was found that he had named Mr. Hollister an executor, to serve without bond. As the estate amounted to a very large sum its administration was no simple matter, but Mr. Hollister refused to take a penny for his services as executor, turning the entire amount over to his former employer's widow. Indeed, so closely knit were the ties of friendship, that he felt that to accept money for such a service would be to cheapen his own relations with the man he had so greatly admired and respected. Mrs. Wolf, recognizing the value of her late husband's confidence in his business associate, has continued to seek his advice in regard to the administration of her financial affairs. She makes no investments without first consulting with him and waiting until he can carefully analyze the situation to be sure



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that her action is in accordance with the best business practices. As a result the estate has been well conserved and Mrs. Wolff has been gratifyingly successful in her financial moves.

Mr. Hollister is a Rochester man, having been born and bred in this city. The son of Monroe N. and Clarinda (Foster) Hollister, his natal day was the 12th of January, 1872. The father was for many years a prominent lumberman of this city. He passed away in 1921, at the advanced age of eighty-four. During the Civil war he organized a New York regiment. He was chosen captain of his company, which was entirely recruited from Rochester. The wife and mother has also passed away.

Albert John Hollister attended School No. 3 as a boy and later entered the Rochester Free Academy. In 1887, at the early age of fifteen, he put aside his textbooks to go to work as an employe of the Smith & Hollister Paint & Oil Company, which was a little later dissolved. Thus left without work he immediately set about finding another position and shortly associated himself with the M. E. Wolff Insurance Company, in the humble capacity of office boy. His progress from that position to his present office of president, which he assumed upon the death of Mr. Wolff on December 20, 1921, has already been sketched in this article. The M. E. Wolff Insurance Company does a large business in general insurance that extends throughout the state. For some time before Mr. Wolff's death Mr. Hollister had an important part in determining the policies of this company and for the past two years he has been the leading spirit of the organization. In addition to his work as an insurance man he is interested in the Lyceum Theatre Company of Rochester, of which he is secretary and director.

In Rochester, on the 10th of June, 1899, Mr. Hollister was married to Mrs. William Richardson, formerly Dorothy A. Coolidge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney A. Coolidge. Mrs. Hollister, by her previous marriage, was the mother of two children: Ralph K. Richardson, who served for three and a half years in the World war, with the commission of lieutenant; and Almira J. Richardson, a teacher in the Rochester public schools.

From 1901 to 1903 Mr. Hollister served as alderman from the third ward, the only democrat to secure the election to this office in about fifty years. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hollister is a member of the Rochester Lodge of Elks and also maintains membership in the Exempt Firemen's Association of Rochester. His residence is at No. 183 Harvard street, Rochester.

HARRY S. HUNT.

Harry S. Hunt is a successful representative of industrial interests in Steuben county as head of the Hunt Glass Company of Corning, which he established in association with his father in 1893 and of which he has been sole proprietor since the latter's death a decade ago. He was born in England, on the 24th of May, 1878, a son of Thomas T. and Emma (Scofield) Hunt, by whom he was brought to the United States when a lad of five years. The father, who had been engaged in the glass business and also carried on a milling enterprise in England, had been a resident of the United States for about fourteen years when he established the Hunt Glass Company of Corning, New York, together with his son, with whom he was associated in the conduct of the undertaking until he passed away in 1914. Since that time Harry S. Hunt has conducted the plant and business alone and through the exercise of sound judgment, untiring energy and excellent executive ability has developed his interests to extensive and profitable proportions. His chief output is cut and engraved glass. It has ever been his aim to keep abreast or ahead of the times in the glass business and his products have won popular favor in all parts of the United States.

Mr. Hunt has been married twice. In 1889 he wedded Jennie Bowman. After her demise he was united in marriage to Leonore C. Smith and they have a daughter: Dorothy E., who is now the wife of W. J. Sullivan. Politically Mr. Hunt is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a consistent member. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Painted Post Lodge No. 117, A. F. & A. M., and to Corning Consistory, A. & A. S. R. He is likewise affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and also has membership connection with the Corning Club, the Corning Country Club, the Corning Automobile Club and the Allied Glass Associa-

tion. Mr. Hunt was a professional bicycle rider for two years before turning his attention to the glass manufacturing business. His favorite forms of recreation in later years have been gardening, fishing and hunting—sports which take him outdoors. His course has measured up to high standards in every relation of life, so that he has won the warm regard and friendship of all with whom he has come into contact in both business and social circles.

GORDON ROMAIN RUSSELL.

Gordon Romaine Russell, manager of the Rochester office of Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., is a well known figure in investment security circles of this city. He was born in Buffalo, New York, July 22, 1892, a son of Charles H. and Rose Madeline (Pfohl) Russell, also natives of the Empire state. The father is vice president of the Pennzoil Company of New York and is one of the substantial business men and citizens of Buffalo, where he resides. His family consists of two sons and a daughter: W. Bruce, Mrs. Mildred Marie Masters and Gordon Romaine.

Gordon R. Russell attended the public schools of Buffalo, and then entered the Buffalo Technical School, from which he was graduated in 1910. This training was supplemented by a course of study in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and in 1913 he became connected with the Buffalo branch of the American Radiator Company. In 1915 he came to Rochester as service manager of the local plant of the Ford Motor Company and remained in that position until 1917, when he was called to the colors. He was sent to the First Officers Training Camp at Madison Barracks and was commissioned an ensign in the naval aviation department. He was stationed at the Curtis airplane plant in Buffalo until receiving his honorable discharge.

On his return to Rochester Mr. Russell was appointed local manager for Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., of Buffalo, the leading investment security house of western New York. He is well informed on everything relating to the business he represents and has built up one of the most representative clienteles of any investment security house in Rochester.

On September 22, 1917, Mr. Russell was married to Miss Marian V. Kelly, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund C. Kelly of Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have a son and daughter; Gordon R., Jr., born December 18, 1919; and Shirley Velma, whose birth occurred on the 10th of June, 1921. The family residence is at 132 Castlebar road.

Mr. Russell belongs to the Brick church, and his public spirit is denoted by his membership with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Rochester Ad Club, the Oak Hill Country Club and the Automobile Club of Rochester. He is also a member of Warren Hubbard Lodge, No. 964, F. & A. M. A young man of clear mind and forceful personality, Mr. Russell is an excellent type of the up-to-date, enterprising man of business who is constantly forging ahead. He is accorded a most creditable position among the city's best class of citizens and dependable business men.

ARTHUR GARFIELD DUTCHER.

Arthur Garfield Dutcher, an able and successful representative of the legal profession in Rochester during the past seventeen years, is actively engaged in practice here in association with his brother, Hon. Frederick L. Dutcher. His birth occurred at Avon, Livingston county, New York, on the 6th of January, 1880, his parents being Henry H. and Mary Ann (Darrow) Dutcher, the former a native of Avon, New York, and the latter a native of Rochester, this state. The father, who always resided in the Genesee country with the exception of a couple of years spent in Iowa and Illinois, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits until the last twenty years of his life, when he was a stationary engineer in Rochester. He was called to his final rest in 1919. To him and his wife, who still survives, were born ten children, as follows: Mrs. Cora Colson, who makes her home in Genesee, New York; Charles A., a resident of Rochester; William H., living in Auburn, New York; Hon. Frederick L., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Mrs. Marian L. Boyink and Mrs. Rosamond L. Welch, all of whom are residents of Rochester; Arthur G., of this review; two who died in infancy; and J. Edward, a prominent attorney who died in 1914.



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Arthur G. Dutcher began his education in a district school at Littleville and then became a pupil in the Avon high school, while subsequently he continued his high school work in Rochester. His more advanced educational training was received in the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1904. During the three succeeding years he read law and in 1907 was admitted to the bar. For four years he served as assistant district attorney of Monroe county, New York, and was then made assistant corporation counsel for the city of Rochester, filling the latter position for eight years. He has since been actively engaged in the private practice of his chosen profession in this city as a partner of his brother, Hon. Frederick L. Dutcher, and has been accorded a high class and lucrative clientele. Possessing comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, he correctly applies these to the points in litigation. He is remarkable among lawyers for the wide research and provident care with which he prepares his cases. At no time has his reading ever been confined to the limitations of the questions at issue. It has gone beyond and compassed every contingency and provided not alone for the expected but for the unexpected, which happens in the courts quite as frequently as out of them. Along professional lines he has membership connection with the Rochester Bar Association, the Monroe County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

On the 2d of June, 1909, in Rochester, Mr. Dutcher was united in marriage to Miss Hertha Vogt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht Vogt. Mr. and Mrs. Dutcher have become the parents of two sons: Darrow A., whose birth occurred in October, 1911; and David Jaynes, who first opened his eyes to the light of day in March, 1915. Both were born in Rochester.

In politics Mr. Dutcher is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Church of the Ascension. He is a director of the Rochester Humane Society and of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He belongs to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Ad Club and the Oak Hill Country Club, while fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, being past master of Yonondio Lodge, No. 163, F. & A. M., and a member of the Consistory and the Mystic Shrine. A resident of western New York from his birth to the present time, Mr. Dutcher is well known and highly esteemed in this part of the state and enjoys an enviable reputation as a leading and learned lawyer.

JOHN B. WEST, D. D. S.

The record of Dr. John B. West confers honor and distinction upon Elmira's dental fraternity and his pronounced ability has earned for him state-wide prominence. He was born in Keeneyville, Pennsylvania, on August 30, 1881, and his parents, John E. and Olive I. (Croft) West, were also natives of the Keystone state. The mother was born in Chatham and the father was born near Keeneyville. For three years he conducted a store at Rubermont, Virginia, returning at the end of that time to Pennsylvania, and thereafter followed agricultural pursuits in his native state until death terminated his labors in 1923. He was a Free Baptist in religious faith and served for a number of years as one of the trustees of the church, while his political support was given to the democratic party. He is survived by his wife, who still resides in Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Nathan T. West, was born in Madison county, New York, a son of John West, and was educated in Pennsylvania, to which state the family removed during his childhood. He hewed a farm out of the wilderness and the homestead, on which Mrs. John E. West resides at present, is still in possession of the West family.

John B. West is one of four children. He attended a private school of Virginia, which was the first public school for white children in that vicinity and was secured by his father's influence. He completed a course in the high school at Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, and in 1900 was graduated from Keuka Institute. He taught school for a year and then entered the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of D. D. S. in 1904. He practiced in that city for a year, also acting as an instructor in the university, and then opened an office in Groton, New York, where he spent six and a half years. He came to Elmira in 1911 and for four years was associated with Dr. Henry A. Moore. Since 1915 he has maintained an office at No. 306 West Church street. In 1918 he was selected as a member of the Medical Advisory Board (No. 46) for this district, having been the only one with a D. D. S. degree on the board. He received his discharge on March 31, 1919. In 1913 he took postgraduate work in the

dental department of Northwestern University of Chicago and has since specialized in oral surgery and the treatment of pyorrhea. He was one of the first dentists in the country to devote his attention to this disease, of which he has made a close study, and his opinion upon matters pertaining thereto is regarded as authoritative. He has been state dental examiner for ten years.

On September 3, 1902, Dr. West was married to Miss Verna E. Wood, who was born in Weston, Colorado, and completed her education in Keuka Institute, being a classmate of the Doctor. They have two children: John Richard and Elizabeth Ida, aged, respectively, fourteen and six years. Dr. West is one of the trustees of the First Baptist church and a consistent follower of its teachings. He is a trustee and member of the executive committee of Keuka College and along professional lines is connected with the Elmira City, New York State and Sixth District Dental Societies, the American Dental Association and the American Academy of Peridontology. He is an honorary member of the Luther Burbank Society and also belongs to the American School Hygiene Association and the Alumni Association of the University of Buffalo. He is identified with the Masonic order, having membership in Ivy Lodge, and is also connected with the Elmira Country Club.

GEORGE T. BALL.

Barring the few years of his absence when acquiring an education, practically the entire life of George T. Ball, cashier of the First National Bank of Caledonia, Livingston county, New York, has been passed in the town of his nativity. He was born in Caledonia, on December 27, 1889, the son of Thomas and Catharine (Skelley) Ball. During his lifetime the father was engaged in the produce business in Caledonia and was one of the organizers of the First National Bank. His widow is living.

The education of George T. Ball was acquired in the grade and high schools of Caledonia, after leaving which he took the course in the Rochester Business Institute, at Rochester, New York, from which he graduated in 1907. Mr. Ball then returned to Caledonia, and for the next five years was head bookkeeper for the International Agricultural Corporation, leaving this position to become head accountant for the Piehler Shoe Company of Rochester, where he remained five years. In 1917 Mr. Ball entered the service of the First National Bank of Caledonia as assistant cashier and in January, 1918, was promoted to the position of cashier. He takes an active interest in the affairs of his community and is secretary of the Caledonia board of trade.

On November 9, 1911, Mr. Ball was married to Edith Austin of Caledonia. Two children have been born to them: George T., Jr., and Jean. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of Rochester. In religion Mr. Ball is a member of the St. Columba Roman Catholic church of Caledonia.

J. MILTON CARPENTER.

J. Milton Carpenter, a highly respected and representative resident of Wellsville who is now living retired, has been a successful oil producer for the past three decades and also spent a period of forty years in the drug business here. A native of Wellsville, Allegany county, New York, he was born in the year 1861, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter. The birth of the father occurred in Orange county, this state, in 1820.

J. Milton Carpenter obtained his education in the schools of his home locality and after putting aside his textbooks secured employment in the drug store of Edwin B. Hall of Wellsville, whose daughter he subsequently married. As above stated, he devoted his attention to the drug trade with excellent success for forty years, conducting the Hall Drug Store after the demise of the latter. It is the oldest business landmark of Wellsville. In 1920, however, on account of impaired health, he retired to private life.

It was in 1894 that he started oil producing on a small scale in the Alma field but with the passing years has expanded his interests in this connection until he now has wells in Alma, Willing, Independence and the Wellsville district. The Quintette Oil Company, in which Mr. Carpenter was interested, drilled the largest well in the Independence field. The oil flowed wild to the amount of two hundred barrels per day.



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THE "PINK HOUSE", RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. J. MILTON
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and much was lost before the flow could be controlled, after which there was a daily production of thirty barrels for some time. Mr. Carpenter has been a director of the First Trust Company of Wellsville for several years, is also interested in several local business concerns and enjoys wide recognition as one of the prosperous and highly esteemed citizens of the community.

Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Hall, daughter of Edwin B. Hall. They became the parents of two daughters, Florence L. and Beatrice, the latter dying at the age of two years. The former is a graduate of the Wellsville high school and of Vassar College, which in 1920 conferred upon her the degree of Bachelor of Arts, while in 1922 she received the degree of Master of Arts from Columbia University, where she did research work in psychology. On October 20, 1924, she was married to Professor Norman Woelfel, of Buffalo, New York, head of the department of psychology at the Maryland State Normal School at Towson, Maryland. Professor Woelfel received degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts from Columbia University. Mrs. Woelfel belongs to Phi Beta Kappa and to the American Geographic Society.

In politics Mr. Carpenter may be termed an independent republican, for he does not blindly follow party leadership. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Wellsville Lodge, No. 230, F. & A. M., and to Wellsville Chapter, No. 143, R. A. M. He is also a member of the Wellsville Country Club. Mr. Carpenter has been a lifelong resident of Wellsville, and that his career has ever been an upright and honorable one is indicated in the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his stanch friends and admirers.

WILBERT AUGUSTUS NARAMORE.

Wilbert Augustus Naramore, formerly of the firm of Naramore, Niles & Company, public accountants and auditors of Rochester, New York, was born at No. 8 Scio street, in that city, on the 13th of November, 1863. His father, the late John Naramore was for years a practicing dentist of Rochester. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Eliza A. Childs, was born in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, but spent her girlhood in Mount Morris, New York, and all of her married life in Rochester, where she died in February, 1916.

At the age of eleven, circumstances compelled Wilbert Augustus Naramore to leave school and become a bread-winner. The rudimentary education he had obtained in the public schools of his native city prior to that time was subsequently supplemented by courses in local night schools and a course in commercial law, mathematics and bookkeeping, at the "Rochester Business University" conducted by Williams and Rogers.

Mr. Naramore's first position was with the well known dry goods house of Sibley, Lindsay & Curr, where as "check boy" he earned the large sum of one dollar and fifty cents per week. By degrees he worked up to and occupied bookkeeping positions with various business enterprises, spending two years in that line of work in London, England. Subsequently he became connected with the Eastman Kodak Company accounting department, occupying the position of chief accountant over a period of ten years. He resigned from this connection in July, 1903, to enter the field of public accounting. He then entered into engagements with the National Cash Register Company of Dayton, Ohio, and with the Stromberg, Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Company of Rochester, New York, for special accounting work and in 1906 opened an office of his own in Rochester as a public accountant. The following year he formed a partnership with Oscar L. Niles, under the firm name of Naramore & Niles. On January 1, 1923, William B. Franke was admitted to the firm, the title of which was then changed to Naramore, Niles & Company, who have since extended their operations to include branch offices in New York city, Troy, New York, and representatives in London, England.

Mr. Naramore has always taken a lively interest in those things that promote cultural life and civic betterment in his community. His religious affiliations are with the Third Presbyterian church. He belongs to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Rochester Historical Society, Memorial Art Gallery, Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester Automobile Club, and City Club. In his earlier days he was active in Rochester Musical circles, having filled the position of baritone in quartet and chorus choirs and other singing organizations.

On the 3d of October, 1889, in Rochester, Mr. Naramore was married to Miss Jennie I. Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Copeland. Mr. and Mrs. Naramore are the parents of two sons: David C. and Gordon C. Naramore. On the 8th of April, 1920, the elder son, David, was married to Miss Helen Barber, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Barber of Rochester. During the World war David Naramore served as a member of the United States Forestry Engineering Corps, spending a year of his service in France. Gordon Naramore was stationed at Camp Dix during the World war as a corporal in the National army. On the 19th of January, 1924, he was married to Miss Ruth King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. King of Rochester.

Mr. Wilbert A. Naramore retired from active business in 1924 in excellent health, after a commercial career of fifty years, hoping to devote his leisure to travel and other pursuits which the nature of his profession had in the past permitted to a limited extent only.

GEORGE VAN RENSSELAER MERRILL, M. D.

The growth and permanence of an institution are determined by its usefulness and value to the community which it serves. That the Chemung Valley Mutual Loan Association is essential to the city of Elmira is proven by the fact that the business has endured for nearly a half century and has become one of the largest of the kind in this part of the state. It was the pioneer in the Chemung valley in enabling a man of moderate means to secure a home of his own by the payment of monthly installments. Dr. George V. R. Merrill, who for many years has been numbered among the leading physicians of the city, is now serving as president of this institution. He was born in Cortland county, New York, February 24, 1841, a son of Stephen Van Rensselaer and Henrietta (Sweet) Merrill, both of whom were born in the vicinity of Troy, this state. They removed to Chemung county in 1848 and the father first followed the occupation of farming. He afterward turned his attention to the hotel business and conducted the first temperance hostelry in the country. Both Mr. and Mrs. Merrill were active members of the Baptist church and guided their lives by its teachings. He was a whig in politics and filled the office of justice of the peace. He was a son of Meade Merrill, who was a native of Connecticut and subsequently became a resident of Cortland county, New York, where he spent the remainder of his life.

George Van Rensselaer Merrill is the only surviving member of a family of seven children. He attended the public schools of Elmira, afterward becoming a student in the University of Michigan, and in 1863 was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York city. He had enlisted in the Union army in April, 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil war, starting as a private, and eighteen months later was appointed by the war department to the Cadet Medical Corps, in which he served for a year. He then resumed his medical studies in New York city, remaining there until his course was completed, after which he returned to Elmira. Following his marriage Dr. Merrill reentered the service and was appointed assistant surgeon. He was assigned to duty as a surgeon in 1865 and in September of that year received his honorable discharge.

In 1865 Dr. Merrill began the practice of medicine in Elmira and with the exception of two years in the west has successfully followed his profession in this city for fifty-five years. He was also interested in the drug business and in 1920 retired from practice, although he still maintains an office for the benefit of those who wish to consult him. He is now serving as president of the Chemung Valley Mutual Loan Association and the other officers are: F. M. Howell, vice president; George H. Davidson, secretary; and Milton Y. Smith, treasurer. The association was established in April, 1875, and now has eight thousand two hundred and eighty-four shareholders. The business has a record of forty-nine years of successful management and during this period has paid out in dividends the sum of one million, nine hundred and eleven thousand, four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents. It has no preferred stock.

In April, 1863, Dr. Merrill was married to Miss Harriet E. Johnson, who was born in Maine. She died in the year 1901. To that union was born one child, who died in infancy. In August, 1902, Dr. Merrill was united in marriage to Lorette F. Burgess, one of Elmira's native daughters, and they have two children: George B., a fireman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; and Francis R., a college student.

Dr. Merrill is a Baptist in religious faith and has always taken an active part in church work, also filling the position of Sunday school superintendent for a number of years. He is an advocate of the platform and principles of the republican party and has rendered valuable service to his community as health officer, coroner and superintendent of schools. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and has been a commander of the local post.

JOHN GEORGE KRAMER.

In the business world of Dansville there is today no more commanding figure than that of John George Kramer, a man of clear head, well trained mind and progressive ideas, who has converted opportunities into tangible assets, and his operations in the dry goods field have made his name widely known throughout the Empire state. During the trying ordeal which ever precedes the attainment of success he has preserved his frank, genial and kindly nature and is always ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that result from conscious personal ability and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities. He is one of Dansville's native sons and was born May 27, 1868, of the marriage of Frederick and Electa (Keifer) Kramer, both of whom died in 1907.

John George Kramer received a good education, attending the public schools, the Dansville Seminary, the Geneseo Normal School and the Rochester Business Institute, and entered upon his independent career well prepared for life's responsibilities and duties. He first worked in the clothing store conducted by his father and uncle and in 1889 became associated with G. M. Sturm in the grocery business under the firm name of Kramer & Sturm. On April 7, 1894, John G. Kramer embarked in the dry goods business in association with James E. Krein and this relationship was maintained until March 26, 1896, when Mr. Kramer purchased his partner's interest in the undertaking, which has since been conducted under his name. He carries a complete line of high grade merchandise and a thorough knowledge of the details of the business has enabled him correctly to judge the needs of customers and to cater thereto. As his capital has increased Mr. Kramer has broadened the scope of his activities and is now operating branch stores in Sodus, Shortsville, Rushville, Newark, Watkins, Seneca Falls and Clyde, all being situated in the state of New York. He is thoroughly imbued with the progressive spirit of the age and displays marked foresight and executive ability in the management of his extensive business affairs.

On July 16, 1905, Mr. Kramer was married to Miss Ida Day of Hornell, New York, and they have two sons: John Frederick and James Healy. Mr. Kramer has made business but one phase of his life and civic development has received new impetus from his constructive efforts. He has worked earnestly and effectively to raise the educational standards of his community and served for four years as president of the Dansville School Board. He was one of the first presidents of the local board of trade and for thirty-five years has been a member of the Union Hose Company. He is a director of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Dansville, being chairman of the finance committee; and is a director of the Jackson Health Resort. During the World war he was chairman of the local Liberty Loan committee. He belongs to the Dansville Rotary Club and is identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine at Rochester. Mr. Kramer casts his ballot for the candidates and principles of the democratic party. The exercise of effort has developed his latent talents and public opinion bears testimony to his high qualities of mind and heart.

JOSEPH LEE HUMPHREY.

Joseph Lee Humphrey, a well known attorney of Rochester, where he has successfully practiced his profession during the past twenty-seven years, is a representative of an old and honored family of the Genesee country. His birth occurred in this city on the 20th of October, 1872, his parents being George Harvey and Elizabeth (Swan) Humphrey, the former a son of Harvey and Elizabeth Humphrey. The paternal grandfather, a prominent lawyer and jurist and a brilliant Greek and Latin scholar, came to Rochester from West Bloomfield, New York, in 1820. His son, George Harvey Humphrey, was born in Rochester, this state, on the 1st of March, 1831, and

for many years was numbered among the distinguished representatives of the legal profession in this city both as a member of the bar and on the bench. He had attained the age of seventy-three years when he passed away in Rochester in 1914. In early manhood he wedded Miss Elizabeth Swan who was born in Rochester on the 15th of July, 1834, and was a daughter of General Lansing D. Swan, prominent in the early history of western New York. She was called to her final rest in the year 1902. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, as follows: Lansing Swan, who died at the age of thirty-four years; George Perkins; Mrs. Lillian H. Williamson; Mrs. Bertha H. DeWitt; Joseph Lee, of this review; Mary, and Ethel.

Joseph Lee Humphrey supplemented his grade school education by a course of study in the Rochester high school, after which he matriculated in the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1895. Having determined to follow in the professional footsteps of his father, he began reading law in the latter's office and in 1897 was admitted to the bar. His initial experience as an attorney was gained in association with his father and he has since devoted his attention to general law practice, with continually increasing success, being accorded a clientage of distinctively representative character. An excellent presence, an earnest, dignified manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability accurately to apply its principles, are factors in his success as an advocate. He belongs to both the Rochester Bar Association and the New York Bar Association.

On the 30th of June, 1909, in Rochester, New York, Mr. Humphrey was united in marriage to Miss Winifred Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Ball, representing a prominent family of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey have a son, Paul M. Mr. Humphrey is a director and treasurer of the Peoples Rescue Mission and a director of the Episcopal Church Home and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of the highly esteemed residents and leading lawyers of his native city.

JUNIUS JUDSON.

Junius Judson, unquestionably one of the strongest and most influential men whose lives have become an essential part of the history of Rochester and Monroe county, won well merited fame as inventor and patentee of the celebrated steam engine governor which bears his name. He was a resident of Rochester during the greater part of his business career and had passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey when called to his final rest on the 6th of June, 1896. His birth occurred on a farm in Jefferson county, New York, on February 5, 1813, and in early boyhood he attended the district schools near his father's home. The premature demise of his father threw him upon his own resources for a livelihood and it was in 1830, when a youth of seventeen, that he arrived in Rochester to learn the machinist's trade. A few years later he became a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he conducted business as a foundryman and hardware manufacturer. He not only mastered the mechanical construction of those things which he placed upon the market but was continually seeking out methods of improvement, and as the result of his skill, study and experiment he gave to the world in 1848 the Judson steam engine governor, securing a patent upon his invention. In 1851 he returned to Rochester, where he began the manufacture of the governor, continuing the business with excellent success throughout the remainder of his life. Others, noting the good points of his devices, made attempts to infringe upon his patents in this country and in Canada and he therefore was forced to devote much time to the protection of his interests by prosecuting those who were infringing on his rights. In this way he secured large returns from the very considerable sums expended by him in patent litigation. It is not a usual thing to find an inventor with good executive and business ability. Mr. Judson, however, was an exception to the rule and reaped the legitimate reward of his inventive genius and commercial enterprise. His manufacturing interests were also of material benefit to the city in that they furnished employment to hundreds of working men. As his financial resources increased he made extensive investments in real estate and for many years was one of the city's heaviest individual taxpayers. Unlike many men who accumulate wealth, he favored liberal taxation, as he desired that good improvements be promoted thereby. His faith in the future of Rochester was indicated by the large sums which he put into real estate and into local enterprises. His judgment was recognized as sound and his business sagacity constituted an important factor in his success.



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A contemporary biographer said of him: "As Mr. Judson prospered he gave generously of his means toward promoting the moral development of the community through the work of the churches and also aided in ameliorating the hard conditions of life for others through his generosity and charitable and benevolent institutions. He realized fully the responsibilities of wealth and was ever willing and ready to assist others less fortunate, not only by substantial means but also by kindly counsel and advice. From early youth he was one of the world's workers and his success, so great as to seem almost magical, was attributable directly to his own labors. He never courted public favor and in fact shunned public notoriety. In manner he was plain and unostentatious. While he had the laudable ambition that seeks substantial, honorable success, he recognized character worth as above everything else and in his own life set an example which may well be followed by those who regard integrity and honest purpose as infinitely more valuable than wealth, fame or position. He became a most prosperous man but the most envious could not grudge him his success, as he was uniformly recognized as a man of the strictest integrity, of the simplest and purest motives, steadfastness of purpose and of great uprightness of character."

Another writer paid Mr. Judson the following tribute: "He was honored and respected by all who knew him. Without the aid of influence or wealth he rose to a position among the most prominent business men of the state, his native genius and acquired ability being the stepping-stones on which he mounted."

Through such memorials as this at hand the individual and the character of his services are kept in remembrance and the importance of those services acknowledged. His example, in whatever field his work may have been done, thus stands as an object lesson to those who come after him and though dead he still speaks. Long after all recollection of his personality shall have faded from the minds of men, the less perishable record may tell the story of his life and commend his example for imitation.

Mr. Judson was married to Miss Lavenda Bushnell, a daughter of Thomas Bushnell, and to them were born four children: J. Lee, who departed this life on the 5th of October, 1901, when fifty-five years of age; Charles B., who died unmarried; Mary E., who married Professor George D. Hale; and Harriet J., the widow of Harry Langdon Brewster. The family has always been connected with the First Baptist church.

REV. THOMAS F. GLEASON.

The life of Rev. Thomas F. Gleason, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church of Medina since September, 1912, has been one of utmost service to the communities where he has labored during his thirty years as a priest. In St. Mary's parish he has not only advanced the spiritual welfare of the three hundred families who are members of his faith but has added to the church property a fine fireproof school building of brick and steel construction, containing an auditorium with a seating capacity of eight hundred. The school now has three hundred and sixty pupils and eight teachers, besides a special teacher of music. Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph are the teachers in this parish school. Father Gleason was in charge of the erection of the church at Lyndonville and brought about the purchase of an addition to the cemetery. He is chaplain of the local council of the Knights of Columbus and active in all matters pertaining to the social as well as the spiritual side of the parish.

Thomas F. Gleason was born in Buffalo, New York, on the 4th of March, 1870, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Byron) Gleason. He attended St. Joseph's College and Niagara University and was ordained in 1895, Bishop Stephen Vincent Ryan officiating. For a year thereafter Father Gleason was assistant pastor at Lockport, serving Dean Cannon at St. Patrick's Church. Then he was transferred to the Sacred Heart church at Niagara Falls, where he remained for two years, while subsequently he spent a similar period in charge of St. Mary's church in Belmont, Allegany county, New York. His next pastorate covered twelve years at the Precious Blood church of Buffalo and in September, 1912, he came to Medina, where he has since served the Master as rector of St. Mary's Catholic church. His present assistant here is Father John J. Kelly.

In carrying on the work of the church at Medina and Lyndonville, Father Gleason has become widely known, not only among those of the Roman Catholic faith but generally, and he is always willing to cooperate in community matters with other organizations and churches. His influence for good in the section where he has

labored, as well as his earlier work in Buffalo, is inestimable. He is a logical thinker, a clear and convincing speaker and a man of scholarly attainments whose powers and talents have been a leavening force in making high ideals a tangible asset in the daily affairs of life.

JAMES CLOUGH DORR, M. D.

Dr. James Clough Dorr, during the period of his residence in Dansville, has firmly established himself in public regard as an able and progressive representative of the medical profession. He was born on a farm near Norridgewock, in Somerset county, Maine, July 11, 1868, a son of George Boardman and Sarah C. (Adams) Dorr, the former an apothecary. The study of music brought Dr. Dorr to New York state and in 1893 he was graduated from Haveling Free Academy at Bath. He was also a member of the band at the State Soldiers' Home, which is situated in Bath, and became an accomplished musician. In 1896 he received the M. D. degree from the University of Buffalo and his professional novitiate was served at Wayland, New York, where he remained until 1905. He then opened an office in Dansville and during the intervening period his practice has steadily grown, as he has had opportunity to demonstrate his skill in the treatment of disease. In 1922 he took postgraduate work in Buffalo. Prompted by the spirit of patriotism, Dr. Dorr volunteered for service in the World war, enlisting in the United States Medical Corps in June, 1917, and was called into active service on September 5, 1917. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and was promoted to the rank of captain in December, 1917. He received his honorable discharge on August 26, 1919, and is now a major in the medical department of the Officers Reserve Corps.

On the 6th of August, 1892, Dr. Dorr was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Tharp, of Bath, New York, and they have become the parents of a daughter: Dorothy A., who is attending the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, New York. Dr. Dorr is identified with the Masonic order and his political support is given to the republican party, while his professional relations are with the Livingston County and New York State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. He is recognized as a good citizen and his ambition keeps him abreast with the trend of the times in the field of modern medical and surgical practice.

HON. CHARLES H. BROWN.

As a successful attorney and jurist the Hon. Charles H. Brown, of Belmont, justice of the supreme court of New York, has been an influential factor in legal circles in Allegany county and the Genesee country for more than forty years. Judge Brown was admitted to practice before the bar of the state of New York in 1880, since when he has been continuously connected with his profession. The son of Hiram C. and Alice A. (Stuart) Brown, he was born in West Winfield, Herkimer county, New York, on the 20th of July, 1858.

Charles H. Brown obtained his education in the West Winfield Academy and the Hungerford Collegiate Institute of Adams, New York, following which he prepared by private study for his profession of law. At the age of twenty-two he passed his bar examinations and took up the active practice of his chosen profession. Like most aspiring young lawyers, Judge Brown spent the first years of professional life in building up a practice and establishing a reputation. His natural ability, coupled with diligence and a sincerity of purpose, made for rapid progress up the professional ladder and ere long the young attorney was attracting the favorable comment of his older colleagues before the bar by the thorough manner in which he prepared his cases and the forceful way in which he presented the causes of his clients before the courts. In short, the people of Belmont began to look to Mr. Brown as one of the coming young professional men of the county.

Nor were they to be disappointed. Judge Brown's subsequent career has fulfilled the early promise of his life in full measure. In 1889 he was chosen district attorney for Allegany county and held that office for seven years. The following year he became United States district attorney for the western district of New York. He discharged the duties of this highly responsible position with skill and a conscientious regard for the welfare of the great nation he served and was retained in office until 1906. Judge Brown's elevation to the bench of the supreme court of New York came



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in 1907, as a fitting recognition of his unusual powers as a lawyer. He was a judge in this court continuously until 1920 and in 1921 again took his place on the bench for the term of office to expire in 1928. Not only is he thoroughly grounded in the law, but this judge is gifted with those powers of logic and discrimination which are commonly characterized as the legal temperment. He goes quickly and easily to the facts at the bottom of each case tried in his court, is able to look impartially on each side of the questions at issue and apply to them the established principles of law and equity. By those who know him best Judge Brown has long been regarded as a man eminently fitted for the bench of the supreme court and his long term of office in that capacity has more than vindicated their judgment. The Judge's political affiliations have always been with the republican party, of which he is a loyal member.

On the 16th of November of the year following his admission to the bar (1881), Charles H. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Alice C. Smith of Adams, New York. Mrs. Brown died December 17, 1905. To them were born two sons, Charles H. Brown, Jr., and Harold Stuart Brown. The older of the two boys was born on the 8th of July, 1883, and graduated from Amherst College, Massachusetts, with the Bachelor of Arts degree, in the class of 1904. Three years later he was married to Miss Edith Warner of Marblehead, Massachusetts. He is now associated with the Shredded Wheat Company at Niagara Falls, New York. The younger son chose to follow in his father's professional footsteps and is now a practicing attorney of Buffalo, New York, being a member of the firm of Locke, Babcock, Hollister & Brown. Born on the 14th of June, 1886, he is also an alumnus of Amherst College, class of 1909. In college Mr. Brown took a general course of study leading to the A. B. degree, which he supplemented by a law course in Columbia University Law School, taking his LL. B. degree in 1912. Mr. Brown and Miss Jean McEwen of Wellsville, New York, were united in marriage in 1916.

MICHAEL DOWLING.

Michael Dowling, a prominent contractor and railroad builder of Nunda, Livingston county, New York, was born in Dublin, Ireland, on July 23, 1833, and died in Nunda, New York, on November 21, 1891. He was the son of Patrick and Margaret Dowling, came to the United States when he was fifteen years old, and first located in Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York. The father was a farmer and later moved to Callao, Macon county, Missouri, where Michael received some education in the district schools, and started in railroad contracting work when nineteen years old. He began on the St. Louis Pacific Railroad in 1861, and was on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad in Missouri in 1862 and 1863. In 1864 Mr. Dowling built the Weehawken tunnel on the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad. In 1867, with a Mr. Reynolds, he began to fill large contracts on the Union Pacific Railroad that required two years for completion. Mr. Dowling was then on the Lackawanna branch at Paterson, New Jersey, until 1870. In April, 1870, he went to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he constructed one hundred miles of road. The firm of Dowling & Kennedy was formed in 1870 and handled large contracts on the Lackawanna Railroad at Binghamton, New York, until that road was completed.

Mr. Dowling was married on September 8, 1870, to Harriet Barron, of Mount Morris, New York, who died on June 15, 1909. They were the parents of the following children: Mabel H., Cora I. and Florence L., the latter now the wife of Fred G. Olp, president of the Nunda Bank.

Mr. Dowling accumulated a large property. For several years he was president of the old First National Bank at Nunda. He purchased a handsome home in Nunda, also had homes in other places, and was one of the most respected of the citizens of the last generation.

HARRY P. LAKE.

Harry P. Lake is a representative and successful agriculturist of Steuben county who is devoting his attention to general farming and dairying in Bath, owning a fine herd of Holstein cattle. He was born in the vicinity of Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, on the 1st of September, 1866, his parents being Jerome A. and Louise (Curtis) Lake. The family had been represented in New England for some generations before the great-grandfather of Harry P. Lake, Rev. Warren Lake, a

Baptist minister, came to the Genesee country about 1835, settling in Mount Morris, Livingston county. Orrin D. Lake, the paternal grandfather of Mr. Lake of this review, was a member of the New York assembly in 1851 and joined the republican party when it was formed in 1854, since which time all the members of the Lake family have given their loyal support to this great political organization. Elizabeth Williams, mother of Orrin D. Lake, was a descendant of Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island. Through his mother, Mrs. Louise (Curtis) Lake, who was descended from the Thorpes of Revolutionary fame, Harry P. Lake is eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

In the acquirement of an education Harry P. Lake attended school in Geneseo and subsequently continued his studies in Colgate Academy, the preparatory department of Colgate University at Hamilton, New York. After putting aside his textbooks he returned to the old homestead farm and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in association with his father until 1908, when he purchased the property in Bath, which he has since cultivated.

In 1912 Mr. Lake was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Brundage of Bath, New York, who departed this life in 1919. Mr. Lake is an earnest worker in the local ranks of the republican party, to which he gives unflinching allegiance, and is widely recognized as a loyal, public-spirited and enterprising citizen whose aid and influence are ever found on the side of progress and improvement. He was elected supervisor for the town of Bath in the fall of 1923. Mr. Lake is held in high confidence and esteem by all who know him.

B. FRANK DRAKE.

B. Frank Drake was long prominent in industrial circles of Allegany county as treasurer and general manager of the Drake Manufacturing Company of Friendship, which he founded in 1897. He had attained the age of sixty years when called to his final rest on August 10, 1919, the community thus sustaining the loss of one of its representative and successful business men as well as highly esteemed citizens. He was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, in 1859, his parents being John C. and Mahala (Woodhouse) Drake, the former a farmer and oil producer of the Keystone state who in 1874 took up his abode in Olean, Cattaraugus county, New York.

B. Frank Drake obtained his education in the public schools of Bradford and Olean having been a youth of fifteen when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this state. It was in 1880, upon attaining his majority, that he came to Friendship, where he was associated with his father in the retail hardware business under the firm name of John C. Drake & Son until 1897. In that year he organized the Drake Hardware Company for the manufacture of malleable cooking ranges, dairymen's supplies and hardware. Later the concern absorbed the business of the Rumsey Engine Company and added the Rumsey line.

In 1913 the Drake Company built a foundry for general foundry work. In 1915 the company also engaged in the manufacture of electric cranes and hoists, known as "moto-hoists". In 1921 the name of the firm was changed to the Drake Manufacturing Company. The "Empire State Malleable Range" is sold direct to the consumer, by traveling salesmen who represent the Drake Manufacturing Company in New York and Pennsylvania, as well as in the New England states, while in the plant in Friendship employment is furnished to from forty to fifty workmen. The company also began the manufacture of Drake Lighting Standards for boulevard lighting in 1920. The officers of the Drake Manufacturing Company at its organization in 1897 were as follows: Charles L. Howard, president; L. S. Howard, vice president; C. A. Day, secretary; and B. Frank Drake, treasurer and general manager. The present officers of the corporation are: Howard B. Drake, president and treasurer; and M. Carey Drake, vice president and secretary.

In addition to his active official connection with this important industrial enterprise, B. Frank Drake was a director and vice president of the Union National Bank of Friendship and a director of the Empire Sash & Door Company and the Moore Steam Turbine Corporation of Wellsville. His connection with any undertaking insured a prosperous outcome of the same, for it was in his nature to carry forward to successful completion whatever he was associated with. He earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business and in his dealings was known for his prompt and honorable methods, which won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen. He was a consistent member and a trustee of the First Baptist



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church of Friendship and in his life he also exemplified the beneficent teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, to which he belonged. He had been a resident of Friendship for nearly four decades when he departed this life, and his passing was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for the many sterling traits of his character had attracted to him a large circle of warm friends.

In early manhood B. Frank Drake was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Howard of Friendship, daughter of Charles L. and Amelia (Babcock) Howard. Her father, a retail merchant and manufacturer of Kent, Ohio, and subsequently a realtor of Florida, was a resident of Friendship, New York, from 1905 to the time of his demise in 1919. Mrs. Drake was prominent in the county Daughter of American Revolution and club circles, and her pleasing personality won her many friends. She died on July 6, 1921, less than two years after the passing of her beloved husband. Mr. and Mrs. Drake became the parents of two sons: Howard B. and M. Carey, who are worthy successors of their father in the management of the Drake Manufacturing Company.

In the acquirement of an education Howard B. Drake pursued a high school course in Friendship and following his graduation matriculated in Cornell University, which in 1910 conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He joined his father in business after putting aside his textbooks and is now at the head of the Drake Manufacturing Company in the dual capacity of president and treasurer. He is likewise a director of the Union National Bank of Friendship and of the Moore Steam Turbine Corporation of Wellsville. He is now president of the village of Friendship and is proving a highly satisfactory and capable official. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Allegany Lodge, No. 225, F. & A. M., at Friendship; and Valley Point Chapter, R. A. M. at Cuba. To him and his wife, who was formerly Miss Margaret Munger of Knoxboro, New York, were born two children, Richard M. and Harriet.

M. Carey Drake, the vice president and secretary of the Drake Manufacturing Company, received his education in the high school in Friendship and also in Cornell University, where he became a member of the Student Army Training Corps. Besides his official connection with the Drake Manufacturing Company he is a stockholder in various local concerns and is widely recognized as one of the enterprising and substantial young business men of Allegany county. Like his brother, he belongs to the Masonic fraternity. He married Miss Stella Rice of Friendship.

HENRY O. BUTTON.

Henry O. Button, a successful attorney, has practiced in Sodus for a quarter of a century, and while he has always made his professional duties his first consideration, his public spirit has led to his participation in civic affairs. He was born September 3, 1873, near Wallington, New York, and in both the paternal and maternal lines represents pioneer families of Wayne county. He is the youngest of the four sons of Benjamin Franklin and Caroline (Flint) Button, who were married in Alton, New York. The mother was a native of Wayne county, and the father was born in Alton and served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he followed as a means of livelihood. He has reached the age of eighty-one years, but the mother is deceased.

Henry O. Button completed a course in the high school in Newark, New York, and afterward read law in the office and under the direction of his cousin, F. H. Button, a well known attorney of Buffalo. He was admitted to the bar in 1899 and opened an office in Sodus, where he has since made his home. He has a large practice, his cases being mostly of a civil nature, and he is retained as counsel by the Gaylord State Bank and other important corporations of Wayne county. He has a thorough knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and correctly applies his legal learning to the points in litigation. His professional prestige led to his appointment as attorney for the state tax commission and state comptroller and this work occupied his attention from January 1, 1915, until April 1, 1923.

Mr. Button was married in Sodus Point, on June 8, 1900, to Miss Edith N. Wickham, a daughter of Frederick C. Wickham and a member of one of the pioneer families of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Button have a son, Frederick W. Mr. Button is a citizen of worth and aided in raising funds for the government during the period of the World war. He was the first president of the village of Sodus after its incorporation and has also worked effectively for the good of his community as president of the board

of education. He is a staunch republican in politics and has been a delegate to the state conventions of the party. He is a Royal Arch Mason, while his professional connections are with the Wayne County and New York State Bar Associations. Mr. Button has given the weight of his influence to every worthy public project and honors his profession by his adherence to the solid virtues and enlightened principles underlying the law.

NATHAN STEIN.

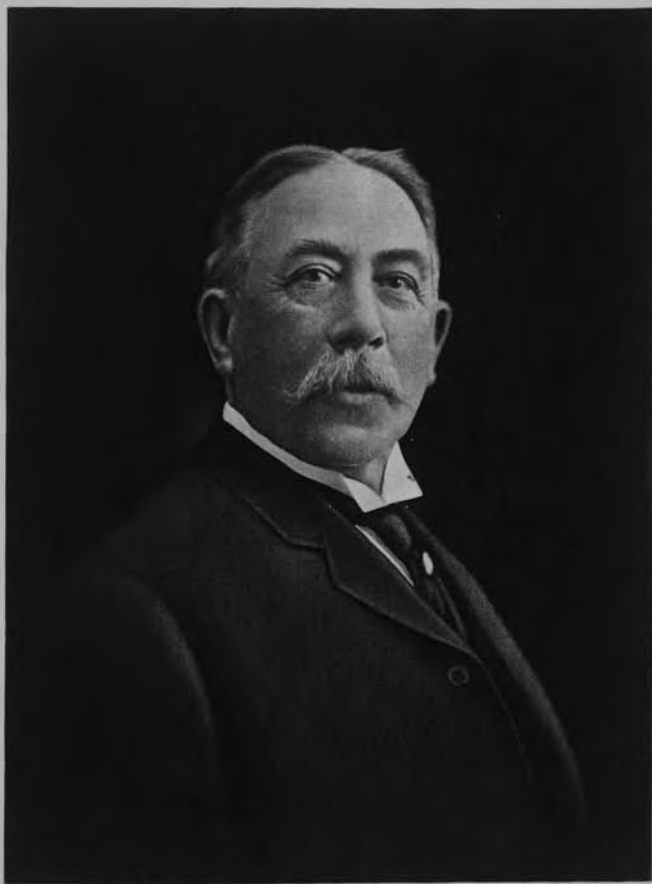
Nathan Stein, founder and president of The Stein-Bloch Company, a well known and highly respected citizen of Rochester, died on June 2, 1908. He was born in Teplitz, Austria, August 1, 1828, coming of a family that had dwelt in that same mountain village for generations. Had he been spared until the following August, he would have passed the long span of four score years. In that time, in the face of adversity, beaten down but always rising with a smile at defeat, he carved out the name that in the eyes of men who know the history of the business in which he led, became by common consent that of the true founder of a national industry. His was a type that America has become familiar with in the past, but one that is more rarely met with now. Born in the heart of the Austrian hills, surrounded by the traditions of centuries, something he could not control impelled him to break away from the old beaten path of his forebears and to find a life where he could breathe with freedom and let his active thoughts have wide room to grow. There were hundreds of young men of vigorous intelligence in Europe in those days who felt stirring within them this same restlessness of spirit and instinctively turned their faces toward the west and sought as the goal of their hopes the new republic of America. Nathan Stein was one of them. He came to this country when scarcely more than a lad and sought work. He knew his trade and believed in it with the firm faith and fine distinctions of the born craftsman. Fortune brought him to Geneva, New York, where he located in 1849. He became a merchant tailor, and his skill soon brought him a large trade—more than the capacity of one man to control. Then the idea whose future development brought him wealth and position had its birth and with characteristic energy he seized upon it and began his life work with all the earnestness that his nature owned.

In 1865, Nathan Stein became interested in the firm of G. & J. Wile, Cauffman & Company and three years later he organized the firm of Stein & Solomon, continuing in the wholesale clothing business with various changes until 1883, when the firm of Stein, Bloch & Company was organized. This business was incorporated in 1890 as The Stein-Bloch Company, of which he became president and of which he remained at the head to the time of his death.

Nathan Stein married Miss Mina Levy, who survived him. He was a man of unusual business acumen, was scrupulous to the last degree in all his financial transactions and earned a reputation for business integrity surpassed by none. He was very unostentatious, lived a life of simplicity and unaffectedness, and his home life was ideal.

Simon N. Stein occupies a prominent position in business circles of Rochester as the secretary and treasurer of The Stein-Bloch Company, wholesale clothing manufacturers. This city numbers him among her native sons, for it was here that his birth occurred on the 21st of March, 1868, his parents being Nathan and Mina (Levy) Stein. In his youth he acquired a public school education and since starting out in the business world has made steady progress as experience has broadened his knowledge and his powers have been developed through the exercise of effort. As secretary and treasurer of the extensive clothing manufacturing concern conducted under the name of The Stein-Bloch Company he has gained a leading place in commercial circles of his native city and has become widely recognized as a business man of splendid executive ability, keen discrimination and unfaltering enterprise.

Mr. Stein has exerted his efforts not only in the attainment of business success but also in those departments of activity which ameliorate hard conditions of life for the unfortunate, formerly serving as treasurer of the Jewish Orphans' Home of Western New York and as a director of the Dorsey Home and of the Community Chest. He is a valued member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, of which he is assistant treasurer, and in fraternal circles is known as a life member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Masons, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the latter order. His appreciation for the social amenities of life is indicated by his membership in the Ironido Club, the Irondequoit



Nathan Stein

Country Club, the Rochester Club, the Rochester Canoe Club, the Idlers Club, the Rochester Athletic Club, the Genesee Golf Club, the Automobile Club of Rochester and the Progress and Criterion Clubs of New York city.

CHARLES ADSIT.

Charles Adsit, who long enjoyed a position of distinction as Hornell's leading citizen and dean of bankers, was continuously identified with the First National Bank of the city for more than six decades and succeeded his father as president of the institution in 1900. His long, useful and honorable life was ended on the 20th of May, 1924, his eighty-first birthday, at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Charles Adsit was born in Hornell, Steuben county, New York, on the 20th of May, 1843, his parents being Martin and Esther J. (Charles) Adsit. A biography of the father may be found on another page of this work. In the acquirement of an education Charles Adsit attended the public schools of Hornell, the Walnut Hill School at Geneva, New York, and the Patterson Classical School in Detroit. When his textbooks were put aside he entered his father's mercantile establishment. The elder Adsit had been in the habit of getting money from New York to oblige customers by cashing their checks and he added an exchange department to the store. Noticing his son's preference for this side of the business, Martin Adsit applied for a charter and started a bank which in 1863 became the First National. Charles Adsit filled the position of teller in the bank for six years or until 1869, when he succeeded Ira Davenport as cashier, continuing in the latter capacity until he became president of the institution as the successor of his father in 1900. Under his administration the bank prospered and expanded until it became one of the strongest and most successful financial institutions in the state. Through a period of sixty years Mr. Adsit was always at his desk at eight o'clock in the morning and worked until late in the evening, giving time and attention to every phase of the work connected with the conduct of a banking business. During the last year of his life, however, he admitted that he did not come to work until nine o'clock! He was one of the founders of the New York State Bankers Association and served as president thereof in 1898 and 1899.

Mr. Adsit's honesty and vision, together with his faith in the future of Hornell, made him a very successful business man. Aside from his banking activities he occupied the presidency of the Merrill Silk Company and the Merrill Hosiery Company but retired from the latter concern a short time prior to his death. He also served as president of the Adsit Realty Company and was president of the Hornell Traction Company from the time of its organization, while for more than a third of a century he was officially identified with the Hornell Fair Association as treasurer and director. A native son, lifelong resident and one of the most public-spirited citizens who ever exerted his efforts and influence for the advancement of Hornell, the demise of Charles Adsit was a serious loss to the community. He had been a liberal contributor to practically every local welfare movement, and among the many organizations which owe their success to his generosity may be mentioned the Young Men's Christian Association, which he served as president. His efforts constituted a prime factor in the success of the Hornell Country Club and he also had membership in the New York Chamber of Commerce, the Union League Club of New York, the Hornell Chamber of Commerce and the Hornell Rotary Club. Of the last named he was a charter member. He served on the board of St. James Mercy Hospital from its organization and was president thereof at the time of his demise.

Mr. Adsit was a faithful and consistent member of the Episcopal church and gave his political support to the republican party. During his term as president of the village of Hornell in 1877 there occurred a serious strike which necessitated the quartering of five regiments of National Guard troops here. The wonderful record made by Hornell in connection with the Liberty Loan drives during the period of the World war was a credit to the leadership of Mr. Adsit as chairman and treasurer of the bond sales committee. The total sales in this little city were finally set at the amazing figures of four million, three hundred and thirty-nine thousand, one hundred and forty-two dollars—an average of three hundred and two dollars and twenty-three cents for every man, woman and child in town.

On the 4th of June, 1878, Charles Adsit was united in marriage to Miss Susan Larkin of St. Louis, Missouri, who passed away in October, 1906, leaving to mourn her loss a husband and three children: Henry Adsit, M. D., who was badly wounded

while serving overseas in the World war and who is now a successful practicing physician and surgeon of Buffalo, New York; Lynn M. Adsit, a mining engineer; and May, who is now Mrs. Harrison Cook of Atlantic City, New Jersey. The remains of Charles Adsit, who died in Atlantic City, were brought back to Hornell for interment.

FREDERICK CHARLES GOODWIN.

Frederick Charles Goodwin has been a member of the Rochester bar for twenty-five years and has attained a position of prominence in his profession. He was born in Litchfield county, Connecticut, March 17, 1877, and his parents, Charles F. and Romelia (Merrill) Goodwin, were also natives of that state. Later they removed to Livingston county, New York, locating in Livonia, where the father engaged in merchandising for a few years, and in 1885 became a resident of Rochester. Charles F. Goodwin is now living retired in Pasadena, California. His wife passed away in November, 1921.

Frederick C. Goodwin, their only child, was a boy of eight when his parents removed to Rochester. He attended school No. 15 and later the Rochester Free Academy, afterward entered the University of Rochester, from which institution he received the Ph. B. degree in 1898. He next became a student in the law school of New York University, receiving his LL. B. degree in 1900. Mr. Goodwin began practice in July of that year, becoming connected with the firm of Hubbell, Young & Taylor, and since 1908 has been a member of the firm of Hubbell, Taylor, Goodwin & Moser, one of the strongest legal combinations in western New York.

Mr. Goodwin has been connected with some of the most important litigation before the courts of this portion of the state and has long been recognized as one of the city's able and successful lawyers. Among his business connections outside of his profession, he is vice president of the Rochester Telephone Corporation, vice president of the Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Company, a director of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank also of the Pfaudler Company and other corporations.

In Rochester, on the 8th of May, 1902, Mr. Goodwin was married to Miss Marian E. Jones, a daughter of Frank L. Jones of Oswego, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin have three sons, all natives of Rochester; Fred C., Jr., born in 1903, is a student at Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Phillip C., born in 1906, attends Phillips Exeter Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, Class of 1925, and Frank J. is also a student at that institution, Class of 1926.

Along professional lines Mr. Goodwin is identified with the Rochester Bar Association. He is also a member of the Psi Upsilon college fraternity, the Rochester Country Club, the Genesee Valley Club and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, while his religious views are indicated by his membership in the Third Presbyterian church. High standards guide him in every relation of life, and his worth to his community is uniformly acknowledged.

Mr. Goodwin's residence is at No. 19 Sibley place.

JOHN AUSTIN PERKINS.

As a manufacturer of optical goods John Austin Perkins is contributing his quota toward the industrial growth of Horseheads. He was born in Newark, New Jersey, November 17, 1869, a son of Leonard H. and Emma L. (Turner) Perkins, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. The mother was born in New Haven and the father was born in Mansfield. He was employed in the silk mills in Springfield, Massachusetts, and subsequently established a business of his own, becoming a manufacturer of silk thread. He was also interested in civic affairs and gave his political support to the candidates of the republican party. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, with which the mother was also affiliated, and his fraternal connections were with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Honor. He passed away in Connecticut and the mother's death occurred in Massachusetts. They were the parents of four children.

John Austin Perkins began his studies in Newark, New Jersey, and completed his education in one of the high schools of Springfield, Massachusetts. He was first employed in the silk mills, working for about six years in the dye house, and after-



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ward went to Winsted, Connecticut, where he gained a thorough knowledge of the optical business, to which he has since devoted his attention. He established a factory in Winsted and in 1902 moved his business to Horseheads. He manufactures glasses for the jobbing and prescription business and his plant is well equipped for work of this character. The output is shipped principally to points in New York and Pennsylvania and the business is operated under the name of the Winchester Optical Company.

On the 20th of January, 1897, Mr. Perkins was married to Miss Helen L. Shepard, who was born in Arlington, Vermont, and received her education in Winsted, Connecticut. They have become the parents of a daughter: Frances, who is now the wife of Charles E. Barber, a mechanic in the employ of a local automobile company. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are Presbyterians in religious faith and in politics he is a republican. He is keenly interested in the educational progress of his community and has served as school trustee. He works earnestly for the upbuilding of the village along all lines and is one of the directors of the Civic Club. He has taken both the York and Scottish Rite degrees in Masonry and is a past master of his lodge.

THE BALDWIN FAMILY.

The Baldwin family was among the first to settle in Chemung county and with its history the name is inseparably associated. Its members were early mill builders and no family in the valley has contributed more largely to its development and progress. The family was founded in the county by Isaac Baldwin, who came up the river in 1784. Although this statement is not authentic, it is strengthened by the fact that his grandson, Vine Baldwin, was born either in the year 1782 or 1783 at Seshequin, on the Susquehanna, while the family were on their way to Chemung. It is also substantiated by the fact that at the time of the arrival of the Wynkoop, Buck and McDowell families in the spring of 1786, Isaac Baldwin was in possession of six hundred acres of fertile and productive land in the valley. The tract was situated within the corporate limits of Chemung and in the neighborhood of the battle ground of 1779.

Isaac Baldwin had eight sons, among whom were Isaac, Thomas, Waterman, Rufus, William and Henry. Thomas was a sergeant in the Continental army and was wounded in the battle of Newton. During the fight he stole alone to a hiding place behind a clump of small trees and bushes and fired upon the fleeing savages as they passed his place of concealment. He was finally discovered by an Indian, who aimed and fired at him as he ran. The ball hit him in the knee, breaking his kneecap and crippling him for life. Shortly afterward he was pursued by a fleet-footed warrior, and seeing that flight was impossible, he dropped suddenly to the ground and laid himself lengthwise behind a large log. The Indian approached cautiously until within a few rods of the log, when the sergeant slowly raised his hat upon a stick in order that the crown might be seen above the top of the log. The Indian, supposing that the hat covered Mr. Baldwin's head, fired and struck it. As he jumped forward in great glee to claim the scalp of the paleface the sergeant discharged his gun and the redskin dropped to the ground dead.

Vine Baldwin, son of Thomas Baldwin, is said to have been the first white child born west of the Alleghany mountains. One of the most interesting characters in the Baldwin family, or indeed of the whole valley from Wilkesburg to Painted Post, was Waterman, the third son of Isaac Baldwin (1). His memory comes down to us with that glamour that surrounds in a greater measure the knights and men of arms in feudal times. Many incidents related of him, depending not upon mere hearsay but preserved as cherished treasures in the records and memories of the family, stamp him as being one man in a thousand—brave, chivalrous, generous, tender-hearted, prudent, trustworthy—the friend, confidant and companion of the highest in the land, the protector and defender of the humblest. He was a silent man, speaking infrequently, and then with few words. He possessed the exceedingly rare quality of never being in the way and never being out of the way, every time being where it was expected that he should be. He was identified with many daring exploits in the Revolution and was three times taken prisoner by the Indians. His numerous deeds of bravery and daring so impressed the Indians that he was held in awe by many of them. During his last capture it was decided that he must be burned and preparations were begun to that end. The terrible ceremony had proceeded so far that "Wat", as he was familiarly called, had shaken hands as a last farewell to many of the prominent braves and was about to grasp the hand of

Cornplanter, the famous Indian chief. His wonderful coolness and intrepidity at such a moment so struck the chief that he refused to allow the ceremony to take place and at once adopted Baldwin as his son. He was later on released and allowed to go to Philadelphia, then the seat of the United States government, to effect a treaty.

Mr. Baldwin had in his possession a silver mounted saddle, presented to him by General Washington, and a horse called Rhonoke, which is said to have performed marvelous feats. On one occasion, while pursued by some Pennsylvania officers, he fled over the hills in New York state instead of taking the river road. His trail was discovered and the men of the law were hot upon it. High upon the mountains Baldwin came upon the home of a family whose chief wealth consisted of a number of cows and whose best building was the milk house built on the side of the hill, over a spring. Watt had long before performed some kind act for this family which he had forgotten, but which the wife, who happened to be alone on the premises, remembered. She saw as he rode up that he was in trouble and had heard the galloping of the horses farther down the hill. She suggested that he ride into the milk house and rest himself. It was at best a cooped-up place, but Rhonoke went into it as though he knew why, never disturbing the gourds and pots lying on the stone floor and never making the slightest noise. The woman threw the officers off the track and Watt continued on his way to New York.

Mr. Baldwin was one of General Washington's messengers and was trusted implicitly by the great man. When a surveying party was sent out to determine the line between Pennsylvania and New York one of the number was killed by an Indian. The tribe to which the murderer belonged was pursued and compelled to surrender the guilty Indian to the whites. It was decided to send him to Niagara for trial and a subscription was taken up. Only fourteen cents was raised but Baldwin and a few others agreed to take him to Niagara for that amount. It was the quickest trip ever recorded, as they covered the distance of three hundred miles between sunrise and sunset of the same day. Other interesting tales are told of Watt Baldwin, who figured in many exciting adventures.

ISAAC BALDWIN.

Isaac Baldwin is a direct descendant of Isaac Baldwin and represents the seventh generation of the family in Chemung county. He was born July 19, 1869, and his parents, Gordon W. and Mary (McDonald) Baldwin, were both natives of Chemung county, in which they always resided. The father engaged in the real estate business in Elmira and conducted his building operations on a large scale. He erected many substantial homes in the city and contributed materially toward its upbuilding and improvement. He was a democrat in politics. The paternal grandfather, Isaac Baldwin, was also a native of Chemung county, in which the family was established in 1790. The American progenitor settled on the present site of Woburn, Massachusetts, early in the seventeenth century and the family is one of the oldest in this country. The old homestead has, until recently, been continuously occupied by a member of the family.

Isaac Baldwin is the only one now living of a family of three children. At his father's death he succeeded to the business. He is a director of the Chemung Canal Trust Company, one of the oldest and most substantial financial institutions of the city. He is a member of the Episcopal church and gives his political support to the democratic party. He is deeply interested in everything that touches the welfare of Elmira and its citizens and a life of integrity and usefulness has earned for him the unqualified esteem of his fellowmen.

JAMES S. LUCKEY, A. M. Pd. M.

No higher testimony of President Luckey's ability as an educator and administrator could be offered than the fact that during his administration Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Seminary of Houghton, Allegany county, was chartered as Houghton College. This outstanding event in the history of the seminary took place in 1923, after Mr. Luckey had been at the head of the school for fifteen years. While those years were in many respects the most constructive the institution had experienced, the chartering of the college was not the end of a program of advancement, but



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rather the beginning of new era of growth and development. It is fitting that the college should start out as a regular college in full standing under the guidance of the man who did so much to make its being possible. He was born in Short Tract, New York, August 1, 1867, the son of James and Pollyanne (Davis) Luckey. His father came to Allegany county in 1832, at the age of sixteen in company with his father, Benjamin Luckey, grandfather of James S. Luckey of this review, a native of northern Ireland. James was born in this state near Poughkeepsie, but the family resided in Tompkins county for a time before coming to this vicinity.

James S. Luckey was educated in the Houghton Seminary, which he now heads, graduating with the class of 1889. From there he went to Oberlin College, Ohio, where he completed the work for his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1904 and the following year took his Master of Arts degree. In 1908 he obtained another Master's degree from Haryard. Prior to his college course Mr. Luckey studied in the Albany Normal College of his own state, where he was granted the degree of Pd. M. in 1898. Practically all of his mature life has been spent in educational work, in which his career has been one of steady and substantial progress. From 1898 to 1902 he was principal of the Union school in Millerton, New York, and following the completion of his work as a student in Oberlin he joined the faculty of his Alma Mater as an instructor, remaining until the close of the school year of 1907. In 1908 he returned to Houghton as president of the seminary, where he has labored so effectively ever since. With a farsighted vision of the opportunities in the educational field of the twentieth century he built up the school, little by little, until on the 7th of April, 1923, it was granted a charter as Houghton College. With these enlarged opportunities for work President Houghton hopes to make his college an instrument for greater service in the field of Christian education. That he will be blessed with success in his present plans for developing the school is the earnest wish of all his friends and the friends of the institution he heads.

President Luckey is a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church, which founded and supported the old seminary. In his political views he has always maintained an independent position as regards the principles and candidates of the two great parties, but his support has ever been unwaveringly given to the cause of prohibition. His Phi Beta Kappa key betokens a scholastic career of more than usual brilliance and a personality which enables him to utilize his intellectual accomplishments for some good social end.

James S. Luckey and Miss Edith Sarah Bedell of Mexico, New York, were united in marriage on June 28, 1894. Mrs. Luckey is the daughter of Siras and Sarah bedell. Mr. and Mrs. Luckey are the parents of three children, two sons and a daughter: The oldest child, James Harold Luckey, born May 17, 1899, resides in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he operates a radio store. He is married, his wife being the former Miss Leila Daily of Allentown; Miss Ruth Evangeline Luckey was born March 11, 1901, and graduated from Oberlin College with the A. B. degree in the class of 1922. She is now librarian and instructor in history at East Aurora high school, East Aurora, New York; Robert Raphael, born November 19, 1917, is just beginning his educational career.

CHARLES PORTER DOWNS.

Charles Porter Downs, actively identified with the legal profession in Rochester for more than two decades, has been a member of the prominent law firm of Reed, Shutt, Downs & Shutt since 1913. He represents an old and well known family of Monroe county, where his birth occurred on the 16th of May, 1876, his parents being Sylvester L. and Augusta A. (Sawyer) Downs, who were also natives of Rochester. In this city the father was closely connected with industrial interests for many years as a carriage manufacturer, conducting an enterprise of that character to the time of his demise, which occurred in October, 1917. To him and his wife, who still survives, were born two children: Mrs. Charles R. Zorsch, a resident of Rochester; and C. Porter of this review.

C. Porter Downs pursued a public and high school education in Rochester and then matriculated in the University of Buffalo at Buffalo, New York, where he received his professional training and was given the degree of LL. B. in 1903. He at once entered upon general practice in Rochester, where he has remained an active and successful representative of the legal fraternity and since 1913 has been a member of the firm of Reed, Shutt, Downs & Shutt. The zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his

clients, and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases, have brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. He holds membership in the Rochester Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association and in addition to his professional interests is a director in several business corporations.

On the 5th of May, 1903, in Rochester, Mr. Downs was united in marriage to Miss Grace D. Gifford, a daughter of Jacob W. Gifford and a representative of a prominent family of Penfield, Monroe county, New York. Politically Mr. Downs is a staunch republican. He has been county committeeman for several terms and for six years served as justice of the peace in Brighton, making a most creditable record in both connections. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and fraternally is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Brighton Presbyterian church. He likewise has membership connection with the Rochester Historical Society, with the Rochester Club and with the Rochester Auto Club and is a well known and highly esteemed citizen of the community in which his life has been spent. His residence is at No. 1859 East avenue, Rochester, New York.

WOLCOTT J. HUMPHREY.

From a financial standpoint, and irrespective of other considerations, the leading citizen of Warsaw, Wyoming county, is easily Wolcott Julius Humphrey, president of the Wyoming County National Bank, the largest financial institution in the county. Aside from this, however, the Humphreys are numbered among the oldest and best known families in the community, the grandfather of the banker being the first of the name to settle in Wyoming county. His name was Theophilus Humphrey, and before moving to the state of New York he was a resident of Canton, Connecticut. He located in Wyoming county in March, 1818, and since that time the Humphreys have been a family of importance in the county's affairs. Wolcott J. Humphrey was born October 29, 1877, in Warsaw, his parents being Wolcott J. and Hannah A. (Mulholland) Humphrey of Warsaw. The father became president of the Wyoming County National Bank in 1871 and continued at the head of the institution until his death in 1890. He also served for two terms in the state senate.

Wolcott J. Humphrey obtained his early education in the grade and high schools of Warsaw, afterward spent three years in the Hill School at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and in 1896 entered Williams College at Williamstown, Massachusetts, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and graduated in the class of 1900. In the same year he entered the Wyoming County National Bank as a clerk, in 1902 was elected president of the institution, and has been its chief executive officer ever since. During this period the deposits of the bank have increased from a little more than a quarter million dollars in 1902 to more than three million, two hundred thousand dollars in 1925, while the total resources now approach the four-million-dollar mark. Mr. Humphrey is also identified with other important financial interests which are affiliated with the Wyoming County National Bank. He is vice president of the Wyoming Banking Company of Wyoming, New York; vice president of the Pavilion Banking Company of Pavilion, New York; vice president of the North Java Company Bankers of North Java, New York; vice president of the First National Bank of Arcade, Arcade, New York; director of the Buffalo branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; director of the Rochester Telephone Corporation; director of the Fassett Lumber Company of Fassett, Quebec, Canada; director of the Wyoming Valley Fire Insurance Company of Warsaw; a trustee of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society; and chairman of the Letchworth Park committee of that society, administering one thousand acres of state park in the counties of Wyoming and Livingston, including three falls of the Genesee river; and is also a member of the advisory council of the New York State Association. Mr. Humphrey is director, secretary and treasurer of the Warsaw Office Building Company, a member of the board of trustees of Hill School of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity and a member of the Silver Lake Country Club and the Williams Club of New York.

On June 24, 1920, Mr. Humphrey was married to Miss Dorothy Irene Gage of Warsaw, daughter of Hon. Bert P. and Carrie (Otis) Gage of Warsaw. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey have three children: Dorothy Louise, Margaret and Wolcott Julius, Jr., the latter of whom was born January 4, 1924. In his political opinions Mr.



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Humphrey is a republican and takes a helpful interest in political affairs. He also takes an active interest in religious matters and is a member and a trustee of the First Congregational church of Warsaw. During the World war, he served as chairman of the Wyoming County Home Defense committee, as chairman of the First, Third and Fourth Liberty Loans and of the Victory Loan, and in 1918 was chairman of the Wyoming County War Savings campaign.

MARTIN ADSIT.

Martin Adsit, deceased, was indeed the leading figure of Hornell's business life during the amazing nineteenth century. Over the long span of seventy-six years this public-spirited man of affairs was an essential part of Hornell. During at least half a century he stood foremost among business men in the volume of transactions, and what is more important, in public esteem. Merchant and banker, civic leader and man of wealth, he never forgot the spiritual and community good. Nature gave him good health and he conserved it and lived to see many of the dreams of his youth become realizations. For instance, he saw the potential opportunities presented by banking and entered this field when it was considered foolish to do so in the small community Hornellsville then was.

Martin Adsit was born in Spencertown, Columbia county, New York, December 26, 1812, and came to Hornellsville (now Hornell) on December 2, 1826, entering the store belonging to his uncle, Colonel Ira Davenport. Mr. Adsit bought out his uncle's interests in 1833 and continued at the same stand until 1845, when he built and moved into a store at Main and Canisteo streets. In 1886 new stores were built along the north side of Main street and into one of these Mr. Adsit moved his business. For a time he had a partner, Martin A. Tuttle, and then took his son, John O. Adsit, into the business. This association continued until 1881, when the stock was sold.

During these years Martin Adsit's banking business, an outgrowth of his mercantile concern, had greatly developed. He began an exchange office as early as 1849 and with the coming of the Erie Railroad in 1853 it started to produce dividends. It was organized in 1863 as the First National Bank of Hornell, with Colonel Davenport as president and Martin Adsit as cashier. In 1865 the cashier became president, which office he held until his death in 1900.

Martin Adsit was married in 1841 to Esther J. Charles, daughter of Dr. Richard Charles of Angelica. Mrs. Adsit established herself in the community and for nearly sixty years she was as well known and beloved in Hornell as Martin Adsit. She passed beyond in 1898. Of their five children, one survives, John O. Adsit of New York. Another son was the late Charles Adsit, president of the First National Bank at Hornell, who died in 1924.

CHARLES NORTHRUP.

Charles Northrup, a well known and representative journalist of Cattaraugus county, has since November, 1918, been proprietor and editor of The Post, which is published at Ellicottville and is conceded to be one of the most progressive papers in western New York. He was born at Ellicottville, Cattaraugus county, this state, on the 6th of April, 1880, the son of Edwin D. and Lucy S. (Skinner) Northrup. The father, who spent the greater part of his life in Ellicottville, here engaged in school teaching prior to taking up the profession of law and later gained a well merited reputation as an able and successful attorney.

In the acquirement of an education Charles Northrup attended the grade and high schools of his native town. He had attained the age of nineteen when in 1899 he made his way to Little Valley, New York, where he was an apprentice printer for three years. On the expiration of that period, in 1902, he located in Salamanca and during the two succeeding years was employed as a printer on the Salamanca Daily. Subsequently he purchased a printing plant in Ellicottville and here conducted a job printing office until November, 1918, when he acquired the plant and assumed the editorship of The Post, which he has published very successfully to the present time. The Post is a weekly paper with more than thirteen hundred subscribers, is a bright, entertaining journal devoted to the dissemination of local

and general news and is accorded an extensive advertising patronage. Mr. Northrup is assisted in his editorial work by his associate, Raymond V. Carroll. He has installed many new machines since taking over the plant and has at present a linotype, automatic job press as well as two extra job presses.

On the 6th of June, 1906, at Randolph, New York, Mr. Northrup was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Grace Carroll, daughter of P. J. Carroll of Little Valley, New York. He spends considerable of his leisure time in working about the grounds of his beautiful colonial home and is also very fond of motoring and of travel.

Mr. Northrup gives his political allegiance to the republican party and manifests an active interest in community affairs. He belongs to the Calumet Club and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also has membership in the Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties Printers Association, the New York Press Association and the National Editorial Association. He is alert, thoroughly alive to the conditions, the needs and the opportunities of the hour, thinking ever for the betterment of the individual and the community and at the same time recognizing that practical methods must be followed in the attainment of the ideal.

GEORGE J. KAELEBER.

The spirit of progress which is a distinctive characteristic of Rochester's native sons, finds expression in the career of George J. Kaelber, whose real estate activities have brought him to the fore in business circles of the city, and his personality is one that inspires confidence and respect. He was born March 6, 1884, and his parents were Charles and Magdalena (Mayer) Kaelber, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Rochester. The father engaged in manufacturing in this city, and his death occurred in 1896, but the mother still makes her home in Rochester. Three children were born to them: William G.; Edwin C. and George J., all residents of the city.

Mr. Kaelber made thorough preparation for his entry into the commercial world, attending the public schools, the Mechanics Institute, and also completing a course in the Rochester Business Institute. He entered the employ of the Yawman & Erbe Manufacturing Company in a clerical capacity and remained with that concern for fourteen years, on the expiration of which period he became identified with the business of Brown Brothers Company, well known nurserymen of Rochester. He now acts as secretary and treasurer of the Browncroft Realty Corporation, and experience and ability well qualify him for the important duties which devolve upon him in this connection. He is well informed concerning property values in this locality and has contributed materially to the success of the Company by earnest, systematic and intelligently directed effort.

On September 20, 1911, Mr. Kaelber married Miss Margaret Brown, a daughter of Charles J. Brown, one of Rochester's foremost business men. George J. Kaelber, Jr., the only child of this union, was born in Rochester, October 11, 1922.

Mr. Kaelber belongs to the Rochester Yacht Club, and the local Ad and Automobile Clubs. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce; the Rochester Real Estate Board, the Rochester Engineering Society; the New York State Archaeological Association and the Young Men's Christian Association. Along fraternal lines he is connected with the Masonic order, having membership in Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, F. & A. M. He is affiliated with the Salem Evangelical church and contributes liberally toward its support and to every worthy civic project. Mr. Kaelber is a live factor in his community and possesses many exemplary traits of character, as his fellow citizens attest.

WILLIAM T. SPINNING.

When William T. Spinning responded to the final summons on the 26th of August, 1899, there passed from the scene of life's activities one of the pioneer business men of Dansville, and his memory deserves to be honored and cherished, for his work still counts as an important factor in the development of the community to whose up-building he gave unreservedly of his powers. He was born on a farm near Auburn, New York, September 20, 1820, and in 1847, when a young man of twenty-seven,



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he located in West Sparta. He afterward opened a general store in Kysorville and a few years later removed to Dansville, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was one of the early dry goods merchants of the village and subsequently embarked in the grocery business. He met with financial reverses and for a time was employed in the establishment of Fielder & Olney. Being a man of strong purpose and courageous spirit, he began the task of rebuilding his business in 1876, forming a partnership with his son, William A. Spinning, and Nicholas Uhl. The business was conducted under the firm style of Spinning, Uhl & Company and was placed upon a substantial footing, owing to the wise guidance of the man at its head. Mr. Spinning acquired an enviable reputation for business sagacity and integrity and when the Merchants & Farmers National Bank was founded in 1893 he was chosen as its president. He proved to be an executive of marked ability, building up a strong moneyed institution by progressive methods, tempered by a safe conservatism, and was retained in that office until his demise. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church and along fraternal lines was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In Sparta, in 1848, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Walker and theirs was a congenial and happy alliance of mutual helpfulness and understanding. Mr. Spinning was a fine type of the alert, energetic business man to whom obstacles serve as an impetus to renewed effort. Decisive in his methods, keenly alive to the possibilities as well as the disadvantages of any business proposition, he found much pleasure in the solution of a difficult problem, and his integrity was above question. He never wrought an injury to another and was steadfast, loyal and true in his friendships, being thoroughly appreciative of the good in others.

WILLIAM A. SPINNING.

William A. Spinning, the only child of William T. and Sarah (Walker) Spinning, attended the public schools and completed his education in Pike Seminary of Wyoming county, New York. In 1868 he entered the business world, securing a clerical position in the mercantile house of Dyer Brothers, and remained with them for about six years. He was afterward employed in a similar capacity by Messrs. Fielder & Olney and in 1876 joined his father and Nicholas Uhl in organizing the firm of Spinning, Uhl & Company, which became Spinning & Uhl after the demise of the senior member. About ten years later Mr. Uhl passed away and Frank Rauber then entered the firm, at which time the style of the W. A. Spinning Company was adopted. Mr. Spinning retained his interest in the business until 1912, when he disposed of his stock, and his attention has since been given to financial affairs. At the time of his father's death he was elected vice president of the Merchants & Farmers National Bank and has since discharged the duties of that important office. His opinions carry great weight in local financial circles and his ability has been an essential element in the progress that has been made by the bank during the past two decades.

On October 22, 1880, Mr. Spinning was married to Miss Susie Leonard, a daughter of C. W. and Sarah (Searles) Leonard of Dansville. Mr. and Mrs. Spinning became parents of two children, but Wilhelmina, the elder, died on April 23, 1921; her sister, Marguerite, is the wife of Floyd Evans of St. Paul, Minnesota, and the mother of two children, Dorothy and William B.

Mr. Spinning is an influential member of the Dansville Board of Trade and also belongs to the Union Hose Company of the village. He casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and is a Presbyterian in religious faith. The welfare and progress of his community is to him a matter of vital interest and his cooperation and counsel have proven of value in projects for civic development. He displays in his character those sterling qualities which distinguished his father and has won success on his own merits, thus adding new luster to an honored family name.

CHARLES B. BECHTOLD.

Charles B. Bechtold, a well known member of the New York bar, with offices in the Union Trust building of Rochester, was born in this city on the 6th of June, 1874. His parents, Henry and Caroline (Denn) Bechtold, although of European birth, were reared and educated in Ohio, for they were brought to this country by their

parents in early childhood. During the Civil war Henry Bechtold enlisted in an Ohio regiment, in which he held a commission. After the war he came to Rochester, where he engaged in business, being connected with a wagon works. Later he was associated with James Cunningham & Sons for a number of years before he retired in 1900. His death occurred in this city in 1913, four years after that of his wife. The subject of this sketch is one of four sons born to this couple, his brothers being George and Harry Bechtold of Rochester; and Edward, formerly of Buffalo, New York, but now deceased.

As a boy Charles B. Bechtold attended the public schools of his native city and graduated from the Rochester Free Academy at the age of seventeen. After some business experience in the power department of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway he entered the law office of Werner & Harris, where he read law under the direction of these well known lawyers. He passed his examinations and was admitted to the bar in 1902. Mr. Bechtold began the actual practice of his profession in the district attorney's office of Monroe county, under Stephen J. Warren, at that time district attorney, where he gained some valuable knowledge of the practical side of his profession. Subsequently he formed a legal partnership with John J. McInerney, which was continued until 1921, since which time he has practiced alone. In the course of twenty years Mr. Bechtold has worked up an excellent practice and rates high as an attorney in this section of the state. His marked ability in this field of endeavor and his unquestioned integrity have won for him the confidence of his colleagues and of his clients, many of the latter being prominent business and professional men of this vicinity.

Although he was assistant district attorney of Monroe county for a term—from 1904 to 1910—Mr. Bechtold has never sought the public career that so frequently attracts men of his calling. He has always found sufficient scope for his abilities and ambitions within the strict limits of his profession and has been content to remain therein. In this connection he maintains membership in the New York State and Rochester City Bar Associations. He is a Shriner, a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to both the York and the Scottish Rites, and is past master of Rochester Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Rochester Automobile and Oak Hill Country Clubs. His interest in all that makes for the industrial and financial advancement of his community is indicated by his membership in the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. During the World war Mr. Bechtold rendered some valuable assistance on the home front as vice chairman of the Four-Minute men, in which capacity he campaigned strenuously for the various Liberty and Victory Loans and for the Red Cross.

In Rochester, on the 2d of June, 1909, Mr. Bechtold was married to Miss Kate Kondolf, daughter of Mathias Kondolf of this city. Mr. Kondolf was a prominent resident and a leader in manufacturing and real estate circles. Mr. and Mrs. Bechtold have a son, Karl K. Bechtold, who was born in this city, on the 10th of July, 1910, and is now a student in one of the local high schools.

MILTON D. HASKINS.

In the death of Milton D. Haskins, Wellsville sustained the loss of one of her leading business men and most public-spirited citizens. He figured prominently in business circles of the community as president of the Ebenzer Oil Company and was also vice president and treasurer of Rockwell Brothers & Company, the foremost dry goods and furniture merchants of Wellsville, with whom he was continuously identified for a period covering forty-one years. Milton D. Haskins was in the sixty-third year of his age when called to his final rest on the 21st of January, 1925, his birth having occurred in Centerville, Allegany county, New York, on May 20, 1862. He was the son of Thomson and Harriett (Searle) Haskins and had two sisters, Harriett Haskins and Mrs. Charles Clark.

In his youth Milton D. Haskins attended the public schools and also pursued a course of study in Riverside Academy. He came to Wellsville at the age of twelve and was employed in the grocery establishment of John S. Brown until he became associated with Rockwell Brothers, whom he served in the capacities of clerk, buyer and manager of the furniture and rug departments prior to assuming his official duties as vice president and treasurer of the firm at the time of its incorporation. As above stated, his identification with the concern covered more than four decades and his efforts constituted an important factor in its continued growth and success.



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Mr. Haskins also assumed the presidency of the Ebenezer Oil Company at the time of its inception and until his death remained at the head of this concern, which is one of the large independent producers in the local field.

Mr. Haskins wedded Miss Katherine Tremain, daughter of Mark Tremain, of Scio, New York, who passed away on the 26th of October, 1906, leaving a son and a daughter, Bayard T. and Bertha K. Mr. Haskins was a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, to which he belonged, and was a Methodist in religious faith, serving as president of the board of trustees of the church of that denomination in which he held membership. He was also a member of the Rotary Club and the Country Club, being president of the latter at the time of his death. A lifelong resident of Allegany county, Mr. Haskins enjoyed an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community and a large circle of friends mourned his passing.

BAYARD T. HASKINS.

Bayard T. Haskins is a prominent representative of mercantile interests in Wellsville as secretary of Rockwell Brothers & Company, Incorporated, dealers in dry goods, carpets and furniture, and is widely recognized as a young man of excellent business ability and sound judgment. He was born in Wellsville on the 2d of July, 1893, the son of Milton D. and Katherine (Tremain) Haskins. A biography of his father, who is deceased, may be found on another page of this publication. There were but two children in the family, the sister of Mr. Haskins of this review being Bertha K. Haskins.

In the acquirement of an education Bayard T. Haskins attended the public schools of Wellsville and subsequently matriculated in Columbia University, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1916. Since that time he has been continuously identified with Rockwell Brothers, the leading dry goods and furniture merchants of Wellsville, and has thoroughly familiarized himself with every phase of the business. He gained his initial experience therein as a buyer in the ladies' ready-to-wear department and now has charge of the furniture and rug departments in his official capacity as secretary of the company.

In October, 1917, Mr. Haskins entered the army as a second lieutenant in Repair Unit No. 303 of the Motor Transport Corps, serving at Camp Meigs and over seas in the A. E. F., until honorably discharged on the 11th of July, 1919, with the rank of first lieutenant.

On the 15th of September, 1919, Mr. Haskins was united in marriage to Miss Victoria Duke, daughter of William Duke. They are the parents of a son, David Duke Haskins, born on April 1, 1924.

Fraternally Mr. Haskins is connected with the Masonic order, belonging to Wells-ville Lodge, F. & A. M., and to Corning Consistory, S. P. R. S. He also has membership in Morrison Hayes Post of the American Legion, in the Rotary Club, the Columbia Varsity C Club and the Methodist church. In these connections are indicated the interests and activities of his life outside of business and the rules which govern his conduct, and in his home community he enjoys deserved popularity and high esteem.

GEORGE BINGHAM DRAPER.

George Bingham Draper, an active and able representative of the legal profession in Rochester during the past three decades, is making a most creditable record in the position of deputy corporation counsel. A native son of this city, he was born on the 1st of December, 1868, his parents being George P. and Mary (Bingham) Draper, the former a son of Nathaniel Draper, who was a prominent citizen. George P. Draper was also a leading attorney and an influential factor in the public life of Rochester for many years, serving as president of the common council in 1865, as a member of the board of supervisors and in various other positions of public trust and responsibility. In his demise, which occurred in 1908, the city sustained the loss of one of its honored, esteemed and representative residents. In early manhood Mr. Draper wedded Miss Mary Bingham, a native of Erie county, New York, and a descendant of prominent Revolutionary ancestry. She passed

away in Rochester in the year 1914. Their two surviving sons are George Bingham and Roy C. Draper, both residents of Rochester.

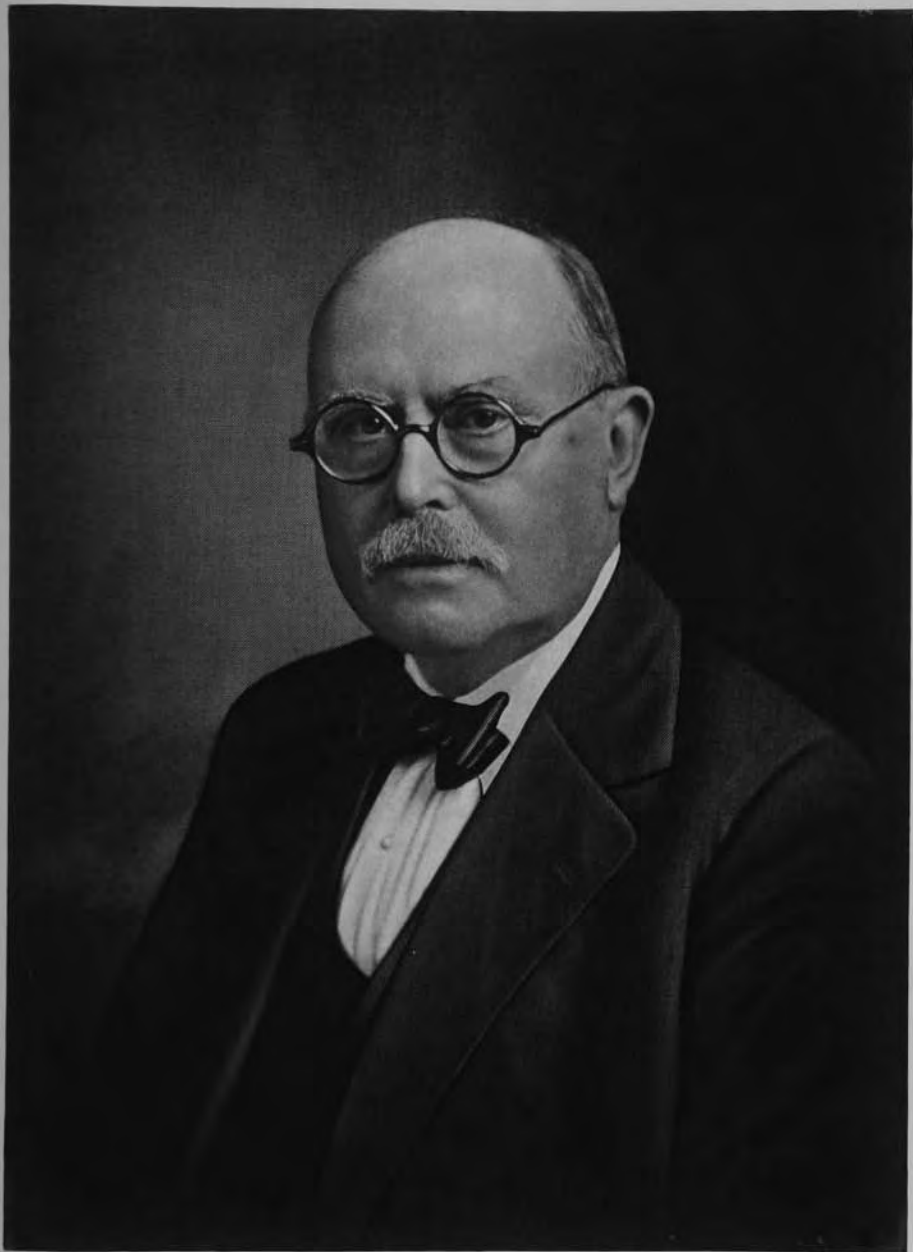
In the acquirement of an education George Bingham Draper attended the grade and high schools and subsequently matriculated in the University of Rochester, from which institution he was graduated on the completion of the academic course in 1892. Having decided to follow in the professional footsteps of his father and grandfather, he then began reading law in the office of John Van Voorhis and in 1894 was admitted to the bar. Through the intervening period of thirty years he has remained an active member of the legal fraternity in Rochester and has been accorded a large and distinctively representative practice that attests his ability in unmistakable terms. In 1895-6, he was a member of the municipal service commission and in 1921 was appointed deputy corporation counsel, in which connection his service is most commendable and satisfactory.

On the 16th of September, 1916, in Rochester, Mr. Draper was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Ainsworth, daughter of David L. Ainsworth and representative of a prominent family. The military record of Mr. Draper covers service as a member of the National Guard from 1890 until 1895. In 1924 he was commissioned captain in the Judge advocate general's department in the Reserve army of the United States. He is an exemplary Mason and also belongs to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and to the Rochester Bar Association. A lifelong resident of Rochester, he is widely and favorably known in both social and professional circles here as a man of genuine personal worth and as a lawyer of pronounced ability.

HON. EDWARD WINGATE HATCH.

Hon. Edward Wingate Hatch, one of the foremost members of the bar of the Empire state, former justice of the supreme court of New York, and beloved citizen, died at his home in Friendship, Allegany county, on June 1, 1924. His life was an outstanding example of the surmounting of exceptional handicaps to achieve fame and fortune through his efforts, and a desire to learn, coupled with power of will. Starting in business life to learn the blacksmith trade, he took up the study of law and became one of the most prominent jurists and attorneys in New York state. He was born in Friendship, November 26, 1852, the son of Captain Jeremiah and Lucy Ann (Rigdon) Hatch, and was a descendant of Captain Jeremiah Hatch, who served in the Revolutionary war. Captain Jeremiah Hatch, father of Judge Hatch, was educated in Middlebury College of Vermont, became a tutor in New Bern, North Carolina, and subsequently was principal of Friendship Academy. In 1856 he became canal collector on the Genesee Valley Canal and read law in the office of A. P. Laning. At the beginning of the war he raised a company and went out as captain in the One Hundred and Thirtieth New York. He died of sickness in Suffolk, Virginia, in December, 1862, and was the first Union soldier to be brought back to Friendship and buried. His wife was a daughter of Sidney Rigdon, who has been accredited with being the author of the Mormon Bible and who broke away from the Mormons at Nauvoo, Illinois, together with Edward B. Wingate and General George W. Robinson, at the time Joseph Smith attempted to establish polygamy.

Judge Edward Wingate Hatch attended the Friendship common schools and the Academy until he was about fourteen years of age, leaving school to work on a farm, where he remained two years. Soon thereafter he entered the employ of Daniel L. Corbin of Friendship to learn the trade of blacksmithing, and then went to the lumber woods of western Pennsylvania to put into practice the trade he had learned, spending two winters there. Returning to Friendship, he bought an interest in the shop of Daniel Corbin, but at the end of a year went to Attica to continue at his trade with Ira L. Louis. While in Attica he formed the acquaintance of Judge Andrew J. Lorish, who was informed of the latent ambition of the young man to become a lawyer and who permitted him to read law in his office. Thus it was that Edward W. Hatch began reading law at night, working at the forge during the day. Later he became a clerk in the post office and at times tried justice court lawsuits in the evening. In 1874 he went to Buffalo and entered the law office of Corlett & Tabor, the former of whom afterward became a justice of the supreme court and the latter attorney-general of the state. This firm dissolved in 1875, Judge Hatch remaining with Judge Corlett until admitted to the bar in June, 1876. He then practiced law alone until 1878, when he formed a partnership with his former preceptor, Judge Corlett,



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which continued until the latter went on the bench in 1883. In 1880 and 1883 Judge Hatch was nominated by acclamation by the republican party for the office of district attorney of Erie county, and was elected each time by a large vote. One of the notable cases he tried was of a defaulting county treasurer of Erie county, nominated at the same time as Mr. Hatch. District Attorney Hatch obtained a conviction and it was taken to the general court of appeals, where the case was argued by Grover Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Hatch were very strong personal friends, finding mutual pleasure in an acquaintance formed early in life and continued as long as Cleveland lived.

In January, 1884, Judge Hatch entered the firm thereafter known as Box, Hatch & Norton and there continued until January, 1887, when he was elected one of the judges of the superior court of Buffalo, a court having equal jurisdiction with the supreme court of the state. The superior court of Buffalo was abolished on December 31, 1895, and its judges were transferred into the supreme court for the remainder of their terms. Judge Hatch had still five years to serve, but in the autumn of 1894 he was unanimously nominated as a supreme court justice in the eighth judicial district, embracing the counties of western New York, for the full fourteen-year term, and elected by a large and flattering vote, whereupon he formally resigned as judge of the superior court for the unexpired term. All of his promotions were marked by increasing majorities. Following his last election he was almost immediately assigned to the appellate division, second department, in Brooklyn, where he served until 1900. He was then transferred to the appellate division, first department, in New York city, where he served until September 30, 1905, when he resigned to form a partnership with Hon. Alton B. Parker, democratic candidate for president against Roosevelt in 1904, and Hon. William F. Sheehan, formerly of Buffalo and ex-lieutenant governor of New York, under the name of Parker, Hatch & Sheehan. This partnership and its business relations and ramifications were eminently successful, both professionally and financially, and was known as one of the leading legal firms of the east. Judge Parker retired from the firm about six years after it was formed, and the firm then became Hatch & Sheehan. Following the illness of Mr. Sheehan, which had become serious, the partnership was dissolved and from that time Judge Hatch practiced alone, his offices being at No. 14 Wall street, and he took up only such cases as appealed to him. Judge Hatch was counsel for several of the leading firms of New York and elsewhere. During the latter years of his life his work was confined almost entirely to appellate court, references and similar court cases. Some years ago Judge Hatch prosecuted a case against one of the biggest corporations in the country and badly defeated them, so that in another action he was later employed by them, receiving the highest fee believed to have been paid an attorney at that time. At the time of his death he was engaged in trying the noted Jay Gould estate reference, involving eighty million dollars, which he expected to argue before the United States supreme court and which was the largest reference the state of New York has yet produced. The law books, both in state courts and federal reports, are full of important cases in which he was interested, if not as the attorney of record, at least as counsel. His decisions were noted for their clean logic and clearness of understanding of the subjects on which he wrote.

Judge Hatch was a thirty-third degree active Scottish Rite Mason and for many years was an active worker in the organization. He received a number of honorary degrees, including those of LL. D. and A. B., being thus honored by Alfred University and Middlebury College of Middlebury, Vermont, where his father was educated, and he received the M. A. degree from Williams College. He also had honorary degrees from foreign universities, among them being one in Germany and another in Scotland. He joined the Baptist church in early life but was noted for his liberal religious views. He had several lectures on religious subjects, which he prepared with great care and which he delivered for the benefit of some organization, notably "The Life of St. Paul," and "The Trial and Condemnation of Jesus Christ from a Legal Standpoint." He was deeply interested in books and had a large collection of books on religious subjects and ancient and sacred history, and there was hardly a "Life of Christ" written that he had not read and placed in his library. He was an inveterate student of Dickens' works and was familiar with all his writings. His memory was most retentive, not only of legal subjects but everything with which he came into contact. Judge Hatch avoided public honor and demonstrations as much as possible. Whatever he did was done with no regard for personal glory. He did much for charity and befriended many persons. He maintained a pay roll throughout the last years of his life of men and women who had no claim on him whatever, but were in adverse circumstances, and he also furnished a college education to many deserving students, always seeking the opportunity to lend help in this

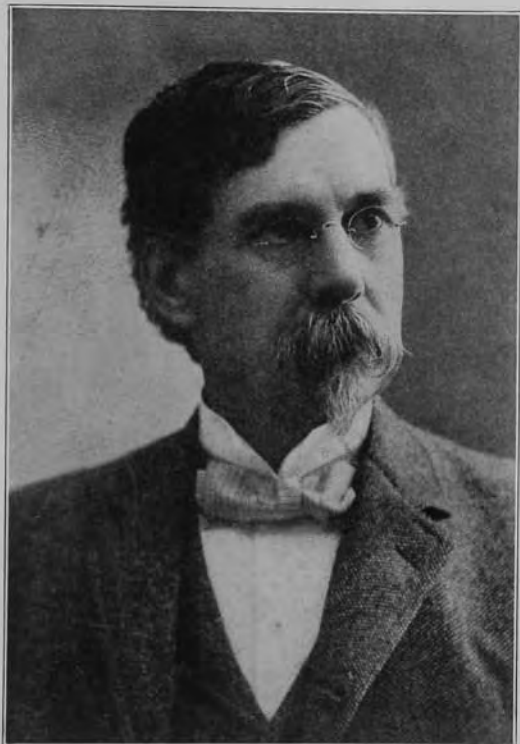
way to a worthy young man or woman. His philanthropies, while wide, were very little known. He was generous in his support of the various World war drives for funds and took an active part in the drives. He was a student of outdoor life, had many rare plants at his home and was continually in happiness in the simple things of life. He was exceptionally fond of shooting, fishing and golf. He always maintained his Friendship home and retained his legal residence there, usually spending five or six months of the year in the village. He was well known to nearly every one in Allegany county, was familiar to many in Cattaraugus county, and had many friends. When stricken by what proved to be his last illness he was brought to Friendship in the private car of President Underwood of the Erie Railroad, and his life closed a few days later in the village where he was born.

Judge Hatch was married in early life to Helen Stafford Woodruff, who is deceased. Of their two children, Edward died several years ago, and Miss Florence W. Hatch is a resident of Friendship.

HENRY D. PERKY.

Henry D. Perky, inventor, manufacturer and philanthropist, was born on a farm near Mount Hope (then Middletown), Holmes county, Ohio, December 7, 1843. He was the son of Daniel J. Perky, who was for several years an Ohio state senator, and Lena Perky. His descent included Swiss, German, Alsatian and French Huguenot blood. He married, about 1865, Susanna Melissa Crow, also of Holmes county. After a common school education he taught country school, engaged in a small mercantile business in Cleveland and other Ohio cities, and, feeling the western urge, went out to Omaha, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1871. Thence he made his way to Wahoo, Nebraska, where he opened a law office and initiated and conducted an exposition, and was instrumental in bringing a branch of the Union Pacific Railroad into his county. In 1879 Mr. Perky moved to Denver, Colorado, organized and built the Denver Circle Railroad, and originated and managed the important Mining and Industrial Exposition of 1882. These enterprises were of great profit to Denver; but Mr. Perky, who had the restless creative spirit of the pioneer, moved on without waiting to reap the fruits of his labors, and in 1885 he was in a mountainous corner of Arkansas, at Fayetteville, organizing and laying the tracks of the Pacific and Great Eastern Railroad, which was expected, if not destined, to reach from sea to sea. Seven miles were built, and a locomotive made daily trips over the White river, but the "P. & G. E." was nicknamed "Perky's Great Expectations". Three years later, in 1888, Mr. Perky was building the first of all steel passenger cars, in Boston, Massachusetts, and the next year saw the organization of the Steel Car Company and the building at St. Joseph, Missouri, of a steel freight and passenger car construction plant containing some of the largest steel working machinery outside of the government navy yards of the time. Not content with these rapid achievements, Mr. Perky inaugurated, on the fifty acres of wooded and hilly land belonging to the Steel Car Company, the New Era Exposition, the most ambitious exposition that had up to that time displayed the local products, wares and Indians in all that western country. Toward its close a spark from one of the newly introduced electric lights set fire to the long car building, in the front part of which were housed many of the most valuable exhibits; and of these only Lafayette's carriage was saved, by Captain Jack Crawford, the "poet scout", on horseback, and his wild Apache Indians. The exposition did much to develop St. Joseph; but the Steel Car Company was unable to stand the strain of the fire, which also destroyed several cars under construction and the beautiful "City of St. Joseph", a cylinder of steel, and one of the handsomest private passenger cars ever built. This was gutted and its windows melted down, but it continued to stand whole on its trucks in proof of its planned indestructibility. For a year or so longer Mr. Perky traveled in his other, and earlier built, cylinder of steel, endeavoring to enlist the interest of the railroads, but gave this up when his health failed.

In 1891, while in search of health, Mr. Perky began experimenting with wheat, at first in Galveston, Texas, and later in Watertown, New York, where, after having conceived the nature of the product he wanted, he finally devised the "shredding" process, and so gave shredded wheat to the world. This is the story only half told; for it should properly include the story of the difficulties, the privations, and the courage exhibited under conditions of illness and actual poverty by Mr. and Mrs. Perky in this struggle to realize a vision which resulted in the pioneer achievement of a



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great industry, for shredded wheat was the first of all the prepared cereals. Mr. Perky went back to Denver, where his brother John and one or two others supplied the first capital for the first company. There shredded wheat was first manufactured in a store basement, then on Broadway across from the Brown Palace Hotel, and later in a restaurant which Mr. Perky opened for demonstrating the many uses of his shredded products. Mechanical difficulties took Mr. Perky east in 1894; and in October of that year he had four machines running in a most popular exhibit at Boston's first World's Food Fair, and served his product free to thousands of persons. The New England rights were leased, and a factory using the present gang form of machine was established in Worcester, Massachusetts. This was soon taken over by Mr. Perky and his associates of the Denver company and run as the Cereal Machine Company (so named because Mr. Perky's early plan was to manufacture shredding machines for use by bakers, individual farmers, etc.), until the business was moved to Niagara Falls, New York, in 1902. During this period a large amount of New York capital came into the company, and when Mr. Perky had finally realized his ideal of a large and beautiful food factory, located in a park-like section of Niagara Falls, it was at the sacrifice of his control of the business and of the continuation of his particular policies, and this led to his voluntary resignation from the presidency of the company in 1904, after which he soon severed all connection with it.

Mr. Perky believed in his product and preached the gospel of right eating with almost religious zeal. It was said that the early popularity of shredded wheat was due more to the use he made of his great personality than to any appreciation of the product itself. On the platform, and untiringly to individuals, he demonstrated that the way to bodily, mental and moral salvation was right eating, and that the one perfect food had finally been discovered.

While in Worcester, Massachusetts, Mr. Perky bought the Oread Institute, where for several years he offered free tuition in domestic science and graduated hundreds of students. In 1904 he sought to transfer this to Glencoe, Maryland, where he had secured a large estate with the intention of founding an agricultural school as well. His idea was to realize an educational institution which would "earn its own endowment" from its own soil and factories, and to this end he planned to donate a number of his cereal food inventions. To this philanthropic endeavor he sacrificed his fortune, and died, his largest conception unrealized, on June, 1906, leaving his wife, and a son, Scott.

CHESTER W. GRAVES.

For many years members of the Graves family have taken a leading part in the development of the lumber industry in western New York and the enterprising spirit of the father has been transmitted to the son, Chester W. Graves, who is ably sustaining the traditions of the name. Although one of the more recent additions to the citizenship of Newark, he has already become a dominant figure in its business circles and wisely directs the operations of one of the largest planing mills in the Genesee country. He was born in Buffalo, New York, October 15, 1884, and his parents, Luther Pomeroy and Nellie E. (White) Graves, were also natives of that city, in which they were married. They had a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, but two of the sons are deceased. Luther P. Graves was long engaged in the manufacture of lumber in Buffalo, also operating extensively in Canada, and was numbered among the foremost business men of his native city. He was descended in the paternal line from Revolutionary war stock. He has passed away and is survived by Mrs. Graves. Chester W. of this review is the oldest of their children.

Chester W. Graves completed his education in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and in 1906, when a young man of twenty-two, became associated with his father in the wholesale lumber business in Buffalo. They also operated mills in Canada and continued as partners until the father's death in 1917. The business was then reorganized under the firm style of Graves, Manbert & George, Incorporated, and Chester W. Graves became treasurer of the company, which continued in the wholesale lumber business in Buffalo. In 1922 Mr. Graves withdrew from the firm and embarked in the wholesale lumber business in New York city, but soon afterward came to Newark. In association with Maurice E. Preisch of Buffalo, he purchased the business of the S. M. Keener Company, which they now conduct under the name of the Newark Planing Mill, Incorporated. Mr. Graves is serving as vice president,

treasurer and general manager and Mr. Preisch fills the office of president. They are dealers in builders' supplies and conduct a retail lumber business. They also operate a planing mill and wood-working plant and theirs is the largest business of the kind between Rochester and Syracuse. Mr. Graves has a highly specialized knowledge of the lumber industry, of which he has made a life study, and brings to the management of his affairs mature judgment, broad vision, initiative and superior executive ability.

On June 18, 1910, Mr. Graves was married to Ruth Leigh O'Donnell of Buffalo, New York, a daughter of Richard Lincoln O'Donnell, now deceased, who was a vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Graves were the parents of one child, Nancy. Mr. Graves was married the second time on June 21, 1921, Lucyanna Hubbard Joss, daughter of Frederick A. Joss, of Indianapolis, Indiana, becoming his wife, and they have one daughter, Lucyanna Joss.

During the World war Mr. Graves served for six months in the Motor Transport Corps. He is allied with the republican party and his religious views are in harmony with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church. He is a man of strong character and measures up to the highest standards of personal honor and present-day business ethics.

FERNANDO J. KELLER.

Fernando J. Keller, president of the John B. Keller Sons Company, florists, of Rochester, New York, is a native of that city, born May 20, 1872, the son of John B. and Susan (Brueck) Keller, who came from Germany shortly after the close of the Civil war. (See sketch of J. Michael Keller for more of the family history.) The business of which Mr. Keller is now president was founded by his father in 1873.

After attending the Rochester public schools, where he acquired a good practical education, Fernando J. Keller became associated with his father in floral culture. About the time he reached his majority he purchased his father's interest and in 1910 the business was incorporated under its present name. Since that time Mr. Keller has devoted his best efforts to the work of building up one of the largest floral concerns in Rochester and he has seen these efforts crowned with success. His interest in all matters pertaining to floriculture may be seen in the fact that he is a life member of the National Floral Association, a member of the American Rose Society, the American Carnation Society, the American Chrysanthemum Society and some others.

Mr. Keller has been twice married. His first wife was Miss L. B. Rauber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rauber. This marriage was solemnized on June 11, 1896, and their one son, Wilfred J., was born in 1897 in Rochester. He was educated in Rochester, where he finished the course in the public and high schools and then attended Cornell University. After leaving college he entered the United States forest service as a ranger and is now located in Denver, Colorado. He was married to Miss Tessie Johnson of Cheyenne, Wyoming, in 1919. Mrs. Fernando J. Keller died on July 5, 1899. On January 7, 1902, Mr. Keller was married to Louise Minhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Minhart of Rochester. One child has been born to this union: Miss Eleanor Keller, born in 1907 and now a student in the Rochester high school.

PHILETUS CHAMBERLAIN.

Philetus Chamberlain, one of the best known members of the Rochester bar, has been engaged in the active practice of his profession in this city for forty-six years. He was born in Ross, Wayne county, New York, April 14, 1855, and his parents, Philetus and Julia L. (Barnes) Chamberlain, were also natives of the Empire state, in which they always resided. The mother's birth occurred in Clyde, Wayne county, and the father was born in Mendon, Monroe county. He purchased a farm in Mendon in 1866 and successfully conducted its operation during the remainder of his active life. His death occurred in April, 1896, and his wife passed away in 1895.

Philetus Chamberlain, of this review, was reared on a farm and received his education in the district schools, the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, New York, and the University of Syracuse in the class of 1877. He taught school for a year in Perri-



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ton and Mendon, New York, and in preparing for his profession, read law in the office and under the direction of General John H. Martindale, a prominent attorney of those days. Mr. Chamberlain was admitted to the bar in 1879 and at once began active practice. He has been connected with some of the most important litigation before the courts of western New York, and his success has won for him a prominent place among the ablest trial lawyers in this part of the state.

On November 13th, 1884, Mr. Chamberlain was married in Rochester to Miss Elizabeth A. Van Doorn, a daughter of Frank and Harriet (Ely) Van Doorn. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain have a son and daughter. Arthur V. D. was graduated from the University of Syracuse in 1914 and is now one of the best known and successful of the younger members of the Rochester bar. In 1915 he married Miss Helen E. Mason, and they have three children; Philetus Mason Chamberlain (III) and Anne Marion and Helen Elizabeth Chamberlain, twins. Mr. Chamberlain's daughter, Belle M. is the wife of Charles P. Oliver, of New Rochelle, New York, and the mother of a son, George Chamberlain Oliver.

Philetus Chamberlain as a citizen has always been interested in matters of general moment and has ever been a stalwart supporter of the republican party. He is a member of the Monroe County Bar Association and fraternally is a Mason. Deeply interested in everything that touches the welfare and progress of the community, particularly along educational lines, Mr. Chamberlain was for six years school commissioner for Rochester, rendering valuable service in that connection, and the cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend. Time has proven his worth, and among his fellow practitioners Philetus Chamberlain is recognized as a lawyer of high attainments who respects the unwritten ethics of the profession.

Mr. Chamberlain's residence is at No. 10 Lamberton Park.

JAMES ROBIE KINGSLEY.

An attorney of ability and a member of one of New York's most respected families is James Robie Kingsley of Bath, his native city. His birth occurred on the 13th of January, 1866, his parents being Charles F. and Mary (Robie) Kingsley. The father was born near the village of Hammondsport, Steuben county, New York, on September 29, 1835. He pursued his early education in the district school of Urbana and continued his studies in the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, this state, which he attended from 1852 until 1855. He was admitted to the bar in 1857. In November, 1860, he came to Bath and commenced to practice law, remaining an active representative of the profession to the time of his death, which occurred on August 15, 1904. For thirty-three years he served as a member of the Haverling board of education, acting as its secretary during the entire period with the exception of one year. He had served as vestryman of St. Thomas church for twenty-five years and was one of the wardens at the time of his death. In his passing the community sustained the loss of one of its highly respected and valued citizens. On the 2d of June, 1864, at Bath, he married Mary Robie, daughter of Reuben Robie, and they became the parents of three children: James Robie, of this review; Charles La Rue; and Carter Robie Kingsley.

James R. Kingsley supplemented his public school education by a classical course in Hobart College of Geneva, New York, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1888, while three years later the same institution conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. Meanwhile he studied law in the office of his father and was admitted to the bar of New York state in 1891. Thus we find Mr. Kingsley following his father's profession and living up to the family character, which is traditional in the Genesee country. He practiced law in Bath until 1896, when he went to New York city, and the same year he became a member of the judicial department of the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland. He was made manager of its judicial department in 1902 and retired in March, 1922, returning to Bath in the fall of the latter year. Mr. Kingsley is a member of Sigma Phi fraternity. His interest lies in his work and he believes in carrying out the ideals of his family. His mother was the founder of the Bath Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Kingsleys have always been representative American citizens.

Charles La Rue Kingsley, brother of James R. Kingsley, was born in Bath, New York, on August 29, 1867. Upon graduating from Haverling high school in 1886 he entered the United States Military Academy at West Point. After leaving

this institution he studied law in Bath and was admitted to the bar in 1892. He was graduated from the New York Law School in 1893 and since then has been practicing his profession in New York city.

JOHN WHITE JOHNSTON.

Author, Publisher, Lecturer, Inventor, Manufacturer.

John White Johnston, the first child of Thomas Slater Johnston, and Mary Ann White, was born in the Whitcomb House Hotel, Rochester, April 24, 1879. Both parents were Scottish, having been born and educated in, or near, Stromness, Orkney Isles, Scotland.

At seven years of age the lad entered Monroe, or, No. 15 grammar school, and at eight years began his musical studies, on the violin, under William Fraser. At twelve years the study of art and free hand drawing, under Miss Jennings was undertaken. At fourteen years of age drawings made by him in the classroom at Monroe school, were exhibited at the World's Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago, 1893, as representative of art work, by grammar school pupils of Rochester. At fourteen years he continued violin studies under Herman Dossenbach, perhaps the best known teacher of violin in Rochester.

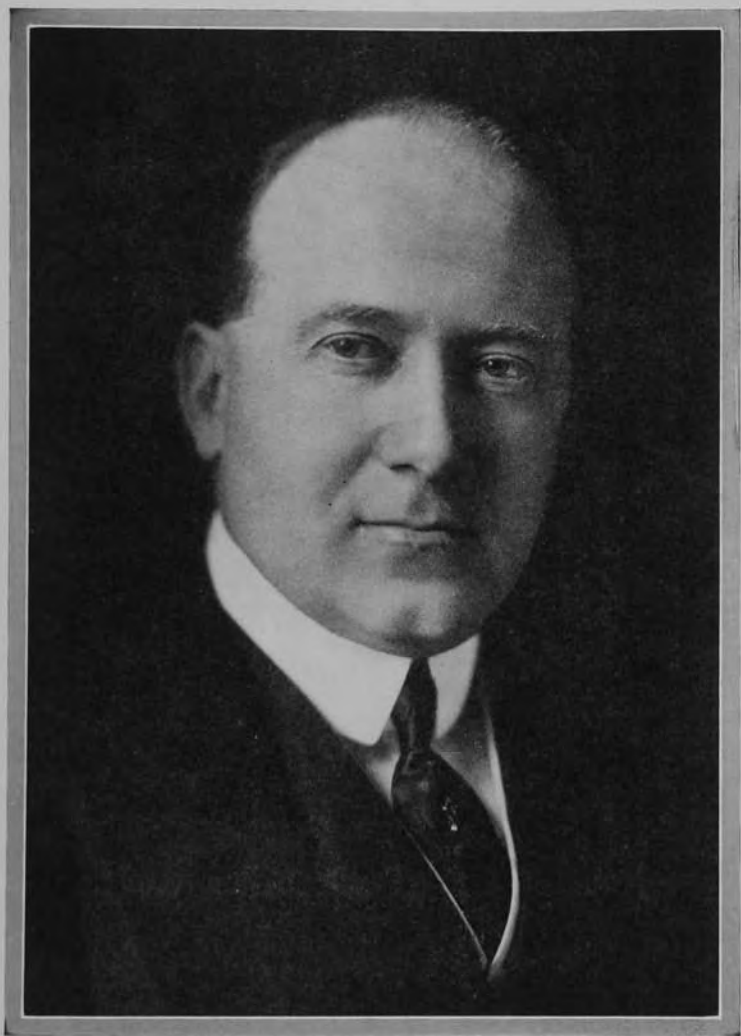
On graduating from Monroe school in the spring of 1895, and entering Rochester high school, in the fall of 1895, he founded the first Rochester High School Orchestra. Art studies, under Miss Jennings, were also continued at the then newly erected building of the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute, on South Washington street. On Washington's birthday, 1896, J. W. Johnston was leader of the Rochester High School Orchestra of nine pieces, which played in the orchestra pit at the Lyceum Theatre, for the public schools celebration. In 1897 he increased the membership of the Rochester High School Orchestra to about thirty pieces, a series of three concerts being given at the old Y. M. C. A. Music Hall, on Court street and South St. Paul street. These concerts by an orchestra of high school boys, assisted by girl soloists, attracted considerable attention from music critics, both in Rochester and outside of the city. Original compositions were encouraged, the first musical composition by J. W. Johnston, known as "The High School March", being rendered by the boys' orchestra at the first concert of the series.

On completing four years of art studies at the Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute, his last teacher being Claude Bragdon, in pen and ink drawing, he was graduated from that institute in the spring of 1896. In 1898, the third year of his high school work, he was elected president of the Rochester, or Beta Chapter of Gamma Sigma fraternity, being elected to the office of corresponding secretary for the Grand Chapter of the same society at the end of his junior year.

Following his graduation from the Rochester high school in the spring of 1899, Mr. Johnston entered Ithaca Conservatory of Music in the fall of 1899, specializing in violin studies under W. Grant Egbert, also studying musical composition, having already had some experience and encouragement from Mr. Dossenbach in this branch of music before leaving Rochester.

In the fall of 1900 he entered the arts department of Cornell University, when he was chosen first violinist with the Cornell University Orchestra, and a first violinist with the Sage Chapel Orchestra. At the freshmen banquet, at the Ithaca Hotel in the fall of 1900, he was chosen as the speaker to represent the independent or non-fraternity members of his class. In his sophomore year he was again chosen the speaker for the independent or non-fraternity members of his class. In his junior year at Cornell he won a position on the 1886 Memorial State for Declamation, was a member of the junior prom committee; and was one of the two violinists chosen to represent the university on the Christmas and Easter holiday trips of the Cornell Musical Clubs. In the spring of 1903 he won the competition at Cornell for an original musical setting for a Percy Field athletic song. In the spring of the same year poster work and pen and ink drawings by him were accepted for publication in the pages of "The Cornell Widow" and in "The Cornell Era".

In the fall of 1903 Mr. Johnston entered Harvard University, and in the competitions for positions among the first violinists for the Pierian Sodality or Harvard University Orchestra, which is the oldest existant musical organization in the United States, having been founded in 1812, he was successful. In a competition announced for undergraduate musicians for a march to be used at the opening exercises at the



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athletic stadium at Harvard University, J. W. Johnston won the competition with his "Stadium March", which was subsequently played by Sousa's Band, and reproduced by the Victor Phonograph Company.

In the spring of 1904, after one year's membership in the Pierian Sodality, he was elected director for his senior year. In the fall of 1904, on returning to college, he organized the Harvard University Band of about thirty pieces, which he directed at the Yale-Harvard game in New Haven in the fall of 1904. At the same time he suggested, and was instrumental, in the establishment of nom de plume song competitions at Harvard University for original musical settings, in which competitions he was repeatedly successful, two of these compositions being published in "Songs of Harvard", issued by Hines, Eldridge & Noble, of Philadelphia. As a senior at Harvard College, he organized and directed the Harvard University Orchestra, which was a much larger orchestra than the Pierian Sodality.

Following the completion of his senior year at Harvard College, he entered the Harvard Law School, completing one year's study, after which he had two years of post graduate studies in the Harvard Graduate School, completing his three years of post graduate work in the spring of 1908. From the time he entered Harvard College, in the fall of 1903, he served quite regularly on the Harvard University students' musical committee and continued his studies in musical composition under teachers who were members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. While a student at Harvard University he also made poster designs and illustrations, which were accepted and used on Harvard Orchestra programs and for the "Harvard Lampoon".

In 1908 Mr. Johnston began his apprenticeship of six years with the advertising department of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company, of which establishment his father has been a member since that business first opened its doors in April, 1868. From October, 1908, until January 1, 1915, J. W. Johnston served in the copywriting, illustrating, sign making, printing and window display sections of the direct publicity department of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company. While pursuing this apprenticeship work he lectured before the International Association of Display Men at Chicago and while in that city contracted for a series of twelve illustrated articles on department store card writing advertising, which were subsequently published in the "Merchant's Record".

While attending the great fiftieth anniversary encampment of the Confederate and Union Veterans of the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1 to 3, 1913, he decided to prepare a series of illustrated stereoptican lectures on "Interesting Episodes of the Great Battle of Gettysburg". Very extensive and intensive historical research work was commenced in the summer of 1913 on Gettysburg themes, with particular reference to the life and heroism of John Lawrence Burns, the Scot, who volunteered his services on the field in the first day's fight, was accepted as a volunteer on the field, although a veteran of the War of 1814 and was signally honored by Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863, when the President came to dedicate the National Cemetery at Gettysburg. A large collection of authentic relics pertaining to John Lawrence Burns and Mary Virginia Wade, the civilian heroine, accidentally killed during the struggle, have been collected and placed on exhibition at the Rochester Municipal Museum and in three historic buildings located at Gettysburg, owned by Mr. Johnson who has endowed both the Burns and Wade burial lots in Evergreen Cemetery. The beginning of the World war, in 1914, overshadowed interest in the Gettysburg subjects but he immediately began the preparation of a new stereoptican lecture on "The Story of the Flag" published by Williams, Brown and Earle, of Philadelphia, which was immediately successful, and which has continued so since the first announcement of its publication. Following the appearance of the illustrated stereoptican lecture on "The Story of the Flag", Mr. Johnston was appointed substitute lecturer of the Rochester Historical Society, having already lectured before the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore and at encampments of regular soldiers of the United States forces, and at various soldiers' reunions.

In the early part of 1915 he founded a manufacturing business of his own under the name of Snow White Products and also establishing a publication business for the distribution of his historical research and musical works, which he did not care to issue through regular publication channels. Although specializing in literary work in the preparation of illustrated stereoptican lectures on United States history themes, he is also greatly interested in ornithology, having delivered an annual lecture in the city of Rochester at the Municipal Museum, Edgerton Park on "Wild Birds in Monroe County" before the Rochester Audubon-Burroughs Nature Club, for some years past.

In the fall of 1916, after giving one of his illustrated stereoptican lectures at

the Powers Hotel, he was elected president of the Gamma Sigma Alumni Association of the Beta Chapter of that organization, which honor he still holds. In May, 1917, at the outbreak of the war between the United States and Germany, he volunteered with the New York Scottish Regiment of Infantry under Colonel Walter Scott, but did not see battle service, the regiment being held in New York city with the reserves throughout the war.

In the fall of 1919 he founded the Johnston Memorial Pipe Band, which is perhaps the best known Scottish pipe band in the United States. This organization is a memorial to his father, Thomas Slater Johnston. It is purely philanthropic in character and numbers about forty musicians. It is coached by former pipe majors of Highlanders of the British army. This band annually appears in public entertainments with the Municipal or Park Band, also frequently appears at the Chamber of Commerce and at picnics for orphan and crippled children. Musicians from this organization are also very popular at the Fathers and Sons banquets, Y. M. C. A. entertainments, church socials and church picnics. On November 19, 1919, he donated the tablet pew in the Presbyterian church at Gettysburg, in which Abraham Lincoln sat after delivering his immortal address.

In the spring of 1920, continuing his musical studies in original composition, he was accepted as a pupil by Percy Grainger, the world famous pianist and composer. Mr. Johnston holds several copyrights on original musical and literary compositions. He also holds patents on several successful devices of his invention.

Being public spirited, Mr. Johnston served ten years continuously as corresponding secretary for the Irondequoit Fish and Game Protective Association, which he enlarged January 1, 1921, to the Monroe County Fish and Game Protective Association, becoming its first president. The Monroe County Fish and Game Protective Association generally numbers about one thousand organized sportsmen. Mr. Johnston has been reelected president three consecutive years, although anxious that his successor be found. This association has two game farms, where game birds are raised and liberated, or given to the department of parks. Millions of young game fish have also been liberated in the waters of Monroe county under his leadership.

On January 1, 1922, he refounded the Saint Andrew's Scottish Society of Rochester, which had been dormant for many years, continuing his membership in Clan MacNaughton, Order of Scottish Clans, in which organization he had been repeatedly elected to office.

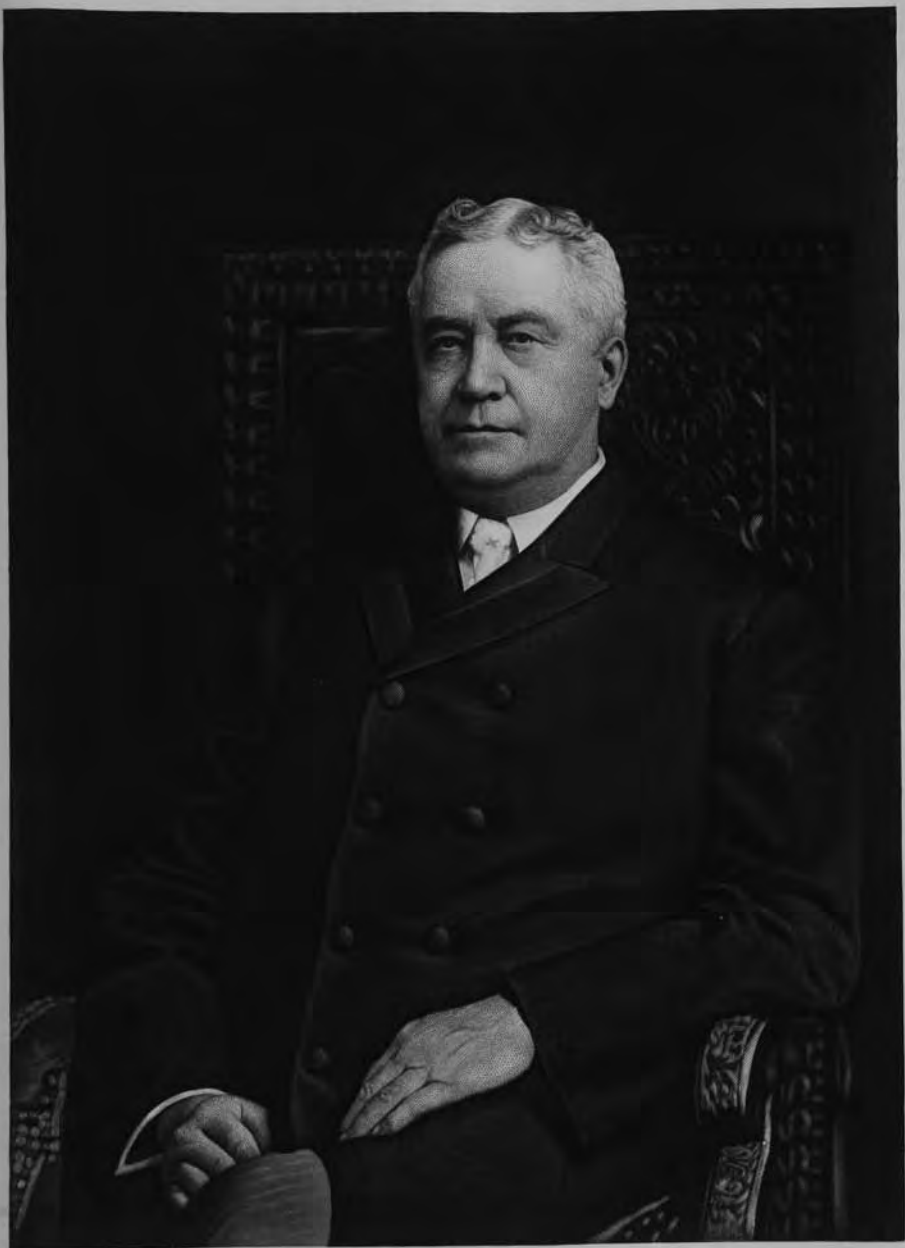
Mr. Johnston was married February 14, 1921, to Miss Constance Grant of Arbroath, Scotland, and they have a daughter, Mary Grant Johnston, born February 23, 1922; and a son, Grant White Johnston, born March 27, 1925.

At the time this article was prepared for publication, Mr. Johnston was president of the Property Owners' Association of Arnold Park, where he resides; held an appointment as a lecturer before the Rochester Historical Society, had been a member of the class for conductors under Mr. Coates at the Eastman School of Music; was President of the Harvard Club of Rochester; president of the Monroe County Sportsmen's Association; owner and proprietor of Snow White Products manufacturing interests of Rochester, New York; a stockholder of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company; and a stockholder in other successful industries of Rochester and elsewhere.

HON. JEREMIAH JOSEPH O'CONOR.

The late Jeremiah Joseph O'Connor of Elmira, had a career of conspicuous success in varied fields. As a business man, as a public servant, a humanitarian, and in whatever sphere of life in which he engaged, he accomplished much. He was born in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland, December 25, 1844, a son of Timothy Joseph and Julia (Sullivan) O'Connor. When he was three years of age his parents sailed to America and settled in Whitby, Ontario, near Toronto.

Jeremiah Joseph O'Connor received his education in parochial, public and Normal schools in Ontario, and there became a school teacher. In 1864 he settled in Elmira, New York, and became the first principal of the SS. Peter and Paul's parochial school. With splendid success he devoted two years of his young manhood to the development of that school. In 1867 Mr. O'Connor engaged in the oil and real estate business, with headquarters in Elmira, and became one of the pioneer operators in the Pennsylvania oil field. The peaceful and gentle nature of the inner man rebelled



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at the turbulence and lawlessness of the early period of oil development, and had it not been for this condition he undoubtedly would have remained in this vocation. Subsequently he entered into partnership with his brother in the wine and liquor business. Upon the death of his brother he became sole proprietor, and continued the business until his death in Elmira, on November 29, 1913.

Mr. O'Connor owned large property interests in and around Elmira and on the Pacific coast. He possessed a large amount of Seattle real estate and was one of the largest taxpayers in that city. He was also interested profitably in many extensive mining enterprises in the west. He was a life member and vice president of the American-Irish Historical Society, and held membership also in the Catholic Club of New York city, and the Elmira City and Elmira Country Clubs. Politically he was an ardent democrat. In 1875 he was chosen the first city chamberlain of Elmira and as such was the chief financial officer of the city. With eminent success he organized a financial system which has been changed very little in the forty years that have since elapsed. He consolidated into his own position the former offices of city tax collector and city treasurer.

In 1882 Mr. O'Connor was elected to the New York state assembly from Chemung county and in that body became the intimate of Theodore Roosevelt, who was likewise a member of assembly. At the democratic state convention of 1882 Mr. O'Connor nominated David B. Hill for lieutenant governor. He had contended in deliberations before the convention that Hill was the best choice for governor. This was in part due to the fact that the strife between the Cleveland, Flower and Slocum forces was growing less bitter. The Tammany leaders concurred in his views regarding the nomination of Hill for first place on the ticket, but Cleveland was given the position, and the Cleveland-Hill ticket swept the state by approximately two hundred thousand. In the convention of 1885 Mr. O'Connor made the speech nominating Hill for a second term as governor of New York, and in 1888 nominated him for a third term. He and others held that had Hill won the 1882 nomination over Cleveland, Hill would have been elected president of the United States in 1884.

Mr. O'Connor was tendered the office of collector of the port of New York by Cleveland and Manning, the latter then secretary of the treasury, but he declined the honor because of the press of private business. For years he wielded a conservative influence in the democratic state organization. Efforts to induce him to accept the mayoralty of Elmira at different times were unsuccessful, and twice he declined to accept an appointment as police commissioner.

Perhaps Mr. O'Connor's most notable labors were in behalf of Irish freedom and the cause of the Emerald isle. As the friend of Charles Stewart Parnell he persuaded the latter to make his memorable tour of the United States in 1877 and accompanied him. In 1880 he made himself one of the firm supporters of Parnell and the Irish land league. His compatriots in Ireland needed money, and at a great convention in Chicago, Mr. O'Connor quickly raised a quarter million dollars and collected it from the subscribers within one month. He was twice elected president of the league. He gave personally to the cause twenty-five thousand dollars, and he raised five hundred thousand dollars to support Irish leaders in parliament who were struggling for home rule. John Redmond was his warm friend and it was at Redmond's request that Mr. O'Connor became chief executive of the league.

Jeremiah J. O'Connor was a man of commanding figure, always well groomed and highly refined in his personal appearance and habits. As a public speaker he was strong and earnest, and always made a deep impression in his addresses. Measured by any standard he was a high-minded, wholesome, sincere and fascinating man, and his career as citizen and churchman could not be excelled. A God-fearing man, generous in thought and act, he was ever liberal in the causes of philanthropy, patriotism and charity. To an active and efficient participation in all that tended to promote the common welfare of the community he brought the same inspiring qualities which distinguished him as a merchant. The reputation for uprightness and integrity in business was but the manifestation of those qualities that endeared him to his fellows. In the work of the day as in the discharge of every duty that was imposed upon him he was orderly, industrious, progressive, charitable, sincere and sympathetic. And withal he was ever the same courteous, high-minded, mild-mannered gentleman.

Of the many whose activities were identified with the progress and upbuilding of Elmira during the last half century none have contributed more substantially than Jeremiah J. O'Connor. Of his generosity, of his public spirit, and his sense of civic duty and helpfulness, it is sufficient to say that during this period he was an

essential part of every movement and undertaking which had for its purpose the improvement of the city or the betterment of the people.

Jeremiah J. O'Connor was married in Elmira, on June 22, 1871, to Mary, daughter of John and Anne (Veach) Purcell, also of Elmira. His widow survives him and now resides in Washington, D. C. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor: Frederick J., deceased; Julia, who became the wife of Edward J. Dunn, banker and capitalist; Francis J., deceased; Purcell J., deceased; Anna M., who became the wife of Judge John J. Crowley; Teresa M.; Florence, who is the widow of Alexander C. Eustace, one of the leading lawyers of the country; Marie L., wife of Matthew E. Kennedy, a leading manufacturer of Elmira; Charles B. and Justin V.

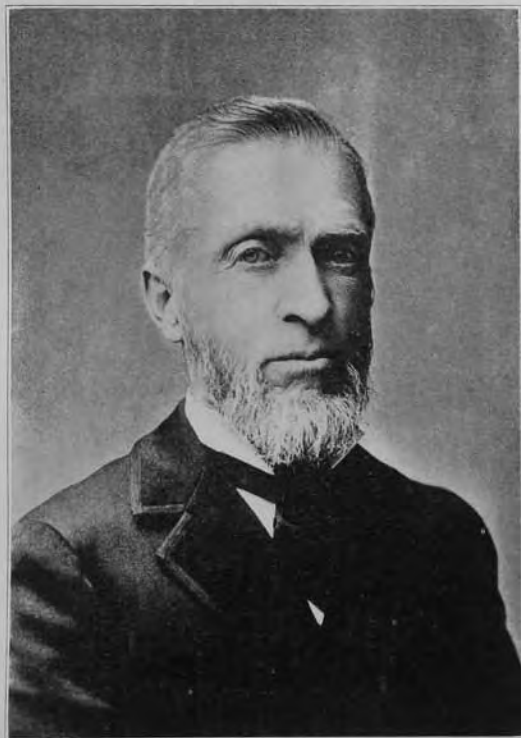
In closing this all too brief sketch of Mr. O'Connor's life it is well to point out more specifically the conspicuous work he did in the west, which, while not pertinent to the history of Chemung county, is of interest to the community which proudly claimed Mr. O'Connor as a resident.

On January 29, 1889, Mr. O'Connor made his first investment in the city of Seattle. He purchased from Cyrus Walker, a wealthy pioneer lumberman, Lot 5, in Block 8, of C. D. Boren and A. A. Denney's plat of the town, now the city of Seattle. He paid for this property the sum of fifty thousand dollars in cash. This was the highest price ever paid for any property on First avenue up to that time. Then the northern section of the city was little more than a forest, yet Mr. O'Connor correctly predicted that this section would one day be the center of business as well as the center of population of the city. His investments, and options taken on property at the corner of Second and Pike streets, and on acreage adjacent to the property allotted for the future building of the University of Washington, were all based upon his judgment formed at the time of his first visit. He also purchased property in Ellensburg in this state when it was a mere cowboy town, dependent upon the range and mines for its growth. Mr. O'Connor also spent large sums of money investigating the mineral resources of the state of Washington and Idaho, and the province of British Columbia. He supplied the funds for the development of some of the most important properties in the Coeur d'Alenes, and in the mines at Rosalind, British Columbia. He took a great pleasure in visiting the pioneer sections of the country and assisting in the development of many of their natural resources. In the spring of 1900 he was one of the earliest to ship many thousands of dollars worth of goods, supplies and equipment to Nome, Alaska, at which place he had acquired large mining interests. The freight charges alone from Seattle to Nome upon one of his shipments amounted to nearly fifty thousand dollars. He is remembered in the great Northwest for his many acts of kindness, rendered at a time when such assistance meant so much to the struggling pioneers.

EDWIN C. BRADLEY.

In every community there are found men who by force of character and intellect rise above their fellows and draw to themselves the admiration and deference which the world yields to superior ability. In this classification belonged Edwin C. Bradley, for many years president of the Empire Gas & Fuel Company, Limited, of Wellsville, and one of the strong personalities of Allegany county. He was one of those rare men who are unspoiled by material prosperity and enlisted his talents as readily for the public weal as for his own aggrandizement. Mr. Bradley was long a familiar figure in the oil districts of New York and Pennsylvania, in the development of which he played a most important part, and his death on the 22d of April, 1913, deprived Wellsville of one of its foremost business men and highly esteemed citizens. He possessed the indomitable spirit of the pioneer, and being a man of strong purpose, determined will and indefatigable energy, won out against adversity under which most men would have gone down to defeat.

Edwin C. Bradley was born in Crossingville, Cussewago township, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, December 21, 1833, and acquired his early education in the district schools of that vicinity, later pursuing his studies in Kingsville, Ohio, and in the academy at Meadville, Pennsylvania. He aided his father in the cultivation of the home farm, which was situated near Crossingville, and assisted him in driving cattle to Philadelphia, the eastern market, a distance of about four hundred miles. When a young man of twenty-seven Mr. Bradley became interested in the oil fields near Petrolia, Canada. The fields were just being opened and Mr. Bradley aided in



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drilling some of the first wells in that section by the use of the spring pole, kicking them down by foot power. He met with considerable success while in the Dominion, but during the panic of 1863 the price of oil dropped to ten cents a barrel and he lost everything that he had made. One of the chief causes of his failure was the fact that he struck a thousand-barrel well which produced oil in such large quantities that he was unable to care for it at this low price.

In March, 1863, Mr. Bradley returned home, being at that time in poor health, and later in the year went to the Oil Creek district of Pennsylvania. On December 22, 1864, he was married to Miss Marion L. Whiting, and they established their home in Rouseville, about four miles above Oil City. For several years Mr. Bradley had a hard struggle to gain a foothold in the oil business, purchasing the oil from the producers, barreling it and hauling it to the cars to be shipped to the refinery at Cleveland and other points. He moved to Oil City in 1873 and was considered one of the most successful oil men there at that time. In 1872, in association with H. F. Whiting, Marcus Hulings, the Blakeslee Brothers and R. R. Richardson, Mr. Bradley built the Antwerp and Oil City pipe line in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, one of the first constructed, and in 1877 this line with several others was taken over by the Standard Oil interests and merged with the United Pipe Line Company, the original owners receiving stock in the Standard Oil Company. In the panic of 1878 oil dropped from four dollars to forty cents a barrel and owing to the failure of a friend whose notes he had indorsed Mr. Bradley was obliged to sell his stock in the corporation, much to his regret. In 1879, when forty-six years of age, he was again forced to rebuild his fortunes. He decided to make a new start in Bradford, where he became associated with H. T. Whiting and others in the Oak Shade Oil Company. In 1880, in connection with his brother, J. B. Bradley, and Emerson and J. N. Pew, he built the first gas line to Olean, organizing the Keystone Gas Company. In 1881 E. C. Bradley purchased the Neilan Brothers' interest in the Empire Gas Company, which they had formed at Richburg in association with J. B. Bradley. The company at that time was selling gas for drilling purposes and later Bolivar and Allentown were piped, while in 1883 a line was run to Wellsville. In 1889 E. C. and J. B. Bradley, W. J. Penny and others organized the Mutual Gas Company at Andover, New York, and after Mr. Penny's death the business was taken over by the Empire Gas & Fuel Company, Limited. In 1900 Mr. Bradley's vision became greatly impaired but with characteristic determination and dauntless spirit he rose superior to all obstacles and continued active in the management of the business until his death, at the age of seventy-nine years. He had established his home in Wellsville in 1885, and the work which he began is being ably carried forward by his son, Harry Bradley. E. C. Bradley had a host of friends in every oil section of the country and he was a living example of what can be accomplished in the face of almost unsurmountable obstacles with perseverance, untiring work, friendliness and absolute integrity.

HARRY BRADLEY.

Harry Bradley, the president of the Empire Gas & Fuel Company, Limited, of Wellsville, was born in Rouseville, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1869. His parents were Edwin C. and Marion L. (Whiting) Bradley, the former one of the pioneer operators in the oil fields of New York and Pennsylvania.

Harry Bradley attended the public schools of Oil City and Bradford, Pennsylvania, and Wellsville, New York, and during the winter of 1889-90 was a student at the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, New York. Since 1892 he has been connected with the Empire Gas & Fuel Company, Limited, in Wellsville and is now serving as president and secretary of the corporation, which was organized by his father and the latter's brother, J. B. Bradley. It was first known as the Empire Gas Company but in 1885 was reorganized under the name of the Empire Gas & Fuel Company, Limited. Later the Mutual Gas Company, Limited, which was founded in Andover, New York, in 1889, and the Cuba Gas Company, were purchased by the Empire Gas & Fuel Company, Limited. For a third of a century Mr. Bradley has labored earnestly, systematically and effectively for the development of the business, which now ranks with the largest of the kind in this section of the state. The company is now operating a very large number of oil and gas wells. His cousin, George H. Bradley of Bolivar, is vice president and treasurer of the Empire Gas & Fuel Company, Limited. Harry Bradley also figures prominently in financial affairs as

vice president of the Citizens National Bank of Wellsville, of which he is likewise a director.

In 1895 Mr. Bradley was married to Miss Myrtle Wells of Oswayo, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Walter and Sarah (Lyman) Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have two children: Marion Sarah and Elizabeth Wells. The former was born May 27, 1900, and completed a course in the local high school. She was graduated in 1923 from Bryn Mawr College of Pennsylvania and is now at home. Her sister was born May 5, 1902, and attended the Wellsville public schools. She was graduated from the Shipley School for Girls at Bryn Mawr in 1921, and is a member of the class of 1925 of Bryn Mawr College.

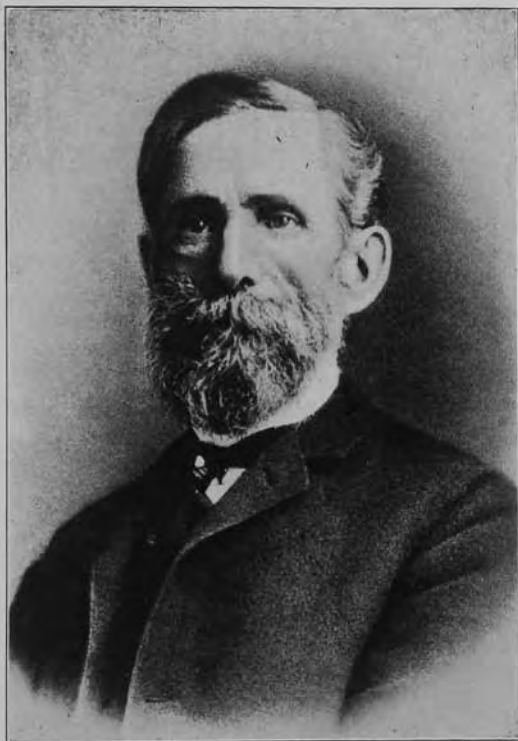
Mr. Bradley is a consistent member of the Congregational church. When national issues are involved he votes the republican ticket but at local elections casts his ballot for the candidate whom he considers best qualified for office, regardless of party ties. He is keenly interested in affairs vital to his community, to which he is rendering valuable service as president of the school board. He is a Rotarian and also belongs to other organizations of a civic or social character. He is identified with the Masonic order, having membership in the lodge and chapter in Wellsville, the consistory in Corning, New York, the commandery in Hornell, and Ismailia Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Buffalo. For several years he has been a director of the Randolph Children's Home, and for the past year has been its vice president. Ever since 1890 the Bradley family has owned and occupied the Ephriam Smith homestead, which is one of the old landmarks of Wellsville.

LEWIS H. THORNTON.

Lewis H. Thornton, one of the foremost residents of Wellsville, has during the past two decades given his attention to oil production in both the local oil field and in Oklahoma. He has devoted some time to writing on local historical subjects, and was formerly identified with journalistic interests for a number of years as editor and publisher of newspapers in the Genesee Country. His birth occurred at Wellsville, Allegany county, New York, on the 18th of January, 1869, his parents being James and Lydia (Dobbins) Thornton, the former born in Dublin, Ireland, February 15, 1840, and the latter in Troy, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1843. The family comes of English lineage, tracing its ancestry back to members of the Church of England who went to Ireland at the time of the Cromwellian invasion. Among the Thornton ancestors in the collateral line was Matthew Thornton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Henry Thornton, an officer in the Irish Hussars famed in the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava. Among the ancestors of Mrs. Lydia (Dobbins) Thornton, who was a charter member of the Catherine Schuyler Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, were the distinguished English and Scotch families bearing the names of Fassett and McKean. The county of McKean in Pennsylvania was named in honor of a representative of the McKean family, and another was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

James Thornton, the father of Lewis H. Thornton, was a little lad of five years when brought to America. In 1862 he volunteered his services as a private in the Civil war and served later as sergeant in Company G of the First New York Dragoons until the close of the war in 1865, participating under General Sheridan in most of the engagements of the historic Shenandoah valley campaign of the Army of the Potomac. He was honorably cited for the capture single-handed of a piece of Confederate artillery at the battle of Cedar Creek. He settled in Wellsville, New York, after the war, served as postmaster there and died September 16, 1903, after an honorable and successful business career. Lewis H. was his only son. He had two daughters: Miriam Eager, now Mrs. J. H. Fisher; and Gertrude Eloise, now Mrs. E. C. Million, both of Wellsville.

Lewis H. Thornton completed a high school course in Wellsville with the class of 1886 and after further preparation at Greenwich, New York, was six years later graduated from the University of Rochester, which in 1892 conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He made his home in his native city until twenty-nine years of age and was local editor of the Wellsville Daily Reporter from 1894 until 1898. He then removed to Belmont, New York, and during the succeeding eighteen years, until 1916, was editor and owner-publisher of the Belmont Dispatch. In the year 1903, however, he left Belmont for Cuba, New York, where he was also active



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in the field of journalism as editor and owner-publisher of the *Cuba Patriot* from 1904 until 1906. Returning to Wellsville, Mr. Thornton has here resided since 1905, with the exception of about half of each year during the period between 1905 and 1910, which he spent in Oklahoma. As above stated, he has been an oil producer in the local oil field as well as in Oklahoma since 1905. Some idea of the extent and importance of his operations may be gained from the fact that he is now president of the Modern Oil Company of Oklahoma, president of the Ford Brook Pipe Line Company of Wellsville, vice-president and general manager of the Wellsville Oil Company and the Ottawa Oil Company of Oklahoma, and president of the Thornton Company and the Thornton Securities Corporation. He is also interested in substantial real estate and bond investments and has long been numbered among the prominent citizens and successful business men of Allegany county. Mr. Thornton has, moreover, manifested some literary ability and has gained more than local renown as a writer on historical subjects. He is the author of "History of Wellsville" and "Oil and Gas in Allegany County" and he prepared the article on the "History of the Oil Development in New York State" which appears in this "History of the Genesee Country." All of this development has been in western New York. During the World war he served as Red Cross chairman and also as Liberty Loan chairman.

On the 7th of October, 1903, in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Thornton was united in marriage to Winifred Knight, who was born at Castile, New York, June 9, 1877, daughter of Samuel B. and Della (Hood) Knight, the former being general freight agent in the service of the Wabash Railroad Company and the latter a daughter of William Hood, an old settler. The Knight family were early settlers in Allegany county, New York, coming to the Knights Creek region in what is now Scio township in 1804. They gave their name to Knights Creek. Mrs. Winifred (Knight) Thornton was graduated from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, with the class of 1898. By her marriage she has become the mother of two sons: James Thornton, who was born in 1904 and is a student in the University of Rochester; and Knight Thornton, born in 1910, who is attending the Choate School of Wallingford, Connecticut.

A staunch republican in politics, Mr. Thornton formerly served as chairman of the republican county committee. He was also a member of the Wellsville board of education, is past president of the Wellsville Business Men's Association and president at this time of the New York State Oil Producers Association. He was a member of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal church and he also belongs to the Greek letter college fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon. Mr. Thornton is likewise a member of the Masonic order. His name is on the membership rolls of the Masonic Club, the Rotary Club, the Wellsville Country Club and the Olean Country Club. His has been an active, honorable and useful life, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Thornton feels that his "career was upset at the beginning of its prime in 1910 by a very serious illness which left him permanently disabled and revolutionized his activities."

PHILIP YAWMAN HAHN.

Philip Yawman Hahn is actively identified with Rochester's industrial interests as a manufacturer of high power air rifles and is widely known as a young business man of marked ability and enterprise. He has always lived in Rochester, where his birth occurred on the 25th of February, 1900, his parents being Frank William and Cora (Yawman) Hahn, of German and French descent, respectively. The father, also a native of Rochester, was born on June 6, 1874, while the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day at Mount Morris, New York, on the 3d of April, 1874.

Philip Y. Hahn acquired his early education in the Corpus Christi school of Rochester and following his graduation therefrom in June, 1913, continued his studies in the East high school of his native city, completing the prescribed course therein by graduation in June, 1917. His more advanced intellectual training was received in Georgetown University of Washington, D. C., which institution conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in June, 1921. He is now engaged in the manufacture of high power air rifles and in this field has already gained a measure of success which augurs well for the future.

The military record of Mr. Hahn covers service at the Great Lakes Naval Train-

ing Station of Great Lakes, Illinois. He is a Roman Catholic in religious faith and as a young man of high ideals and worthy motives has made many warm friends in both social and business relations.

FRANK LEVERNE BARTLETT.

Probably no community in western New York, in this generation, has been called upon to mourn the passing of a citizen of such inestimable value as that of the city of Olean when death removed Frank Leverne Bartlett on December 6, 1922. Banker, philanthropist, humanitarian, public-spirited and greatly beloved citizen, he represented the very highest type of citizenship and his passing has left a place that it is freely admitted cannot be filled. He was the leading citizen of Olean.

Frank L. Bartlett was born at Belfast, Allegany county, New York, on December 25, 1858, the son of Ebenezer and Corinthia (Angell) Bartlett and descended from a family that dates to the Norman conquest. The lineage is traced to Adam Bartelot, who removed from Normandy to County Sussex, England, which was the family seat for many generations. The American ancestor of the family was Richard Bartlett, who was born in Wiltshire, England, in 1515, and became an early settler of Newbury, Massachusetts. The family became distinguished in the annals of New England, some of the Bartlett ancestors having fought in the war of the Revolution. One of these, Josiah Bartlett, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Bartlett's branch of the family in New York state are descendants of Samuel Bartlett, who was born in 1725, in Massachusetts, and settled in Orange, Ulster county, where he died in 1765. John Bartlett, grandson of Samuel, was the grandfather of Frank L. Bartlett of this review. He settled at Belfast, Allegany county, where Ebenezer Bartlett was born in 1824 and died in 1910. The latter was a successful farmer and lumberman and quite a remarkable man. Corinthia Angell, his wife, was a native of Steuben county and came to Belfast with her parents in 1839. She completed her education at what was then the Seminary at Alfred, afterwards becoming a part of that notable university. She survived her husband for a number of years, reaching the advanced age of ninety-four years, her death following that of her son, Frank L.

Of this sturdy parentage, Mr. Bartlett derived some of his sterling qualities which characterized the days of his manhood. He was reared to farm work and educated in a district school of Allegany county, where he completed his studies in 1876. In 1879 he took a position as clerk in the First National Bank of Cuba, serving a year or more without compensation. There he remained until June 4, 1880, when he came to Olean to accept a modest clerical position in the Exchange National Bank. In five years he worked his way through successive promotions to the position of cashier, being elected to that office on November 21, 1885. He had found his true vocation and had so established his value as a financier upon his associates that on January 9, 1895, he was elected president of the bank and continued in that position to the time of his death. It is thus noted that the progress of his life's work was one of upward growth and his courage was not daunted by any obstacles, growing stronger as the years of his service advanced. As a banker he became one of the best known and most successful in western New York and was an authority on banking. Under his alert and able management the Exchange National Bank took its position to compare favorably with any bank in the United States situated in a similar locality. It is now handsomely located in one of Olean's most imposing and attractive buildings, which Mr. Bartlett was instrumental in remodeling together with the construction of the buildings now occupied by the Olean Electric Light & Power Company and the Derby-McCarthy Company. In addition to his presidency of the Exchange National Bank he was also a director of the Buffalo branch of the Federal Reserve Bank and a director of the Olean Trust Company from its organization until his death. He was a director of the old W. N. Y. & P. Railroad and when it was taken over by the Pennsylvania Railroad he became a director of the Pennsylvania Company. Through his deep interest in the local plant of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company he was instrumental in securing for that company additional property in Olean which led later to enlarging the shops. He was made an honorary member of the Veterans Association, Buffalo Division, Pennsylvania Railroad System, at a meeting held on September 10, 1921, at Rock City. That honor was conferred upon him in recognition of the great value of his services.

Mr. Bartlett also took an interest in the activities of the Vacuum Oil Company,



Frank L. Bartlett.

Clark Brothers and other industries tending to their enlargement. He was a director of the old Olean Board of Trade and when it was succeeded by the Chamber of Commerce he was active in that organization. He was a member of the Olean flood abatement commission and his efforts aided greatly in bringing the miles of dyking in Olean to realization. He was a director of the Olean Housing Corporation and the Park Improvement Association. He was instrumental in the organization of the Cattaraugus-Allegany Bankers Association and served as its president from that time until about a year previous to his death, declining a further tenure of that office.

Two of what may be termed Mr. Bartlett's hobbies were the development of the Hamilton Country Club, which since his death has been changed to the Frank L. Bartlett Country Club, and the Higgins Memorial Hospital. Through his untiring efforts he brought about the existence and maintenance of the club and aided in making the hospital one of the most modern. He was president of both organizations. He also took a deep interest in the Children's Home at Randolph, New York, and served as chairman of the endowment fund committee for a number of years. As a patriot during the World war Mr. Bartlett rendered splendid service as the director of the various Liberty Loan campaigns, in every one of which Cattaraugus county under his able leadership far exceeded its quota. In the campaign for the Red Cross and other war activities he threw himself heart and soul into the work and led every campaign to success.

In politics he was a democrat, although he was not a politician and never allowed his name to be presented for public office. He always made a study of the candidates, both state and national, also of the party platforms. At one time he was asked to become a candidate for the office of mayor of Olean, and although it seemed his election would be certain, he emphatically declined to enter the race. He was content to remain a private citizen, actuated only by a consuming desire to ameliorate the condition and make happier the people of his locality and to build the financial institutions of which he was the head as a bulwark for the needs of the people, in which work he experienced great satisfaction. At the bank Mr. Bartlett was infallible. He arrived at the office early and as a rule stayed long after the institution closed. He was known as a man who quickly comprehended business propositions and analyzed almost by intuition any proposal that came to him either in the matter of finance or relating to general business. He loathed ostentatious publicity and as a result many of his benefactions were unknown except in some instances to his most intimate friends. Needless to say, many of these benefactions will continue unknown to the general public of Olean.

Mr. Bartlett was a trustee of Alfred University and in 1922 the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him in recognition of his great value to the community. Besides his membership in the Hamilton Country Club, he belonged to the City Club of Olean, the Bankers Club of New York and a number of clubs in other places. He was a Knights Templar Mason and a Noble of Ismailia Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Buffalo. He was also a member of Olean Lodge No. 471, I. O. O. F. Mr. Bartlett was a member of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church and contributed a large amount toward the erection of the new church edifice. He never lost interest in his boyhood home and the Bartlett Memorial Library at Belfast was built by him as a memorial to his parents.

On July 15, 1886, Mr. Bartlett was married to Miss Fannie E. England, daughter of John England of Tidioute, Pennsylvania, and to them was born a daughter, Nancy. The family residence is at 302 Laurens street in Olean.

The Olean Evening Herald said editorially of Mr. Bartlett at the time of his death: "Frank L. Bartlett, Olean's most prominent citizen, passed away at an early hour this morning, following a surgical operation Tuesday for draining the gall bladder. Not only Olean but the entire community is stunned by the sudden ending of the life of this splendid citizen stricken shortly before his sixty-fourth birthday. There are times when the editorial writer feels utterly impotent when attempting to adequately express that which he fain would say concerning an event or the influence that a good citizen has extended to others. In our humanity most of us are so lacking in a proper appreciation of the good that others may do, while we are ever ready to press for characteristics to criticize. But it is certain that the thousands of people who knew Mr. Bartlett at all, recognized in him a very wonderful personality and one which commanded admiration and respect. It could not be otherwise, for he was so intimately and deeply concerned in and affiliated with all important affairs of this city and community that his great wisdom, fine discernment, generous impulses and remarkable business tact were felt everywhere.

"The life of Frank L. Bartlett was an open book. It was a remarkably busy one and yet with all his extensive interests and his close interest in public affairs, he had

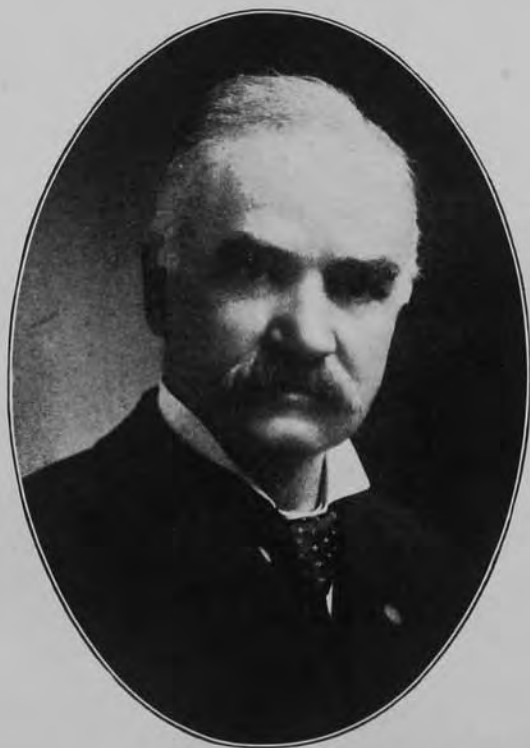
time to play and to devote to social amenities that caused men to seek his companionship. There is scarcely a worth-while institution or improvement in Olean but was either made possible or at least helped directly by Mr. Bartlett. He was lavish with his money if a project was for the uplift of the community and the bettering of living conditions of people, but he went much further than the mere drawing of checks, for he contributed generously of himself. It rarely happens that a man having extensive business interests requiring his personal attention and supervision will devote as much time to public matters as did Mr. Bartlett. Older citizens will remember his remarkable work at the time the Pennsylvania Railroad took over the old W. N. Y. & P. Railroad and how through his personal efforts Olean became a great gainer. And then when the city's flood abatement project was being put forward, his advice at meetings of the Olean Chamber of Commerce was highly prized. When the state authorized the work, Mr. Bartlett became one of the commissioners in charge of the work. The Olean General Hospital, of which Mr. Bartlett was president, has become one of Olean's finest institutions very largely through his activities. Likewise the Hamilton Country Club, of which he was president, is known as one of the finest and best appointed country clubs in the state because of what Mr. Bartlett has personally done for it. As head of the great financial institution, the Exchange National Bank, he exhibited most remarkable abilities and long since became known as a recognized leader in banking circles throughout western New York. His banking connections in New York, Chicago and in Europe have made him known everywhere.

"It cannot be gainsaid that Frank L. Bartlett rose from obscurity as a small farmer's son to a position of great wealth and prominence in the business and social world through sheer force of will and concentrating all of his energies on his work. He was handicapped early in life, just as hundreds and thousands of other boys were and are, by having only meagre school education, but his dynamic energies pushed him ahead and ultimately brought him the great successes he achieved. It is trite to refer to the loss this city and community sustains in the death of this fine, public-spirited citizen, for it is a comment on that which is universally known and recognized. Mr. Bartlett possessed rare vision, faith in himself, a world of optimism and a spirit that could not be shaken. These are attributes that invariably spell success. They will bring large success to any man who embraces them wholeheartedly. The good that he did will never be known, for his philanthropies were not advertised. Nevertheless it is certain that they were large and it is equally certain that hundreds can testify that he was a real friend in need. It is indeed a shallow mind that cannot grasp the truth that an irreparable loss has occurred to Olean through the taking away of Frank L. Bartlett and yet we know that 'his works will live after him.'"

The Olean Evening Times, in an editorial, said of Mr. Bartlett as follows: "Obituaries and eulogies are written with the usual expressions of appreciation that one expects to find in such tributes. But to one who has known Frank L. Bartlett for over a third of a century words are inadequate to express appreciation of the character and 'bigness' of the man. No monument need be erected to perpetuate his name. His whole life's work, so abruptly ended, was that of a builder. No man has done more for the upbuilding of this city, in every way, than Mr. Bartlett; he was a pioneer, so to speak, of the newer Olean that we know today, and in his efforts for his city he built his own lasting monument. He was always ready, always willing to do his part. His was a strong character, firm and unyielding in the cause of right, but with a keen sense of feeling and charity for 'the other fellow', less strong or less fortunate. Philanthropist in a major degree, modest to the extreme, Mr. Bartlett always kept his generous acts 'like the light under the measure.' He was a 'big' man in every sense of the word as we use it today—a loyal and patriotic citizen, but best and greatest of all a true friend. While no doubt the many activities in which Mr. Bartlett was engaged at the time of his death will be continued by others, nevertheless his death has caused a void in our community life that will ever keep his memory fresh in the minds of those who knew him. His death is a distinct loss to Olean."

SAMUEL HENRY BRADLEY.

Samuel Henry Bradley, son of Samuel W. and Aditha D. (Barr) Bradley, was born on the 13th of August, 1843, in Olean, New York. The name Bradley—Saxon in origin—meaning broad lea, is mentioned in 1173. "The early settlers of the name in New England are staunch Dissenters and probably from a common ancestry in



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL H. BRADLEY

England." George (1), a proprietor of Windsor and Tolland, Connecticut, came, tradition says, from New Haven. George (1), Jabez (2), Jabez (3), Samuel (4), Samuel (5), all lived in Tolland. Samuel (4) was a graduate of Yale College, as were also his five brothers. From Jabez (3) were descended the Chautauqua county Bradleys and Chauncey J. Fox of Ellicottville, who had a prominent part in the building of the Erie Railway. About 1823, Samuel (4), large of physique and of a deeply religious nature, removed to Springville, Erie county, New York, where he built its first woolen mill, comprising carding, spinning and cloth dressing. The company was composed of Samuel Bradley, John Russell and Silas Rushmore. The mill had two stories, and a basement which was used for coloring. Considerable time elapsed before the building was supplied with machinery and in this interval the upper story was used for school and church purposes. The first Sunday school was here organized by Mr. Bradley and Mr. Russell. Mr. Bradley greatly prized a relic of the Revolutionary war. It was a buckskin belt with buckle which was worn by La Fayette at the battle of Brandywine and was stained with his blood. One Sunday, when nearly all of the family was at church, the younger boys found the belt in a private drawer and converted it into a dog collar. The pieces of the belt were carefully preserved. Other Revolutionary relics in the family were placed in safety in the Boston Museum. The Boston turnpike was built in 1798 and was but a few miles from Mr. Bradley's home in Tolland, Connecticut. La Fayette passed over this highway. Samuel (4) married Abigail Carpenter from William of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, 1638. Samuel W. (5) located in Olean, married Aditha Barr, whose mother, Cynthia Pond, was of an English family from Connecticut. Her father, Henry Barr, a Scotchman, was probably born in Scotland. The first settlers were in Olean in 1806; Mr. Barr, a cabinetmaker, located in the hamlet before 1819. A photograph of his hand-carved mantel was exhibited at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876 among the handicraft of the pioneers.

Samuel W. Bradley (5) arrived in Olean in 1833, being eighteen years of age. The leading man in the town was Judge Frederick Martin, who offered him the position of tending bar in his store. The young man said that he would rather saw wood. "Well then," replied the judge, "saw wood!" After sawing wood for two weeks, Bradley was given a position to his liking. At an early age he engaged in his permanent business, that of lumbering in the forests at the headwaters of the Alleghany river. Judge D. H. Bolles, of Olean, included a sketch of his life in, "Cattaraugus Lumberman of the Fifties," concluding with the following tribute: "Nature had endowed him with many of her richest gifts. He was a man of the warmest affections, of tremendous passion he had disciplined himself to a supreme self-control. His power of concentration was marvelous, his dominating sagacity and his extraordinary force of character were united with a heart true to every trust."

Samuel Henry Bradley (6) was lineally descended from four non-conformist English ministers who for freedom of conscience came to Massachusetts in 1634, viz.: John Lathrop, John Woodbridge, Thomas Parker and Samuel Whiting; the last was "own cousin to Oliver Cromwell." Other lineal forbears were Governor Thomas Dudley, Massachusetts, 1630; Richard Warren, 1620 (probably of the Mayflower); Philippe de la Noye, Huguenot, from France to Holland, to Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1621; Quakers, George Allen, Elizabeth Hood, and Thomas Farrar who was arrested as a witch in Lynn (for details see Fiske's "Salem Witchcraft"); George Weeks, Jacob Barney, Thomas Ruggles, Mary Curtis, George Fowle, Jeffrey Baker, Henry Rowley, William Palmer, Thomas Hatch, also from Braman, Bush, Hobert, Ansell, Walker and Dewsberry families, all of the early New England colonial period.

George (1) Bradley and Hannah Braman: George, Hannah, Mary, Jane, Jabez (2), Josiah, Jonah.

Jabez (2) and Hannah (Bush) King: Jabez (3), Hannah, Ruth, Susanna, Betsey.

Jabez (3) and Hannah Lathrop: William, Samuel (4), Roswell, Chloe, David, Roxy, Roxy, Betsey, Jabez, Chester.

Samuel (4) and Abigail Carpenter: Rosina, Almena, Eliza, David, Ruggles and Samuel (5), Valentine.

Samuel (5) and Aditha Barr: Almena, Sylvia, Samuel H. (6), Augusta, Helen, Georgia.

Samuel H. (6) and Kate E. Eaton: Samuel (7) died in infancy, Florence Aditha, Almena Katrine.

In the acquirement of an education Samuel Henry Bradley attended the Olean Academy, Brown's School at Otsego Lake and Phillips Exeter Academy of Exeter, New Hampshire. On the 5th of September, 1863, he was graduated from the Com-

mercial College of Cincinnati. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war he was employed in Olean as a clerk in the hardware store conducted by H. S. Morris. He was then a member of an independent company of Zouaves, and in the summer of 1861 he assisted in raising a company in the Fifth New York Cavalry. On the 1st of February, 1864, he enlisted in Company D of the Ninth New York Volunteer Cavalry for "three years of the war." He went to Elmira and then to Alexandria, Virginia, where the soldiers drew their horses and uniforms. After drilling they joined a regiment at Culpeper. In the spring of 1864, cavalry numbering about eight thousand was organized by General Grant into a cavalry corps and put in command of General Philip Sheridan. It was the first time that the cavalry had been a separate department of the army, and from this time it did effective service. The first great battle in which Mr. Bradley participated was the three days' Battle of the Wilderness. Afterward Sheridan's Corps started on the Richmond raid. The men passed around the left of Lee's army, destroying railroads, telegraphic communications, quantities of army stores, and at Beaver Dam recaptured four hundred Union prisoners. They kept on towards Richmond, fighting all the time, and finally worked their way into the outside fortifications of the Confederate capital. When this cavalry corps had gone entirely around Lee's army, it joined the main force of Grant's army. Mr. Bradley went into the battle of Cold Harbor on the 30th of May, 1864, and was wounded, after which he returned north and after receiving hospital treatment in Elmira, New York, went home on a twelve days' furlough. About the 1st of September he started for the front again, joining Torbett's division of cavalry soon after the battle of Winchester, which was fought on the 19th day of the same month. The double battle of Cedar Creek, during which occurred Sheridan's famous ride, was fought on the 19th of October. Corporal Bradley was promoted to the rank of quartermaster-sergeant. Shortly afterward he was acting-orderly with Lieutenant Sprague in command, and that brought him in charge of the company. In the spring of 1865 the cavalry corps started on the Gordonsville raid. At Waynesboro they routed Early's forces, capturing a large number of prisoners. They went forward toward Lynchburg, tearing up railroad tracks and destroying everything, fighting as they went. About two thousand negroes joined the column, and helped in destroying the canal and railroads. After repulsing the enemy, the troops crossed the North and South Annas and reached White House Landing, where they rested for a few days; then went to the James river and crossed on pontoons. They reported to Grant, with the Army of the Potomac, in front of Petersburg, after an absence of one month. Though his regiment was in active service during the remainder of the war, Mr. Bradley was sent to Remount Camp at City Point. Hill was in command, and Mr. Bradley had charge of the stores of the division, and attended to the drawing and turning over of the horses to the different regiments. He was here at the time of Lee's surrender. After the Grand Review at Washington, he joined his regiment at Bladensburg. In May, 1865, he received a commission as first lieutenant of the Eighth Regiment of New York Volunteer Cavalry.

In 1867 Mr. Bradley was one of the executors of his father's estate. Up to this date he had been associated with him in the lumbering business, excepting during the time of his military service in the Civil war. As contractors for Bigler & Company, lumbermen of Newburgh, New York, Samuel H. Bradley and Fred T. Powell spent two years in Louisiana and Texas getting out live oak timber for the navy yards. Returning north, Mr. Bradley began drilling for petroleum with Messrs. Powell, H. M. Ernst, Peter T. Kennedy and William C. Kennedy, all loyal friends as the years passed. The producing of oil became his permanent business; he was active in nearly every field of importance from New York to Texas. The beginning of the Standard Oil monopoly was seen and its significance realized by him. He had many warm personal friends among Standard Oil people, but always identified himself with the struggling independent refiners.

In 1877 Mr. Bradley married Kate E. Eaton of Olean. Their children were Samuel, Florence and Almena.

After two terms as supervisor, he was sent to the state legislature as member of assembly in 1881. He secured important legislation. Throughout the state, property worth millions of dollars had been exempted from taxation, thus throwing an undue burden upon other property. By his efforts laws were passed which relieved farmers, mechanics and real estate owners from an unjust proportion of taxation. The railroad commission bill had long been kept buried in committee by the influence of corporations. After repeated conferences with the committee, he succeeded almost single-handed in resurrecting the bill. It was brought before the assembly and largely by his efforts this much needed reform became the law of the state. Thus was removed

unfair discrimination in railroad rates against the producing classes. Shameless bribery was prevalent at the capital. Mr. Bradley's exposure of corrupt practice at Albany was one of the first shots fired during that generation in the battle against bribery and graft in our body politic. There had been a bribery case in New Jersey and one in Ohio, but those criminals who had offered bribes and those who had pocketed them—one and all—had escaped punishment. Mrs. Bradley was with her husband all winter at the state capital. He often remarked: "The people are deceived. They do not know that money is being freely used to influence legislation. These corrupt lobbyists say: 'Oh, yes, this bill can be passed,' and then proceed to name the necessary amount of money." Mr. Bradley said it was most distressing to see honest but impecunious legislators come to Albany and prove unable to resist the powerful temptation to become independently rich. The railroads desired the election of their attorney, Chauncey M. Depew, to the United States senate. Several attempts to buy Mr. Bradley's vote made him resolve that the public should know the conditions at Albany. That evening the state senator from his own district, Loren B. Sessions, offered him two thousand dollars to vote for Depew with an additional thousand dollars if he were elected, saying: "I have it for you in my vest pocket." Mr. Bradley led the way to his hotel room. As the senator locked the door and counted out the money, he remarked: "This is away down deep in the well." Mr. Bradley took the money, went immediately to the residence of George H. Sharpe, the speaker of the assembly, and placed it in his hands. The next morning, June 9, 1881, Mr. Bradley rose in the assembly, stated that an attempt had been made to buy his vote, and asked for an investigation. Mr. Bradley appeared before the committee without counsel; before Mr. Sessions had been mentioned as the briber, he had secured the services of two of the keenest criminal lawyers to defend him at the investigation. The senator was indicted, but the trial was a farce, and acquittal followed. All of the influential republican newspapers used their great power to discredit Mr. Bradley's statements and heaped abuse upon him. The New York Tribune for two years had had the name of Sessions on its black list of venal politicians, yet that paper changed front and became one of the staunchest advocates of his innocence of the charge of bribery. At that time there were few independent papers and magazines. However, the old and conservative "Journal of Commerce" said "the acquittal was a miscarriage of justice. Without question Sessions handed Bradley two thousand dollars to influence his vote. If this is not bribery we do not see how the charge can be substantiated against the offense in any form. Mr. Bradley's evident honesty and sincerity should secure the respect of all honorable men." Cheering words came from "New York Truth," edited by Louis F. Post: "If other legislators would follow the method of Mr. Bradley, the state capitals would be freed from the poisonous presence of professional lobbyists." New York Justice said: "The act of Bradley was as pure an act of patriotism as that of Williams, Paulding and Van Wert, who refused the gold of the spy Andre." The Olean Times said on June 9, 1881: "Our Incorruptible Member! All honor to Samuel H. Bradley! He took the money that he might have evidence against the bribe giver. There is no price at which S. H. Bradley can be bought. He is incapable of double dealing. His success in matters of legislation has been something remarkable in the history of the assembly. He is honored and respected by his associates." The Cattaraugus Republican and others newspapers in Mr. Bradley's home county were in accord with the sentiment expressed by the Randolph Register of October 25, 1883: "The acquittal of Ex-Senator Sessions was a foregone conclusion. This clears Mr. Sessions in the eyes of the law, but the people—the grandest tribunal in the world—believe just as they always have." One of many telegrams received by Mr. Bradley read as follows: "Our citizens unanimously congratulate you upon your noble attempt to put to shame corrupt monopolists, and to prove that honor is still above price. We are proud to call you neighbor." Signed, Frank S. Smith, L. F. Lawton and others. Mr. Smith and his wife, Clara Higgins Smith, had been in Albany that winter; they understood the conditions in the legislature, they also knew Mr. Bradley, and they lost no opportunity of endorsing his statements. Mrs. Smith was the sister of F. W. Higgins, afterward governor of New York state. By act of the legislature in session three years later, the two thousand dollars, with three hundred dollars interest, were given to the Albany City Hospital. During his term as governor of the state, F. W. Higgins appointed Mr. Bradley for one year to fill a vacancy as county treasurer of Cattaraugus county.

Mr. Bradley was a comrade of Bayard Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and a Knight Templar in St. John's Commandery of Olean. One of his greatest pleasures was the companionship of his friends in the City Club. He was a loving and faithful

son, brother, husband and father, generous to a fault, fearless in danger, possessed of a loyal, lovable, magnetic personality made additionally attractive by a sense of humor which charmingly transformed even the commonplaces of everyday life. When a lad he was baptized in the Presbyterian church. With a clear mind he saw the close of his earthly life approaching, and with a brave heart, on June 25, 1909, he entered the portal of the future life.

KATHERINE EATON BRADLEY.

Katherine Eaton Bradley was born December 12, 1859, in Olean, New York; was educated in that town and was married there, November 28, 1877, to Samuel Henry Bradley, a sketch of whose life appears in this history. Three children were born to them.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

The Olean Rock City, composed of huge, glittering blocks of the Great Conglomerate lies upon a ridge of the great divide a few miles from Olean and one thousand feet above it. In 1920 a booklet was published, entitled, "The Olean Rock City, The Bradford Oil Field, Olean and Bradford." In a review of the booklet the Olean Times referred to it as "a remarkable brochure by Mrs. Katherine Eaton Bradley, widely known and esteemed for her earnest community spirit and for the literary taste she has evidenced. The booklet is replete with geological and historical gleanings including the fascinating story of the drilling of the first oil well. The appendix contains a suggestion for community-owned fruit and nut groves, "trees pleasant to the sight and good for food."

Several results have followed this suggestion. The plan for such a grove was presented to Chairman A. T. Fancher of the Allegany State Park Commission with the suggestion that one be established in the park as a memorial for those who gave their lives in the World war. The plan was endorsed, and in 1922, trees were planted and twenty-one hundred apple and pear tree scions were set in native apple and thorn-apple trees. Later, nut trees of budded and grafted stock were planted and the grove was registered with the American Forestry Association. The American Nut Journal for January, 1925, commented, "If Mrs. Bradley's notable initiative were followed up no doubt many who are planning memorials would be glad to make such a useful one." In 1925 the New York state department of silviculture will present to the Allegany Park grove California and Japanese walnut trees. A nut grove is to be established at the Physicians Home, Incorporated, near Caneadea, New York, in which Mrs. Bradley will collaborate with Dr. Robert T. Morris of New York city, and Dr. S. V. Mountain of Olean. The General Federation of Women's Clubs through its conservation committee, is interested in the memorial nut grove idea.

VACANT LOT GARDENS.

A similar line of work was taken up by her in 1911-13. As a volunteer worker she conducted vacant lot garden cultivation in Olean, sponsored at first by the Daughters of the American Revolution and later by the city. About twenty acres were put under cultivation. The work recommended itself and doubtless made easier the war garden work of 1917-18, conducted by the Olean Chamber of Commerce.

RECOLLECTIONS OF ARMY LIFE.

Her husband's "Recollections of Army Life" was published in 1890—a narrative in his own words of his experiences as a patriot in time of war, and after his death she brought out another edition containing also a biographical sketch, referring especially to his patriotic service in time of peace, namely his exposure of attempted bribery when he was a member of the New York state legislature in 1882. (See Samuel Henry Bradley.)

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

From girlhood she has been active in the First Presbyterian church, an officer and teacher in the Sunday school, superintendent of its primary department, 1887-1892; an officer in the missionary societies and superintendent of the Temperance Union, 1911-1916.

CLUBS.

In the Olean Natural Science Society she was interested in the geological history of the county; for the National Society for the Study of Science she identified and described one hundred and fifty varieties of wild flowers; she was a member of the Author's Club; of the Olean Shakespeare Club for twenty-five years; of the Red Cross Committee of One Hundred during the World war; has been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution for thirty-four years; of the Women's Christian Temperance Union for thirty-five years; of the Olean Traveler's Club for forty years. She is the vice president of the Olean Historical Society, a member of the Chromatic Club, of the Frank L. Bartlett Country Club, the Consumer's League of New York, the Land Rent League, American Forestry and Nut-Growers Associations, County Tuberculosis and United Welfare Associations. She organized in 1924 and became the assembly district leader of the Cattaraugus County League of Women Voters.

CONSUMER'S LEAGUE.

The Consumer's League made its appeal to her in 1900. She was president of the local branch for three years; much educational work was done; the league was instrumental in placing seats in a factory employing girls and also in mercantile establishments. One store had voluntarily observed the law.

A breakdown in health occurred in 1904, her daughter took her to the Adirondacks and cared for her; the next winter the family spent in Florida.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

For the four years following 1912, she actively supported the suffrage cause in press work, in house to house canvasses, with delegations before the city council; for registration and election she was captain of the first ward and appreciated the friendliness of many men who voted for the amendment. She and her daughter were election district watchers in a blacksmith shop with an anvil for a table. The opponents sadly admitted that the ward had carried for suffrage by a majority of seven votes.

In Washington in 1919 they went day after day to the Capitol, hoping to be present when the Anthony amendment came to a vote. On May 21 they witnessed its passage in the House of Representatives, after having been presented for the fiftieth time.

PROHIBITION.

In the tensely dramatic campaign for the prohibition amendment men and women worked shoulder to shoulder; she was captain of the temperance forces in her ward, her two daughters were among the workers; in assisting in counting the ballots she witnessed the blank astonishment of the liquor forces.

POLITICAL VIEWS.

She and her daughters are affiliated with the republican party. After the National Woman Suffrage Association had transformed itself into a League of Women Voters, she had charge in 1921 in Olean of the state-wide school health survey. She was a delegate to the national convention held for ten days in Baltimore in 1922 in conjunction with the Pan-American Conference of Women. Twenty-five hundred women from all of the Americas conferred together with the help of interpreters. A special train took one thousand citizens of the United States to Washington, where they were received by congressmen in the senate offices. The forty-eight offices were visited by groups of women and two resolutions presented, one on the outlawry of war and one on citizenship for married women. A dramatic event was the planting of an international tree on the grounds of the Pan-American Union building by women representing twenty-four nations. Vice-president Coolidge delivered the address.

PERSONAL ACTIVITIES.

The Woman's Victory dinner on Lincoln's birthday took Mrs. Bradley and daughter to Washington in 1919. Seven hundred and fifty women, many of them world leaders of thought were in attendance. Hopeful of world peace they cabled a message to President Wilson, then in France.

THE GENESEE COUNTRY

For five months the vital movements of the period were under discussion from pulpits, community forums and the floors of congress. Among many memorable events were the twenty-eighth congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the marvelous pageant on July Fourth. The pageant and pantomimes symbolized the unity of the nations, forty-six nations participating.

They were five months in California in 1921 for travel and study at the University of California; in 1922-23 they spent nine months in Europe and two months in Egypt.

ANCESTRY.

As a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution she attended its First Continental Congress in 1891. A Revolutionary ancestor, Corporal Jeremiah Potter, was lineally descended from Roger Williams. The Olean Chapter, D. A. R. dates from 1897, as second vice-regent she had charge of the literary program for the year. She greatly enjoyed an adventure in ancestor hunting; in gathering data concerning the Eaton and Bradley families, she traced fifty-nine lineal lines into the colonial period and to the first-comers to the new world, and in many cases, to their non-conformist forbears in the old world. In research work she visited libraries in Buffalo, Boston, New York and Washington. She filed in Memorial Continental Hall the records of nine lineal ancestors who served in the war of the Revolution.

FIRST ANCESTOR IN THE GENESEE COUNTRY.

Her first ancestor in the Genesee Country, Rufus Eaton, came from Eatonville in the Mohawk valley to Boston near Buffalo in 1810; finding malarial conditions, he removed to Springville. He and his sons had first to convert the forest bridlepath over Townsend hill into a wagon road. A pioneer in Springville, he donated land for the Presbyterian church, for the Academy, the cemetery and for the "Fiddlers Green." He built the first sawmill, took a prominent part in the building of the Academy, and officiated as justice of the peace. In 1835 he and his wife, Sarah Potter, journeyed in a one-horse gig to and from his wife's home in Scituate, Rhode Island. All the relatives assembled to see them start on the journey. They were absent seven months.

PARENTS.

Her father, Frederick Richmond Eaton, born in Springville, New York, in 1835, was son of Elisha and Betsey (Chafee) Eaton. He was educated at the Springville Academy, married Florence Rebecca Lockwood and located in Olean in 1855 in the mercantile business. He became town clerk, supervisor, school trustee for eleven years, volunteer fireman for seventeen years and president of the town for two years. His memory was stored with passages from the Bible and the great poets, and he possessed a keen sense of humor. During the Civil war he threw his whole influence for the cause of the Union. He died in Olean in 1911. Three children, all born in Olean, were Fred Lockwood, Katherine Eliza and Earle Hooker.

Her mother, Florence R., the daughter of Orrin and Eliza Jameson Lockwood, was born at Boston, New York, in 1837. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian church in Olean for half a century, a teacher of young girls, president and secretary-treasurer of Aid and Missionary Societies. An early member of the W. C. T. U., the D. A. R. and the Author's Club, she was also secretary for seven years of Poor Relief Society; one of the founders of the Olean Public Library she became its first treasurer. She died in 1916.

CHILDREN.

The children of Samuel H. and Katherine E. Bradley were three in number: Samuel W., born 1880, died at the age of eleven months; Florence A., born in 1882, was graduated from the Olean high school; she took a course in the Play School in the University of California in 1920. She was engaged as secretary by the Olean Board of Health in 1908 with the understanding that she was to have time for tuberculosis work. After three years she resigned this position to be married.

In a bulletin of the New York State Charities Aid Association in 1921 was the following statement: "Mrs. Florence Bradley has accepted a position as executive secretary of the Cattaraugus County Tuberculosis Committee. She was formerly secretary of the board of health of Olean and helped very effectively in organizing the anti-tuberculosis work in that city and county in 1909 and 1910." After thirteen

months she resigned to travel abroad for pleasure and for research. (See Anti-Tuberculosis work in Cattaraugus county prior to the Milbank health demonstration.)

In 1919 she assisted in securing the first temporary policewoman for Olean, and in 1925 she represented citizens in having the office of policewomen and policematron created by the city council.

She organized the temperance work of the Presbyterian Sunday school and served as superintendent, 1909-1911; she is a member of the I. H. N. Circle of Kings Daughters, the Traveller's Club, the Bartlett Country Club, the City and County Tuberculosis Associations and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The third child; Almena K., born in 1893, was graduated from Olean high school and from the State Normal School at Fredonia, New York. After teaching school for three years in Portville and Olean, she was married in Olean, August 8, 1918 to Lieutenant George G. Lundberg, a graduate of Olean high school and of the University of Pennsylvania. During the World war he was a volunteer in the balloon division of the air service; he is now in the regular air service and serving in the Philippines. His wife was a member of the Teacher's Association, the Bartlett Country Club, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and was a teacher in the Sunday school. Their children are George Bradley, born in 1919, and Arthur Pierre, born in 1923.

THE SINGLE TAX LEAGUE—THE LAND RENT LEAGUE.

The views of the noble patriot and statesman, Robert Morris on the land question, a man so conspicuously identified with the Genesee Country have been of deepest interest to Mrs. Bradley.

After securing the signatures of one hundred and five persons, the organization of a Cattaraugus County Single Tax League was effected in Olean in July, 1916. As secretary she found that the name of the league was inadequate and misleading. Robert Morris' reference to the principle as to the rent of land seemed more appropriate. Through the newspapers she tried to bring his views before the citizens. "Robert Morris called attention to the land policy of the American Indian who believed that the earth was open on equal terms to the day-old papoose and the aged chieftain. The Indians were in agreement with Moses when he ascribed to Jehovah the command, 'the land was given to one as much as to another.' Morris felt that a land policy well suited to a primitive people could by a simple arrangement be adapted to a complex civilization. He said, 'Make use and occupancy the title to land, each paying a rental for the privilege of using an exclusive portion of it.' On July 29, 1782, he proposed in a letter to the president of the congress (Diplomatic Correspondence, Vol. 12, p. 277) to settle the land question by a land tax (or rent). He wrote, 'The land tax (or rent) would fall justly as the land could neither be removed nor concealed, that it would encourage settlement and population, and not only redound to the national good but even to the particular good of all landholders.' He refers to the value, not to the area of land. Later, the magnificent resources of the Genesee Country came into his hands. However the founders of the republic had not heeded his opinions nor those of Penn and Franklin. The latter wrote to the land reformers in France, 'I am charmed with your beautiful philosophy, it is just and it is practicable.' Penn ruled that if a colonist failed to use his land for three years, another could have it by paying the first man the cost of the survey.

"These men were advocating not the public ownership of land but the public ownership of the rental value of land. The private possession of parcels of land would continue. No new machinery would be required; the desired result would be reached by gradually transferring taxes from individual property (improvements) and placing them on public property (the rental value of land). The most eminent jurists declare that 'the reserved right of the people to the rental value of land must be construed as a condition to every deed.' The collection by the public of the rental value of land is not confiscation, it is restoration.

"Pliny said, 'Great estates ruined Rome'. Another writer has said, 'The evil of land monopoly has been realized all down the ages. The distinctive contribution of Henry George was to point out the method of abolishing the evil.'"

For forty-three years Mrs. Bradley's faith in the method of Henry George has not faltered. The Land Rent League in Olean has brought able speakers to the city, has distributed literature and placed it in the library and has also petitioned the legislature.

As one of the vice presidents of the New York State Single Tax League, she read an article at a state conference entitled, "Sowing the Seed"; it appeared in the "Single Tax Review," now "Land and Freedom." She was present at the National Fels Fund Conference held in Washington in 1914, and at two international conferences. One was held at Niagara Falls in 1914; the other in the town hall at Oxford, England, in 1923, at which fourteen nations were represented.

Through public addresses and through the press she has called attention to the progress of this fundamental reform. "The greatest of sanitary engineers, Surgeon General William Gorgas, said that he found Havana no peculiar exception to other cities—unsanitary, overcrowded and with grinding poverty. He believed that economic rent belonged to the people, that its collection by them was practicable and that vast economic, social and spiritual betterments to society would result." Henry George did not claim that his plan was a panacea, but that "liberty is justice and justice is the natural law."

"In nearly every country in the world some progress is being made toward a more just system of land tenure. In 1922 Denmark set the world an example; it is the first country to apply the principle nationally. It is now making it possible for urban and rural communities to have the opportunity to apply it locally; the farmers have been the leaders in the movement. In the United States the Roosevelt dam, the Kansas City park system, The San Francisco street railway tunnel, the Minnesota drainage works have been financed by a levy against the lands directly benefited. The principle operates in the ore law of Minnesota, in two Maryland towns, and in the "Pittsburgh Plan." In 1922 Mrs. Bradley visited Arden, Delaware, one of seven communities, which are proving the principle. Arden is twenty-five years old and has no public debt. Fairhope, Alabama, is thirty years old. These demonstration stations began with six hundred acres of land and now have five thousand acres.

When in California she visited the Oakdale, Turlock, Modesto and other irrigation districts. They comprise one million one hundred and fifty thousand acres which are operated by assessments on land values only, with exemption of improvements. Their Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade are optimistic over the practical results.

Tolstoi said, "The teaching of Henry George is irresistibly convincing in its clearness and simplicity; the people simply do not know it."

Mrs. Bradley has found the teaching of this man, "The Prophet of Social Righteousness," to be one of the greatest enthusiasms of her life.

BROTHERS OF MRS. KATHERINE E. BRADLEY.

In the Youth's Companion of May 29, 1890, appeared a short story by Mrs. Bradley's brother, Fred L. Eaton. It was entitled, "Way Out 'en the Prairie Country" and had been awarded a prize of one thousand dollars, offered for the best Memorial Day story for girls.

Her younger brother, Earle Hooker Eaton, was on the editorial staff of the American Press Association in New York city, 1890-1917, the last few years as managing editor. Since that time he has been press representative for the Canadian Pacific Railway; he is now in charge of this railroad's publicity department in the United States.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER ANCESTORS OF KATHERINE EATON BRADLEY, OLEAN, N. Y.

Lineal ancestors in the war of the Revolution:

1. John Eaton, North Adams, Massachusetts.
2. Captain Timothy Lockwood, Greenwich, Connecticut.
3. Captain Noah Miles.
4. Private Joel Miles, Westminster, Massachusetts.
5. Ensign Jesse Seymour, Poundridge, New York.
6. Ensign Archibald Taggart, Hillsboro, New Hampshire.
7. Alexander Jameson, Antrim, New Hampshire.
8. Stephen Chafee, Rehoboth, Massachusetts.
9. Corporal Jeremiah Potter, Scituate, Rhode Island.

Some of Mrs. Katherine Bradley's ancestors:

Among the first-comers were John Eaton, Dover, England, to Dedham, Massachusetts, 1634; Roger Williams, George Bunker, John Prescott, Charles Hoare,

Joshua Windsor, Stephen Harding, Comfort Starr, M. D., Rev. Joseph Estabrook, Robert Lockwood and John Mead, Greenwich, Connecticut; among the founders of Hartford, Richard Seymour and Matthew Marvin; William Jameson and others of the Presbyterian colonists in Antrim and Londonderry, New Hampshire.

OSWALD PRENTISS BACKUS, JR.

Among the younger professional men of Rochester, Oswald Prentiss Backus, Jr., and his brother, Sidney K. Backus, associates in a legal practice, are highly regarded as able representatives of the legal profession and citizens of the first rank. They are the sons of Oswald P. Backus, Sr., and his wife, Frances D. (Kinney) Backus, both members of old colonial families that date back to the Puritan immigration of 1630. Oswald P. Backus, Sr., was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, while his wife is a native of Rome, New York, where they now make their home. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Backus stands high in professional circles in Rome and is retained by the Rome Savings Bank as its legal counsel. His hobby is history, in which he is both widely and deeply read. He has written some very interesting articles on the history of his home community and is now the official historian for Rome. Three of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Backus are living: Two sons, Oswald P., Jr., and Sidney K. Backus; and a daughter, Mrs. Robert W. Holden of Utica.

The older son, Oswald Prentiss Backus, Jr., was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on the 20th of October, 1883. He grew to manhood and received his early education in Rome, New York, where he attended the academy. Entering Yale College, he graduated in 1908, with the A. B. degree. Following graduation he taught in a private school, Morris Academy, of Morristown, New Jersey, for two years, then entered the Yale Law School, from which he graduated in 1912. He immediately came to Rochester, where he "hung out his shingle" and began to build up the excellent practice that is now his. His thorough knowledge of the law, absolute integrity and scrupulous observance of the etiquette of his profession long ago won the admiration and confidence of his colleagues, while years of successful practice have gained the confidence of the general public, as well as of his clients. In 1918 Mr. Backus took into partnership his younger brother, Sidney K. Backus, also an alumnus of the Yale Law School and a very able young man.

In New York city, on the 20th of December, 1919, Mr. Backus and Miss Elma A. Muller were married. Mrs. Backus is the daughter of Henry and Caroline E. (Dunkak) Muller. Mr. and Mrs. Backus have two children: Oswald Prentiss Backus (III), born March 11, 1921; and Eleanor Draper Backus, born July 9, 1923. Mr. Backus is a Mason, belonging to Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805, of Rochester. In college days he was initiated into the brotherhood of Beta Theta Pi. In law school he received a Chi Tau Kappa key in recognition of his scholarship. He is a member of the Rochester Athletic Club, while in connection with his professional duties he maintains membership in the Rochester Bar Association. His residence is at No. 190 Laburnum Crescent.

SIDNEY K. BACKUS.

Sidney K. Backus, brother and legal partner of Oswald P. Backus, Jr., whose career is outlined in the preceding sketch, was born in Rome, New York, on June 19, 1887, and educated in the grammar and high schools of that city. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1911; taught for two years at the Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, Vermont; and then entered the law school of Yale University, graduating with the class of 1916. In the fall of that year he was put in charge of the Rochester Legal Aid Society and continued as its attorney until he entered the World war in 1918.

Both Oswald P. Backus, Jr., and Sydney K. Backus of this review are well qualified by natural ability and educational training to distinguish themselves in a profession where individual merit is the only key to success. The record of their firm thus far is one that would satisfy the ambitions of older and more experienced men and there is every indication that they will continue to increase the value and scope of their efforts in the future.

Reminiscent of college days is Mr. Backus' membership in the Phi Delta Phi fraternity. He is a Mason, belonging to Corinthian Temple Lodge, No. 805, of Roch-

ester, and is a member of the E. R. Wilson Post No. 153 of the American Legion. During the World war he was stationed most of the time at Camp Sherman, where he was a corporal in the camp adjutant's detachment. He is, of course, a member of the Rochester Bar Association.

Mr. Backus was married on the 11th of March, 1918, to Miss Ruth Haven, the ceremony taking place in Utica, New York. Mrs. Backus was formerly a resident of Stratford, Connecticut, and is a daughter of Philo P. and Clara (St. John) Haven of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Backus are the parents of one child, Richard Haven Backus, born December 5, 1922.

J. LEONARD MOORE.

Possessing organizing ability and an aptitude for successful management, J. Leonard Moore, who established the Moore Steam Turbine Corporation of Wellsville, exerted a strong influence on the industrial progress of that place and earned the right to classification with its most valuable citizens. He was in the forty-ninth year of his age when he suddenly passed away on April 2, 1924, for his birth occurred in Fayetteville, Arkansas, October 24, 1875, his parents being David Nelson and Helen (Yates) Moore. He completed his education in the University of Arkansas, from which he was graduated in 1896, receiving the degree of M. E. He was employed in the surveying department of the Santa Fe Railway when war was declared on Spain in 1898. Mr. Moore enlisted as a private in an Arkansas regiment and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He did not see active service, however, because of illness which confined him to camp at Chickamauga. After leaving the Santa Fe Railway, Mr. Moore went to Lockport, New York, where he was connected with the Holly Manufacturing Company, later resigning his position to become a designer for the Westinghouse Company on the Parsons turbine engine, built by that corporation.

It was in 1905 that Mr. Moore came to Wellsville, New York, and entered the service of the Kerr Turbine Company as chief draughtsman, later becoming chief engineer and factory manager and also serving on the board of directors. Mr. Kerr, the head of this concern, was a former instructor of Mr. Moore at the University of Arkansas. The latter remained with the firm for eleven years and was the designer of the Economy turbine built by them. In 1916 he established a business of his own, organizing the Moore Steam Turbine Corporation, of which he was the president throughout the remainder of his life. He manifested thorough familiarity with the mechanical processes of the business and built up an industry of large and profitable proportions. The concern manufactures steam turbines, centrifugal pumps and reduction gears and its plant is well equipped for work of this character. Mr. Moore was a director of the First Trust Company of Wellsville and was also president of the Pure Carbon Company. There is a large demand for the output of the plant of the Pure Carbon Company, which manufactures motor generator brushes, flash-light carbons, etc. Mr. Moore had the ability to think in large terms and his plans and theories, deeply conceived and deliberately matured, speedily became realities.

On November 8, 1905, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Irene Cole, of Wellsville, a daughter of Asher P. and Sarah (Ganoung) Cole. They became the parents of one child, Helen Loretta, who is attending Kendall Hall, a preparatory school for girls at Prides Crossing, Massachusetts. Mr. Moore was a member of the Wellsville Country Club and his political support was given to the republican party, while in religious faith he was an Episcopalian, being junior warden of St. John's Episcopal church. He stood high in the esteem of his fellowmen and brought to his various duties in life a broad mind and a keen intelligence which were the basis of his success.

AARON F. WILLIAMS.

Financier and business man of first rank and a public-spirited citizen is Aaron F. Williams, president of the First National Bank of Corning. He was born in Bath, Steuben county, New York, November 13, 1876, the son of H. B. and F. Amanda (Barber) Williams. He was educated at Corning Free Academy and the University of Rochester, where he pursued the scientific course for a period of two years. He



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then returned to Corning and entered the employ of his uncle, John W. Williams, who was conducting a meat business, and remained with his uncle until the latter's death, after which he went into the hardware business in partnership with Albert C. Frost in Corning, which association continued until he bought out Mr. Frost's interests in 1905. He has since been sole owner of the store.

With his growing capacity for larger affairs, Mr. Williams became a director of the First National Bank of Corning in 1909. In 1919 he was made vice president of this large institution, and two years later arose to the presidency. The bank is the largest one in Steuben county, with deposits exceeding \$2,500,000 (1924). Mr. Williams' ability is no small factor in this success. He is also a director of the Corning Cooperative Savings and Loan Association.

Although he spends much time watching his business interests, the president of the First National Bank is a man with civic pride. He is a trustee of the New York Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Bath and served two years as police commissioner of Corning, under Mayor G. W. Lane. He has a recreation and hobby and it is the love and training of fine harness horses, in which he has been interested all of his life. He is a member of the Corning Club, the Corning Country Club, and the Elks. He is unmarried.

Holland B. Williams, the father of Aaron F. Williams, was a storekeeper in Prattsburg, New York, for many years. Then he was elected sheriff of Steuben county, being the first democrat to hold this office. He settled in Corning and became the senior partner in the house of Williams & Robinson, dry goods merchants. His death occurred in the year 1889, and he is survived by his widow.

WALTER SAGE HUBBELL.

Walter Sage Hubbell is one of the representative and highly respected residents of Rochester, where he has been actively engaged in law practice throughout the past forty-seven years and since 1911 has been a member of the well known firm of Hubbell, Taylor, Goodwin & Moser. He is also connected with various corporate interests and as a public-spirited citizen has contributed in no small degree to the general progress and improvement of his adopted city. His birth occurred in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 24th of December, 1850, his parents being Charles and Anna M. (Sage) Hubbell, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. The mother was a daughter of Orin Sage, a large shoe manufacturer of Rochester, New York. The Hubbell family removed from Connecticut to the Empire state. The original American ancestors came to the New World as passengers on the Mayflower and the line of descent is traced back to Governor Bradford. Members of the family in both paternal and maternal lines were soldiers in the early wars and some of them became quite distinguished. Charles Hubbell was born in Ballston Springs, New York, and upon removing to Rochester, in 1839, became connected with the Eagle Bank as teller for several years. He afterward went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he acted as cashier in a bank until ill health forced him to relinquish the position and he removed to Keokuk, Iowa, in 1852, remaining in the latter city until 1871. In that year he became a resident of San Diego, California, where he made his home until his death, which occurred on October 21, 1903, when he was eighty-six years of age. He had long survived his wife, who died in 1882 while on a visit in Rochester, New York. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are still living.

Walter S. Hubbell acquired his early education in the private and public schools of Keokuk, Iowa, and at the age of sixteen years came to Rochester, where he entered the University of Rochester, which institution conferred upon him the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in 1871 and Master of Arts in 1875. During the succeeding two years he acted as an instructor in the Albany Boys' Academy and at the same time began reading law in the office of Reynolds & Harris, while subsequently he continued his professional training under the direction of Hon. George F. Danforth of Rochester, afterward one of the judges of the court of appeals of this state. He was admitted to the bar in January, 1876, and on the first day of the following year began practice in Rochester and later as senior member of the firm of Hubbell & McGuire. He afterward followed his profession independently for a time, but during the past thirteen years has been associated with the firm of Hubbell, Taylor, Goodwin & Moser. A contemporary biographer has described him as "an active member of the legal fraternity with a large, lucrative and distinctively representative clientele. He has not become a specialist but has continued in the general practice of law and in the

trial of important causes has displayed comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and a retentive memory, which has frequently excited the admiration of his colleagues." Mr. Hubbell served as president of the Rochester Bar Association for one year and he also belongs to the Kent Club of Rochester, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. In addition to his professional activities he serves as vice president of the Eastman Kodak Company, which he has represented as attorney for thirty years, and for which his firm acts as general counsel. His advice and cooperation has been sought in the successful control of various other corporate interests, including the Lincoln-Alliance Bank of Rochester and the Curtice Brothers Company, of both of which he is a director. A humanitarian spirit and his deep interest in the intellectual and moral development of the community are manifest in his service as trustee of the Rochester Orphan Asylum, the University of Rochester and the Rochester Theological Seminary. He is likewise a trustee of the Security Trust Company of Rochester.

On the 21st of June, 1877, Mr. Hubbell was united in marriage to Miss Leora A. DeLand, a daughter of Judge Daniel B. DeLand of Fairport, New York. They have four living daughters: Minnie D., who was born in Fairport and is the wife of Herbert R. Lewis of Rochester; Anna D., also a native of Fairport, New York; Bertha D., whose birth also occurred in Fairport; and Margaret D., who was born in Rochester and is the wife of Lyndon H. Wells.

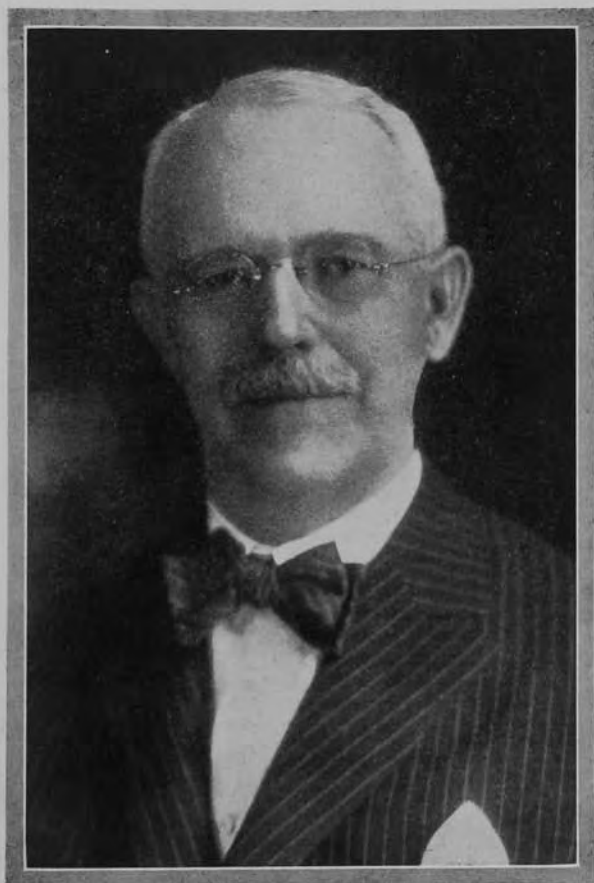
Mr. Hubbell has figured prominently in the public life of the city and state and in the years 1884 and 1885 represented the eastern district of Monroe county in the state assembly. His appreciation for the social amenities of life is indicated in his membership connection with the Genesee Valley Club, the Rochester Country Club and the University Club. A fluent, forceful and entertaining speaker, he is often called upon to address public gatherings at various entertainments and banquets. Fraternally he is a Knights Templar Mason and has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He belongs to two Greek letter fraternities—Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa—and is a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of New York. Along moral lines as well his influence has been far-reaching and beneficial. He is vice president and trustee of the Baptist Union and chairman of the board of trustees of the Baptist church, the men's Bible class, which, numbering over seven hundred, paid him high tribute on his seventy-third birthday. Concerning this event a local publication said in part: "All men who were in the Hubbell class when it met Sunday noon helped to celebrate their teacher's birthday yesterday. Walter S. Hubbell, who has taught this class for almost thirty-three years, has had seventy-two of these anniversaries, although his appearance is a contradiction. * * * Every man in the class was supposed to write a letter to Mr. Hubbell, and among these was a cleverly written poem by Dr. Roger Lewis, entitled 'The Infinite Act', and introduced with this note: 'Phases of life and religion as lived and taught by Walter S. Hubbell. This tribute is dedicated on his seventy-third anniversary, in grateful recognition of the great work this great teacher has done for his city, his state, his country; and specially for the high ideals that he has inculcated Sunday after Sunday, as a volunteer layman, in the lives of the men of Rochester during the past thirty-two years.'"

Mr. Hubbell's record is that of a strong mentality, stable in purpose, forceful and energetic in action. His work has been manifestly resultant and the elements are happily blended in the rounding out of his nature, for he unites the refinements of life with the sterner qualities of manhood.

WILSON RUFUS PAGE.

Wilson Rufus Page, one of the pioneers in the development of oil fields in the Olean section of New York state, builder and developer of transportation facilities in southwestern New York, former postmaster and leading citizen of Olean, departed this life on September 8, 1922. His birth occurred in Olean, Cattaraugus county, on the 29th of September, 1854, his parents being Rufus L. and Anna (Hall) Page. The father, whose natal year was 1820, came to Olean, New York, in 1845 and here spent the remainder of his life.

Wilson Rufus Page acquired his education in the grade and high schools of Olean, in the Phillips-Andover Academy. Following his graduation from the last named institution he began work in the Olean postoffice under the direction of his father and continued in the service of the postoffice department during the greater part of the



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time until 1891. He served as postmaster of Olean under Presidents Arthur and Harrison.

The development of oil production and of traction lines occupied the close attention of Wilson R. Page for thirty-five years. He was engaged in the lumber business in Michigan in 1889 and for several years following, but his greatest business activities were in connection with the development of the Chipmunk oil field, in which he was the pioneer operator, in oil fields in the southern part of Cattaraugus county, and the building up from the very smallest beginnings of what is now the Olean, Bradford & Salamanca Railway Company. In later years he was also interested in oil developments in the southwestern states in which he was very successful. In 1898 he organized the company which eventually assumed ownership of all the street car lines in Olean, Bradford and Salamanca and the various interurban lines. From a system of twelve miles in 1898, Mr. Page developed and built lines that now comprise one hundred miles of railroad by consolidating the Bradford, Rock City and Olean properties and by extending the lines to Salamanca, Ceres, Shinglehouse and other points and by the construction of the Seneca Junction line to Bradford. The entire system was consolidated in 1906 as the Western New York & Pennsylvania Traction Company. Mr. Page remained as president of the system until April, 1920, when he retired from the transportation business to devote his entire time to the oil business.

As an oil producer Mr. Page brought to his work the same organizing genius that had marked his success in transportation. At the time of his death he was president of the Texolean Oil Company and was an officer and director in the Page-Lewis Oil Company, the Webb Oil Company and the Price Oil Company. He was a pioneer developer and producer of oil in the El Dorado oil fields of Butler county, Kansas, in 1916, where he achieved signal success. He sold out his holdings there, however, and moved his base of operations to the North Central Texas field in 1919. Two years later he began the development of oil properties in the Creek county fields of Oklahoma.

Mr. Page was for years a director of the First National Bank of Olean. At all times he manifested a deep and helpful interest in the welfare of Olean and of Cattaraugus county. He was keenly interested in sports, hunting and fishing being his favorite forms of recreation. He was fond of clean horse racing and was a prime mover in the activities of the Jersey Farm Association, which for years held successful racing at Olean. At one time he served as a member of the board of education, and he was president of the Old Timers Association from its organization until his death in 1922. His political support was given to the republican party, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the First Baptist church of Olean. Mr. Page belonged to the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Producers Association and to the New York State Oil and Gas Producers Association. He was a Knights Templar Mason and Shriner and a member of the City and Hamilton (now F. L. Bartlett Country) Clubs.

On the 23d of February, 1881, at Olean, Mr. Page was married to Miss Nellie Brett, daughter of Kingman Brett of Titusville, Pennsylvania. The two sons and daughter born to them are: Wilson K. Page, of Olean; Lawrence R. Page of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Donald M. Dusenbury, of Olean.

HOWARD D. ALDRICH.

Howard D. Aldrich, who is serving for the second term as clerk of Ontario county, is numbered among the leading and influential citizens of Shortsville, where he is successfully engaged in business as proprietor of a store devoted to the sale of merchandise and groceries, conducting one of the best establishments of the kind in western New York. A lifelong resident of Ontario county, he was born at Shortsville on the 30th of January, 1880, his parents being Wilson and Matilda (Ansberger) Aldrich, natives of the Empire state, both of whom are deceased.

Howard D. Aldrich attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and after putting aside his textbooks secured a position as clerk in a freight office at Shortsville, where he was thus employed until he had attained his majority. He then turned his attention to the grocery business and later became connected with the conduct of a general store. With the passing years he has developed an extensive trade as a dealer in both merchandise and groceries and is the prosperous proprietor of what is generally conceded to be one of the best country stores in this part of the state. He puts forth every possible effort to please his patrons and enjoys an

enviable reputation as an enterprising, straightforward and thoroughly reliable business man. Mr. Aldrich is also identified with financial interests as a director of the Shortsville State Bank, which he assisted in organizing.

On the 7th of June, 1905, Mr. Aldrich was united in marriage to Miss Ellen E. Green of Buffalo. They have a daughter, Betty E., whose birth occurred on May 1, 1912. In religious faith Mr. Aldrich is a Presbyterian, while his political support is given to the republican party. He has made an excellent record as trustee and as president of the village of Shortsville and in 1918 was chosen clerk of Ontario county, winning reelection in 1921, so that he is still serving at the present time. His work in this connection has proved highly satisfactory, for he is an efficient and capable official who discharges his duties with the utmost fidelity. He is thoroughly dependable in every relation of life and his influence is a potent factor in advancing civic virtue, in upholding the best interests of his community and in lending dignity to the term citizenship.

ENRICO CUTALI.

At the International Progressive Industrial Exposition held in Rome, Italy, in the months of July and August, 1923, three exhibits from the United States of America won prizes. Of these three exhibits one was that of the Imperial Products Company of Rochester. This concern was founded in 1906 by Enrico Cutali, president of the company, and manufactures chemical specialties. Associated with Mr. Cutali in its management today are his sons, Frank J. and Louis Cutali.

The history of this firm and of its founder is interesting not only as a record of industrial and personal achievement, but also as an illustration of the opportunities awaiting the foreigner who comes to our shores. Enrico Cutali landed in America just twenty years ago, coming from his native Sicily, where he had spent all of his life prior to his emigration. He had no friends and slender resources, but in spite of these serious handicaps he has risen to a position of prominence and affluence. Born in Syracuse, Sicily, on the 4th of September, 1865, he is the son of Augustin and Josephine (Cassia) Cutali, natives and lifelong residents of that historic city. The father was a mechanical engineer and for some time was municipal engineer for Syracuse. Appreciating the value of an education, he gave his son, Enrico, as good a scientific training for his career as he could, sending the youth to the University at Catania after he had finished the work of the elementary and higher grades in the schools of Syracuse. In 1886, therefore, Enrico Cutali was awarded the degree in chemistry by the Catania University. Returning to the city of his birth, the young chemist established a wholesale drug and chemical laboratory of his own, which he conducted with reasonable success until 1904.

Mr. Cutali was ambitious, however, to obtain the advantages of the new land across the ocean, where competition was less keen and the wealth of the people greater. Finally he decided to sell out his business and use the proceeds of the sale to bring himself and family to the United States, where he hoped to start a similar business enterprise. At first he located in Utica, New York, as a manufacturing chemist, but as the business did not prosper as fast as he thought it should, he moved to Rochester in 1912. Subsequent events have proved that this change was a wise one. In the dozen years he has been here the business has grown from a very modest establishment into one of the notably successful enterprises of the city. At first he had a small plant at No. 223 Andrew street, but three years later he was forced to look for larger quarters and located at Nos. 537-541 North Clinton avenue, his present factory address. The business has continued to grow steadily and now Mr. Cutali has the pleasure of having his two sons sharing its management with him. The Imperial Products Company imports and produces fine extracts and essences, Italian herbs and drugs, essential oils, perfumes, concentrated syrups and druggists' sundries. Many of its products are especially used for the manufacture of Italian goods for the large Italian-American population of this country which, naturally, retains many of its Old World habits and customs. A high point in the progress of the company was reached when in 1923 it was awarded first prize for its exhibit of chemical products in Rome. In this connection Mr. Cutali has received from the Italian government a handsome gold medal, an honor cross and a diploma. This same year Mr. Cutali spent some six months in Europe, mostly in the land of his birth, the first trip he had made abroad since coming to America in 1904. Needless to add, the graceful recognition of his achievements in Rome added greatly to the pleasure of this holiday



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excursion. Since becoming an American citizen Mr. Cutali has followed a somewhat independent course politically, but in the main has given his support to the republican party. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church, in which he was reared.

In Syracuse, Italy, on the 12th of September, 1888, Mr. Cutali was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Boccadifuoco and they became the parents of three children, all of whom were born before the family left Sicily. A daughter Thresa (Theresa), now Mrs. Nardo of Rochester, was born on September 1, 1889, and is the mother of two daughters, Emily and Lina; Louis, born January 1, 1895, married Miss Florence Taylor of this city and has two children, Elvira and Evelyn; Frank J., born January 9, 1896, married Miss Leonora Boccadifuoco of Rochester.

Both sons are associated with their father in business. The elder belongs to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and is an Elk. In the World war he enlisted in the military service at Rochester and as a member of the Three Hundred and Ninth Field Artillery, Seventy-eighth Division, was overseas for a year. He is a talented musician and during his army experience played the clarinet in the artillery band.

FLOYD C. FAY.

Floyd C. Fay is a prominent figure in financial circles of Cattaraugus county as president of the Union National Bank of Franklinville, with which he has been continuously identified during the past two decades and of which he has been at the head since 1912. His birth occurred at Wirt, Allegany county, New York, on the 30th of March, 1870, and he is a grandson of Patrick Fay, who emigrated to the United States from Ireland about 1835 and settled in the Genesee Country, here spending the remainder of his life. William P. Fay, the father of Floyd C. Fay, was a veteran of the Civil war who died at the age of thirty years from the effects of disease contracted in Andersonville prison, where he was incarcerated for more than three years.

Floyd C. Fay, who was still in his infancy when he lost his father, lived in the home of his grandparents to the age of fourteen years, when he removed to Friendship, New York. He there acquired a grade and high school education and later continued his studies in Cook Academy of Montour Falls, while his more advanced intellectual training was received in Alfred University of Alfred, New York. The banking business has claimed his time and energies since he put aside his textbooks. He first spent a year in the service of the First National Bank of Friendship, New York, was next connected with the First National Bank at Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, for three years and then for two years was associated with the City Bank of Buffalo. Thereafter he again became identified with the First National Bank of Friendship, where he was employed in the capacity of bookkeeper for ten years. It was in July, 1905, that Mr. Fay located in Franklinville and assumed the cashier-ship of the Union National Bank, ably discharging the duties of that office until 1912, when he was elected to the presidency of the institution and has since remained at its head. His long experience in the banking business has gained him thorough familiarity with every phase thereof, and as chief executive of the Union National Bank he has contributed in large measure to its continued growth and success. Mr. Fay is also an active factor in industrial circles as president of the Franklin Can Company, Incorporated, of Franklinville.

On the 14th of October, 1891, at Friendship, New York, Mr. Fay wedded Mary Grace Miller of that place. They are the parents of two sons, namely: William M., who is a graduate of Brown University and the Harvard Law School and is now a successful practicing attorney of Buffalo; and Floyd C., Jr., who is engaged in the oil business in Texas.

A staunch republican, Mr. Fay manifests an active interest in local politics and is widely recognized as a public-spirited and enterprising citizen whose influence is ever exerted on the side of reform and progress. He is a director of the Franklinville Improvement Company and is also serving as treasurer of the Board of Trade. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Baptist church, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful part, while fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Franklinville Lodge No. 626, F. & A. M., of which he is past master and in which he has filled various offices, including those of senior warden and district deputy. He also belongs to Ismailia Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Buffalo, to the East Aurora Country Club and to the F. L. Bartlett

Country Club. Golf affords him pleasurable recreation, for he is a lover of the great outdoors. Mr. Fay belongs to that class of men who, equipped with a liberal education and innate business ability, have recognized the opportunities and possibilities before them. He has met the obligations of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

STEPHEN V. MOUNTAIN, M. D.

Dr. Stephen V. Mountain, an active representative of the medical profession in Cattaraugus county during the past two decades, organized the Mountain Clinic of Olean in association with his brother in May, 1917, and has since conducted the same most successfully, specializing in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. His skill in the field of surgery is widely acknowledged. Stephen V. Mountain was born in Canadea, Allegany county, New York, in 1881, a son of David A. and Katherine (Rock) Mountain. The father, a native of Canadea township, was an agriculturist by occupation who cultivated his land while his wife and children made various removals in order that the latter might enjoy the educational opportunities offered in the larger towns and cities. Thus Mrs. Katherine Mountain and her children resided successively in Belfast, Geneseo and Buffalo, New York.

Stephen V. Mountain obtained his early education in the public schools of Canadea, later pursued a high school course at Belfast and subsequently continued his studies in the New York State Normal School at Geneseo. His professional training was acquired in the medical department of the University of Buffalo, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1904. The following year, in 1905, he began the practice of medicine and surgery in Allegany, Cattaraugus county, New York, where he remained for a period of nine years. It was in 1915 that he changed the scene of his professional activities, opening an office at Olean, where he has since gained an enviable and well merited reputation in the field of ophthalmology, otology, rhinology and laryngology. On the 1st of May, 1917, Dr. S. V. Mountain and his brother organized the Mountain Clinic, which they have conducted to the present time, the former specializing in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He has kept abreast with the most advanced methods of surgery by annual attendance at various schools for special instruction in this field, having pursued special courses at the New York Post Graduate School as well as in Rochester, Minnesota, and Chicago, Illinois. At the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, he specialized in the study of goiter. Dr. S. V. Mountain organized the pre-medical course at St. Bonaventure's College of Allegany, New York, where he is an instructor on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Aside from his professional activities he is interested in oil production in the Bradford and Bolivar fields.

In early manhood Dr. Mountain was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Farrell, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of three sons and a daughter, as follows: John David, who was born on October 2, 1908, and who is a high school student in Olean; Stephen Vincent, whose natal day was November 26, 1910; Edward Russell, whose birth occurred on October 10, 1912; and Jeanne Anne, born on the 1st of July, 1918.

Dr. Mountain has membership in the Kiwanis Club, the Bartlett Country Club and the Automobile Club, being a director of the last named. Fraternally he is identified with the local council of the Knights of Columbus in Allegany. As a practitioner and educator his work places him in a prominent position in professional circles of the community, and his colleagues and associates as well as the general public unite in bearing testimony as to his high character and superior ability.

JUDSON HOWDEN.

Sometimes in the rural districts of the country will be found a local paper that has attained to the dignity and consequence of a necessity, is in every home as a matter of course within a certain radius from its place of publication, and from the care and conscientiousness with which it is edited has won for itself the unquestioned and implicit faith of its readers. Such a paper is that of which Judson Howden of Fillmore, Allegany county, New York, has been the editor and owner for nearly



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forty years, the Northern Allegany Observer. He was born July 31, 1853, in Granger, Wyoming county, New York, the son of Noah and Melvina (Meacham) Howden. The father was a farmer and was born near Perry, Wyoming county, in 1825, and died in 1890. Judson Howden's paternal grandfather, Henry Howden, came from Vermont, and settled near Perry.

Judson Howden started the acquisition of an education in the public district schools of Allegany county, afterward attending Pike Seminary and then Belfort Seminary. After completing his education Mr. Howden taught school for several terms, worked as a carpenter for a time, and then worked in the printing trade, where the idea of editing and managing a paper of his own was born. In 1888 he bought the paper rights of the Northern Allegany Observer and has successfully conducted the paper since that time. Mr. Howden politically is a republican, and his paper supports the policies and candidates of that party. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the New York State Press Association and the Western New York Editorial Association. In his religious convictions he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On May 27, 1890, Mr. Howden was married to Emma Peirson, daughter of William E. and Mary Peirson of Fillmore, where Mr. Peirson was a farmer. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Howden: Melvine P., born April 30, 1893, is his father's partner in the printing business. He was graduated from Houghton Seminary in 1921, and married Meta Stone, daughter of Fred and Julia Stone, who live near Fillmore; William P. Howden graduated from the Fillmore high school in 1923 and is now at home.

WALTER O. FREDRIKSON.

Walter O. Fredrikson, secretary of the Sterling Furniture Company and president of the McArthur Turnbuckle Corporation, enjoys an enviable reputation as an energetic and enterprising young business man and manufacturer of Salamanca. His birth occurred in Randolph, Cattaraugus county, New York, on the 24th of October, 1890, his parents being Erik and Hilma (Soderholl) Fredrikson. A biography of the father, who is the treasurer and general manager of the Sterling Furniture Company, appears on another page of this work.

Walter O. Fredrikson pursued his education in the grammar and high schools of Salamanca and after putting aside his textbooks spent about five years in the service of the Salamanca Trust Company. He then joined his father in business as secretary of the Sterling Furniture Company and has since been associated with him in the control of this extensive manufacturing enterprise. A young man of excellent executive ability and keen business discernment, his efforts have also constituted factors of importance in the successful conduct of other industrial concerns, for he is officially connected as treasurer with the Salamanca Mirror Works and occupies the presidency of the McArthur Turnbuckle Corporation of Salamanca.

On the 30th of June, 1910, at Jamestown, New York, Mr. Fredrikson was married to Miss Isabelle Mary Huggins, daughter of Charles A. Huggins of Salamanca. They are the parents of two children, Robert William and Ruth Jeanette, who were born in the years 1915 and 1917, respectively.

Mr. Fredrikson is a republican in his political views and an active worker in the local ranks of the party. He is a consistent member of St. Mary's Episcopal church and fraternally is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Ismailia Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Buffalo. He likewise has membership in the Buzard Club and finds his chief source of recreation in motoring and other forms of outdoor life. Mr. Fredrikson is deservedly popular in both social and business circles of Cattaraugus county, within the borders of which he has remained from his birth to the present time.

ERIK FREDRIKSON.

Erik Fredrikson is a prominent and successful representative of industrial interests in Salamanca as treasurer and general manager of the Sterling Furniture Company, of which he has remained the active head since organizing the concern in 1909. He is a native of Sweden, born on the 18th of April, 1864, and a son of

Fredrik Anderson, who was a lifelong resident of that country and an agriculturist by occupation. Erik Fredrikson acquired his education in the public schools of Sweden, where he spent the first twenty years of his life. In 1884, eager to avail himself of the opportunities offered in the United States, he crossed the Atlantic and located at Jamestown, Chautauqua county, New York. Thereafter he worked as a carpenter in furniture factories of Jamestown and Randolph and subsequently filled the position of superintendent in the plant of the Randolph Furniture Company for about ten years. He was next connected with the Salamanca Furniture Company in the capacity of superintendent from 1900 until 1909, when, feeling that his capital and experience justified him in embarking in business on his own account, he organized the Sterling Furniture Company of Salamanca, which he has conducted very successfully to the present time. The enterprise has expanded steadily under his capable management until it is now one of extensive and profitable proportions and Mr. Fredrikson enjoys a creditable position among the leading furniture manufacturers of the Genesee Country. He is also officially identified with other important business concerns, being vice president of the Fancher Furniture Company of Salamanca, vice president of the Salamanca Mirror Works and a director of the Salamanca Trust Company and the Montgomery Supply Company.

In 1888, at Randolph, New York, Mr. Fredrikson was united in marriage to Miss Hilma Soderholm, whose father long figured actively in the business affairs of Jamestown. They are the parents of a son, Walter O. Fredrikson, who is the secretary of the Sterling Furniture Company and is mentioned at length on another page of this publication.

Mr. Fredrikson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and manifests a helpful interest in civic affairs, at all times lending the weight of his aid and influence on the side of community advancement. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. Mary's Episcopal church and his life has been actuated by high ideals in every relation. He has never regretted his determination to come to the New World, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization has gained both prosperity and an honored name.

CHARLES H. KINLEY.

A man of broad vision, ripe experience and keen discernment, quick to perceive and utilize the possibilities and opportunities of a situation, Charles H. Kinley has met with uniform success in his business ventures and is now the owner of valuable oil lands. His prosperity has been won by methods that neither seek nor require disguise and Horseheads regards him as a valuable acquisition to its citizenship. He was born in Summitville, Sullivan county, New York, November 14, 1859, a son of Adam and Mary (Freer) Kinley, both of whom were natives of Germany. While a resident of that country the father engaged in the weaving of linen but after coming to the United States learned the tanner's trade. He was first employed as a day laborer, working hard to gain a start, and eventually was able to establish a business of his own. After leaving Summitville he operated tanneries in Elmira, Breesport and Olean, New York, and subsequently became the proprietor of a leather store in Boston, Massachusetts. He fought life's battles unaided and won the respect which the world accords the self-made man. Mr. and Mrs. Kinley were married in Sullivan county, New York. The former passed away in Breesport, New York, while the latter's demise occurred in Wellsburg, this state. They were members of the Lutheran church and in politics he was a republican. They had five children, four of whom are deceased.

Charles H. Kinley was the third in order of birth in the family. He received a common school education and when fourteen years of age entered his father's tannery, acquiring a thorough knowledge of the trade. He was admitted to a partnership in the business, which was conducted under the name of Adam Kinley & Sons, and at that time the firm was operating tanneries in Olean and Breesport. In 1912 Charles H. Kinley sold the business, which he had controlled for many years prior to his father's death, and directed his energies into other channels. At one time he was engaged in lead-mining near Joplin, Missouri, and his attention is now concentrated upon the oil business. He was formerly interested in the oil fields of Oklahoma but his holdings at the present time are situated in the states of New York and Pennsylvania. He has very valuable leases and has been exceptionally successful in his undertakings, receiving a large income from his investments. His brothers,

William and George Kinley, were associated with him in business until death terminated their activities, the former passing away in 1919 and the latter in 1917.

In 1882 Mr. Kinley was married to Miss Alice J. Harding, a native of Breesport, New York, and a daughter of John Harding, one of the pioneer settlers of Chemung county. To Mr. and Mrs. Kinley five children were born, four of whom survive: H. Ward, who was formerly engaged in the feed and grain business; Leah, a Cortland State Normal graduate; Otis, a dealer in coal and grain in Breesport; and Vera, a graduate of the Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital of Elmira, New York, who has also taken a postgraduate course in anaesthesia at Grace Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.

The family are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Kinley gives his political support to the republican party. He has never aspired to office and the only public position he has ever held was that of postmaster of Breesport. He is a Mason and has taken the degrees of the York and Scottish Rites. He purchased an old residence in Horseheads, remodeled the building and now has one of the finest homes in the town. Mr. Kinley is ever ready to further those projects which are basic elements in civic growth and development, and correctly estimating life's values and purposes, he has won and retained the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen.

ALBERT DYER HOWE.

The upbuilding of a town largely depends upon the men who handle real estate and the character of a city is determined in great measure by their labors and the spirit that actuates them. Albert Dyer Howe is one of the leading realtors of Wells-ville and a representative of the younger generation of business men whose energy and aggressiveness promise much for the future of the community. He was born in Whitesville, Allegany county, New York, November 24, 1890, and is a scion of a family whose name has been connected with the annals of American history for more than a century and a half. His great-great-grandparents were Timothy Howe, Sr., son of Martin Howe of Massachusetts, and Keziah (Powers) Howe, daughter of Isaac Powers, the former of whom was a veteran of the Revolutionary war, in which he served for four years and five months. He enlisted at New Braintree, Massachusetts, in April, 1775, joining Captain Granger's Company, attached to Colonel Groaton's Massachusetts Regiment, of which he was a member for nine months. In February, 1776, he was transferred to Captain Barnabas Sears' Company of the same regiment, and in June of that year was assigned to Captain Daniel Warner's Company, also a part of Colonel Groaton's Regiment. He was with that command until March, 1777, participating in the battle of White Plains, and then joined Captain Abel Holden's Company, attached to Colonel Thomas Nixon's Sixth Massachusetts Regiment. He was present at the burning of Danbury and also served in the battles of Ridgefield and Crompo Hill, being wounded in the leg in the last named engagement. Later he fought against the Indians at Fort Edward and in the battle of Saratoga. He was a brave and gallant soldier and received his discharge on the 1st of February, 1780. He became a resident of Lansing, Tompkins county, New York, where he died on May 2, 1829, in the seventy-sixth year of his age, and where his wife died July 23, 1825, in the sixty-ninth year of her age.

His son, Isaac Howe, was born December 20, 1781, in the township of Genoa, and aided in developing the agricultural resources of his state. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and two of his brothers, Martin and Timothy, Jr., also served in that conflict. On October 16, 1814, he was married to Betsy Buck, who was born in 1794. Both passed away in Bingham, Pennsylvania, the former dying in August, 1861, and the latter in 1870. They were the parents of William Nelson Howe, who was born in Bingham, March 9, 1827. William Nelson Howe followed the occupation of farming in Potter county, Pennsylvania, during the greater part of his life. During the progress of the Civil war he served as a private in Company E, Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, and made the supreme sacrifice for his country, dying in a hospital in Philadelphia, on July 5, 1865, at the close of the war. On September 3, 1849, he was married to Louisa Eliza Dyer, who was born February 10, 1829, and who died September 7, 1861.

Their son, Albert Durand Howe, was born April 21, 1855, on the Dyer farm, in the town of Independence, Allegany county, New York, and married Carrie E. Case, who was born in Sullivan township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, October 31, 1852. Both graduated from the State Normal School at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and for some time Mr. Howe was an instructor in the Model School there, while Mrs. Howe

was a teacher in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania. Later both taught in Andover and Whitesville, New York, and in 1906 they retired from the educational field. Mr. Howe is now serving as president of the First National Bank of Whitesville, to which office he was elected in 1916, and under his judicious administration it has become recognized as one of the substantial moneyed institutions of Allegany county. He is a past grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, belonging to the blue lodge at Andover, the Chapter at Wellsville, and the Consistory at Corning, New York. He is an able financier, a keen student of human nature, and a man of proven integrity and worth.

His son, Albert Dyer Howe, graduated from the high school of Whitesville and prepared for a commercial career by courses in Elmira Business Colleges. For three years he was assistant secretary to Congressman J. Sloat Fassett and was next in charge of the mail-order department of the Sheldon School of Scientific Salesmanship in Chicago for two years. For a time he was a member of the firm of Howe and Christiana and in 1914 organized the Wellsville Realty Corporation, from which he subsequently withdrew. He remained alone in the real estate business until June 27, 1922, when he formed a partnership with Claude Jacox. Mr. Howe is well informed on everything relating to the lines in which he specializes and his business is growing rapidly as a result of his untiring efforts.

On the 21st day of April, 1915, Mr. Howe was married to Miss Martha Elston, daughter of Jacob Tice Elston and Anna Strode Elston of Elmira, New York. She is a native of Montana, and after attending the Elmira public schools, graduated from Elmira College in 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Howe have two children: Elston James, who was born February 9, 1917; and Fordyce Lee, born March 1, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Howe are members of the Christian temple and are enrolled with the republican party. Mr. Howe is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter at Wellsville and to the Consistory at Corning, New York, and is secretary of the Wellsville Rotary Club. He is a young man of energy, initiative and shrewd judgment, alert to every opportunity that comes his way, and his enterprise, ambition and honorable principles insure his continuous progress.

JOHN DAVENPORT.

Occupied with the business cares connected with his estates, and in the works of his benevolence, John Davenport passed his life in Bath, New York, with the exception of the years spent in foreign travel and in journeys in this country. His birth occurred in Hornell, Steuben county, New York, on the 10th of May, 1835, his parents being Colonel Ira and Lydia (Cameron) Davenport, the latter a daughter of Hon. Dugald Cameron.

In the acquirement of an education John Davenport attended Haverling Academy of Bath, New York, the Russell Military School of New Haven, Connecticut, and Amherst College, being graduated from the last named institution with the class of 1858. Soon thereafter he made a trip around the world, thus gaining that broad knowledge and culture which only travel can bring. As above stated, he resided in Bath during most of his life, devoting his attention to the supervision of business affairs incident to the care of his estates and to philanthropic enterprises. The inherited responsibility in regard to The Davenport Home for Female Orphan Children, which was founded and endowed by his father, Mr. Davenport discharged with the utmost conscientiousness. For twenty-five years he was president of the board of trustees.

On the 11th of June, 1879, in Bath, Mr. Davenport was united in marriage to Sarah Lyon, a native of Bath, born on February 19, 1847.

At the polls Mr. Davenport supported the men and measures of the republican party. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and by his contributions made it possible for the church of that denomination in Bath to erect its handsome edifice of stone and marble. His widow, who resides on Haverling street in Bath, has an extensive circle of warm friends throughout the community which has always been her home.

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