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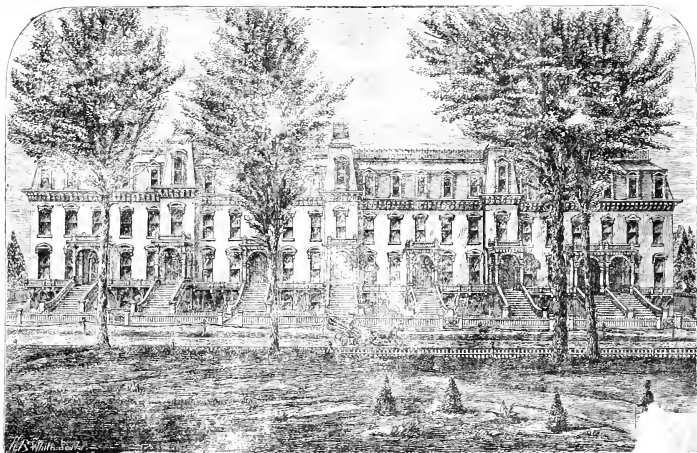




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TO TRAVELERS AND SUMMER PLEASURE SEEKERS.



THE DWIGHT HOUSE

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

GEO. B. EDWARDS,

MANAGER

THE DWIGHT HOUSE will be opened to the public **May 26th, 1874**, and is guaranteed to excel in comfort and elegance in the appointments of its rooms any Hotel between New York City and Chicago.

This House is particularly adapted to **SUMMER BOARDERS**. See the inside pages, and description of **DWIGHT PLACE** and **DWIGHT HOUSE**, from *Times* of March 9th, 1874.

A Free Stage runs to and fro from the House to all Passenger Trains of the different Railroads.

A Telegraph in the House, connecting with the Station Telegraph, will give notice of the whereabouts of each train, *thereby avoiding the inconvenience of Guests waiting at the Depot for Trains out on time.*

This House is but ten minutes walk, or five minutes ride, from all the Banks, the Post Office, and the principal business centers of the City.

TERMS, \$3 per day for transient Guests. This includes, in addition to Board and Lodging, the heating of all rooms, and free Hot and Cold Water Baths, at any hour of the day or night.

A reasonable deduction from above price will be made for permanent occupants.

P. S.—The Manager is directed by the Proprietor to refund to any Guest dissatisfied with his treatment, or not finding the House all that it is a *lectus d.*, the amount of his bill, upon his immediate application at the Office.

Please hand this Circular to your Friends or Traveling Acquaintances.

DWIGHT PLACE.

FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE LOCALITY.

The Design of the Owner, and the Incitements offered to all who wish either a Permanent or Temporary Home.

THE LOCALITY.

THE finest portion of our fair city is the locality which has so recently sprung into being under the generous hand of Col. WALTER DWIGHT, and known as DWIGHT PLACE lying upon the western bank of the Chemung, it extends northward from the Suspension Bridge one third of a mile, embracing Front street the whole distance. It absorbs the eastern terminus of Clinton and Dickinson streets, and sweeping around Winding Way, it occupies an area of about twenty four acres, and contains more beautiful architecture and more elegantly appointed homes than any other spot of its size in the Parlor City. Less than three years ago this spot was an almost vacant, uninviting field, with but little promise of the wonderful change that has so suddenly clothed it with the finest collection of residences to be found in South or New York. But Col. DWIGHT was far-sighted enough to see that this barren stretch of ground could be made to "blossom as the rose," and that in this adding to the area and beauty of his native city he was but "heap[ing] riches unto himself," at the same time that he was winning the gratitude of his fellow citizens at ground him. Since the first of May, 1873, thirty-one residences have been erected. Besides these had been already finished the DWIGHT HOUSE, which was commenced two years ago, and which is not surpassed by anything of the kind in many of the larger cities of the United States.

SEWERAGE, GAS AND WATER.

The whole area of ground upon which these beautiful dwellings stand is underlain with a net work of pipes and sewers, by which a complete system of drainage is secured. Every dwelling is abundantly supplied with water, pure and cold, for lawn dries, fountains and bath rooms, and also for the several residences which adorn the pleasure grounds. Gas is conducted to every part of the locality, and along the streets upon which they stand. Broad stone walks lead for each street, and lead to the many entrances way. Rows of shade trees have been planted beside the streets and upon the beautiful lawns.

Some idea of the immense energy and skill which has been employed in this work may be arrived at when we consider that in a thirty nine elaborately finished residences were begun and completed inside of a year. Nearly three millions of feet of lumber were required for their construction, and fifty five tons of nails were shewn. Two hundred men and many teams were constantly employed during their life, and the monthly payroll amounted to \$28,000. Nearly twenty miles of water and sewer pipes have been laid. The latter empty their contents into the Chemung river.

The entire plumbing of this whole property, including over twenty five miles of gas, water and sewer piping, was done by A. W. PERILLA of this city. The excellence of the work everywhere speaks for itself.

THE ARCHITECT.

The grand "residence" of the owner of the DWIGHT HOUSE, is situated on the Third Hill, near the M. T. T. LEVY of this city. Mr. LEVY cannot enough praise his art in all its details. He has an "ironing eye" and his artistic energy and constant watchfulness over this great work has saved thousands of dollars that would otherwise have been expended for the same. He has adopted the Swiss-German style of architecture, and has proved his fine taste and ability by the consistent and elegant proportions and finish.

RIVER FRONTAGE.

Fronting on the Chemung river, and extending from the west end of Suspension Bridge north to the Erie Railway, are seven of the finest of these residences. They are two stories in height above the basement. The basement walls are of stone, and the roughly cemented outside and in, the outside having a smooth finish, and being marked off to represent stone. The cellar below the basement, are all laid in cement. In these sub-basements are hot air furnaces, which heat every room of the three stories above. The register pipes, leading from the furnaces, are all conducted into the chimneys or are surrounded by brick work specially for their protection, thus avoiding all danger of fire. Every room in these beautiful mansions has gas and the kitchen, bath rooms and sleeping rooms are all provided with hot and cold water. Pipes conduct the waste water directly to the sewers, through which they flow to the river. There are bath rooms and water closets on every chamber floor, and wading closets to every chamber. In each of the many sleeping rooms is an elegant marble topped and silver trimmed stationary wash stand. Well connected in the kitchen with all the floors above, and the basement of each house is furnished with patent dumb waiter of the latest style and best quality. The large double doors are supplied with elegant black walnut and gilt trims, with gas and register appointments to match. The rooms are highly ornamented with rich stucco cornices and beautiful ceiling papers, while the hard finished walls are treated with various paper shades. The wood work throughout is painted in colors of natural Winding stairs lead above and below through the water closets. The stair railings are also of a solid black wood, and are nicely polished. Each hall is treated with marble or stone floor. Each residence has several fire-places, and a large number of rooms. The chimneys all start from heavy stone foundations in the ground and are sixty feet in height. They rise ten feet above the roof, and this portion is finished and ornamented with panels and gilt painted top. The roofs are all covered with slate. Balconies from the first and second floors look out upon the river and the valley in other directions. High broad and deep bay windows make excellent conservatories, and these residences are amply supplied with these beautiful little green houses. Four large fountains adorn the terraced grounds lying between the residences and the river, which are situated from the rear to Front street in a wide and sunny lawn, also terraced level has a house floor, and which form the best of conservatory levels. The exterior of these seven residences is painted in three different colors.

FRONT SITES.

Opposite on the west side of Front street are three beautiful residences, two stories in height, with a basement. They are of a different but as pleasing style of architecture as the seven just mentioned. Their exterior is painted in six even colors, and there is a fountain in front of each. These houses have all the improvements and appointments of the others.

North of the railway, and lying upon both sides of Front street, are thirteen houses, which, though smaller than those already described, are handsomely finished, and abundantly furnished with gas, water and sewerage, with water closets, bath rooms, and all the modern improvements.

DICKINSON STREET.

Extending up Dickinson street, on the north side, are five large and fine houses, but little inferior in size to those first described, and not in the least behind them in beauty of finish and completeness of arrangement.

WINDING WAY.

Diverging from Front street upon either side of Winding Way, are eleven tasty little cottages, reposing within a wealth of shade. These cottages are especially designed for mechanics' homes, and, while they are economical they are spacious and handsomely finished, and are comfortable and delightful dwellings. They stand upon basements with cemented walls and floors, are two stories high, and are also furnished with gas, water and sewerage.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

The brick work and plastering of these thirty nine residences, and the brick work of the DWIGHT HOUSE, was done by the firm of KELLY & GILBERT, of this city, and the handsomely paneled chimneys, the beautifully tinted walls and the several thousand feet of cornices, brackets and parlor centre-pieces, are an honor to their skill and the faithful performance of their duty. The buildings contain 4,200,000 bricks, and there are some 35,000 feet of cornice and 170,000 yards of plastering. The walls are finished in three coats, the last consisting of plaster of Paris and black sand hard finish, which makes the best wall known. They are tinted with harmonizing colors. The fountains, nine in number, were also built by this firm. Eight of them are twelve feet in diameter, while the ninth (in the centre of the large and handsome grounds in the rear of DWIGHT HOUSE,) measures thirty-five feet.

The painting of eighteen of these houses, and the kalsomining of all except DWIGHT HOUSE, the polishing and gilding of all the mantles and grates, was done by SMITH & WILEY of this city. The work in this department shows that these gentlemen thoroughly understand their business. They have had in charge 18,000 yards of kalsomining in various colors, and 120,000 yard of painting and graining. The painting upon the remainder of the houses was done by CROZIER & HUGHES, also of this city. This firm has long been known to the citizens of Binghamton as prompt and reliable in deal, and their work in DWIGHT PLACE has given special satisfaction to the proprietor.

DWIGHT HOUSE.

But the grandest piece of all this admirable work is the DWIGHT HOUSE. This is a magnificent brick, iron and stone structure, four stories in height, and extending the entire distance between Clinton and Dickinson streets, a length of 210 feet, with a depth of 56 feet. It is built in the Franco-Italian style, and is painted and sanded a fine drab. It is surmounted by an elegant French roof, which is finished with a costly gilt crest railing. The double fronts are covered with arched porches, superb carved balconies, and beautiful dormer and bay windows. It is said to be the finest and most imposing specimen of architecture in this part of the State. Mr. I. G. PERRY of this city was the architect and superintendent. Mr. PERRY is

well known to the people of Binghamton, who have long admired his architectural skill, as displayed in both the bank block and residence of ex-Mayor PHELPS. The finest churches of our city, and the State Inebriate Asylum, have often served to remind us of his skill and ability.

The DWIGHT HOUSE was completed about a year ago, and was then designed to be rented in suits of unfurnished rooms, with table board, to people of refinement who desired such comforts as could only be found in the house of the wealthy.

Col. DWIGHT is now re-furnishing this house in a splendid manner, and designs it for a family hotel, especially adapted to that class of people who annually leave the cities and spend the summer at some fashionable water place, or in some retired spot. Here will be found all the advantages and enjoyments of both country air and country scenery, together with the benefits of an excellent watering place and all the pleasures of city life. But twenty minutes' walk from the hotel is the celebrated iron spring of LOUIS WEST. This spring gushes from the eastern base of Mt. Prospect, and contains a mineral water which, according to the analysis of an expert chemist, has no superior in this country. Mt. Prospect itself is a lofty elevation to the north of the city. It gives a view of the extensive and beautiful valleys of the Chenango and Susquehanna for miles to the east and west, while the long ranges of hills, sweeping around the horizon, grow blue and dim in the distance. No city of the north is surrounded with more superb scenery than the city of Binghamton, and from several points in the vicinity fine views can be enjoyed. Another advantage to be obtained here is the facility afforded to people of water cure proclivities, in the shape of hot and cold baths, furnished to every suit of two rooms on the parlor floors, and to every four rooms on the other floors. There are also, in addition, free bath rooms, similarly appointed, on the basement floor. Messrs. SMITH & WILEY are decorating the walls and ceilings of the entire building in a beautiful and artistic manner, preparatory to the superb furnishing of the parlors, dining rooms, &c., &c. About ten thousand yards of best English body Brussels and French Mopett Carpets are to cover the floors. The furniture throughout the DWIGHT HOUSE, on the parlor floors, will be black walnut, upholstered with satin. On other floors it will be of black wain with silk and wooden seats. Oak, with leather upholstery, furnishes the dining rooms. Beds and bedding of the same grade and kind now in Hotel Brunswick, and the Windsor House, New York city. All other furniture will be in keeping with the substantial and elegant appointments above mentioned.

The furnishing of the numerous rooms of this house will correspond with the magnificent appearance of the exterior. The entire structure, from basement to attic, is warmed by means of hot air furnaces. Hot and cold water is furnished in every suit of rooms. In the bed rooms are stationary wash basins, with marble and silver trimmings, while black walnut and silver are the trimmings of the bath rooms. All rooms are furnished with gas, and the fifty six parlor bed rooms have costly and beautiful gilt and glass chandeliers. The remaining rooms have cheaper but yet elegant gas fixtures. The appointments of the dining rooms, in the tables, chairs, glass, china, silver and linen, are of the richest quality. Holmes' system of electric bells will give communication from each suit of rooms to the office.

In addition to the residences and grounds of DWIGHT PLACE, there is a large and handsome Carriage House, standing midway between Dickinson street and Winding Way. This is fitted up as a boarding and livery stable, and is capable of accommodating thirty-five horses, with as many carriages. It is

complete in all its appointments, including gas, water, &c. This commodious stable is designed to accommodate the open parts of DWIGHT PLACE, and the same will be boarded and carriages and harness cared for, and everything complete will be from two dollars and fifty cents to three dollars per day, according to the location of the rooms.

PRICES OF ROOMS.

For families, including heating of rooms, bath, rooms, hot and cold water, servants, care of car, and everything complete, will be from two dollars and fifty cents to three dollars per day, according to the location of the rooms.

THE PARK.

Directly opposite the Dwight House are the beautiful grounds formerly owned and occupied by the Hon. DANIEL S. DICKINSON. They are along the western bank of the Chazy river, and are centrally located in DWIGHT PLACE. These

grounds are some eight acres in extent, and are familiarly known to our people as the "Old land." They are now being fitted up into a beautiful little Park, designed especially for the enjoyment of the occupants of DWIGHT HOUSE, and DWIGHT PLACE. A handsome Band Stand is being erected. A very large Fountain is constructed in the centre of the Park, and near this Band Stand. There will also be Croquet Grounds, Lawn, Awning, and Seats for the accommodation of all who frequent the Park. This Park, and all the grounds throughout DWIGHT PLACE, will be kept smooth with lawn mowers, and in every way made as attractive as possible.

These houses are now for rent on a basis of simple interest on their cost, or for sale at cost, the desire of Col. DWIGHT being more to beautify his native city than to enjoy a pecuniary reward.

DWIGHT PLACE therefore offers the rarest inducements to all who are desirous of either renting or purchasing houses, or of spending their summers in Binghamton.

BINGHAMTON AND ITS ADVANTAGES.

THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON, with its unrivalled surrounding country, its excellent Schools and beautiful Churches, its perfect system of Water, its Canal and its Railroads, (now in active operation), all at all points of the compass, with additional ones to be completed in a few years, connecting the Delaware and Hudson Canal with the Pennsylvania Central, making another through Trunk Line Northeast and West, its abundant available Water Power and Cheap Coal for Factories, its facilities for the general distribution of products, in connection with its desirability for Permanent Homes, offers to people who are desirous of locating Manufacturing interests where they can have for themselves and their families all the benefits of refined society and pleasant surroundings (in connection with every advantage in a business point of view), greater inducements than any other point in the Middle or Eastern States. On account of the facilities for obtaining Lake Superior, Lake Champlain, and lower grades of Iron ores, the location is especially adapted to all kinds of Iron Works.

The City has now a population of about 25,000. It had in 1876 less than 15,000. This growth is healthful, being made up almost entirely of well settled people, who came here to secure pleasant Homes where their business interests would prosper.

For any particulars concerning DWIGHT HOUSE or DWIGHT PLACE, address Col. WALFORD DWIGHT, Binghamton, N. Y.

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