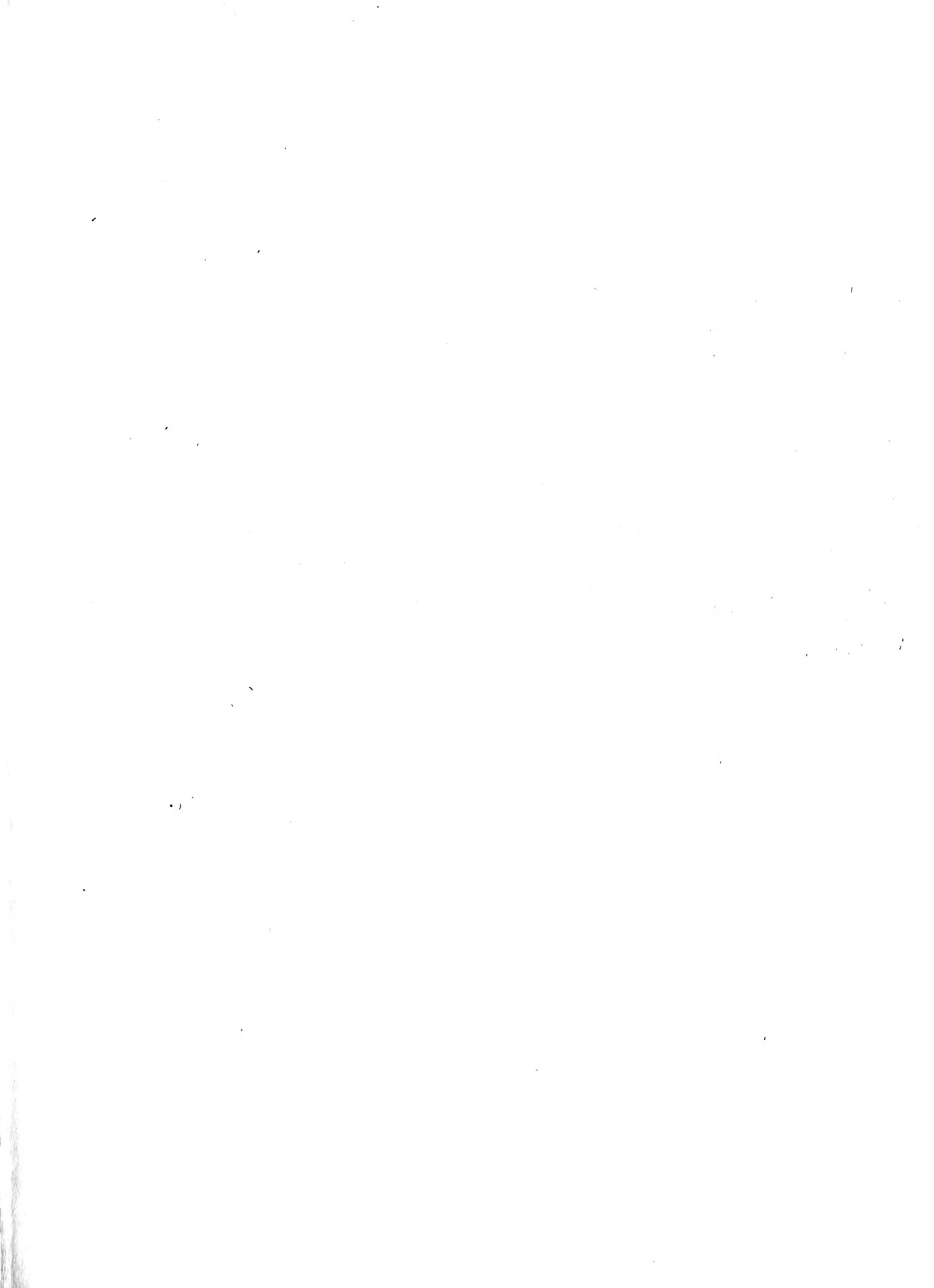




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TO THE OLD SETTLERS OF MINNESOTA

WHO SO WISELY LAID THE FOUNDATION OF OUR STATE UPON THE BROAD AND
ENDURING BASIS OF FREEDOM AND TOLERATION, THIS HISTORY
IS MOST GRATEFULLY AND AFFECTIONATELY
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PREFACE.

Many books of the character and general design of the present volume have been given to the public as embodying the history of certain States and sections of the Union, through the medium of biographies and portraits of their representative men; but this work differs essentially from them all, in that, while it contains the usual features of biography and portraiture, it is also accompanied by a succinct, accurate, interesting and readable history of Minnesota, prepared by one of the oldest and most experienced citizens of the State. Judge Flandrau, the author of this history, has participated in every important event which has occurred in Minnesota since its organization as a Territory in 1849, and recounts in a colloquial and pleasing style, his personal recollections and knowledge of the growth and progress of the State. This history will be read by thousands, where a more pretentious and voluminous record would be eschewed as too laborious an undertaking.

The State of Minnesota is quite a youthful member of the Union, its history compassing but half a century; yet its marvelous growth in all the elements that make for substantial worth and greatness, has been phenomenal, and entitles it to a prominent niche in the gallery of the sisterhood.

Besides the history, the work contains the biographies of many of the prominent citizens of the State, with their portraits. We feel justified in saying that the workmanship and art bestowed on these portraits, is of superior excellence, both in the engraving and the perfection of the resemblance to the subjects portrayed, while the biographical sketches are authentic. It has been the aim of the publishers throughout, to include in the list only those who have, by their ability, industry and courage, contributed to the building of the State to its present eminence. Many have been omitted, who are, no doubt, entitled to a place on the roll of honor, their great number making it impracticable to include them all in one volume. These omissions may, however, be remedied in a subsequent volume.

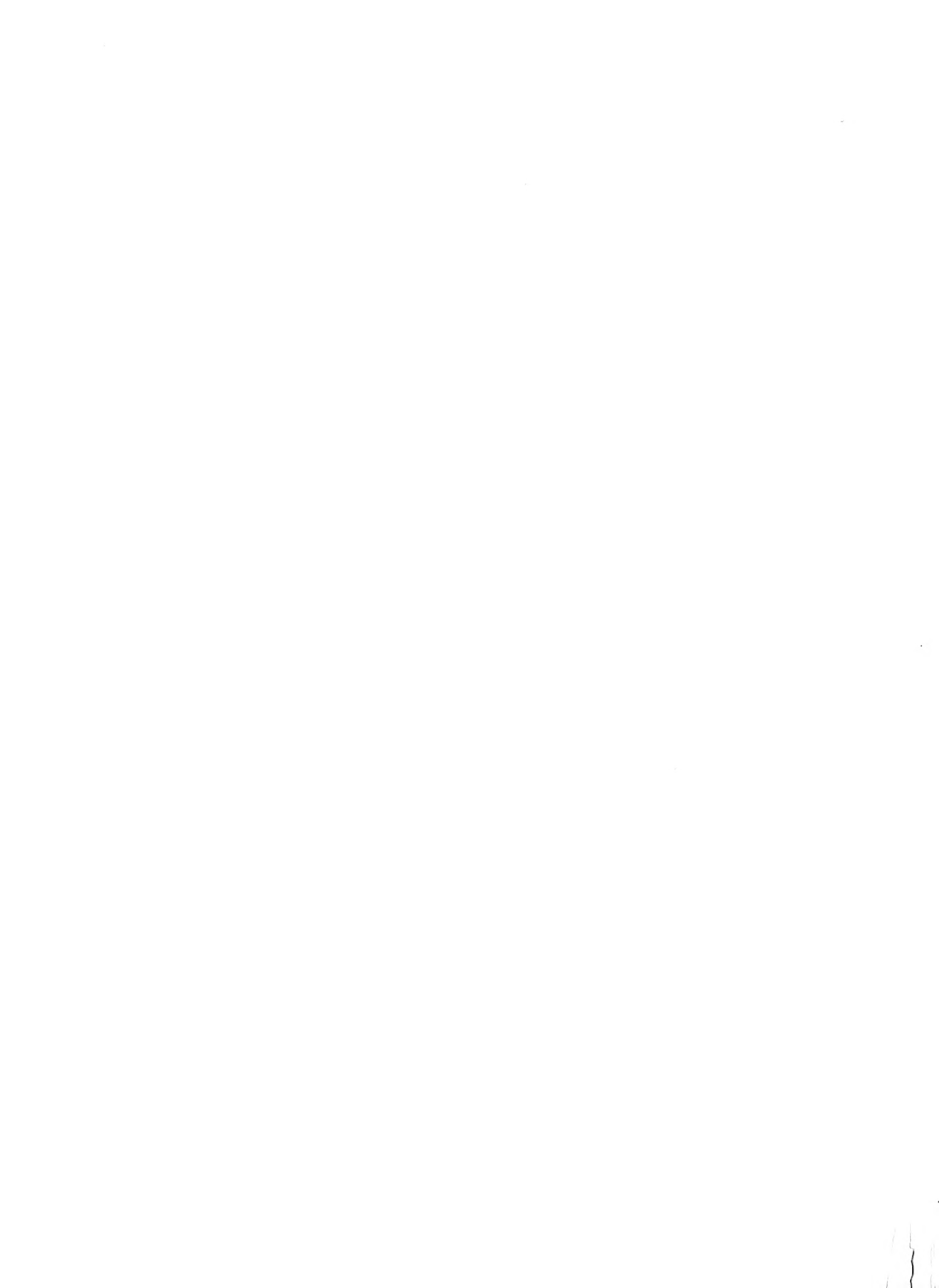
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HISTORY OF MINNESOTA

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As the purpose of this volume is to record the biographies of the men who have distinguished themselves in one way and another in building the State of Minnesota, it was deemed in harmony with the general subject to premise the same with a compendious history of the State, the duty of preparing which I accepted with many misgivings as to my fitness or ability to do justice to such an undertaking. I have decided to reduce the work to the smallest possible limits, and still cover the ground. It has been a little over fifty years since the organization of the Territory which, at its birth, was a very small and unimportant creation, but which, in its half century of growth, has expanded into one of the most brilliant and promising stars upon the union of our flag; so that its history must cover every subject, moral, physical and social, that enters into the composition of a first-class progressive Western State, which presents a pretty extensive field; but there is also to be considered a period anterior to civilization, which may be called the aboriginal and legendary era, which abounds with interesting matter, and to the general reader is much more attractive than the prosy subjects of agriculture, finance and commerce.

Having lived through nearly the whole period of Minnesota's political existence, and having taken part in most of the leading events in her history, both savage and civilized, I propose to treat the various subjects that compose her history in a narrative and colloquial manner that may not rise to the dignity of history, but I think, while giving facts, will not detract

from the interest or pleasure of the reader; if I should, in the course of my narrative, so far forget myself as to indulge in a joke, or relate an illustrative anecdote, the reader must put up with it.

Nature has been lavishly generous with Minnesota, more so perhaps than with any State in the Union. Its surface is beautifully diversified between rolling prairies and immense forests of valuable timber. Rivers and lakes abound and the soil is marvelous in its productive fertility. Its climate, taken the year round, surpasses that of any part of the North American Continent. There are more enjoyable days in the three hundred and sixty-five that compose the year than in any other country I have ever visited or resided in, and that embraces a good part of the world's surface. The salubrity of Minnesota is phenomenal; there are absolutely no diseases indigenous to the State; the universally accepted truth of this fact is found in a saying which used to be general among the old settlers, that "there is no exense for any one dying in Minnesota, and that only two men ever did die there, one of whom was hanged for killing the other."

The resources of Minnesota principally consist of the products of the farm, the mine, the dairy, the quarry and the forest, and its industries of a vast variety of manufactures of all kinds and characters, both great and small, the leading ones being flour and lumber, to which, of course, must be added the enormous carrying trade which grows out of and is necessary to the successful conduct of such resources and industries; all of which subjects

will be treated of in their appropriate places.

With these prefatory suggestions I will proceed with the history.

LEGENDARY AND ABORIGINAL ERA.

There is no doubt that Louis Hennepin, a Franciscan priest of the Recollect order, was the first white man who ever entered the present boundaries of Minnesota. He was with LaSalle at Fort Creve Coeur, near Lake Peoria, in what is now Illinois, in 1680. LaSalle was the superior of the exploring party of which young Hennepin was a member, and in February, 1680, he selected Hennepin and two traders for the arduous and dangerous undertaking of exploring the unknown regions of the upper Mississippi. Hennepin was very ambitious to become a great explorer, and was filled with the idea that by following the water courses he would find a passage to the sea and Japan.

On the 29th of February, 1680, he, with two voyageurs in a canoe, set out on his voyage of discovery. When he reached the junction of the Illinois river with the Mississippi, in March, he was detained by floating ice until near the middle of that month. He then commenced to ascend the Mississippi, which was the first time it was ever attempted by a civilized man. On the 14th of April they were met by a large war party of Dakotas, which filled thirty-three canoes, who opened fire on them with arrows, but hostilities were soon stopped, and Hennepin and his party were taken prisoners and made to return with their captors to their villages.

Hennepin, in his narrative, tells a long story of the difficulties he encountered in saving his prayers, as the Indians thought he was working some magic on them, and they followed him into the woods and never let him out of their sight. Judging from many things that appear in his narrative, which have created great doubt about his veracity, it probably would not have been very much of a hardship if he had failed altogether in the performance of this

pious duty. Many of the Indians who had lost friends and relatives in their fights with the Miamis were in favor of killing the white men, but better counsels prevailed, and they were spared. The hope of opening up a trade intercourse with the French largely entered into the decision.

While traveling up the river one of the white men shot a wild turkey with his gun, which produced a great sensation among the Indians, and was the first time a Dakota ever heard the discharge of firearms. They called the gun *Maza wakan*, or spirit iron.

The party camped at Lake Pepin, and on the nineteenth day of their captivity they arrived in the vicinity of where St. Paul now stands. From this point they proceeded by land to Mille Lacs, where they were taken by the Indians to their several villages, and were kindly treated. These Indians were part of the band of Dakotas, called *M'de-wa-kon-ton-wans*, or the Lake Villagers. (I spell the Indian names as they are now known, and not as they are given in Hennepin's narrative, although it is quite remarkable how well he preserved them with sound as his only guide.)

While at this village the Indians gave Hennepin some steam baths, which he says were very effective in removing all traces of soreness and fatigue, and in a short time made him feel as well and strong as he ever was. I have often witnessed this medical process among the Dakotas. They make a small lodge of poles covered with a buffalo skin or something similar, and place in it several large boulders heated to a high degree. The patient then enters naked, and pours water over the stones, producing a dense steam, which envelops him and nearly boils him. He stands it as long as he can, and then undergoes a thorough rubbing. The effect is to remove stiffness and soreness produced by long journeys on foot or other serious labor.

Hennepin tells in a very agreeable way many things that occurred during his captivity; how astonished the Indians were at all the articles he had. A mariner's compass created much wonder, and an iron pot with feet like lions' paws they would not touch with the naked

hand; but their astonishment knew no bounds when he told them that the whites only allowed a man one wife, and that his religious office did not permit him to have any.

I might say here that the Dakotas are polygamous, as savage people generally are, and that my experience proves to me that missionaries who go among these people make a great mistake in attacking this institution until after they have ingratiated themselves with them, and then by attempting any reform beyond teaching monogamy in the future. Nothing will assure the enmity of a savage more than to ask him to discard any of his wives, and especially the mother of his children. While I would be the last man on earth to advocate polygamy, I can truthfully say that one of the happiest and most harmonious families I ever knew was that of the celebrated Little Crow, who, during all my official residence among the Dakotas, was my principal advisor and ambassador, and who led the massacre in 1862. He had four wives, but there was a point in his favor—they were all sisters.

Hennepin passed the time he spent in Minnesota in baptizing Indian babies and picking up all the information he could find. His principal exploit was the naming of the Falls of St. Anthony, which he called after his patron saint "Saint Anthony of Padua."

That Hennepin was thoroughly convinced that there was a northern passage to the sea which could be reached by ships is proven by the following extract from his work: "For example, we may be transported into the Pacific sea by rivers, which are large and capable of carrying great vessels, and from thence it is very easy to go to China and Japan without crossing the equinoctial line, and in all probability Japan is on the same continent as America."

Our first visitor evidently had very confused ideas on matters of geography. The first account of his adventures was published by him in 1683, and was quite trustworthy, and it is much to be regretted that he was afterwards induced to publish another edition in Utrecht, in 1689, which was filled with falsehoods and exaggerations, which brought upon him the

censure of the king of France. He died in obscurity, unregretted. The county of Hennepin is named for him.

Other Frenchmen visited Minnesota shortly after Hennepin for the purpose of trade with the Indians and the extension of the Territory of New France. In 1689 Nicholas Perot was established at Lake Pepin with quite a large body of men, engaged in trade with the Indians. On the 8th of May, 1689, Perot issued a proclamation from his post on Lake Pepin, in which he formally took possession in the name of the king of all the countries inhabited by the Dakotas "and of which they are proprietors." This post was the first French establishment in Minnesota. It was called Fort Bon Secours; afterwards Fort Le Sueur, but on later maps Fort Perot.

In 1695 Le Sueur built the second post in Minnesota between the head of Lake Pepin and the mouth of the St. Croix. In July of that year he took a party of Ojibways and one Dakota to Montreal for the purpose of impressing upon them the importance and strength of France. Here large bodies of troops were maneuvered in their presence and many speeches made by both the French and the Indians. Friendly and commercial relations were established.

Le Sueur, some time after, returned to Minnesota and explored St. Peter's river (now the Minnesota) as far as the mouth of the Blue Earth. Here he built a log fort and called it L'Hullier, and made some excavations in search of copper ore. He sent several tons of a green substance which he found and supposed to be copper, to France, but it was undoubtedly a colored clay that is found in that region, and is sometimes used as a rough paint. He is supposed to be the first man who supplied the Indians with guns. Le Sueur kept a journal in which he gave the best description of the Dakotas written in those early times, and was a very reliable man. Minnesota has a county and a city named for him.

Many other Frenchmen visited Minnesota in early days, among whom was Du Luth, but as they were simply traders, explorers and priests among the Indians it is hardly necessary in a work of this character to trace their exploits

in detail. While they blazed the trail for others they did not, to any great extent, influence the future of the country, except by supplying a convenient nomenclature with which to designate localities, which has largely been drawn upon. Many of them, however, were good and devoted men, and earnest in their endeavors to spread the gospel among the Indians; how well they succeeded I will discuss when I speak of these savage men more particularly.

The next arrival of sufficient importance to particularize was Jonathan Carver. He was born in Connecticut in 1732. His father was a justice of the peace, which in those days was a more important position than it is now regarded. They tried to make a doctor of him, and he studied medicine just long enough to discover that the profession was uncongenial and abandoned it. At the age of eighteen he purchased an ensign's commission in a Connecticut regiment, raised during the French war. He came very near losing his life at the massacre of Fort William Henry, but escaped, and after the declaration of peace between France and England, in 1763, he conceived the project of making an exploration of the Northwest.

It should be remembered that the French sovereignty over the Northwest ceased in 1763, when, by a treaty made in Versailles, between the French and the English, all the lands embraced in what is now Minnesota were ceded by the French to England, so Carver came as an Englishman into English territory.

Carver left Boston in the month of June, 1766, and proceeded to Mackinaw, then the most distant British post, where he arrived in the month of August. He then took the usual route to Green bay. He proceeded by the way of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers to the Mississippi. He found a considerable town on the Mississippi near the mouth of the Wisconsin, called by the French "La Prairie les Chiens," which is now Prairie du Chien, or the Dog Prairie, named after an Indian chief who went by the dignified name of "The Dog." He speaks of this town as one where a great central fur trade was carried on by the Indians. From this point he commenced his voyage up the

Mississippi in a canoe, and when he reached Lake Pepin he claims to have discovered a system of earthworks which he describes as of the most scientific military construction, and inferred that they had been at some time the intrenchments of a people well versed in the arts of war. It takes very little to excite an enthusiastic imagination into the belief that it has found what it has been looking for.

He found a cave in what is now known as Dayton's Bluff, and describes it as immense in extent and covered with Indian hieroglyphics, and speaks of a burying place at a little distance from the cavern, and made a short voyage up the Minnesota river, which he says the Indians called "Wadapaw Mennesotor." This probably is as near as he could catch the name by sound; it should be Wak-pa Mimesota.

After his voyage to the Falls and up the Minnesota he returned to his cave, where he says there were assembled a great council of Indians, to which he was admitted, and witnessed the burial ceremonies, which he describes as follows:

"After the breath is departed the body is dressed in the same attire it usually wore, his face is painted, and he is seated in an erect posture on a mat or skin placed in the middle of the hut with his weapons by his side. His relatives seated around, each harangues the deceased; and, if he has been a great warrior, recounts his heroic actions nearly to the following purport, which, in the Indian language, is extremely poetical and pleasing: 'You still sit among us, brother; your person retains its usual resemblance and continues similar to ours, without any visible deficiency except it has lost the power of action. But whither is that breath blown which a few hours ago sent up smoke to the Great Spirit? Why are those lips silent that lately delivered to us expressions and pleasing language? Why are those feet motionless that a short time ago were fleetier than the deer on yonder mountains? Why useless hang those arms that could climb the tallest tree or draw the toughest bow? Alas! Every part of that frame which we lately beheld with admiration and wonder is now become as inanimate as it was three hundred years ago! We will not, however, bemoan thee as if thou wast forever lost to us, or that thy name would be buried in oblivion. Thy soul yet lives in the great country of spirits

with those of thy nation that have gone before thee; and though we are left behind to perpetuate thy fame, we shall one day join thee.

Actuated by the respect we bore thee whilst living, we now come to tender thee the last act of kindness in our power; that thy body might not lie neglected on the plain and become a prey to the beasts of the field and the birds of the air, we will take care to lay it with those of thy ancestors who have gone before thee, hoping at the same time that thy spirit will feed with their spirits, and be ready to receive ours when we shall also arrive at the great country of souls."

I have heard many speeches made by the descendants of these same Indians, and have many times addressed them on all manner of subjects, but I never heard anything quite so elegant as the oration put into their mouths by Carver. I have always discovered that a good interpreter makes a good speech. On one occasion, when a delegation of Pillager Chippewas was in Washington to settle some matters with the government, they wanted a certain concession which the Indian commissioner would not allow, and they appealed to the President, who was then Franklin Pierce. Old Flatmouth, the chief, presented the case. Paul Beaulien interpreted it so feelingly that the President surrendered without a contest. After informing him as to the disputed point, he added:

"Father, you are great and powerful; you live in a beautiful home where the bleak winds never penetrate. Your hunger is always appeased with the choicest foods. Your heart is kept warm by all these blessings, and would bleed at the sight of distress among your red children. Father, we are poor and weak; we live far away in the cheerless north in bark lodges; we are often cold and hungry. Father, what we ask is to you as nothing, while to us it is comfort and happiness. Give it to us, and when you stand upon your grand portico some bright winter night and see the northern lights dancing in the heavens it will be the thanks of your red children ascending to the Great Spirit for your goodness to them."

Carver seems to have been a sagacious observer and a man of great foresight. In speaking of the advantages of the country, he says

that the future population will be "able to convey their produce to the seaports with great facility, the current of the river from its source to its entrance into the Gulf of Mexico being extremely favorable for doing this in small craft. This might also in time be facilitated by canals or short cuts and a communication opened with New York by way of the lakes." He was also impressed with the idea that a route could be discovered by way of the Minnesota river, which "would open a passage for conveying intelligence to China and the English settlements in the East Indies."

The nearest to a realization of this theory that I have known was the sending of the stern wheeled steamer "Freighter" on a voyage up the Minnesota to Winnipeg some time in the early fifties. She took freight and passengers for that destination, but never reached the Red River of the North.

After the death of Carver his heirs claimed that while at the great cave, May 1, 1767, the Indians made him a large grant of land, which would cover St. Paul and a large part of Wisconsin, and several attempts were made to have it ratified by both the British and American governments, but without success. Carver does not mention this grant in his book, nor has the original deed ever been found. A copy, however, was produced, and as it was the first real estate transaction that ever occurred in Minnesota I will set it out in full:

"To Jonathan Carver, a Chief under the Most Mighty and potent, George the Third, King of the English and other nations, the fame of whose warriors has reached our ears, and has been fully told us by our good brother Jonathan aforesaid, whom we all rejoice to have come among us and bring us good news from his country:

WE, Chiefs of the Nadowessies, who have hereunto set our seals, do, by these presents, for ourselves and heirs forever, in return for the aid and good services done by the said Jonathan to ourselves and allies, give, grant and convey to him, the said Jonathan, and to his heirs and assigns forever, the whole of a certain Territory or tract of land, bounded as follows, viz: From the Falls of St. Anthony, running on east bank of the Mississippi, nearly southeast as far as Lake Pepin, where the

Chippewa joins the Mississippi, and from thence eastward, five days' travel accounting twenty English miles per day, and from thence again to the Falls of St. Anthony on a direct straight line. We do for ourselves, heirs and assigns, forever give unto said Jonathan, his heirs and assigns, with all the trees, rocks and rivers therein, reserving the sole liberty of hunting and fishing on land not planted or improved by the said Jonathan, his heirs and assigns, to which we have affixed our respective seals.

At the Great Cave, May 1st, 1767.

(Signed)

Hawnopawjatin.
Otohtongoondisheaw."

This alleged instrument bears upon its face many marks of suspicion and was very properly rejected by General Leavenworth, who, in 1821, made a report of his investigations in regard to it to the commissioner of the general land office.

The war between the Chippewas and the Dakotas continued to rage with varied success, as it has since time immemorial. It was a bitter, cruel war, waged against the race and blood, and each successive slaughter only increased the hatred and heaped fuel upon the fire. As an Indian never forgives the killing of a relative, and as the particular murderer, as a general thing, was not known on either side, each death was charged up to the tribe. These wars, although constant, had very little influence on the standing or progress of the country, except so far as they may have proved detrimental or beneficial to the fur trade prosecuted by the whites. The first event after the appearance of Jonathan Carver that can be considered as materially affecting the history of Minnesota was the location and erection of Fort Snelling, of which event I will give a brief account.

FORT SNELLING.

In 1805 the government decided to procure a site on which to build a fort, somewhere on the waters of the upper Mississippi, and sent Lieut. Zebulon Montgomery Pike, of the army, to explore the country, expel British traders,

who might be violating the laws of the United States, and to make treaties with the Indians.

September 21, 1805, he encamped on what is now known as Pike island, at the junction of the Mississippi and Minnesota, then St. Peter's river. Two days later he obtained, by treaty with the Dakota nation, a tract of land for a military reservation with the following boundaries, extending from "below the confluence of the Mississippi and St. Peters' up the Mississippi to include the Falls of St. Anthony, extending nine miles on each side of the river." The United States paid two thousand dollars for this land.

The reserve thus purchased was not used for military purposes until February 10, 1819, at which time the government gave the following reasons for erecting a fort at this point: "To cause the power of the United States Government to be fully acknowledged by the Indians and settlers of the Northwest; to prevent Lord Selkirk, the Hudson Bay Company and others, from establishing trading posts on United States territory; to better the condition of the Indians, and to develop the resources of the country." Part of the Fifth United States Infantry, commanded by Col. Henry Leavenworth, was dispatched to select a site and erect a post. They arrived at the St. Peters' river in September, 1819, and camped on or near the spot where now stands Mendota. During the winter of 1819-20 the troops were terribly afflicted with scurvy. Gen. Sibley, in an address before the Minnesota Historical Society, in speaking of it, says: "So sudden was the attack that soldiers apparently in good health when they retired at night were found dead in the morning. One man was relieved from his tour of sentinel duty and had stretched himself upon a bench; when he was called four hours later to resume his duties he was found lifeless."

In May, 1820, the command left their campment, crossed the St. Peters' and went into summer camp at a spring near the old Baker trading house, and about two miles above the present site of Fort Snelling. This was called "Camp Coldwater." During the summer the men were busy in procuring logs and other

material necessary for the work. The first site selected was where the present military cemetery stands, and the post was called "Fort St. Anthony"; but in August, 1820, Col. Joshua Snelling of the Fifth United States Infantry arrived, and, on taking command, changed the site to where Fort Snelling now stands. Work steadily progressed until September 10, 1820, when the cornerstone of Fort St. Anthony was laid with all due ceremony. The first measured distance that was given between this new post and the next one down the river, Fort Crawford, where Prairie du Chien now stands, was 204 miles. The work was steadily pushed forward. The buildings were made of logs, and were first occupied in October, 1822.

The first steamboat to arrive at the post was the "Virginia," in 1823. The first saw-mill in Minnesota was constructed by the troops in 1822, and the first lumber sawed on Rum river was for use in building the post. The mill-site is now included within the corporate limits of Minneapolis.

The post continued to be called Fort St. Anthony until 1824, when, upon the recommendation of General Scott, who inspected the Fort, it was named Fort Snelling, in honor of its founder. In 1830, stone buildings were erected for a four company post; also a stone hospital and a stone wall, nine feet high, surrounding the whole post, but these improvements were not actually completed until after the Mexican War.

The Indian title to the military reservation does not seem to have been effectually acquired, notwithstanding the treaty of Lieutenant Pike made with the Indians in 1805, until the treaty with the Dakotas, in 1837, by which the Indian claim to all the lands east of the Mississippi, including the reservation, ceased. In 1836, before the Indian title was finally acquired, quite a number of settlers located on the reservation on the left bank of the Mississippi.

October 21, 1839, the President issued an order for their removal, and on May 6, 1840, some of the settlers were forcibly removed.

In 1837 Mr. Alexander Faribault presented a claim for Pike island, which was based upon a treaty made by him with the Dakotas in 1820.

Whether his claim was allowed, the records do not disclose, and it is unimportant.

May 25, 1853, a military reservation for the fort was set off by the President, of seven thousand acres, which in the following November was reduced to six thousand.

In 1857, the Secretary of War, pursuant to the authority vested in him by act of Congress of March 3, 1857, sold the Fort Snelling reservation, excepting two small tracts, to Mr. Franklin Steele, who had long been sutler of the post, for the sum of ninety thousand dollars, which was to be paid in three installments. The first one of thirty thousand dollars was paid by Mr. Steele, July 25, 1857, and he took possession, the troops being withdrawn.

The fort was sold at private sale and the price paid was, in my opinion, vastly more than it was worth, but Mr. Steele had great hopes for the future of that locality as a site for a town and was willing to risk the payment. The sale was made, by private contract, by Secretary Floyd, who adopted this manner because other reservations had been sold at public auction, after full publication of notice to the world, and had brought only a few cents per acre. The whole transaction was in perfect good faith, but it was attacked in Congress, and an investigation ordered, which resulted in suspending its consummation, and Mr. Steele did not pay the balance due. In 1860 the Civil War broke out and the fort was taken possession of by the government for use in fitting out Minnesota troops and was held until the war ended. In 1868 Mr. Steele presented a claim against the government for rent of the fort and other matters relating to it, which amounted to more than the price he agreed to pay for it.

An act of Congress was passed, May 7, 1870, authorizing the Secretary of War to settle the whole matter on principles of equity, keeping such reservation as was necessary for the fort. In pursuance of this act, a military board was appointed and the whole controversy was arranged to the satisfaction of Mr. Steele and the government. The reservation was reduced to a little more than fifteen hundred acres. A grant of ten acres was made to the little Catholic

church at Mendota for a cemetery, and other small tracts were reserved about the Falls of Minnehaha and elsewhere, and all the balance was conveyed to Mr. Steele, he releasing the government from all claims and demands. The action of the Secretary of War in carrying out this settlement was approved by the President in 1871.

The fort was one of the best structures of the kind ever erected in the West. It was capable of accommodating five or six companies of infantry, was surrounded by a high stone wall and protected at the only exposed approaches by stone bastions guarded by cannon and musketry. Its supply of water was obtained from a well in the parade ground near the sutler's store, which was sunk below the surface of the river. It was perfectly impregnable to any savage enemy, and in consequence was never called upon to stand a siege.

Perched upon a prominent bluff at the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, it has witnessed the changes that have gone on around it for three-quarters of a century, and witnessed the most extraordinary transformations that have occurred in any similar period in the history of our country. When its corner stone was laid it formed the extreme frontier of the Northwest, with nothing but wild animals and wilder men within hundreds of miles in any direction. The frontier has receded to the westward until it has lost itself in the corresponding one being pushed from the Pacific to the East. The Indians have lost their splendid freedom as lords of a Continent and are prisoners, cribbed upon narrow reservations. The magnificent herds of buffalo that ranged from the British possessions to Texas have disappeared from the face of the earth and nothing remains but the white man bearing his burden, which is constantly being made more irksome. To those who have played both parts in the moving drama, there is much food for thought.

I devote so much space to Fort Snelling because it has always sustained the position of a pivotal center to Minnesota. In the infancy of society it radiated the refinement and elegance that leavened the country around. In hospital-

ity its officers were never surpassed, and when danger threatened, its protecting arm assured safety. For many long years it was the first to welcome the incomer to the country and will ever be remembered by the old settlers as a friend.

After the headquarters of the Department of the Dakota was established at St. Paul, and when General Sherman was in command of the army, he thought that the offices should be at the fort and removed them there. This caused the erection of the new administration building and the beautiful line of officers' quarters about a mile above the old walled structure, and its practical abandonment, but it was soon found to be inconvenient in a business way and the department headquarters were restored to the city, where they now remain.

Since the fort was built nearly every officer in the old army, and many of those who have followed them, have been stationed at Fort Snelling, and it was beloved by them all.

The situation of the fort, now that the rail roads have become the reliance of all transportation, both for speed and safety, is a most advantageous one from a military point of view. It is at the center of a railroad system that reaches all parts of the Continent, and troops and munitions of war can be deposited at any point with the utmost dispatch. It is believed that it will not only be retained but enlarged.

THE SELKIRK SETTLEMENT.

Lord Selkirk, to check whose operations were among the reasons given for the erection of Fort Snelling, was a Scotch earl who was very wealthy and enthusiastic on the subject of founding colonies in the Northwestern British possessions. He was a kind-hearted, but visionary man, and had no practical knowledge whatever on the subject of colonization in uncivilized countries. About the beginning of the Nineteenth Century he wrote several pamphlets urging the importance of colonizing British emigrants on British soil to prevent them settling in the United States. In 1811 he

obtained a grant of land from the Hudson Bay Company in the region of Lake Winnipeg, the Red River of the North and the Assinaboine, in what is now Manitoba.

Previous to this time the inhabitants of this region, besides the Indians, were Canadians, who had intermingled with the savages, learning all their vices and none of their good traits. They were called "Gens libre," free people, and were very proud of the title. Mr. Neil, in his history of Minnesota, in describing them, says they were fond of

"Vast and sudden deeds of violence,
Adventures wild and wonders of the moment."

The offspring of their intercourse with the Indian women were numerous and called "Bois Brules." They were a fine race of hunters, horsemen and boatmen, and possessed all the accomplishments of the voyager. They spoke the language of both father and mother.

In 1812 a small advance party of colonists arrived at the Red River of the North in about latitude 50 degrees north. They were, however, frightened away by a party of men of the Northwest Fur Company, dressed as Indians, and induced to take refuge at Pembina, in Minnesota, where they spent the winter suffering the greatest hardships. Many died, but the survivors returned in the spring to the colony and made an effort to raise a crop, but it was a failure, and they again passed the winter at Pembina. This was the winter of 1813-14. They again returned to the colony in a very distressed and dilapidated condition in the spring.

By September, 1815, the colony, which then numbered about two hundred, was getting along quite prosperously, and its future seemed auspicious. It was called "Kildonan," after a parish in Scotland in which the colonists were born.

The employees of the Northwest Fur Company were, however, very restive under anything that looked like improvement and regarded it as a ruse of their rival, the Hudson Bay Company, to break up the lucrative business they were enjoying in the Indian trade.

They resorted to all kinds of measures to get rid of the colonists, even to attempting to incite the Indians against them, and on one occasion, by a trick, disarmed them of their brass field pieces and other small artillery. Many of the disaffected Selkirkers deserted to the quarters of the Northwest Company. These annoyances were carried to the extent of an attack on the house of the Governor, where four of the inmates were wounded, one of whom died. They finally agreed to leave, and were escorted to Lake Winnipeg, where they embarked in boats. Their improvements were all destroyed by the Northwest people.

They were again induced to return to their colony lands by the Hudson Bay people, and did so in 1816, when they were reinforced by new colonists. Part of them wintered at Pembina in 1816, but returned to the Kildonan settlement in the spring.

Lord Selkirk, hearing of the distressed condition of his colonists, sailed for New York, where he arrived in the fall of 1815, and learned they had been compelled to leave the settlement. He proceeded to Montreal, where he found some of the settlers in the greatest poverty, but learning that a large number of them still remained in the colony he sent an express to announce his arrival and say that he would be with them in the spring. The news was sent by a colonist named Laquimonier, but he was waylaid and, near Fond du Lac, brutally beaten and robbed of his dispatches. Subsequent investigation proved that this was the work of the Northwest Company.

Selkirk tried to obtain military aid from the British authorities, but failed. He then engaged four officers and over one hundred privates who had served in the late war with the United States to accompany him to the Red river. He was to pay them, give them lands and send them home if they wished to return. When he reached Sault Ste. Marie he heard that his colony had again been destroyed. War was raging between the Hudson Bay people and the Northwest Company, in which Governor Semple, chief governor of the factories and territories of the Hudson Bay Company, was killed. Selkirk proceeded to Fort William,

on Lake Superior, and finally reached his settlement on the Red river.

The colonists were compelled to pass the winter of 1817 in hunting in Minnesota, and had a hard time of it. In the spring they once more found their way home and planted crops, but they were destroyed by grasshoppers, which remained during the next year and ate up every growing thing, rendering it necessary that the colonists should again resort to the buffalo for subsistence.

During the winter of 1819-20 a deputation of these Scotchmen came all the way to Prairie du Chien on snowshoes for seed wheat, a distance of a thousand miles, and on the 15th day of April, 1820, left for the colony in three Mackinaw boats, carrying three hundred bushels of wheat, one hundred bushels of oats, and thirty bushels of peas. Being stopped by ice in Lake Pepin, they planted a May pole and celebrated May day on the ice. They reached home by way of the Minnesota river with a short portage to Lac Traverse, the boats being moved on rollers, and thence down the Red river to Pembina, where they arrived in safety June 3. This trip cost Lord Selkirk about six thousand dollars.

Nothing daunted by the terrible sufferings of his colonists and the immense expense attendant upon his enterprise, in 1820 he engaged Capt. R. May, who was a citizen of Berne, Switzerland, but in the British service, to visit Switzerland and get recruits for his colony. The Captain made the most exaggerated representations of the advantages to be gained by emigrating to the colony, and induced many Swiss to leave their happy and peaceful homes to try their fortunes in the distant, dangerous and inhospitable regions of Lake Winnipeg. They knew nothing of the hardships in store for them and were the least adapted to encounter them of any people in the world, as they were mechanics, whose business had been the delicate work of making watches and clocks. They arrived in 1821, and from year to year, after undergoing hardships that might have appalled the hardiest pioneer, their spirits drooped, they pined for home, and left for the South. At one time a party of two hun-

dred and forty-three of them departed for the United States and found homes at different points on the banks of the Mississippi.

Before the eastern wave of immigration had ascended above Prairie du Chien, many Swiss had opened farms at and near St. Paul, and became the first actual settlers of the country. Col. John H. Stevens, in an address on the early history of Hennepin county, says that they were driven from their homes in 1836 and 1837 by the military at Fort Snelling, and is very severe on the autocratic conduct of the officers of the fort, saying that the commanding officers were lords of the North, and the subordinates were princes. I have no doubt they did not underrate their authority, but I think Colonel Stevens must refer to the removals that were made of settlers on the military reservation of which I have before spoken.

The subject of the Selkirk colony cannot fail to interest the reader, as it was the first attempt to introduce into the great Northwest settlers for the purposes of peaceful agriculture—everybody else who had preceded them having been connected with the half-savage business of the Indian trade; and the reason I have dwelt so long upon the subject is because these people on their second emigration furnished Minnesota with her first settlers, and, curiously enough, they came from the North.

Abraham Perry was one of these Swiss refugees from the Selkirk settlement, who, with his wife and two children, settled at Fort Snelling first, then at St. Paul, and finally at Lake Johanna. His son Charles, who came with him, has, while I am writing, on the 29th of July, 1899, celebrated his golden wedding at the old homestead at Lake Johanna, where they have ever since lived. They were married by the Rt. Rev. A. Ravoux, who is still living in St. Paul. Charles Perry is the only survivor of that ill-fated band of Selkirkers.

GEORGE CATLIN.

In 1835 George Catlin, an artist of some merit, visited Minnesota and made many sketches and portraits of Indians. His pub-

lished statements after his departure, concerning his personal adventures, have elicited adverse criticism from the settlers of that period.

FEATHERSTONHAUGH.

Featherstonhaugh, an Englishman, about the same time, under the direction of the United States Government, made a slight geological survey of the Minnesota valley, and on his return to England he wrote a book which reflected unjustly upon the gentlemen he met in Minnesota; but not much was thought of it, because, until recently, such has been the English custom.

SCHOOLCRAFT AND THE SOURCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

In 1822 the United States sent an embassy, composed of thirty men, under Henry R. Schoolcraft, then Indian agent at Ste. Marie, to visit the Indians of the Northwest, and when advisable to make treaties with them. They had a guard of soldiers, a physician, an interpreter, and the Rev. William T. Boutwell, a missionary at Leech lake. They were supplied with a large outfit of provisions, tobacco and trinkets, which were conveyed in a bateau. They traveled in several large bark canoes. They went to Fond du Lac, thence up the St. Louis river, portaged round the falls, thence to the nearest point to Sandy lake, thence up the Mississippi to Leech lake. While there they learned from the Indians that Cass lake, which for some time had been reputed to be the source of the Mississippi, was not the real source, and they determined to solve the problem of where the real source was to be found, and what it was.

I may say here, that in 1819, Gen. Lewis Cass, then Governor of the Territory of Michigan, had led an exploring party to the upper waters of the Mississippi, somewhat similar to the one I am now speaking of, Mr. Henry R. Schoolcraft being one of them. When they reached

what is now Cass lake, in the Mississippi river, they decided that it was the source of the great river, and it was named Cass lake, in honor of the Governor, and was believed to be such until the arrival of Schoolcraft's party in 1832.

After a search an inlet was found into Cass lake, flowing from the west, and they pursued it until the lake now called "Itasca" was reached. Five of the party, Lieutenant Allen, Mr. Schoolcraft, Dr. Houghton, Interpreter Johnson and Mr. Boutwell, explored the lake thoroughly and, finding no inlet, decided it must be the true source of the river. Mr. Schoolcraft, being desirous of giving the lake a name that would indicate its position as the true head of the river, and at the same time be euphonious in sound, endeavored to produce one; but being unable to satisfy himself, turned it over to Mr. Boutwell, who, being a good Latin scholar, wrote down the Latin words, "veritas," truth, and "caput," head, and suggested that a word might be coined out of the combination that would answer the purpose. He then cut off the last two syllables of veritas, making "Itas," and the first syllable of caput, making "ca," and, putting them together, formed the word "Itasca," which in my judgment is a sufficiently skillful and beautiful literary feat to immortalize the inventor. Mr. Boutwell died within a few years at Stillwater, in Minnesota.

Presumptuous attempts have been made to deprive Schoolcraft of the honor of having discovered the true source of the river, but their transparent absurdity has prevented their having obtained any credence, and to put a quietus on such unscrupulous pretences Mr. J. V. Brower, a scientific surveyor, under the auspices of the Minnesota Historical Society, has recently made exhaustive researches, surveys and maps of the region, and established beyond doubt or cavil the entire authenticity of Schoolcraft's discovery. Gen. James H. Baker, once Surveyor General of the State of Minnesota, and a distinguished member of the same society, under its appointment, prepared an elaborate paper on the subject, in which is collected and presented all the facts, history and

knowledge that exists, relating to the discovery, and conclusively destroyed all efforts to deprive Schoolcraft of his laurels.

ELEVATIONS IN MINNESOTA.

While on the subject of the source of the Mississippi river, I may as well speak of the elevations of the State above the level of the sea. It can be truthfully said that Minnesota occupies the summit of the North American continent. In its most northern third, rises the Mississippi, which in its general course flows due south to the Gulf of Mexico. In about its center division, from north to south, rises the Red River of the North, and takes a general northerly direction until it empties into Lake Winnipeg; the St. Louis and other rivers rise in the same region and flow eastwardly into Lake Superior, which is the real source of the St. Lawrence, which empties into the Atlantic.

The elevation at the source of the Mississippi is 1,600 feet and at the point where it leaves the southern boundary of the State 620 feet. The elevation at the source of the Red River of the North is the same as that of the Mississippi, 1,600 feet, and where it leaves the State at its northern boundary 767 feet. The average elevation of the State is given at 1,275 feet, and its highest elevation in the Mesaba Range, 2,200 feet, and its lowest, at Duluth, 602 feet.

NICOLLET.

In 1836 a French savant, Mr. Jean N. Nicollet, visited Minnesota for the purpose of exploration. He was an astronomer of note and had received a decoration of the Legion of Honor, and had also been attached as professor to the Royal College of "Louis Le Grand." He arrived in Minnesota, July 26, 1836, bearing letters of introduction, and visited Fort Snelling, whence he left with a French trader, named Franchet, to explore the sources of the Mississippi. He entered the Crow Wing river, and by the way of Gull river and Gull lake, he entered Leech lake. The Indians were disap-

pointed when they found he had no presents for them, and that he spent the most of his time looking at the heavens through a tube, and they became unruly and troublesome. The Rev. Mr. Boutwell, whose mission house was on the lake, learning of the difficulty, came to the rescue, and a very warm friendship sprang up between the men. No educated man who has not experienced the desolation of having been shut up among savages and rough unlettered voyageurs for a long time can appreciate the pleasure of meeting a cultured and refined gentleman so unexpectedly as Mr. Boutwell encountered Nicollet, and especially when he was able to render him valuable aid.

From Leech lake Nicollet went to Lake Itasca with guides and packers. He pitched his tent on Schoolcraft island in the lake, where he occupied himself for some time in making astronomical observations. He continued his explorations beyond those of Schoolcraft and Lieutenant Allen, and followed up the rivulets that entered the lake, thoroughly exploring its basin or watershed.

He returned to Fort Snelling in October and remained there for some time, studying Dakota. He became the guest of Gen. Henry H. Sibley at his home in Mendota for the winter. General Sibley, in speaking of him, says:

"A portion of the winter following was spent by him at my house and it is hardly necessary to state that I found in him a most instructive companion. His devotion to his studies was intense and unremitting, and I frequently expostulated with him upon his imprudence in thus overtasking the strength of his delicate frame, but without effect."

Nicollet went to Washington after his tour of 1836-7, and was honored with a commission from the United States government to make further explorations, and John C. Fremont was detailed as his assistant.

Under his new appointment Nicollet and his assistant went up the Missouri in a steamboat to Fort Pierre; thence he traveled through the interior of Minnesota, visiting the red pipe-stone quarry, Devil's lake and other important localities. On this tour he made a map of the

country—the first reliable and accurate one made, which, together with his astronomical observations, were invaluable to the country. His name has been perpetuated by giving it to one of Minnesota's principal counties.

MISSIONS.

The missionary period is one full of interest in the history of the State of Minnesota. The devoted people who sacrifice all the pleasures and luxuries of life to spread the gospel of Christianity among the Indians are deserving of all praise, no matter whether success or failure attends their efforts. The Dakotas and Chippewas were not neglected in this respect. The Catholics were among them at a very early day and strove to convert them to Christianity. These worthy men were generally French priests and daring explorers, but for some reason, whether it was want of permanent support or an individual desire to rove, I am unable to say, but they did not succeed in founding any missions of a lasting character among the Dakotas before the advent of white settlement. The devout Romanist, Shea, in his interesting history of Catholic missions, speaking of the Dakotas, remarks that, "Father Menard had projected a Sioux mission; Marquette, Allouez, Druillettes, all entertained hopes of realizing it, and had some intercourse with that nation, but none of them ever succeeded in establishing a mission." Their work, however, was only postponed, for at a later date they gained and maintained a lasting foothold.

The Protestants, however, in and after 1820, made permanent and successful ventures in this direction. After the formation of the American Fur Company, Mackinaw became the chief point of that organization. In June, 1820, the Rev. Mr. Morse, father of the inventor of the telegraph, came to Mackinaw and preached the first sermon that was delivered in the Northwest. He made a report of his visit to the Presbyterian missionary society in New York, which sent out parties to explore the

field. The Rev. W. M. Terry, with his wife, commenced a school at Mackinaw in 1823 and had great success. There were sometimes as many as two hundred pupils at the school, representing many tribes of Indians. There are descendants of the children who were educated at this school now in Minnesota who are citizens of high standing and are indebted to this institution for their education and position.

In the year 1830 a Mr. Warren, who was then living at La Pointe, visited Mackinaw to obtain a missionary for his place, and not being able to secure an ordained minister he took back with him Mr. Frederick Ayre, a teacher, who, being pleased with the place and prospect, returned to Mackinaw, and in 1831, with the Rev. Sherman Hall and wife, started for La Pointe, where they arrived August 30, and established themselves as missionaries, with a school.

The next year Mr. Ayre went to Sandy lake and opened another school for the children of voyageurs and Indians. In 1832 Mr. Boutwell, after his tour with Schoolcraft, took charge of the school at La Pointe, and in 1833 he removed to Leech lake and there established the first mission in Minnesota, west of the Mississippi.

From his Leech lake mission he writes a letter in which he gives such a realistic account of his school and mission that one can see everything that is taking place, as if a panorama was passing before his eyes. He takes a cheerful view of his prospects, and gives a comprehensive statement of the resources of the country in their natural state. If space allowed, I would like to copy the whole letter; but as he speaks of the wild rice in referring to the food supply, I will say a word about it, as I deem it one of Minnesota's most important natural resources.

In 1857 I visited the source of the Mississippi with the then Indian Agent for the Chippewas, and traveled hundreds of miles in the upper river. We passed through endless fields of wild rice, and witnessed its harvest by the Chippewas, which is a most interesting and picturesque scene. They tie it in sheaves with straw before it is ripe enough to gather to prevent the wind from shaking out the grains, and when it has matured they thresh it with

sticks into their canoes. We estimated that there were about one thousand families of the Chippewas, and that they gathered about twenty-five bushels for each family, and we saw that in so doing they did not make any impression whatever on the crop, leaving thousands of acres of the rice to the geese and ducks. Our calculations then were, that more rice grew in Minnesota each year, without any cultivation, than was produced in South Carolina as one of the principal products of that State; and I may add that it is much more palatable and nutritious as a food than the white rice of the Orient or the South. There is no doubt that at some future time it will be utilized to the great advantage of the State.

Mr. Boutwell's Leech lake mission was in all things a success.

In 1834 the Rev. Samuel W. Pond and his brother, Gideon H. Pond, full of missionary enthusiasm, arrived at Fort Snelling in the month of May. They consulted with the Indian agent, Major Taliaferro, about the best place to establish a mission and decided upon Lake Calhoun, where dwelt small bands of Dakotas, and with their own hands erected a house and located.

About the same time came the Rev. T. H. Williamson, M. D., under appointment from the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, to visit the Dakotas, and ascertain what could be done to introduce Christian instruction among them. He was reinforced by the Rev. J. D. Stevens, missionary, Alexander Huggins, farmer, and their wives, Miss Sarah Poage and Miss Lucy Stevens, teachers. They arrived at Fort Snelling in May, 1835, and were hospitably received by the officers of the garrison, the Indian Agent and Mr. Sibley, then a young man who had recently taken charge of the trading post at Mendota.

From this point Rev. Mr. Stevens and family proceeded to Lake Harriet in Hennepin county and built a suitable house. Dr. Williamson and wife, Mr. Huggins and wife, and Miss Poage went to Lac qui Parle, where they were welcomed by Mr. Renville, a trader at that point, after whom the county of Renville is named.

The Rev. J. D. Stevens acted as chaplain of Fort Snelling in the absence of a regularly appointed officer in that position.

In 1837 the mission was strengthened by the arrival of the Rev. Stephen R. Riggs, a graduate of Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, and his wife. After remaining a short time at Lake Harriet Mr. and Mrs. Riggs went to Lac qui Parle.

In 1837 missionaries sent out by the Evangelical Society of Lausanne, Switzerland, arrived and located at Red Wing and Wapashaw's Villages on the Mississippi, and about the same time a Methodist mission was commenced at Kaposia, but they were of brief duration and soon abandoned.

In 1836 a mission was established at Pokegama, among the Chippewas, which was quite successful, and afterwards, in 1842 or 1843, missions were opened at Red Lake, Shakopee and other places in Minnesota. During the summer of 1843 Mr. Riggs commenced a mission station at Traverse des Sioux, which attained considerable proportions and remained until overtaken by white settlement, about 1854.

Mr. Riggs and Dr. Williamson also established a mission at the Yellow Medicine agency of the Sioux, in the year 1852, which was about the best equipped of any of them. It consisted of a good house for the missionaries, a large boarding and school house for Indian pupils, a neat little church, with a steeple and a bell, and all the other buildings necessary to a complete mission outfit.

These good men adopted a new scheme of education and civilization, which promised to be very successful. They organized a government among the Indians, which they called the Hazelwood Republic. To become a member of this civic body it was necessary that the applicant should cut off his long hair and put on white men's clothes, and it was also expected that he should become a member of the church. The Republic had a written Constitution, a president and other officers. It was in 1856, when I first became acquainted with this institution, and I afterwards used its members to great advantage, in the rescue of captive

women and the punishment of one of the leaders of the Spirit Lake massacre, which occurred in the northwestern portion of Iowa, in the year 1857, the particulars of which I will relate hereafter. The name of the president was Paul Ma-za-cu-ta-ma-ni, or the man who shoots metal as he walks, and one of its prominent members was John Otherday, called in Sioux, An pay-tu-tok-a-cha, both of whom were the best friends the whites had in the hour of their great danger in the outbreak of 1862. It was these two men who informed the missionaries and other whites at the Yellow Medicine agency of the impending massacre and assisted sixty-two of them to escape before the fatal blow was struck.

What I have said proves that much good attended the work of the missionaries in the way of civilizing some of the Indians, but it has always been open to question in my mind if any Sioux Indian ever fully comprehended the basic doctrines of Christianity. I will give an example which had great weight in forming my judgment. There was among the pillars of the mission church at the Yellow Medicine agency, or as it was called in Sioux, Pajutazee, an Indian named Ana-wang-mani, to which the missionaries had prefixed the name of Simon. He was an exceptionally good man and prominent in all church matters. He prayed and exhorted and was looked upon by all interested as a fulfillment of the success of both the church and the Republic. Imagine the consternation of the worthy missionaries when one day he announced that a man who had killed his cousin some eight years ago had returned from the Missouri and was then in a neighboring camp, and that it was his duty to kill him to avenge his cousin. The missionaries argued with him, quoted the Bible to him, prayed with him; in fact, exhausted every possible means to prevent him carrying out his purpose, but all to no effect. He would admit all they said, assured them that he believed everything they contended for, but he would always end with the assertion that "he killed my cousin, and I must kill him." This savage instinct was too deeply imbedded in his nature to be overcome by any teaching of the white man, and the re-

sult was that he got a double-barreled shotgun and carried out his purpose, the consequence of which was to nearly destroy the church and the republic. He was, however, true to the whites all through the outbreak of 1862.

When the Indians rebelled the entire mission outfit at Pajutazee was destroyed, which practically put an end to missionary effort in Minnesota, but did not in the least lessen the ardor of the missionaries. I remember meeting Dr. Williamson soon after the Sioux were driven out of the State, and supposing, of course, that he had given up all hope of Christianizing them, I asked him where he would settle, and what he would do. He did not hesitate a moment, and said that he would hunt up the remnant of his people and attend to their spiritual wants.

Having given a general idea of the missionary efforts that were made in Minnesota, I will say a word about the Indians.

INDIANS.

The Dakotas—or, as they were afterwards called, the Sioux—and the Chippewas were splendid races of aboriginal men. The Sioux who occupied Minnesota were about eight thousand strong, men, women and children. They were divided into four principal bands, known as the M'day wa-kon-tons, or Spirit Lake Villagers; the Wak-pay-ku-tays, or Leaf Shooters, from their living in the timber; the Sisi-tons, and the Wak-pay-tons. There was also a considerable band, known as the Upper Sisi-tons, who occupied the extreme upper waters of the Minnesota river. The Chippewas numbered about seven thousand eight hundred, divided as follows: At Lake Superior, whose agency was at La Pointe, Wisconsin, about sixteen hundred and fifty; on the upper Mississippi, on the east side, about three thousand four hundred and fifty; of Pillagers, fifteen hundred and fifty, and at Red lake, eleven hundred and thirty. The Sioux and Chippewas had been deadly enemies as far back as anything was known of them and kept up continual warfare. The Winnebagoes, numbering about fifteen hundred, were removed from the nen-

tral ground in Iowa to Long Prairie in Minnesota, in 1848, and in 1854 were again removed to Blue Earth county, near the present site of Mankato. While Minnesota was a Territory its western boundary extended to the Missouri river, and on that river, both east and west of it, were numerous wild and warlike bands of Sioux, numbering many thousands, although no accurate census of them had ever been taken. They were the Tetons, Yanktons, Cutheads, Yanktonais and others. These Missouri Indians frequently visited Minnesota.

The proper name of these Indians is Dakota, and they know themselves only by that name, but the Chippewas of Lake Superior, in speaking of them, always called them "Nadowessioux," which in their language signifies enemy. The traders had a habit when speaking of any tribe in the presence of another, and especially of an enemy, to designate them by some name that would not be understood by the listeners, as they were very suspicious. When speaking of the Dakotas they used the last syllable of Nadowessioux, "Sioux," until the name attached itself to them, and they have always since been so called.

Charlevoix, who visited Minnesota in 1721, in his history of New France, says: "The name Sioux that we give these Indians is entirely of our own making, or rather it is the last two syllables of the name Nadowessioux, as many nations call them."

The Sioux live in tepees or circular conical tents supported by poles, so arranged as to leave an opening in the top for ventilation and for the escape of smoke. These were, before the advent of the whites, covered with dressed buffalo skins, but more recently with a coarse cotton tent cloth, which is preferable on account of its being much lighter to transport from place to place, as they are almost constantly on the move, the tents being carried by the squaws. There is no more comfortable habitation than the Sioux tepee to be found among the dwellers in tents anywhere. A fire is made in the center for either warmth or cooking purposes. The camp kettle is suspended over it, making cooking easy and

cleanly. In the winter, when the Indian family settles down to remain any considerable time, they select a river bottom where there is timber or chaparral, and set up the tepee; then they cut the long grass or bottom cane and stand it up against the outside of the lodge to the thickness of about twenty inches, and you have a very warm and cozy habitation.

The wealth of the Sioux consists very largely in his horses, and his subsistence is the game of the forest and plains and the fish and wild rice of the lakes. Minnesota was an Indian paradise. It abounded in buffalo, elk, moose, deer, beaver, wolves, and in fact nearly all wild animals found in North America. It held upon its surface eight thousand beautiful lakes, alive with the finest of edible fish. It was dotted over with beautiful groves of the sugar maple, yielding quantities of delicious sugar, and wild rice swamps were abundant. An inhabitant of this region with absolute liberty, and nothing to do but defend it against the encroachments of enemies, certainly had very little more to ask of his Creator. But he was not allowed to enjoy it in peace. A stronger race was on his trail, and there was nothing left for him but to surrender his country on the best terms he could make. Such has ever been the case from the beginning of recorded events, and judging from current operations there has been no cessation of the movement. Why was not the world made big enough for homes for all kinds and colors of men and all characters of civilization?

As the white man progressed towards the West and came in contact with the Indians, it became necessary to define the territories of the different tribes to avoid collision between them and the newcomers as much as possible. To accomplish this end, Governor Clark of Missouri and Governor Cass of Michigan, on the 19th of August, 1825, convened at Prairie du Chien, a grand congress of Indians, representing the Dakotas, Chippewas (then called Ojibways), Sanks, Foxes, Menomonies, Iowas, Winnebagoes, Pottawattamies and Ottawas, and it was determined by treaties among them where the dividing lines between their countries should be; which partition gave the Chip-

pewas a large part of what is now Wisconsin and Minnesota, and the Dakotas lands to the west of them. But it soon became apparent that these boundary lines between the Dakotas and the Chippewas would not be adhered to, and Governor Cass and Mr. T. L. McKenney were appointed commissioners to again convene the Chippewas. This time they met at Fond du Lac, and there, on the 5th of August, 1826, another treaty was entered into, which, with the exception of the Fort Snelling treaty, was the first one ever made on the soil of Minnesota. By this treaty the Chippewas, among other things, renounced all allegiance to or connection with Great Britain and acknowledged the authority of the United States. These treaties were, however, rather of a preliminary character, being intended more for the purpose of arranging matters between the tribes than making concessions to the whites, although the whites were permitted to mine and carry away metals and ores from the Chippewa country by the treaty of Fond du Lac.

The first important treaty made with the Sioux, by which the white men began to obtain concessions of lands from them, was on August 29, 1837. This treaty was made at Washington through Joel R. Poinsette, and to give an idea of how little time and few words were spent in accomplishing important ends I will quote the first article of this treaty.

"Article I. The chiefs and braves representing the parties having an interest therein cede to the United States all their land east of the Mississippi river and all their islands in said river."

The rest of the treaty is confined to the consideration to be paid and matters of that nature.

This treaty extinguished all the Dakota title in lands east of the Mississippi river in Minnesota and opened the way for immigration on all that side of the Mississippi. Immigration was not long in accepting the invitation, for between the making of the treaty in 1837, and the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union in 1848, there had sprung into existence in that State west of the St. Croix the towns of Stillwater, St. Anthony, St. Paul, Ma-

rine, Arcola and other lesser settlements, which were all left in Minnesota when Wisconsin adopted the St. Croix as its western boundary.

Most important, however, of all the treaties that opened up the lands of Minnesota to settlement were those of 1851, made at Traverse des Sioux and Mendota, by which the Sioux ceded to the United States all their lands in Minnesota and Iowa, except a small reservation for their habitation, situated on the upper waters of the Minnesota river.

The Territory of Minnesota was organized in 1849 and immediately presented to the world a very attractive field for immigration. The most desirable lands in the new Territory were on the west side of the Mississippi, but the title to them was still in the Indians. The whites could not wait until this was extinguished, but at once began to settle on the land lying on the west bank of the Mississippi, north of the north line of Iowa, and in the new Territory. These settlements extended up the Mississippi river as far as Saint Cloud, in what is now Stearns county, and extended up the Minnesota river as far as the mouth of the Blue Earth river, in the neighborhood of Mankato. These settlers were all trespassers on the lands of the Indians, but a little thing like that never deterred a white American from pushing his fortunes towards the setting sun. It soon became apparent that the Indians must yield to the approaching tidal wave of settlement, and measures were taken to acquire their lands by the United States. In 1851 Luke Lea, then commissioner of the general land office, and Alexander Ramsey, then Governor of the Territory of Minnesota, and ex-officio superintendent of Indian affairs, were appointed commissioners to treat with the Indians at Traverse des Sioux, and after much feasting and talking a treaty was completed and signed, July 23, 1851, between the United States and the Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Sioux, whereby these lands ceded to the United States a vast tract of land lying in Minnesota and Iowa, and reserved for their future occupation a strip of land on the Upper Minnesota, ten miles wide on each side of the center line of the river. For this cession they were

to be paid \$1,665,000, which was to be paid a part in cash to liquidate debts, etc., and five per cent per annum on the balance for fifty years, the interest to be paid annually, partly in cash and partly in funds for agriculture, civilization, education and in goods of various kinds; these payments, when completed, were to satisfy both principal and interest, the policy and expectation of the government being that at the end of fifty years the Indians would be civilized and self-sustaining.

Amendments were made to this treaty in the Senate, and it was not fully completed and proclaimed until February 21, 1853.

Almost instantly after the execution of this treaty, and on August 5, 1851, another treaty was negotiated by the same commissioners with two other bands of Sioux in Minnesota, the Me-day wa kon-ton and Wak-pay-koo-tays. By this treaty these bands ceded to the United States all their lands in the Territory of Minnesota or State of Iowa, for which they were to be paid \$1,410,000, very much in the same way that was provided in the last named treaty with the Sissetons and Wak-pay-ton. This treaty also was amended by the Senate and not fully perfected until February 21, 1853. Both of these treaties contained the provision that "The laws of the United States, prohibiting the introduction and sale of spirituous liquors in the Indian country, shall be in full force and effect throughout the Territory hereby ceded and lying in Minnesota, until otherwise directed by Congress or the President of the United States." I mention this feature of the treaty because it gave rise to much litigation as to whether the treaty-making power had authority to legislate for settlers on the ceded lands of the United States. The power was sustained. These treaties practically obliterated the Indian title from the lands composing Minnesota, and its extinction brings us to the territorial period.

TERRITORIAL PERIOD.

It must be kept in mind that during the period which we have been attempting to review,

the people who inhabited what is now Minnesota were subject to a great many different governmental jurisdictions. This, however, did not in any way concern them, as they did not, as a general thing, know or care anything about such matters, but as it may be interesting to the retrospective explorer to be informed on the subject I will briefly present it. Minnesota has two sources of parentage. The part of it lying west of the Mississippi was part of the Louisiana purchase made by President Jefferson from Napoleon Bonaparte in 1803, and the part east of that river was part of the Northwest Territory ceded by Virginia in 1784 to the United States. I will give the successive changes of political jurisdiction, beginning on the west side of the river.

First it was part of New Spain, and Spanish. It was then purchased from Spain by France, and became French. On June 30, 1803, it became American, by purchase from France, and was part of the Province of Louisiana, and so remained until March 26, 1804, when an act was passed by Congress creating the Territory of Orleans, which included all of the Louisiana purchase south of the 33d degree of north latitude. This act gave the Territory of Louisiana a government and called all the country north of it the District of Louisiana; this was to be governed by the Territory of Indiana, which had been created in 1800, out of the Northwest Territory, and had its seat of government at Vincennes, on the Wabash.

On June 4, 1812, the District of Louisiana was erected into the Territory of Missouri, where we remained until June 28, 1834, when all the public lands of the United States lying west of the Mississippi, north of the State of Missouri, and south of the British line, were, by act of Congress, attached to the Territory of Michigan; we remained under this jurisdiction until April 10, 1836, when the Territory of Wisconsin was created. This law went into effect July 3, 1836, and Wisconsin took in our territory lying west of the Mississippi, and there it remained until June 12, 1838; then the Territory of Iowa was created, taking us in and holding us until the State of Iowa was admitted into the Union, on March 3, 1845, which

left us without any government west of the Mississippi.

The part of Minnesota lying east of the Mississippi was originally part of the Northwest Territory. On May 7, 1800, it became part of the Indiana Territory and remained so until April 26, 1836, when it became part of the Wisconsin Territory; it so continued until May 29, 1848, when Wisconsin entered the Union as a State with the St. Croix river for its western boundary. By this arrangement of the western boundary of Wisconsin, all the territory west of the St. Croix and east of the Mississippi, like that west of the river, was left without any government at all.

One of the curious results of the many governmental changes which the western part of Minnesota underwent is illustrated in the residence of Gen. Henry H. Sibley at Mendota. In 1834, at the age of twenty-two, Mr. Sibley commenced his residence at Mendota, as the agent of the American Fur Company's establishment. At this point Mr. Sibley built the first private residence that was erected in Minnesota. It was a large, comfortable dwelling, constructed of the blue limestone found in the vicinity, with commodious porticos on the river front. The house was built in 1835-6, and was then in the Territory of Michigan. Mr. Sibley lived in it successively in Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and the Territory and State of Minnesota. He removed to St. Paul in the year 1862. Every distinguished visitor who came to Minnesota in the early days was entertained by Mr. Sibley in his hospitable old mansion, and, together with its genial, generous and refined proprietor, it contributed much towards planting the seeds of those aesthetic amenities of social life that have so generally flourished in the later days of Minnesota's history, and given it its deserved prominence among the States of the West. The house still stands, and has been occupied at different times since its founder abandoned it, as a Catholic institution of some kind and an artist's summer school. The word Mendota is Sioux, and means the meeting of the waters.

It was the admission of Wisconsin into the Union in 1848 that brought about the organiza-

tion of the Territory of Minnesota. The peculiar situation in which all the people residing west of the St. Croix found themselves set them to devising ways and means to obtain some kind of government to live under. It was a debatable question whether the remnant of Wisconsin which was left over when the State was admitted carried with it the Territorial government, or whether it was a no man's land, and different views were entertained on the subject. The question was somewhat embarrassed by the fact that the Territorial Governor, Governor Dodge, had been elected to the Senate of the United States from the new State, and the Territorial secretary, Mr. John Catlin, who would have become Governor ex-officio when a vacancy occurred in the office of Governor, resided in Madison, and the delegate to Congress, Mr. John H. Tweedy, had resigned, so even if the Territorial government had in law survived there seemed to be no one to represent and administer it.

There was no lack of ability among the inhabitants of the abandoned remnant of Wisconsin. In St. Paul dwelt Henry M. Rice, Louis Roberts, J. W. Simpson, A. L. Larpenteur, David Lambert, Henry Jackson, Vetal Guerin, David Herbert, Oliver Rosseau, Andre Godfrey, Joseph Rondo, James R. Clewell, Edward Phelan, William G. Carter and many others. In Stillwater, and on the St. Croix, were Morton S. Wilkinson, Henry L. Moss, John McKusick, Joseph R. Brown and others. In Mendota resided Henry H. Sibley. In St. Anthony, William R. Marshall; at Fort Snelling, Franklin Steele. I could name many others, but the above is a representative list. It will be observed that many of them are French.

An initial meeting was held in St. Paul, in July of 1848, at Henry Jackson's trading house, to consider the matter, which was undoubtedly the first public meeting ever held in Minnesota. On the 5th of August, in the same year, a similar meeting was held in Stillwater, and out of these meetings grew a call for a convention to be held at Stillwater, August 26, which was held accordingly. There were present about sixty delegates.

At this meeting a letter from Hon. John Cat-

lin, the secretary of Wisconsin Territory, was read, giving it as his opinion that the Territorial government of Wisconsin still existed, and that if a delegate to Congress was elected he would be admitted to a seat.

A memorial to Congress was prepared, setting forth the peculiar situation in which the people of the remnant found themselves and praying relief in the organization of a Territorial government.

During the session of this convention there was a verbal agreement entered into between the members to the effect that when the new Territory was organized the capital should be at St. Paul, the penitentiary at Stillwater, the university at St. Anthony, and the delegate to Congress should be taken from Mendota. I have had reason to assert publicly this fact on former occasions, and so far as it relates to the university and the penitentiary my statement was questioned by Minnesota's greatest historian, Rev. Edward D. Neill, in a published article, signed "Iconoclast," but I sustained my position by letters from surviving members of the convention, which I published, and to which no answer was ever made. The same statement can be found in William's History of St. Paul, published in 1876, at page 182.

The result of this convention was the selection of Henry H. Sibley as its agent or delegate, to proceed to Washington and present the memorial and resolutions to the United States authorities. It was, curiously enough, stipulated that the delegate should pay his own expenses.

Shortly after this event the Hon. John H. Tweedy, who was the regularly elected delegate to Congress from the Territory of Wisconsin, no doubt supposing his official career was terminated, resigned his position, and Mr. John Catlin, claiming to be the Governor of the Territory, came to Stillwater, and issued a proclamation, October 9, 1848, ordering a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Delegate Tweedy. The election was held, October 30. Mr. Henry H. Sibley and Mr. Henry M. Rice became candidates, neither caring very much about the result, and Mr. Sibley was elected. There was much doubt enter-

tained as to the delegate being allowed to take his seat, but in November he proceeded to Washington and was admitted, after considerable discussion.

March 3, 1849, the delegate succeeded in passing an act organizing the Territory of Minnesota, the boundaries of which embraced all the territory between the western boundary of Wisconsin and the Mississippi river, and also all that was left unappropriated on the admission of the State of Iowa, which carried our western boundary to the Missouri river, and included within our limits, a large part of what is now North and South Dakota.

The passage of this act was the first step in the creation of Minnesota. No part of the country had ever before borne that name. The word is composed of two Sioux words, "Minne," which means water, and "Sota," which means the condition of the sky when fleecy white clouds are seen floating slowly and quietly over it. It has been translated "skytinted," giving to the word Minnesota the meaning of sky-tinted water. The name originated in the fact that in the early days the river now called Minnesota used to rise very rapidly in the spring and there was constantly a caving in of the banks, which disturbed its otherwise pellucid waters, and gave them the appearance of the sky when covered with the light clouds I have mentioned. The similarity was heightened by the current keeping the disturbing element constantly in motion. There is a town just above St. Peter, called Kasota, which means cloudy sky—not stormy or threatening, but a sky dotted with fleecy white clouds. The best conception of this word can be found by pouring a few drops of milk into a glass of clear water and observing the cloudy disturbance.

The principal river in the Territory was then called the St. Peter's river, but the name was changed to the Minnesota.



EDUCATION.

An act organizing a territory simply creates a government for its inhabitants, limiting and regulating its powers, executive, legislative

and judicial, and in our country they resemble each other in all essential features. But the organic act of Minnesota contained one provision never before found in any that preceded it. It had been customary to donate to the Territory and future State one section of land in each surveyed township for school purposes, and section sixteen had been selected as the one, but in the Minnesota act the donation was doubled, and sections sixteen and thirty-six in each township were reserved for the schools, which amounted to one-eighteenth of all the lands in the Territory, and when it is understood that the State, as now constituted, contains 84,287 square miles, or about 53,943,379 acres of land, it will be seen that the grant was princely in extent and incalculable in value. No other State in the Union has been endowed with such a magnificent educational foundation. I may except Texas, which came into the Union, not as a part of the United States public domain, but as an independent republic, owning all its lands, amounting to 237,504 square miles, or 152,002,560 acres—a vast empire in itself. I remember hearing a distinguished Senator, in the course of the debate on its admission into the Union, describe its immensity by saying, "A pigeon could not fly across it in a week."

It affords every citizen of Minnesota great pride to know that, under all phases and conditions of our Territory and State, whether in prosperity or adversity, the school fund has always been held sacred, and neither extravagance, neglect nor speculation has ever assailed it, but it has been husbanded with jealous care from time to time since the first dollar was realized from it until the present, and has accumulated until the principal is estimated at \$20,000,000. The State Auditor, in his last report of it, says:

"The extent of the school land grant should ultimately be about 3,000,000 acres, and as the average price of this land heretofore sold is about \$5.96 per acre, the amount of principal alone should yield the school fund not less than \$17,000,000. To this must be added the amount received from sales of timber, and for lease and royalty of mineral lands, which will

not be less than \$3,000,000 more. It is not probable that the average sale price of this land will be reduced in the future, but it may increase, especially in view of the improved method of sale inaugurated by the new land law."

The general method of administering the school fund is, to invest the proceeds arising from the sale of the lands, and distribute the interest among the counties of the State according to the number of children attending school; the principal always to remain untouched and inviolate.

Generous grants of land have also been made for a State university, amounting to 92,558 acres. Also for an agricultural college to the extent of 100,000 acres, which two funds have been consolidated, and together they have accumulated to the sum of \$1,159,790.73, all of which is securely invested.

The State has also been endowed with 500,000 acres of land for internal improvements, and all its lands falling within the designation of swamp lands. An act of Congress, of February 26, 1857, also gave it ten sections of land for the purpose of completing public buildings at the seat of government, and all the salt springs, not to exceed twelve, in the State, with six sections of land to each spring, in all seventy-two sections. The twelve salt springs have all been discovered and located, and the lands selected. The salt spring lands have been transferred to the regents of the University, to be held in trust to pay the cost of a geological and natural history survey of the State. It is estimated that the salt spring lands will produce, on the same valuation as the school lands, the sum of \$300,000. Large sums will also be gained by the State from the sale of timber stumpage and the products of its mineral lands. Some idea of the magnitude of the fund to be derived from the mineral lands of the State may be learned from the report of the State Auditor for the year 1896, in which he says that during the years 1895-6 there has been received from and under all mineral leases, contracts and royalties, \$170,128.83.

It will be seen from this statement that the

educational interests of Minnesota are largely provided for without resort to direct taxation, although up to the present time that means of revenue has, to some extent, been utilized to meet the expenses of the grand system prevailing throughout the State.

THE FIRST TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT.

The organization of the Territory was completed by the appointment of Alexander Ramsey, of Pennsylvania, as Governor; Aaron Goodrich as Chief Justice, and David Cooper and Bradley B. Meeker as Associate Justices, C. K. Smith as Secretary, Joshua L. Taylor as Marshal, and Henry L. Moss as District Attorney.

May 27, 1849, the Governor and his family arrived in St. Paul, but there being no suitable accommodations for them, they became the guests of Honorable Henry H. Sibley at Mendota, whose hospitality, as usual, was never failing, and for several weeks there resided the four men who have been perhaps more prominent in the development of the State than any others, Henry H. Sibley, Alexander Ramsey, Henry M. Rice and Franklin Steele, all of whom have been honored by having important counties named after them and by being chosen to fill high places of honor and trust.

The Governor soon returned to the capital, and on the 1st of June, 1849, issued a proclamation declaring the Territory duly organized. June 11, he issued a second proclamation, dividing the Territory into three Judicial Districts. The County of St. Croix, which was one of the discarded counties of Wisconsin, and embraced the present county of Ramsey, was made the First District. The Second was composed of the county of La Pointe (another of the Wisconsin counties) and the region north and west of the Mississippi river, and north of the Minnesota, and on a line running due west from the headwaters of the Minnesota to the Missouri. The country west of the Mississippi and south of the Minnesota formed the Third District. The Chief Justice was as-

signed to the First, Meeker to the Second and Cooper to the Third, and courts were ordered held in each district as follows: At Stillwater, in the First District, on the second Monday; at the Falls of St. Anthony on the third Monday, and at Mendota on the fourth Monday in August.

A census was taken of the inhabitants of the Territory in pursuance of the requirements of the organic act, with the following result: I give here the details of the census, as it is interesting to know what inhabited places there were in the Territory at this time, as well as the number of inhabitants.

Names of Places.	Total inhabitants.
Stillwater	609
Lake St. Croix.....	211
Marine Mills	173
St. Paul	840
Little Canada and St. Anthony.....	571
Crow Wing and Long Prairie.....	350
Osakis Rapids	133
Falls of St. Croix.....	16
Snake River	82
La Pointe County	22
Crow Wing	174
Big Stone Lake and Lac qui Parle.....	68
Little Rock	35
Prairieville	22
Oak Grove	23
Black Dog Village	18
Crow Wing, East Side	70
Mendota	122
Red Wing Village	33
Wabasha and Root River	114
Fort Snelling	38
Soldiers, women and children in Forts...	317
Pembina	637
Missouri River	85
Total	4,764

On the 7th of July the Governor issued a proclamation dividing the Territory into seven council districts, and ordering an election for a delegate to Congress, nine councillors and eighteen representatives to constitute the first Territorial Legislature, to be held on the 1st of August. At this election Henry H. Sibley was again chosen delegate to Congress.

COURTS.

The courts were held in pursuance of the Governors' proclamation, the first one convening at Stillwater. But before I relate what there occurred I will mention an attempt that was made by Judge Irwin, one of the Territorial Judges of Wisconsin, to hold a term in St. Croix county, in 1842. Joseph R. Brown, of whom I shall speak hereafter, as one of the brightest of Minnesota's early settlers, came to Fort Snelling as a fifer boy in the regiment that founded and built the fort in 1819, was discharged from the army about 1826, and had become clerk of the courts in St. Croix county. He had procured the Legislature of Wisconsin to order a court in his county for some reason only known to himself, and in 1842 Judge Irwin came up to hold it. He arrived at Fort Snelling and found himself in a country which indicated that disputes were more frequently settled with tomahawks than by the principles of the common law. The officers of the fort could give him no information, but in his wanderings he found Mr. Norman W. Kittson, who had a trading house near the Falls of Minnehaha. Kittson knew Clerk Brown, who was then living on the St. Croix, near where Stillwater now stands, and furnishing the Judge a horse, directed him how to find his clerk. After a ride of more than twenty miles Brown was discovered, but no preparations had been made for a court. The Judge took the first boat down the river a disgusted and angry man.

After the lapse of five years from this futile attempt the first court actually held within the bounds of Minnesota was presided over by Judge Dunn, then Chief Justice of the Territory of Wisconsin. The court convened at Stillwater in June, 1847, and is remembered not only as the first court ever held in Minnesota, but on account of the trial of an Indian chief named "Wind," who was indicted for murder. Samuel J. Crawford, of Mineral Point, was appointed prosecuting attorney for the term, and Ben C. Eastman, of Platville, defended the prisoner. "Wind" was acquitted. This was the first jury trial in Minnesota.

It should be stated that Henry H. Sibley

was in fact the first judicial officer who ever exercised the functions of a court in Minnesota. While living at St. Peters (Mendota) he was commissioned a justice of the peace in 1835 or 1836 by Governor Chambers, of Iowa, with a jurisdiction extending from twenty miles south of Prairie du Chien to the British boundary on the north, to the White river on the west and the Mississippi on the east. His prisoners could only be committed to Prairie du Chien. Boundary lines were very dimly defined in those days, and minor magistrates were in no danger of being overruled by superior courts, and tradition asserts that the writs of Sibley's court often extended far over into Wisconsin and other jurisdictions. One case is recalled which will serve as an illustration. A man named Phalen was charged with having murdered a sergent in the United States Army in Wisconsin. He was arrested under a warrant from Justice Sibley's Iowa court, examined and committed to Prairie du Chien, and no questions asked. Lake Phalen, from which the City of St. Paul derives part of its water supply, is named after this prisoner. Whatever jurisdictional irregularities Justice Sibley may have indulged in it is safe to say that no injustice ever resulted from any decision of his.

The first courthouse that was erected within the present limits of Minnesota was at Stillwater, in the year 1847. A private subscription was taken up and \$1,200 was contributed. This sum was supplemented by a sufficient amount to complete the structure from the treasury of St. Croix county. It was perched on the top of one of the high bluffs in that town, and much private and judicial blasphemy has been expended by exhausted litigants and judges in climbing to its lofty pinnacle. I held a term in it ten years after its completion.

This courthouse fell within the First Judicial District of the Territory of Minnesota under the division made by Governor Ramsey, and the first court under his proclamation was held within its walls, beginning the second Monday of August, 1849. It was presided over by Chief Justice Goodrich, assisted by Judge Cooper, the term lasting one week. There were thirty-five cases on the calendar. The

grand jury returned thirty indictments, one for assault with intent to maim, one for perjury, four for selling liquor to the Indians and four for keeping gambling houses. Only one of these indictments was tried at this term, and the accused, Mr. William D. Phillips, being a prominent member of the bar, and there being a good deal of fun in it, I will give a brief history of the trial and the defendant.

Mr. Phillips was a native of Maryland and came to St. Paul in 1848. He was the first district attorney of the county of Ramsey. He became quite prominent as a lawyer and politician, and tradition has handed down many interesting anecdotes concerning him. The indictment charged him with assault with intent to maim. In an altercation with a man he had drawn a pistol on him, and his defense was that the pistol was not loaded. The witness for the prosecution swore that it was, and added that he could see the load. The prisoner, as the law then was, was not allowed to testify in his own behalf. He was convicted and fined \$25. He was very indignant at the result, and explained the assertion of the witness, that he could see the load, in this way: He said he had been electioneering for Mr. Henry M. Rice, and from the uncertainty of getting his meals in such an unsettled country he carried crackers and cheese in the same pocket with his pistol, a crumb of which had gotten into the muzzle, and the fellow was so scared when he looked at the pistol that he thought it was loaded to the muzzle.

Another anecdote which is related of him shows that he fully understood the fundamental principle which underlies success in the practice of law—that of always charging for services performed. Mr. Henry M. Rice had presented him with a lot in St. Paul, upon which to build an office, and when he presented his next bill to Mr. Rice there was in it a charge of four dollars for drawing the deed.

The Territorial courts, as originally constituted, being composed of only three judges, the trial terms were held by single judges, and the Supreme Court by all three sitting in bank where they would review each other's decisions on appeal.

When the State was admitted into the Union the judiciary was made to consist of a Chief Justice and two Associate Justices, who constituted the Supreme Court, with a jurisdiction exclusively appellate and a District Judge for each district. As the State has grown in population and business the Supreme Court judges have been increased to five and the judicial districts to eighteen in number, two of which, the Second and the Fourth, have six judges each; the Eleventh three; the First and Seventh two each, and the remainder one each.

The practice adopted by the Territorial Legislature was generally similar to that of the New York code, with such differences as were necessary to conform it to a very new country. From a residence in the Territory and State of forty-six years, nearly all of which has been spent either in practice at the bar or as a judge on the bench, I take pride in saying that the judiciary of Minnesota, in all its branches, both Territorial and State, has, during its fifty years of existence, equaled in ability, learning and integrity that of any State in the West, which is well attested by the seventy-one well filled volumes of its reported decisions.

Nearly all of the old lawyers of Minnesota were admitted to practice at the first term held at Stillwater, among whom were Morton S. Wilkinson, Henry L. Moss, Edmund Rice, Lorenzo A. Babcock, Alexander Wilkin, Bushrod W. Loft and many others. Of the whole list Mr. Moss is the sole survivor.

FIRST TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE.

The first Legislature convened at St. Paul on Monday, the 3d of September, 1849, in the Central House, which, for the occasion, served for both capitol and hotel. The quarters were limited, but the Legislature was small. The Council had nine members and the House of Representatives eighteen. The usual officers were elected, and on Tuesday afternoon both houses assembled in the dining room of the hotel. Prayer was offered by the Rev. E. D. Mill, and Governor Ramsey delivered his message, which was well received both at home and abroad.

It may be interesting to give the names of the men constituting this body and the places of their nativity. The Councillors were:

James S. Norris.....Maine.
 Samuel BurkleoDelaware.
 William H. Forbes.....Montreal.
 James McBoalPennsylvania.
 David B. Loomis.....Connecticut.
 John RollinsMaine.
 David OlmstedVermont.
 William SturgisUpper Canada.
 Martin McLeodMontreal.

The Members of the House were:

Joseph W. Furber...New Hampshire.
 James Wells.....New Jersey.
 M. S. Wilkinson.....New York.
 Sylvanus Trask.....New York.
 Mahlon BlackOhio.
 Benjamin W. Bronson....Michigan.
 Henry JacksonVirginia.
 John J. Duvey.....New York.
 Parsons K. Johnson.....Vermont.
 Henry F. Setzer.....Missouri.
 William R. Marshall.....Missouri.
 William Dugas.....Lower Canada.
 Jeremiah Russell....Lower Canada.
 L. A. Babcock.....Vermont.
 Thomas A. Holmes....Pennsylvania.
 Allen MorrisonPennsylvania.
 Alexis BaillyMichigan.
 Gideon H. Pond.....Connecticut.

David Olmstead was elected president of the council, with Joseph R. Brown as secretary. In the House Joseph W. Furber was elected speaker and W. D. Phillips clerk.

Many of these men became very prominent in the subsequent history of the State, and it is both curious and interesting to note the varied sources of their nativity, which shows that they were all of that peculiar and picturesque class known as the American pioneer.

The work of the first Legislature was not extensive, yet it performed some acts of historical interest. It created eight counties, named as follows: Itasca, Wabashaw, Dakota, Walmah-tah, Mankato, Pembina, Washington, Ramsey and Benton. The spelling of some of these names has since been changed.

A very deep interest was manifested in the school system. A joint resolution was passed ordering a slab of red pipestone from the famous quarry to be sent to the Washington Monument association, which was done, and now represents Minnesota in that lofty monument at the National Capital.

This was done at the suggestion of Henry H. Sibley, who furnished the stone. It will be remembered that I have referred to the visit of George Catlin, the artist, to Minnesota in 1835, and that his report was unreliable. Among other things, he says that he was the first white man who had visited this quarry, and induced geologists to name the pipestone "Catlinite." Mr. Sibley, in his communication to the Legislature presenting this slab, in answer to this pretension, says:

"In conclusion, I would beg leave to state that a late geological work of high authority by Dr. Jackson designates this formation as Catlinite upon the erroneous supposition that Mr. George Catlin was the first white man who had ever visited that region; whereas it is notorious that many whites had been there and examined the quarry long before he came to the country. The designation, therefore, is clearly improper and unjust. The Sioux term for the stone is Eyan-sha (red stone), by which I conceive it should be known and classified."

In my opinion the greatest achievement of the first Legislature was the incorporation of the Historical Society of Minnesota. It established beyond question that we had citizens, at that early day, of thought and culture. One would naturally suppose that the first legislative body of an extreme frontier territory would be engaged principally with saw logs, peltries, town-sites and other things material; but in this instance we find an expression of the highest intellectual prevision—the desire to record historical events for posterity, even before their happening; and what affords even greater satisfaction to the present citizens of Minnesota is that from the conception of this grand idea there have never been men wanting to appreciate its advantages and carry it out. As a result our State now possesses its greatest intellectual and moral treasure in a library of historical knowledge of sixty-three thousand

volumes, which is steadily increasing, a valuable museum of curiosities and a gallery of historical paintings.

This Legislature recommended a device for a great seal. It represented an Indian family with lodge and canoe, encamped, a single white man visiting them, and receiving from them the calumet of peace. The design did not meet with general approval, and nothing came of it. The next winter Governor Ramsey and the delegate to Congress prepared a seal for the Territory, the design of which was the Falls of St. Anthony in the distance, a farmer plowing land, his gun and powder horn leaning against a newly-cut stump, a mounted Indian, surprised at the sight of the plow, lance in hand, fleeing toward the setting sun, with the Latin motto, "Quae sursum volo videre," I wish to see what is above. A blunder was made by the engraver in substituting the word "Quo" for "Quae" in the motto, which destroyed its meaning. Some time after it was changed to the French motto, "L'Etoile du Nord," Star of the North, and thus remains until the present time.

While speaking of seals I will state that the seal of the Supreme Court was established when the first term of the court convened in 1858. The design adopted was a female figure representing the Goddess of Liberty holding the evenly balanced scales of justice in one hand and a sword in the other, with the somewhat hackneyed motto, "Fiat justitia ruat coelum," let justice be done if the heavens fall. I remember that soon after it appeared some one asked one of the judges what the new motto meant, and he jocularly answered, "Those who lie at justice will rue it when we seal 'em."

The seal was changed to the same device as that of the State, with the same motto and the words, "Seal of the Supreme Court, State of Minnesota."

IMMIGRATION.

When the first Legislature convened the Governor, on the second day of the session—September 4, 1849—delivered his message. It

was a well-timed document, and admirably expressed to attract attention to the new Territory. After congratulating the members upon the enviable position they occupied as pioneers of a great prospective civilization, which would carry the American name and American institutions, by the force of superior intelligence, labor and energy, to untold results, he, among other things, said:

"I would advise you, therefore, that your legislation should be such as will guard equally the rights of labor and the rights of property, without running into ultraisms on either hand; as will recognize no social distinctions except those which merit and knowledge, religion and morals unavoidably create; as will suppress crime, encourage virtue; give free scope to enterprise and industry; as will promptly and without delay administer to and supply all the legitimate wants of the people—laws, in a word, in the proclamation of which will be kept steadily in view the truth, that this Territory is designed to be a great State, rivaling in population, wealth and energy her sisters of the Union, and that consequently all laws not merely local in their objects should be framed for the future as well as the present. * * * *

"Our Territory, judging from the experience of the few months since public attention was called to its many advantages, will settle rapidly. Nature has done much for us. Our productive soil and salubrious climate will bring thousands of immigrants within our borders; it is of the utmost moment that the foundation of our legislation should be healthful and solid. A knowledge of this fact will encourage tens of thousands of others to settle in our midst, and it may not be long ere we may with truth be recognized throughout the political and the moral world as indeed the 'Polar Star' of the republican galaxy. * * * *

"No portion of the earth's surface perhaps combines so many favorable features for the settler as this Territory; watered by the two greatest rivers of our continent, the Missouri sweeping its entire western border, the Mississippi and Lake Superior making its eastern frontier, and whilst the States of Wisconsin and Iowa limit us on the south the possessions of the Hudson Bay Company present the only barrier to our domain on the extreme north; in all embracing an area of 166,000 square miles, a country sufficiently extensive to admit of the erection of four States of the largest class, each

enjoying in abundance most of the elements of future greatness. Its soil is of the most productive character, yet our northern latitude saves us from malaria and death, which in other climes are so often attendant on a liberal soil. Our people, under the healthful and bracing influences of this northern climate, will never sink into littleness, but continue to possess the vigor and the energy to make the most of their natural advantages."

This message, while not in the least exaggerating the actual situation, was well calculated to attract immigration to this region. It was written in a year of great activity in that line. Gold had been discovered in California, and the thoughts of the pioneer were attracted in that direction, and it needed extraordinary attractions to divert the stream to any other point. It was extensively quoted in the eastern papers, and much commented upon, and succeeded beyond all expectations in awakening interest in the Northwest. It was particularly attractive in Maine, where the people were experienced in lumbering, and many of them flocked to the valley of the St. Croix and the Falls of St. Anthony and inaugurated the lumbering business which has since grown to such immense proportions. The St. Croix, the Rum and the upper Mississippi rivers, with their tributaries, soon responded to the music of the woodsman's axe. Saw mills were erected, and Minnesota was soon recognized among the great lumber producing regions.

Although immigration continued to be quite rapid during the years 1850 - 54, it was not until about the year 1855 that it acquired a volume that was particularly noticeable. The reader must remember that Minnesota was on the extreme border of America and that it represented to the immigrant only those attractions incident to a new territory possessing the general advantages of good climate, good soil and good government as far as developed. There was no gold, no silver, or other special inducements. The only way of reaching it was by land on wheels, or by the navigable rivers. There was not a railroad west of Chicago. To give an idea of the rush that came in 1855 I quote from the History of St. Paul by J. Fletch-

er Williams, for many years secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society, published in 1876. Speaking of the immigration of 1855, he says:

"Navigation opened on April 17, the old favorite, 'War Eagle,' leading the van with eight hundred and fourteen passengers. The papers chronicled the immigration that spring as unprecedented. Seven boats arrived in one day, each having brought to Minnesota from two hundred to six hundred passengers. Most of these came through Saint Paul and diverged hence to other parts of the Territory. It was estimated by the packet company that they brought thirty thousand immigrants into Minnesota that season. Certainly 1855, '56 and '57 were the three great years of immigration in our Territorial days. Nothing like it has ever been seen."

In the early fifties the Mississippi up to and even for a long distance above the Falls of St. Anthony was navigable for steamboats. A fine boat, the "Ans. Northrup," once penetrated as far as the Falls of Pokegama, where she was dismantled and her machinery transported to the Red River of the North, and four or five boats regularly navigated the stream above the falls.

The Minnesota river, during all the period of our early history, and far into the sixties, was navigable for large steamers up to Mankato, and in one instance a steamboat carrying a large cargo of Indian goods was taken by Culyer and Farrington, Indian traders, as far as the Yellow Medicine river and into that river, so that the goods were delivered at the agency situated a few miles above its mouth. I mention this fact because a wonderful change has taken place in the watercourses and lakes of the State in the past twenty odd years, which I propose to account for on the only theory that seems to me to meet the conditions. Up to about twenty years ago, as soon as the ice went out of the Minnesota river in the spring, it would rise until it overran its banks and covered the bottoms for miles on each side of its channel, and would continue capable of carrying large steamers until late in August. Since that time it has rarely been out of its

banks, and navigation of its waters has entirely ceased. The same phenomenon is observable in relation to many of our lakes; hundreds of the smaller ones have entirely dried up, and most of the larger ones have become reduced in depth several feet. The rainfall has not been lessened, but if anything has increased. My explanation of the change is, that in the advance of civilization the water sheds or basins of these rivers and lakes having been plowed up, the rainfall which formerly found its way quickly into the streams and lakes over the hard natural surface is now absorbed into the soft and receptive ground, and is returned by evaporation. This change is generally attributed to the destruction of forests, but in this case that cause has not progressed sufficiently to have produced the result, and our streams do not rise in mountains.

The trend of immigration toward Minnesota encouraged the organization of transportation companies by boat and stage for passengers and freight, and by 1856 it was one of the liveliest communities to be found anywhere, and curious as it may seem, this era of prosperity was the cause of Minnesota's first great calamity.

The object of the immigrant is, always, the betterment of his condition. He leaves old communities, where competition in all branches of industry is great, in the hope of "getting in on the ground floor," as we used to say, when he arrived in a new country, and every American, and in fact everybody else, wants to get rich by head work instead of hand work, if he can. The bulk of the immigration that first came to Minnesota remained in the cities; there was no agriculture worthy of the name. I may say that we had nothing at all to sell, and everything we needed, to buy. I can remember that as late as 1853, and even after, we imported hay in bales from Dubuque to feed the horses of St. Paul when there were millions of tons of it growing in the Minnesota valley, within a few miles of the city.

In the progress of emigration to the West the Territories have always presented the greatest attractions. The settler expects to have a better choice of lands, and at original government

prices. Society and politics are both in the formative condition, and very few emigrants omit the latter consideration from their hopes and expectations. In fact political preferment is a leading motive with many of them.

Under the influence of this great rush of immigration it was very natural that the prevailing idea should be that lands would greatly increase in value in the near future, and everybody became a speculator. Towns and cities sprang into existence like mushrooms in a night. Scarcely any one was to be seen without a town-site map in his hands, the advantages and beauties of which fictitious metropolis he was ready to present in the most eloquent terms. Everything useful was neglected, and speculation was rampant. There were no banks of issue, and all the money that was in the country was borrowed in the East. In order to make borrowing easy, the law placed no restrictions on the rate of interest, and the usual terms were three per cent per month, with the condition that if the principal was not paid at maturity the interest should be increased to five per cent per month. Everybody was in debt on these ruinous terms, which, of course, could not last long before the inevitable explosion. The price of lands, and especially town lots, increased rapidly, and attained fabulous rates; in fact some real property in St. Paul sold in 1856 for more money than it has brought at any time since.

THE PANIC OF 1857.

The bubble burst by the announcement of the failure of the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company, which reached St. Paul August 24, 1857. The failure of this financial institution precipitated a panic all over the country. It happened just on the recurrence of the twenty year period which has marked the pecuniary disasters of the country, beginning with 1837. Its effects on Minnesota were extremely disastrous. The eastern creditors demanded their money, and the Minnesota debtors paid as long as a dollar remained in the country, when all means of borrowing more being cut off a most remarkable condition of

things resulted. Cities like St. Paul and St. Anthony, having a population of several thousands each, were absolutely without money to carry on the necessary commercial functions. A temporary remedy was soon discovered, by every merchant and shopkeeper issuing tickets marked "good for one dollar at my store," and every fractional part of a dollar down to five cents. This device tided the people for a while, but scarcely any business establishment in the Territory weathered the storm, and many people who had considered themselves beyond the chance of disaster were left without resources of any kind and hopelessly bankrupt. The distress was great and universal, but it was bravely met, and finally overcome.

Dreadful as this affliction was to almost every one in the Territory, it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. It compelled the people to abandon speculation and seek honest labor in the cultivation of the soil and the development of the splendid resources that generous nature had bestowed upon the country. Farms were opened by the thousands, everybody went to work, and in ten or a dozen years Minnesota had a surplus of forty millions of bushels of wheat with which to supply the hungry world.

LAND TITLES.

All the lands of Minnesota were the property of the United States, and title to them could only be obtained through the regular methods of pre-emption, town-site entry, public sales or private entries. One event occurred on August 14, 1848, which illustrates so clearly the way in which western men protect their rights that I will relate it. The recognized price of public lands was one dollar and a quarter per acre, and all pioneer settlers were willing to pay that sum, but when a public sale was made any one could bid whatever he was willing to pay. Under the administration of President Polk a public sale of lands was ordered to be made at the land office at St. Croix Falls of lands lying partly in Minnesota and partly in Wisconsin. The lands advertised for sale included those embraced in St. Paul and St. Anthony. The settlers selected Henry H. Sibley

as their trustee to buy their lands for them, to be conveyed to them subsequently. It was a high offense under the United States laws to do any act that would tend to prevent persons bidding at the sales. Mr. Sibley appeared at the sale, and bid off every tract of land that was occupied by an actual settler at the price of \$1.25 per acre. The General, in a paper he read before the Historical Society, says of this affair:

"I was selected by the actual settlers to bid off portions of the land for them, and when the hour for business arrived my seat was universally surrounded by a number of men with huge bludgeons. What was meant by the proceeding I could, of course, only surmise, but I would not have envied the fate of the individual who would have ventured to bid against me."

It has always been assumed in the far West, and I think justly, that the pioneers who first settle the land and give it value should enjoy every advantage that flows from such priority, and the violation of laws that impede such opportunity is a very venial offense. So universal was the confidence reposed in Mr. Sibley that many of the French settlers, the title to whose lands became vested in him by his purchase at this sale, insisted that they should remain in him, and he found it quite difficult in many cases to get them to accept deeds from him.

THE FIRST NEWSPAPER.

Although the first message of the Governor went a great way in introducing Minnesota to the world, she was particularly fortunate in the establishment of her first newspapers. The Stillwater convention of 1848, of which I have spoken, first suggested to Dr. A. Randall, who was an attache of Dr. Owen's geological corps, then engaged in a survey of this region by order of the government, the necessity of a newspaper for the new Territory. He was possessed of the means and enterprise to accomplish the then rather difficult undertaking, and was promised ample support by leading men of the Territory. He returned to his home in Cincin-

nati in the fall of 1848, intending to purchase the plant and start the paper that year, but the navigation of the rivers closed earlier than usual, and he was foiled in his attempt. He, however, set up his press in Cincinnati, and got out a number or two of his paper there. It was then called the "Minnesota Register," and appeared as of the date of April 27, 1849, and as printed in Saint Paul. It was in fact printed in Cincinnati about two weeks earlier. It contained valuable articles from the pens of Henry H. Sibley and Henry M. Rice. These articles, added to Dr. Randall's extensive knowledge of the country, made the first issue a great local success. It was the first Minnesota paper ever published, and bears date just one day ahead of the Pioneer, subsequently published by James M. Goodhue, which was actually printed in the Territory. Dr. Randall did not carry out his intention, but was caught in the California vortex, and did not return to Minnesota.

James M. Goodhue, of Lancaster, Wisconsin, who was editing the Wisconsin Herald, when he heard of the organization of the new Territory, immediately decided to start a paper in St. Paul, and as soon as navigation opened in the spring of 1849 he came up with his press and type. He met with many difficulties and obstructions, necessarily incident to such a venture in a new place, but he succeeded in issuing the first number of his paper April 28, 1849. His first inclination was to call his paper the "Epistle of St. Paul," but on sober reflection he was convinced that the name might shock the religious sensibilities of the community, especially as he did not possess many of the attributes of our patron saint, and he decided to call it "The Minnesota Pioneer."

In his first issue he speaks of his establishment of that day as follows: "We print and issue this number of the Pioneer in a building through which out-of-doors is visible by more than five hundred apertures; and as for our type, it is not safe from being pined on the galleys by the wind." The rest can be imagined.

Mr. Goodhue was just the man to be the editor of the first paper of a frontier territory. He was energetic, enterprising, brilliant, bold and belligerent. He conducted the Pioneer

with great success and advantage to the Territory until the year 1851, when he published an article on Judge Cooper, censuring him for absenteeism, which is a very good specimen of the editorial style of that day. He called the Judge "a sot," "a brute," "an ass," "a profligate vagabond," and closed his article in the following language: "Feeling some resentment for the wrongs our Territory has so long suffered by these men, pressing upon us like a dispensation of wrath—a judgment—a curse—a plague, unequalled since Egypt went lousey, we sat down to write this article with some bitterness, but our very gall is honey to what they deserve."

In those fighting days such an article could not fail to produce a personal collision. A brother of Judge Cooper resented the attack, and in the encounter between them Goodhue was badly stabbed and Cooper was shot. Neither wound proved fatal at the time, but it was always asserted by the friends of each combatant, and generally believed, that they both died from the effect of these wounds.

The original Minnesota Pioneer still lives in the Pioneer Press of to-day, which is published in St. Paul. It has been continued under several names and edited by different men, but has never been extinguished or lost its relation of lineal descent from the original Pioneer.

Nothing tends to show the phenomenal growth of Minnesota more than the fact that this first newspaper, issued in 1849, has been followed by the publication of five hundred and seventy-nine papers, which is the number now issued in the State according to the last official list obtainable. They appear daily, weekly and monthly, in nearly all written languages, English, French, German, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Bohemian, and one in Icelandic, published in Lyon county, Minnesota.

BANKS.

With the first great increase in immigration business was necessarily enlarged, and banking facilities became a necessity. Dr. Charles W. Borup, a Danish gentleman who was engaged

in the fur trade at Lake Superior as an agent for the American Fur Company, and Mr. Charles H. Oakes, a native of Vermont, came to Saint Paul and established a bank in 1853. They were brothers-in-law, having married sisters. They did a private banking business under the name of Borup & Oakes, which adapted itself to the needs of the community, including real estate, and almost any other kind of venture that offered. The house of Borup & Oakes was the first banking establishment in Minnesota, and weathered all the financial storms that swept over the Territory in its early history. They were followed by Truman M. Smith, but he went down in the panic of 1857-58. Then came Bidwell's Exchange Bank, followed by C. H. Parker and A. Vance Brown. Mackubin & Edgerton opened a bank in 1854, which was the ancestor of the present Second National Bank, and always legitimate. I think Erastus S. Edgerton may justly be said to have been the most successful banker of all that were early engaged in the business. An enumeration of the banks and bankers which succeeded each other in these early times would be more appropriate in a narrative of the localities where they operated than in a general history of the State. It is sufficient to say that nearly if not all of them succumbed to the financial disasters in 1857-58, and there was no banking worthy of the name until the passage of the banking law of July 26, 1858. But this act was a mere makeshift to meet a financial emergency, and it was not based upon sound financial principles. It allowed the organization of banks and the issue of circulating bank notes upon securities that were capable of being fraudulently over-valued by misrepresentation, and, as a matter of course, advantage was taken of the laxity of the provisions of the law, and securities which had no intrinsic value in fact, were made available as the foundation of bank issues, with the inevitable result of disaster.

Another method of furnishing the community with a circulating medium was resorted to by a law of July 23, 1858. The State Auditor was authorized to issue his warrant for any indebtedness which the State owed to any

person in small sums, and the warrants were made to resemble bank notes, and bore twelve per cent interest. The credit of the State was not sufficiently well established in the public confidence to make these warrants, which were known as "State scrip," worth much over sixty-five or seventy cents on the dollar. They were taken by the money-changers at that valuation, and when the State made its first loan of \$250,000 they were all redeemed in gold at par, with interest at twelve per cent.

In this uncertain way the financial interests of the Territory were cared for until the breaking out of the Civil War and the establishment of the National and State systems, which still exist.

Another evidence of the growth of the State may be found in the fact that at the present time the State has within its limits banks in good standing as follows: State banks, one hundred and seventy-two in number, with a paid in capital stock of \$6,736,800, and sixty-seven National banks with a capital stock paid in of \$11,220,000. This statement does not include either the surplus or the undivided profits of these banks, nor the capital employed by private banking concerns which do not fall under the supervision of the State, which latter item can safely be estimated at \$2,000,000.

THE FUR TRADE.

The first legitimate business of the Territory was the fur trade and the carrying business resulting therefrom. Prior to the year 1842 the Northwestern Fur Company occupied the territory which is now Minnesota. In 1842 it sold out to, and was merged into, the American Fur Company, which was owned by P. Choteau & Company. This company had trading stations at Prairie du Chien and Mendota, Henry H. Sibley being their chief factor at the latter. The goods imported into the Red river settlements and the furs exported therefrom all came and went through the difficult and circuitous route by way of Hudson bay. This route was only navigable for about two months in the year on account of the ice. The catch of furs and buf-

buffalo robes in that region was practically monopolized by the Hudson Bay Company. The American Fur Company soon became well established in the Northwest. In 1844 this company sent Mr. Norman W. Kittson from the "Mendota outfit" to establish a trading post at Pembina, just south of the British possessions, with the design of diverting some of the fur trade of that region in the direction of the navigable waters of the Mississippi. The company, through Mr. Kittson, invested some \$2,000 in furs at Pembina and had them transported to Mendota in six Pembina carts, which returned loaded with merchandise of the character needed by the people of that distant region. This venture was the beginning of the fur trade with the Red River country, but did not prove a financial success. It entailed a loss of about \$600, and similar results attended the next two years' operations, but the trade increased, notwithstanding the desperate efforts of the Hudson Bay Company to obstruct it. This company had enjoyed a monopoly of the trade without any outside interference for so long that it looked upon this new enterprise as a direct attack on its vested rights. But Mr. Kittson had faith in being able in the near future to work up a paying trade, and he persevered. By the year 1850 the business had so far increased as to involve a consumption of goods to the extent of \$10,000, with a return of furs to the amount of \$15,000. Five years later the goods sent to Pembina amounted in value to \$24,000 and the return of furs to \$40,000. In 1851 the firm of Forbes & Kittson was organized and also the "St. Paul outfit," to carry on the supply business. When St. Paul became of some importance, in 1849, the terminus and supply depot was removed to that point, and the trade rapidly increased in magnitude, making St. Paul one of the largest fur markets in America, second only to St. Louis. The trade of the latter city consisted mostly of buffalo robes, which was always regarded as a distinct branch of the business in contrast with that of fine furs. In the early days the Indians and a few professional trappers were about all who caught fur animals, but as the country became more settled the squatters added to

their incomes by such trapping as their environment afforded. This increased the market at St. Paul by the addition of all Minnesota, which then included both of the Dakotas and Northern Wisconsin.

The extent and value of this trade can better be understood by a statement of the increase of the number of carts engaged in it between 1844 and 1858. In the first year mentioned six carts performed all the required service, and in 1858 six hundred carts came from Pembina to St. Paul. After the year 1858 the number of carts engaged in the traffic fell off, as a steamer had been put in operation on the Red river. This reduced the land transportation to 216 miles, which had formerly been 448 miles—J. C. & H. C. Burbank having established a line of freight trains connecting with the steamer. In 1867, when the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad reached St. Cloud, the caravans of carts ceased their annual visits to St. Paul. St. Cloud then became the terminus of the traffic until the increase of freight lines and the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad to the Red river drove these most primitive of all transportation vehicles out of business. Another cause of the decrease in the fur trade was the imposition of a duty of twenty-five per cent on all dressed skins, which included buffalo robes, and from that time on robes that formerly came to St. Paul from the British possessions were diverted to Montreal.

The extent and value of this trade to Minnesota, which was then in its infancy, can easily be judged by a brief statement of its growth. In 1844 it amounted to \$1,400 and in 1863 to \$250,000. All the money paid out for these furs, and large sums besides, would be expended in St. Paul for merchandise in the shape of groceries liquors, dry goods, blankets, household utensils, guns and ammunition, and in fact every article demanded by the needs of a primitive people. Even threshers and mowers were included, which were taken apart and loaded on the return carts. This trade was the pioneer of the great commercial activity which now prevails.

I cannot permit this opportunity to pass without describing the Red river cart, and the

picturesque people who used it, as their like will never be seen again. The inhabitants of the Pembina country were principally Chippewa half-breeds, with an occasional white man—prominently Joseph Rolette, of whom I shall hereafter speak, as the man who vetoed the capital removal bill, by running away with it in 1857. Their principal business was hunting the buffalo in connection with small farming, and defending themselves against the invasions of their hereditary enemies, the Sioux. They were a bold, free race, skilled in the arts of war, fine horsemen and good fighters.

The Red river cart was a home invention. It was made entirely of wood and rawhide. It moved upon two wheels, of about a diameter of five feet six inches, with shafts for one animal, horse or ox, generally the latter. The wheels were without tires, and their tread about three and a half or four inches wide. They would carry a load of six to eight hundred pounds, which would be protected by canvas covers. They were especially adapted to the condition of the country, which was largely interspersed with swamps and sloughs, which were impassable for any other character of vehicle. Their lightness, the width of the surface presented by the wheel and the careful steps of the educated animal which drew them, enabled them to go where anything else would flounder. The trail which they left upon the prairie was deeply cut, and remained for many years after they were abandoned.

When a brigade of them was ready to leave Pembina for St. Paul it would be manned by one driver for four carts, the train being arranged in single file with each animal tied to the cart before it, so that one driver could attend to that number of carts. Their speed was about fifteen miles a day, which made the trip last about a month. When night overtook them they formed a circular corral with their carts, the shafts pointing inward, with the camp in the center, which made a strong fort in case of attack. The animals were allowed to graze on the outside, but were carefully watched to prevent a stampede. When they reached St. Paul they went into camp near some lake, and were a great source

of interest to all the new-comers. During their stay the town would be thronged with the men, who were dressed in vari-colored costumes, always including the sash of Pembina, a beautiful girdle, giving them a most picturesque appearance. The only truthful representation of these curious people that has been preserved is found in two full length portraits of Joe Rolette, one in the gallery of the Minnesota Historical Society and the other on the walls of the Minnesota Club in St. Paul, both of which are the gifts of a very dear friend of the original.

During the progress of this peculiar traffic many people not connected with the established fur companies engaged in the Indian trade, prominently the firm of Culver & Farrington, Louis Roberts and Nathan Myrick. I remember that Mr. John Farrington, of the above named firm, made an improvement in the construction of the Red river cart, by putting an iron box in the hub of the wheel, which prevented the loud squeaking noise they formerly made, and so facilitated their movements that they carried a thousand pounds as easily as they had before carried eight hundred.

The early fur trade in the Northwest, carried on by canoes and these carts, was very appropriately called by one of our first historians of Minnesota "The heroic age of American commerce."

PEMMICAN.

One of the principal sources of subsistence of these frontier people in their long journeys through uninhabited regions was pemmican. This food was especially adapted to extreme northern countries, where, in the winter, it was sometimes impossible to make fires to cook with, and the means of transportation was by dog-trains, as it was equally good for man and beast. It was invented among the Hudson Bay people many years ago, and undoubtedly from necessity. It was made in this way: The meat of the buffalo, without the fat, was thoroughly boiled and then picked into shreds or very small pieces. A sack was made of buffalo

skin, with the hair on the outside, which would hold about ninety pounds of meat. A hole was then dug in the ground of sufficient size to hold the sack. It was filled with the meat thus prepared, which was packed and pounded until it was as hard as it could be made. A kettle of boiling hot buffalo fat, in a fluid state, was then poured into it, until it was thoroughly permeated, every interstice from center to circumference being filled, until it became a solid mass, perfectly impervious to the air, and as well preserved against decomposition as if it had been enclosed in an hermetically sealed glass jar. This made a most nutritious preparation of animal food, all ready for use by both man and dog. An analysis of this compound proved it to possess more nutriment to the pound weight than any other substance ever manufactured, and with a winter camp appetite it was a very palatable dish. Its great superiority over any other kind of food was the fact that it required no preparation and its portability.

TRANSPORTATION AND EXPRESS.

With the increase of trade and business naturally came the need of greater transportation facilities, and the men to furnish them were not wanting. John C. Burbank, of St. Paul, may be said to have been the pioneer in that line, although several minor lines of stages and ventures in the livery business preceded his efforts. The firms of Willoughby & Powers, Allen & Chase, M. O. Walker & Company (of Chicago) and others were early engaged in this work. In 1854 the Northwestern Express Company was organized by Burbank & Whitney, and in 1856 Captain Russell Blakeley succeeded Mr. Whitney, and the express business became well established in Minnesota. In 1858-59 Mr. Burbank got the mail contract down the river, and established an express line from St. Paul to Galena, in connection with the American Express Company, whose lines extended to Galena as its western terminus. Steamboats were used in summer and stages in winter. In the fall of 1859 the Minnesota Stage Company was formed, by a consolida-

tion of the Burbank interests with those of Allen & Chase, and the line extended up the Mississippi to Saint Anthony and Crow Wing. Other lines and interests were purchased and united, and in the spring of 1860 Col. John L. Merriam became a member of the firm, and for more than seven years Messrs. Burbank, Blakeley & Merriam constituted the firm and carried on the express and stage business in Minnesota. The business increased rapidly, and in 1865 this firm worked over seven hundred horses and employed two hundred men.

During this staging period the railroads from the East centered in Chicago, and gradually reached the Mississippi river from that point; first at Rock Island, next at Dunleith, opposite Dubuque, then at Prairie du Chien, next at Prairie La Crosse, each advance carrying them nearer Minnesota. The Prairie du Chien extension was carried across the river at McGregor in Iowa, and thence up through Iowa and Southern Minnesota to Minneapolis and Saint Paul. In 1872 the Saint Paul and Chicago railroad was finished from St. Paul down the west bank of the Mississippi to Winona, and was purchased by the Milwaukee and St. Paul Company, and by that company was, in 1873, extended still further down the river to La Crescent, opposite LaCrosse, which completed the connection with the eastern trains. This road was popularly known as the "River road." Various other railroads were soon completed, covering the needs of the settled part of the State, and the principal stage lines either withdrew to the westward or gave up their business.

The growth in the carrying line has since been immense throughout the State, and may be judged when I say that there are now five strong daily lines to Chicago: The Burlington, the Omaha, the Milwaukee, the Wisconsin Central and the Chicago-Great Western, and three transcontinental lines departing daily for the Pacific coast, the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Sault Ste. Marie, connecting with the Canadian Pacific. Besides these prominent trains there are innumerable lesser ones connecting with nearly every part of the State. More passenger trains

arrive at, and depart from the St. Paul Union Depot than at any other point in the State. They aggregate one hundred and four in and the same number out every day. Many—perhaps the most—of these trains also go to Minneapolis. The freight trains passing these points are, of course, less regular in their movements than the scheduled passenger trains, but their number is great and their cargoes of incalculable value.

LUMBER.

A large portion of Minnesota is covered with exceptionally fine timber. The northern section, traversed by the Mississippi and its numerous branches, the St. Croix, the St. Louis and other streams, was covered with a growth of white and Norway pine of great value, and a large area of its central western portion with hard timber. At a very early day in the history of our State these forests attracted the attention of lumbermen from different parts of the country, principally from Maine, who erected sawmills at the Falls of St. Anthony, Stillwater and other points, and began the cutting of logs to supply them. Nearly all the streams were navigable for logs, or were easily made so, and thus one of the great industries of the State had its beginning. Quite an amount of lumber was manufactured at Minneapolis in the fifties, but no official record of the amounts was kept until 1870. An estimate of the standing pine in the State was made by the United States government for the census of 1880, which was designed to include all the standing pine on the streams leading into the Mississippi, the Rainy Lake river, the St. Croix and the head of Lake Superior; in fact, the whole State. The estimate was 10,000,000,000 feet. When this estimate was made it was accepted by the best informed lumbermen as approximately correct. The mills at Minneapolis and above, in the St. Croix valley, and in what was called the Duluth district, were cutting about 500,000,000 feet a year. It was expected that there would be a gradual increase in the consumption of lumber made by Minnesota mills, and it was therefore estimated that in

about fifteen years all the white pine in the State would be cut into lumber and sold, but such has not proved to be the case, although the production has rapidly increased, as was expected. But this difference between the estimate and the result is not of much consequence, as there is nothing more unreliable than an estimate of standing timber, and especially is such the case when covering a large area of country. Since 1880 the production of lumber in the State has increased from year to year, until it is at the present time fully 1,629,410,000 feet of pine logs every year. The cut made by the Minneapolis mills alone in 1898 was 469,701,000 feet, with a corresponding amount of laths and shingles. But this pace cannot be kept up much longer, and apprehensions of the entire destruction of the forests of the State are becoming quite prevalent among the people. These fears have resulted in the organization of associations for the promotion of scientific forestry and the establishment of large forest reserves near the headwaters of our streams, which are to serve also the purpose of national parks. In assigning a cause for the lowering of our streams, and the drying up of many of our lakes, in a former part of this work, I attribute it to the plowing up of their valleys and watersheds, and not to the destruction of the forests, because I do not think that the latter reason has sufficiently progressed to produce the result, although it is well known that the destruction of growing timber about the headwaters of streams operates disastrously upon the volume of their waters and the regularity of its flow. Minnesota is the best watered State in the Union, and every precaution should be taken to maintain this advantage. From the extent of the interest displayed in the direction of forest reserves, and their scientific administration, we have every reason to hope for speedy and final success. The State and Interstate Parks already established will be noticed hereafter.

RELIGION.

The growth of the religious element of a new country is always one of its interesting fea-

tures, and I will endeavor to give a short account of the progress made in this line in Minnesota from the mission period, which was directed more particularly to the Christianizing of the Indians. I will begin with the first structure ever erected in the State designed for religious purposes. It was a very small beginning for the prodigious results that have followed it. I speak of the little log "Chapel of Saint Paul," built by the Reverend Lucian Galtier, in October, 1841, in what is now the city of Saint Paul.

Father Galtier was a French priest of the Church of Rome. He was sent by the ecclesiastic authorities of Dubuque to the Upper Mississippi country, and arrived at Fort Snelling in April, 1840, and settled at St. Peters (now Mendota), where he soon tired of inaction, and sought a larger field among the settlers who had found homes further down the river, in the neighborhood of the present St. Paul. He decided that he could facilitate his labors by erecting a church at some point accessible to his parishioners. Here he found Joseph Rondo, Edward Phelan, Vetal Guerin, Pierre Bottineau, the Gervais brothers, and a few others. The settlers encouraged the idea of building a church, and a question of much importance arose as to where it should be placed. I will let the good father tell his own story as to the selection of a site. In an account of this matter, which he prepared for Bishop Grace in 1864, he says:

"Three different points were offered, one called La Pointe Basse, or Point La Claire (now Pig's Eye), but I objected because that locality was the very extreme end of the new settlement, and, in high water, was exposed to inundation. The idea of building a church which might at any day be swept down the river to St. Louis did not please me. Two miles and a half further up on his elevated claim (now the southern point of Dayton's Bluff) Mr. Charles Mousseau offered me an acre of his ground, but the place did not suit my purpose. I was truly looking ahead, thinking of the future as well as the present. Steamboats could not stop there; the bank was too steep, the place on the summit of the hill too restricted, and communication difficult with the other parts of the settlement up and down the river.

"After mature reflection I resolved to put up the church at the nearest possible point to the cave (meaning the celebrated Carver's cave under Dayton's bluff), because it would be more convenient for me to cross the river there when coming from St. Peters, and because it would be also the nearest point to the head of navigation outside of the reservation line. Mr. B. Gervais and Mr. Vetal Guerin, two good, quiet farmers, had the only spot which appeared likely to answer the purpose. They consented jointly to give me the ground necessary for a church site, a garden and a small graveyard. I accepted the extreme eastern part of Mr. Vetal's claim and the extreme west of Mr. Gervais'. Accordingly, in the month of October, 1841, logs were prepared and a church erected, so poor that it well reminded one of the stable of Bethlehem. It was destined, however, to be the nucleus of a great city. On the first day of November, in the same year, I blessed the new basilica and dedicated it to St. Paul, the apostle of nations. I expressed a wish at the same time that the settlement would be known by the same name, and my desire was obtained. I had, previously to this time, fixed my residence at St. Peters, and as the name of Paul is generally connected with that of Peter, and the gentiles being well represented at the new place in the persons of Indians, I called it St. Paul. The name, 'Saint Paul,' applied to a town or city seemed appropriate. The monosyllable is short, sounds well, and is understood by all denominations of Christians. When Mr. Vetal was married I published the bans as those of a resident of St. Paul. A Mr. Jackson put up a store, and a grocery was opened at the foot of Gervais' claim. This soon brought steamboats to land there. Thenceforth the place was known as 'Saint Paul Landing,' and later on as Saint Paul."

The chapel was a small log structure, one story high, one door, and no windows in front, with two windows on each side and one in the rear end. It had on the front gable end a large wooden cross, which projected above the peak of the roof some six or eight feet. It occupied a conspicuous position on the top of the high bluff overlooking the Mississippi, some six or eight hundred feet below the point where the Wabasha street bridge now spans the river, I think between Minnesota and Cedar streets. The region thus named was formerly known by the appellation of "Pig's Eye." The State

owes Father Galtier a debt of gratitude for having changed it, as it seems impossible that the capital city could ever have attained its present majestic proportions, numerous and cultivated population, and many other advantages and attractions under the handicap of such a name.

In the first New Year's address ever printed in Minnesota, on January 1, 1850, supposed to be by Editor Goodhue, the following lines appeared:

"Pig's Eye, converted thou shalt be, like Saul:
Arise, and be, henceforth, SAINT PAUL."

Father Galtier died February 21, 1866.

The Chapel of Saint Paul, after having been the first to greet all newcomers by way of the Mississippi for fifteen years, was taken down in 1856.

The next representative of the Catholic Church to come to Minnesota was the Reverend Augustin Ravoux, who arrived in the fall of 1841. He went up the St. Peter's river to Traverse des Sioux, where he commenced the study of the Sioux language. Soon after he went to Little Rock, on the Saint Peter's, and thence to Lac qui Parle. After the removal of Father Galtier to Keokuk, in Iowa, he had under his charge Mendota, St. Paul, Lake Pepin and St. Croix until the second day of July, 1851, when the Right Reverend Bishop Cretin came to St. Paul and assumed charge of church matters in Minnesota. Father Ravoux is still living in Saint Paul, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His venerable and priestly form may often be seen upon the streets, in excellent health.

At the time of the coming of Father Galtier the country on the east side of the Mississippi in what is now Minnesota was under the direct jurisdiction of the Bishop of Milwaukee, and the part lying west of the river was in the diocese of Dubuque.

The growth of the church kept up with the rapid settlement of the country. In August, 1859, the Rt. Rev. Thomas L. Grace succeeded Bishop Cretin as Bishop of Saint Paul, and was himself succeeded by the Rt. Rev. John Ireland, in July, 1884. So important had Minnesota become to the Catholic Church in America

that in May of 1888 the See of St. Paul was raised to metropolitan dignity and Archbishop Ireland was made its first Archbishop, which high office he now holds.

I will not attempt even a short biography of Archbishop Ireland, as a somewhat extended sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. His fame is world-wide; he is a churchman, statesman, diplomat, orator, citizen and patriot, in each of which capacities he excels. He has carried the fame of Minnesota to all parts of the world where the church is known, and has demonstrated to the Pope in Rome, to the Catholics in France, and to the Protestants in America that there can be perfect consistency and harmony between Catholicism and Republican government. A history of Minnesota without a fitting tribute to Archbishop John Ireland would be incomplete indeed.

The representatives of the Protestant faith have not been behind their Catholic brethren in providing religious facilities for their adherents. They followed immigration closely, and sometimes accompanied it. Scarcely would an aggregation of people congregate at any one point in sufficient numbers to gain the name of a village, or a settlement, before a minister would be called and a church erected. The church went hand in hand with the school-house, and in many instances one building answered for both purposes. There came Lutherans from Germany and Scandinavia, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Calvinists, Universalists, Unitarians and every sect into which Protestantism is divided from New England and other eastern States. They all found room and encouragement, and dwelt in harmony. I can safely say that few western States have been peopled by such law-abiding, industrious, moral and religious inhabitants as were the first settlers of Minnesota. There was nothing to attract the ruffianly element, no gold, silver, or other mines; the chief industry being peaceful agriculture. So free from all disturbing or dangerous elements did we consider our Territory that I have on several occasions taken a wagon loaded with specie amounting to nearly one hundred thousand dollars from Saint Paul to

the Indian agencies at the Redwood and Yellow Medicine rivers, a distance of two hundred miles, through a very sparsely settled country, without any guard, except myself and driver, with possibly an Indian picked up on the road, when I was entitled to a squad of dragoons for the asking.

In the early days the Episcopal Church in Minnesota was within the diocese of Wisconsin, and its functions administered by the venerable Bishop Kemper, who occasionally made us a visit, but in 1859 the church had expanded to such an extent that the State was organized into a separate diocese, and the Rev. Henry B. Whipple, then rector of a church in Chicago, was elected Bishop of Minnesota, and still retains that high office. Bishop Whipple, by his energy, learning, goodness and universal popularity, has built up his church in this State to a standard surpassed by none in the respect in which it is held and the influence for good which it exerts. The official duties of the Bishop have been so enlarged by the growth of his church as to necessitate the appointment of a Bishop coadjutor to assist him in their performance; which latter office is filled by the Rev. Mahlon N. Gilbert, who is especially well qualified for the position.

It would be impossible, in a brief history like this, to go very deeply or particularly into the growth of the religious element of the State. A general presentation of the subject in two grand divisions, Catholic and Protestant, is enough. Suffice it to say that every sect and subdivision of the latter has its representative in the State, with the one exception of Mormonism, if that can be classified as a Protestant church. There are enough of them to recall the answer of the French traveler in America, when asked of his opinion of the Americans. He said: "They are a most remarkable people; they have invented three hundred religions and only one sauce." No matter how their creeds may be criticised their joint efforts, Catholic and Protestant, have filled the State with religious, charitable, benevolent and educational institutions to an extent rarely witnessed out of it, so that if a Minnesotan goes wrong he can blame no one but himself.

RAILROADS.

In the year 1857, on the third of March, the Congress of the United States made an extensive grant of lands to the Territory to aid in the construction of railroads. It consisted of every alternate section of land designated by odd numbers for six sections in width on each side of the roads specified, and their branches. The grant mapped out a complete system of roads for the Territory, and provided that the land granted for each road should be applied exclusively to such road and no other purpose whatever. The lines designated in the granting act were as follows:

From Stillwater, by the way of St. Paul and St. Anthony, to a point between the foot of Big Stone lake and the mouth of the Sioux Wood river, with a branch, via St. Cloud and Crow Wing, to the navigable waters of the Red River of the North, at such point as the Legislature of the Territory may determine.

From Saint Paul and from Saint Anthony via Minneapolis to a convenient point of junction west of the Mississippi to the southern boundary of the Territory in the direction of the mouth of the Big Sioux river, with a branch via Faribault to the north line of the State of Iowa, west of range sixteen.

From Winona via St. Peter to a point on the Big Sioux river south of the Forty-fifth parallel of North Latitude.

Also from La Crescent via Target Lake, up the valley of the Root river, to a point east of range seventeen.

The Territory or future State was authorized to sell one hundred and twenty sections of this land whenever twenty continuous miles of any of the roads or branches was completed; the land so sold to be contiguous to the completed road. The right of way or roadbed of any of the subsidized roads was also granted through any of the government lands. The roads were all to be completed within ten years, and if any of them were not finished by that time the lands applicable to the unfinished portions were to revert to the government. The lands granted by this act amounted to about 4,500,000 acres. An act was subsequently

passed on March second, 1865, increasing the grant to ten sections to the mile. Various other grants were made at different times, but they do not bear upon the subject I am about to present.

This grant came at a time of great financial depression, and when the Territory was about to change its dependent condition for that of a sovereign State in the Union. It was greeted as a means of relief that might lift the Territory out of its financial troubles, and insure its immediate prosperity. The people did not take into consideration the fact that the lands embraced in the grant, although as good as any in the world, were remote from the habitation of man, lying in a country absolutely bankrupt, and possessed no present value whatever. Nor did they consider that the whole country was laboring under such financial depression that all public enterprises were paralyzed, but such was, unfortunately, the monetary and business condition.

February 23, 1857, an act had passed the Congress of the United States authorizing the people of Minnesota to form a Constitution preparatory to becoming a State in the Union. Gen. Willis A. Gorman, who was then Governor of the Territory, called a special session of the Legislature to take into consideration measures to carry out the land grant and enabling acts. The extra session convened on April 27. In the meantime Governor Gorman's term of office had expired, and Samuel Medary, of Ohio, had been appointed as his successor, and had assumed the duties of his office. He opened the extra session with an appropriate message. The extra session adjourned on the 23rd of May, and in accordance with the provisions of the enabling act of Congress an election was held on the first Monday in June for delegates to a Constitutional Convention, which was to assemble at the capitol on the second Monday in July. The Constitutional Convention is an event in the history of Minnesota sufficiently important and unique to entitle it to special treatment, which will be given hereafter.

An act was passed at the extra session May 19, 1857, by which the grant of lands made to

the Territory was formally accepted "upon the terms, conditions and restrictions" contained in the granting act.

On the 22nd of May, at the extra session, an act was passed to execute the trust created by the Land Grant Act, by which a number of railroad companies were incorporated to construct roads on the lines indicated by the act of Congress, and to aid in the building of these roads, and the lands applicable to each was granted to it. The companies were to receive title to the lands as the construction progressed, as provided in the granting act. They also had conferred upon them powers to issue bonds in the discretion of the directors, and to mortgage their roads and franchises to secure them.

These railroad companies were organized upon the hope that the aid extended to them by the grants of land would enable them to raise money sufficient to build their roads. They had nothing of their own, and no security but the roads and lands upon which to negotiate loans. The times, and the novel idea of building railroads in unpeopled countries were all against them, and, of course, nothing could be done.

The Constitutional Convention met and framed an instrument for the fundamental law of the new State which was very conservative, and, among other things, contained the following clause, which was enacted in Section Five of Article Nine: "For the purpose of defraying extraordinary expenses the State may contract debts, but such debts shall never, in the aggregate, exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars." And another clause found in Section Ten, which is as follows: "The credit of the State shall never be given or loaned in aid of any individual, association or corporation."

It was the intention of the framers of the Constitution to prevent the Legislature from ever using the credit or funds of the State in aid of any private enterprise, and these provisions effectually accomplished that end.

The people were deeply disappointed when they became convinced that the roads could not be built with the aid that Congress had ex-

tended, and as this work was also looked upon as the only hope of financial relief the case became a desperate one, which could only be remedied by the most extreme measures. The promoters of the railroads soon discovered one, in an amendment of the section of the Constitution which prohibited the credit of the State being given or loaned to anyone, and at the first session of the first Legislature, which convened on December third, 1857, an act was passed proposing such amendment to be submitted to the people for ratification. The importance of this amendment and its effect and consequences upon the future of the State demands that I give it nearly in full. It changed section ten as it was originally passed, and made it read as follows:

"SECTION 10. The credit of the State shall never be given or loaned in aid of any individual, association or corporation, except that for the purpose of expediting the construction of the lines of railroads, in aid of which the Congress of the United States has granted lands to the Territory of Minnesota, the Governor shall cause to be issued and delivered to each of the companies in which said grants are vested by the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota the special bonds of the State, bearing an interest of seven per cent per annum, payable semi-annually in the city of New York as a loan of public credit, to an amount not exceeding twelve hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or an aggregate amount to all of said companies not exceeding five millions of dollars, in manner following, to-wit:"

The amendment then prescribed that whenever ten miles of railroad was graded so as to be ready for the superstructure it should receive \$100,000 of the bonds, and when ten miles should be completed, with the cars running, the company so completing should receive another \$100,000 of the bonds, until each company had received its quota. The bonds were to be denominated "State Railroad Bonds," for the payment of which the faith and credit of the State was to be pledged. The railroad companies were to pay the principal and interest of the bonds, and to secure such payment they were to pledge the net profits of their respective roads, and to convey to the State the first

two hundred and forty sections of land they received; and to deliver to the State treasurer an amount of their first mortgage bonds equal to the amount of bonds received by them from the State, and mortgage to the State their roads and franchises. This was all the security the companies could give, but the underlying difficulty was, that it had no value whatever. There were no roads, no net, or other profits. The lands had no value whatever except such as lay in the future, which was dependent on the construction of the roads and the settlement of the country. The bonds of the companies, of course, possessed only such value as the property they represented, which was nothing, and the mortgages were of the same character. The whole scheme was based upon hopes, to which the slightest application of sober reasoning would have pronounced impossible of fulfillment. But the country was hungry and willing to seize upon anything that offered a semblance or shadow of relief.

The proposed amendment was to be submitted to the people for adoption or rejection at an election to be held April 15, 1858. In order to fully comprehend the condition of the public mind, it should be known that the Constitution, with all the safeguards that I have mentioned, had only been in force since October 13th, 1857, a period of about six months, and had been carried by a vote of 30,055 for, to 574 against its adoption.

The campaign preceding the election was a very active one. The railroad people flooded the State with speakers, documents, pictures, glee-clubs singing songs of the delights of "Riding on the rail," and every conceivable artifice was resorted to to carry the amendment. It was carried by a vote of 25,023 in favor of its passage to 6,733 against.

To give an idea of the intense feeling that was exhibited in this election it is only necessary to state that at the city of Winona there were 1,102 votes cast in favor of the amendment and only one vote against it. This negative vote, to his eternal honor be it said, was cast by Thomas Wilson, afterwards Chief Justice of the State, and now a resident of St. Paul.

In the execution of the requirements of the amendment the railroad companies claimed that they could issue first mortgage bonds on their properties to an indefinite amount and exchange them with the State for its bonds, bond for bond, but the Governor, who was Hon. Henry H. Sibley, construed the amendment to mean that the first mortgage bonds of the companies which the State was to receive must be an exclusive first lien on the lands and franchises of the company. He therefore declined to issue the bonds of the State unless his views were adopted. The Minnesota and Pacific Railroad company, one of the land grant corporations, applied to the Supreme Court of the State for a writ of mandamus to compel the Governor to issue the bonds. The case was heard and two members of the court, holding the views of the applicants, the writ was issued. I was a member of the court at that time, but entertaining opposite views from the majority, I filed a dissenting opinion. Any one sufficiently interested in the question can find the case reported in Volume Two, of the Minnesota Reports, at page thirteen. This decision was only to be advisory, as the courts have no power to coerce the Executive.

The railroad companies entered into contracts for grading their roads, and a sufficient amount of grading was done to entitle them to about \$2,300,000 of the bonds, which were issued accordingly, and went into the hands of the contractors to pay for the work done. It, however, soon became apparent that no completed railroad would ever result from this scheme, even if the whole five million of bonds were issued. What should have been known before was made clear when any of these State bonds were put on the market. The credit of the State was worthless, and the bonds were valueless. The people became as anxious to shake off the incubus of debt they had imposed upon their infant State as they had been to rush into it.

Governor Sibley, in his message delivered to the second Legislature in December, 1859, said, in speaking of this issue of bonds: "I regret to be obliged to state that the measure has proved a failure, and has by no means accom-

plished what was hoped for it, either in providing means for the issue of a safe currency or of aiding the companies in the completion of the roads."

At the election held on November 6, 1860, the Constitution was again amended, by expunging from it the amendment of 1858, authorizing the issue of the State Railroad Bonds and prohibiting any further issue of them. An amendment was also made to Section II. of Article IX. of the Constitution, at the same time, by providing that no law levying a tax, or making any other provisions for the payment of interest or principal of the bonds already issued, should take effect or be in force until it had been submitted to the people and adopted by a majority of the electors.

It was very proper to prohibit the issuance of any more of the bonds, but the provision requiring a vote of the people before those already out could be paid was practically repudiation, and the State labored under that damaging stigma for over twenty years. Attempts were made to obtain the sanction of the people for the payment of these bonds, but they were defeated, until it became unpleasant to admit that one was a resident of Minnesota. Whenever the name of Minnesota was heard on the floor of Congress as an applicant for favors, or even for justice, it was met by the charge of repudiation. This was an era in our history very much to be regretted, but the State grew steadily in material wealth.

On March 2, 1881, the Legislature passed an act the general purpose of which was to adjust, with the consent of the holders, the outstanding bonds, at the rate of fifty cents on the dollar, and contained the curious provision that the Supreme Court should decide whether it must first be submitted to the people in order to be valid or not, and if the Supreme Court should not so decide, then an equal number of the Judges of the District Court should act. The Supreme Court Judges declined to act, and the Governor called upon the District Court Judges to assume the duty. Before any action was taken by the latter the Attorney General applied to the Supreme Court for a writ of prohibition to prevent them from taking any ac-

tion. The case was most elaborately discussed, and the opinion of the Supreme Court was delivered by Chief Justice Gilfillan, which is most exhaustive and convincing. The Court holds that the act of 1881 is void by conferring upon the judiciary legislative power, and that the amendment to the Constitution providing that no bonds should be paid unless the law authorizing such payment was first submitted to and adopted by the people was void, as being repugnant to the clause in the Constitution of the United States that no State shall pass any law impairing the obligation of contracts. With these impediments to a just settlement of this question removed, the State was at liberty to make such arrangements with its bond creditors as was satisfactory. John S. Pillsbury was Governor of the State at that time. He was a man of superior intelligence and unbending integrity, and had always been in favor of paying the bonds and removing the stain from the honor of the State; finding his hands free, it did not take him long to arrange the whole matter satisfactorily, and to the approval of all the parties interested. The debt was paid by the issue of new bonds at the rate of fifty per cent of the principal and interest of the outstanding ones, and the surrender of the latter. This adjustment ended a transaction that was conceived and executed in folly, and was only prevented from eventuating in crime by the persistent efforts of our most honorable and thoughtful citizens throughout the State. The transaction has often been called by those who advocated repudiation, "An old Territorial fraud," but there was nothing in it but a bad bargain, made under the extraordinary pressure of financial difficulties.

THE FIRST RAILROAD ACTUALLY BUILT.

To the State was restored all the lands and franchises of the various companies by means of foreclosure, and on March 8, 1861, was passed an act to facilitate the construction of the Minnesota and Pacific railroad, by which act the

old railroad was rehabilitated, and required to construct and put in operation its road from St. Paul to St. Anthony on or before the first day of January, 1862. The company was required to deposit with the Governor \$10,000 as an earnest of good faith. Work was soon commenced, and the first ten miles constructed as required. This was the first railroad ever built and operated in Minnesota. The first locomotive engine was brought up the river on a barge and landed at the St. Paul end of the track in the latter part of October, 1861. This pioneer locomotive was called the "William Crooks" after a distinguished civil engineer of that name, who was very active and instrumental in the building of the road. The first ten miles of road cost more energy and brain work than all the rest of the vast system that has succeeded it. It was the initial step in what is now known as the Great Northern Railway, a road that spans the continent from St. Paul to the Pacific, and reflects upon its enterprising builders all the credit due to the pioneer.

It was not long before the Northern Pacific Railroad company was incorporated by act of Congress, passed on July 2, 1864. This road was to extend from the head of Lake Superior to Puget sound on a line north of the forty-fifth degree of North Latitude, with a branch via the valley of the Columbia river to Portland, Oregon. The company had a grant of twenty alternate sections in the States through which it passed. It was commenced shortly after its incorporation, but met with financial disaster, and was sold under foreclosure of a mortgage, and underwent many trials and tribulations, until it was finally completed September 8, 1883, and has been in successful operation ever since. As the Northern Pacific has its eastern terminus and general offices in St. Paul, it is essentially a Minnesota road. The same may be said of the Great Northern, although both are transcontinental roads.

From the small beginning of railroad construction in 1862 has grown thirty-seven distinct railroad corporations, operating in the State of Minnesota six thousand and sixty-two and sixty-nine one-hundredths miles of main tracks, according to the official reports of 1898,

with quite a substantial addition in course of construction. These various lines cover and render accessible nearly every city, town and village in the State.

The method of taxation adopted by the State of railroad property is a very wise and just one. It imposes a tax of three per cent upon the gross earnings of the roads, which, in 1896, yielded the comfortable sum of \$1,037,194.40, the gross earnings of all amounting to \$36,918,741.74. This plan of taxation gives the State a direct interest in the prosperity of the roads, as its taxes are increased when business is good, and the roads are relieved from oppressive taxation in time of business depression.

The grading which was done, and for which the bonds of the State were issued, was, as a general thing, utilized in the final construction of the roads.

THE SPIRIT LAKE MASSACRE.

In 1842 the country north of Iowa and west of the Mississippi as far north as the Little Rapids, on the Minnesota river, was occupied by the M'de-wa-kon-ton and Wak-pe-ku-ta bands of Sioux. The Wak-pe-ku-ta band was at war with the Sacs and Foxes, and was under the leadership of two principal chiefs named Wam-di-sapa, the Black Eagle, and Tasa-gi. Wam-di-sapa and his band were a lawless, predatory set, whose depredations prolonged the war with the Sacs and Foxes, and finally separated him and his band from the Wak-pe-ku-tas. They moved west towards the Missouri and occupied the valley of the Vermillion river, and so thorough was the separation that the band was not regarded as part of the Wak-pe-ku-ta when the latter, together with the M'de-wa-kon-tons made their treaty with the government at Mendota in 1851.

By 1857 all that remained of Wam-di-sapa's straggling band was about ten or fifteen lodges under the chieftainship of Ink-pa-du-ta, or "Scarlet Point," or "Red End." They had planted near Spirit Lake, which lies partly in Dickinson county, Iowa, and partly in Jackson

county, Minnesota, prior to 1857, and ranged the country from there to the Missouri, and were considered a bad lot of vagabonds.

Between 1855 and 1857 a small settlement had sprung up about forty miles south of Spirit Lake, on the In-yan-yan-ke or Rock river.

In the spring of 1856 Hon. William Freeborn, of Red Wing (after whom the county of Freeborn, in this State, is called), had projected a settlement at Spirit Lake which, by the next spring, contained six or seven houses, with as many families.

About the same time another settlement was started some ten or fifteen miles north of Spirit Lake, on the headwaters of the Des Moines, and a town laid out which was called Springfield. In the spring of 1857 there were two stores and several families at this place.

These settlements were on the extreme frontier and very much isolated. There was nothing to the west of them until you reached the Rocky mountains, and the nearest settlements on the north and northeast were on the Minnesota and Watonwan rivers, while to the south lay the small settlement on the Rock river, about forty miles distant. All these settlements, although on ceded lands, were actually in the heart of the Indian country, and absolutely unprotected and defenseless.

In 1857 I was United States Indian agent for the Sioux of the Mississippi, but had lived on the frontier long enough before to have acquired a general knowledge of Ink-pa-du-ta's reputation and his whereabouts. I was stationed on the Redwood and Yellow Medicine rivers, near where they empty into the Minnesota, and about eighty miles from Spirit Lake.

Early in March, 1857, Ink-pa-du-ta's band were hunting in the neighborhood of the settlement on the Rock river, and one of them was bitten by a dog belonging to a white man. The Indian killed the dog. The owner of the dog assaulted the Indian and beat him severely. The white men then went in a body to the camp of the Indians and disarmed them. The arms were either returned to them or they obtained others, I have never ascertained which. They were probably given back to them on condition that they should leave, as they at once came

north to Spirit Lake, where they must have arrived about the 6th or 7th of March. They proceeded at once to massacre the settlers, and killed all the men they found there, together with some women, and carried into captivity four women, three of whom were married and one single. Their names were Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Thatcher and Miss Gardner. They came north to the Springfield settlement, where they killed all the people they found. The total number killed at both places was forty-two.

I was the first person to receive notice of this affair. On the 9th of March a Mr. Morris Markham, who had been absent from the Spirit Lake settlement for some time, returned, and found all the people dead or missing. Seeing signs of Indians, he took it for granted that they had perpetrated the outrage. He at once went to Springfield and reported what he had seen. Some of the people fled, but others remained and lost their lives in consequence. It has always been my opinion that, being in the habit of trading with these Indians occasionally, they did not believe they stood in any danger; and what is equally probable, they may not have believed the report. Every one who has lived in an Indian country knows how frequently startling rumors are in circulation, and how often they prove unfounded.

The people of Springfield sent the news to me by two young men, who came on foot through the deep snow. The story was corroborated in a way that convinced me that it was true. They arrived on the 18th of March, completely worn out and snow-blind. I at once made a requisition on Colonel Alexander, commanding at Fort Ridgely, for troops. There were at the fort five or six companies of the Tenth United States Infantry, and the Colonel promptly ordered Capt. Barnard E. Bee, of Company A, to proceed with his company to the scene of the trouble. The country between the fort and Spirit Lake was uninhabited, and the distance from eighty to one hundred miles. I furnished two experienced guides from among my Sioux half-breeds. They took a pony and a light traineau, put on their snowshoes, and were ready to go anywhere. Not

so with the soldiers, however. They were equipped in about the same manner as they would have been in campaigning in Florida, their only transportation being heavy wheeled army wagons, drawn by six mules. It soon became apparent that the outfit could not move straight to the objective point, and it became necessary to follow a trail down the Minnesota to Mankato and up the Watonwan in the direction of the lake, which was reached after one of the most arduous marches ever made by troops, on which for many miles the soldiers had to march ahead of the mules to break a road for them. The Indians, as we expected, were gone. A short pursuit was made, but the guides pronounced the campfires of the Indians several days old, and it was abandoned. The dead were buried, and after a short stay the soldiers returned to the fort.

When this affair became known throughout the Territory it caused great consternation and apprehension, most of the settlers supposing it was the work of the Sioux nation. Many of the most exposed abandoned their homes temporarily. Their fears, however, were allayed by an explanation which I published in the newspapers.

I at once began to devise plans for the rescue of the white women. I knew that any hostile demonstration would result in their murder. While thinking the matter out an event occurred that opened the way to a solution. A party of my Indians had been hunting on the Big Sioux river, and having learned that Inkpa-duta was encamped at Lake Chan-pta-yatanka, and that he had some white women prisoners, two young brothers visited the camp and succeeded in purchasing Mrs. Marble, and brought her into the Yellow Medicine Agency and delivered her to the missionaries, who turned her over to me. I received her on the 21st of March, and learned that two of the other captives were still alive. Of course, my first object was to rescue the survivors, and to encourage the Indians to make the attempt I paid the brothers who had brought in Mrs. Marble five hundred dollars each. I could raise only five hundred dollars at the agency, and to make up the deficiency I resorted to a meth-

od, then novel, but which has since become quite general. I issued a bond, which, although done without authority, met with a better fate than many that have followed it—it was paid at maturity.

As it was the first bond ever issued in what is now Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Montana, and, I may add, the whole Northwest, it may be interesting to give it in full:

"I, Stephen R. Riggs, missionary among the Sioux Indians, and I, Charles E. Flandrau, United States Indian Agent for the Sioux, being satisfied that Mak-piya-ka-ho-ton and Si-ha-ho-ta, two Sioux Indians, have performed a valuable service to the Territory of Minnesota and humanity by rescuing from captivity Mrs. Margaret Ann Marble, and delivering her to the Sioux Agent, and being further satisfied that the rescue of the two remaining white women who are now in captivity among Ink-pa-du-ta's band of Indians depends very much on the liberality shown towards the said Indians who have rescued Mrs. Marble, and having full confidence in the humanity and liberality of the Territory of Minnesota, through its government and citizens, have this day paid to said two above named Indians the sum of five hundred dollars in money, and do hereby pledge to said two Indians that the further sum of five hundred dollars will be paid to them by the Territory of Minnesota, or its citizens, within three months from the date hereof.

"Dated May 22, 1857, at Pa-ju-ta-zí-zi, M. T.

"Stephen R. Riggs,

"Missionary, A. B. C. F. M.

"Chas. E. Flandrau,

"U. S. Indian Agent for Sioux."

I immediately called for volunteers to rescue the remaining two women, and soon had my choice. I selected Paul Ma-za-ku-ta-ma-ni, the president of the Hazelwood Republic, An-pe-tu-tok-cha, or John Osherday, and Che-tan-ma-za, or the Iron Hawk. I gave them a large outfit of horses, wagons, calicos, trinkets of all kinds, and a general assortment of things that tempt the savage. They started on the 23rd of May from the Yellow Medicine agency on their important and dangerous mission. I did not expect them to return before the middle of June, and immediately commenced preparations to punish the marauders. I went to the

fort, and, together with Colonel Alexander, we laid a plan to attack Ink-pa-du-ta's camp with the entire garrison and utterly annihilate them, which we would undoubtedly have accomplished had not an unexpected event frustrated our plans. Of course, we could not move on the Indians until my expedition had returned with the captives, as that would have been certain death to them. And just about the time we were anxiously expecting them a couple of steamboats arrived at the fort with peremptory orders for the whole garrison to embark for Utah to join Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston's expedition against the Mormons, and that was the last I saw of the Tenth for ten years.

My expedition found that Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Noble had been killed, but succeeded in bringing in Miss Gardner, who was forwarded to me at St. Paul, and by me formally delivered to Governor Medary June 23, 1857. She was afterwards married, and is now a widow, Mrs. Abbie Gardner Sharpe, and resides in the house from which she was abducted by the savages forty-two years ago. I paid the Indians who rescued her four hundred dollars each for their services. The Territory made an appropriation on the 15th of May, 1857, of \$10,000 to rescue the captives, but as there were no telegraphs or other speedy means of communication the work was all done before the news of the appropriation reached the border. My outlay, however, was all refunded from this appropriation. I afterwards succeeded, with a squad of soldiers and citizens, in killing one of Ink-pa-du-ta's sons, who had taken an active part in the massacre, and that ended the first serious Indian trouble that Minnesota was afflicted with.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

By the end of the year 1856 the Territory of Minnesota had attained such growth and wealth that the question of becoming a State within the Union began to attract attention. It was urged by the government at Washington that we were amply capable of taking care of ourselves, and sufficiently wealthy to pay our

expenses, and statehood was pressed upon us from that quarter. There was another potent influence at work at home. We had several prominent gentlemen who were convinced that their services were needed in the Senate of the United States, and that their presence there would strengthen and adorn that body, and as no positive opposition was developed the Congress of the United States, on the 26th of February, 1857, passed an act authorizing the Territory to form a State government. It prescribed the same boundaries for the State that we now have, although there had been a large number of people who had advocated an east and west division of the Territory, on a line a little north of the forty-fifth parallel of north latitude. It provided for a convention to frame the Constitution of the new State, which was to be composed of two delegates for each member of the Territorial Legislature, to be elected in the representative districts on the first Monday in June, 1857. The convention was to be held at the capital of the Territory on the second Monday of July following. It submitted to the Convention five propositions to be answered, which, if accepted, were to become obligatory on the United States and the State of Minnesota. They were in substance as follows:

First—Whether sections sixteen and thirty-six in each township should be granted to the State for the use of schools.

Second—Whether seventy-two sections of land should be set aside for the use and support of a State university.

Third—Whether ten sections should be granted to the State in aid of public buildings.

Fourth—Whether all salt springs in the State, not exceeding twelve, with six sections of land to each, should be granted to the State.

Fifth—Whether five per centum of the net proceeds of the sales of all the public lands lying within the State which should be sold after its admission should be paid to the State for the purpose of roads and internal improvements.

All the five propositions, if accepted, were to be on the condition, to be expressed in the Constitution or an irrevocable ordinance, that the State should never interfere with the primary

disposal of the soil within the State by the United States, or with any regulations Congress should make for securing title to said lands in bona fide purchasers thereof, and that no tax should be imposed on lands belonging to the United States, and that non-resident proprietors should never be taxed higher than residents.

These propositions were all accepted, ratified and confirmed by Section III, of Article II, of the Constitution.

The election for delegates took place as provided for, and on the day set for the convention to meet nearly all of them had assembled at the capital. Great anxiety was manifested by both the Democrats and the Republicans to capture the organization of the convention. Neither party had a majority of all the members present, but there were a number of contested seats on both sides, of which both contestant and contestee were present, and these duplicates being counted, were sufficient to give each party an apparent majority. It was obvious that a determined fight for the organization was imminent. The convention was to meet in the House of Representatives, and to gain an advantage the Republicans took possession of the hall the night before the opening day, so as to be the first on hand in the morning. The Democrats, on learning of this move, held a caucus to decide upon a plan of action. Precedents and authorities were looked up, and two fundamental points decided upon. It was discovered that the Secretary of the Territory was the proper party to call the convention to order, and as Mr. Charles L. Chase was the Secretary, and also a Democratic delegate, he was chosen to make the call. It was further found that when no hour was designated for the meeting of a parliamentary body that noon of the day appointed was the time. Being armed with these points, the Democrats decided to wait until noon and then march into the hall in a body with Delegate Chase at their head, and as soon as he reached the chair he was to spring into it and call the convention to order. General Gorman was immediately to move an adjournment until the next day at twelve o'clock M., which motion was to be

put by the chair, the Democrats feeling sure that the Republicans, being taken by surprise, would vote no, while the Democrats would all vote aye, and thus commit more than a majority of the whole to the organization under Mr. Chase. On reaching the chair Mr. Chase immediately sprang into it and called the convention to order. General Gorman moved the adjournment, which was put by the chair. All the Democrats loudly voted in the affirmative and the Republicans in the negative. The motion was declared carried, and the Democrats solemnly marched out of the hall.

The above is the Democratic version of the event. The Republicans, however, claim that John W. North reached the chair first and called the convention to order, and that as the Republicans had a majority of the members present, the organization made under his call was the only regular one. Nothing can be determined as to which is the true story from the records kept of the two bodies, because they are each made up to show strict regularity, and as it is utterly immaterial in any substantial point of view I will not venture any opinion, although I was one of the actors in the drama, or farce, as the reader may see fit to regard it.

The Republicans remained in the hall and formed a Constitution to suit themselves, sitting until August 29, just forty-seven days. The Democrats, on the next day after their adjournment, at twelve o'clock M., went in a body to the door of the House of Representatives, where they were met by Secretary and Delegate Chase, who said to them: "Gentlemen, the hall to which the delegates adjourned yesterday is now occupied by a meeting of citizens of the Territory, who refuse to give possession to the Constitutional Convention."

General Gorman then said: "I move the convention adjourn to the council chamber." The motion was carried, and the delegates accordingly repaired to the council chamber in the west wing of the capitol, where Mr. Chase called the convention to order. Each branch of the convention elected its officers. The Republicans chose St. A. D. Balcombe for their president and the Democrats selected Hon.

Henry H. Sibley. Both bodies worked diligently on a Constitution, and each succeeded in making one so much like the other that, after sober reflection, it was decided that the State could be admitted under either, and if both were sent to Congress that body would reject them for irregularity. So, towards the end of the long session a compromise was arrived at by the formation of a joint committee from each convention, who were to evolve a Constitution out of the two for submission to the people; the result of which, after many sessions and some fist-cuffs, was the instrument under which the State was finally admitted.

A very curious complication resulted from two provisions in the Constitution. In section five of the schedule it was provided that "All Territorial officers, civil and military, now holding their offices under the authority of the United States or of the Territory of Minnesota, shall continue to hold and exercise their respective offices until they shall be superseded by the authority of the State," and section six provided that "The first session of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota shall commence on the first Wednesday of December next, etc."

These provisions were made under the supposition that the State would be admitted as soon as the Constitution would be laid before Congress, which it was presumed would be long before the date fixed for the holding of the first State Legislature, but such did not turn out to be the case. The election was held as provided for on the 13th day of October, 1857, for the adoption or rejection of the Constitution, and for the election of all the State officers, members of Congress and of the Legislature. The Constitution was adopted by a vote of 36,240 for and 700 against, and the whole Democratic State ticket was also chosen. And to be sure not to lose full representation in Congress, three members of the House of Representatives were also chosen, who were all Democrats.

The Constitution was duly presented to Congress, and admission for the State demanded. Much to the disappointment of our people, all kinds and characters of objections were raised to our admission; one of which I remember

was, that as the term of office of the State Senators was fixed at two years, and as there was nothing said about the term of the members of the House, they were elected for life, and consequently the government created was not Republican. Alexander Stevens, of Georgia, seriously combatted this position in a learned constitutional argument, in which he proved that a State had absolute control of the subject, and could fix the term of all its officers for life if it so preferred, and that Congress had no right to interfere. Many other equally frivolous points were made against our admission, which were debated until the 11th day of May, 1858, when the Federal doors were opened and Minnesota became a State. The act admitting the State cut down the Congressional representation to two. The three gentlemen who had been elected to these positions were compelled to determine who would remain and who should surrender. History has not recorded how the decision was made, whether by cutting cards, tossing a coin, or in some other way, but the result was that George L. Becker was counted out and W. W. Phelps and James M. Cavanaugh took the prizes.

It was always thought at home that the long delay in our admission was not from any disinclination to let us in, but because the House was quite evenly divided politically between the Democrats and the Republicans, and there being a contested seat from Ohio, between Mr. Valandingham and Mr. Lew Campbell, it was feared by the Republicans that if Minnesota came in with three Democratic members it might turn the scale in favor of Valandingham.

This delay created a very perplexing condition of things. The State Legislature elected under the Constitution met on the first Wednesday of December before the Constitution was recognized by Congress, and while the Territorial government was in full force. It passed a book full of laws, all of which were State laws approved by a Territorial Governor. Perhaps in some countries it would have been difficult to harmonize such irregularities, but our courts were quite up to the emergency

and straightened them all out the first time the question was raised, and the laws so passed have served their purpose up to the present time.

The first Governor of the State was Henry H. Sibley, a Democrat. He served his term of two years, and the State has never elected a Democrat to that office since, unless the choice of Honorable John Lind in 1898 may be so classified.

ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE CAPITAL.

At the eighth session of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory, which convened on January 7, 1857, a bill was introduced, the purpose of which was the removal of the seat of government from Saint Paul to Saint Peter, a small village which had recently come into existence on the Minnesota river about one hundred miles above its mouth. There could be no reason for such action except interested speculation, as the capitol was already built in Saint Paul, and it was much more accessible and in every way more convenient than it would be at St. Peter, but the movement had sufficient personal and political force behind it to insure its success, and an act was passed making such removal. But it was destined to meet with unexpected obstacles before it became a law. When it passed the House it was sent to the council, where it only received one majority, eight voting for and seven against it. It was on the 27th of February sent to the enrolling committee for final enrollment. It happened that Councillor Joseph Rolette, from Pembina, was chairman of this committee, and a great friend of Saint Paul. Mr. Rolette decided he would veto the bill in a way not known to parliamentary law, so he put it in his pocket and disappeared. On the 28th, not being in his seat, and the bill being missing, a councillor offered a resolution that a copy of it be obtained from Mr. Wades, the second in order on the committee. A call of the council was then ordered, and Mr. Rolette not being in his seat, the sergeant-at-arms was sent out to bring him in, but not being able to find him, he so reported. A motion was then made to

dispense with the call, but by the rules it required a two-third vote of fifteen members, and in the absence of Mr. Rolette only fourteen were present. It takes as many to make two-thirds of fourteen as it does to make two thirds of fifteen, and the bill had only nine friends. During the pendency of a call no business could be transacted, and a serious dilemma confronted the capital removers, but nothing daunted, Mr. Balcombe made a long argument to prove that nine was two-thirds of fourteen. Mr. Brisbin, who was president of the council and a graduate of Yale, pronounced the motion lost, saying to the mover, who was also a graduate of Yale: "Mr. Balcombe, we never figured that way at Yale." This situation produced a deadlock and no business could be transacted. The session terminated on the fifth day of March by its own limitation. The sergeant-at-arms made daily reports concerning the whereabouts of the absentee, sometimes locating him on a dog-train, rapidly moving towards Pembina, sometimes giving a rumor of his assassination, but never producing him. Matters remained in this condition until the end of the term, and the bill was lost.

It was disclosed afterwards that Rolette had carefully deposited the bill in the vault of Truman M. Smith's bank and had passed the time in the upper story of the Fuller House, where his friends made him very comfortable. Some ineffectual efforts have been made since to remove the capital to Minneapolis and elsewhere, but the treaty, made by the pioneers in 1849, locating it at St. Paul, is still in force.

CENSUS.

One of the provisions of the enabling act was, that in the event of the Constitutional Convention deciding in favor of the immediate admission of the proposed State into the Union, a census should be taken with a view of ascertaining the number of representatives in Congress to which the State would be entitled. This was accordingly done in September, 1857, and the population was found to be 150,037.

GRASSHOPPERS.

The first visitation of grasshoppers came in 1857, and did considerable damage to the crops in Stearns and other counties. Relief was asked from St. Paul for the suffering poor, and notwithstanding the people of the capital city were in the depths of poverty, from the financial panic produced by over-speculation, they responded liberally. The grasshoppers of this year did not deposit their eggs, but disappeared after eating up everything that came within their reach. The State was not troubled with them again until the year 1873, when they came in large flights and settled down in the western part of the State. They did much damage to the crops and deposited their eggs in the soil, where they hatched out in the spring and greatly increased their number. They made sad havoc with the crops of 1874 and occupied a larger part of the State than in the previous year. They again deposited their eggs and appeared in the spring of 1875 in increased numbers. This was continued in 1876, when the situation became so alarming that Governor John S. Pillsbury issued a proclamation addressed to the States and Territories which had suffered most from the insects, to meet him by delegates at Omaha to concert measures for united protection. A convention was held and Governor Pillsbury was made its president. The subject was thoroughly discussed and a memorial to Congress was prepared and adopted, asking for scientific investigation of the subject and a suggestion of preventative measures.

Many appeals for relief came from the afflicted regions and much aid was extended. Governor Pillsbury was a big-hearted, sympathetic man, and fearing the sufferers might not be well cared for he traveled among them personally, incognito, and dispensed large sums from his private funds.

In 1877 the Governor, in his message to the Legislature, treated the subject exhaustively, and appropriations were made to relieve the settlers in the devastated regions. In the early spring of 1877 the religious bodies and people of the State asked the Governor to issue a

proclamation appointing a day of fasting and prayer, asking Divine protection, and exhorting the people to greater humility and a new consecration in the service of a merciful Father. The Governor, being of Puritan origin, and a faithful believer of Divine agencies in this world's affairs, issued an eloquent appeal to the people to observe a day named as one of fasting and prayer for deliverance from the grasshoppers. The suggestion was quite generally acted upon, but the proclamation naturally excited much criticism and some ridicule. However, curious as it may seem, the grasshoppers, even before the day appointed for prayer arrived, began to disappear, and in a short time not one remained to show they had ever been in the State. They left in a body; no one seemed to know exactly when they went, and no one knew anything about where they went, as they were never heard of again on any part of the Continent. The only news we ever had from them came from ships crossing the Atlantic westward bound, which reported having passed through large areas of floating insects. They must have met a western gale when well up in the air and have been blown out into the sea and destroyed. The people of Minnesota did not expend much time or trouble to find out what had become of them.

The crop of 1877 was abundant, and particularly so in the region which had been most seriously blighted by the pests.

Before the final proclamation of Governor Pillsbury every source of ingenuity had been exhausted in devising plans for the destruction of the grasshoppers. Ditches were dug around the fields of grain and ropes drawn over the grain to drive the hoppers into them, with the purpose of covering them with earth. Instruments called "hopperdozers" were invented, which had receptacles filled with hot tar, and were driven over the ground to catch them as flies are caught with tanglefoot paper, and many millions of them were destroyed in this way, but it was about as effectual as fighting a Northwestern blizzard with a lady's fan, and they were all abandoned as useless and powerless to cope with the scourge. Nothing proved effectual but the Governor's proclamation, and

all the old settlers called it "Pillsbury's Best," which was the name of the celebrated brand of flour made at the Governor's mills.

Professor N. H. Winchell, the State geologist, in his geological and natural history report, presents a map which, by red lines, shows the encroachments of the grasshoppers for the years 1873-74-75-76. To gain an idea of the extent of the country covered by them up to 1877 draw a line on a State map from the Red River of the North about six miles north of Moorhead in Clay county, in a southeasterly direction through Becker, Wadena, Todd and Morrison counties, crossing the Mississippi river near the northern line of Benton county, continuing down the east side of the Mississippi through Benton, Sherburne and Anoka counties, there re-crossing the Mississippi and proceeding south on the west side of the river to the south line of the State in Mower county. All the country lying south and west of this line was for several years devastated by the grasshoppers to the extent that no crops could be raised. It became for a time a question whether the people or the insects would conquer the State.

MILITIA.

During the Territorial times there were a few volunteer militia companies in St. Paul, conspicuously the Pioneer Guard, an infantry company, which, from its excellent organization and discipline, became a source of supply of officers when regiments were being raised for the Civil War. To have been a member of that company was worth at least a captain's commission in the volunteer army, and many officers of much higher rank were chosen from its members.

There was also a company of cavalry at St. Paul, commanded by Capt. James Starkey, called the "St. Paul Light Cavalry." Also the "Shields Guards," commanded by Capt. John O'Gorman. There may have been others, but I do not remember them. The services of the Pioneer Guards and the cavalry company were called into requisition on two occasions, once

in 1857 and again in 1859. During the summer of 1857 the settlers near Cambridge and Sunrise complained that the Chippewas were very troublesome. Governor Medary ordered Captain Starkey to take part of his company and arrest the Indians who were committing depredations, and send the remainder of them to their reservation. The Captain took twenty men, and on August 24, 1857, started for the scene of the trouble. On the 28th he overtook some six or seven Indians, and in their attempt to escape a collision occurred, in which a young man, a member of Starkey's company, named Frank Donnelly, was instantly killed. The troops succeeded in killing one of the Indians, wounding another and capturing four more, when they returned to St. Paul, bringing with them the dead, wounded and prisoners. The dead were buried, the wounded healed and the prisoners discharged by Judge Nelson on a writ of habeas corpus.

The general sentiment of the community was that the expedition was unnecessary and should never have been made. This affair was facetiously called the "Corn-stalk War."

THE WRIGHT COUNTY WAR.

In the fall of 1858 a man named Wallace was killed in Wright county. Oscar F. Jackson was tried for the murder in the spring of 1859 and acquitted by a jury. Public sentiment was against him and he was warned to leave the county. He did not heed the admonition and on April 25 a mob assembled and hung Jackson to the gable end of Wallace's cabin. Governor Sibley offered a reward for the conviction of any of the lynchers. Shortly afterwards, one Emery Moore was arrested as being implicated in the affair. He was taken to Wright county for trial and at once rescued by a mob. The Governor sent three companies of the militia to Monticello to arrest the offenders and preserve order, the Pioneer Guards being among them. This force, aided by a few special officers of the law, arrested eleven of the lynchers and rescuers and turned them over to the civil authorities, and on the 11th of

August, 1859, having completed their mission, returned to St. Paul. As there was no war or bloodshed of any kind connected with this expedition it was called the "Wright County War."

Governor Sibley, having somewhat of a military tendency, appointed as his adjutant general Alexander C. Jones, who was a graduate of the Virginia Military Academy and captain of the Pioneer Guards. Under this administration a very complete militia bill was passed on the 12th day of August, 1858. Minnesota from that time on had a very efficient militia system, until the establishment of the National Guard, which made some changes in its general character, supposed to be for the better.

THE CIVIL WAR.

Nothing of any special importance occurred during the years 1859 and 1860 in Minnesota. The State continued to grow in population and wealth at an extraordinary pace, but in a quiet and unobtrusive way. The politics of the Nation had been for some time much disturbed between the North and the South on the question of slavery, and threats of secession from the Union made by the slave-holding States. The election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency of the United States in 1860 precipitated the impending revolution, and on the 14th of April, 1861, Fort Sumter, in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina, was fired upon by the revolutionists, which meant war between the two sections of the country. I will only relate such events in connection with the Civil War which followed as are especially connected with Minnesota.

When the news of the firing upon Fort Sumter reached Washington, Alexander Ramsey, then Governor of Minnesota, was in that city. He immediately called on the President of the United States and tendered the services of the people of Minnesota in defense of the Republic, thus giving to the State the enviable position of being the first to come to the front. The offer of a regiment was accepted, and the Gov-

ernor sent a dispatch to Lieutenant Governor Ignatius Donnelly, who, on the 16th of April, issued a proclamation giving notice that volunteers would be received at St. Paul for one regiment of infantry composed of ten companies, each of sixty-four privates, one captain, two lieutenants, four sergeants, four corporals and one bugler, and that the volunteer companies already organized, upon complying with these requirements as to the numbers and officers, would be entitled to be first received.

Immediately following this announcement, which, of course, meant war, great enthusiasm was manifested all over the State. Public meetings were held in all the cities; almost every man capable of doing soldier duty wanted to go, and those who were unable, for any reason, to go in person subscribed funds for the support of the families of those who volunteered. The only difficulty the authorities met with was an excess of men over those needed. There were a good many Southerners residing in the State, who were naturally controlled in their sentiments by their geographical affinities, but they behaved very well and caused no trouble. They either entered the service of the South or held their peace. I can recall but one instance of a Northern man who had breathed the free air of Minnesota going over to the South, and the atrocity of his case was aggravated by the fact that he was an officer in the United States army. I speak of Major Pemberton, who, at the breaking out of the war, was stationed at Fort Ridgely in this State, in command of a battery of artillery. He was ordered to Washington to aid in the defense of the capital, but before reaching his destination resigned his commission and tendered his sword to the enemy. I think he was a citizen of Pennsylvania. It was he who surrendered Vicksburg to the United States army, July 4, 1863.

The first company raised under the call of the State was made up of young men of St. Paul and commanded by William H. Acker, who had been Adjutant General of the State. He was wounded at the first battle of Bull Run and killed at the battle of Shiloh, as captain of a company of the Sixteenth Regular Infantry.

Other companies quickly followed in tendering their services.

On the last Monday in April a camp for the first regiment was opened at Fort Snelling, and Capt. Anderson D. Nelson of the United States army mustered the regiment into the service. On the 27th of April John B. Sanborn, then Adjutant General of the State, in behalf of the Governor, issued the following order: "The Commander-in-chief expresses his gratification at the prompt response to the call of the President of the United States upon the militia of Minnesota, and his regret that under the present requisition for only ten companies it is not possible to accept the services of all the companies offered."

The order then enumerates the ten companies which have been accepted, and instructs them to report at Fort Snelling, and recommends that the companies not accepted maintain their organization and perfect their drill, and that patriotic citizens throughout the State continue to enroll themselves and be ready for any emergency.

The Governor, on May 3, sent a telegram to the President, offering a second regiment.

The magnitude of the rebellion becoming rapidly manifest at Washington, the Secretary of War, Mr. Cameron, on the 7th of May, sent the following telegram to Governor Ramsey: "It is decidedly preferable that all the regiments from your State, not already actually sent forward, should be mustered into the service for three years, or during the war. If any persons belonging to the regiments already mustered for three months, but not yet actually sent forward, should be unwilling to serve for three years, or during the war, could not their places be filled by others willing to serve?"

A great deal of correspondence passed between Lieutenant Governor Donnelly at St. Paul and Governor Ramsey at Washington over the matter, which resulted in the First Minnesota Regiment being mustered into the service of the United States for three years, or during the war, on the 11th day of May, 1861. Willis A. Gorman, second Governor of the Territory, was appointed colonel of the First. The Colonel was a veteran of the Mex-

ican War. The regiment when first mustered in was without uniform, except that some of the companies had red shirts and some blue, but there was no regularity whatever. This was of small consequence, as the material of the regiment was probably the best ever collected into one body. It included companies of lumbermen, accustomed to camp life and enured to hardships; men of splendid physique, experts with the axe: men who could make a road through a forest or swamp, build a bridge over a stream, run a steamboat, repair a railroad or perform any of the duties that are thrust upon an army on the march and in the field. There are no men in the world so well equipped naturally and without special preparation for the life of a soldier, as the American of the West. He is perfectly familiar with the use of firearms. From his varied experience he possesses more than an average intelligence. His courage goes without saying, and, to sum him up, he is the most all-around handy man on earth.

On May 25th the ladies of Saint Paul presented the regiment with a handsome set of silk colors. The presentation was made at the State Capitol by Mrs. Ramsey, the wife of the Governor. The speech was made on behalf of the ladies by Captain Stansbury, of the United States Army, and responded to by Colonel Gorman in a manner fitting the occasion.

On the 21st of June the regiment, having been ordered to Washington, embarked on the steamers "Northern Belle" and "War Eagle" at Fort Snelling for their journey. Before leaving the Fort the chaplain, Rev. Edward D. Neill, delivered a most impressive address, concluding as follows:

"Soldiers: If you would be obedient to God you must honor him who has been ordained to lead you forth. Your colonel's will must be your will. If, like the Roman centurion, he says 'Go,' you must go. If he says 'Come,' come you must. God grant you all the Hebrew's enduring faith, and you will be sure to have the Hebrew's valor. Now with the Hebrew's benediction, I close.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious

to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen."

The peace the good chaplain asked the Lord to give to the regiment was that peace which flows from duty well performed, and a conscience free from self-censure. Judging from the excellent record made by that regiment, it enjoyed this kind of peace to the fullest extent, but it had as little of the other kind of peace as any regiment in the service.

The regiment reached Washington early in July and went into camp near Alexandria in Virginia. It took part in the first battle of the war, at Bull Run, and from there to the end of the war was engaged in many battles, always with credit to itself and honor to its State. It was conspicuously brave and useful at the great conflict at Gettysburg, and the service it there performed made its fame world-wide. In what I say of the First Regiment, I must not be understood to lessen the fame of the other ten regiments and other organizations that Minnesota sent to the war, all of which, with the exception of the Third, made for themselves records of gallantry and soldierly conduct, which Minnesota will ever hold in the highest esteem. But the First, probably because it was the first, and certainly because of its superb career, will always be the pet and especial pride of the State.

The misfortunes of the Third Regiment will be spoken of separately.

The first conception of the rebellion by the authorities in Washington was that it could be suppressed in a short time; but they had left out of the estimate the fact that they had to deal with Americans, who can always be counted on for a stubborn fight when they decide to have one. And as the magnitude of the war impressed itself upon the government, continuous calls for troops were made, to all of which Minnesota responded promptly, until she had in the field the following military organizations:

Eleven full regiments of infantry.

The first and second companies of sharpshooters.

One regiment of mounted rangers, recruited for the Indian War.

The Second Regiment of cavalry.

Hatche's Independent Battalion of Cavalry for Indian War.

Brackett's Battalion of cavalry.

One regiment of heavy artillery.

The First, Second and Third Batteries of Light Artillery.

There were embraced in these twenty-one military organizations 22,970 officers and men who were withdrawn from the forces of civil industry and remained away for several years. Yet, notwithstanding this abnormal drain on the industrial resources of so young a State, to which must be added the exhaustive effects of the Indian War, which broke out within her borders in 1862, and lasted several years, Minnesota continued to grow in population and wealth throughout it all, and came out of these war afflictions strengthened and invigorated.

THE THIRD REGIMENT.

Recruiting for the Third Regiment commenced early in the fall of 1861, and was completed by the 15th of November, on which day it consisted of nine hundred and one men all told, including officers. On the 17th of November, 1861, it embarked at Fort Snelling for its destination in the South, on the steamboats Northern Belle, City Belle and Frank Steele. It landed at St. Paul and marched through the city, exciting the admiration of the people, it being an unusually fine aggregation of men. It embarked on the same day and departed for the South, carrying with it the good wishes and hopes of every citizen of the State. It was then commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Smith, and afterwards by Col. Henry C. Lester, who was promoted to its command from a captaincy in the First, and joined his regiment at Shepardsville. Colonel Lester was a man of prepossessing appearance, handsome, well-informed, modest and attractive. He soon brought his regiment up to a high standard of drill and discipline, and especially devoted

himself to its appearance for cleanliness and deportment, so that his regiment became remarkable in these particulars. By the 12th of July the Third became brigaded with the Ninth Michigan, the Eighth and Twenty-third Kentucky, forming the Twenty-third Brigade under Col. W. W. Dufield of the Ninth Michigan, and was stationed at Murfreesboro in Tennessee. For two months Colonel Dufield had been absent, and the brigade and other forces at Murfreesboro had been commanded by Colonel Lester. A day or two before the 13th Colonel Dufield had returned and resumed command of the brigade, and Lester was again in direct command of his regiment. In describing the situation at Murfreesboro on the 13th of July, 1861, Gen. C. C. Andrews, the author of the History of the Third Regiment, in the State War Book, at page 152, says:

"The force of enlisted men fit for duty at Murfreesboro was fully one thousand. Forest reported that the whole number of enlisted men captured, taken to McMinnville and paroled, was between 1,100 and 1,200. Our forces, however, were separated. There were five companies, two hundred and fifty strong, of the Ninth Michigan in camp three-fourths of a mile east of the town, on the Liberty turnpike (another company of the Ninth Michigan, forty-two strong, occupied the Court House as a provost guard); near the camp of the Ninth Michigan were eighty men of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry under Major Seibert, also eighty-one men of the Fourth Kentucky Cavalry under Captain Chilson. More than a mile distant, on the other side of the town, on undulating rocky and shaded ground near Stone river, were nine companies of the Third Minnesota, five hundred strong. Near it also, two sections—four guns—of Hewitt's Kentucky Field Artillery with sixty-four men for duty. Forty-five men of Company C, Third Regiment, under Lieutenant Grummons, had gone the afternoon of July 12th as the guard on a supply train to Shelbyville, and had not returned on the 13th."

Murfreesboro was on the Nashville & Chattanooga railroad. It was a well-built town around a square, in the center of which was the court house. There were in the town valuable military stores.

July 13, at daybreak, news arrived at Mur

freesboro that the Rebel general, Forest, was about to make an attack on the place, which news was verified by General Forest capturing the picket guard and dashing into the town soon after the news arrived, with a mounted force of 1,500 men. A part of this force charged upon the camp of the Seventh Pennsylvania, then re-formed and charged upon the Ninth Michigan infantry, which made a gallant defense and repulsed the enemy's repeated charges, suffering a loss of eleven killed and eighty-nine wounded. The enemy suffered considerable loss, including a colonel killed, up to about noon, when the Ninth Michigan surrendered. General Crittenden was captured in his quarters about eight o'clock. Almost simultaneous with the first attack, a part of Forest's force moved toward the Third Minnesota, which had sprung up at the first sound of the firing, formed into line, Colonel Lester in command, and with two guns of Hewitt's Battery on each flank, marched in the direction of Murfreesboro. It had not gone more than an eighth of a mile when about three hundred of the enemy appeared, approaching on a gallop. They were moving in some disorder, and appeared to fall back when the Third Regiment came in sight. The latter was at once brought forward into line and the guns of Hewitt's Battery opened fire. The enemy retired out of sight, and the Third advanced to a commanding position in the edge of some timber. A continuous fire was kept up by the guns of Hewitt's Battery, with considerable effect upon the enemy. Up to this time the only ground of discontent that had ever existed in this regiment was that it had never had an opportunity to fight. Probably no regiment was ever more eager to fight in battle than this one. Yet while it was there in line of battle from daylight until about noon, impatiently waiting for the approach of the enemy, or what was better, to be led against him, he was assailing an inferior force of our troops and destroying valuable commissary and quartermaster's stores in town, which our troops were, of course, in honor bound to protect. The regiment was kept standing or lying motionless hour after hour, even while plainly seeing the smoke ris-

ing from the burning depot of the United States supplies. While this was going on Colonel Lester sat upon his horse and different officers went to him and entreated him to march the regiment into town. The only response he gave was, "We will see." The enemy made several ineffectual attempts to charge the line held by the Third, but were driven off with loss, which only increased the ardor of the men to get at them. The enemy attacked the camp of the Third, which was guarded by only a few convalescents, teamsters and cooks, and met with a stubborn resistance, but finally succeeded in taking it and burning the tents and property of the officers, after which they hastily abandoned it. The firing at the camp was distinctly heard by the Third Regiment, and Captain Hoyt of Company B asked permission to take his company to protect the camp, but was refused. While the regiment was in this waiting position, having at least five hundred effective men, plenty of ammunition, and burning with anxiety to get at the enemy, a white flag appeared over the crest of a hill, which proved to be a request for Colonel Lester to go into Murfreesboro for a consultation with Colonel Duffield. General Forest carefully displayed his men along the path by which Colonel Lester was to go in a manner so as to impress the Colonel with the idea that he had a much larger force than really existed, and in his demand for surrender he stated that if not acceded to the whole command would be put to the sword, as he could not control his men. This was an old trick of Forest's, which he played successfully on other occasions. From what is known, he had not over one thousand men with which he could have engaged the Third that day.

When Colonel Lester returned to his regiment his mind was fully made up to surrender; a consultation was held with the officers of the regiment, and a vote taken on the question, which resulted in a majority being in favor of fighting and against surrender, but the matter was re-opened and re-argued by the Colonel, and after some of the officers who opposed surrender had left the council and gone to their companies, another vote was taken, which re-

sulted in favor of the surrender. The officers who, on this final vote, were against surrender were Lieutenant Colonel Griggs and Captains Andrews and Hoyt. Those who voted in favor of surrender were Captains Webster, Gurnee, Preston, Clay and Mills of the Third Regiment, and Captain Hewitt of the Kentucky Battery.

On December 1, an order was made dismissing from the service the five captains of the Third who voted to surrender the regiment, which order was subsequently revoked as to Captain Webster.

The conduct of Colonel Lester on this occasion has been accounted for on various theories. Before this he had been immensely popular with his regiment and also at home in Minnesota, and his prospects were most brilliant. It is hard to believe that he was actuated by cowardice, and harder to conceive him guilty of disloyalty to his country. An explanation of his actions which obtained circulation in Minnesota was that he had fallen in love with a Rebel woman, who exercised such influence and control over him, as to completely hypnotize his will. I have always been a convert to that theory, knowing the man as well as I did, and have settled the question as the French would, by saying "Cherchez la femme."

General Buell characterized the surrender in general orders as one of the most disgraceful examples in the history of wars.

What a magnificent opportunity was presented to some officer of that regiment to immortalize himself by shooting the Colonel through the head while he was ignominiously dallying with the question of surrender, and calling upon the men to follow him against the enemy. There can be very little doubt that such a movement would have resulted in victory, as the men were in splendid condition physically, thoroughly well armed and dying to wipe out the disgrace their Colonel had inflicted upon them. Of course, the man who should inaugurate such a movement must win, or die in the attempt, but in America death with honor is infinitely preferable to life with a suspicion of cowardice, as all who participated in this surrender were well aware.

The officers were all held as prisoners of war

and the men paroled on condition of not fighting against the Confederacy during the continuance of the war. The Indian War of 1862 broke out in Minnesota very shortly after the surrender, and the men of the Third were brought to the State for service against the Indians. They participated in the campaign of 1862 and following expeditions. For a full and detailed account of the surrender of the Third consult the history of that regiment in the volume issued by the State, called "Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars."

It would please the historian to omit this subject entirely did truth permit; but he finds ample solace in the fact that this is the only blot to be found in the long record of brilliant and glorious deeds that compose the military history of Minnesota.

A general summary will show that Minnesota did her whole duty in the Civil War, and that her extreme youth was in no way a drawback to her performance. She furnished to the war in all her military organizations a grand total of 22,970 men. Of this number, six hundred and seven were killed in battle and 1,647 died of disease, making a contribution of 2,254 lives to the cause of the Union, on the part of Minnesota.

Our State was honored by the promotion from her various organizations of the following general officers:

- C. P. Adams, Brevet Brigadier General.
- C. C. Andrews, Brigadier and Brevet Major General.
- John T. Averill, Brevet Brigadier General.
- James H. Baker, Brevet Brigadier General.
- Theodore E. Barret, Brevet Brigadier General.
- Andson W. Bishop, Brevet Brigadier General.
- William Colville, Brevet Brigadier General.
- Napoleon J. T. Dana, Brevet Brigadier General.
- Alonzo J. Edgetton, Brevet Brigadier General.
- Willis A. Gorman, Brevet Brigadier General.
- Lucius F. Hubbard, Brevet Brigadier General.
- Samuel P. Jennison, Brigadier General.
- William Le Duc, Brigadier General.
- William R. Marshall, Brigadier General.

Robert B. McLaren, Brigadier General.

Stephen Miller, Brigadier General.

John B. Sanborn, Brigadier and Brevet Major General.

Henry H. Sibley, Brigadier and Brevet Major General.

Minor T. Thomas, Brevet Brigadier General.

John E. Tourtellotte, Brevet Brigadier General.

Horatio P. Van Cleve, Brevet Brigadier General.

George N. Morgan, Brevet Brigadier General.

THE INDIAN WAR OF 1862 AND FOLLOWING YEARS.

In 1862 there were in the State of Minnesota four principal bands of Sioux Indians. The Me-de-wa-kon-ton-s, and Wak-pa-koo-tas, and the Si-si-ton-s and Wak-pay-ton-s. The first two bands were known as the Lower Sioux and the last two as the Upper Sioux. These designations arose from the fact that in the sale of their lands to the United States by the treaties of 1851, the lands of the Lower Sioux were situated in the southern part of the State, and those of the upper bands in the northern part, and when a reservation was set apart for their future occupation on the upper waters of the Minnesota river they were similarly located thereon. Their reservation consisted of a strip of land ten miles wide on each side of the Minnesota river, beginning at a point a few miles below Fort Ridgely and extending to the headwaters of the river. The reservation of the lower bands extended up to the Yellow Medicine river; that of the upper bands included all above the last named river. An agent was appointed to administer the affairs of these Indians, whose agencies were established at Redwood for the lower, and at Yellow Medicine for the upper bands. At these agencies the annuities were regularly paid to the Indians, and so continued from the making of the treaties to the year 1862. These bands were wild, very little progress having been made in their civilization, the very nature of the situation preventing very much advance in that line. The whole country to the north and west of their

reservation was an open, wild region, extending to the Rocky mountains, inhabited only by the buffalo, which animals ranged in vast herds from British Columbia to Texas. The buffalo was the chief subsistence of the Indians, who naturally frequented their ranges, and only came to the agencies when expecting their payments. When they did come, and the money and goods were not ready for them, which was frequently the case, they suffered great inconvenience and were forced to incur debt with the white traders for their subsistence, all of which tended to create bad feelings between them and the whites. The Indian saw that he had yielded a splendid domain to the whites, and that they were rapidly occupying it. They could not help seeing that the whites were pushing them gradually—I may say rapidly—out of their ancestral possessions and towards the West, which knowledge naturally created a hostile feeling towards the whites. The Sioux were a brave people, and the young fighting men were always making comparisons between themselves and the whites, and bantering each other as to whether they were or were not afraid of them. I made a study of these people for several years, having had them in charge as their agent, and I think understood their feelings and standing towards the whites as well as any one. Much has been said and written about the immediate cause of the outbreak of 1862, but I do not believe that anything can be assigned out of the general course of events that will account for the trouble. Delay, as usual, had occurred in the arrival of the money for the payment which was due in July, 1862. The war was in full force with the South, and the Indians saw that Minnesota was sending thousands of men out of the State to fight the battles of the Union. Major Thomas Galbraith was their agent in the summer of 1862, and being desirous of contributing to the volunteer forces of the government he raised a company of half-breeds on the reservation and started with them for Fort Snelling, the general rendezvous, to have them mustered into service. It was very natural that the Indians who were seeking trouble should look upon this movement as a sign of weakness on the part of

the government, and reason that if the United States could not conquer its enemy without their assistance it must be in serious difficulties. Various things of similar character contributed to create a feeling among the Indians that it was a good time to recover their country, redress all their grievances and re-establish themselves as lords of the land. They had ambitious leaders; Little Crow was the principal instigator of war on the whites. He was a man of greater parts than any Indian in the tribe. I had used him on many trying occasions as the captain of my body-guard, and my ambassador to negotiate with other tribes, and always found him equal to any emergency, but on this occasion his ambition ran away with his judgment and led him to fatal results. With all these influences at work, it took but a spark to fire the magazine, and that spark was struck on the 17th day of August, 1862.

A small party of Indians were at Acton, on August 17, and got into a petty controversy with a settler about some eggs, which created a difference of opinion among them as to what they should do, some advocating one course and some another. The controversy led to one Indian saying that the other was afraid of the white man, to resent which, and to prove his bravery, he killed the settler, and the whole family was massacred. When these Indians reached the agency and related their bloody work, those who wanted trouble seized upon the opportunity and insisted that the only way out of the difficulty was to kill all the whites, and on the morning of the 18th of August the bloody work began.

It is proper to say here that some of the Indians who were connected with the missionaries, conspicuously An-pay-tu-tok-a-cha, or John Otherday, and Paul Ma-za-ku-ta-ma-ni, the president of the Hazelwood Republic, of which I have spoken, having learned of the intention of the Indians, informed the missionaries on the night of the 17th, who, to the number of about sixty, fled eastward to Hutchinson, in McLeod county, and escaped. The next morning, being the 18th of August, the Indians commenced the massacre of the whites, and made clean work of all at the agencies. They

then separated into small squads of from five to ten and spread over the country to the south, east and southeast, attacking the settlers in detail at their homes and continued this work during all of the 18th and part of the 19th of August until they had murdered in cold blood quite one thousand people—men, women and children. The way the work was conducted was as follows: The party of Indians would call at the house of a settler and the Indians being well known, this would cause no alarm. They would await a good opportunity and shoot the man of the family, then butcher the women and children, and, after carrying off everything that they thought valuable to them, they would burn the house, proceed to the next homestead and repeat the performance. Occasionally some one would escape and spread the news of the massacre to the neighbors, and all who could would flee to some place of refuge.

The news of the outbreak reached Fort Ridgely, which was situated about thirteen miles down the Minnesota river from the agencies, about eight o'clock on the morning of the 18th, by means of the arrival of a team from the lower agency, bringing a badly wounded man, but no details could be obtained. The fort was in command of Capt. John F. Marsh of Company B, Fifth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. He had eighty-five men in his company, from which he selected forty-five, leaving the balance, under Lieut. T. F. Gere, to defend the fort. This little squad under command of Captain Marsh, with a full supply of ammunition, provisions, blankets, etc., accompanied by a six-mule team, left the fort at nine A. M. on the 18th of August for the lower Sioux agency, which was on the west side of the Minnesota river, the fort being on the east, which necessitated the crossing of the river by a ferry near the agency. On the march up, the command passed nine or ten dead bodies, all bearing evidence of having been murdered by the Indians, one of which was Dr. Humphrey, surgeon at the agency. On reaching the vicinity of the ferry, no Indians were in sight, except one on the opposite side of the river, who

tried to induce them to cross over. A dense chaparral bordered the river on the agency side, and tall grass covered the bottom on the side where the troops were. Suspicion of the presence of Indians was aroused by the disturbed condition of the water of the river, which was muddy and contained floating grass. Then a group of ponies was seen. At this point, and without any notice whatever, Indians in great numbers sprang up on all sides of the troops and opened upon them a deadly fire. About half of the men were killed instantly. Finding themselves surrounded, it became with the survivors a question of *saave qui pent*. Several desperate hand-to-hand encounters occurred with varying results, when the remnant of the command made a point down the river about two miles from the ferry, Captain Marsh being of the number. Here they attempted to cross, but the Captain was drowned in the effort and only from thirteen to fifteen of the command reached the fort alive. Among those killed was Peter Quinn, the United States interpreter, an Irishman who had been in the Indian Territory for many years. He had married into the Chipewewa tribe. He was a man much esteemed by the army and all old settlers.

Much criticism has been indulged in as to whether Captain Marsh, when he became convinced of the general outbreak, should not have retreated to the fort. Of course, forty-five men could do nothing against five or six hundred warriors, who were known to be at or about the agency. The Duke of Wellington, when asked as to what was the best test of a general, said, "To know when to retreat, and to dare to do it." Captain Marsh cannot be justly judged by any such criterion. He was not an experienced general. He was a young, brave and enthusiastic soldier. He knew little of Indians. The country knows that he thought he was doing his duty in advancing. I am confident, whether this judgment is intelligent or not, posterity will hold in warmer esteem the memory of Captain Marsh and his gallant little band than if he had adopted the more prudent course of retracing his steps. General George Custer was led into an ambush of almost the

exact character, which was prepared for him by many of the same Indians who attacked Marsh, and he lost five companies of the Seventh United States Cavalry, one of the best fighting regiments in the service, not a man escaping.

Immediately previous to the outbreak Lieut. Timothy J. Sheehan, of Company C, Fifth Minnesota, had been sent with about fifty men of his company to the Yellow Medicine agency on account of some disorder prevailing among the Indians, but having performed his duty, he had been ordered to Fort Ripley, and had, on the 17th, left Fort Ridgely, and on the 18th had reached a point near Glencoe, distant from Fort Ridgely about forty miles. As soon as Captain Marsh became aware of the outbreak he sent the following dispatch to Lieutenant Sheehan, which reached him on the evening of the 18th:

"Lieutenant Sheehan:

"It is absolutely necessary that you should return with your command immediately to this post. The Indians are raising hell at the lower agency. Return as soon as possible."

Lieutenant Sheehan was then a young Irishman, of about twenty-five years of age, with immense physical vigor and corresponding enthusiasm. He immediately broke camp and returned to the fort, arriving there on the 19th of August, having made a forced march of forty-two miles in nine and one-half hours. He did not arrive a moment too soon. Being the ranking officer after the death of Captain Marsh, he took command of the post. The garrison then consisted of the remnant of Marsh's Company B, 51 men; Sheehan's Company C, 50 men; Renville Rangers, 50 men. This company was the one raised by Major Galbraith, the Sioux agent at the agencies, and was composed principally of half-breeds. It was commanded by Capt. James Gorman. On reaching St. Peter, on its way down to Fort Snelling to be mustered into the service of the United States, it learned of the outbreak, and at once returned to Ridgely, having appropriated the arms of a militia company at St. Peter. There was also at Ridgely Sergeant Jones of the regular artillery, who had been

left there in charge of the military stores. He was quite an expert gunner, and there were several field-pieces at the fort. Besides this garrison a large number of people from the surrounding country had sought safety at the fort, and there was also a party of gentlemen who had brought up the annuity money to pay the Indians, who, learning of the troubles, had stopped with the money, amounting to some \$70,000 in specie. I will here leave the fort for the present, and turn to other points that became prominent in the approaching war.

On the night of the 18th of August, the day of the outbreak, the news reached St. Peter, and as I have before stated, induced the Renville Rangers to retrace their steps. Great excitement prevailed, as no one could tell at what moment the Indians might dash into the town and massacre the inhabitants.

The people at New Ulm, which was situated about sixteen miles below Fort Ridgely, on the Minnesota river, dispatched a courier to St. Peter as soon as they became aware of the trouble. He arrived at four o'clock A. M. on the 19th, and came immediately to my house, which was about one mile below the town, and informed me that the Indians were killing people all over the country. Having lived among the Indians for several years, and at one time had charge of them as their agent, I thoroughly understood the danger of the situation, and knowing, that whether the story was true or false, the frontier was no place at such a time for women and children, I told him to wake up the people at St. Peter, and that I would be there quickly. I immediately placed my family in a wagon and told them to flee down the river, and taking all the guns, powder and lead I could find in my house, I arrived at St. Peter about six A. M. The men of the town were soon assembled at the court house, and in a very short time a company was formed of one hundred and sixteen men, of which I was chosen as captain, William B. Dodd as first and Wolf H. Meyer as second lieutenant. Before noon two men, Henry A. Swift, afterwards Governor of the State, and William C. Hayden, were dispatched to the front in a buggy to scout and locate the enemy if he was

near, and about noon sixteen mounted men under L. M. Boardman, sheriff of the county, were started on a similar errand. Both these squads kept moving until they reached New Ulm, at about five P. M.

Great activity was displayed in equipping the main body of the company for service. All the guns of the place were seized and put into the hands of the men. There not being any large game in this part of the country, rifles were scarce, but shot-guns were abundant. All the blacksmith shops and gun-shops were set at work molding bullets, and we soon had a gun in every man's hand, and he was supplied with a powder horn or a whiskey flask full of powder, a box of caps and a pocketful of bullets. We impressed all the wagons we needed for transportation and all the blankets and provisions that were necessary for subsistence and comfort. While these preparations were going on a large squad from Le Sueur, ten miles further down the river, under the command of Captain Tousley, sheriff of Le Sueur county, joined us. Early in the day a squad from Swan Lake, under an old settler named Samuel Coffin, had gone to New Ulm to see what was the matter.

Our advance guard reached New Ulm just in time to participate in its defense against an attack of about one hundred Indians who had been murdering the settlers on the west side of the river, between the town and Fort Ridgely. The inhabitants of New Ulm were almost exclusively German, there being only a few English speaking citizens among them, and they were not familiar with the character of the Indians, but the instinct of self-preservation had impelled them to fortify the town with barricades to keep the enemy out. The town was built in the usual way of western towns, the principal settlement being along the main street, and the largest and best houses occupying a space of about three blocks. Some of these houses were of brick and stone, so with a strong barricade around them the town was quite defensible. Several of the people were killed in this first attack, but the Indians, knowing of the coming reinforcements, withdrew, after firing five or six buildings.

The main body of my company, together with the squad from Le Sueur, reached the ferry about two miles below the settled part of New Ulm, about eight P. M., having made thirty-two miles in seven hours, in a drenching rainstorm. The blazing houses in the distance gave a very threatening aspect to the situation, but we crossed the ferry successfully, and made the town without accident. The next day we were reinforced by a full company from Mankato under Capt. William Bierbamer. Several companies were formed from the citizens of the town. A full company from South Bend arrived on the 20th or 21st, and various other squads, greater or less in numbers, came in during the week, before Saturday the 23rd, swelling our forces to about three hundred men, but nearly all very poorly armed. We improved the barricades and sent out daily scouting parties, who succeeded in bringing in many people who were in hiding, in swamps, and who would have undoubtedly been lost without this succor. It soon became apparent that to maintain any discipline or order in the town some one man must be placed in command of the entire force. The officers of the various companies assembled to choose a commander in chief, and the selection fell to me. A provost guard was at once established, order inaugurated, and we awaited events.

I have been thus particular in my description of the movements at this point, because it gives an idea of the defenseless condition in which the outbreak found the people of the country, and also because it shows the intense energy with which the settlers met the emergency, at its very inception, from which I will deduce the conclusion at the proper time that this prompt initial action saved the State from a calamity the magnitude of which is unrecorded in the history of Indian wars.

Having described the defensive condition of Fort Ridgely and New Ulm, the two extreme frontier posts, the former being on the Indian Reservation and the latter only a few miles southeast of it, I will take up the subject at the capital of the State. The news reached Governor Ramsey at Saint Paul on the 19th of August, the second day of the outbreak. He

at once hastened to Mendota, at the mouth of the Minnesota river, and requested ex-Governor Sibley to accept the command of such forces as could be put in the field to check the advance of and punish the Indians. Governor Sibley had a large experience with the Sioux, perhaps more than any man in the State, having traded and lived with them since 1834, and besides that, was a distinguished citizen of the State, having been its first Governor. He accepted the position with the rank of colonel in the State Militia. The Sixth regiment was being recruited at Fort Snelling for the Civil War, and on the 20th of August Colonel Sibley started up the Valley of the Minnesota with four companies of that regiment, and arrived at St. Peter on Friday, the 22nd. Capt. A. D. Nelson of the regular army had been appointed colonel of the Sixth, and William Crooks had been appointed lieutenant colonel of the Seventh. Colonel Crooks conveyed the orders of the Governor to Colonel Nelson, overtaking him at Bloomington ferry. On receipt of his orders, finding he was to report to Colonel Sibley, he made the point of military etiquette, that an officer of the regular army could not report to an officer of militia of the same rank, and turning over his command to Colonel Crooks, he returned to St. Paul and handed in his resignation. It was accepted, and Colonel Crooks was appointed colonel of the Sixth. Not knowing much about military etiquette, I will not venture an opinion on the action of Colonel Nelson in this instance, but it always seemed to me that in the face of the enemy, and especially considering the high standing of Colonel Sibley, and the intimate friendship that existed between the two men, it would have been better to have waived this point and unitedly fought the enemy, settling all such matters afterwards.

On Sunday, the 24th, Colonel Sibley's force at St. Peter was augmented by the arrival of about two hundred mounted men under the command of William J. Cullen, formerly superintendent of Indian Affairs, called the Cullen Guard. On the same day six more companies of the Sixth arrived, making up the full regiment, and also about one hundred more

mounted men, and several squads of volunteer militia. The mounted men were placed under the command of Col. Samuel McPhail. By these acquisitions Colonel Sibley's command numbered about 1,400 men. Although the numerical strength was considerable, the command was practically useless. The ammunition did not fit the guns of the Sixth Regiment, and had to be all made over. The horses of the mounted men, and the men themselves, were inexperienced, undisciplined, and practically unarmed. It was the best the country afforded, but probably about as poorly equipped an army as ever entered the field, to face what I regard as the best warriors to be found on the North American continent; but fortunately the officers and men were all that could be desired. The leaders of this army were the best of men, and being seconded by intelligent and enthusiastic subordinates, they soon overcame their physical difficulties, but they knew nothing of the strength, position or previous movements of the enemy, no news having reached them from either Fort Ridgely or New Ulm. Any mistake made by this force resulting in defeat would have been fatal. No such mistake was made. Having now shown the principal forces in the field, we will turn to the movements of the enemy. The Indians felt that it would be necessary to carry Fort Ridgely and New Ulm before they extended their depredations further down the Valley of the Minnesota, and concentrated their forces for an attack on the fort. Ridgely was in no sense a fort. It was simply a collection of buildings, principally frame structures, facing in towards the parade ground. On one side was a long stone barrack and a stone commissary building, which was the only defensible part of it.

THE ATTACK ON FORT RIDGELY.

On the 20th of August, at about three P. M., an attack was made upon the fort by a large body of Indians. The first intimation the garrison had of the assault was a volley poured through one of the openings between the buildings. Considerable confusion ensued, but or-

der was soon restored. Sergeant Jones attempted to use his cannon, but, to his utter dismay, he found them disabled. This was the work of some of the half-breeds belonging to the Renville Rangers, who had deserted to the enemy. They had been spiked by ramming old rags into them. The Sergeant soon rectified this difficulty, and brought his pieces into action. The attack lasted three hours, when it ceased, with a loss to the garrison of three killed and eight wounded.

On Thursday, the 21st, two further attacks were made on the fort, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, but with a reduced force, less earnestness, and little damage. On Friday, the 22nd, the savages seemed determined to carry the fort. About eight hundred or more, under the leadership of Little Crow, came down from the agency, and concentrating themselves in the ravines which lay on several sides of the fort, they made a feint by sending about twenty warriors on the prairie for the purpose of drawing out the garrison from the fort and cutting them off. Such a movement, if successful, would have been fatal to the defenders, but fortunately there were men among them of much experience in Indian warfare who saw through the scheme and prevented the success of the maneuver. Then followed a shower of bullets on the fort from all directions. The attack was continued for nearly five hours. It was bitterly fought, and courageously and intelligently resisted. Sergeant Jones and other artillerists handled the guns with effective skill, exploding shells in the outlying buildings and burning them over the heads of the Indians, while the enemy endeavored to burn the wooden buildings composing the fort by shooting fire arrows on their roofs. One of the most exposed and dangerous duties to be performed was covering the wooden roofs with earth to prevent fire. One white man was killed and seven wounded in this engagement. Lieutenant Sheehan, who commanded the post through all these trying occurrences; Lieutenant Gorman of the Renville Rangers; Lieutenant Whipple and Sergeants Jones and McGrew all did their duty in a manner becoming veterans, and the men seconded their ef-

forts handsomely. The Indians, after this effort, being convinced that they could not take the fort, and anticipating the coming of reinforcements, withdrew, and concentrating all their available forces, descended upon New Ulm the next morning, August 23d, for a final struggle. In the official history of this battle, written for the State, I placed the force of the Indians as four hundred and fifty, but I have since learned from reliable sources that it was as above stated.

BATTLE OF NEW ULM.

We left New Ulm after the arrival of the various companies which I have named, on the twenty-first of August, strengthening its barricades and awaiting events. I had placed a good glass on the top of one of the brick buildings within the barricades for the purpose of observation, and always kept a sentinel there to report any movement he should discover in any direction throughout the surrounding country. We had heard distinctly the cannonading at the fort for the past two days, but knew nothing of the result of the fight at that point. I was perfectly familiar, as were many of my command, with the country between New Ulm and the fort, on both sides of the river, knowing the house of every settler on the roads.

Saturday, the 23d of August, opened bright and beautiful, and early in the morning we saw column after column of smoke rise in the direction of the fort, each column being nearer than the last. We knew to a certainty that the Indians were approaching in force, burning every building and grain or hay stack as they passed. The settlers had either all been killed or had taken refuge at the fort or New Ulm, so we had no anxiety about them. About 9:30 A. M. the enemy appeared in great force on both sides of the river. Those on the east side, when they reached the neighborhood of the ferry, burned some stacks as a signal of their arrival, which was responded to by a similar fire in the edge of the timber about two miles and a half from the town on the west side.

Between this timber and the town was a beautiful open prairie with considerable descent towards the town. Immediately on seeing the smoke from the ferry the enemy advanced rapidly, some six hundred strong, many mounted and the rest on foot. I had determined to meet them on the open prairie, and had formed my men by companies in a long line of battle, with intervals between them, on the first level plateau on the west side of the town, thus covering its whole west front. There were not over twenty or thirty rifles in the whole command, and a man with a shotgun, knowing his antagonist carries a rifle, has very little confidence in his fighting ability. Down came the Indians in the bright sunlight, galloping, running, yelling and gesticulating in the most fiendish manner. If we had had good rifles they never would have got near enough to do much harm, but as it was, we could not check them before their fire began to tell on our line. They deployed to the right and left until they covered our entire front, and then charged. My men, appreciating the inferiority of their armament, after seeing several of their comrades fall, and having fired a few ineffectual volleys, fell back on the town, passing some buildings without taking possession of them. This mistake was instantly taken advantage of by the Indians, who at once occupied them; but they did not follow us into the town proper, no doubt thinking our retreat was a feint to draw them among the buildings and thus gain an advantage. I think if they had boldly charged into the town and set it on fire they would have won the fight; but instead they surrounded it on all sides, the main body taking possession of the lower end of the main street below the barricades, from which direction a strong wind was blowing towards the center of the town. From this point they began firing the houses on both sides of the street. We soon rallied the men, and kept the enemy well in the outskirts of the town, and the fighting became general on all sides. Just about this time my first lieutenant, William B. Dodd, galloped down the main street, and as he passed a cross street the Indians put three or four bullets through him. He died during

the afternoon, after having been removed several times from house to house as the enemy crowded in upon us.

On the second plateau there was an old Don Quixote windmill, with an immense tower and sail-arms about seventy-five feet long, which occupied a commanding position, and had been taken possession of by a company of about thirty men, who called themselves the Le Sueur Tigers, most of whom had rifles. They barricaded themselves with sacks of flour and wheat, loopholed the building and kept the savages at a respectful distance from the west side of the town. A rifle ball will bury itself in a sack of flour or wheat, but will not penetrate it. During the battle the men dug out several of them, and brought them to me because they were the regulation Minnie bullet, and there had been rumors that the Confederates from Missouri had stirred up the revolt and supplied the Indians with guns and ammunition. I confess I was astonished when I saw the bullets, as I knew the Indians had no such arms, but I soon decided that they were using against us the guns and ammunition they had taken from the dead soldiers of Captain Marsh's company. I do not believe the Confederates had any hand in the revolt of these Indians.

We held several other outposts, being brick buildings outside the barricades, which we loopholed and found very effective in holding the Indians aloof. The battle raged generally all around the town, every man doing his best in his own way. It was a very interesting fight on account of the stake we were contending for. We had in the place about twelve or fifteen hundred women and children, the lives of all of whom and of ourselves depended upon victory perching on our banners, for in a fight like this no quarter is ever asked or given. The desperation with which the conflict was conducted can be judged from the fact that I lost sixty men in the first hour and a half, ten killed and fifty wounded, out of less than two hundred and fifty, as my force had been depleted by the number of about seventy-five by Lieutenant Huey taking that number to guard the approach to the ferry. Crossing to the

other side of the river he was cut off and forced to retreat toward St. Peter. It was simply a mistake of judgment to put the river between himself and the main force, but in his retreat he met Capt. E. St. Julien Cox with reinforcements for New Ulm, joined them and returned the next day. He was a brave and willing officer. The company I mentioned as having arrived from South Bend, having heard that the Winnebagoes had joined in the outbreak, left us before the final attack on Saturday, the 23d of August, claiming that their presence at home was necessary to protect their families, and on the morning of the 23d, when the enemy was in sight, a wagon load of others left us and went down the river. I doubt if we could have mustered over two hundred guns at any time during the fight.

The enemy, seeing his advantage in firing the buildings in the lower part of the main street, and thus gradually nearing our barricades with the intention of burning us out, kept up his work as continuously as he could with the interruptions we made for him by occasionally driving him out, but his approach was constant, and about two o'clock a roaring conflagration was raging on both sides of the street, and the prospect looked discouraging. At this juncture, Asa White, an old frontiersman, connected with the Winnebagoes, whom I had known for a long time, and whose judgment and experience I appreciated and valued, came to me and said: "Judge, if this goes on, the Indians will bag us in about two hours." I said: "It looks that way; what remedy have you to suggest?" His answer was, "We must make for the cottonwood timber." Two miles and a half lay between us and the timber referred to, which, of course, rendered his suggestion utterly impracticable with two thousand non-combatants to move, and I said: "White, they would slaughter us like sheep should we undertake such a movement; our strongest hold is in this town, and if you will get together fifty volunteers I will drive the Indians out of the lower town and the greatest danger will be passed." He saw at once the propriety of my proposition and in a short time we had a squad ready, and sallied out, cheering

and yelling in a manner that would have done credit to the wildest Comanches. We knew the Indians were congregated in force down the street and expected to find them in a sunken road about three blocks from where we started, but they had worked their way up much nearer to us and were in a deep swale about a block and a half from our barricades. There was a large number of them, estimated at about seventy-five to one hundred, some on ponies and some on foot. When the conformation of the ground disclosed their whereabouts we were within one hundred feet of them. They opened a rapid fire on us, which we returned, while keeping up our rushing advance. When we were within fifty feet of them they turned and fled down the street. We followed them for at least half a mile, firing as well as we could. This took us beyond the burning houses, and finding a large collection of saw logs I called a halt and we took cover among them, lying flat on the ground. The Indians stopped when we ceased to advance, took cover behind anything that afforded protection, and kept up an incessant fire upon us whenever a head or hand showed itself above the logs. We held them, however, in this position, and prevented their return toward the town by way of the street. I at once sent a party back with instructions to burn every building, fence, stack or other object that would afford cover between us and the barricades. This order was strictly carried out, and by six or seven o'clock there was not a structure standing outside of the barricades in that part of the town. We then abandoned our saw logs and returned to the town, and the day was won, the Indians not daring to charge us over an open country. I lost four men killed in this exploit, one of whom was especially to be regretted. I speak of Newell Houghton. In ordinary warfare all men stand for the same value as a general thing, but in an Indian fight a man of cool head, an exceptionally fine shot, and armed with a reliable rifle, is a loss doubly to be regretted. Houghton was famous as being the best shot and deer hunter in all the Northwest, and had with him his choice rifle. He had built a small steamboat with the proceeds of his gun and we all held him in high

respect as a fine type of frontiersman. We had hardly got back to the town before a man brought me a rifle which he had found on the ground near a clump of brush, and handing it to me said, "Some Indian lost a good gun in that run." It happened that White was with me and saw the gun. He recognized it in an instant, and said, "Newell Houghton is dead; he never let that gun out of his hands while he could hold it." We looked where the gun was picked up and found Houghton dead in the brush. He had been scalped by some Indian who had seen him fall and had sneaked back for that purpose.

That night we dug a system of rifle pits all along the barricades on the outside, and manned them with three or four men each; but the firing was desultory through the night and nothing much was accomplished on either side.

The next morning, Sunday, opened bright and beautiful, but scarcely an Indian was to be seen. They had given up the contest and were rapidly retreating northward up the river. We got an occasional shot at one, but without effect except to hasten the retreat. And so ended the second and decisive battle of New Ulm.

In this fight between ourselves and the enemy we burned one hundred and ninety buildings, many of them substantial and valuable structures. The whites lost some fourteen killed and fifty or sixty wounded. The loss of the enemy is uncertain, but after the fight we found ten dead Indians in burned houses and in chaparral, where they escaped the notice of their friends. As to their wounded we knew nothing, but judging from the length and character of the engagement and the number of their dead found, their casualties must have equaled, if not exceeded, ours.

About noon of Sunday, the 24th, Capt. E. St. Julien Cox arrived with a company from St. Peter, which had been sent by Colonel Sibley to reinforce us. Lieutenant Huey, who had been cut off at the ferry on the previous day, accompanied him with a portion of his command. They were welcome visitors.

There were in the town at the time of the attack on the twenty-third, as near as can be

learned, from 1,200 to 1,500 non-combatants, consisting of women and children, refugees and unarmed citizens, all of whose lives depended upon our success. It is difficult to conceive a much more exciting stake to play for, and the men seemed fully to appreciate it and made no mistakes.

On the 25th we found that provisions and ammunition were becoming scarce, and pestilence being feared from stench and exposure, we decided to evacuate the town and try to reach Mankato. This destination was chosen to avoid the Minnesota river, the crossing of which we deemed impracticable. The only obstacle between us and Mankato was the Big Cottonwood river, which was fordable. We made up a train of one hundred and fifty-three wagons, which had largely composed our barricades, loaded them with women and children, and about eighty wounded men, and started. A more heartrending procession was never witnessed in America. Here was the population of one of the most flourishing towns in the State abandoning their homes and property, starting on a journey of thirty odd miles through a hostile country, with a possibility of being massacred on the way, and no hope or prospect but the hospitality of strangers and ultimate beggary. The disposition of the guard was confided to Captain Cox. The march was successful, no Indians being encountered. We reached Crisp's farm, which was about half way between New Ulm and Mankato, about evening. I pushed the main column on, fearing danger from various sources, but camped at this point with about one hundred and fifty men, intending to return to New Ulm, or hold this point as a defensive measure for the exposed settlements further down the river. On the morning of the 26th we broke camp, and I endeavored to make the command return to New Ulm or remain where they were; my object, of course, being to keep an armed force between the enemy and the settlements. The men had not heard a word from their families for more than a week, and declined to return or remain. I did not blame them. They had demonstrated their willingness to fight when necessary, but held the protection of their fami-

lies as paramount to mere military possibilities. I would not do justice to history did I not record that when I called for volunteers to return Captain Cox and his whole squad stepped to the front ready to go where I commanded. Although I had not then heard of Capt. Marsh's disaster, I declined to allow so small a command as that of Captain Cox to attempt the re-occupation of New Ulm. My staff stood by me in this effort, and a gentleman from Le Sueur county, Mr. Freeman Talbott, made an impressive speech to the men to induce them to return. The train arrived safely at Mankato on the 25th, and the balance of the command on the following day; whence the men generally sought their homes.

I immediately, on arriving at Mankato, went to St. Peter to inform Colonel Sibley of the condition of things in the Indian country. I found him, in the night of August 26th, in camp about six miles out of St. Peter, and put him in possession of everything that had happened to the westward. His mounted men arrived at Fort Ridgely on the 27th of August, and were the first relief that reached that fort after its long siege. Sibley reached the fort on the 28th of August. Intrenchments were thrown up about the fort, cannon properly placed and a strong guard maintained. All but ninety men of the Cullen Guard, under Captain Anderson, returned home as soon as they found the fort was safe. The garrison was soon increased by the arrival of forty-seven men under Captain Sterritt, and on the 1st of September Lieut. Col. William Marshall of the Seventh Regiment arrived with a portion of his command. This force could not make a forward movement on account of a lack of ammunition and provisions, which were long delayed.

BATTLE OF BIRCH COULIE.

On the 31st of August a detail of Captain Grant's company of infantry, seventy men of the Cullen Guard under Captain Anderson, and some citizens and other soldiers, in all about one hundred and fifty men, under command of Maj. Joseph R. Brown, with seventeen

teams and teamsters, were sent from Fort Ridgely to the lower agency to feed the enemy, bury the dead and perform any other service that might arise. They went as far as Little Crow's village, but not finding any signs of Indians they returned, and on the 1st of September they reached Birch Coulie and encamped at the head of it. Birch Coulie is a ravine extending from the upper plateau to the river bottom, nearly opposite the ferry where Captain Marsh's company was ambushed.

The Indians, after their defeat at Fort Ridgely and New Uln, had concentrated at the Yellow Medicine river, and decided to make one more desperate effort to carry their point of driving the whites out of the country. Their plan of operation was to come down the Minnesota Valley in force, stealthily, passing Sibley's command at Ridgely, and attacking St. Peter and Mankato simultaneously. They congregated all their forces for this attempt and started down the river. When they reached the foot of Birch Coulie they saw the last of Major Brown's command going up the Coulie. They decided to wait and see where they encamped and attack them early in the morning. The whites went to the upper end of the Coulie and camped on the open prairie about two hundred and fifty feet from the brush in the Coulie. On the other side of their camp there was a roll in the prairie about four or five feet high, which they probably did not notice. This gave the enemy cover on both sides of the camp, which they did not fail to see and take advantage of. The moment daylight came sufficiently to disclose the camp the Indians opened fire from both sides. The whites had ninety horses hitched to a picket rope and their wagons formed in a circular corral, with their camp in the center. The Indians soon killed all the horses but one, and the men used their carcasses as breastworks from which to fight behind. The battle raged from the morning of September 2, to September 3, when they were relieved by Colonel Sibley's whole command and the Indians fled to the west.

Maj. Joseph R. Brown was one of the most experienced Indian men in the country and would never have made the mistake of locating

his camp in a place that gave the enemy such an advantage. He did not arrive until the camp was selected and should have removed it at once. I have always supposed that he was killed into a sense of security by not having seen any signs of Indians in his march; but the result proved that when in a hostile Indian country no one is ever justified in omitting any precautions. The firing at Birch Coulie was heard at Fort Ridgely, and a relief was sent under Colonel McPhail, which was checked by the Indians a few miles before it reached its destination. The Colonel sent a courier to the fort for reinforcements, and it fell to Lieutenant Sheehan to carry the message. With his usual energy he succeeded in getting through, his horse dying under him on his arrival. Colonel Sibley at once started with his whole command, and when he reached the battle ground the Indians left the field.

This was one of the most disastrous battles of the war. Twenty-three were killed outright, or mortally wounded, and forty-five severely wounded, while many others received slight injuries. The tents were, by the shower of bullets, made to resemble lace work, so completely were they perforated. One hundred and four bullet holes were counted in one tent. Besides the continual shower of bullets that was kept up by the Indians, the men suffered terribly from thirst, as it was impossible to get water into the camp. This fight forms a very important feature in the Indian war, as, notwithstanding its horrors, it probably prevented awful massacres at St. Peter and Mankato, the former being absolutely defenseless and the latter only protected by a small squad of about eighty men, which formed my headquarters guard at South Bend, about four miles distant.

OCCURRENCES IN MEEKER COUNTY AND VICINITY.

While these events were passing, other portions of the State were being prepared for defense. In the region of Forest City in Meeker county, and also at Hutchinson and Glencoe, the excitement was intense. Capt. George C.

Whitecomb obtained in St. Paul seventy-five stand of arms and some ammunition. He left a part of the arms at Hutchinson, and with the rest armed a company at Forest City of fifty-three men, twenty-five of whom were mounted. Capt. Richard Strout of Company B, Ninth Regiment, was ordered to Forest City, and went there with his company. Col. John H. Stevens of Glencoe was commander of the State militia for the counties of McLeod, Carver, Sibley and Renville. As soon as he learned of the outbreak he erected a very substantial fortification of saw-logs at Glencoe, and that place was not disturbed by the savages. A company of volunteers was formed at Glencoe under Capt. A. H. Rouse. Company F of the Ninth Regiment, under Lieut. O. P. Stearns, and Company H of the same regiment (Capt. W. R. Baxter), also an independent company from Excelsior, and the Goodhue County Rangers (Capt. David L. Davis), all did duty at and about Glencoe during the continuance of the trouble. Captains Whitecomb and Strout, with their companies, made extensive reconnoissances into the surrounding counties, rescuing many refugees, and having several brisk and sharp encounters with the Indians, in which they lost several killed and wounded. The presence of these troops in this region of country, and their active operations, prevented its depopulation and saved the towns and much valuable property from destruction.



PROTECTION OF THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER.

On the 29th of August I received a commission from the Governor of the State instructing and directing me to take command of the Blue Earth country, extending from New Ulm to the north line of Iowa, embracing the then western and southwestern frontier of the State. My powers were general, to raise troops, commission officers, subsist upon the country, and generally to do what in my judgment was best for the protection of this frontier. Under these powers I located my head-

quarters at South Bend, being the extreme southern point of the Minnesota river, thirty miles below New Ulm, four from Mankato and about fifty from the Iowa line. Here I maintained a guard of about eighty men. We threw up some small intrenchments, but nothing worthy of mention. Enough citizens of New Ulm had returned home to form two companies at that point; Company E of the Ninth Regiment, under Capt. Jerome E. Dane, was stationed at Crisp's farm, about half way between New Ulm and South Bend; Col. John R. Jones of Chatfield collected about three hundred men, and reported to me at Garden City. They were organized into companies under Captains N. P. Colburn and Post, and many of them stationed at Garden City, where they erected a serviceable fort of saw-logs. Others of this command were stationed at points along the Blue Earth river. Capt. Cornelius F. Buck of Winona raised a company of fifty-three men, all mounted, and started west. They reached Winnebago City, in the county of Faribault, on the 7th of September, where they reported to me, and were stationed at Chain lakes, about twenty miles west of Winnebago City; twenty of this company were afterwards sent to Madelia. A stockade was erected by this company at Martin lake. In the latter part of August Capt. A. J. Edgerton, of Company B, Tenth Regiment, arrived at South Bend, and having made his report, was stationed at the Winnebago agency, to keep watch on those Indians and cover Mankato from that direction. About the same time Company F of the Eighth Regiment, under Capt. L. Aldrich, reported and was stationed at New Ulm. E. St. Julien Cox, who had previously reinforced me at New Ulm, was commissioned a captain and put in command of a force which was stationed at Madelia, in Watowan county, where they erected quite an artistic fortification of logs, with bastions. While there an attack was made upon some citizens who had ventured beyond the safe limits, and several whites were killed.

It will be seen by the above statement that almost immediately after the evacuation of New Ulm, on the 25th of August, the most ex-

posed part of the southern frontier was occupied by quite a strong force. I did not expect that any serious incursions would be made along this line, but the state of alarm and panic that prevailed among the people rendered it necessary to establish this cordon of military posts to prevent an exodus of the inhabitants. No one who has not gone through the ordeal of an Indian insurrection can form any idea of the terrible apprehension that takes possession of a defenseless and non-combatant population under such circumstances. There is an element of mystery and uncertainty about the magnitude and movements of this enemy, and a certainty of his brutality, that inspires mortal terror. The first notice of his approach is the crack of his rifle, and no one with experience in such struggles ever blames the timidity of citizens in exposed positions when assailed by these savages. I think, all things being considered, the people generally behaved very well. If a map of the State is consulted, taking New Ulm as the most northern point on the Minnesota river, it will be seen that the line of my posts covered the frontier from that point down the river to South Bend, and up the Blue Earth southerly, to Winnebago City, and thence to the Iowa line. These stations were about sixteen miles apart, with two advanced posts at Madelia and Chain lakes, to the westward. A system of couriers was established, starting from each end of the cordon every morning with dispatches from the commanding officer to headquarters, who stopped at every station for an endorsement of what was going on, so I knew every day what had happened at every point on my line. By this means the frontier population was pacified, and no general exodus took place.

In September Major General Pope was ordered to Minnesota to conduct the Indian war. He made his headquarters at St. Paul, and by his high rank took command of all operations, though not exerting any visible influence on them, the fact being that all imminent danger had been overcome by the State and its citizens before his arrival. In the latter part of September the citizen troops under my command were anxious to return to their homes,

and on presentation of the situation to General Pope, he ordered into the State a new regiment just mustered into the service in Washington—the Twenty-fifth Wisconsin—commanded by Col. M. Montgomery, who was ordered to relieve me. He appeared at South Bend on the 1st of October, and after having fully informed him of what had transpired and given him my views as to the future, I turned my command over to him in the following order: I give it, as it succinctly presents the situation of affairs at the time.

“Headquarters Indian Expedition,
Southern Frontier.

South Bend, October 5, 1862.

To the Soldiers and Citizens who have been, and are now, engaged in the defense of the Southern Frontier:

On the eighteenth day of August last your frontier was invaded by the Indians. You promptly rallied for its defense. You checked the advance of the enemy and defeated him in two severe battles at New Ulm. You have held a line of frontier posts extending over a distance of one hundred miles. You have erected six substantial fortifications and other defensive works of less magnitude. You have dispersed marauding bands of savages that have hung upon your lines. You have been uniformly brave, vigilant and obedient to orders. By your efforts the war has been confined to the border; without them, it would have penetrated into the heart of the State.

Major General Pope has assumed command of the Northwest, and will control future operations. He promises a vigorous prosecution of the war. Five companies of the Twenty-fifth Wisconsin Regiment and five hundred cavalry from Iowa are ordered into the region now held by you, and will supply the places of those whose terms of enlistment shortly expire. The department of the southern frontier, which I have had the honor to command, will, from the date of this order, be under the command of Colonel M. Montgomery of the Twenty-fifth Wisconsin, whom I take pleasure in introducing to the troops and citizens of that department, as a soldier and a man to whom they may confide their interests and the safety of their country, with every assurance that they will be protected and defended.

Pressing public duties of a civil nature demand my absence temporarily from the border. The intimate and agreeable relations we have sustained toward each other, our union in dan-

ger and adventure, cause me regret in leaving you, but will hasten my return.

Charles E. Flandrau,
Colonel Commanding,
Southern Frontier."

This practically terminated my connection with the war. All matters yet to be related took place in other parts of the State, under the command of Colonel Sibley and others.

COLONEL SIBLEY MOVES UPON THE ENEMY.

We left Colonel Sibley on the 4th of September at Fort Ridgely, having just relieved the unfortunate command of Maj. Joseph R. Brown, after the fight at Birch Coulie. Knowing that the Indians had in their possession many white captives, and having their rescue alive uppermost in his mind, the Colonel left on the battlefield at Birch Coulie the following communication attached to a stake driven in the ground, feeling assured that it would fall into the hands of Little Crow, the leader of the Indians:

"If Little Crow has any proposition to make, let him send a half-breed to me, and he shall be protected in and out of camp.

H. H. Sibley,
Colonel Commanding,
Military Expedition."

The note was found and answered by Little Crow in a manner rather irrelevant to the subject most desired by Colonel Sibley. It was dated at Yellow Medicine, September 7, and delivered by two half-breeds.

Colonel Sibley returned the following answer by the bearers:

"Little Crow, you have murdered many of our people without any sufficient cause. Return me the prisoners under a flag of truce and I will talk with you like a man."

No response was received to this letter until September 12, when Little Crow sent another, saying that he had one hundred and fifty-five prisoners, not including those held by the Sissetons and Wakpaytons, who were at Lac qui Parle, and were coming down. He

also gave assurances that the prisoners were faring well. Colonel Sibley, on the 12th of September, sent a reply by Little Crow's messengers, saying that no peace could be made without a surrender of the prisoners, but not promising peace on any terms, and charging the commission of nine murders since the receipt of Little Crow's last letter. The same messenger that brought this letter from Little Crow also delivered quite a long one from Wabashaw and Taopee, two lower chiefs who claimed to be friendly, and desired a meeting with Colonel Sibley, suggesting two places where it could be held. The Colonel replied that he would march in three days, and was powerful enough to crush all the Indians; that they might approach his column in open day with a flag of truce, and place themselves under his protection. On the receipt of this note a large council was held, at which nearly all the annuity Indians were present. Several speeches were made by the Upper and Lower Sioux, some in favor of continuance of the war, and "dying in the last ditch," and some in favor of surrendering the prisoners. I quote from a speech made by Paul Ma-za-ku-ta-ma-ni, who will be remembered as one of the Indians who volunteered to rescue the white captives from Ink-pa-du-ta's band in 1857, and who was always true to the whites. He said among other things:

"In fighting the whites you are fighting the thunder and lightning. You say you can make a treaty with the British government. That is not possible. Have you not yet come to your senses? They are also white men, and neighbors and friends to the soldiers. They are ruled by a petticoat, and she has the tender heart of a squaw. What will she do for the men who have committed the murders you have?"

This correspondence was kept up for several days, quite a number of letters coming from the Indians to Colonel Sibley, but with no satisfactory results. On the 18th of September Colonel Sibley determined to move upon the enemy, and on that day camp was broken at the fort, a boat constructed and a crossing of the Minnesota river effected near the fort to prevent the possibility of an ambushade. Col-

onel Sibley's force consisted of the Sixth Regiment, under Colonel Crooks; about three hundred men of the Third, under Major Welch; several companies of the Seventh under Col. William R. Marshall; a small number of mounted men under Colonel McPhail, and a battery under the command of Capt. Mark Hendricks. The expedition moved up the river without encountering any opposition until the morning of the 23d of September. Indians had been in sight during all the march, carefully watching the movements of the troops, and several messages of defiance were found attached to fences and houses.

THE BATTLE OF WOOD LAKE.

On the evening of the 22nd the expedition camped at Lone Tree lake, about two miles from the Yellow Medicine river, and about three miles east from Wood lake. Early next morning several foraging teams belonging to the Third Regiment were fired upon. They returned the fire and retreated toward the camp. At this juncture the Third Regiment, without orders, sallied out, crossed a deep ravine and soon engaged the enemy. They were ordered back by the commander and had not reached camp before Indians appeared on all sides in great numbers, many of them in the ravine between the Third Regiment and the camp. Thus began the battle of Wood lake. Captain Hendricks opened with his cannon and the howitzer under the direct command of Colonel Sibley, and poured in shot and shell. It has since been learned that Little Crow had appointed ten of his best men to kill Colonel Sibley at all hazards, and that the shells directed by the Colonel's own hand fell into this special squad and dispersed them. Captain Hendricks pushed his cannon to the head of the ravine and raked it with great effect, and Colonel Marshall, with three companies of the Seventh, and Captain Grant's company of the Sixth, charged down the ravine on a double quick and routed the Indians. About eight hundred of the command were engaged in the conflict, and met about an equal number of

Indians. Our loss was four killed and between forty and fifty wounded. Major Welch of the Third was shot in the leg, but not fatally. The Third and the Renville Rangers, under Capt. James Gorman, bore the brunt of the fight, which lasted about an hour and a half, and sustained the most of the losses. Colonel Sibley, in his official report of the encounter, gives great credit to his staff and all of his command. An-pay-tu-tok-a-cha, or John Otherday, was with the whites, and took a conspicuous part in the fray.

Thus ended the battle of Wood lake. It was an important factor in the war, as it was about the first time the Indians engaged large forces of well organized troops in the open country, and their utter discomfiture put them on the run. It will be noticed that I have not in any of my narratives of battles used the stereotyped expression: "Our losses were so many, but the losses of the enemy were much greater; however, as they always carry off their dead and wounded, it is impossible to give exact figures." The reason I have not made use of this common expression is, because I don't believe it. The philosophy of Indian warfare is, to kill your enemy and not get killed yourself, and they can take cover more skilfully than any other people. In all our Indian wars from the Atlantic westward, with regulars or militia, I believe it would not be an exaggeration to say that the whites have lost ten to one of the Indians in killed and wounded. But the battle of Wood lake was quite an open fight, and so rapidly conducted and concluded that we have a very accurate account of the loss of the enemy. He had no time or opportunity to withdraw his dead. Fifteen dead were found upon the field, and one wounded prisoner was taken. No doubt many others were wounded who were able to escape. After this fight Colonel Sibley retired to the vicinity of an Indian camp located nearly opposite the mouth of the Chippewa river, where it empties into the Minnesota, and there encamped. This point was afterwards called "Camp Release," from the fact that the white prisoners held by the enemy were here delivered to Colonel Sibley's command. We will

leave Colonel Sibley and his troops at Camp Release and narrate the important events that occurred on the Red River of the North, at and about Fort Abercrombie.

FORT ABERCROMBIE.

The United States government, about the year 1858, erected a military post on the west side of the Red River of the North at a place then known as Graham's Point, between what are now known as the cities of Breckenridge and Fargo. Like most of the frontier posts of that day, it was not constructed with reference to defense, but more as a depot for troops and military stores. It was then in the midst of the Indian country, and is now in Richland county, North Dakota. The troops that had garrisoned the fort had been sent South to aid in suppressing the Southern Rebellion, and their places had been supplied by one company of the Fifth Regiment of Minnesota Volunteers, which was commanded by Capt. John Van der Horck. There was a place down the river, and north of the fort about fifty miles, called Georgetown, at which there were some settlers, and a depot of stores for the company engaged in the navigation of the river. At the commencement of the outbreak Captain Van der Horck had detached about one-half of his company and sent them to Georgetown to protect the interests centered at that point.

About the 20th of August news reached Abercrombie from the Yellow Medicine agency that trouble was expected from the Indians. An expedition was on the way to Red lake to make a treaty with the Chippewa Indians, which consisted of the government commissioners and party, accompanied by a train of thirty loaded wagons and a herd of two hundred cattle. On the 23d of August news reached Fort Abercrombie that a large body of Indians were on the way to capture this party. A courier was at once dispatched to the train, and it immediately sought refuge in the fort. Runners were also sent to all the settlements in the vicinity, and the warning spread of the approaching danger. Happily,

nearly all of the surrounding people reached the fort before the arrival of the enemy. The detachment stationed at Georgetown was also called in. A mail coach that left the fort on the 22nd fell into the hands of the Indians, who killed the driver and destroyed the mail.

The garrison had been strengthened by about fifty men capable of duty from the refugees, but they were unarmed. Captain Van der Horck strengthened his post by all means in his power, and endeavored to obtain reinforcements. Captain Freeman, with about sixty men, started from St. Cloud on the Mississippi to relieve the garrison at Abercrombie, but on reaching Sauk Center the situation appeared so alarming that it was deemed imprudent to proceed with so small a force, and no addition could be made to it at Sauk Center. Attempts were made to reinforce the fort from other points. Two companies were sent from Fort Snelling, and got as far as Sauk Center, but the force was even then deemed inadequate to proceed to Abercrombie. Part of the Third Regiment was also dispatched from Snelling to its relief on September 6. Another expedition, consisting of companies under command of Captains George Atkinson and Rollo Banks, with a small squad of about sixty men of the Third Regiment under command of Sergeant Dearborn, together with a field-piece under Lieut. Robert J. McHenry, was formed, and placed under the command of Capt. Emil A. Burger. This command started on September 10, and, after a long and arduous march, reached the fort on the 23d of September, finding the wearied and anxious garrison still in possession. Captain Burger had been reinforced at Wyman's station, on the Alexandria road, on the 19th of September by the companies under Captains Freeman and Barrett, who had united their men on the 14th, and started for the fort. The relief force amounted to quite four hundred men by the time it reached its destination.

While this long delayed force was on its way the little garrison at the fort had its hands full to maintain its position. On the 30th of August a large body of Indians made a bold raid on the post and succeeded in stampeding and

running off nearly two hundred head of cattle and one hundred head of horses and mules, which were grazing on the prairie. Some fifty of the cattle afterwards escaped and were restored to the post by a scouting party. This band of marauders did not, however, attack the fort. No one who has not experienced it can appreciate the mortification of seeing an enemy despoil you of your property when you are powerless to resist. An attack was made on the fort on the 3d of September, and some stacks burned and a few horses captured. Several men were killed on both sides, and Captain Van der Horck was wounded in the right arm from an accidental shot from one of his own men. On September 6th a second attack was made by a large force of Indians, which lasted nearly all day, in which we lost two men and had several wounded. No further attack was made until the 26th of September, when Captain Freeman's company was fired on while watering their horses in the river. These Indians were routed and pursued by Captain Freeman's company and a squad of the Third Regiment men with a howitzer. Their camp was captured, which contained quite an amount of plunder. A light skirmish took place on the 29th of September, in which the enemy was routed, and this affair ended the siege of Fort Abercrombie.

CAMP RELEASE.

Colonel Sibley's command made Camp Release on the 26th of September. This camp was in the near vicinity of a large Indian camp of about one hundred and fifty lodges. These Indians were composed of Upper and Lower Sioux, and had generally been engaged in all the massacres that had taken place since the outbreak. They had with them some two hundred and fifty prisoners, composed of women and children, whites and half-breeds. Only one white man was found in the camp—George Spencer—who had been desperately wounded at the lower agency, and saved from death by an Indian friend of his.

The desire of the troops to attack and pun-

ish these savages was intense, but Colonel Sibley kept steadily in mind that the rescue of the prisoners was his first duty, and he well knew that any demonstration of violence would immediately result in the destruction of the captives. He therefore wisely overruled all hostile inclinations. The result was a general surrender of the whole camp, together with all the prisoners. As soon as the safety of the captives was assured inquiry was instituted as to the participation of these Indians in the massacres and outrages which had been so recently perpetrated. Many cases were soon developed of particular Indians who had been guilty of the grossest atrocities, and the commander decided to form a military tribunal to try the offenders.

TRIAL OF THE INDIANS.

The State has reason to congratulate itself on two things in this connection. First, that it had so wise and just a man as Colonel Sibley to select this important tribunal, and, second, that he had at his command such admirable material from which to make his selection. It must be remembered that this court entered upon its duties with the lives of hundreds of men at its absolute disposal. Whether they were Indians or any other kind of people, the fact must not be overlooked that they were human beings, and the responsibility of the tribunal was correspondingly great. Colonel Sibley, at this date, sent me a dispatch, declaring his intention in the matter of the result of the trials. It is as follows:

“Camp Release, nine miles below
Lac Qui Parle, Sept. 25, 1862.

Colonel: (After speaking of a variety of matters concerning the disposition of troops who were in my command, the battle of Wood lake—which he characterized as ‘A smart conflict we had with the Indians’—the rescue of the prisoners and other matters, he adds):

N. B. I am encamped near a camp of one hundred and fifty lodges of friendly Indians and half-breeds, but have had to purge it of suspected characters. I have apprehended sixteen supposed to have been connected with the late outrages, and have appointed a mili-

tary commission of five officers to try them. If found guilty they will be forthwith executed, although it will perhaps be a stretch of my authority. If so, necessity must be my justification.

Yours,

H. H. Sibley."

On the 28th of September an order was issued convening this court martial. It was composed of William Crooks, colonel of the Sixth Regiment, president; William R. Marshall, lieutenant colonel of the Seventh Regiment; Captains Grant and Bailly of the Sixth, and Lieutenant Olin of the Third. Others were subsequently added as necessity required. All these men were of mature years, prominent in their social and general standing as citizens, and as well equipped as any persons could be to engage in such work. What I regard as the most important feature in the composition of this most extraordinary court is the fact that the Hon. Isaac V. D. Heard, an experienced lawyer of St. Paul, who had been for many years the prosecuting attorney of Ramsey county, and who was thoroughly versed in criminal law, was on the staff of Colonel Sibley, and was by him appointed recorder of the court. Mr. Heard, in the performance of his duty, was above prejudice or passion, and could treat a case of this nature as if it was a mere misdemeanor. Lieutenant Olin was Judge Advocate of the court, but as the trials progressed the evidence was all put in and the records kept by Mr. Heard. Some changes were made in the personnel of the court from time to time, as the officers were needed elsewhere, but none of the changes lessened the dignity or character of the tribunal. I make these comments because the trials took place at a period of intense excitement, and persons unacquainted with the facts may be led to believe that the court was "organized to convict," and was unfair in its decisions.

The court sat some time at Camp Release, then at the lower agency and Mankato, where it investigated the question whether the Winnebagoes had participated in the outbreak, but none of that tribe were implicated, which proves that the court acted judicially, and not

upon unreliable evidence, as the country was full of rumors and charges that the Winnebagoes were implicated. The court terminated its sittings at Fort Snelling, after a series of sessions lasting from September 30 to November 5, 1862, during which four hundred and twenty-five prisoners were arraigned and tried. Of these three hundred and twenty-one were found guilty of the offenses charged, of whom three hundred and three were sentenced to death and the rest to various terms of imprisonment according to the nature of their crimes. The condemned prisoners were removed to Mankato, where they were confined in a large guard house constructed of logs for the purpose, and were guarded by a strong force of soldiers. On the way down, as the party having charge of the prisoners passed through New Ulm, they found the inhabitants disinterring the dead, who had been hastily buried in the streets where they fell during the fights at that place. The sight of the Indians so enraged the people that a general attack was made on the wagons in which they were chained together. The attacking force was principally composed of women, armed with clubs, stones, knives, hot water and similar weapons. Of course, the guard could not shoot or bayonet a woman, and they got the prisoners through the town with the loss of one killed and many battered and bruised.

While this court-martial was in session the news of its proceedings reached the eastern cities, and a great outcry was raised that Minnesota was contemplating a dreadful massacre of Indians. Many influential bodies of well-intentioned but ill-informed people beseeched President Lincoln to put a stop to the proposed executions. The President sent for the records of the trials, and turned them over to his legal and military advisers to decide which were the more flagrant cases. On the 6th of December, 1862, the President made the following order:

"Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C.,

December 6, 1862.

Brigadier General Henry H. Sibley,
St. Paul, Minnesota:

Ordered, that of the Indians and half-breeds sentenced to be hanged by the Military Com-

mission, composed of Colonel Crooks, Lieutenant Colonel Marshall, Captain Grant, Captain Bailey and Lieutenant Olin, and lately sitting in Minnesota, you cause to be executed on Friday, the 19th day of December, instant, the following named, to-wit:

(Here follows the names of thirty-nine Indians and their numbers on the record of conviction.)

The other condemned prisoners you will hold subject to further orders, taking care that they neither escape nor are subjected to any unlawful violence.

Abraham Lincoln,
President of the United States."

Colonel Sibley had been appointed by President Lincoln a Brigadier General on the 29th of September, 1862, on account of his success at the battle of Wood Lake, the announcement of his promotion being in a telegram, as follows:

"Washington, D. C., Sept. 29, 1862.

Major General Pope,

St. Paul, Minnesota:

Colonel Henry H. Sibley is made a Brigadier General for his judicious fight at Yellow Medicine. He should be kept in command of that column and every possible assistance sent to him.

H. W. Halleck,
General in Chief."

His commission as brigadier general was not issued until March 26, 1864, but, of course, this telegram amounted to an appointment to the position, and if accepted, as it was, made him subject to the orders of the President; so notwithstanding his dispatch to me stating that the Indians, if convicted, would be forthwith executed, he could not very well carry out such an extreme duty without first submitting it to the Federal authorities, of which he had become a part.

My view of the question has always been that when the court-martial was organized Colonel Sibley had no idea that more than twenty or twenty-five of the Indians would be convicted, which is partly inferable from his dispatch to me, in which he said he had "apprehended sixteen supposed to have been connected with the late outrages." But when the matter assumed the proportions it did, and he found on his hands some three hundred men to kill, he was glad to shift the responsibility

to higher authority. Any humane man would have been of the same mind. I have my own views also of the reasons of the general government in eliminating from the list of the condemned all but thirty-nine. It was not because these thirty-nine were more guilty than the rest, but because we were engaged in a great Civil War, and the eyes of the world were upon us. Had these three hundred men been executed, the charge would have undoubtedly been made by the South that the North was murdering prisoners of war, and the authorities at Washington, knowing full well that the other nations were not capable of making the proper discrimination, and perhaps not anxious to do so if they were, deemed it safer not to incur the odium which might follow from such an accusation.

EXECUTION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT CONDEMNED INDIANS.

The result of the matter was that the order of the President was obeyed, and on the 26th of December, 1862, thirty-eight of the condemned Indians were executed by hanging at Mankato, one having been pardoned by the President. Contemporaneous history, or rather general public knowledge of what actually occurred, says that the pardoned Indian was hanged and one of the others liberated by mistake. As an historian, I do not assert this to be true, but as a citizen, thoroughly well informed of current events at the time of this execution, I believe it to be a fact. The hanging of the thirty-eight was done on one gallows, constructed in a square form capable of sustaining ten men on each side. They were placed upon a platform facing inwards, and dropped all at once by the cutting of a rope. The execution was successful in all its details, and reflects credit on the ingenuity and engineering skill of Captain Burt of Stillwater, who was intrusted with the construction of the deadly machine. The rest of the condemned Indians were, after some time, taken down to Davenport, in Iowa, and held in confinement

until the excitement had generally subsided, when they were sent west of the Missouri and set free. An Indian never forgets what he regards as an injury, and never forgives an enemy. It is my opinion that all the troubles that have taken place since the liberation of these Indians, with the tribes inhabiting the western plains and mountains up to a recent date, have grown out of the evil counsels of these savages. The only proper course to have pursued with them, when it was decided not to hang them, was to have exiled them to some remote post—say the Dry Tortugas—where communication with their people would have been impossible, set them to work on fortifications or other public works, and allowed them to pass out by life limitation.

The execution of these Indians practically terminated the campaign for the year 1862, no other event worthy of detailed record having occurred; but the Indian war was far from being over, as it was deemed prudent to keep within the State a sufficient force of troops to successfully resist all further attacks and to inaugurate an aggressive campaign in the coming year. The whole of the Sixth, Seventh and Tenth Regiments, the Mounted Rangers, some artillery organizations, scouts and other troops were wintered in the State at various points along the more exposed frontier; in 1863 a formidable expedition under command of General Sibley was sent from Minnesota to crush the enemy, which was to be aided and co-operated with by another expedition under Gen. Alfred Sully, of equal proportions, which was to start from Sioux City, on the Missouri. After the attack at Birch Coulee and its relief, Little Crow, with a large part of his followers, branched off and went to the vicinity of Acton, and there attacked the command under Capt. Richard Strout, where a severe battle was fought, in which several of Captain Strout's men were killed. On the 2d of July, 1863, Crow ventured down to the neighborhood of Hutchinson with his young son, probably to get something which he had hidden, or to steal horses, and while he was picking berries a farmer named Lamson, who was in search of his cows, saw him and shot him dead. His

scalp now decorates the walls of the Minnesota Historical Society.

THE CAMPAIGN OF 1863.

The remnant of Little Crow's followers were supposed to be rendezvoused at Devil's lake, in Dakota Territory, and reinforced by a large body of the Upper Sioux. An expedition against them was devised by General Pope, to be commanded by General Sibley. It was to assemble at a point near the mouth of the Redwood river, some twenty-five miles above Fort Ridgely. On the 7th of June, 1863, General Sibley arrived at the point of departure, which was named Camp Pope in honor of the commanding general. The force composing the expedition was as follows: One company of Pioneers under Captain Chase; ten companies of the Sixth Regiment, under Colonel Crooks; eight companies of the Tenth Regiment, under Colonel Baker; nine companies of the Seventh, under Lieutenant Colonel Marshall; eight pieces of artillery, under Captain Jones; nine companies of Minnesota Mounted Rangers, under Colonel McPhail; seventy-five Indian scouts under Major Brown, George McLeod and Major Dooley; in all three thousand and fifty-two infantry, eight hundred cavalry and one hundred and forty-eight artillerymen. The command, from the nature of the country it had to traverse, was compelled to depend upon its own supply train, which was composed of two hundred and twenty-five six-mule wagons. The staff was complete, consisting of Adjutant General Olin, Brigade Commissary Forbes, Assistant Commissary and Ordnance Officer Atchinson, Commissary Clerk Spencer, Quartermaster Coming, Assistant Quartermaster Kimball, Aides-de-camp, Lieutenants Pope, Beaver, Hawthorne and A. St. Clair Flandrau, Chaplain Rev. S. R. Riggs.

The column moved from Camp Pope on June 16th, 1863. The weather was intensely hot, and the country over which the army had to march was wild and uninhabited. At first the Indians retreated in the direction of the British line, but it was discovered that their course

had been changed to the direction of the Missouri river. They had probably heard that General Sully had been delayed by low water and hoped to be able to cross to the west bank of that stream before his arrival to intercept them, with the future hope that they would, no doubt, be reinforced by the Sioux inhabiting the country west of the Missouri. On the 4th of July the expedition reached the Big Bend of the Cheyenne river. On the 17th of July Colonel Sibley received reliable information that the main body of the Indians was moving toward the Missouri, which was on the 20th of July confirmed by a visit at Camp Atchison of about three hundred Chippewa half-breeds, led by a Catholic priest named Father Andre. On becoming satisfied that the best fruits of the march could be attained by bending towards the Missouri, the General decided to relieve his command of as much impedimenta as was consistent with comfort and safety, and thus increase the rapidity of its movements. He therefore established a permanent post at Camp Atchison, about fifty miles southeasterly from Devil's lake, where he left all the sick and disabled men and a large portion of his ponderous train, with a sufficient guard to defend them if attacked. He then immediately started for the Missouri with one thousand four hundred and thirty-six infantry, five hundred and twenty cavalry, one hundred pioneers and artillery and twenty-five days' rations. On the 22nd he crossed the James river, forty-eight miles west of Camp Atchison, and on the 24th reached the vicinity of Big Mound, beyond the second ridge of the Missouri coteau. Here the scouts reported large bodies of Indians with Red Plume and Standing Buffalo among them.

BATTLE OF BIG MOUND.

The General, expecting an attack on the 24th, corralled his train and threw up some earthworks to enable a smaller force to defend it. The Indians soon appeared. Dr. Weiser, surgeon of the First Rangers, supposing he saw some old friends among them, approached too

close and was instantly killed. Lieutenant Freeman, who had wandered some distance from the camp, was also killed. The battle opened at three P. M., in the midst of a terrific thunderstorm, and after some sharp fighting the Indians, numbering about fifteen hundred, fled in the direction of their camp, and were closely pursued. A general panic ensued, the Indian camp was abandoned, and the whole throng, men, women and children, fled before the advancing forces. Numerous charges were made upon them, amidst the roaring of the thunder and the flashing of the lightning. One private was killed by lightning, and Colonel McPhail's saber was knocked out of his grasp by the same force.

The Indians are reported to have lost in this fight eighty killed and wounded. They also lost nearly all their camp equipment. They were pursued about fifteen miles, and had it not been for a mistake in the delivery of an order by Lieutenant Beaver, they would undoubtedly have been overtaken and destroyed. The order was to bivouac where night caught the pursuing troops, but was misunderstood to return. This unfortunate error gave the Indians two days' start, and they put a wide gap between themselves and the troops. The Battle of Big Mound, as this engagement was called, was a decided victory and counted heavily in the scale of advantage, as it put the savages on the run and disabled them from prosecuting further hostilities.

BATTLE OF DEAD BUFFALO LAKE.

On the 26th the command again moved in the direction of the fleeing Indians. Their abandoned camp was passed on that day early in the morning. About noon large bodies of the enemy were discovered and a brisk fight ensued. Attacks and counter attacks were made, and a determined fight kept up until about three P. M., when a bold dash was made by the Indians to stampede the animals which were herded on the banks of a lake; but the attempt was promptly met and defeated. The Indians, foiled at all points and having lost heavily in

killed and wounded, retired from the field. At night earthworks were thrown up to prevent a surprise, but none was attempted, and this ended the battle of Dead Buffalo lake.

The General was now convinced that the Indians were going toward the Missouri with the intention of putting the river between them and his command, and, expecting General Sully's force to be there to intercept them, he determined to push them on as rapidly as possible, inflicting all the damage he could in their flight. The campaign was well conceived, and had Sully arrived in time the result would undoubtedly have been the complete destruction or capture of the Indians. But low water delayed Sully to such an extent that he failed to arrive in time, and the enemy succeeded in crossing the river before General Sibley could overtake them.



BATTLE OF STONY LAKE.

On the 28th of July Indians were again seen in large numbers. They endeavored to encircle the troops. They certainly presented a force of two thousand fighting men, and must have been reinforced by friends from the west side of the Missouri. They were undoubtedly fighting to keep the soldiers back until their families could cross the river. The troops were well handled. A tremendous effort was made to break our lines, but the enemy was repulsed at all points. The artillery was effective and the Indians finally fled in a panic and rout towards the Missouri. They were hotly pursued, and on the 29th the troops crossed Apple creek, a small stream a few miles from the present site of Bismarck, the capital of North Dakota, and, pushing on, struck the Missouri at a point about four miles above Burnt Boat island. The Indians had succeeded in crossing the river with their families, but in a very demoralized condition as to supplies and camp equipage. They were plainly visible on the bluffs on the opposite side. It was here that Lieutenant Beaver lost his life while carrying an order. He missed the trail and was am-

bushed and killed. He was a young Englishman who had volunteered to accompany the expedition, and whom General Sibley had placed upon his staff as an aide.

Large quantities of wagons and other material abandoned by the Indians in their haste to cross the river were destroyed. The bodies of Lieutenant Beaver and a private of the Sixth Regiment, who was killed in the same way, were recovered and buried. It was clear that the Indians, on learning of the magnitude of the expedition, never contemplated overcoming it in battle, and made their movements with reference to delaying its progress, while they pushed their women and children toward and across the river, knowing there was no resting place for them on this side. They succeeded admirably, but their success was solely attributed to the failure of General Sully to arrive in time. General Sibley's part of the campaign was carried out to the letter and every man in it, from the commander to the private, is entitled to the highest praise.

On August 1, the command broke camp for home. As was learned afterwards, General Sully was then distant down the river one hundred and sixty miles. His delay was no fault of his, as it was occasioned by insurmountable obstacles. The march home was a weary, but uneventful one. The campaign of 1863 may be summed up as follows: The troops marched nearly 1,200 miles. They fought three well-contested battles. They drove from eight to ten thousand Indians out of the State and across the Missouri river. They lost only seven killed and three wounded, and inflicted upon the enemy so severe a loss that he never again returned to his old haunts. For his meritorious services General Sibley was appointed a Major General by brevet on November 29, 1865, which appointment was duly confirmed by the Senate, and he was commissioned on April 7, 1866.

In July, 1863, a regiment of cavalry was authorized by the Secretary of War to be raised by Maj. E. A. C. Hatch for duty on the Northern frontier. Several companies were recruited and marched to Pembina on the extreme northern border, where they performed

valuable services and suffered incredible hardships. The regiment was called Hatch's Battalion.

CAMPAIGN OF 1864.

The government very wisely decided not to allow the Indian question to rest upon the results of the campaign of 1863, which left the Indians in possession of the country west of the Missouri, rightly supposing that they might construe their escape from General Sibley the previous year into a victory. It therefore sent out another expedition in 1864 to pursue and attack them beyond the Missouri. The plan and outfit were very similar to that of 1863. General Sully was again to proceed up the Missouri with a large command and meet a force sent out from Minnesota, which forces, when combined, were to march westward and find and punish the savages if possible. The expedition, as a whole, was under the command of General Sully. It consisted of two brigades, the first composed of Iowa and Kansas infantry and cavalry, and Brackett's Battalion, to the number of several thousand, which was to start from Sioux City and proceed up the Missouri in steamboats. The second embraced the Eighth Regiment of Minnesota Volunteer Infantry under Colonel Thomas, mounted on ponies, the Second Minnesota Cavalry under Colonel MacLaren, the Third Minnesota Battery under Captain Jones. The second brigade was commanded by Colonel Thomas. This brigade left Fort Snelling on June 1, and marched westward. General Sibley and staff accompanied it as far as Fort Ridgely. On the 9th of June it passed Wood lake, the scene of the fight in 1862. About this point it overtook a large train of emigrants on their way to Idaho, who had with them 160 wagon loads of supplies. This train was escorted to the Missouri river safely. The march was wearisome in the extreme with intensely hot weather and very bad water, and was only enlivened by the appearance occasionally of a herd of buffalo, a band of antelope or a straggling elk. The movements of the command were carefully

watched by flying bands of Indians during its whole march. On July 1st, the Missouri was reached at a point where now stands Fort Rice. General Sully and the First Brigade had arrived there the day before. The crossing was made by the boats that brought up the First Brigade. The column was immediately directed toward Cannon Ball river, where 1,800 lodges of Indians were reported to be camped. The Indians fled before the approaching troops. On the last of July the Heart river was reached, where a camp was formed, and the tents and teams left behind. Thus relieved, the command pressed forward for an Indian camp eighty miles northward. On the 2nd of August the Indians were found in large numbers on the Big Knife river in the Bad Lands. These were Unca-Papa Sioux, who had murdered a party of miners from Idaho the year before and had given aid and comfort to the Minnesota refugee Indians. They were attacked and a very spirited engagement ensued, in which the enemy was badly beaten and suffered severe losses. The place where this battle was fought was called Ta-ka-ho-ku-tay, or the bluff where the man shot the deer.

On the next day, August 3, the command moved west through the Bad Lands, and just as it emerged from this terribly ragged country it was sharply attacked by a large body of Indians. The fight lasted through two days and nights, when the enemy retired in haste. They were very roughly handled in this engagement.

General Sully then crossed to the west side of the Yellowstone river, where the weary soldiers found two steamboats awaiting them with ample supplies. In crossing this rapid river the command lost three men and about twenty horses. From this point they came home by the way of Forts Union, Berthold and Stevenson, reaching Fort Rice on the 9th of September.

On this trip General Sully located Forts Rice, Stevenson and Berthold.

On reaching Fort Rice, considerable anxiety was felt for Colonel Fisk, who, with a squad of fifty troops, had left the fort as an escort for a train of Idaho immigrants, and had been at-

tacked one hundred and eighty miles west of the fort and had been compelled to intrench. He had sent for reinforcements and General Sully sent him three hundred men, who extricated him from his perilous position.

The Minnesota Brigade returned by way of Fort Wadsworth, where they arrived on September 27. Here Major Rose, with six companies of the Second Cavalry, was left to garrison the post, the balance of the command reaching Fort Snelling on the 12th of October.

In June, 1865, another expedition left Minnesota for the West under Colonel Callahan of Wisconsin, which went as far as Devil's lake. The first, second and fourth sections of the Third Minnesota Battery accompanied it, and again in 1866 an expedition started from Fort Abercrombie which included the first section of the Third Battery, under Lieutenant Whipple. As no important results followed from these two latter expeditions I only mention them as being parts of the Indian War.

The number of Indians engaged in this war, together with their superior fighting qualities, their armament, and the country occupied by them, gives it rank among the most important of the Indian Wars fought since the first settlement of the country on the Atlantic Coast. But when viewed in the light of the number of settlers massacred, the amount of property destroyed and the horrible atrocities committed by the savages, it far surpasses them all.

I have dwelt upon this war to such an extent because I regard it as the most important event in the history of our State, and desire to perpetuate the facts more especially connected with the gallant resistance offered by the settlers in its inception. Not an instance of timidity is recorded. The inhabitants engaged in the peaceful pursuits of agriculture, utterly unprepared for war, sprang to the front on the first indication of danger, and checked the advance of the savage enemy in his initial efforts. The importance of battles should never be measured by the number engaged, or the lists of killed and wounded, but by the consequences of their results. I think the repulse of the Indians at Fort Ridgely and New Ulm saved the State of Minnesota from a disaster, the magni-

tude of which cannot be estimated. Their advance was checked at the very frontier and they were compelled to retreat, thus affording time and opportunity for the whites to organize for systematic action. Had they not met this early check, it is more than probable that the Chippewas on the upper Mississippi and the Winnebagoes in the lower Minnesota valley would have joined them, and the war have been carried into the heart of the State. Instances of a similar character have occurred in our early wars which illustrate my position. The Battle of Oriskany, which was fought in the Revolutionary War in the valley of the Mohawk, between Rome and Utica, was not more of an encounter than Ridgely or New Ulm, yet it has been characterized as one of the decisive battles of the world because it prevented a junction of the British forces under St. Ledger in the west and Burgoyne in the east and made American independence possible. The State of New York recognized the value of Oriskany just one hundred years after the battle was fought by the erection of a monument to commemorate it. The State of Minnesota has done better by erecting imposing monuments on both the battlefields of Ridgely and New Ulm, the inscriptions on which give a succinct history of the respective events.

The State also presented each of the defenders of Fort Ridgely with a handsome bronze medal, especially struck for the purpose, the presentation of which took place at the time of the dedication of the monument, on the 20th day of August, 1896.

The medal has a picture of the fort on its obverse side, surrounded by the words, "Defender of Fort Ridgely, August 18-27, 1862." Just over the flagstaff, in a scroll, is the legend in Sioux, "Ti-yo-pa-na-ta-ka-pi," which means, "It shut the door against us," referring to the battle having obstructed the further advance of the Indians. This was said by one of the Indians in the attacking party in giving his view of the effect of the repulse, and adopted by the committee having charge of the preparation of the medal, as being appropriate and true. On the reverse side are the words, "Presented

by the State of Minnesota to," encircled by a wreath of moccasin flowers, which is the flower of the State.

The State has also placed monuments at Birch Coulie, Camp Release and Acton. I regret to be compelled to say that a majority of the committee having charge of the building of the Birch Coulie monument so far failed in the performance of their duties as to the location of the monument and formulating its inscriptions that the Legislature felt compelled to pass an act to correct their errors. The correction has not yet been made, but in the cause of true history it is to be hoped that it will be in the near future. The State also erected a handsome monument in the cemetery of Fort Ridgely to Captain Marsh and the twenty-three men of his company that were killed at the ferry near the Lower Sioux agency on August 18, 1862, and by special act passed long after, at the request of old settlers, added the name of Peter Quinn, the interpreter who was killed at the same time and place. The State also built a monument in the same cemetery in remembrance of the wife of Dr. Muller, the post surgeon at Ridgely during the siege, on account of the valuable services rendered by her in nursing the wounded soldiers.

A LONG PERIOD OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

After the stirring events of the Civil and Indian Wars, Minnesota resumed its peaceful ways and continued to grow and prosper for a long series of years, excepting the period from 1873 to 1876, when it was afflicted with the plague of grasshoppers. Possessed of the many advantages that nature has bestowed upon it, there was nothing else for it to do. The State, as far as it was then developed, was exclusively agricultural, and wheat was its staple production, although almost every character of grain and vegetable can be produced in exceptional abundance. Potatoes of the first quality were among its earliest exports, but that crop is not sufficiently valuable or port-

able to enter extensively into the catalogue of its productions beyond the needs of domestic use.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PROCESS OF MILLING WHEAT.

The wheat raised in Minnesota was and always has been of the spring variety, and up to about the year 1871 was regarded in the markets of the world as an inferior article of grain when compared with the winter wheat of States further south; and the flour made from it was also looked upon as of much less value than its competitor made from winter wheat. The State labored under this disability in realizing upon its chief product for many years, both in the wheat and the flour made from it. Many mills were erected at the Falls of St. Anthony with a very great output of flour, which, with the lumber manufactured at that point, composed the chief exports of the State. The process of grinding wheat was the old style, of an upper and nether millstone, which left the flour of darker color, less nutritious and less desirable than that from the winter wheat made in the same way. About the year 1871 it was discovered that a new process of manufacturing flour was in operation on the Danube and at Budapesth. Mr. George H. Christian, a partner of Gen. C. C. Washburn, in the milling business at Minneapolis, studied the invention, which consisted of crushing the wheat by means of rollers made of steel or porcelain, instead of grinding it, as of old, to which the French had added a new process of eliminating the bran spees from the crushed product by means of a flat oscillating screen or bolt with an upward blast of air through it, upon which the crushed product was placed and cleansed of all bran impurities. In 1871 Gen. C. C. Washburn and Mr. Christian introduced this French invention into their mills in Minneapolis, and derived from it great advantage in the appearance and value of their flour. This was called a "middlings purifier." In 1871 they introduced the roller crushing process, and the result was that the hard spring wheat returned a flour superior to the product

of the winter wheat and placed Minnesota upon more than an equality with the best flour-producing States in the Union. This process has been universally adopted throughout the United States in all milling localities with great advantage to that industry.

It is a rather curious fact that as all our milling knowledge was originally inherited from England, which country is very sluggish in the adoption of new methods, that it was not until our improved flour reached that country that the English millers accepted the new method and have since acted upon it. It is a case of the pupil instructing his preceptor.

I regard the introduction of these improvements in the manufacture of flour into this State as of prime importance to its growth and increase of wealth and strength. It is estimated by the best judges that the value of our spring wheat was increased at least twenty per cent by their adoption, and when we consider that the State produced, in 1898, 78,418,000 bushels of wheat, its magnitude can be better appreciated. It formerly required five bushels of wheat to make a barrel of flour; under the new process it only takes four bushels and seven pounds to make a barrel of the same weight, 196 pounds.

The only record that is kept of flour in Minnesota is for the two points of Minneapolis and the head of the lakes; the latter includes Duluth and Superior in Wisconsin. The output of Minneapolis for the crop year of 1898-9 was 15,164,881 barrels, and for Duluth-Superior for the same period, 2,637,035 barrels. The estimate for the whole State is 25,000,000 barrels. These figures are taken from the *Northwestern Miller*, a reliable publication in Minneapolis.

The credit of having introduced the Hungarian and French processes into Minnesota is due primarily to the late Gen. C. C. Washburn of La Crosse, Wisconsin, who was greatly aided by his partner at the time, Mr. George H. Christian of Minneapolis.

While I am convinced that the credit of first having introduced these valuable inventions into Minnesota belongs to Gen. C. C. Washburn and his partner, Mr. George H. Christian, I am in justice bound to add that Gov. John S. Pills-

bury and the late Mr. Charles A. Pillsbury, who were large and enterprising millers at Minneapolis, owning the Excelsior Mills, immediately after its introduction adopted the process and put it into their mills, and by employing American skilled millers to set up and operate their machinery, succeeded in securing the first absolutely perfect automatic mill of the new kind in the country; General Washburn having imported Hungarian millers to start and operate his experimental mills, found himself somewhat handicapped by their inefficiency and sluggishness in adopting American ways and customs.

THE DISCOVERY OF IRON.

From the earliest days of the Territory the people had predicted the growth of cities at several points; at St. Paul, because it was the head of navigation of the Mississippi river; at St. Anthony, on account of its great water power; at Superior, as being the head of navigation of the Great Lake System, and at Mankato, from its location at the great bend of the Minnesota river. It must be remembered that when these prophecies were made, Minneapolis and Duluth had no existence, and Superior was the natural outlet of the St. Louis river into Lake Superior; and had its land titles not been so complicated when the railroad from St. Paul to the head of the lakes was projected, there is no doubt Superior would have been the terminus of the road. However it was found to be almost impossible to procure title to any land in Superior on account of its having been sold by the proprietors in undivided interests to parties all over the country, and it was situated in Wisconsin. The railroad people, accordingly, procured the charter of the company to make its northern terminus on the Minnesota side of the harbor, where Duluth now stands, and founded that town as the terminus of the road. Some years after, Minnesota Point was cut by a canal at its base or shore end, and the entrance to the harbor changed from its natural inlet around the end of the point to this canal. This improvement has proved to be of

vast importance to the city of Duluth and to the shipping interests of the State, as the natural entrance was difficult and dangerous.

Duluth increased in importance from year to year by reason of the natural advantages of its situation as the outlet of much of the exports of the State, and the inlet of a large portion of its imports. As railroads progressed, it became connected with the wheat producing areas of the State, which resulted in the erection of elevators for the shipment of wheat and mills to grind it. As nearly all the coal consumed in the State came in by the gateway of Duluth, immense coal docks were constructed with all the modern inventions for unloading it from ships and loading it on cars for distribution. Duluth soon attained metropolitan proportions. About the year 1870 Mr. George C. Stone became a resident of the city and engaged in business.

In 1873 Jay Cooke, who had been an important factor in the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad, failed, which was a serious blow to Duluth. Mr. Stone had given his attention largely to the investigation of the mineral resources of the Lake Superior region in Minnesota, and had become convinced of the presence of large beds of iron ore in its north-eastern portion, now known as the Vermillion range. When he first made known his discovery the location of the ore was so remote from civilization that he found it difficult to interest any one in his enterprise. Few shared his faith, but undismayed by lack of support he undertook with steady persistence the task of securing the capital necessary to develop what he was convinced was a great natural wealth producing field. Comparatively alone, and with little encouragement at home, he visited the money centers of the country and assiduously labored to induce men of capital to embark in the enterprise, but found it to be uphill work.

The first men whose support he secured were Charlemagne Tower, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and Samuel A. Munson, of Utica, New York, both men of education and great wealth. They became sufficiently interested to secure a proper test of the matter. Professor Chester,

of Hamilton College, was sent out on two occasions. Mr. Munson died, and after the lapse of a few years Charlemagne Tower, then a resident of Philadelphia, undertook and did furnish the necessary funds to make the development, which involved the expense of four million dollars to build a railroad eighty miles in length, with docks and other operating facilities.

The railroad was opened in July, 1884, and there was shipped that season 62,124 tons of ore, and in 1885 the shipment reach 225,000 tons. In 1886, 304,000 tons; in 1887, 394,000 tons; in 1888, 512,000 tons. The output of the iron mines at and about the head of the lakes had by 1898 grown to the enormous quantity of 5,871,801 tons. The grade of the ore is the highest in the market. This product is one of the most important in the State and seems destined to expand indefinitely.

No better idea of the growth and importance of Duluth, and, in the same connection, the advance of the State, since the War, can be presented than by a statement of a few aggregates of different industries centered at the head of the lakes. The most recent record obtainable is for the year 1898. For example:

Lumber cut, 544,318,000 feet.
 Coal received, 2,500,000 tons.
 Number of vessels arrived and cleared, 12,150.
 Wheat received, and flour as wheat, 82,118,129 bushels.
 Other grain, 19,428,622 bushels.
 Flour manufactured, 2,460,025 barrels.
 Capacity of elevators, 24,650,000 bushels.
 Capacity of flour mills per day, 22,000 barrels.

Many other statistics could be given, but the above are sufficient to show the unexampled growth of the State in that vicinity.

COMMERCE THROUGH THE ST. MARY'S FALLS CANAL.

Another very interesting and instructive element in considering the growth of Minnesota is the commerce passing through the St. Mary's

Canal, which connects Lake Superior with Lakes Huron and Michigan, the greater part of which is supplied by Minnesota. No record of the number of sailing vessels or steamers passing through the canal was kept until the year 1864. During that year there were 1,045 sailing vessels and 366 steamers. The last report for the year 1898 shows an increase of sailing vessels to 4,149 and of steamers to 12,461. The first record of the amount of freight passing the canal, which was opened in 1881, showed an aggregate of 1,567,741 net tons of all kinds of freight. In 1898 it had grown to the enormous sum of 21,234,661 tons. These figures, like distances in astronomical calculations, require a special mental effort to fully comprehend them. An incident occurred in September, 1899, in connection with this canal traffic, that assists in understanding its immense proportions. By an accident to a steamer the channel of the river was blocked for a short time, until she could be removed, during which time a procession of waiting steamers was formed forty miles in length.

I have been unable to obtain any reliable figures with which to present a contrast between the commerce of this canal and that of the Suez, connecting the Mediterranean with the Red Sea, but it is generally estimated that the St. Mary's largely exceeds the Suez, although the commerce of the world with the Orient and Australia largely passes through the latter.

AGRICULTURE.

In the early days of Minnesota its agricultural population was largely centered in the southeastern portion of the State. The soil was exceptionally fertile and produced wheat in unusual abundance. The Western farmer of early days was a careless cultivator, thinking more of the immediate results than permanent preservation of his land. Even if he was of the conservative old New England stock the generous soil of the West, the freedom from social restraint, and the lessened labors of the farm, led him into more happy-go-lucky methods than he had been accustomed to in the East.

It was Mark Twain who once said that if you plant a New England deacon in Texas you will find him in about a year with a game chicken under his arm, riding a mule on Sunday to a cock-fight. When farms were opened in the southeastern counties of Minnesota it was not an unusual thing to be rewarded with a crop of from thirty to forty bushels of wheat to the acre. The process of cultivation was simple and required scarcely any capital, so it was natural that the first comers should confine their efforts to the one product of wheat. They did so, regardless of the fact that the best soil will become exhausted unless reinforced. They became accustomed to think that land could always be had for the taking, and in twenty or twenty-five years the goose that laid the golden eggs died, and six or eight bushels were all they could extract from their lands. About 1877 or 1878 they practically abandoned the culture of wheat and tried corn and hogs. This was an improvement, but not a great success. Many of the farmers of the pioneering and roving class sold out and went West for fresh lands.

DAIRYING.

About this time the dairy business had become quite profitable in Iowa, and the Minnesota farmers turned their attention to that branch of industry. Their lands were excellent for pasturing purposes and hay raising. They began in a small way with cows and butter making, but from lack of experience and knowledge of the business their progress was slow; however, it improved from year to year and now, in the year 1899, it has become one of the most important, successful and profitable industries in the State, and the farmers of Southern Minnesota constitute the most independent and well-to-do class of all our citizens. It was not very long ago when a mortgage was an essential feature of a Minnesota farm, but they have nearly all been paid off, and the farmer of Southern Minnesota is found in the ranks of the stockholders and depositors of the banks, and if he has anything to do with mortgages he is found on the winning side of

that dangerous instrument. A brief statement of the facts connected with the dairy business will demonstrate its magnitude. There are in the State at the present time:

Creameries, about 700.
 Creamery patrons, 55,000.
 Capital invested, \$3,000,000.
 Cows supplying milk, 410,000.
 Pounds of milk received (1898), 1,400,000,000.
 Pounds of butter made (1898), 63,000,000.
 Pounds of butter exported, 50,000,000.
 Gross receipts (1898), \$10,400,000.
 Operating expenses (1898), \$1,100,000.
 Paid to patrons, \$8,600,000.

Since 1884 Minnesota butter has been exhibited in competition with similar products from all the States in the Union and the butter-making countries of the world at all the principal fairs and expositions that have been held in the United States, and has taken more prizes than any other State or country. And its cheese has kept pace with its butter. There are in the State in active operation ninety-four cheese factories. This industry is constantly on the increase, and Minnesota is certainly destined to surpass every other State in the Union in this department of agriculture.

While this new and valuable branch of industry was gradually superseding that of wheat in Southern Minnesota, the latter was not being extinguished by any means, but simply changing its habitat. About the time that wheat culture became unprofitable in Southern Minnesota, the valley of the Red River of the North began to attract attention, and it was at once discovered that it was the garden of the world for wheat culture. An intelligent and experienced farmer, Mr. Oliver Dalrymple, may be said to have been the pioneer of that enterprise. Lands in the valley were cheap, and he succeeded in gaining control of immense tracts and unlimited capital for their development. He opened these lands up to wheat culture and gave to the world a new feature in agriculture, which acquired the name of the "Bonanza Farm." Some of these farms embraced sixty and seventy thousand acres of land and were divided by roads on the section lines. They were supplied with all the buildings

necessary for the accommodation of the army of superintendents and employees that operated them; also granaries and buildings for housing machinery; slaughter houses to provision the operatives, telephone systems to facilitate communication between distant points, and every other auxiliary to perfect an economic management. These great farms, of course, produced wheat at more reduced rates than could the lesser ones, but did not materially interfere with wheat production by the smaller farmers, as the output of 1898 of nearly 79,000,000 bushels sufficiently proves. There seems to be no need of apprehension about the lands of the Red river valley becoming exhausted, as they appear to be as enduring as those in the valley of the Nile.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND ITS SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE.

The University of Minnesota, for the establishment of which the United States donated to the State nearly 100,000 acres of land, and the agricultural college, which was similarly endowed, have been consolidated, and both have long been in successful operation. The University proper opened its doors for the admission of students about the year 1869, and has since attained such proportions as to entitle it to a place among the leading educational institutions of the United States; its roll of students for the last college year numbered over three thousand. Its curriculum embraces all studies generally taught in the colleges of this country, professional and otherwise. The state of efficiency and high standing of the University of Minnesota is largely attributable to the work of its president, Hon. Cyrus Northrop, a graduate of Yale, who had attained eminence in the educational world before being called to the university.

The School of Agriculture is of the highest importance to the welfare of the State. Its influence will soon remove one chief industry from dependence on the crude methods of the uneducated Western farmer, and place it upon a basis of scientific operation and man-

agement. Every branch of the art of farming is taught in this institution, from a knowledge of the chemical properties of the soil and its adaptation to the different vegetable growths, to the scientific breeding and economical feeding of stock. Much of the success in the dairy branch of farming is the direct result of knowledge gained at this school. It is well patronized by the young men of the State who intend to devote themselves to agriculture as a profession. Quite recently a new department has been added to the institution for the instruction of women in all that pertains to the proper education of the mistress of the farm. It goes without saying that when Minnesota farming is brought under the management and control of men and women of scientific and practical education in that particular line, there will be a revolution for the better.

The methods of instruction in this school are not merely theoretical. It possesses three experimental farms for the practical illustration and application of its teachings, the principal one of which is situated at St. Anthony Park, and the other two respectively at Crookston and Grand Rapids. Work is also done in an experimental way in Lyon county, but the State does not own the station.

THE MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

This society dates its corporate existence from the year 1868, although for many years previous to that date, even back to the Territorial days, a society had been in existence covering the main features of this organization. In 1867 the State recognized this society by appropriating one thousand dollars for its encouragement. Its object was the promotion of agriculture, horticulture and the mechanic's arts. The society held annual fairs in different localities in the State, with varying success, until 1885. The county of Ramsey then offered to convey to the State of Minnesota, forever, two hundred acres of land adjoining the city limits of St. Paul, for the purpose of holding

annual exhibitions thereon, under the management of the society, of all matters pertaining to agriculture, human art, industry or skill. The State met this munificent donation with the same liberal spirit that characterized the offer, and appropriated \$100,000 for permanent improvements.

The board of managers proceeded immediately to erect the necessary buildings for the first exhibition, but found the appropriation inadequate by about \$32,000, which was readily supplied by public-spirited citizens of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The State, being again appealed to in 1887, made a further appropriation of \$50,000.

In 1887 the society was reorganized by act of the Legislature and its membership designated and made to consist of the following persons:

First. Three delegates from each of the county and district agricultural societies.

Second. Honorary life members, who by reason of eminent services in agriculture, or in the arts and sciences connected therewith, or of long and faithful services in the society, or of benefits conferred upon it.

Third. The president ex-officio of the Horticultural Society, the Amber Cane Society, the State Dairymen's Association, the Southern Minnesota Fair Association, the State Poultry Association, the State Bee-Keeper's Association, and the president and secretary of the Farmer's Alliance.

Fourth. The president of any society having for its object the promotion of any branch of agriculture, stock raising or improving, or mechanics relating to agriculture.

By this selection of membership it will be seen that the society is composed of the leading agriculturists of the State. It holds annual meetings in St. Paul for the transaction of its business. The State appropriates four thousand dollars annually to aid in the payment of premiums to exhibitors.

The society is in a prosperous condition and holds annual fairs in the month of September on its grounds, which have been extensively improved. Each year there is a marked increase in the magnitude and variety of exhibits and extended interest and attendance. Its financial statement for the year 1898 was: Receipts, \$62,523.70; expenditures, \$56,850.83. It has just closed its fair for the year 1899, which in extent and perfection of its exhibits

and financial results surpassed any of its previous attempts.

There are in the State the following named societies all more or less connected with agriculture, and all in flourishing condition:

The State Horticultural Society.

The State Forestry Association.

The Dairymen's Association.

The State Butter and Cheese Maker's Association.

The State Farmer's Institute.

The State Poultry Association.

The State Bee Keeper's Association.

And perhaps others.

These associations have done much in the promotion of the agricultural interests of the State, and by their intelligent guidance will no doubt soon make it the leading agricultural State in the Union.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

In the 1887 it became apparent that the Civil War and the Minnesota Indian War had left a large number of soldiers of the State in dependent circumstances from old age, wounds and other disabling causes. The State, recognizing its obligation to these men, determined to provide a home for their comfort and maintenance. By an act of the Legislature, passed March 2, of that year, provision was made for the purchase of a site and the erection of suitable buildings for that purpose. The act provided for bids for the purpose of a site, and also authorized the acceptance of donations for that purpose. Minneapolis responded handsomely by offering fifty-one acres of its beautiful Minnehaha Park as a donation. It was accepted, and is one of the most beautiful and picturesque locations that could have been found in the State, being near the Mississippi river and the Falls of Minnehaha. The beginning of the home was small, one old house being used for the first six months, and then from year to year handsome and commodious brick houses were erected, until the home became adequate to accommodate all those who were entitled to its hospitality. The conditions of admission are, residence in Minnesota, service in the Mexican War, or in some Minnesota

organization in the Civil or Indian war, honorable discharge, and indigent circumstances. As there are no accommodations for the wives and families of the old soldiers and sailors at the home, provision is made for relief being furnished to married soldiers at their own homes, so as to prevent the separation of families. There were in the home at the date of the last report, August 3, 1899, three hundred and sixty-two beneficiaries. The home is conducted by a board of trustees consisting of seven members, whose election is so arranged that they serve for six years. This beneficent establishment is to be commended as an evidence of the generosity and patriotism of the State.

OTHER STATE INSTITUTIONS.

I have been somewhat explicit in mentioning the institutions of the State which are connected with its prominent and permanent industry—agriculture; but it must not be supposed that it has not provided for the many other interests that require regulation and control to constitute a perfectly organized State government. There are, besides those I have mentioned:

Four Normal Schools, located at Winona, Mankato, St. Cloud and Moorhead, all devoted to the education of teachers.

State High and Graded Schools all over the State.

State Board of Corrections and Charities.

State Hospitals for the Insane, of which there are three, located as follows: One at St. Peter, one at Rochester, and one at Fergus Falls, and a fourth in contemplation.

According to the latest report these hospitals contained 3,302 patients, as follows: St. Peter, 1,045; Rochester, 1,196; and Fergus Falls 1,061. For a small new State, this showing would seem alarming and indicate that a very large percentage of the population was insane, and that the rest were preparing to become so. The truth is, that a case of insanity originating in Minnesota is quite as exceptional and rare as other diseases, and can usually be accounted for by some self-abuse of the patient. The population is drawn from

such diverse sources, and the intermarriages are crossed upon so many different nationalities, that hereditary insanity ought to be almost unknown. The climate and the general pursuits of the people all militate against the prevalence of the malady.

The explanation of the existence of the numerous cases is, as I am informed by the very highest authority on the subject, that in nearly all European countries it has become the habit of families afflicted with insanity to export their unfortunates to America as soon as any symptoms appear, and thus provide for them for the rest of their lives. I cannot say that the governments whence these people emigrate participate in the fraud, but it is not reasonable to suppose that they would interpose any serious objections, even should they have knowledge of the fact. A comparison of the nationalities of the patients found in these hospitals with the American element, given by the census of the State, proves my statement, and an inquiry of the medical authorities of these institutions will place the question beyond doubt.

MINNESOTA INSTITUTE FOR DEFECTIVES.

There are also State schools for the deaf, dumb, blind and the feeble-minded. These institutions are all located at Faribault in Rice county, and each has a very handsome, commodious and in every way suitable building, where these unfortunates are instructed in every branch of learning and industry of which they are capable. During the last two years there have been enrolled two hundred and seventy-five deaf and dumb children in the school especially devoted to them, where they receive the best education that science and experience can provide. This school has already been instrumental in preparing hundreds of deaf and mute youth to be useful and intelligent citizens of the State, and year by year a few are graduated, well prepared to take their places beside the hearing and speaking youth who leave the public schools. About one-third of the time is devoted to manual training.

The school for the blind is entirely separate from that of the deaf and dumb, and is equipped with all the appliances of a modern special school of this character. It makes a specialty of musical instruction and industrial training, such as broom-making, hammock weaving, bead work and sewing.

The course of study embraces a period of seven years, beginning with the kindergarten and ending with the ordinary studies of English classes in the high schools. The school is free to all blind children in the State between the ages of eight and twenty-six, to whom board, care and tuition are furnished. The average number of pupils at this school for the past few years is between seventy and one hundred.

STATE SCHOOL FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

This school is located at Owatonna in Steele county, and is one of the most valuable of all the many establishments which the State has provided for the encouragement of good citizenship. There are eleven buildings, which comprise all the agencies that tend to make abandoned children useful citizens and rescue them from a life of vagrancy and crime. The object of this institution is to provide a temporary home and school for the dependent and neglected children of the State. No child in Minnesota need go without a home if the officers of the several counties do their duty. There is not a semblance of any degrading or criminal feature in the manner of obtaining admittance to this school. Under the law, it is the duty of every county commissioner, when he finds any child dependent or in danger of becoming so, to take steps to send him to this school. The process of admission wisely guards against the separation of parent and child, but keeps in view the ultimate good of the latter. Once admitted, it becomes the child of the State, all other authority over it being canceled. Every child old enough to work has some fitting task assigned to it, to the end of training it mentally, morally and physically for useful citizenship. They are sent from the

school into families wanting them, but this does not deprive them of the watchful care of the State, which, through its agents, visits them in their adopted homes and sees that they are well cared for.

On January 1, 1899, there had been received into the school from seventy-two counties 1,824 children, of whom 1,131 were boys and 693 were girls. Of these, 233 were then in the school, the others having been placed in good homes. It is known that eighty-three per cent of these children had developed into young men and women of good character.

THE MINNESOTA STATE TRAINING SCHOOL.

This Institution was formerly "The Minnesota State Reform School," and was located in St. Paul. In 1895 the Legislature changed its name to "The Minnesota State Training School for Boys and Girls," and its location has been changed to Red Wing, in the county of Goodhue. This institution has to do with criminals, and the statute provides, "That whenever an infant over the age of eight years and under the age of sixteen years shall have been duly convicted of any crime punishable with imprisonment, except the crime of murder, or shall be convicted of vagrancy or of incorrigibly vicious conduct," the sentence shall be to the guardianship of the board of managers of this school. Here they are given a good common school education and instructed in the trades of cabinet making, carpenter work, tailoring, shoemaking, blacksmithing, printing, farming, gardening, etc.

The inmates are furloughed under proper conditions, but the State watches over them through an agent, who provides homes for the homeless and employment for those who need help.

MINNESOTA STATE REFORMATORY.

This institution was established in 1887 and is located at St. Cloud. It is designed as an

intermediate correctional school between the training school and the State prison, the object being to provide a place for boys and young men from sixteen to thirty years of age, never before convicted of crime, where they may, under as favorable circumstances as possible by discipline and education best adapted to that end, form such habits and character as will prevent their continuing in crime, fit them for self-support, and accomplish their reformation.

The law provides for an indeterminate sentence, allowing of parole when earned by continuous good conduct, and final release when reformation is strongly probable. Honest labor is required every day of each inmate. Almost every occupation and employment is carried on in a practical way, and each inmate is learning to fill some honest place and to do useful work. The workings of this reformatory have been very satisfactory and have undoubtedly rescued many young people from a life of crime.

THE MINNESOTA STATE PRISON.

All prisons where criminals are sent to work out sentences for crimes committed are alike on general principles, and the Minnesota prison, situated at Stillwater, differs only in the fact that it combines in its administration all the modern discoveries of sociological research which tend to ameliorate the condition of the prisoner and fit him for the duties of good citizenship when discharged.

The plant is extensive and thorough. The labor of the prisoners is now devoted to three industries, the manufacture of binding twine, high school scientific apparatus on State account, and the manufacture of boots and shoes.

The discipline and management of the prison is the best. The most advanced principles of penology are in force. Sentences are reduced by good conduct, and everything is done to reform as well as punish the prisoner. A newspaper is published by the convicts and a library of five thousand volumes is furnished for their mental improvement. Nothing known to

modern, social and penal science is omitted from the management.

THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

This society, as I have said before in speaking of the work of the first Territorial Legislature, was organized by that body in 1849, and has been of incalculable value to the State. The officers of the society are a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and a secretary, and it is governed by an executive council of thirty-six members, which embraces the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Auditor and Treasurer of State, and Attorney General as ex-officio members. The State makes an annual appropriation in aid of the society. The executive council meets once a month for the transaction of its business, at which meetings, and at its annual meetings, interesting papers and essays are delivered on historical subjects, which are preserved and, with other matter, are published in handsomely bound volumes when sufficient material is accumulated.

The society, in the manner prescribed in its by-laws, may establish the following separate departments:

- Department of Annals and General History of Minnesota.
- Department of Geology of Minnesota.
- Department of Zoology of Minnesota.
- Department of Botany of Minnesota.
- Department of Meteorology of Minnesota.
- Department of Northwestern Geography and Chartology.
- Department of American History.
- Department of Oriental History.
- Department of European History.
- Department of Genealogy and Heraldry.
- Department of Ethnology and Anthropology.

It has corresponding members all over the world and official connections with nearly all the historical and learned societies of Europe and America, with which it interchanges publications. It has a membership of 142 life and 37 annual members. It may receive donations from any source.

Its property, real and personal, is exempt

from taxation of any kind. It has accumulated a splendid library of about sixty-three thousand volumes of all kinds of historical, genealogical, scientific and general knowledge, all of which are open and free to the public. It also has a gallery of pictures of historical scenes in Minnesota, and portraits of men and women who have been prominent in, or who have contributed to the history or growth of the State, together with an extensive museum of Indian and other curiosities having some relation to Minnesota. One of its most valuable attractions is a newspaper department in which are complete files of all newspapers which have been and are published in the State, except a very few unimportant ones. The number of our State papers, daily, weekly and monthly, received at the beginning of the year 1899 was 421. These papers are all bound in substantial volumes for preservation for the use of future generations. On September 1, 1899, the society had on the shelves of its fire-proof vault 4,250 of these volumes. Its rooms are in the capitol at St. Paul, and are entirely inadequate for its accommodation, but ample space has been allowed it in the new capitol now in the course of construction.

STATE INSTITUTIONS MISCELLANEOUS IN THEIR CHARACTER.

Besides the general State boards and associations having special reference to the leading products of the State, and those of a reformatory and educational character, there are many others, regulating business of various kinds among the inhabitants, all of which are important in their special spheres, but to name them is all I can say about them in my limited space. Their number and the subjects which they regulate shows the care with which the State watches over the welfare of its citizens. I present the following catalogue of the State departments:

- The Insurance Commission.
- The Public Examiner.
- The Dairy Food Commission.
- The Bureau of Labor.

The Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners.

The Board of Game and Fish Commissioners.

The State Law Library.

The State Department of Oil Inspection.

The State Horticultural Society.

The State Forestry Association.

The Minnesota Dairyman's Association.

The State Butter and Cheese Maker's Association.

The State Farmer's Institutes.

The Red River Valley Drainage Commission.

The State Drainage Commission.

The Commission of Statistics.

The State Board of Health and Vital Statistics.

The State Board of Medical Examiners.

The State Board of Pharmacy.

The State Board of Dental Examiners.

The State Board of Examiners in Law.

The Bureau of Public Printing.

The Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty.

The Geological and Natural History Survey.

The State Board of Equalization.

Surveyors of Logs and Lumber.

The Board of Pardons.

The State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation.

The State Board of Investment.

The State Board of Examiners of Barbers.

The State Board of Examiners of Practical Plumbing.

The Horseshoers Board of Examiners.

The Inspection of Steam Boilers.

It is difficult to conceive of any other subject over which the State could assume jurisdiction, and the great number which are embraced already within its supervision, would lead one who is not in touch with our State administration to believe that State paternalism dominated the business industries of the people; but nothing is further from the truth, and no State in the Union is freer from governmental interference in the ordinary channels of industry than Minnesota.

STATE FINANCES.

Since the settlement of the debt created by the old railroad bonds that I have heretofore mentioned, the finances of the State have al-

ways been in excellent condition. When the receipts of an individual or a State exceed expenditures the situation is both satisfactory and safe. At the last report up to July 31, 1898, the receipts of the State from all sources were \$5,429,210.32, and the expenditures were \$5,208,902.05, leaving a balance on the right side of the ledger of \$220,298.27. To the receipts must be added the balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year, of \$2,054,314.26, which left in the treasury on July 31, 1898, the large sum of \$2,184,612.53.

The original indebtedness arising from the adjustment of the State railroad bonds was \$1,659,000.00; other bonds, \$300,000.00. This indebtedness has been reduced by payments to the sum of \$1,475,617.22, on July 31, 1898, the date of the last report. If this debt had matured, it could at once be paid by the funds on hand, leaving the State entirely free from all indebtedness.

The taxable property of the State by last assessment in 1897, including real and personal property, was \$570,598,813.

THE MONETARY AND BUSINESS FLURRY OF 1873 AND PANIC OF 1893.

It has been customary in the United States to expect a disturbance in monetary and business affairs about once in every twenty years, and the expectation has not been disappointed since the panic of 1837. I have described the effect of the panic of 1857 on the Territory and State of Minnesota and the difficulties of recuperating from the shock. The next similar event was not due until 1877, but there is always some special disaster to precipitate such occurrences. In 1857 it was the failure of the Ohio Life and Trust Company, and in 1873 it was the failure of Jay Cooke & Company, of Philadelphia. This house had been very prominent in placing the bonds of the Northern Pacific Railroad company, and in the construction of the road, and was relied upon by many classes of people to invest their money for them, and when their failure was announced its effect in the East was disastrous, but here

in Minnesota it only affected us in a secondary or indirect way, in stopping railroad building and creating general alarm in business circles. We had been diligently at work for sixteen years endeavoring to recuperate from the disaster of 1857 and had, to a great extent, succeeded. Real estate had partially revived, but had not reached the boom feature, and the State was on a sound financial basis. Fortunately we had not recovered sufficiently to become investors in railroad securities to any great extent, and land speculation had not reached its usual twenty years mark. We had, also, on hand a local affliction in the presence of grasshoppers, so that, although it disturbed business generally, it did not succeed in producing bankruptcy, and we soon shook it off.

This periodical financial disturbance has been attributed to various causes. From the regularity of its appearance, it must be the result of some impelling force of a generally similar character. My opinion is that the period of twenty years being the average time of man's business life, the actors of the second period have not the benefit of the experience gained by those of the previous one, and they repeat the same errors that produced the former disasters; but be that as it may, when the period extending from 1873 to 1893 had passed the same result had occurred, and with quite as much force as any of its predecessors. Land speculation had reached the point of absolute insanity. Everybody thought he could become rich if he only bought. Values already ridiculously expanded continued to increase with every sale. Anyone who had money enough to pay down a small amount as earnest, and intelligence enough to sign a note and mortgage for the balance of the purchase price, became purchasers to the limit of their credit. When a party whose credit was questioned needed an endorser, he found many requiring the same assistance who were ready to swap endorsements with him. Everyone became deeply in debt. The country was flooded with paper, which was secured on the impossibility of values continuing. The banks became loaded with alleged securities and when the bubble was strained to the bursting point and some one of supposed finan-

cial soundness was compelled to succumb to the pressure, the veil was lifted which opened the eyes of the community and produced a rush for safety, which induced and was necessarily followed by a general collapse. In 1888 and 1889 banks suspended, money disappeared, and in 1893, in the expressive language of the West, everybody who was in debt, and all stockholders and depositors in defunct banks "went broke." Had the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis been captured by an enemy and a ransom of ten million dollars been demanded for each, paid and carried away, the consequences upon business would not have been worse. It was much the same in all the large cities of the State, as land speculation was more active there than in the rural districts, and no matter what may happen some value always remains to farm lands, while under such a collapse as that of 1893 the greater part of city property becomes utterly valueless for the present, and much of it forever.

There was, however, a great difference between the consequences of 1893 and the previous disasters of 1857 and 1873. Although the disturbance was great, we were better prepared to meet it. Population had increased immensely. The area of civilization and production had kept pace with immigration. Manufactures of many kinds had been introduced, and although we were seriously wounded, our hopes of recovery had solid grounds to rest upon and we were not dismayed. The only remedy in such cases—industry and economy—were applied, through necessity if not from choice, and recovery has been slowly progressing up to the present time—1899—when we may be classed as convalescent.

Will this experience serve to prevent a recurrence of the follies of the past? Most assuredly not. Those who have reaped wisdom will have surrendered the speculative arena to others before the financial cycle rolls around, and history will repeat itself, notwithstanding the State never had a better future outlook than at present. It does not follow that the panic due about 1913 will be caused by over-speculation in real estate. It is more likely

to be produced by the excessive and fraudulent capitalization of all sorts of corporations called trusts, which will, of course, succumb to the first serious blow.

With the exception of the events I have narrated, including the financial troubles of 1873 and 1893, nothing of special importance to the State has happened, except a few occurrences of minor moment.

MINOR HAPPENINGS.

September 5, 1878, President Hayes made a short visit to the State, and delivered an address at the State agricultural fair.

On the 7th of September, 1876, an organized gang of bandits which had been terrorizing the State of Missouri and surrounding States with impunity, entered this State and attacked a bank in the town of Northfield, in Rice county, with the intent of looting it. The cashier, Mr. Haywood, resisted, and they shot him dead. The people of the town hearing of the raid, turned out and opened fire on the robbers, who fled, with the loss of one killed. In their flight they killed a Swede before they got out of the town. The people of the counties through which their flight led them turned out, and before any of them passed the border of the State two more of them were killed and three captured. Two escaped. The captured were three brothers named Younger, and those who escaped were supposed to be the notorious James brothers of Missouri. The three Younger brothers pleaded guilty to a charge of murder, and, on account of a peculiarity in the law that only allowed the death sentence to be imposed by a jury, they were all sentenced to imprisonment for life; one of them has since died, and the other two remain in prison.

The manner in which this raid was handled by our citizens was of immense value to the State, as it proved a warning to all such desperadoes that Minnesota was a bad field for their operations, and we have had no more trouble from that class of offenders.

In 1877 the Constitution was amended by

providing for biennial instead of annual sessions of the Legislature.

On May 2, 1878, a very singular and disastrous event took place at Minneapolis. Three large flouring mills were blown up by a dust explosion and eighteen men killed. It was inexplicable for a time, but it was afterwards discovered that such explosions had occurred before, and prompt measures were taken to prevent a repetition of the trouble.

On the 15th of November, 1880, a portion of the large insane asylum at St. Peter was destroyed by fire, and eighteen of the inmates were burned and others died of injuries received. The pecuniary loss amounted to \$150,000.

On March 1, 1881, the old capitol burned while the Legislature was in session. That body moved their sittings to the St. Paul Market House, which had just been finished, where they remained until the present capitol building was erected upon the site of the one destroyed.

On the 25th of January, 1884, the State prison at Stillwater was partially burned.

September 14, 1886, St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids were struck by a cyclone. Scores of buildings were destroyed and about seventy of the inhabitants killed.

In the year 1889 the Australian system of voting at elections was introduced in cities of ten thousand inhabitants and over, and in 1892 the system was made general throughout the State.

On the 7th of April, 1893, the Legislature passed an act for the building of a new State capitol in the city of St. Paul, and appointed commissioners to carry out the object. They selected an eligible and conspicuous site between University avenue, Cedar and Wabasha streets, near the head of Wabasha. They adopted for the materials which were to enter into it, granite for the lower and Georgia white marble for the upper stories. The whole cost was not to exceed \$2,000,000. The corner stone of the building was laid July 27, 1898, with appropriate and very imposing ceremonies in the presence of an immense throng of citizens from all parts of the State. Senator

Davis delivered the oration and ex-Governor Alexander Ramsey laid the corner stone. The building has reached the third story, and will be a very beautiful and serviceable structure.

On September 1, 1894, there was a most extensive and disastrous fire in Pine county. Four hundred square miles of territory were burned over by the forest fire; the towns of Hinckley and Sandstone were totally destroyed, and four hundred people burned. The money loss was estimated at \$1,000,000. This disaster was exactly what was needed to awaken the people of the State to the necessity of providing means for the prevention of forest and prairie fires, and the preservation of our forests. Shortly after the Hinckley fire a State convention was held at the Commercial Club in St. Paul, to devise legislation to accomplish this desirable end, which resulted in the passage of an act at the session of the Legislature in 1895 entitled, "An act for the preservation of forests of this State, and for the prevention and suppression of forest and prairie fires." Under this act the State Auditor was made the Forest Commissioner of the State, with authority to appoint a Chief Fire Warden. The supervisors of towns, mayors of cities and presidents of village councils were made fire wardens of their respective local jurisdictions, and the machinery for the prevention of fires was put in motion that is of immense value to the State. The Forest Commissioner appointed Gen. C. C. Andrews Chief Fire Warden, one of the best equipped men in the State for the position, and no serious trouble has since occurred in the way of fires.

On the 9th of February, 1887, the Minnesota Historical Society passed a resolution declaring that the pretenses made by Capt. Willard Glazier, to having been the discoverer of the source of the Mississippi river, were false, and very little has been heard from him since.

On the 10th of October, 1887, President Cleveland visited the State and made a short stay.

This enumeration of passing events looks a little like a catalogue of disasters (except the building of the new capitol and the visit of Presidents Hayes and Cleveland), but it must be

remembered that Minnesota is such an empire in itself that such happenings scarcely produce a ripple on the surface of its steady and continuous progress. It is because these events can be particularized and described that they assume proportions beyond their real importance; but when compared with the colossal advances made by the State during the period covering them, they dwindle into mere points of educational experience, to be guarded against in the future. While the many blessings showered upon the State, consisting of the health and wealth imparting sunshine, the refreshing and fructifying rains and dews of heaven, which, like the smiles of providence, and the life-sustaining air that surrounds us, are too intangible and indefinable for more than thankful recognition; our tribulations were really blessings in disguise. The bold invasion of the robbers proved our courage; the storms and fires proved our generosity to the distressed, and taught us lessons in the wisdom of prevention. Minnesota has as much to be thankful for and as little to regret as any State in the West, and our troubles only prove that we have a very robust vitality, difficult to permanently impair.

THE WAR WITH SPAIN.

For many years there has been a growing sentiment in the United States that Spain was governing Cuba and her other West Indian colonies in an oppressive and unjust manner, and the desire to interfere in behalf of the Cuban people received a good deal of encouragement, and its unrestrained expression succeeded in creating very strained relations between Spain and the United States. It is a well known fact that the Spanish people from the north line of Mexico to Cape Horn, as well as the inhabitants of the Spanish Islands, hate the Americans most heartily. Why, I do not know, except that our social, governmental and religious habits, customs and beliefs are radically different from their own—but that such is the case no one doubts who knows these people. In 1897 some effort at conciliation

was made, and Spain sent one of her warships to New York on a friendly visit, but she did not stay long, and got away as soon as she decently could. The United States sent the battleship *Maine* to Havana on the same friendly mission, where she was officially conveyed to her anchorage. She had been there but a short time when she was blown up, on February 15, 1898, and two hundred and sixty American seamen murdered. There was an official investigation to determine the cause of the explosion, but it found no solution of the disaster. Various theories were advanced of internal spontaneous explosion, but no one was misled. The general sentiment of Americans was, that the Spanish in Cuba deliberately exploded a submarine torpedo under her to accomplish the result that followed. Previous to this cowardly act there was much difference of opinion among the people of all sections of the country as to the propriety of declaring war against Spain, but public sentiment was at once unified in favor of war on the announcement of this outrage. On the 25th of April, 1898, Congress passed an act declaring that war against Spain had existed since the 21st of the same month. A requisition was made on Minnesota for its quota of troops immediately after war was declared, and late in the afternoon of the 28th of April the Governor issued an order to the Adjutant General to assemble the State troops at St. Paul. The Adjutant General, on the 29th, issued the following order by telegraph to the different commands:

"The First, Second and Third regiments of infantry are hereby ordered to report at St. Paul on Friday morning, April 29, 1898, not later than eleven o'clock, with one day's cooked rations in their haversacks."

The order was promptly obeyed and all the field staff and company officers, with their commands, reported before the time appointed, and on the afternoon of that day went into camp at the State fair grounds, which was named Camp Ramsey. Such promptness on the part of the State militia was remarkable, but it will be seen that they had been prepared

for the order of the Adjutant General before its final issue, who had anticipated the declaration of war.

On April 18th he had issued the following order:

"The commanding officers of the infantry companies, and artillery batteries, composing the National Guard, will immediately take steps to recruit their commands up to one hundred men each. All recruits above the maximum peace footing of seventy-six men will be carried upon the muster roll as provisional recruits, to be discharged in case their services are not needed for field service."

On the 25th of April the Adjutant General issued the following order:

"In obedience to orders this day received from the Honorable Secretary of War, calling upon the State of Minnesota for three regiments of infantry as volunteers of the United States to serve two years or less, and as the three National Guard regiments have signified their desire of entering the service of the United States as volunteers, the First, Second and Third regiments of infantry of the National Guard of the State of Minnesota will immediately make preparations to report to these headquarters upon receipt of telegraphic orders which will be issued later."

This commendable action on the part of our military authorities resulted in the Minnesota troops being the first to be mustered into the service of the United States in the war with Spain, thus repeating the proud distinction gained by the State in 1861, when Minnesota was the first State to offer troops for the defense of the Union in the Civil War. It is a curious, as well as interesting coincidence, that the First Minnesota regiment for the Civil War was mustered in on April 29, 1861, and the first three regiments for the Spanish War were mobilized at St. Paul on April 29, 1898.

The mustering in of the three regiments was completed on the 8th of May, 1898, and they were designated as the Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Regiments of Infantry, Minnesota Volunteers. This classification was made because the State had furnished eleven full regiments of infantry for the Civil War, and it was decided to number them consecutively.

The Twelfth and Fourteenth left Camp Ramsey on the 16th of May for Camp George H. Thomas, in Georgia, and the Thirteenth departed for San Francisco on the same day. The Thirteenth was afterwards ordered to Manila. The others did not leave the country and were subsequently mustered out. The Thirteenth did gallant service in the Philippines in many battles, and has just been mustered out in San Francisco, and on October 12, 1899, returned to our State. A warm welcome was given them in Minnesota, where they will always be regarded with the same pride and affection formerly bestowed upon the old First, of patriotic memory.

President McKinley and several of his cabinet arrived in St. Paul at the same time of the arrival of the Thirteenth, and assisted in welcoming them to their homes.

There was a second call for troops, under which the Fifteenth Regiment was mustered in, but was not called upon for active duty of any kind. It is to be hoped that the war may be ended without the need of more volunteers from Minnesota, but should another call be made on our people, no doubt can be entertained of their prompt response. Having given the part taken in the war against Spain and the Philippines by Minnesota, its further prosecution against the latter becomes purely a Federal matter, unless we shall be called into it in the future.

When Spain sued for peace, soon after the destruction of her second fleet off Santiago de Cuba, a commission to negotiate a treaty of peace with her was appointed by the President, and Minnesota was honored by the selection of its Senior Senator, Hon. Cushman K. Davis, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, as one of its members. The commission consisted of William R. Day, Secretary of State of the United States; Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota; William P. Frye, of Maine; George Gray, of Delaware, and White-law Reid, of New York. It met at Paris and concluded its labors the 40th day of December, 1898, when the treaty was signed by the commissioners of both contracting parties. It is hardly necessary to add that the influence ex-

erted on the result by the distinguished and learned representative from Minnesota was controlling.

THE INDIAN BATTLE OF LEECH LAKE.

Early in October, 1898, there was an Indian battle fought at Leech Lake, in this State, the magnitude of the result of which gives it a place in the history of Minnesota, although it was strictly a matter of United States cognizance and jurisdiction. In Cass county is located a Chippewa Indian reservation, and, like all other Indian reservations, there are within its limits turbulent people, both white and red. There is a large island out in Leech lake called Bear island, which is inhabited by the Indians. On October 1, 1897, one Indian shot another on this island. A prominent member of the tribe, named Png-on-a-ke-shig, was present and witnessed the shooting. An indictment was found in the United States District Court against the Indian who did the shooting, but before any trial could be had the matter was settled among the Indians in their own way, and they thought that was the last of it. A subpoena was issued for Png-on-a-ke-shig, and a deputy marshal served it. He disregarded the subpoena. An attachment was then issued to arrest him and bring him into court, and a deputy United States marshal tried to serve it. He was resisted by the Indian and his friends on three different occasions, and once when the Indian was arrested he was rescued from the custody of the marshal. Warrants were then issued for the arrest of twenty-one of the rescuers. This was in the latter part of August, 1898. Troops were asked for to aid the marshal in making his arrests, and a lieutenant and twenty men were sent from Fort Snelling for that purpose. This was simply a repetition of the many mistakes made by the military authorities in such matters. If troops were necessary for any purpose, twenty men were simply useless, and worse than none, and when the time came for the application of military force would, of course, have been annihilated. The United States marshal with a squad

of deputies accompanied the troops. It soon became apparent that there would be trouble before the Indians could be brought to terms, and General Bacon, the officer in command of the Department of Dakota, with headquarters at St. Paul, ordered Major Wilkinson, of Company E, of the Third Regiment of United States Infantry, stationed at Fort Snelling, with his company of eighty men, to the scene of the trouble. General Bacon accompanied these troops as far as Walker, on the west bank of Leech lake, more in the capacity of an observer of events and to gain proper knowledge of the situation than as part of the forces. On the 5th of October, 1898, the whole force left Walker in boats for a place on the east bank of the lake, called Sugar Point, where there was a clearing of several acres, and a log house occupied by Pug-on-a-ke-shig. They were accompanied by R. T. O'Connor, the United States marshal of Minnesota, and several of his deputies, among whom was Col. Timothy J. Sheehan, who knew the Indians who were subject to arrest. This officer was the same man who, as Lieutenant Sheehan, had so successfully commanded the forces at Fort Ridgely during the Indian War of 1862, since when he had fought his way through the Civil War with distinction. When the command landed, only a few squaws and Indians were visible. The deputy marshals landed and, with the interpreters, went at once to the house, and while there discovered an Indian whom Colonel Sheehan recognized as one for whom a warrant was out, and immediately attempted to arrest and handcuff him. The Indian resisted vigorously, and it was only with the aid of three or four soldiers that they succeeded in arresting him. He was put on board of the boat. The whole force then skirmished through the timber in search of Indians, but found none, and about noon returned to the clearing and were ordered to stack arms preparatory to getting dinner. They had scouted the surrounding country and had seen no Indians or signs of Indians, and did not believe there were any in the vicinity; when in fact the Indians had carefully watched their every movement, and were close to their trail, waiting for the most advan-

tageous moment to strike. It was the same tactics which the Indians have so often adopted with much success in their warfare with the whites. While stacking arms a new recruit allowed his gun to fall to the ground, and it was discharged accidentally. The Indians, who were silently awaiting their opportunity, supposing it was the signal of attack, opened fire on the troops, and a vicious battle began. The soldiers seized their arms and returned the fire as best they could, directing it at the points whence came the shots from the invisible enemy concealed in the dense thicket. The battle raged for several hours. General Bacon, with a gun in his hands, was everywhere, encouraging the men. Major Wilkinson, as cool as if he had been in a drawing room, cheered his men on, but was thrice wounded, the last hit proving fatal. Colonel Sheehan instinctively entered the fight, and took charge of the right wing of the line, charging the enemy with a few followers and keeping up a rapid fire. The Colonel was hit three times, two bullets passing through his clothes, grazing the skin, without serious injury, and one cutting a painful, but not dangerous wound across his stomach. The result of the fight was six killed and nine wounded on the part of the troops. One of the Indian police was also killed and seven citizens wounded, some seriously. No estimate has ever been satisfactorily obtained of the loss of the enemy. The most reliable account of the number of his forces engaged is, from nineteen to thirty, and if I should venture an estimate of his losses, based upon my experience of his ability to select a vantage ground, and take care of himself, I would put it at practically nothing.

The killed and wounded were brought to Fort Snelling, the killed buried with military honors and the wounded properly cared for. This event adds one more to the long list of fatal errors committed by our military forces in dealing with the Indians of the Northwest. They should never be attacked without a force sufficient to demonstrate the superiority of the whites in all cases and under all circumstances. Many a valuable life has been thus unnecessarily lost.

Major Wilkinson, who lost his life in this encounter, was a man who had earned an enviable record in the army, and was much beloved by his many friends and acquaintances in Minnesota.

The principal Indian engaged in this fight has been called in every newspaper and other report of it "Bug-a-ma-ge-shig," but I have succeeded in obtaining his real name from the highest authority. The name—Pug-on-a-ke-shig—is the Chippewa for Hole-in-the-day.

Shortly after the return of the troops to Fort Snelling the settlers about Cass and Leech lakes became uneasy, and deluged the Governor with telegrams for protection. The National Guard or State Troops had nearly all been mustered into the United States service for duty in the war with Spain, but the Fourteenth Regiment was in St. Paul awaiting muster out, and the Governor telegraphed to the War Department at Washington to send enough of them to the front to quiet the fears of the settlers. This was declined, and the Governor at once ordered out two batteries of artillery, all the State troops that were available, and sent them to the scene of the troubles, and then sent his celebrated telegram to the War Department, which may be called the Minnesota Declaration of Independence. It ran as follows:

"October 8, 1898.

H. C. Corbin,

Adjutant General,

Washington, D. C.

No one claims that reinforcements are needed at Walker. I have not been asked for assistance from that quarter. Although I do not think General Bacon has won the victory he claims, other people do not say so. (Sic.) The Indians claim to have won, and that is my opinion. The people all along the Fosston branch of railroad are very much alarmed and asking for protection, which I have asked of the War Department. The soldiers are here and ready and willing to go, but as you have revoked your order of yesterday, you can do what you like with your soldiers. The State of Minnesota will try to get along without any assistance from the War Department in the future.

D. M. Clough, Governor."

Rumor says that the telegram which was forwarded is very much modified from that originally dictated by the Governor.

The United States Government concluded to withdraw its refusal and send troops to the front, and several companies of the Fourteenth were dispatched to the line of the Fosston Branch railroad and distributed along the line of that road.

In the meantime the Commissioner of Indian Affairs had arrived at Walker, and was negotiating with the Indians, and when it became known that matters were arranged to the satisfaction of the government and the Indians, and no outbreak was expected, the soldiers were all withdrawn, and the incident, so far as military operations were concerned, was closed. There were some surrenders of the Indians to the officers of the court, but nothing further of consequence occurred.



POPULATION.

One of the most interesting features of a new country is the character and the nativity of its population. The old frontiersman who has watched the growth of new States, and fully comprehended the effect produced upon their civilization and character, by the nativity of their immigrants, is the only person competent to judge of the influences exerted in this line. It is a well known fact that the immigration from Europe into America is generally governed by climatic influences. These people usually follow the line of latitude to which they have been accustomed. The Norseman from Russia, Sweden, Germany and Norway comes to the extreme Northwestern States, while the emigrant from southern Europe seeks the more southern latitudes. Of course, these are very general comments, and only relate to immigration in its usual directions, as the people from all parts of Europe are found in all parts of America. It is generally believed that the immigrants from Northern Europe are more desirable than those from further south, and a presentation of the status of our population in point of nativity will afford

a basis from which to judge of their general attributes for good or bad. There is no nation on earth that has not sent us some representative. The following table, while it will prove that we have a most heterogeneous, polyglot population, will also prove that we possess vast powers of assimilation, as we are about as harmonious a people as can be found in all the Union. Our Governor is a Swede, one of our United States Senators is a Norwegian, and our other State officers are pretty generally distributed among the various nationalities. Of course, in the minor political subdivisions, such as counties, cities and towns, the office holding is generally governed by the same considerations.

I give the various countries from which our population is drawn, with the numbers from each country, and the number of native born and foreign born, which, aggregated, constitute our entire population. These figures are taken from the State census of 1895:

England	12,941
Scotland	5,344
Germany	133,768
Denmark	16,143
Norway	107,319
Canada	49,231
Poland	8,464
Iceland	454
Ireland	26,106
Wales	1,246
France	1,492
Sweden	119,554
Russia	6,286
Bohemia	10,327
Finland	7,652
All other countries	11,205
Total native born.....1,057,084	
Total foreign born..... 517,535	
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Total population1,674,619	

The total native born of our population is very largely composed of the descendants of foreign immigrants. These figures afford a large field for thought and future consideration when immigration problems are under legislative investigation.

The census from which these figures are tak

en being five years old, I think it is safe to add a sufficient number of increase to bring our population up to two millions. The census of 1900 will demonstrate whether or not my estimate is correct.

THE STATE FLAG.

Up to the year 1893 the State of Minnesota had no distinctive State flag. On April 4, 1893, an act was passed by the Legislature entitled, "An act providing for the adoption of a State flag." This act appointed, by name, a commission of six ladies to adopt a design for a State flag. Section two of the act provided that the design adopted should embody, as near as may be, the following facts:

"There shall be a white ground with reverse side of blue. The center of the white ground shall be occupied by a design substantially embodying the form of the seal employed as the State seal of Minnesota at the time of its admission into the Union. * * * * The said design of the State seal shall be surrounded by appropriate representations of the moccasin flower indigenous to Minnesota, surrounding said central design, and appropriately arranged on the said white ground shall be nineteen stars, emblematic of the fact that Minnesota was the nineteenth State to be admitted into the Union, after its formation by the thirteen original States. There shall also appear at the bottom of the flag in the white ground, so as to be plainly visible, the word Minnesota."

The commission prepared a very beautiful design for the flag, following closely the instructions given by the Legislature, which was adopted, and is now the authorized flag of the State. The flag-staff is surmounted by a golden gopher, in harmony with the popular name given to our State.

May it ever represent the principles of liberty and justice, and never be lowered to an enemy.

The original flag, artistically embroidered in silk, can be seen at the office of the Governor at the State Capitol.

THE OFFICIAL FLOWER OF THE STATE,
AND THE METHOD OF ITS
SELECTION.

On the 20th of April, 1891, the Legislature of the State passed an act entitled "An act to provide for the collection, arrangement and display of the products of the State of Minnesota at the World's Columbian Exposition of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-three, and to make an appropriation therefor."

This act created a commission of six citizens of the State, to be appointed by the Governor, and called "The Board of World's Fair Managers of Minnesota."

The women of the State determined that there should be an opportunity for them to participate in the exposition on the part of Minnesota, and a convention of delegates from each county of the State was called and held at the People's church, in St. Paul, on February 14, 1892. This convention elected one woman delegate and one alternate from each of the seven Congressional districts of the State. There were also two national lady managers from Minnesota, nominated by the two national representatives from Minnesota and appointed by the President of the United States, who were added to the seven delegates so chosen, and the whole was called "The Woman's Auxiliary to the State Commission." The women so chosen took charge of all the matters properly pertaining to the Women's Department of the Exposition.

At one of the meetings of the ladies, held in St. Paul, the question of the selection of an official flower for the State was presented, and the sentiment generally prevailed that it should at once be decided by the assemblage; but Mrs. L. P. Hunt, the delegate from Manitowish, in the Second Congressional District, wisely suggested that the selection should be made by all the ladies of the State, and that they should be given an opportunity to vote upon the proposition. This suggestion was approved, and the following plan was adopted: Mrs. Hunt was authorized to appoint a committee, of which she was to be chairman, to select a list of flowers to be voted on. Accord-

ingly, she appointed a sub-committee who were to consult the State Botanist, Mr. Conway MacMillan, who was to name a number of Minnesota flowers, from which the ladies were to choose. He presented the following:

Lady Slipper (Moccasin Flower, *Cypripedium Spectabile*.)

Silky Aster.

Indian Pink.

Cone Flower (Brown-eyed Susan).

Wild Rose.

The plan was to send out printed tickets to all the women's organizations in the State with these names on them to be voted upon. This was done, with the result that the moccasin flower received an overwhelming majority, and has ever since been accepted as the official flower of the State. That the contest was a very spirited one can be judged from the fact that Mrs. Hunt sent out in her district at least ten thousand tickets with indications of her choice of the moccasin flower. She also maintained lengthy newspaper controversies with parties in Manitoba, who claimed the prior right of that province to the moccasin flower; all of whom she vanquished.

The choice was a very wise and appropriate one. The flower itself is very beautiful, and peculiarly adapted to the purposes of artistic decoration. It has already been utilized in three instances of an official character with success and approval. The Minnesota State Building at the Columbian Exposition was beautifully decorated with it. It is prominently incorporated into the State flag, and adorns the medal conferred by the State upon the defenders of Fort Ridgely.

The botanical name of the flower is *Cypripedium*, taken from Greek words, meaning the shoe of Venus. It is popularly called lady's slipper, moccasin flower and Indian shoe.

About twenty-five species of *cypripedium* are known belonging to the north temperate zone, and reaching south into Mexico and northern India. Six species occur in the Northern United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, all of these being found in Minnesota, and about a dozen species occur on this continent. They are perennial herbs

with irregular flowers, which grow singly or in small clusters, the colors of some of which are strikingly beautiful. The species adopted by the women of the State of Minnesota is the *Cypripedium Spectabile*, or the showy lady slipper.

The ladies naturally desired that their choice should be ratified by the State Legislature, and one of their number prepared a report of their doings in a petition to that body asking its approval. Whoever drew the petition named the flower chosen by the ladies as "*Cypripedium Calceolous*," a species which does not grow in Minnesota, but is purely of European production. The petition was presented to the Senate on the 4th of February, 1893. The journal of the Senate shows the following record, which is found on page 167:

"Mr. Dean asked the unanimous consent to present a petition from the Women's Auxiliary to the World's Fair relative to the adoption of a State flower and emblem, which was read.

Mr. Dean offered the following concurrent resolution, and moved its adoption:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the wild lady slipper or moccasin flower, *Cypripedium Calceolous*, be, and the same is hereby designated and adopted as the State flower or emblem of the State of Minnesota, which was adopted."

In the Legislative Manual of 1893 appears on page 606 the following: "The State Flower. On April 4, 1893 (should be February), a petition from the Women's Auxiliary to the World's Fair was presented to the Senate relative to the adoption of a State flower. By resolution of the Senate, concurred in by the House (?), the Wild Lady Slipper or Moccasin Flower (*Cypripedium*) was designated as the State flower or floral emblem of the State of Minnesota."

The word "*Calceolous*" means a little shoe or slipper, but, as I said before, the species so designated in botany is not indigenous to Minnesota, and is purely a foreigner. As we have in the course of our growth assimilated so many foreigners successfully we will have no trouble in swallowing this small shoe, especially as the House did not concur in its reso-

lution, and while the mistake will in no way militate against the progress or prosperity of Minnesota, it should be a warning to all committees and Western Legislators to go slow when dealing with the dead languages.

We now have the whole body of *cypripediums* to choose from, and may reject the *calceolous*.

If the House of Representatives ever concurred in the Senate resolution it left no trace of its action, either in its journal or published laws, that I have been able to find.

Among the many valuable achievements of the Women's Auxiliary one deserves special mention. Mrs. H. F. Brown, one of the delegates at large, suggested a statue for the Woman's Building, to be the production of Minnesota's artistic conception and execution. The architect of the State Building had disallowed this feature, and there was no public fund to meet the expense, which would be considerable. The ladies, however, decided to procure the statue, and rely on private subscription to defray the cost. Mrs. L. P. Hunt thought that sufficient funds might be raised from the school children of the State, through a penny subscription. Enough was raised to secure a plaster cast of great beauty, representing Hiawatha carrying Minnehaha across a stream in his arms, illustrating the lines in Longfellow's poem:

"Over wide and rushing rivers
In his arms he bore the maiden."

This statue adorned the porch of the Minnesota Building during the fair. It was designed and made by a very talented young Norwegian sculptor then residing in Minneapolis—the late Jakob Ejelde. It is proposed to cast the statue in bronze and place it in Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis, at some future day.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME, GOPHER STATE.

Most of the States in the Union have a peculiar name. New York is called the Empire State, Pennsylvania the Keystone State, etc.

As you come west they seem to have taken the names of animals. Michigan is called the Wolverine State, Wisconsin the Badger State, and it is not at all singular that Minnesota should have been christened the Gopher State. These names never originate by any recognized authority. They arise from some event that suggests them, or from some important utterance that makes an impression on the public mind. In the very early days of the Territory, say as early as 1851 or 1855, the question was discussed among the settlers as to what name should be adopted by Minnesota, and for a time it was called by some the Beaver State. That name seemed to have the greatest number of advocates, but it was always met with the objection that the beaver, although quite numerous in some of our streams, was not sufficiently so to entitle him to characterize the Territory by giving it his name. While this debate was in progress the advocates of the beaver spoke of the Territory as the beaver Territory, but it never reached a point of universal adoption. It was well known that the gopher abounded, and his name was introduced as a competitor with the beaver; but being a rather insignificant animal and his nature being destructive, and in no way useful, he was objected to by many, as too useless and undignified to become an emblem of the coming great State—for we all had, at that early day, full confidence that Minnesota was destined to be a great and prominent State. Nothing was ever settled on this subject until after the year 1857. As I have before stated, in that year an attempt was made to amend the Constitution by allowing the State to issue bonds in the sum of \$5,000,000 to aid in the construction of the railroad which the United States had subsidized with land grants, and the campaign which involved this amendment was most bitterly fought. The opponents of the measure published a cartoon to bring the subject into ridicule, which was very generally circulated throughout the State, but failed to check the enthusiasm in favor of the proposition. This cartoon represented ten men in a line with heads bowed down with the weight of a bag of gold hung about their necks marked "\$10,-

000." They were supposed to represent the members of the Legislature who had been bribed to pass the act, and were called "primary directors." On their backs was a railroad track, upon which was a train of cars drawn by nine gophers, the three gophers in the lead proclaiming, "We have no cash, but will give you our drafts." Attached to the rear of the train was a wheelbarrow with a barrel on it marked "gin," followed by the devil in great glee, with his thumb at his nose. In the train were the advocates of the bill, flying a flag bearing these words: "Gopher train; excursion train; members of extra session of Legislature free. We develop the resources of the country," and over this was a smaller flag with the words, "The \$5,000,000 Loan Bill."

In another part of the picture is a rostrum, from which a gopher is addressing the people with the legend, "I am right; Gorman is wrong." In the right hand corner of the cartoon is a round ball with a gopher in it, coming rapidly down, with the legend, "A Ball come from Winona." This was a pun on the name of Mr. St. A. D. Balcombe from Winona, who was a strong advocate of the measure. And under the whole group was a dark pit, with the words, "A mine of corruption."

The bill was passed and the State was saddled with a debt of \$5,000,000, under which it staggered for over twenty years, and we never even got a gopher train out of it.

This cartoon, coming just at the time when the name of the State was under consideration, fastened upon it the nickname of "Gopher," which it has ever since retained. The name is not at all inappropriate, as the animal has always abounded in the State. In a work on the mammals of Minnesota, by C. L. Herrick, 1892, he gives the scientific name of our most common species of gopher, "*Spermophilus Tridecemlineatus*," or thirteen striped gopher, and says: "The species ranges from the Saskatchewan to Texas, and from Ohio to Utah. Minnesota is the peculiar home of the typical form, and thus deserves the name of the Gopher State."

Although the name originated in ridicule and contempt, it has not in any way handi-

capped the Commonwealth, partly because very few people know its origin, but for the greater reason that it would take much more than a name to check its predestined progress.

STATE PARKS.

Itasca State Park.

In a previous part of this work, under the head of "Lumber," I have referred to the fact that a great National park and forest reserve is in contemplation by the United States at the headwaters of the Mississippi, and also made reference to the State park already established at that point. I will now relate what has been done by the State in this regard. In 1875 an official survey of the land in and about Lake Itasca was made by the Surveyor General of the United States for Minnesota which brought these lands under the operation of the United States laws, and part of them were entered. A portion of them went to the Northern Pacific railroad company under its land grant. The swamp and school lands went to the State, and much to private individuals under the various methods of making title to government lands.

On the 20th of April, 1891, the Legislature passed an act entitled "An act to establish and create a public park, to be known and designated as the Itasca State Park, and authorizing the condemnation of lands for park purposes." This act set apart for park purposes 19,702 acres of land, and dedicates them to the perpetual use of the people. It places the same under the care and supervision of the State Auditor, as land commissioner. It prohibits the destruction of trees, or hunting within its limits. It provides for a commission to obtain title to such of the lands as belong to private individuals, either by purchase or condemnation.

On the 3d of August, 1892, the United States granted to the State all the unappropriated lands within the limits of the park upon this condition:

"Provided the land hereby granted shall re-

vert to the United States, together with all the improvements thereon, if at any time it shall cease to be exclusively used for a public State park, or if the State shall not pass a law or laws to protect the timber thereon."

The State, at the session of the Legislature in 1893, accepted the grant, but as yet has made no provision for the extinguishment of the title of private owners, of which there are 8,823 acres. This divided ownership of the lands within the limits of the park endangers the whole region by lumbering operations, and consequent forest fires after the timber is cut. Fires are not to be feared in natural forests until they are cut over. The acquisition of title to all these lands by the State should not be delayed any longer than is necessary to perfect it, no matter at what cost. The State has already erected a house on the bank of Itasca lake, and has a resident commissioner in charge of the park.

The effect of the law prohibiting hunting in the park has already greatly increased the numbers of animals and fowls that find in it a safe refuge.

The extent of the park is seven miles long by five miles wide, and is covered with a dense forest of pine, oak, maple, basswood, aspen, balsam fir, cedar and spruce, which is nearly in a state of nature. It is much to be hoped that in the near future this park will be enlarged to many times its present size by additional grants.

Interstate Park: The Dalles of the St. Croix.

One of the most, if not the most, beautiful and picturesque points in the Northwest is the Dalles of the St. Croix river. Here the State has acquired the title to about one hundred and fifty acres of land on the Minnesota side of the river, and dedicated it for park purposes. This was done under the authority of Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1895. The point on the Minnesota side is called Taylor's Falls, and on the Wisconsin side St. Croix Falls. Between these two towns the St. Croix river rushes rapidly, forming a cataract of great beauty. The bluffs are precipitate and rocky,

forming a narrow gorge through which the river plunges. The name of the river is French—"Sainte Croix," meaning the holy cross—and the name of this particular point, the "Dalles," was given on account of the curious formation of the rocky banks, which assume wonderful shapes. One, looking down stream, presents a perfect likeness of a man, and is called "The Old Man of the Dalles." Another curious rock formation is called the "Devil's Chair." There are many others equally interesting. It is generally supposed that the word "Dalles" has the same meaning of the English word "Dell" or "Dale," signifying a narrow secluded vale or valley, but such is not the case as applied to this peculiar locality. The word "Dalles" is French, and means a slab, a flag or a flagstone, and is appropriate to the peculiar character of the general rock formation of the river banks at this point and vicinity.

The State of Minnesota has already done a good deal of work towards making it attractive, and it has become quite a resort for pleasure seekers in the summer time. Wisconsin has acquired title to a larger tract on the east side of the river than is embraced in the Minnesota park on the west side, but as yet has not done much in the way of improvement. The two tracts are united by a graceful bridge which spans the river between them. The Minnesota park is under the charge of a State custodian, who cares for and protects it from despoilment.

POLITICS.

In writing the history of a State, no matter how short or limited such history may be, its politics seem to be an essential element of presentation, and on this assumption alone I will say a very few words concerning that subject. I do not believe that the question of which political party has been dominant in the State has exerted any considerable influence on its material prosperity. The great First Cause of its creation was so generous in his award of substantial blessings that it placed the State beyond the ability of man, or his politics, to seriously injure or impede its

advance towards material success in any of the channels that promote greatness—soil, climate, minerals, facilities for commerce and transportation, consisting of great rivers, lakes and harbors; all these combine to defy the destructive tendencies so often exerted by the ignorance and passions of man. It has resisted every folly of its people, and they have been many; every onslaught of its savage inhabitants—and they have been more formidable than those experienced by any other State—and even the cataclysms with which it has occasionally been visited arising from natural causes. The fact is, Minnesota is so rock-rooted in all the elements of material greatness that it must advance, regardless of all known obstructions.

When the Territory was organized, in 1849, Gen. Zachary Taylor, a Whig, was the President of the United States, and he appointed Alexander Ramsey, also a Whig, as Governor, to set its political machinery in motion. He remained in office until the National administration changed in 1853, and Franklin Pierce, a Democrat, was chosen President. He appointed Gen. Willis A. Gorman, a Democrat, as Governor, to succeed Governor Ramsey. On the 4th of March, 1857, James Buchanan, a Democrat, succeeded President Pierce, and appointed Samuel Medary, a Democrat, as Governor of Minnesota. He held this position until the State was admitted into the Union, in May, 1858, when Henry H. Sibley, a Democrat, was elected Governor for the term of two years, and served it out.

On the admission of the State into the Union, two Democratic United States Senators were elected, Henry M. Rice and Gen. James Shields. General Shields served from May 12, 1858, to March 3, 1859, and Mr. Rice from May 12, 1858, to March 3, 1863, he having drawn the long term. The State also elected three members of the United States House of Representatives all Democrats, James M. Cavanaugh, W. W. Phelps and George L. Becker; but it was determined that we were only entitled to two, and Mr. Phelps and Mr. Cavanaugh were admitted to seats. With this State and Federal representation we entered upon

our political career. At the next election for Governor, in the fall of 1859, Alexander Ramsey, Republican, was chosen, and there has never been a Governor of the State of any but Republican politics since, until John Lind was elected in the fall of 1898. Mr. Lind was chosen as a Democrat with the aid of other political organizations, which united with the Democracy. Mr. Lind now fills the office of Governor. It will be seen that for thirty-nine years the State was wholly in the hands of the Republicans. During the interval between the administration of Governor Sibley and Governor Lind the State had twelve Governors, all Republican.

In its Federal representation, however, the Democrats have fared a trifle better. The growth of population has increased our membership in the Federal House of Representatives to seven, and occasionally a Democrat, or member of some other party, has succeeded in breaking into Congress.

From the First District W. H. Harris, Democrat, was elected in 1890.

From the Third District Eugene M. Wilson, Democrat, was elected in 1868; Henry Poeler, Democrat, in 1878; John L. McDonald, Democrat, in 1886, and O. M. Hall, Democrat, in 1890, and again in 1892.

From the Fourth District Edmund Rice, Democrat, was elected in 1886, and James N. Castle, Democrat, in 1890.

From the Sixth District M. R. Baldwin, Democrat, was elected in 1892.

From the Fifth District Kittle Halverson, Alliance, was elected in 1890.

In the Seventh District Haldoe E. Boen, People's Party, was elected in 1892.

Since Henry M. Rice and James Shields, all the United States Senators have been Republican, as follows: Morton S. Wilkinson, Alexander Ramsey, Daniel S. Norton, William Windom, O. P. Stearns, S. J. R. McMillin, A. J. Edgerton, D. M. Sabin, C. K. Davis, W. D. Washburn, and Knute Nelson.

Some of these have served two terms, and some very short terms to fill vacancies.

Of course, the State had its complement of other officers, but as their duties are more of a clerical and business character than political, it is unnecessary to particularize them.

It is a subject of congratulation to all citizens of Minnesota that out of all the State officers that have come and gone in the forty years of its life there has been but one impeachment, which was of a State treasurer, Mr. William Seeger, who was elected in 1871. Although he was convicted, I have always believed, and do now, that he was personally innocent, and suffered for the sins of others.

The State of Minnesota has always, since the adjustment of its old Railroad Bond Debt, held a conservative position in the Union—financially, socially, patriotically and commercially. Its credit is the best, its prospects the brightest, and it makes very little difference which political party dominates its future, so long as it is free from the taint of anarchy and is guided by the principles of honor and justice. The only thing to be feared is, that some political party may gain control of the government of the Nation and either degrade its currency, involve it in disastrous complications and wars with other nations, or commit some similar folly which may reflectively or secondarily act injuriously on Minnesota as a member of the National family of States. Otherwise Minnesota can defy the vagaries of politics and politicians. She has very little to fear from this remote apprehension, because the American people, as they ever have been, will no doubt continue to be, on second thought, true to the teachings and traditions of the founders of the Republic.

Minnesota, for so young a State, has been quite liberally remembered in the way of diplomatic appointments. Gen. C. C. Andrews represented the United States as Minister to Sweden and Norway; Hon. Samuel R. Thayer and Hon. Stanford Newell at The Hague, the latter of whom now fills the position. Mr. Newell was also a member of the World's Peace Commission recently held at The Hague. Lewis Baker represented the United States as Minister to Nicaragua, Costa Rica and San Salvador.

The State has also been honored by the appointment of the following named gentlemen from among its citizens as Consuls General to various countries:

Gen. C. C. Andrews to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Hon. Hans Mattson to Calcutta, India; Dr. J. A. Leonard to Calcutta, and also to Shanghai, China; Hon. John Goodenow to Shanghai, China.

We have had a full complement of consuls to all parts of the world, the particulars of which are unnecessary in this connection.

The State has also had three cabinet officers. On December 10th, 1879, Alexander Ramsey was appointed Secretary of War by President Hayes, and again, on December 20, 1880, he was made Secretary of the Navy; the latter office he held only about ten days, until it was filled by a permanent appointee.

William Windom was appointed Secretary of the Treasury by President Garfield, and again to the same position by President Harrison. He died in office.

Gen. William G. Le Duc was appointed Commissioner of Agriculture by President Hayes, which was a quasi cabinet position, and was afterwards made a full and regular one. The General was afterwards made a member of the National Agricultural Society of France, of which Washington, Jefferson and Marshall were members.

Senator Cushman K. Davis, who was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, was appointed by President McKinley one of the commissioners on the part of the United States to negotiate the treaty of peace with Spain after the recent Spanish war.

Gov. William R. Merriam was appointed by President McKinley as Director of the Census of 1900, and is now busily engaged in the performance of the arduous duties of that office. They are not diplomatic, but exceedingly important.

President Cleveland appointed John W. Riddle as Secretary of Legation to the embassy at Constantinople, where he has remained to the present time.

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subjects treated of, but also in the manner of such treatment. Details have usually been avoided, and comprehensive generalities indulged in. Those who read it may find many things wanting, and in order that they may have an opportunity to supply my deficiencies without too much research and labor, I have prepared a list of all the works which have ever been written on Minnesota, or any particular subject pertaining thereto, and append them hereto for convenience of reference. Any and all of them can be found in the library of the Minnesota Historical Society in the State Capitol.

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- Biographical History of the Northwest, by Alonzo Phelps, 1890.
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- Winona and Its Environs, by L. H. Bunnell, 1897, with maps and portraits.
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- Minnesota and Its Resources, by J. Wesley Bond, 1853.
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- Narratives and Reports of Travels and Explorations, by Hennepin, Carver, Long and Keating, Beltrami, Featherstonhaugh, Schoolcraft, Nicollet, Owen, Oliphant, Andrews, Seymour and others.
- For Geographic and Geologic descriptions of Minnesota the reports of the geological and natural history survey are the most complete sources of information, by Professor N. H. Winchell, State Geologist, assisted by Warren Upham, Ulysses Sherman Grant, and others. The annual reports comprise twenty-three volumes, 1872 to 1894, with another to be published. Several other volumes have been issued as bulletins of the survey on iron, mining, birds, mammals, and fishes.

Four thousand two hundred and fifty bound volumes of Minnesota newspapers, embracing complete files of nearly all the newspapers ever published in Minnesota from first to last.

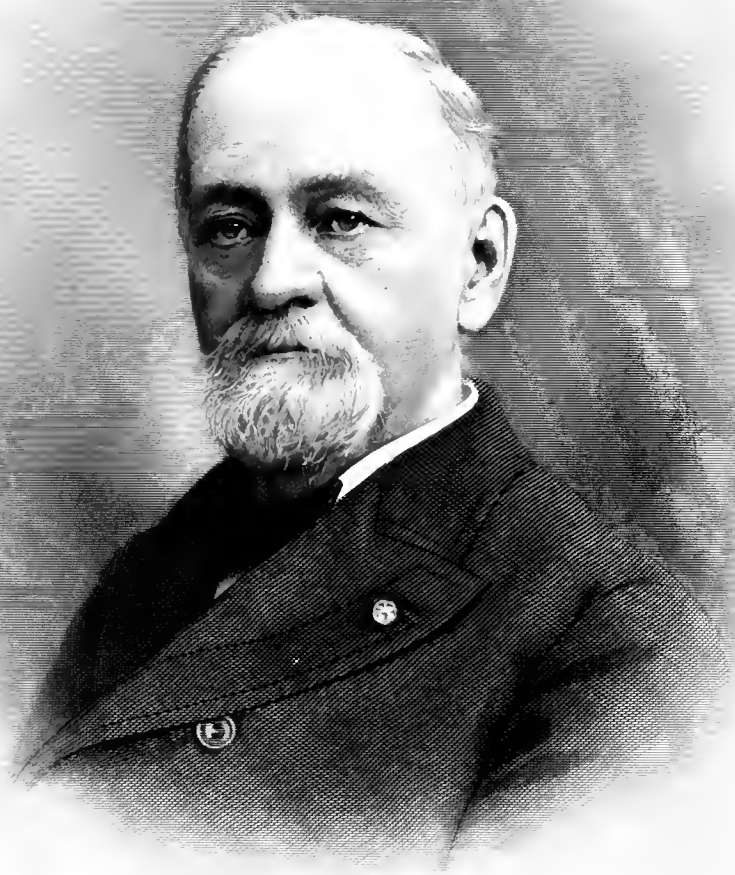
One thousand seven hundred and two books and about fifteen hundred pamphlets relating in some way to Minnesota history. All these books can be found in the library of the Minnesota Historical Society, which is always open to the public, free.

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and reports of the various State officers, and especially in the Legislative Manuals prepared for the use of the members of the Legislature by the Secretary of State, under Chapter 122 of the General Laws of 1893, and former laws. These Manuals, and especially that of 1899, are replete with valuable statistics concerning the State, its history and resources.

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JOHN S. PILLSBURY.

Into the warp and woof of John Sargent Pillsbury's character are woven the integrity, courage, thrift and persistence of the best New England Puritan ancestry, whose residence in America covered a period of more than two and one-half centuries. Joshua Pillsbury, the English emigrant, settled in Newburyport, Massachusetts, in 1640, and received a grant of land at that place, a portion of which still remains in the possession of his descendants. One of these descendants, Micajah Pillsbury, the grandfather of the subject of this biography, settled in Sutton, New Hampshire, in 1790, where on the 19th day of July, 1828, John Sargent Pillsbury was born. His father was a manufacturer, successful in business and for many years prominent in his neighborhood and the political affairs of the State, esteemed for the probity of his private life and the conscientious performance of public duty. His mother was Susan Wadleigh, a descendant of Robert Wadleigh, of Exeter, New Hampshire, who was a member of the Provincial Legislature, and whose son, Capt. Thomas Wadleigh, held a commission in the Continental army. His mother's mother was a daughter of Ebenezer Kezar, one of the capable and honorable early settlers of Sutton. One naturally expects a boy sprung from such ancestry, and inheriting the admirable traits inherent in it, to make the best possible use of his opportunities. And that is what John S. Pillsbury has done. In youth he enjoyed only the limited educational advantages of his native town, performing

meanwhile his full share of manual labor. At an early age he entered the office of a local newspaper for the purpose of learning the printer's trade, but at the age of sixteen had the wisdom to abandon it as unsuited to his inclination and talent for mercantile pursuits—the larger field of trade and commerce. For six years thereafter he was employed as clerk in a general store at Warner, New Hampshire, and for the two years next following he was in partnership with Walter Harriman, a merchant of the same town, who subsequently served as Governor of his State. Half a century ago it was necessary for a boy to serve an apprenticeship for several years, even to become proficient as clerk in a country store. The discipline was more severe and the requirements more exacting than now, when a young man imagines himself transformed into a safe and successful merchant by an experience of half a year as clerk. The greater thoroughness in the training and the severer discipline incident to employment in the last generation, were potent factors in the development of the qualities of mind, trend of thought and methods of business, characteristic of the men who have achieved the largest successes in the present generation. They contributed to that splendid equipment of character and habit which enabled John S. Pillsbury to become one of the foremost citizens of the Northwest, and one of the grandest Governors of a State that has developed many great men. After conducting mercantile business at Concord for two years on his own account, he became convinced of the larger and better

opportunities for growth in the West, and deliberately formed the purpose of prospecting to find a desirable and promising location. He never drifted, and never formed plans hastily. His judgment, after careful investigation and reflection, determined his action. So that, starting out from his New England home in 1853 for a tour of observation in the West, he did not decide upon a new residence until June, 1855, when he visited the young State of Minnesota. The Falls of St. Anthony influenced his decision. He foresaw in the power they afforded the possibilities of a great city on the adjacent banks of the Mississippi. He settled in the town of St. Anthony, which was later to become merged and lost in the greater city of Minneapolis. He liked the spirit and energy of the West, and possessed the capacity to become a leader in the progress and enterprise and development of a new commonwealth on the frontier. Associating himself with his brother-in-law, Woodbury Fisk, and George A. Cross, in a partnership for carrying on trade in hardware, the firm continued business through the dark period of financial depression and panic in 1857, until the store and stock were completely destroyed by fire, about the time that hundreds of other firms in the East and the West were forced to close their doors through failure to meet liabilities. Four things were left to Mr. Pillsbury, unscathed by the fire—debts, courage, integrity and persistence. He settled the debts of the firm with his individual notes, assumed all liabilities, satisfied all creditors, and resumed business which he continued for eighteen years with marked success, and then disposed of it in order to devote himself entirely to the manufacture of flour. He had already interested himself in establishing the milling industry at Minneapolis in connection with his nephew, Charles A. Pillsbury, and his brother, John A. Pillsbury, conducting the business under the firm name of C. A. Pillsbury & Co. Another nephew, Fred C., was subsequently admitted to the firm. The magnitude of this milling business has grown to enormous proportions. The product of the marvelous mills has reached all the civilized countries of the globe, and contrib-

uted to the fame of the millers throughout the world. Fostered with sedulous care, and managed with remarkable sagacity, the profits of the business naturally enriched the men who founded the industry, and have kept it going for more than a quarter of a century. The Pillsbury Mills have been maintained on their own merit and operated independently. When a movement was started in 1899 to combine all the milling interests of the Northwest in one enormous trust, strong enough to fix prices and control the production, Governor Pillsbury said "No" with emphasis, and steadfastly refused, either to consider any proposition or to countenance the proposed combination. He stands opposed to trusts, whose evident object is to increase the prices of products, and thus place on consumers additional burdens. He believes in competition and the rewards of individual effort and excellence. Only a man of broad and flexible mind is able to devote his energies and directing force to several kinds of business at the same time, successfully. Governor Pillsbury is able to do this in a very marked degree. In addition to milling, he has carried on lumbering on a large scale, and been a liberal purchaser of real estate. He has been identified with the construction of railroads, and for many years has held a place in the directory of several important railroad companies. He has also for a long time served on the board of directors of some of the most prosperous banks of Minneapolis; is a director of the Stockyards Company and of the Washburn Mills Company. While primarily a business man and occupied with the management of large industries and transportation companies and commercial or financial institutions, he has on various occasions acceded to the wishes of his fellow citizens to serve the public in political office. Never a candidate in the sense of actively seeking office, he has always acknowledged the obligations of citizenship and never shirked any duty or responsibility to the municipality or the commonwealth imposed by his consciousness of such obligation. He served as member of the city council ten years, and from 1863 to 1876, with a single brief interval, he was a

Senator in the State Legislature. About the same time he was appointed one of the Regents of the State University, whose financial condition had for some years been deplorable. The public lands granted by Congress in 1851 for the establishment of a university, had been mortgaged and bonded for a loan of forty thousand dollars, to be expended in the construction of the main college building; and as soon as this building was completed, it was encumbered by a mortgage of fifteen thousand dollars. This was in 1857, the year of the disastrous panic. The trustees were unable to meet the demands of creditors clamoring for their dues, and at length despaired of being able to extricate the university from its financial embarrassments. There was a general opinion that the lands would have to be sold to pay the debts, and the maintenance of a higher institution of learning by the State abandoned. This course was recommended by Governor Ramsey in his message to the Legislature in 1862. Meanwhile, Mr. Pillsbury, a sincere advocate of broader and more thorough education than he had been able to procure in youth, and which the university alone can furnish, studied the situation earnestly with a view to evolving some measure of relief. He was then a private citizen, but the following year afforded him the opportunity for effective work. What he did is thus told graphically by a former biographer:

"In 1863 Mr. Pillsbury was appointed one of the Regents of the university, and commenced specially to investigate the details of the institution, the situation and amount of its debts, and the location and characteristics of the land which had been granted it; and, in short, he looked into every detail as thoroughly as a man would do with his own business affairs. In 1863 he was also elected a member of the State Senate, when he at once proposed a plan to the Legislature, whereby the whole affairs of the university were placed in the hands of a new board of regents. This board was composed of Hon. John Nichols of St. Paul, Hon. O. C. Merriam of St. Anthony and John S. Pillsbury. He found a strong friend and ally in the person of Hon. John M. Berry, then a lawyer of Faribault, but afterwards, and for many years, one of the Justices of the

Supreme Court of Minnesota. Mr. Berry entered enthusiastically into Mr. Pillsbury's plan for the restoration of the university; indeed, drew up and introduced the measure which resulted in the new board of regents. This act became a law March 4, 1864, and is found in chapter XVIII. of the General Laws of Minnesota for that year. We refer to it thus definitely, as it is a memorable act in the history of the university, and many of its provisions are well worthy of the attention and consideration of those who may hereafter wish to study the history of that institution. The act placed all the affairs of the university 'in their discretion to compromise, settle and pay any and all claims and demands of whatsoever nature, against the University of Minnesota, or the regents thereof.' Some of the claims had been due for many years, and were in dispute as to their items; many were held by parties outside the State, and in order to adjust them, Mr. Pillsbury was compelled to visit various parts of the country. Finally, after a great deal of effort, he succeeded in fully discharging all the outstanding bonds, liens and claims of every kind, to the entire satisfaction of those holding the claims, as well as the friends of the university. This he did without compensation to himself, and there was saved to the university upwards of thirty thousand acres of the land grant which Congress had made, and the present site of the university of twenty-five acres, with the campus and buildings, which are to-day valued at fully half a million dollars. Mr. Pillsbury's efforts did not abate one whit after the financial affairs of the institution were thus settled. From 1863 until 1876 he was a member of the State Senate, excepting one and a half terms, and during this entire period he made the affairs of the university and its management his constant study. Governor Pillsbury has well earned the name of 'Father of the University,' given him by the grateful students of that institution, and he has crowned his long years of service as regent, with a gift of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars made in 1889."

President Northrop, in his baccalaureate address June 2, of that year, referred to Governor Pillsbury and his noble gift in the following terms:

"The name of George Peabody, whose monument may be seen in Harvard and Yale, and

men who have within the last few years done great service to humanity by unprecedented gifts, especially Otis, Hand and Slater, all of Connecticut, will readily occur to you; and I am sure that as I speak all of you are thinking of the recent noble gift to this university by our friend and neighbor, Governor Pillsbury. It is not the first time that he has shown his generous interest in this institution; indeed, it is owing to him that the university exists at all, for, by unwearied efforts of his, the university was secured from hopeless debt even before it was organized for work. During all the years in which that able scholar, Dr. Folwell, the first president of the university, was laying its foundations and wisely planning its educational work, Governor Pillsbury was the sagacious counsellor, the earnest friend, the faithful regent, watching over the financial interests of the institution with ceaseless vigilance, ever ready to sacrifice his time, his business and his ease to its welfare. By his kindness and charity in his daily life, by his public spirit, his wise services to the State in both legislative and executive positions, his free-handed benevolence to the suffering people of the State in a time of great trial, and his firm and determined stand for the honor of the State in a time of great public temptation, he deserves to be remembered with gratitude by the people of this State to the remotest generation. But for no one of his many noble deeds will he be longer remembered than for this, his munificent gift of \$150,000 to the State and the university at a time when the financial condition of the State made it impossible for the Legislature, however well disposed, to grant the money which it needed to carry forward its enlarging work. He has shown himself wise in making this gift while he lived, and might justly hope to witness in the increased prosperity, the fruits of his own benevolence. He has shown himself wise in estimating money at its just value—not for what it is, but for what it can do—not as something to be held and loved and gloated over, or to be expended in personal aggrandizement and luxury, but as something which can work mightily for humanity; which can re-enforce even the educational power of a sovereign State; which can enrich human minds, and can thus lift up into the true greatness of a noble citizenship the sons and daughters of the whole Northwest.”

The acumen and foresight of John S. Pillsbury, as exhibited in all commercial and indus-

trial enterprises with which he had connection, marked him as a man who could be trusted with the larger affairs of the public; his application to acquire a complete understanding of the financial entanglements in which the State University was involved, and his unselfish devotion to the work of relieving it, gave him a peculiar hold upon intelligent popular favor. In 1875, therefore, he was nominated with perfect unanimity by the Republican convention, and elected Governor of the State. Endowed by nature with keen perception, and educated liberally by contact with men of affairs in that great school of practical business, his knowledge of men was almost unerring, and his judgment as to their capabilities and weaknesses was to a degree infallible. This superior executive ability, so essential to a judicious exercise of the appointing power, supported by his own personal integrity and deep sense of official honor and responsibility, enabled him to give to the people of the State a pure and wholesome administration. His mental grasp, breadth of view, trained sagacity, honest purpose and equable temperament qualified him to administer the government and execute the laws wisely. He was very early confronted with novel conditions, which demanded instant attention and relief. The ravages of the grasshoppers had laid waste large agricultural sections and left the farmers destitute. The Governor, incognito, made a tour of the devastated portions of the State in order to ascertain the extent of ruin, and thus qualify himself to provide and recommend adequate measures of relief. He found much destitution and suffering—some of the settlers without sufficient food; others without clothing—at the opening of winter. They were independent, self-supporting citizens, who would ordinarily scorn the offer of assistance; but the distress of their families was too great for pride to refuse the proffered aid of their more fortunate fellow citizens. The Governor's sympathies were deeply touched, and he generously relieved by his private purse many of the cases of immediate want, discovered while he was passing unknown among the distressed people. He also made

public appeal for relief to the prosperous people of the State, and volunteered to superintend the distribution of all donations of food, clothing, fuel and money. When the Legislature assembled, he recommended an appropriation from the treasury sufficient to relieve the want, and urged immediate action. His recommendation received favorable action. He was also called upon to deal with another raid during the first term, when the gang of freebooters from Missouri, known as the Younger Brothers, entered the State to prosecute their trade of robbery and murder, and the State prison rolls attest the complete success of the prompt measures instituted by him for the capture of the outlaws. Governor Pillsbury was re-elected in 1877, and again in 1879, serving three consecutive terms, a distinction accorded to no other man in the history of the State. During his second term Governor Pillsbury was instrumental in effecting the settlement of a contention between the settlers on railroad lands granted to the State by the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad company and the Western Railroad company as successor of the grantee, and his thorough knowledge of the history of the transaction, supported by his sense of justice, his inflexible will and his persistence in the accomplishment of a purpose, saved their homes to three hundred settlers, and established himself immovably in the affections and confidence of the people. The crowning glory of Governor Pillsbury's administration was the preservation of the honor and the restoration of the credit of the State by effecting a complete settlement of its debts and the payment of its bonds, which had been repudiated. The story of the issue of these bonds is told in the historical article elsewhere printed in this volume. The people had voted in 1857, by a majority of five to one, to create a debt of five million dollars, evidenced by bonds, to aid in the construction of railroads. Contracts were executed, by which certain companies agreed to build lines of road and accept the bonds in payment. Considerable grading was done on different lines, but no road was ever built. The Legislature of 1861 repudiated the bonds. Subsequently the con-

tracting companies failed and defaulted, and the State foreclosed on their property and gave it to new companies undertaking to complete the work. The bonds had been duly authorized and regularly issued. They had been purchased in good faith by innocent investors, and Governor Pillsbury insisted the State should keep faith with its creditors. He adverted to the subject in messages to the Legislature, and urged the importance of a settlement. A proposition to set aside for the payment of the bonds five hundred thousand acres of land granted to the Territory by Congress for purposes of internal improvement was submitted to the people in 1878 and rejected by a vote of two to one. These discouraging conditions only served to increase the energy and make unalterable the determination of Governor Pillsbury to save the State from dishonor. To a company of prominent gentlemen who called on him after the result of the popular vote became known, he said: "My children were born in Minnesota, my home is here; but I want to say now, that no matter what interests I have to attract me here, whether financial or sentimental, I will not live in a repudiating State. I will never give up this fight so long as there is a shadow of a hope. I will stump for it and vote for it and fight for it. The bonds shall be paid." His personal efforts equaled his official solicitude for the welfare of the State and his earnest endeavor was directed to securing a settlement. The question as to the validity of the bonds was submitted to the Supreme Court and they were adjudged valid. The Governor called an extra session of the Legislature and secured the passage of an act authorizing a new loan evidenced by bonds bearing five per cent interest. By consultation with the principal creditor, he was able to effect the acceptance of a four and a half per cent bond to replace the old ones, thus saving \$400,000 in interest. The Governor invested a million dollars of the State's school fund in the bonds. Some opposition to the issuing of these bonds was developed and injunction proceedings were threatened. To avoid delay, Governor Pillsbury carried the bonds to his home, signed them at night, and delivered them be-

fore the opposition took form in the filing of a complaint. The credit of the State was at once restored by the action of its honest Governor, and since that time no State has enjoyed higher credit than Minnesota. Actuated by tender memories of his childhood home and grateful appreciation of his ancestors, Governor Pillsbury erected a beautiful Memorial Hall at Sutton, New Hampshire, which was dedicated July 13, 1892, to the public uses for which it was designed—an assembly hall, a library and a meeting place for the selectmen of the town. The Governor's speech on that occasion was characteristic of the man, abounding in noble sentiment and practical in statistics portraying the marvelous growth of the country during the brief span of one human life. The address was not only broad and generous in conception, but faultless in diction and rhetoric. He referred with emotion to the fathers and mothers as follows:

“What hardy men and women were the pioneers and early settlers of this town of Sutton. Let us not in these modern days, with all our conveniences and new methods, forget the rugged character and rigor and thrift and virtue and intrepidity of our ancestors who endured all the hardships of fifty and one hundred years ago, and who by their sacrifices and discipline and character which they have entailed upon their descendants, made it possible for us to enjoy what we have to-day. Let us of to-day not boast of what we have done. Out of the loins of the New England fathers and mothers of past generations came the sources of the wealth and strength of to-day. Nowhere in history can be found a more rugged set of men than our New England fathers; and among the women of the world, where can there be found the equal of the New England mothers who have passed away? Would that I had the power of speech to give proper credit to those noble mothers of early days.

Trace back the history of the men who have been famous in the world, and in the majority of cases you will find that the source of their best qualities was very largely in the mother. And for noble motherhood you will nowhere find surpassed those New England mothers of a generation or more ago, who reared up with their own hands those large families of sons and daughters which were once the glory of New England. As the mother of Garfield, at

the inauguration of her son as President, was the first to receive recognition as the bearer and mother of her son, and had a mother's delight in his success, so may these New England towns, which have spared their sons and daughters for a season, claim the successes of these sons and daughters as their own.”

Governor Pillsbury is the only living member of the original firm that entered into the milling business in Minneapolis, and he has had the supervision of the business since the death of Charles A. Pillsbury, in August, 1899. His familiarity with larger commercial affairs; his habit of application and his varied experience in solving great problems in both private and official life, make his discharge of the duties easy. He is careful, methodical, earnest, thoughtful, never apparently in a hurry, and never behind with his work or his engagements. He is an officer of the First Congregational Church of Minneapolis and a liberal contributor to its support. November 3, 1856, he was married at Warner, New Hampshire, to Miss Mahala Fisk, a most estimable woman, whose affectionate sympathy and judicious advice have always been helpful. John Sargent Pillsbury has the genius of common sense. He is under such perfect self-control and possesses the faculty of concentrating his mental forces to such a degree that all the powers of his mind are subservient to his will for the accomplishment of a fixed purpose or the completion of an assumed undertaking. His habits have been so simple and his life so well ordered that the weight of more than seventy years rests lightly on him. His form is erect, his movement easy; his manner affable and his social intercourse marked by courtesy and cordiality. The force of his strong character is rendered lovable by a natural refinement and kindness in social intercourse. He listens to a complaint or a suggestion with equal forbearance, but never expresses his opinion with undue haste. In emergencies he decides instantly and acts promptly, with all the energy of a man accustomed to weigh his actions and measure his capabilities. He is natural and unaffected as a child, and free from any austerity of manner. He is neither effusive nor reserved,



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but simply natural and approachable. He is an earnest man, generous in his sympathies and just in his judgments. He cherishes that largeness and liberality in religious belief which leaves every man free to formulate his own creed and finds its best expression in an upright life, busy with good deeds and pervaded by a spirit to help the worthy who are in need. Whatever else may be engraved in his epitaph, the historic facts which made his administration as Governor famous, should be expressed: "He saved the University to the State and saved the State from dishonor."

MRS. MAHALA FISK PILLSBURY.

In choosing this subject as a representative woman of Minnesota, a tribute is paid to the womanhood of that State which can be fully appreciated only by those whom good fortune has led within the social circle of Mrs. Pillsbury, or, at least, within that larger circle of beneficent influence which perpetually radiates from her personality. Yet Minnesota cannot claim her as a native daughter. She draws her heredity from a double line of New England's early settlers. The place of her birth was Springfield, New Hampshire, the date May 7, 1832. Her parents were Captain John and Sarah (Goodhue) Fisk, prominent citizens of the Granite State, who for many years resided in the town of Warner. Here they reared a large family, Mahala Fisk having three brothers—Woodbury, John and Joseph, and three sisters—Elizabeth, Sarah and Mary. The American Fisks were descended—through William Fiske, the founder of the family in this country, who, in 1637, settled in Wenham, Massachusetts—from an aristocratic line of Englishmen with estates in Suffolk county, which line is traceable back to Simon Fisk, lord of a manor in the reign of Henry VI. But it is with a different type of nobility that this sketch will concern itself—a nobility not of titles and privileges, but of character and deeds; a nobility the insignia of which is not blazoned upon the breast, but graven deep

within it. Mrs. Pillsbury is a true cosmopolitan; and although she may owe something of her dignity and poise to the inherent consciousness of high and honorable lineage, she is delightfully free from the spirit of exclusiveness and hauteur of manner which too frequently accompany such a consciousness. Her childhood and youth were passed in the parental home in Warner, a home dominated by the most healthful influences, religious and moral; nor was the intellectual side of her training neglected. She was privileged to attend both the Hopkinton Academy and the Sanbornton Seminary, and she completed her studies at the age of nineteen. During the three years prior to her graduation, however, her time was divided between the acquiring and imparting of knowledge. Teaching was her chosen profession, and she followed it, at intervals, in the public schools of Keene and other towns of her State, up to the time of her marriage. On November 3, 1856, she was united to John S. Pillsbury, of Sutton, New Hampshire, and soon the youthful couple had bade farewell to their friends and were journeying westward to found a home in Minnesota, which was then a Territory and little better than a wilderness. It was a bridal tour plentifully marked by events and diversions—events which were dire contingencies, and diversions which were imminent dangers. It took courage to leave such a home as had sheltered the girlhood of Mahala Fisk and face the rigors and perils of frontier life; but in courage, at least, and in that love which casts out fear, both these young wayfarers were richly capitalized. Their destination was St. Anthony (now a part of Minneapolis), and here they began their Western life on an humble scale. The history of their first few years is one of hard work, misfortune and sacrifice—the experience common to settlers upon virgin soil. Nature has but one method of initiating those who are bold enough to venture into her rugged campus. Be one never so proudly born or daintily nurtured, his metal must be proven by the same ruthless hazing. Yet in homes like that of the Pillsburys, although meager in appointment as many another, hardship and

privation were illumined by ideals, and the humdrum of toil relieved by the graces of culture. In 1857, when Mr. Pillsbury's store was destroyed by fire, their vicissitudes culminated in an almost total loss of their worldly possessions. Soon, however, the tide of prosperity turned their way, and continued to flow with ever-increasing fullness. They erected a substantial house at the corner of Fifth street and Tenth avenue south, which was for twenty years the family home. In 1878 this was replaced by their present elegant residence, which occupies the same site as the old homestead. During the Civil War, while her patriotic husband gave to the State his valuable assistance in the task of raising troops, Mrs. Pillsbury was equally active in the organizing of a society and the collecting of funds for the aid of the soldiers and relief of poverty in their families. Thus the sick were cared for, and substantial comforts added to many a destitute home. Following close upon the outbreak of the Rebellion came the horrors of an Indian massacre, in which hundreds of the Minnesota settlers were made victims of savage slaughter. Mrs. Pillsbury, in the midst of treachery and death, stood steadfast as the granite of her native State, calmly preparing for a possible emergency by practicing the arts of defense and acquiring skill in the use of the rifle. Minnesota was but passing through the same throes which she knew as history of her own New Hampshire, and she was sustained in this fearful ordeal by traditions of the heroism of earlier pioneer women. Moreover, she was strong with the strength of deep-founded religious faith. Mahala Fisk was a worthy representative of a fervently religious race, her English progenitors being among those persecuted during the struggle of the Reformation because of their adherence to Protestant principles. Throughout her residence in Minnesota Mrs. Pillsbury has been closely identified with its religious life, which first took organic form in a little Congregational church erected near the site of the Pillsbury home, her diverse gifts finding expression in a diversity of work. Her natural talent for music, both vocal and instrumental, which had

been cultivated during her seminary days at Sanbornton, were here devoted to the church. She was promptly appointed, and has ever since continued, a member of the music committee, and for many years her sweet voice swelled the harmony of the choir. The genial womanliness of her character ever created an atmosphere of home about her, and this influence has been a potent one in the church, enlisting in its activities many a new-comer and many a frivolous or timid youth. In furthering its social interests she has been a leading spirit and an indefatigable worker, lightening the pastor's burdens inestimably, though maintaining always a self-effacing modesty. In the Sunday-school her labors have been constant and her enthusiasm unwearying, and the young men and women who have gone forth to their life battles fortified by her wise and loving counsel have long ceased to be numbered. And, corresponding to her work as assistant and instructor in the church, has been her even more consecrated work as helpmeet and mother in the home. Governor and Mrs. Pillsbury were blessed with four children. Addie Eva was born October 4, 1860. She was married October 8, 1884, to Charles M. Webster—now a prominent business man at Great Falls, Montana—and died April 2, 1885. Her native modesty and quiet, gentle character made her beloved by all. The second daughter, Susan M., born June 23, 1863, grew to a beautiful womanhood, becoming a general favorite through the sweetness and sincerity of her character. She was married to Fred B. Snyder, a successful lawyer of Minneapolis, on September 23, 1885, and died September 3, 1891, leaving an only child, John Pillsbury Snyder. Sarah Belle, born June 30, 1866, graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1888, and is now the wife of Edward C. Gale, of Minneapolis, a lawyer of high professional standing and literary culture. Alfred Fisk, the only son, born October 20, 1869, graduated at the University of Minnesota, and now holds a prominent position in the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Company. His modest ways, native shrewdness and wise tact in dealing with business men has caused him

to be selected to handle delicate and important business missions abroad, with results which promise much for his business future. On May 15, 1899, he was married to Eleanor Louise, a daughter of the late Chief Justice Wallbridge A. Field of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. In 1880 Mrs. Pillsbury united her own efforts with those of other philanthropic women for the establishment of a home for destitute children and aged women. This enterprise was carried into effect on a very small scale at first, with a few street waifs as beneficiaries; but soon the volume of applications which came pouring in showed the extent of the need which the institution was designed to fill. Then quickly followed, in November, 1881, the organizing of a society of ladies, of which Mrs. Pillsbury was made president, the raising of funds and the purchasing of the fine old homestead and grounds of Judge Atwater, situated on the banks of the Mississippi. Commodious as were these quarters, however, they were soon found inadequate to the increasing demands upon them, and were eventually sold, and new buildings erected in Minneapolis at an expense of \$40,000. Mrs. Pillsbury is still president of the institution, which is known as the Home for Children and Aged Women. In all her good works she has always received the warm sympathy and support of her husband. Christmas of the year 1899 was made memorable in the history of the Home for Children and Aged Women by an endowment of \$100,000 presented by her husband in her honor. This fund, the only endowment of the institution, is a permanent one, the income from which is to be used in the current expenses of the institution. It is designated the "Mahala Fisk Pillsbury Fund." Other institutions in which our subject has been actively interested are: The Washburn Home, of which she is a trustee; the Northwestern Hospital for Women, and the Woman's Exchange. It would be vain to attempt enumerating the miscellaneous charities dispersed by the hand of Mrs. Pillsbury. Prosperity, in smiling upon her, smiles also upon the poor within the range of her helpfulness,

such poor selected always with conscientious discrimination. Nor does she regard them merely as objects for her sympathy and aid, but as men and women entitled to her respectful regard. She recognizes and reverences true manhood and womanhood, whether it shines from the luxuriant setting of wealth or is hidden in the obscurity of poverty. For bombastic display she has no kind regard; but she knows what others see so beautifully illustrated in herself—that one may possess wealth, position and power and yet be modest and sincere. Unregenerate wealth she deems alike pitiable with unregenerate poverty, and even a more baffling problem to him who would reduce the world chaos to something like order and harmony. During her husband's tenure of the gubernatorial chair Mrs. Pillsbury filled with credit her honored position by his side. Nor did she feel herself removed by fortune from the people among whom she had toiled, but rather drawn nearer to them through her sense of added responsibility. It was during Governor Pillsbury's first term of office that large tracts of the State were laid waste by the grasshopper scourge, plunging the settlers into absolute want; and while her husband visited in person the devastated districts, to assure himself of the extent of the suffering and need for succor, Mrs. Pillsbury was employed in the organizing of a bureau of relief, with her own house as headquarters. So serious and widespread was this affliction, however, that she soon found it necessary to rent a storehouse in which to collect and distribute supplies; and throughout that long, cold winter, she and her little band of assistants toiled, often far into the night, selecting and dispatching articles in response to the many and varied appeals of the sufferers. As first lady of the State, Mrs. Pillsbury's versatile gifts were given full scope; but anyone who has looked upon her staunch and noble face knows that this woman was never made by outward circumstances; that in whatever walk of life her lot might have been cast she would always have been a leader, an organizer and a harmonizer. She is one of those rare souls, too widely scattered to touch hands, yet linked by

unity of faith and purpose, who form, as it were:

“The rainbow to the storms of life;
The evening beam that smiles the clouds
away,
And hints to-morrow with prophetic ray.”

ALEXANDER RAMSEY.

The last of the loyal “War Governors” of the Union and the first to answer Lincoln’s call for volunteers, the Hon. Alexander Ramsey of Minnesota, was born near Harrisburg, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1815. He is descended from two old Pennsylvania families. His paternal grandfather, for whom he was christened, was born in the eastern part of the then province, in the first part of the Eighteenth Century, and his mother, Elizabeth Kelker, was descended from an early German settler on the Schuylkill. The Ramseys of Pennsylvania were of good Scotch ancestry, and their blending with the sober and sturdy Pennsylvania Germans produced men renowned for brawn and brain, with not a dwarf, dastard or dullard among them. All of this clan were brave, industrious and thrifty people, well-to-do and long-to-live, and there is no better type of the family than the old War Governor. He was reared by an uncle, and in his young manhood worked at carpentering, clerked in a store and in a public office, took a partial collegiate course, and at twenty-two began the study of law. In 1839 he was admitted to the bar and entered into the practice at Harrisburg. He would have made a great lawyer had he continued steadily in the profession, but he had a natural taste for politics, was an ardent Whig, and the exciting and enthusiastic presidential campaign of 1840 took him from the bar to the hustings, and he made many notable speeches and helped carry Pennsylvania for Harrison and Tyler. As a sort of recognition of his services, he was made the secretary of the State Electoral College, in November, and the following January was

elected chief clerk of the Legislature. In 1842, when he was but twenty-seven years of age, he was the Whig nominee for Congress in a newly formed district, and received a majority of the votes; but it was decided that the district had been illegally formed and the election was void. The next year he was again nominated for the Twenty-eighth Congress, for the district composed of the remainder of the counties of Dauphin, Lebanon and Schuylkill, and was elected. He was re-elected in 1844, and declined a third nomination in 1846. In 1848 he was chairman of the Whig State committee, and under his management of the presidential campaign, Pennsylvania went for Taylor and Fillmore. In March, 1849, soon after coming into the Chief Magistracy, President Taylor appointed his now well-known Pennsylvania partisan, Governor of the then newly organized Minnesota Territory. Two months later he arrived in St. Paul, the seat of government, then a frontier village, and entered upon his duties. He was accompanied by his beautiful and accomplished wife—who had been Anna Earl Jenks, daughter of Hon. Michael H. Jenks, her husband’s colleague in Congress—and their arrival was an event long and pleasantly to be remembered. The young Governor had a great deal of work to do in Minnesota, much of it unpleasant and all of it hard. The Territory was full of office-seekers, place-hunters and speculators, all of them with schemes, and many of them with “jobs.” He had to set the governmental machinery in motion and keep it running smoothly, and solely for the general welfare. He was ex officio commissioner of Indian affairs for Minnesota, and there were forty thousand Sioux and Chippewas in the territory, owning big provinces of land, and blanketed and barbaric. He read his first message in the dining room of a hotel to a Legislature composed of twenty-seven members, and it was a paper full of good sense and of hopes and of fair prophecies that he lived to see realized. His administration as Territorial Governor was most successful. He governed the Territory much as a Pennsylvania Dutchman runs a farm, working hard, keeping everything and everybody in order, and providing for the



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future. In 1851 he made a treaty with the Sioux and bought from them 40,000,000 acres of fine, fertile land, which was soon open to settlement. He was fair, but firm, in his dealing with white men and red. He summarily repressed the unscrupulous palefaces, and when the old Sioux chief, Red Iron, became turbulent and insubordinate, he "broke" him from his chieftainship, put shackles upon him and threw him into the lockup, though a thousand scowling warriors were standing by. In 1853, when the Democrats came into power, under President Pierce, Governor Ramsey was succeeded by Gen. W. A. Gorman, and became a private citizen of St. Paul. In 1855 he was elected mayor of the young city. In 1857, when Minnesota was about to become a sovereign State, he was the Republican candidate for Governor against the late Gen. Henry H. Sibley, Democrat. Between Ramsey and Sibley, the two most prominent characters in the early history of the Northwest, there was always implacable political enmity, but devoted personal friendship. By a close vote, Sibley was declared elected Minnesota's first Governor. But two years later, in 1859, Ramsey was elected, and with him Ignatius Donnelly, as Lieutenant Governor. When Sumter was fired upon, Governor Ramsey chanced to be in Washington. That day he waited on President Lincoln and offered him a thousand Minnesotans for the war, and when the formal call came he answered it in person: "Our quota is ready, Mr. President." In 1861, Minnesota, young, poor, and very sorely troubled, sent five good regiments to the field. The next year she sent five more, almost stripping herself of her bravest and best. In August, 1862, with nearly all of the fighting force of the State in the South, the great Sioux rebellion broke out, and within a week nearly 800 people of the State had been put to the tomahawk and scalping knife and millions of property destroyed. Governor Ramsey did not flinch or fail. He put General Sibley at the head of such a force as could be organized and sent him against the savages, strengthening and supporting him with all his power, and in forty days the rebellion had

been subdued, hundreds of captives restored, and the Indians driven from the State, never to return. Ramsey was a splendid War Governor. He kept up Minnesota's quota, and established and maintained its reputation; he visited the soldiers in their camps, in Virginia and Mississippi, and cared for them as a father for his boys; he punished the Indian murderers of his people, and then protected his frontiers from savage raids and from a repetition of anything like the scenes of August, 1862, and all the while he was controlling the State successfully and advancing its development and civilization. In January, 1863, Governor Ramsey was elected United States Senator from Minnesota, and at the close of his term was re-elected for six years more. During his twelve years of service he was prominent in the deliberations of the Senate, as chairman of the Committee on Territories, on Postoffices and Post Roads, etc. The subject of postal reform occupied much of his attention. It was the "Ramsey Bill" which first corrected the franking abuse. His visit to and labors in Europe in 1869 were influential in bringing about cheap international postage. The improvement of the Mississippi and its navigable tributaries, the aiding of the Northern Pacific railroad, legislation in behalf of the then Territories of Dakota and Montana, the encouragement of trade with Manitoba, and all other measures for the benefit of the Northwest were subjects of his particular care and effort. No member of either house had better personal standing. His broad views, his good judgment and sagacity, his hearty frankness and geniality toward his associates gave him great popularity and influence. Senator Ramsey's congressional career closed in March, 1875, and he rested from official life till December, 1879, when President Hayes tendered him the portfolio of Secretary of War. He accepted, and at once entered on his duties and gave faithful and conspicuous service until March, 1881, when the Garfield administration began. A year later, in March, 1882, there was enacted the "Edmunds Law," which virtually extinguished polygamy in Utah—the remaining "twin relic of barbarism"—and

created a commission of five officials to execute its provisions. Senator Ramsey was appointed a member of the Board of Commissioners and elected its chairman. In 1866 he resigned and retired permanently to private life. Governor Ramsey has since passed his life in his comfortable home in St. Paul, in the quiet and hearty enjoyment of domestic comfort, the delight of books, of the society of old and valued friends, and the company of and association with his fellow citizens. Since 1884 he has been a widower, and he has but one child, a daughter, now Mrs. Marion Furness, who presides over his household. He is past eighty-four years of age, but "wears his manhood hale and green" and is splendidly preserved. He is seen on the streets every day in any sort of weather. He has always taken care of his health, and probably was never sick a whole day in all of his busy and eventful life. "That which should accompany old age, as honor, love, obedience, troops of friends," he has in plenitude. For some time he has been president of the Minnesota Historical Society and regularly attends its meetings, and is a leading spirit in the Old Settlers' Association. He is a member of the Loyal Legion and other organizations, and probably he attends as many banquets, receptions, and public meetings as any other of his fellow citizens. His services are in demand on every occasion where speeches are to be made, and his voice is seemingly as strong, deep and eloquent as when it rang upon the hustings of Pennsylvania sixty years ago or resounded through the halls of the Senate in 1864. He takes life easily and spends it sensibly, and "so should a good man end his days."

DANIEL R. NOYES.

This family of Noyes may be traced back genealogically from America to England, from England to Normandy, certain representatives of the early stock having crossed from France with William the Conqueror, and by royal allotment become landed proprietors in Corn-

wall. Thence the family appeared in America in the person of Rev. James Noyes, a Non-conformist of distinction who, in 1835, sought the freedom of the new world, locating at Newbury, Massachusetts. This early settler was the father of Rev. James Noyes of Stonington, Connecticut, who gained permanent honor as one of the founders of Yale College. On the mother's side, likewise, Mr. Noyes can count a line of ancestors prominent in the church and as educators. Edward Dorr Griffin, D. D., president of Williams College, was his great uncle, and the tradition in the family is that his great grandmother was descended from John Rogers, the Smithfield clergyman who suffered martyrdom at the stake for his religious convictions. Daniel Rogers Noyes is the eldest son of Daniel R. and Phoebe (Griffin) Noyes, and was born in the town of Lyme, Connecticut, on the 10th of November, 1836. He was reared amid refining and strengthening home influences, enjoying, also, the advantages of the best New England schools. At the age of eighteen he went to New York and engaged in business, continuing there until the breaking out of the Civil War. He then entered his country's service as a volunteer, not, as it proved, for a lengthy term. His health became undermined, and after his return from the war he traveled extensively, his journeyings, which covered a period of several years, including visits to points of special interest both in America and abroad. Upon the completion of this health-seeking tour, he resumed business as a partner in the banking house of Gilman, Son & Company, New York City. Mr. Noyes' residence in St. Paul dates from 1868, and his thirty odd years in this community show a record of unceasing activity and achievement. During the first year he founded the wholesale drug house of Noyes, Pett & Company, now the leading drug house of the Northwest, operating under the style of Noyes Brothers & Cutler, with Daniel R. Noyes as senior partner. The business of this house has become extended, not only into surrounding States, but to those bordering the Pacific, while it is known in both Europe and Asia through its exportations of certain classes of



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supplies to those countries. Mr. Noyes has also important manufacturing interests in St. Paul, and has been officially identified with many of the city's enterprises. To him, together with others, the St. Paul Business and Jobbers' Unions owe their existence. While always refusing political place and preferment, Mr. Noyes has served as president of the Jobbers' Union; also as president of the Chamber of Commerce. With the St. Paul Trust Company he is now associated as vice-president, and he is a member of the board of directors of the Merchants' National Bank. It is to Mr. Noyes that St. Paul is indebted for her Relief Society, and as its treasurer he has wisely administered its finances from its organization. He has been a zealous worker in the Young Men's Christian Association, having formerly officiated as president of that body, and chairman of its State work as well. He is a member of the board of trustees of Carlton College. Largely owing to his influence and effort the city came to possess its Government building, its Market Hall and Como Park. The Ice Palace and Winter Carnival, too, originating as propositions of Mr. Noyes, have been, as it were, reduced to cold facts. Nor are his activities merely local. He is a member of the Century Club of New York City—as well as of the home clubs, The Minnesota and Town and Country clubs—also of the National Social Science Association; and he was formerly president of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, and a director for many years of the New York Equitable Life Assurance Society. In legislative affairs, both of the State and Nation, Mr. Noyes has been prominent and influential, particularly in such as concerned bankruptcy, tariff, revenue and transportation. He was among the earnest advocates of our present equitable national law regulating bankruptcy; the repeal of the earlier Stamp Tax was effected through a movement of which he was the mainspring, and he has labored faithfully for the establishment of some measure of government control of our railroads. He is gratefully accredited by Minnesota as the author of some of her salutary laws for the prevention of cruelty, and has been for twenty-five years continuously

president of the State society organized in this cause. Mr. Noyes is a ready speaker and forcible writer—bright in repartee, yet earnest in purpose. The domestic side of Mr. Noyes' life has been equally successful. On December 1, 1866, he was married to Miss Helen Gilman, daughter of Winthrop Sargent Gilman, Esq., of New York City. Of their five living children the three daughters are: Mrs. (Prof.) William Adams Brown, of New York; Mrs. Saltus, of Paris, and Miss Noyes; their two sons: Winthrop S. G. Noyes, of St. Paul, and D. Raymond Noyes, now attending the St. Paul's school at Concord, New Hampshire. The fine Noyes residence is situated on Summit avenue, overlooking the Mississippi; and as its owner is seen at home, hospitable, hale and hearty, he seems as one whom all misfortune has passed by. Yet, free as is this sketch from any tinge of sadness, we know there are hours when each life is brooded over by dark wings. Mr. Noyes has known years of illness and necessary retirement from active effort. These years were spent in study and travel and were not lost. In lives like that of Mr. Noyes often the glad consciousness of having done well lies side by side with the saddening thought of partial accomplishment and much still to do. But this is a grief that has no sting and leaves no poison in the heart.

JOHN IRELAND.

No history of the Northwest is complete, no picture of Minnesota is adequate, that fails to show the heroic figure of the Most Reverend John Ireland, Archbishop of St. Paul, clearly in the foreground. He has for half a century lived in the Territory and State, and has grown with its growth. He was born in Ireland, September 11, 1838, son of Richard Ireland, a contractor and builder, an honest man, a useful citizen. At the age of eleven years he emigrated with his parents and other members of the family to the United States, stopping some time in Burlington, Vermont, and Chicago, Illinois. In 1852 the family settled in St. Paul for a permanent residence. Here his father died in 1887 and his mother in 1895, and here

is still the home of the son who has attained great distinction as a citizen and a prelate. In 1853 young Ireland went to France to prosecute his classical and theological studies as a preparation for the ministry in the Catholic Church. This work of scholastic preparation occupied eight full years—four of which were spent at Meximieux in the department of Ain, and four at Hyeres, in the department of Var. Upon the completion of his theological course he returned home, and was ordained a priest at St. Paul, December 21, 1861, by Bishop Grace. He was young, vigorous, thoroughly American, and intensely patriotic. It was therefore most natural and praiseworthy that he should offer his services to the Government at the time of its greatest peril, and consecrate his holy calling anew, by ministering to the comfort of the volunteer soldiers and bringing to them in extremity the consolations of religion. In June, 1862, he received a commission as chaplain of the Fifth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers, and joined the regiment in camp at Corinth, Mississippi. He was courage and devotion in the army, braving every danger, performing every duty, adapting his ministry to the wants of his comrades and fulfilling the high demands of patriotism in the march and the siege and the battle. He was with his regiment in the bloody battle of Corinth and in all subsequent engagements, until severe and long-continued illness rendered further service impossible. Having tendered his resignation in April, 1863, he returned home and was assigned to the pastorate of the Cathedral parish, St. Paul, where he labored for several years. In recognition of his marked abilities and conspicuous services he was, in 1875, appointed Titular Bishop of Moronea and Apostolic Vicar of Nebraska by the Sovereign Pontiff, but on the request of Bishop Grace this appointment was withdrawn and that of the Coadjutor of the See of St. Paul substituted. His consecration to the latter office took place December 21, 1875. So it will be seen he was ordained a priest in December and consecrated to the solemn duties of the higher office in the same month, just fourteen years from the day of his ordination. In the limited

space available for the biography of one man in a single volume containing so many, it is impossible to sketch adequately a life so full, so varied in its work and so conspicuous in achievement as that of Archbishop Ireland. The merest outline and the briefest mention of the most important events must suffice; but these are sufficient to suggest the character and measure of the man. One of the grandest and most far-reaching in its results among the acts of his early ministry was the institution of the Catholic Total Abstinence Society in Minnesota, which was organized in 1869. He stood for total abstinence from intoxicating liquors as the best protection of the home and the safeguard of manhood. From the small enrolment in that first organization the membership of the society has increased to many thousands in the State, and its blessings will extend to many generations in the ages to come. Another beneficent act of inestimable value was his purchase of thousands of acres of the cheap and fertile lands of Minnesota, whose settlement he effected, by serving practically as emigrant agent. His scheme of colonization served to establish many settlers and to add millions to the productive capital and labor of the State. His life has been full of useful work for the improvement and elevation of mankind; for the promotion of popular education and the establishment of Christianity in the land. In the fore rank of ecclesiastics, he has at all times lent his influence, by the inspiration of his oratory, the clear, crisp, convincing argument of his pen, and the influence of his personal example, supported all progressive movements in the local community, the State and the Nation. To the assembled teachers of the common schools he said in a public address: "Palsied be the arm that is raised against free popular education." In another address before the Loyal Legion, referring to the alleged "race problem," he said: "There is no race problem. Justice knows no color line." Concerning the great railroad strike of 1894, he said in an interview:

"I dislike to speak of the Chicago strike, because in doing so I shall blame labor, where-

as because of my deep sympathy with it, I should wish to have none but words of praise for it. Yet, in a momentous social crisis such as the one through which we are passing, it is a duty to speak loud and to make the avowal of the truths and principles which will save society and uphold justice, and I am glad of the opportunity which a representative of the press affords me. The fatal mistake which has been made in connection with this strike is that property has been destroyed, the liberty of citizens interfered with, human lives endangered, social order menaced, the institutions and freedom of the country put in most serious jeopardy. The moment such things happen, all possible questions as to the rights and grievances of labor must be dropped out of sight, and all efforts of law-abiding citizens and of public officials made to serve in maintaining public order and guarding at all cost the public weal. Labor must learn that however sacred its rights be, there is something above them and absolutely supreme—social order and the laws of public justice. There is no civil crime as hideous and as pregnant of evil results as resistance to law and the constitutional authority of the country. This resistance is revolution; it begets chaos; it is anarchy; it disrupts the whole social fabric which insures the safety of the poor as well as of the rich, to the employe as well as to the employer. There can be no hesitation to bring in the repressive powers of society when property is menaced. Only savages, or men who for the time being are turned into savages, will burn or destroy property, whether it be the factory of the rich man or the poor man's cottage, a railroad car or a national building. More criminal and more inexcusable yet, is the act of murdering human beings, or of endangering their lives. Labor, too, must learn the lesson that the liberty of the citizens is to be respected. One man has the right to cease from work, but he has no right to drive another man from work. He who respects not the liberty of others shows himself unworthy of his own liberty and incapable of citizenship in a free country. Never can riots and mob rule and lawless depredations be tolerated. The country that permits them signs its death warrant."

When the Lexow committee entered upon the investigation which exposed the corrupt methods of Tammany Hall, and the infamous practices of its police force, he supported the reform party with all the force of his eloquence. And so at all times and in all places

he stands for whatever is just and honorable in government, whatever is pure, elevating and progressive in social or community life, whatever is honest, sincere, upright, generous, noble and of good report in the individual. Archbishop Ireland is what Governor Roosevelt would call a "strenuous man." His whole life is devoted to lifting up and improving the condition, the character and the spirit of the larger community life, whether his energies are employed in the church, through the clergy or in the secular world. The scope of his genius is evidenced by the wonderful variety of its operations. To-day he delivers an address in behalf of higher education and takes the initial step to found a university; to-morrow he addresses a public meeting called to promote a railroad, and lends his influence to the active, earnest support of a public movement whose importance is unquestioned; between days he is found in charitable work, relieving the wants of the humble poor. Yesterday he was called to Rome to confer with His Holiness the Pope; returning, he was invited to Washington to confer with the President on affairs of State. His platform lectures cover a great variety of subjects. Everywhere, at all times, he is busy, speaking, teaching, working—always for some useful and worthy end, and without neglecting ecclesiastic duties. On the occasion of Chicago's great international carnival, in October, 1899, the Archbishop, as a banquet guest of the Marquette Club, responded to a toast, "The American Republic." Brief extracts from this will suffice to illustrate the trend of his thought and the quality of his oratory:

"Material prosperity belongs to us as to no other people. The Author of Nature made the Western Continent so opulent that under any form of government the people of America should prosper. But not only did no barrier to our prosperity arise from a Republican form of government; but this form, I am sure, has contributed much to it, by the impetus it affords to individualism and personal initiative, by the sense of dignity and the consequent ambition it creates in every human soul, by the equal recognition of law given to aspirations and efforts from whatever social stratum

they spring. It matters little to me what the difficulties are that are said to confront us; be they political, social or industrial—I have no fear. I trust the great good sense of the people; I trust the power of American public opinion; I trust the freedom of the Republic, which allows healthful discussion; I trust American justice and American respect for human rights, born of American democracy, to solve in due time every problem and remove every peril. With time for reflection, the people will proclaim the reign of justice and of charity. I fear only the effects of momentary passion and the rashness it occasions. Hence the motto of Americans should be patience and prudence, and meanwhile energetic and unselfish work for country and for humanity, for righteousness and for God. * * * * The American Republic! She lives and liberty lives with her. The flag of the American Republic means liberty. Wherever it goes, liberty goes with it. With anxious eye and throbbing heart we watch to-day the journeying of the flag of America toward distant isles; we pray for its safety and its honor; we proclaim that in Asia as in America it means liberty and all the blessings that go with liberty. Some say—it means in Asia the repression of liberty. God forbid! It means in Asia the institution of civil order, so that America, to whom the fates of war have brought the unsought duty of maintaining order in those isles, may see and know who are the people of the Philippines; who there have the right to speak for the people, what the people desire and for what the people are fitted. Civil order restored—and it must be restored—the flag of America may be trusted to be for the Philippines the harbinger and the guardian of the liberty and the rights of the people. The American Republic! She will live, and with her liberty will live."

In profound scholarship, in the variety and accuracy of historical information, in familiarity with church polity, he is the equal of the most learned prelate in the land. In the practical knowledge of affairs, in the intimacy of social intercourse with statesmen, in the confidential relations with the administration of the National Government, he is foremost amongst them all. He is first a man, broad, strong, independent; intensely American in his love and pride of nationality; cosmopolitan in familiar intercourse and knowledge of men;

catholic in spirit, in sympathy, in methods of work to accomplish reforms. He accepts truth in any guise, wherever found; he comprehends its universal aspect. He believes Christianity is progressive; that it adapts itself to conditions, to social position, to every phase of life and to ethical, economic and political problems. His active interest in affairs attests his belief that a prelate is not absolved from the duties of citizenship; but rather impelled by a high sense of duty to employ his activities and his influence in support of public policies which he believes to be right and expedient. His tolerance in matters of religion is expressed in the Constitution of the United States—liberty in form of worship and impartial protection to worshipers—and therefore believes that for America the separation of Church and State is wise. Instead of the implication of hostility in such separation he finds abundant evidences of accord, reciprocal esteem and mutual helpfulness. Archbishop Ireland has remarkable power for doing things, and one of the sources of that power is found in his discriminating judgment in the selection of instrumentalities, his tact in choosing the right man for a particular position or work. This is a manifestation of the highest executive ability. His capacity is multiplied by his method of working through others, wisely chosen. His love of the human race is so pervasive as to exclude race prejudice and inspire a consciousness that working for humanity is the highest form of serving God. His stalwart and symmetrical physical proportions suggest great strength and endurance, and at the same time generous impulses and large sympathies. He encourages the aspirations of the ambitious and supports the efforts of the poor and the weak to improve their condition. A worthy companion of the great and powerful, he is equally the friend of the humble who need assistance. Characteristic independence of thought and boldness of expression, not inconsistent with a high regard for the canons and dignitaries of the church, enlarges the sphere of his influence. Active performance of civic duties, public spirited promotion of secular enterprises, earnest advocacy of social



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reforms and a higher, purer individual life, and the advisory relationship with rulers, add to his dignity and eminent usefulness.

WILLIAM D. WASHBURN.

It is the privilege of few citizens of any commonwealth to exercise as wide an influence upon its affairs, and to touch its life at so many points, as has William Drew Washburn in his more than forty years' residence in Minnesota. Coming here as a pioneer, before Statehood had been attained, he has been a part of the wonderful development of four decades—has seen the State change from a mere scattered group of frontier settlements to a well peopled community holding a leading position in agriculture, manufactures and commerce, and the village in which he made his home, in 1857, become the chief city of the State. Through this period of evolution Mr. Washburn has been a forceful influence in most of those lines of endeavor which have made the State and city so conspicuously successful. He was early identified with the improvement of the water power which became the nucleus of the manufacturing greatness of Minneapolis, and no one was more influential in fostering and promoting the manufactures of the new State both by wise encouragement and by example. Later he became interested, also, in other lines of business, and took a most prominent part, through railroad construction, in opening the lines of commerce. During his long business career he has had a part in the financial and investment interests of the city and State, and in the later manufacturing enterprises. Organized public work has found in him a leader and supporter at all times. Mr. Washburn's activity in the promotion of public interests had much to do with his political successes, and in political life he has been peculiarly fortunate in supplementing his other labors by giving to the Northwest some of its most important public works. In the course of his public career Mr. Washburn has been a factor in local, State and National politics—affecting Minnesota life from every possible political

standpoint. And while the State has felt his influence in all these diverse directions, his own city has been aware of his presence as a constant force in more social questions; in such matters as public and private charities, education, the church, the improvement of the city, the maintenance of lofty standards in those things which make for the higher life of the community. In democratic America, where ancestry counts for but little as a factor in success, there is still a just cause for worthy pride in descent from those who made American conditions possible, or in family relation with men who have been conspicuous in the service of the Nation. As a descendant of old Pilgrim stock, and as one of a group of brothers who constituted perhaps the most distinguished family contemporaneously in public life in the United States, Mr. Washburn might be pardoned for a large degree of family pride. The first Washburns in America were John Washburn, secretary of the council of Plymouth, and his son John, who came to this country with him. The latter married Elizabeth Mitchell, the daughter of Experience Mitchell and Jane Cook, and granddaughter of Francis Cook, who came over in the *Mayflower* in 1620. The family had originally lived, probably for many generations, in the village of Evesham, not far from Stratford on Avon, in one of the most beautiful parts of England. Israel Washburn, born in 1781, was directly descended from these Puritan ancestors. His father served in the Revolution, as did the father of his wife, Martha Benjamin, whom he married in 1812. Mrs. Washburn's father was Lieut. Samuel Benjamin, a patriot of whose valor and persistence in his country's cause it need only be said that he participated in the Battle of Lexington and fought through the whole war to Yorktown, where he was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. Few of the soldiers who fought for American independence saw, as did Lieutenant Benjamin, the first and last battles of the great struggle. Israel and Martha Washburn made their home on a farm in Livermore, Maine, and it was here that their large family was reared. To the parents' influence, to the stern training of

farm life in the Maine "back woods," to the inheritance of patriotism and love of achievement, and to their own steadfast endeavor, is due in very large measure the wonderful success of the group of boys born in this Maine farm home. There was little of material advantage to be found surrounding these boys during their early life. The father was no more successful than the average New England farmer, but he was an alert, intelligent man, a reader, a man of hard common sense and with the largest ambitions to give to his sons every opportunity for success. Of the mother it is said that she "was a practical housekeeper, industrious, frugal, sagacious, stimulating to the children's consciences, sincerely religious withal, and hence gave those under her precious charge an unalterable bent towards pure and lofty ends." It was in such a home that eleven children were born, of whom the seven sons have achieved worthy prominence in public life. In his "Triumphant Democracy" Andrew Carnegie says of this group of men:

"Their career is typically American. The Washburns are a family indeed, seven sons, and all of them men of mark. Several of them have distinguished themselves so greatly as to become a part of their country's history. The family record includes a Secretary of State, two Governors, four Members of Congress, a major general in the army and another second in command in the navy. Two served as Foreign Ministers, two as State Legislators, and one as Surveyor General. As all these services were performed during the Civil War, there were Washburns in nearly every department of State, laboring camp and council for the Republic, at the sacrifice of great personal interests."

As the youngest child in the family, William D. Washburn had, in addition to the influence of his parents, the stimulation of the example of his brothers who were already entering public life while he was a school boy. Israel Washburn, Jr., was elected to Congress in 1850, when William, who was born in 1831, was but nineteen years of age. The young men had already become prominent in Maine State politics, and Israel, after serving four terms

in Congress, was elected War Governor of his native State. Elisha B. Washburn served as Congressman from Illinois from 1853 to 1869, when he was appointed Secretary of State by President Grant. During the Franco-Prussian war he was Minister Plenipotentiary to France. Cadwallader C. Washburn was in Congress both before and after the war, was a general in the Union army, and in 1874 was elected Governor of Wisconsin. Charles A. Washburn was minister to Paraguay; Samuel B. Washburn was a distinguished officer in the navy. Beyond what has been said of his early influences there was little that was distinctive about the boyhood of Mr. Washburn. It was the common experience of the son of a New England farmer—the district school in the winter and farm work in the summer. As he grew old enough to take a heavier part in the farming, the school months of the year became fewer. Short terms at a village "high school" and neighboring academies supplemented the district school experiences, and finally at Farmington Academy he was able to prepare for college. In the year 1850, when he was nineteen, he entered Bowdoin College—that honored alma mater of such men as Hawthorne, Longfellow, William P. Fessenden, President Franklin Pierce, Chief Justice Fuller, Senator John P. Hale, General O. O. Howard and Thomas B. Reed—and graduated four years later with the bachelor's degree, after completing a full classical course. The succeeding three years were devoted to the study of law in the office of his brother, Israel Washburn, Jr., and with Judge John A. Peters, now and for many years past Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maine. During this period he spent part of his time in Washington performing the duties of a clerk in the House of Representatives, where he obtained his first acquaintance with the affairs of Congress and with the public men of that time. Two of Mr. Washburn's brothers had already made their home in the West, and upon completing his law studies he determined to follow their example. It was not difficult to decide upon a location. Livermore had already sent men to the Falls of St. Anthony, and his brothers,

Elhu and Cadwallader, had acquired interests there and elsewhere in Minnesota. It seemed a place with a greater future than any other western settlement. The young man believed that he saw in it a field worthy of his energies; but it is hardly probable that his highest flights of fancy pictured the Minneapolis of to-day as a possibility during his own lifetime. On May 1, 1857, Mr. Washburn reached Minneapolis and shortly after opened a law office. The contrast between the town in which he settled and the city of to-day is striking. The population was then perhaps 2,000 as compared with over 200,000 in 1899; there were about two hundred buildings of all kinds in the village, and few of them were worth more than \$1,000. There were no railroads, and the great manufacturing industries of the present time were represented by one or two small mills. Into this scattered collection of frame buildings there was pouring, however, a stream of immigrants, and speculation and building were keeping the people busy. There seemed every prospect of coming prosperity. But that stability necessary for security during financial difficulties had not been attained, and the same summer saw such reverses as to make the outlook very dismal. Mr. Washburn arrived just in time to experience, with the town of his choice, all the troubles of the panic of 1857. There was little law business to be had, and soon after his arrival he became the secretary and agent of the Minneapolis Mill Company—the corporation controlling the west side power at the Falls of St. Anthony. This was a most fortunate appointment for Minneapolis as well as Mr. Washburn. It brought into immediate exercise in behalf of the village those extraordinary executive faculties which have ever since been so continuously devoted to the interests of the city. To Mr. Washburn it gave the opportunity for familiarizing himself with the possibilities of manufacturing at the falls, which was the basis of his future success. Later generations in Minneapolis are entirely unfamiliar with the extent of the debt of the city to Mr. Washburn, incurred during these early days. With that characteristic energy and determination which

has since become so well known to the people of the city, he commenced the improvement of the power controlled by his company. During 1857 the original dam on the west side was built—this in the midst of great financial embarrassments. It was a tremendous struggle, a great load to be laid on the shoulders of a man then but twenty-six years of age. But dam and raceway were finally completed. The young agent shrewdly guessed, however, that his battle was only half won. On the east side of the river there was a better power with more eligible mill sites; but the policy of its managers discouraged new enterprises. Mr. Washburn decided that the west side works must have mills, and he at once adopted a liberal policy and leased mill powers, now commanding a yearly rental of \$1,500, as low as \$133 per annum, to persons who would establish mills. The plan worked admirably. Everyone knows now how the flour mills gathered about the west side raceway until there was built up the greatest group in the whole world. Until the industries at the falls were put upon a firm foundation, Mr. Washburn remained the agent of the company, and he has always maintained a large interest in it. He has never been out of touch with the manufacturing interests of the State since that first summer's work at the Falls of St. Anthony. Receiving, in 1861, the appointment of Surveyor General at the hands of President Lincoln, it became necessary for Mr. Washburn to remove to St. Paul for a time. It was while in this office that his friends acquired the habit of prefixing the title "General" to his name; a custom so well established that it has continued through all the various offices which he has held. While Surveyor General, Mr. Washburn became familiar with the timber resources of the State, and, purchasing considerable tracts, afterwards engaged extensively in the lumber business. He formed the firm of W. D. Washburn & Co., built a saw mill at the falls, and later one at Anoka, and until 1889 carried on a very large lumber business. In 1873 he entered flour milling, and speedily became an important factor in the production of that Minneapolis staple. His interests in flour

manufacturing were through the original firm of W. D. Washburn & Co. and Washburn, Crosby & Co. The firm of W. D. Washburn & Co. subsequently, in 1881, was merged in the Washburn Mill Company, and in 1889 the flour milling division of this business was consolidated with the Pillsbury interests in the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Company, forming the largest flour milling corporation in the world. At this time there were large accessions of English capital, but Mr. Washburn retained—as he does at this time—a large interest, and has been continuously one of the board of American directors of the properties. The Minneapolis Mill Company was also consolidated with the new corporation which afterwards completed the work of harnessing the power of St. Anthony Falls by the construction of a new dam and power house a short distance below the main falls. This rapid sketching of what would seem a life work for any man, gives, however, but one side of the business activities of Mr. Washburn—his interest in developing the two leading industries of Minnesota. It has been said of one of the greatest of Englishmen that while many men “think in parishes” and a few “think in nations,” he “thinks in continents.” Applying this thought to business it might be said that while many men think in single lines of trade, a few think in the broad lines of general manufacturing or jobbing, while only a very limited number think through the whole question of producing, distributing, financing and transporting. To the latter class Mr. Washburn belongs. He has, from time to time, and very much of the time, had considerable interest in the financial institutions of Minneapolis, in wholesale trade, in real estate. But aside from his influence in the development of manufacturing his most conspicuous undertakings, and those in which the public has been most interested, have been the great railroad projects which he has successfully consummated. The early railroad system of the State had developed along such lines that Mr. Washburn, with other Minneapolis business men, felt the need of a railroad running towards the south, which would afford transportation direct to Minne-

apolis, and which should be controlled in the interests of Minneapolis. The result was the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad carried through, during the seventies, very largely by the efforts of Mr. Washburn, who was its president for some time. The end desired having been accomplished, he retired from the management, and early in the eighties commenced to agitate the subject of a line direct to tide-water and completely independent of the domination of Chicago interests. The project was a startling one—fascinating by its very audacity; to build five hundred miles through an unsettled wilderness to a connection with a foreign railroad—to do this to free the city from the detrimental effects of combinations in the interests of competitors! To be financially successful the projected railroad must depend largely upon its through business, and that class of business must be mostly export flour and wheat—and Minneapolis flour exporting had then but partially developed. But there was a Washburn behind the plan—and it went through. The road was built in five years—the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie. And, since, it has been extended westward through Minnesota and North Dakota to another connection with the Canadian Pacific, thus giving Minneapolis another transcontinental line. Mr. Washburn was president of the “Soo” line during its construction and until his election to the Senate. He still retains large interests and has been continuously a director. In fact, the Soo line without Mr. Washburn would be, to use the familiar simile, like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. After a dozen years of the enjoyment of the benefits derived from the Soo-Canadian connection with the East, the people of Minnesota have come, perhaps, to accept it unthinkingly and without remembering the tremendous difficulties which its construction involved, or the splendid energy and ability with which its chief promoter carried out the project. General Washburn’s commercial activities continue, his penchant for pioneering finding abundant scope just now in the development of a tract of some 445,000 acres of land in North Dakota through which he is building a rail-

road. Those qualities in Mr. Washburn which have made him a successful railroad builder, a great manufacturer and a shrewd developer of new country have contributed in large measure to his success in political life. The ability to "think in continents" marks the successful man in public life as certainly as it does the winner in business. A broad conception of the commercial needs of the Northwest and a well-developed creative faculty, together with those qualities of mind and manner which aid in controlling and winning men, made Mr. Washburn unusually successful in his public service to the State and Nation. He was first called to hold office in 1858, when he was elected to the Minnesota Legislature, then a newcomer in the State and but twenty-seven years of age. Three years later he received from President Lincoln the appointment of Surveyor General of Minnesota. In 1866 he was chosen to the school board of Minneapolis, and assisted in the early development of the school system so prized by the people of the city. The year 1871 found him again in the State Legislature, using his rapidly growing influence in the support of legislation looking to State supervision and control of railroads. By this time it was conceded that he was to take a foremost position in Minnesota politics, and in 1873 his friends nearly secured his nomination for Governor of the State. After the decisive vote in the convention it was claimed by Mr. Washburn's friends that two ballots had not been counted. These would have changed the result, but Mr. Washburn refused to contest the nomination. In 1878 he commenced six years of continuous service in Congress, terminating only when he declined renomination for the fourth term on account of his intention to concentrate his attention upon the Soo railroad project, which he had just then commenced. The completion of the Soo line in 1888 made it possible for him to withdraw from executive management of the enterprise and become a candidate for the United States Senate, to which office he was chosen in the following year. Again, in 1895, he was a candidate, but was not elected. Trusting in the very positive assurances of

even those who afterwards opposed him, that there would be no opposition to his candidacy, he had confidently expected re-election, and frankly admitted his great disappointment. He would, under no circumstances, have reappeared as a candidate had he known of the opposition which was to develop. In this as in all cases where he has not been "on top" in a political struggle, Mr. Washburn quietly accepted the situation; he has never been a "sore head" or posed as a disgruntled politician. When Mr. Washburn went into Congress in 1878 he was equipped for service as no other Northwestern representative had ever been. To a wide acquaintance with public men and a familiarity with methods and usages at Washington, he added a thorough knowledge of the country which he was to represent—not only a political knowledge, but also a comprehensive view of its commercial needs. As has been said, he had been largely instrumental in developing the two great manufacturing industries of the State, and, with twenty years of study, was familiar, in the minutest details, with their requirements in the way of transportation, development of power and supply of raw materials. It had been his pleasure as well as a necessity of his business to study agricultural conditions. He saw the interdependence of all the interests of the Northwest, and grasped the great principles which have since been generally recognized as underlying the permanent prosperity of Minnesota and the neighboring States. In Congress he set about working out the fulfillment of ideas which had been gradually taking form, and the accomplishments of the twenty years since he entered that body have been prolific in the fruit of the score of years of earlier experience and study. As far back as 1869 Mr. Washburn had conceived the plan of impounding the flood waters of the upper Mississippi river in great reservoirs near the headwaters. It was an adaptation of the plan in use on the Merrimac river in New England. But it was far more comprehensive in form and had four purposes in view, where the New England scheme had but one. Mr. Washburn had observed the destructive work of the floods in the Mississippi

and the contrast afforded by the periods of extreme low water, when navigation was seriously impeded. To mitigate the floods and at the same time save the surplus of water for use in seasons of drouth was the central thought. But all the results were not for the benefit of navigation and the protection of farmers along the river banks. There was a large traffic in logs on the river. The navigation of the Mississippi by the common saw-log was quite as important as that of the steamer. To save the logs from being swept away by floods or "hung up" on sand bars in low water was an important part of the impounding scheme. Again, the water of the Mississippi was used for power at Minneapolis and other points. In flood times vast quantities of water went to waste; in low water seasons the volume was not sufficient for the needs of the mills. An equalization of the flow was thus of the greatest importance to navigation, the farmers, the loggers, and the manufacturers. Having the project in mind as one sure to be realized some day, Mr. Washburn, in 1869, purchased of the Government the forty acres at Pokegama Falls, on the upper Mississippi river, which his judgment told him would be required for the key of the system. When the project was finally approved and entered upon, Mr. Washburn conveyed this land to the Government without charge. It was ten years after his conception of the plan that Mr. Washburn commenced his campaign in Congress. Like all projects calling for large appropriations, it required persistent endeavor; but finally he had the satisfaction of seeing the system of dams and reservoirs completed—a system which has been of untold benefit to the interests above mentioned. Early in his Congressional career he also commenced to give careful attention to the needs of navigation upon the Mississippi from the standpoint of direct improvements of the channel, and secured many appropriations for the work on the upper river. He laid the foundations for the appropriations for the locks and dams immediately below Minneapolis, which, when completed, will give Minneapolis direct navigation to the gulf and all the great tributaries of the

Mississippi. But there were still broader questions under consideration. Mr. Washburn had a keen appreciation of the relations of the Great Lakes to the commercial development of the Northwest. He saw distinctly that this great water route to and from the seaboard was the key to the commercial problem of his State. Cheap transportation would make possible such a development of farming and manufacturing as had never been conceived of. To secure the cheapest transportation, however, there must be free and unobstructed channels through the lake system of such depth that vessels of modern build might pass without detention. And so, as a member of the committee of commerce, Mr. Washburn secured the first appropriation for the improvement of the Hay Lake channel in the Sault Ste. Marie river—the beginning of the great "twenty-foot" project which has since made possible the navigation of the lakes by a fleet of vessels carrying a commerce unequalled on any waterway in the world. While these great projects received much of Mr. Washburn's thought while in the House, he was by no means unmindful of the special needs of his district; his success in looking after its interests being amply testified to by the frequent renominations which came to him. Among the most important items of his special work for Minneapolis was the bill for a public building, which he successfully promoted early in the eighties. These material matters, important and engrossing as they were, did not interfere with Mr. Washburn's participation in all national questions which came before Congress during his terms of office. He had always been a student of public affairs. Though a life-long and consistent Republican, he has a vein of independence in his make-up which has been perhaps developed through a settled habit of looking at things in their broader aspects rather than from the point of view of the politician who sees only the immediate political effects. This habit of thought has brought him from time to time into apparent variance with his party; but it has usually been acknowledged, afterwards, that he was right. Perhaps the best example of this political

characteristic of Mr. Washburn was his opposition to the so-called "force bill" while in the Senate. It will be remembered that the Lodge bill received the support of the Republican Senators—excepting about half a dozen "Silver Republicans," who had formed a combination with the Democrats—and that Mr. Washburn was the only Senator on that side of the house who opposed the measure. Believing that it was wrong in principle, and that it would not accomplish what it aimed to do, he voted against it—and received unstinted criticism from the party press for his independence of thought and action. The years which have passed since this episode have served to show that Mr. Washburn was right. There are probably few men in the Republican party to-day who would favor such a measure as that proposed by Senator Lodge. Mr. Washburn does not pretend to flowery oratorical powers; he relies upon plain and earnest statements and sound logic and reasoning. And in presenting a question in this way he is very successful. And so, while not among the Congressmen whose voices are heard on every topic, he has been heard with the greatest respect when he has spoken on the floor of the House or Senate Chamber. During his Senatorial term he made two very elaborate speeches, which would have given him a very wide reputation had he never taken any other part in Congressional debates. One of these efforts was in support of the anti-option bill, the championship of which measure made Senator Washburn for a time the most conspicuous figure in the Senate. Believing profoundly in the principle that the buying and selling of that which did not exist was contrary to the laws of economics, and in practice injurious to business and morals, while it worked enormous detriment to the agricultural interests of the country, Mr. Washburn threw himself into the fight for the measure with a whole-souled energy which could have but one result. For four months the bill was the unfinished business in the Senate. It was a battle royal with enormous monied interests to contend with; but the victory was finally won. Senator Washburn's principal speech in support of this bill attracted wide

attention in this country and abroad. The bill was throttled in the House and Mr. Washburn believes there has been a loss of hundreds of millions to the country, for which the leaders of the House, who prevented the votes, are responsible. By far the most elaborate and carefully prepared speech which Mr. Washburn delivered while in the Senate was that upon the revenue bill of 1894, when he argued against the repeal of the reciprocity provisions secured by Mr. Blaine in 1890. This speech—on "reciprocity and new markets"—was one of the most comprehensive discussions of the reciprocity principle, the development of the commerce of the United States during its two years of trial, and the future possibilities of the system, which was ever made in Congress. While bringing statistics to show the trade relations with all American nations, Mr. Washburn gave special attention to Cuba, showing the wonderful increase in trade with that island under the reciprocal treaty with Spain. It was, of course, a foregone conclusion that the Democratic Congress would repeal the reciprocity agreements, but Mr. Washburn's speech revealed in all its baldness the certain result of such action—results which followed speedily and surely. Prolonged absence at times from his home city have not prevented Mr. Washburn and his family from filling a large place in the social life of Minneapolis. As soon as he had established himself in his new home Mr. Washburn returned to Maine, where, April 19, 1859, he was married to Miss Lizzie Muzzy, daughter of the Hon. Franklin Muzzy, a Bangor manufacturer and a man prominent in the political life of the State. A modest home was established in Minneapolis, and here their children, four sons and two daughters, passed their early childhood. Realizing that increasing fortune brought with it increased obligation, Mr. Washburn some years ago purchased a beautiful tract of land and erected a mansion surrounded by most attractive grounds. This home, which was named "Fair Oaks," has become not only a center of social attraction, but an object of pride in a city where beauty of surroundings and the refinements of life are most highly appreciated. October 24, 1859, a

meeting was held in the village of Minneapolis for the purpose of organizing a Universalist Church. On this occasion Mr. Washburn occupied the chair, and his connection with the Church of the Redeemer dates from that meeting. It was at first a struggling society; it is now one of the leading churches of the denomination in the country. In its early vicissitudes and its later prosperity it has continually had reason to remember Mr. Washburn's constant generosity, for in his church connection, as in all other matters, he has been liberal in his contributions where there has been evidence of need and worthy object to be accomplished. Of Mr. Washburn's religious beliefs there could be no better testimony than this, from one in a position to know whereof he speaks:

"Mr. Washburn is modest and sparing in his religious professions, but deep-rooted in his religious convictions. His father and mother were earnest Universalists, and he inherited their faith. To this he has been as loyal as to the other parental examples. His creed is pretty well summed up in the words, 'Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man.' The broad spirit he shows elsewhere blossoms in his thoughts on spiritual matters. His daily prayer must be, in substance, that all men may one day be good, pure republicans of this world and saints in the next. Freedom for all and Heaven for all are his mottoes."

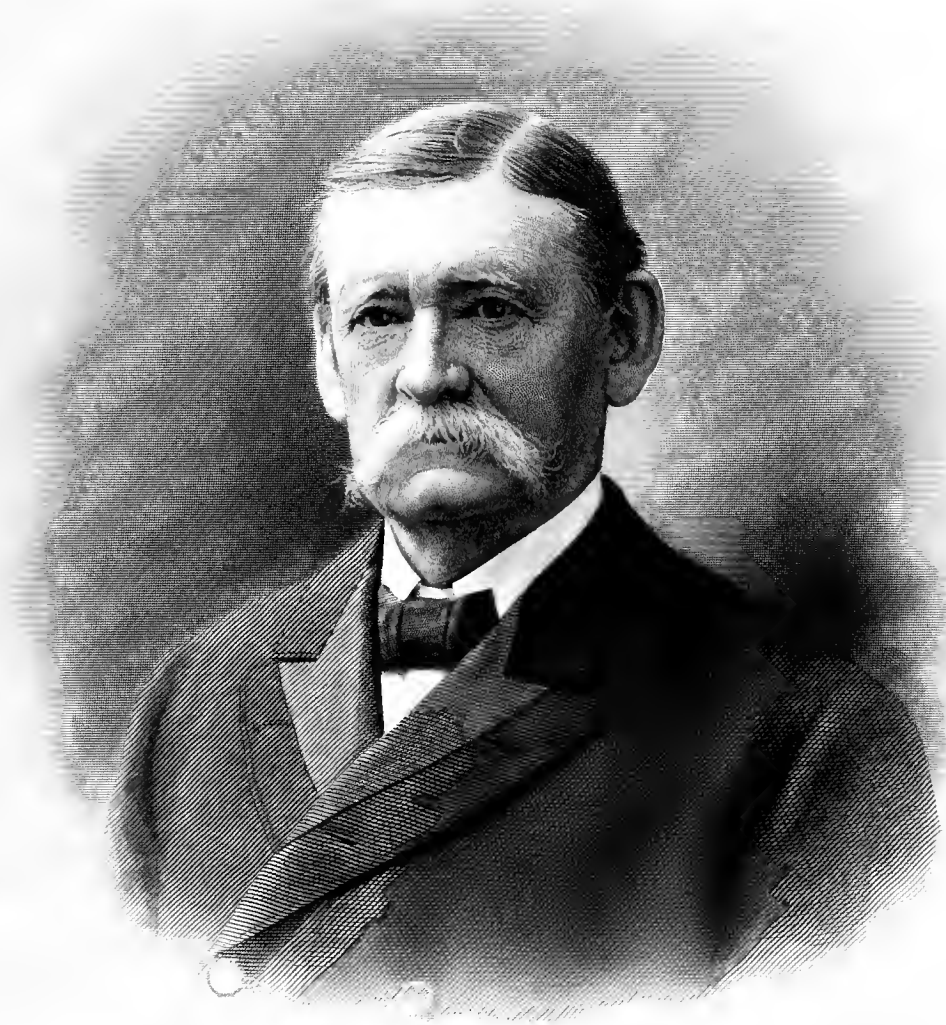
The same excellent authority describes his friend in these words:

"In personal appearance Mr. Washburn may be considered a very elegant gentleman. Neat and fashionable in his attire, symmetrical in form, inclining to slinness, erect, of more than medium height, clear-cut features, and bright, earnest eyes, graceful in movement, correct in speech, he impresses one even at first as a person who has had always the best surroundings. He is dignified in manner, and is not indifferent to style in whatever pertains to him. If on any occasion he shows abruptness of language and is slightly overbearing, difficult to be approached, by strangers especially, it is owing generally and chiefly to the thorns of business he feels at the moment pricking him or to want of time to be himself. Hurry sometimes trips politeness."

The latter part of this estimate seems at present inaccurate, however true it may have been when written—at a time when Mr. Washburn was carrying vast loads of care both commercial and political. It may be that the progress of years has softened a manner which still retains, however, all its characteristic dignity. Mr. Washburn has traveled much. It is almost a necessity to a man of his temperament to see what is going on in the world outside the limits of his home city or State. He has from time to time visited every part of the United States, Mexico, Cuba and Canada. Six times he has visited Europe, on one of these pilgrimages extending his journeyings to Egypt and the Nile, and on another seeing Norway and Sweden—the "Land of the Midnight Sun"—and Russia. Three years ago he spent six months in China, Japan and other oriental countries, and would have completed the "round the world" tour had it not been for the prevalence of the plague in India. In travel Mr. Washburn finds that continued education and those broadening influences which every intelligent man welcomes throughout his life. He has also found such rest from the cares of a life of much more than ordinary activity and responsibility that he is, at the age of sixty-eight, still in his prime, and bears himself with the air of a man much his junior. He is to-day, as he has always been, a growing man. His interest in public affairs is unabated, and the attention which is paid to his views was very recently evidenced, when an interview, in which he denounced the trust evil, was quoted and commented upon from one end of the English speaking world to the other.

GREENLEAF CLARK.

Judge Greenleaf Clark was born in Plaistow, Rockingham county, New Hampshire, August 23, 1835. He is from Puritan stock, and is the son of Nathaniel (the seventh of that name in a direct line) and Betsy (Brickett) Clark. The first Nathaniel was an Englishman by birth, who settled probably in Ipswich, Massachusetts, some time during the first half of



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the Seventeenth Century, and was married on November 23, 1663, at Newbury, in the same State, where he then resided, to Elizabeth Somerby, granddaughter, on the mother's side, of Edmund Greenleaf, who was of Huguenot origin, and came to Newbury in 1635. The paternal grandfather of Judge Clark enlisted, on March 14, 1781, at the age of sixteen, in the war of the Revolution. He was wounded during his service, which was continuous from the date of his enlistment to the end of the war. The subject of this sketch attended the public school of his native town, and was afterwards fitted for college at Atkinson Academy, in New Hampshire. He matriculated at Dartmouth College in 1851, and received the degree of A. B. from that institution in June, 1855. Immediately afterwards he began reading law in the office of Hatch & Webster, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and after a short period of study there, entered the Harvard Law School, from which he obtained the degree of LL. B. in 1857. During the same year he was admitted at Boston to the Suffolk bar. In the fall of 1858 he came to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he has since resided, and engaged as a clerk in the law office of Michael E. Ames. After a brief term of service in that capacity he entered into partnership with Mr. Ames and ex-Judge Moses Sherburne, under the style of Ames, Sherburne & Clark. The firm was dissolved in 1860, and Mr. Clark became associated with Samuel R. Bond—now a lawyer of Washington, D. C.—forming the firm of Bond & Clark. This connection also was severed in 1862, when Mr. Bond left the State. Mr. Clark then conducted an individual practice until 1865, when he entered a new partnership, this time with the eminent Horace R. Bigelow. The business of the firm of Bigelow & Clark developed to a great magnitude, and in the year 1870 Charles E. Flandran, then an ex-Judge of the Supreme Court, became a member of it, the firm being Bigelow, Flandran & Clark. This firm continued in business until the year 1881, when it was dissolved upon the appointment of Mr. Clark as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota. He served about a year in that capacity, during which time there

was argued at great length, and decided, the important case involving the constitutionality of the legislative enactments for the adjustment of the Minnesota State Railroad bonds. Upon leaving the bench, Judge Clark resumed the practice of the law, and in 1885 became associated in business with the late Homer C. Eller and Jared How (now of How & Taylor), under the firm name of Clark, Eller & How, which firm was dissolved January 1, 1888, by the permanent retirement of Judge Clark from the practice of his profession. The firms of Bigelow & Clark, and Bigelow, Flandran & Clark, although engaged in general practice, were largely concerned in corporation business. They acted as the general counsel for the St. Paul and Pacific, and the First division of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad companies (one of the land grant systems of the State), up to the time of their re-organization—consequent upon the foreclosure of the mortgages thereon—into the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company (now the Great Northern), in 1880. They also acted as the attorneys of the Minnesota Central Railway Company, extending from St. Paul and Minneapolis through Minnesota and Iowa to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, which had a land grant from Congress, and of the St. Paul and Chicago Railway Company, extending from St. Paul to La Crosse, Wisconsin, which had a swamp land grant from the State, and for the Southern Minnesota Railroad Company, extending from La Crescent to the western boundary of the State, also a Congressional land grant company; all three of which afterwards became parts of the Milwaukee and St. Paul railway system, of which organization, afterwards the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, they were also attorneys. These services embraced the periods of the construction of these lines in Minnesota, the acquisition of their right of way and terminal grounds and facilities by condemnation and otherwise, as well as the foreclosure of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Companies, and the Southern Minnesota Railway Company, and their subsequent reorganization. They involved the conduct and defence of a large number of law-

suits, both in the State and Federal Courts, involving, among other questions, the chartered rights, powers, immunities and duties of these companies, and in the case of the first division of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, its legal corporate existence, as well as their rights to lands under these land grants, and the adjustment of conflicting grants with other companies. After Judge Clark's retirement from the bench he returned to general practice, and became at once engaged in the service of railroad corporations, though not the general counsel of any of them. He, and the firm of which he was the head, served, in special suits and other matters, the St. Paul and Sioux City Railroad Company, the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad Company, the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company, and the Great Northern Railway Company. His services were largely engaged in matters connected with the organization and construction of extensions and proprietary lines and properties, the preparation of trust deeds and securities connected with the financing of the various companies, the preparation of leases and trackage, traffic and other contracts connected with their operation and their relation to other companies, and to the purchase and consolidation of other properties. In 1879 Judge Clark was appointed a regent of the University of Minnesota, which office he has continued to hold by repeated appointments, from that date to the present time. While Judge Clark's period of service on the bench was very brief, a number of his opinions delivered during that time have become leading cases and landmarks in the law. It was a source of profound regret to all his friends, as well as a great loss to the State that he felt compelled, by reason of the impairment of his health by his long and arduous labors in his profession, to retire from the active practice of the law when he was still in the prime of life and capable of doing his very best work.

A leading member of the Minnesota Bar says:

"Judge Clark was one of the leaders of the bar; no man at the bar of the Northwest excelled him in soundness of judgment, in power

of analysis, in grasp of mind or clearness of statement. His forte was not erudition or technical learning; he was not what is known as a case lawyer. He had that rare legal instinct, or perception, which detects the turning point or pivotal question, discarding immaterial and collateral inquiries. This is a mark of the highest order of legal intellect, and only the experienced lawyer or judge knows how rare it is. His grasp and power of mind and patient industry brought him almost without exception to correct conclusions.

Few lawyers ever felt the responsibility of their client's troubles more seriously than Judge Clark. This forced him to undergo an amount of labor which was unusual. He was incapable of disposing of questions lightly or easily. It was an essential part of his habit of mind to treat everything seriously and thoroughly. He was incapable of quitting a subject without digging to the bottom of it. His important railway contracts and mortgages were models, and owe their value to his having scanned and weighed their every word, as well as to his having understood thoroughly every subject with which his contract dealt. The writer of this can testify from personal knowledge that while he may have known lawyers who knew more cases or who had more showy accomplishments, he never knew one whose judgment was sounder or who was more apt to be right on a legal question, particularly on a fundamental or great question.

But without detracting from his other eminent talents, his highest qualification to be called a great lawyer was probably his perfect honesty and love of justice. He was both intellectually and morally honest, which at once enabled him to discern what was just, and led him to do it. As law is founded on moral justice, no man can be a great lawyer without these qualities. Judge Clark possesses them to the highest degree."

HENRY T. WELLES.

Among those who were the real founders of the city of Minneapolis, and who helped to lay the foundations of the present greatness of the Commonwealth of Minnesota, a well-known pioneer, business man and philanthropist of the city and State, was Henry Titus Welles. This distinguished citizen came to Minnesota in 1853, and after a career of usefulness and prominence extending over a period of forty-



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five years, died in the city which he had done so much to create, March 4, 1898. Henry T. Welles was born at Glastonbury, Connecticut, April 3, 1821. His father was Jonathan Welles and the maiden name of his mother was Jerusha Welles, his parents being cousins in the second degree. He came of a very old New England family. He was a direct descendant of Thomas Welles, the founder of the family in America, who came from England in 1636, and was subsequently Governor of the Colony of Connecticut. Gideon Welles, President Lincoln's Secretary of the Navy, was also a descendant of Thomas Welles. The English branch of the family was established when some of its members came in from France with William the Conqueror, the name at first being written De Welles. The paternal grandfather of Henry T. Welles married Catherine, a granddaughter of Gurdon Saltónstall, who was Governor of Connecticut from 1707 to 1724, dying in office. Jonathan Welles was an industrious and thrifty Connecticut farmer, and his son Henry T. was reared to young manhood on his father's farm, which had been in the possession of the family for four generations. He was brought up to hard work, economy, and to deal uprightly and honorably with all men. As a boy he was unusually bright and apt, fond of study and reading, and quick to learn. He soon passed the course of the common country school, and when but twelve years old entered an academy, and began preparatory studies in algebra, natural philosophy and Latin. One of his preceptors was Elisha Burritt, the celebrated astronomer and linguist, known to fame as "the learned blacksmith." His education was completed at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, from which institution—then called Washington College—he was graduated in 1843. Among his classmates were Thomas S. Preston, subsequently Vicar-General of the Catholic Arch-Diocese of New York; William B. Curtis, who became Chief Justice of the New York Superior Court, and Henry A. Sanford, at one time United States Minister to Belgium. His scholastic attainments were very superior. He was especially proficient in the classics, and read Latin and

Greek almost as fluently as his mother language, and he had a profound knowledge of mathematics and the other sciences. For a time after his graduation he taught the higher branches of learning in a select school. He read law and was enrolled among the attorneys of Hartford county. In 1850 he was elected to the Legislature. Soon after his legislative experience his health became impaired and he was advised to seek a change of climate. He decided on a trip to the Northwest, and after a long journey, arrived at St. Paul, June 12, 1853. The next day he went up to St. Anthony Falls. He at once decided upon a permanent location at "the Falls" in the then young Territory, with its clear skies, beautiful scenes and magnificent possibilities. In his reminiscences of the incident, he subsequently wrote:

"I had reached my destination. I was more than satisfied. When I looked down from Meeker Hill on the various landscape of river, cataract, prairie and grove, and the mills, stores, and dwellings now embraced in the city of Minneapolis, I felt a homelike pleasure that has continued unabated to this day. The loss of my native home was compensated. I became a fixture in another. It was the fittest place in all the earth for me—as if I had been miraculously taken up into the clouds and borne westward, and by the guiding hand of Providence dropped down upon it."

It is rare that a man of scholastic tastes and accomplishments decides upon an active business career, involving hard and persistent labor and endeavor, and the many exactions incident to such a life. Most men of the kind choose a career of more refinement, and enter one of the so-called professions, becoming college professors, lawyers, doctors or the like. But Henry T. Welles was active and enterprising by nature, and inured to practical work from boyhood. He was a man of versatile abilities, could adapt himself to surroundings, and could do almost anything. Within a few days after his arrival at St. Anthony he had formed a partnership with Franklin Steele, who then lived at Fort Snelling, in the conduct of his saw-mills at the Falls and in the lumber

business generally, and was hard at work. Franklin Steele and Henry T. Welles were both good judges of men. They "took to" each other on sight. Their estimates were correct, and their partnership was profitable and successful from the start. Within the present limits the career of Henry T. Welles in Minnesota can only be imperfectly sketched. At once upon his arrival here, he became a leader among his fellow citizens. In 1855 he was elected mayor of St. Anthony. In 1856 he crossed the river and located in what was then called Minneapolis, and in 1858, as president of the town council, was the first head of the municipal government. The same year he was president of the school board. He and Mr. Steele, as proprietors of the Minneapolis Bridge Company, in 1857, built the first bridge that spanned the Mississippi river. The bridges lower down the river, between Iowa and Illinois, were built afterwards. He was naturally an engineer, and superintended in fact nearly all of the many works of construction in which he was interested. Soon after he entered into partnership with Mr. Steele in the saw-milling business, the water in the channel of the river became so low that the mill-power wheels would not turn. Everybody was in despair, for the prosperity of the place depended upon the continuous operation of the saw-mills. Mr. Welles, with his Yankee tact, readily conceived a remedy for the bad state of things. Constructing some frames called "horses," he set them in the channel, floated and fastened slabs against them, and thus made a "horse and slab" dam, which narrowed the channel, increased the volume of water, and the wheels went merrily around. He always had an expedient for every emergency. His investments in Minneapolis lots and blocks, and other real estate in Minneapolis, were always judiciously made and proved highly profitable. He early became interested in railroad building in Minnesota, and he was present at the session of Congress in 1856-7 for some weeks, earnestly urging government aid for projected roads in the Territory. At one time he owned a great

part of the town of Breckenridge, but he gave nearly all of his interests away—one hundred acres to the town for a park and fair grounds, one hundred and sixty acres to the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, lots to the Catholic and Protestant churches, a block for the court house, etc. In 1855 he became one of the proprietors of St. Cloud, and did his share in founding that city. His acquirements of material interests were large, but his benefactions in aid of churches, schools, municipalities and his fellow men generally, amounted to a large fortune. His gifts to the Faribault institutions alone amounted to \$70,000. In Minneapolis he and Mr. Steele gave to St. Mark's church the site of the present Kasota building; to the First Baptist church, virtually the site of the Lumber Exchange; to the Second Baptist a large lot on Hennepin avenue, etc. To the Episcopal and Catholic churches Mr. Welles alone gave \$20,000 in cash, besides making liberal donations at different times to other churches, hospitals, educational institutions and worthy charities. If he received fully, he gave freely. He never neglected his full duty as a citizen and a man. In all public enterprises for the good of his city, his county and his State, he was among the foremost. It was his efforts which induced the people of Minneapolis to vote aid to prevent the falls from falling to ruin, and mainly through his individual efforts the large "apron," which protects them, was constructed. It is said that he always voted at elections—and voted as he pleased. He was not a politician as the term is commonly construed, but he always had his opinions on matters of public policy, and did not hesitate to express them. In 1863 he was the Democratic candidate for Governor of Minnesota, but was defeated by Gen. Stephen Miller. This was during the War of the Rebellion, when—whether justly so or not—the Democratic party was in public disfavor, and he knew there was no possible chance of his election when he accepted the nomination. He was, however, a War Democrat, earnestly in favor of subduing the Rebellion at all hazards, and no impeachment was ever made of his loyalty and patriotism.



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He only doubted, at the time, the wisdom of certain policies of the Republican party. He was a friend—but not a foolish friend—of the colored people, and in Connecticut he had taught a school where negro children were admitted to full privileges with the whites. He was wholly unbiased and unprejudiced in all his views, so that in politics he was practically independent; in religion tolerant and liberal; in all things charitable. Until the very last months of his life he was a very busy man. He assisted in organizing the Northwestern National Bank and was for many years its president. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers & Mechanics Savings Bank, and was for a long time prominent in its affairs. His other interests were large and important, and while he gave them his individual attention and managed them well, he became, in the public estimation, most prominently identified with the financial interests of the Northwest, and more widely known as a financier. This ripe scholar, this public citizen, this man of affairs, was a sincere and humble Christian and a devout religionist, believing and trusting in Almighty God and serving Him. He had given the subject of religion much study and thought from early life, and his convictions were as deep as his investigations had been thorough. He was a communicant of the Episcopal Church, but tolerant and well disposed towards all other Christian denominations. A few days before he left Connecticut for the Northwest, on May 3rd, 1853, Mr. Welles married Jerusha Lord, a daughter of Joseph Lord, of Glastonbury. To their union were born six children. Mr. Welles died at Minneapolis, March 4, 1898, at the ripe age of nearly seventy-seven years. It was almost in the nature of a divine dispensation that he was permitted to die in the splendid city, where he had been so long and so actively employed, which he had done so much to create and build up, so that the city itself is practically his best monument, and where there were so many of his fellow men who knew him best and loved him most. And though he had more than reached the allotted span of life to the good man, it was felt that

his death was untimely and amounted to a public misfortune. "So should a man end his days."

WILLIAM MITCHELL.

Hon. William Mitchell, the distinguished jurist who has for many years been one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Minnesota, was born in the town of Stamford, County of Wexland, Providence of Ontario, Canada, November 19, 1832. His parents, John Mitchell and Mary Henderson, were natives of Scotland. His early education was received in private schools, and he was prepared for college at a private academy in his native county. In 1848 he came to the United States, and the same year, at the age of sixteen, he entered Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1853. After his graduation he was for two years a teacher in an academy at Morgantown, Virginia (now West Virginia). He then engaged in the study of law in the office of Hon. Edgar M. Wilson of Morgantown, and was admitted to the bar in that place in March, 1867. In April, 1867, a month after his admission, he came to Minnesota and located at Winona, in the practice of his chosen profession. He was in constant and prominent practice until 1874. In the meantime he served in the second State Legislature, in the session of 1859-60, and was subsequently, for one term, county attorney of Winona county. In the fall of 1873 he was elected Judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial District for a term of seven years, and went on the bench in January, 1874. He was re-elected in the fall of 1880, and was in service until March, 1881, when he was appointed by Governor Pillsbury one of the judges of the State Supreme Court. He was regularly elected to that position in the fall of 1881, and by successive re-elections he has served continuously up to the present time. His term will expire in January, 1900, when he will leave the position which he has so long and so eminently filled. Upon the eve of his retirement it is but justice and truth to say that Judge Mitchell has

served in his high judicial position with the greatest acceptability. His profound and exhaustive knowledge of the law, his clear intelligence, and his broad spirit of fairness have combined to give him a most exalted reputation. His opinions have come to be regarded as weighty and standard authorities, and they have a wide range over the entire field of jurisprudence. Some of his decisions have been against the interests of the political party with which he is connected, but in such instances were as promptly and fully rendered as if they related to matters of an altogether different character. He has attained to such distinction among the lawyers and courts of the Northwest, that there has long been a desire for his advancement and further preferment. He has done a great deal of hard and exacting work, but is splendidly preserved, mentally and physically, and is capable of many more years of active and valuable service in his profession. Originally a Republican, Judge Mitchell has been an Independent Democrat since 1867, but has always been elected to office by a non-partisan vote, and sometimes by a universal suffrage. A distinguished lawyer of St. Paul, who was for many years on the Supreme Bench of the State says:

"I may here state that Judge Mitchell never made any effort in his own behalf when he was a candidate for judge, holding that it was unbecoming in a judge to do so, and the nominations and elections, therefore, came to him because of the estimation in which the people held him as a man and as a jurist. As a man, I do not exaggerate when I say that no one in our State has been held in greater esteem as a man of purity and high character. In point of ability, I think there has never been on the bench of our State his superior as a judge."

From an editorial in the "Pioneer Press" (Republican), November 2, 1898, we quote the following:

"Judge Mitchell was the one man on the Supreme Bench that could least be spared. He was put there originally by appointment of Governor Pillsbury seventeen years ago, both because of the high reputation he had gained

as a District Judge, and also because he was a Democrat, it being the strong desire of Governor Pillsbury to satisfy the prevailing public sentiment in favor of a non-partisan judiciary. * * * * * Appointed originally by a Republican Governor, he has been three times nominated by the concurrent action of the state conventions of both parties and elected by the unanimous vote of the electors of all parties. And this not only because he has represented the principle of non-partisanship in the judiciary, but because of his exceptionally high standing and reputation as a judge; because he united the intellectual and moral qualities—the ability, learning and acuteness of a great jurist with the purity and unbending integrity of an honest man—which constitute the ideal judge. Without disparagement to other judges on the bench, it is safe to say that, in the general opinion of the bar, there is none of Judge Mitchell's associates on the bench, and none who have been nominated on either ticket, who could not be far better spared than he. * * * * * And Judge Mitchell's reputation as a judge extends far beyond the boundaries of his own State. No better proof could be afforded of the high estimation in which he is held as a jurist by lawyers throughout the country, or of the great respect entertained for his judicial opinions, than is afforded by the following letter received by a leading lawyer of Minneapolis soon after the failure of the Republican State convention to nominate him, from Professor Thayer, of the Harvard Law School:

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 2, 1898.—My Dear Sir: I am astonished to hear that there is doubt of the re-election of Judge Mitchell to your Supreme Court. I wish the people of Minnesota knew the estimate that is put upon him in other parts of the country, and there could be no doubt about it then.

I never saw him and have no personal acquaintance with him. I know him only as a judge whose opinions, like those of all the judges in the country, reach me through the excellent law reports published in your State. In the course of my work at the Harvard Law School I have long had to search carefully through these reports for cases relating to my special subjects. In that way I have long recognized Judge Mitchell as one of the best judges in this country, and have come to know also the opinion held of him by lawyers competent to pass an opinion on such a question.

There is no occasion for making an exception of the Supreme Court of the United States. On no court in the country to-day is there a judge who would not find his peer in Judge



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Mitchell. * * * * Pray do not allow your State to lose the services of such a man. To keep him on the bench is a service not merely to Minnesota, but to the whole country and to the law. Your State it is that is on trial now before the country. The question is: Can Minnesota appreciate such a man? Is it worthy to have him? I am not going to believe that a State which can command the services of one of the few judges in the country that stand out among their fellows as pre-eminent, that give it distinction, will refuse to accept those services. You lawyers of Minnesota must not let party politics work any such result. Surely the bar can prevent it if they will.

Always truly yours

J. B. Thayer."

Judge Mitchell has been twice married. His first marriage was to Mrs. E. Jane Smith, of Morgantown, Virginia, in September, 1857. She died in September, 1867, leaving three daughters, who subsequently became Mrs. J. K. Ewing, Mrs. Henry L. Staples, and Mrs. Frank A. Hancock. His second marriage was in July, 1872, to Mrs. Francis M. Smith, of Chicago. She died in March, 1891, leaving a son, Mr. William De Witt Mitchell, who graduated from the Law School of the Minnesota State University in the class of 1896, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession in St. Paul.

JOHN M. SHAW.

The harmonious life of the late Judge John Melville Shaw, of Minneapolis, here sketched in outline, long identified with the progressive development of Minnesota, and deeply lamented when cut off, was nurtured in a rural nest hidden away among the hills of Maine. Though born and reared in a retired nook, this son of the Pine Tree State possessed by birthright all those sturdy and true forces of character which qualify a man to grasp and grapple with the complex problems of metropolitan life. His remote ancestry was Scotch-English on the father's side, English on the mother's; while nearer, we find the energies representative of both sides twining in numerous strands among the virile fiber of which

New England was built up. From the paternal stock, early colonists to America added their quota to the vitality of Massachusetts Bay; the grandfather of Judge Shaw was an ardent patriot of the Revolution, who, as a boy sergeant, fought at Bunker Hill. Disabled for land service by a wound in the foot, he became a privateer, continuing as such until independence was declared. Judge Shaw's mother was the daughter of Benjamin French, a distinguished physician of Maine, and counted among her earlier ancestors a Pilgrim Father, Thomas French, and an English rector, Rev. Joseph Hull, a graduate of Oxford, who, in 1621, relinquished his parish in Devon to join the young settlement in Massachusetts. From each of these settlers sprang families of repute, in the annals of which we find record of successful jurists, including Hon. Daniel French of New Hampshire and Hon. Henry French of Boston, grandfather and father, respectively, of the noted sculptor, Daniel Chester French. George Shaw, the youthful patriot above mentioned, located in the town of Exeter, Maine, near which his numerous sons and daughters also settled, most of them upon farms. One of the sons, however, the namesake of his father, eschewing the agricultural life, found commercial prosperity in the city of Mexico, while John, the eighth child, became the leading merchant of his little home village, which honored him by adopting the name of "Shaw's Corner." This merchant came in time to be the father of a goodly family. Of the three sons, the eldest died in childhood. The youngest is Maj. George K. Shaw, who has won distinction in the Northwest as a journalist. He is a veteran of the Civil War and father of Captain Melville J. Shaw of the U. S. Marine Corps, who was brevetted in recognition of his courageous service at Guantanamo. It is with the second of these sons, John Melville Shaw, that we are now chiefly concerned. He was born December 18, 1833, and passed childhood and early youth in his rural home. He attended both the public school and the private high school of the village, and was for a few terms a student at East Corinth Academy. He was now prepared

for college, but his ambitions in this direction were not to be realized. Financial reverses had come, and the family decided to seek better fortune in the West. They set out on their journey, intending to proceed directly to St. Anthony's Falls; but the lateness of the season and consequent close of navigation checked their progress at Galena, Illinois, where they were obliged to spend the winter. Both John Melville and his father found opportunities to teach during the cold weather, and in April the father pushed on up the river. He took up lands in the vicinity of St. Paul and Winona, sending his sons to hold the former claim, while himself retaining the latter. But his sudden death a few months later resulted in the abandoning of the lands and loss of the money invested in them, with the exception of a farming tract at Cottage Grove. John Melville, though but nineteen years of age, now found himself the head of the family, with little capital save his personal abilities. His cherished hope for a liberal education must be finally renounced, but despair could find no vulnerable point in his armor of youthful courage. Continuing to live at Galena, in the household for which he felt responsible, he toiled for five years as book-keeper and shipping clerk for a wholesale grocery concern, in reality working as two men, for the salary of one. And there was still a third man in him—intellectual, eager, aspiring, who often in the watches of the night might have been found poring over classics, both literary and legal. Though denied the fulfillment of his collegiate dream, he determined to master the legal profession, and so thorough was his solitary work to this end that it took but one year of study in a law office to enable him to pass the examination of the Supreme Court of Illinois and gain admittance to the bar. For two years he practiced at Galena; he then went to Platteville, Wisconsin, and entered into a partnership with John G. Scott. The business outlook in Platteville seemed promising, but the Civil War was on, and both partners felt the call of their country. Together they raised Company E, of the Twenty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and on September 1, 1862,

with Mr. Scott as captain and Mr. Shaw as second lieutenant, Company E, with the rest of the regiment, marched for the front. First serving in the Minnesota Indian campaign, the regiment was then sent to Vicksburg to reinforce General Grant. Subsequently it was changed to the trans-Mississippi department and to that of the Tennessee. For upwards of a year Lieutenant Shaw served as judge-advocate of the general court-martial at Columbus, Kentucky, having also officiated as first assistant quartermaster. Afterwards, upon the death of Captain Scott, he succeeded to the vacant post, and with his company participated in the Atlanta campaign, and the immortal march through Georgia. Being again, in the spring of 1865, detailed as judge-advocate, and acting provost marshal of the First Division, he served in both capacities until the end of the war. As an officer Captain Shaw won the respect alike of those he led in battle and his superiors in rank; as a soldier-comrade he endeared himself to all. His military experiences having undermined his health, upon return from the war, he sought its restoration in the invigorating atmosphere of Minnesota, and in February, 1866, located as an attorney at Minneapolis. His practice came slowly but surely, drawn by the unflinching magnetism of superior ability and faithful application to duty, and in 1868 he entered into a partnership with Hon. Franklin Beebe. In 1875 Judge Beebe withdrew from the firm, and Albert Levi and Willard R. Cray entered it, Judge Best subsequently becoming a member. Other changes occurred later on, and at the time of the senior partner's death the firm was operating as Shaw, Cray, Lancaster & Parker. In July, 1881, Mr. Shaw was offered a position on the Supreme Bench, he having been for several years recognized as the head of the Hennepin county bar; but for various impersonal reasons he decided to decline this honor so fondly cherished in the profession. In the following year, however, his health showing signs of giving way under the stress of work, he was persuaded by his friends to fill a position vacated at that time on the District Bench of the county; and at the following general elec-

tion he was unanimously chosen for the full six-years' term. But he found this office less to his taste than independent practice, and in 1883, his health having become much improved, he resumed and pursued during his remaining years his favorite line of work. Apart from his judgeship, the only public office he ever held was that of city attorney for a single term during the early days in Minneapolis. He was eminently qualified to compete for laurels in public life with the brightest and the best; but although brave, self-respecting and aggressive for the right, he was still a modest and retiring man. He was a staunch Republican, and felt a lively interest in all that affected the public weal, but never posed as a politician or sought public preferment. His life interest was centered in his work, which he loved for its own sake—for the sake of justice. He was essentially and scrupulously just. The humblest of his petitioners was as secure of an equitable adjustment of his cause as was his most influential client; and the same conscientious thoroughness and accuracy characterized his preparation for minor cases as for the many weighty ones through which he became renowned. Justice he would have done, even though it entailed his own pecuniary detriment. Yet he prospered. Clients flocked to him, confided in him, accepted his advice as gospel. During the last twenty years of his life there were few civil causes of prime importance tried in the State in which he did not figure prominently. Nor was his practice confined to his own State. He was frequently associated with distinguished lawyers in New York and other distant cities in litigations of magnitude. So logical, terse and exact was his written work that portions of it have been incorporated into court decisions; and the value of his services in the profession is attested in no less than fifty volumes of Minnesota State Reports, as also in various other legal publications. As he was a lover of justice, so he was a hater of all devices to defeat the ends of justice, and, before the bar, his tongue could be most scathing in their denunciation. His was an orator's tongue, but in the social circle its

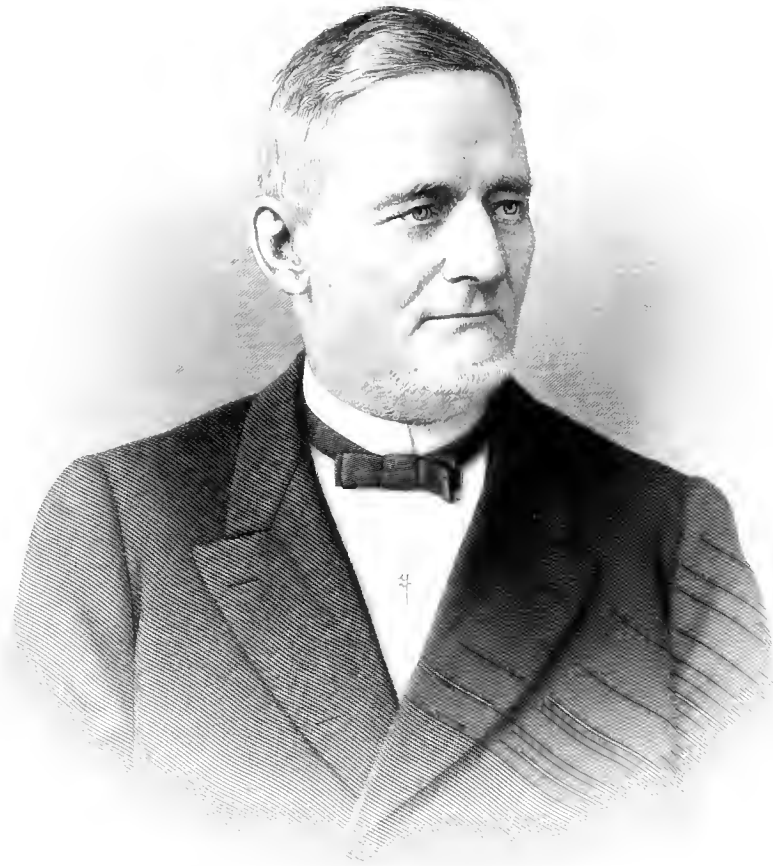
trenchant edge was softened to a tone of genial humor which made him the most entertaining and companionable of men. From his pen, likewise fluent and forceful, the press gleaned many a valuable article on current topics. In the meetings of the G. A. R. and Loyal Legion, of which Judge Shaw was a member, he was always a conspicuous personality, the most faithful affection existing between him and his old army comrades. Side by side with this loyalty in his breast was the more remote loyalty and patriotism handed down by his Revolutionary grandsire, and a keen interest in reformatory movements inherited from his father, a man always abreast of the times. In September, 1864, during a furlough from military service, Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Miss Ellen A. Eliot, a schoolmate of his boyhood, and a distant relative on the French side. Mrs. Shaw and the three children of the marriage are living. The two daughters are Mrs. Cavour S. Langdon and Miss Bertha Shaw; the son, John Eliot Shaw, has graduated at Yale, and is now a law student in his father's former office and at the State University. Judge Shaw was a loyal son and brother, a most devoted husband and father. His home was one in which reigned harmony and happiness. The same noble unselfishness which kept his purse open to public charity extended to the domestic and social circles. With all his simple virtues he had an aesthetic side. He reveled in the refined luxuries of culture, music, art, poetry. He possessed a choice library, literary as well as legal, and spent many blissful hours of retirement among his books. He was one of those rare characters "whose hearts have a look southwards, and are open to the whole noon of nature; whose weaknesses are lovely as their strengths, like the white, nebulous matter between stars, which, if not light, at least is likeliest light: men whom we build our love round like an arch of triumph, as they pass us on their way to glory and to immortality." Judge Shaw was stricken with heart failure and died December 6, 1897, with his mind still full of hopeful plans for future activity. Removed from the midst of bereaved friends, yet not lost to the world; for the influ-

ence of so gracious a life, exerted for three-score years, must continue, potentially, deepening and widening ad infinitum.

GEORGE A. PILLSBURY.

The name of Pillsbury has become so prominent and so honored throughout this country and is so well known abroad that a brief mention of the ancestry of the Pillsbury family may be interesting. The family history has been traced back to William Pillsbury (sometimes spelled Pillsberry and sometimes Pillsborough), who was born in the county of Essex, in England, in 1615. William Pillsbury came to Dorchester, in the colony of Massachusetts bay, in 1640, where he married Dorothy Crosby. In 1651 he settled on a farm in Newbury, Massachusetts, now a part of Newburyport, and this farm property has remained in the possession of the Pillsbury family from 1651 to the present time. The coat of arms of the Pillsbury family in England, whence came the family, bore the inscription, "Labor Omnia Vincit," a motto which is suggestive of the industry and diligence which has always characterized all the branches of the Pillsbury family in this country. William Pillsbury died at Newbury June 19, 1686, leaving ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Moses Pillsbury, second son of William and Dorothy Crosby Pillsbury, was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts, and in 1668 married Mrs. Susanna Whipple of Newbury. To them were born six children. Caleb, second son of Moses and Susanna, was born in Newbury in 1681, and married Sarah Morss in 1703. Caleb, son of Caleb and Sarah Morss Pillsbury, was born in Newbury January 26, 1717; he married Sarah Kimball of Amesbury, Massachusetts, July, 1742, and to them were born seven children. Caleb Pillsbury, Jr., was for several years, and at the time of his death, a member of the Massachusetts General Court. Micajah, fourth son of Caleb, Jr., and Sarah Kimball, was born in Amesbury, Massachusetts, May 22, 1761, and in 1781 married Sarah Sargent, of Amesbury, and to them were born

eight children, four sons and four daughters. Micajah Pillsbury and family moved from Amesbury, Massachusetts, to Sutton, New Hampshire, in February, 1795, where he remained until his death in 1802, occupying various offices of town trust. His wife survived him several years. Stephen, the oldest son, was a Baptist clergyman; the other brothers, including John, the father of George Alfred Pillsbury, were all magistrates of the town of Sutton, New Hampshire. John Pillsbury, the father of George A., was born in 1789. He was prominent in the town affairs of Sutton, being a selectman for several years, and representing the town in the State Legislature. He was also a captain in the State militia, in those days when a military commission had a significance. On the 2d of April, 1811, he married Susan Wadleigh, a daughter of Benjamin Wadleigh, a settler in Sutton in 1771. Benjamin Wadleigh was a descendant of Robert Wadleigh of Exeter, New Hampshire, a member of the Provincial Legislature of Massachusetts. On the maternal side the ancestry was good. The maternal grandmother was the daughter of Ebenezer Kezar, who, it is related, concealed the girl whom he afterwards married under a pile of boards, at the time Mrs. Duston was captured by the Indians in 1697. He was identified with the early history of Sutton in many ways. To John and Susan Wadleigh Pillsbury were born five children, to-wit: Simon Wadleigh Pillsbury, born June 22, 1812; George Alfred, August 29, 1816; Dolly Wadleigh, September 6, 1818; John Sargent, July 29, 1827, and Benjamin Franklin, March 29, 1831. All the children received the common school education of those days; but Simon W., whose natural fondness for study distinguished him as a young man, gave his attention to special branches of study, particularly mathematics, in which he became known as one of, if not the best, in the State. He delivered the first lecture in Sutton on the subject of temperance; but too much study wore down his health, and he died in 1836, cutting short a promising future. Of the other brothers, John Sargent is too well known to need mention, as he is the



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distinguished ex-Governor J. S. Pillsbury of Minnesota. The remaining brother, Benjamin F. Pillsbury, remained in Sutton until 1878, where he filled many places of trust, being elected selectman, town treasurer and a member of the Legislature for a series of years. In 1878 Benjamin F. Pillsbury removed to Granite Falls, Minnesota, where he was engaged in an extensive lumber, farming and elevator business until his death, in October, 1890. George A. Pillsbury, who was born at Sutton, New Hampshire, August 29, 1816, received only the meager common school education of seventy-five years ago, when the children were taught "to read, write and cipher." Of a very quick and active temperament, he, in early life, formed a determined purpose to enter business for himself. At the age of eighteen he became a clerk to a Boston merchant. After a year's experience there he returned to Sutton and entered into the manufacture of stoves and sheet iron ware, in company with a cousin, John C. Pillsbury. He continued in this business until February, 1840, when he went to Warner, New Hampshire, into the store of John H. Pearson, where he remained until the following July, when he purchased the business on his own account and continued in it for some eight years. In the spring of 1848 he entered a wholesale dry goods house in Boston, and in 1849 again returned to Warner and engaged in business there until the spring of 1851, when he sold out his interest and went out of the mercantile business entirely. During his residence in Warner he was postmaster from 1844 to 1849; was selectman in 1847 and 1849; town treasurer in 1849, and a Representative to the State Legislature in 1850 and 1851. He was also selected as chairman of the committee appointed to build the Merrimack county jail in Concord in 1851 and 1852, and had the general superintendence of the construction of the work, which was most faithfully done. In November, 1851, Mr. Pillsbury was appointed purchasing agent and adjuster of the Concord railroad, and commenced his duties the following December, having in the meantime moved his family to Concord. For nearly twenty-four years he oc-

cupied this position, and discharged its duties with rare business ability, showing wise judgment in all his purchases, which amounted to millions of dollars, and settling more cases of claims against the corporation for alleged injuries to persons and property than all the other officers of the road. He had great quickness of perception and promptness in action, two wonderful business qualities, which, when rightly used, always bring success. Mr. Pillsbury was prominent in the councils of the Democratic party until the War of the Rebellion, when he was an ardent supporter of Lincoln for President. From that time on he was a strong Republican. During the twenty-seven years' residence of Mr. Pillsbury in Concord he acquired a position of great prominence and distinction in the State of New Hampshire. He became one of the men of the State to whom were confided matters of weight and importance. In business, education, morality and religion his counsels were eagerly sought. When the high school at Concord and other school buildings throughout the city were projected and erected Mr. Pillsbury, on account of his well recognized business prudence, common sense, judgment and integrity, was pushed to the front to superintend their construction. He was also interested in the erection of several of the handsomest business blocks upon the principal streets of the city; and several fine residences in the city were built by him. In the year 1864 Mr. Pillsbury, with others, established the First National Bank of Concord. From the first he was one of the directors, and in 1866 became its president, which position he held until his departure from the State. He was also more instrumental than any other person in organizing the National Savings Bank of Concord in 1867. Of this bank he was the first president, and held the position until 1874, when he resigned. During Mr. Pillsbury's management of the First National Bank it became, in proportion to its capital stock, the strongest bank in the State. Up to December, 1873, when the treasurer was discovered to be a defaulter to a large amount, the savings bank was one of the most successful in the State;

but this defalcation, with the general crash in business, required its closing up. Its total deposits up to the time mentioned exceeded \$3,000,000. The bank finally paid its depositors nearly dollar for dollar and interest, notwithstanding the large defalcation by its treasurer. During the years 1871 and 1872 Mr. Pillsbury was again elected a member of the Legislature of New Hampshire, and was a member of some of the most important Legislative committees. For several years he was a member of the city council of Concord, and in 1876 was elected mayor of the city, to which position he was re-elected upon the expiration of his first term of office. On May 9, 1841, Mr. Pillsbury was married to Margaret S. Carleton. To them were born three children, a daughter, who died in infancy, and two sons, Charles A. Pillsbury, "the flour king," who died September 17, 1899, and Fred C. Pillsbury, a most promising young man, whose sudden death from diphtheria on May 15, 1892, was so deeply lamented. In 1869 Charles A. Pillsbury came to this city and shortly after engaged in the milling business. In 1870 his younger brother, Fred C. Pillsbury, also located in Minneapolis. During all of these years Governor Pillsbury had been a prominent citizen of the State. The fact that George A. Pillsbury's sons were engaged in successful business here and that his brother, John S. Pillsbury, resided here, and the further fact that he had large business interests here, were inducements which led him to consider giving up his home in Concord and removing to Minneapolis. When it became known to the citizens of Concord that he was contemplating a removal to Minneapolis every effort was made to retain him in Concord. The struggle which went on in Mr. Pillsbury's mind was intense. The ties which bound him to Concord were many. But finally his regard for his sons and brother determined the question, and in 1878 he made the removal. Probably no person ever left the city of Concord who received so many expressions of regret as did Mr. Pillsbury. Complimentary resolutions were unanimously passed by both branches of the city government and by the First National Bank. Resolutions passed by the First Baptist

church and society were ordered to be entered upon the records of each organization. The Webster Club, composed of fifty prominent business men of Concord, passed a series of resolutions expressive of regret for his departure from the State. A similar testimonial was presented to Mr. Pillsbury which bore the signatures of more than three hundred of the leading professional and business men of the city, among whom were all the ex-mayors living, all the clergymen, all the members of both branches of the city government, all the bank presidents and officers, twenty-six lawyers, twenty physicians, and nearly all of the business men of the city. On the evening of their departure from Concord, Mr. and Mrs. Pillsbury were given a public reception and were presented with an elegant bronze statue. Upon coming to Minneapolis Mr. Pillsbury at once entered actively into the milling business (in which he had been long interested) in the firm of C. A. Pillsbury & Co. His superior business ability was at once recognized on all sides, and the same prominence which he held in Concord was accorded him in Minneapolis. In a short time he became identified in many public and private matters in the city. The citizens at once saw his fitness for public position, and shortly after his arrival in Minneapolis he was made a member of the board of education. On April 3, 1883, he was elected an alderman from the Fifth ward, and shortly after made president of the city council. He was also a member of the board of park commissioners and of the water works board. These positions he held until April, 1884, when he was elected mayor of the city. These elections of Mr. Pillsbury were not of his own forwarding, but he was in both instances chosen by the people because of his recognized fitness, and he accepted the positions from a sense of public duty. The services which Mr. Pillsbury rendered as mayor will ever give him distinction. At that time Minneapolis was thickly studded with saloons. Not only were saloons numerous throughout the settled parts of the city, but they abounded in the suburbs, at Minnehaha and around the numerous beautiful lakes which environ the city. Every road

coming into the city had its two or three or more saloons to tempt the traveler and draw the sporting classes. The temperance people were aroused and the cry on the lips of all respectable people was: "What can be done?" Only two remedies were suggested, one was prohibition, the other high license. But prohibition could not be realized in Minneapolis any more than in any other city of any considerable size. Then it was that George A. Pillsbury conceived a method of dealing with the liquor question that had never been attempted before, and that was the famous "patrol limit system,"—a method which had not before entered the heads of the various students of temperance reform. Mr. Pillsbury believed in high license, but he did not think that sufficient in itself. In his first message to the city council he came out boldly in favor of an ordinance which should require not only a high license, but one which should exclude the selling of liquor everywhere in the city except on a few "down town" streets, where there was a constant and continuous police patrol. The practicability and common sense of the thing at once commended it to all thinking people. Only the extreme prohibitionists and the extreme liquor men were opposed to it. Mr. Pillsbury pressed the issue with boldness and rare business sense. He urged the advantages that would come to the city and to property by making the residential and suburban parts of the city free from the evils and effects of saloons and liquor. He urged the advantages that would come by confining the sale of liquor to a comparatively small area in the business part of the city where there was constant police surveillance. The so-called "patrol limit" ordinance was passed in response to his suggestion. There is not space in this sketch to go into detail as to the controversy which the adoption of this new principle involved. It is sufficient to say that after bitter attacks from the extreme liquor men and the prohibitionists the method was sustained both by public sentiment and the highest courts of the State, and what was originally passed as a city ordinance was subsequently ratified by the State Legislature and

has now become a part of the permanent charter of Minneapolis, never again to be questioned. Minneapolis has become famous among students of social science as being the first city to adopt this new and practical method of dealing with the liquor question. Other cities have adopted it and the idea is fast becoming popular. For several years Mr. Pillsbury was president of the Board of Trade, president of the Free Dispensary, and president of the Minnesota Baptist State Association. At the time of his death and for several years prior thereto he was president of the Northwestern National Bank and one of the trustees of the Hennepin County Savings Bank. He also held positions in many private corporations and societies, and until within a few months prior to his death his mind and thoughts were occupied with many business cares. The last years of Mr. Pillsbury's life were passed in caring for his property and doing good works for others. He took special interest in the work of the Baptist Church (of which he was a life-long member) both at home and throughout the country, and responded to its calls both with his time and his money. Old age stole gently upon him and he passed away peacefully at his home July 17th, 1898. Although Mr. Pillsbury was a successful man, both in business and as a public official, he will be remembered perhaps most of all for his work in the line of benevolences. Early in life he adopted the principle that a man should do as much good as he could in this world, and in case he was fortunate enough to accumulate property that he should, as far as possible, act as his own administrator, a view which met the cordial support of his wife and his two sons. In an address at Concord in 1891, when he presented to the city in the name of his wife the magnificent Margaret Pillsbury hospital, to which we are about to refer, he used these words: "I have for many years been of the opinion that it was the duty of every one, as far as possible, to administer upon his own estate. We have had frequent examples where the ablest of lawyers have failed to draw a will that would be sustained by the courts. I have also noticed, during my some-

what prolonged life, that property left to children has proved, I think, in a majority of cases, a curse rather than a blessing, especially where such children are possessed of strong bodies and a good education." Consequently we find a series of benevolent acts running through his career. In Concord he engaged actively in establishing the Centennial Home for the Aged, making large contributions thereto and serving as a trustee. He was also a generous giver to the New Hampshire Orphans' Home at Franklin, and was a trustee from the time of its foundation until he left the State. The magnificent bell in the tower of the Board of Trade Building at Concord and the handsome organ in the First Baptist Church of Concord were gifts from him and his son, Charles A. Pillsbury. He also made several large contributions towards building and endowing Colby Academy at New London, New Hampshire. In 1886 Mr. Pillsbury was chairman of the committee of construction of the First Baptist church of Minneapolis, and the large and handsome organ now in that church was a gift from Mr. Pillsbury, his wife and their two sons, Charles A., and Fred C. Shortly after Mr. Pillsbury came to Minnesota he became interested in the academy at Owatonna, of which he was elected one of the trustees. This academy was established under Baptist auspices, by an act of the Territory of Minnesota, enacted in 1856. Prior to the time when Mr. Pillsbury became interested in the institution it had not flourished to the degree that its friends had anticipated, although it had nevertheless done a good work. Mr. Pillsbury was always a firm believer in academies, "the poor man's college," as a means of education, and when he became interested in this institution and saw the field which it might occupy if properly managed and endowed, he determined to do what he could to put it on a satisfactory basis. To do this required not only new buildings, but also funds to endow and support it. Mr. Pillsbury at once applied to the affairs of this institution the same thought, attention and business judgment that he gave to his private affairs. As the needs of the institution impressed themselves upon

him he determined to meet them. His first large gift to the institution was the erection of a ladies' hall, which was named "Pillsbury Hall." In 1889 Mr. Pillsbury erected for the institution the new building, which compares favorably with any academy building in the country. This building contains recitation rooms, library and reading-rooms, offices, chemical laboratory, gymnasium, bath-room, study-room, chapel and a spacious auditorium. Mr. Pillsbury also constructed a music hall, which is a gem of its sort. This building is a two-story brick structure, 80 by 40 feet. The design is very ornate and the building adds much to the campus. It contains a fire-proof library-room and has ample accommodations for the music department. In addition to this Mr. Pillsbury erected a spacious brick drill hall, which has a clear floor 110 by 65 feet, and is admirably adapted to the purpose for which it is designed. In addition to the erection of the above buildings Mr. Pillsbury gave generously to the institution, both of time and money. His giving was unostentatious, but outsiders who have some means of knowing estimate that of money alone he gave in his lifetime about \$500,000 to the institution. In his will there was a further bequest to the academy of a quarter of a million dollars. His will also gave generous sums to various benevolent and charitable societies. Such acts as these speak of the character of the man far better than any words we can add. In his many gifts he went beyond the limits of ordinary benevolence and in his furtherance of great schemes for the support of religion and education and those things which make for the peace and well-being of society he attained to the height of philanthropy. And it is no wonder that the friends of Owatonna Academy, in recognition of his great services to the institution, a few years ago caused its name to be changed to Pillsbury Academy. In all of his prosperity Mr. Pillsbury never forgot the home and friends of his youth, as do too many successful men. The towns of Sutton and Warner, in New Hampshire, where his early years were spent, and also the goodly city of Concord, where he passed the years of his maturer man-



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hood, were dear to him, and he determined to show his regard for these places in some permanent manner. In the town of Sutton, on the public ground and a short distance from the house in which he was born, he erected, in 1890, a soldiers' monument in memory of the men of Sutton who served in the War of the Rebellion. This monument is constructed of granite and is surmounted with a granite statue, of heroic size, of a soldier at parade rest. The height, including the statue, is thirty-two feet. The bases, plinth and shaft are handsomely carved with emblems, and a suitable inscription sets forth the purpose for which the monument was erected. The whole effect is very imposing. To the town of Warner he presented the Pillsbury Free Library and filled the shelves thereof with books. This library is a very complete building of its kind, and is pointed to with pride and admiration by all who see it. The building is constructed of handsome pressed brick, with granite trimmings, is well lighted and ventilated, and has all of the interior finishings and furnishings of the modern library building. In the suburbs of the city of Concord, on a pleasant site overlooking the beautiful valley of the Merrimac, and commanding an extensive view of hills and forest, stands a magnificent building of which any city might well be proud. This building is the Margaret Pillsbury General Hospital. A tablet at the entrance bears the inscription: "Erected by George Alfred Pillsbury in honor of his wife, Margaret Sprague Pillsbury, on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, 1891." This building is in architectural effect very imposing. It is one hundred and twenty-four feet long and seventy-five feet in width at the two ends, and is forty-five feet high, having two stories and a basement, with slated roof and ventilating cupola. The basement is of granite, and the walls of pressed brick with granite and terra cotta trimmings, and copper cornices. An examination of the interior shows it to be a modern and a model hospital, with all the arrangements and appliances that the most recent surgical and medical science could suggest. The cost of this building was not less

than \$60,000. No more graceful compliment could any husband ever pay to a faithful wife than the gift of a hospital for the sick and injured; nor could any more appropriate gift be given in honor of fifty years of happy married life than this. In bestowal of all these gifts to the public, as well as in the buildings at Owatonna, Mr. Pillsbury not only furnished the means for the erection, but he personally superintended the making of the plans and the work of actual construction.

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To be elected Governor of the State of Minnesota at any time is not a small honor; to be the first man elected to the place in opposition to the Republican party organization is even a more signal victory; to be chosen above and beyond partisan lines by the discriminating judgment of his fellow-citizens, at a time when all the other nominees of the opposing party, save the gubernatorial, were elected by more or less handsome majorities, is a distinction such as has been accorded to few men in any State. It was under such circumstances that John Lind was inaugurated Governor of Minnesota in January, 1899. Governor Lind was born at Kanna, Province of Smaland, Sweden, March 25, 1854. His parents were Gustav and Catherine (Johnson) Lind. Gustav Lind, like his ancestors for several generations, was a farmer, and also filled local offices in the community where he lived, being deputy sheriff of the borough for several years. The family emigrated to America in 1867, when John was thirteen years of age, and settled in Goodhue county, Minnesota. Here young John, laboring to assist in the support of the family, lost his left hand by an accident which, perhaps, turned the current of his career, as now, illy fitted to compete with his fellows in the material world, he was urged to more assiduity in the pursuit of his studies. He spent as much of his time in school as possible, and at sixteen he was granted a certificate entitling him to teach in the public schools. He taught one year in Sibley county,

but not being satisfied with the compensation in a new country at that time, he, in 1873, took up his residence in New Ulm, where he has since resided, respected and honored among men. By the dint of hard study, industry and strict economy, he was able to attend the State University in 1875 and 1876, having in mind then the practice of the law. Utilizing all his opportunities for private study and privileged as he was to work in the office of a New Ulm practitioner, he was admitted to the bar immediately upon leaving the university, at the age of twenty one. In 1877 he began the practice of law and, taking an active interest in public life, was chosen superintendent of schools of Brown county. This position he held for two years, declining a re-nomination in order that he might devote himself entirely to the profession upon the adoption of which he had now fully determined, namely, the law. In 1881, under the administration of Garfield and Arthur, he was made receiver of the land office at Tracy, Lyon county, which position he held until the election of President Cleveland, still being able, however, to care for his private practice at New Ulm. The country was filling up rapidly and the work of the courts incidentally increased. Mr. Lind's natural talent and diligence made him a name more than local, and his prosecution of several suits, notably those against railroad companies, won him not a little renown. He was also active in the councils of the Republican party, and in 1886 he was nominated to represent the Second District in the Federal Congress. The Second District then comprised twenty counties—practically all of Southwestern Minnesota. That was a hard fought campaign, Dr. A. A. Ames of Minneapolis coming within a very small margin of defeating A. R. McGill for Governor, but Mr. Lind was elected by a splendid plurality. Two years later he was re-nominated and again elected, his adversary this time being Col. Morton S. Wilkinson, a veteran leader, who had been one of Minnesota's three representatives in the Federal House from 1869 to 1871, and United States Senator during the war. He took an active interest in the affairs of the Indians and secured the passage

of a bill establishing seven Indian schools in various parts of the country, one of them being located at Pipestone, in this State. Another sphere of work of local importance was the pushing of some old claims for the depredations of the Indians during the outbreak of 1862. He secured the payment of many of these for the people of the Second District who had suffered during that uprising. One of the greatest economies which he secured to the people of the State, however, was the passage of the bill for the reorganization of the Federal Courts of the District of Minnesota, which is commonly known to this day as the "Lind Bill." Previous to its passage all sessions of the United States Courts in this State had been held in St. Paul, entailing long sittings, delays in trials and long journeys, increasing the cost to litigants living remote from the Capital. Mr. Lind's bill provided for terms as now held at Minneapolis, Mankato, Winona and Fergus Falls, as well as in St. Paul. Mr. Lind was a strenuous fighter for the integrity and enforcement of the Interstate Commerce Act in its efforts to prevent discriminations in favor of persons or places. He had added to it amendments which made it possible for the commission to procure evidence more efficiently, and also made several battles in the courts to secure for the millers in the smaller centers of the State, rates more fair when compared with the millers of Minneapolis, who had been granted certain special privileges. Mr. Lind was also instrumental in securing a great reform in railroad management and equipment, which is saving human life and limb hourly. That is, the automatic coupler and power-brake bill, so-called, which was passed, and directed all railroads to provide their cars with automatic couplers of uniform type, and to have at least a certain number of cars of each train equipped with air or other power brakes, so as to obviate the use of hand brakes, which were very dangerous in icy or sleety weather. This bill was opposed by a strong and insistent lobby, led by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, but after a hard contest the lobby was beaten and Mr. Lind's bill became a law. Another bill of com-

mercial value to the Northwest made Minneapolis a port of entry. Mr. Lind was a conceded authority in the House on the subjects concerned with the public lands—Congressman Payson of Illinois being the only man on the floor considered his peer in this special branch of so much importance to the West. In the contest over the tariff Mr. Lind was a hard fighter, and showed his independence by declining to be bound by the declarations of the Republican caucus. He fought the tariff on lumber because, as he said, it committed the Nation to the idiocy of destroying its own forests rather than those of other people. He fought for free sugar, for free materials for making binding twine, and for free twine. In 1890 Mr. Lind was elected a third time, defeating Gen. James H. Baker of Garden City. In 1892 he declined to become a candidate again, for personal reasons, and the present Congressman, James T. McCleary, then Professor of Political Economy in the State Normal School at Mankato, was nominated and elected to succeed Mr. Lind. The platform adopted at Mankato accorded the retiring Congressman this compliment: "We recognize in Hon. John Lind, our present Member of Congress, an able and efficient representative, and trust that his voluntary retirement from the field of active legislative duty will be only temporary." In 1893 Governor Nelson appointed Mr. Lind, who had returned to the practice of law at New Ulm, a regent of the University of Minnesota. Mr. Lind was an early recruit to the financial policy espoused by Senator Teller and other Silver Republicans. In 1896 the Democratic and People's party nominated him for Governor, and he made a splendid run, David B. Clough defeating him by only a small majority of about three thousand votes. In the spring of 1899, when President McKinley called for volunteers to defend the National honor and avenge the destruction of the Maine, John Lind, at the sacrifice of his law practice, tendered his services to Governor Clough in any capacity in which he might be available. Governor Clough, at the request of Colonel Bobleter, in command of the Twelfth Minnesota, made Mr. Lind regimental quartermas-

ter with the rank of first lieutenant. His record as quartermaster was attested by his popularity with the regiment, which had a chance at Chattanooga to compare with other standards the efficiency of Mr. Lind's arduous labors in keeping the men well equipped and provisioned. It was while the Twelfth Regiment was encamped at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga National Park, that the Democratic People's and Silver Republican parties, in State Convention, unanimously nominated Mr. Lind for Governor. It was his desire, after the defeat of 1896, not to again enter the field of politics, but so unanimous was the call, and so insistent were the friends who had supported him so warmly in previous campaigns, that Mr. Lind at last put aside his desire for political retirement and consented to make the race, subject to the necessary limitations of his military service. With the surrender of Santiago and the subsequent return of the Minnesota troops from the South, Mr. Lind was enabled to make two short series of speeches in a few of the cities and towns of the State. There has rarely been such a series of popular demonstrations of personal admiration and sympathy. These tours, brief as they were, were splendid auguries of the magnificent vote which the men of Minnesota gave him on election day. This is the public and political career, epitomized, of the man who has fought his way, despite rebuffs and temporary reverses, to attain success at last and a full realization of the fact that "he cannot appreciate victory who has not suffered defeat." Governor Lind's energies have not been spent alone in politics and public affairs. He has had a lucrative practice at the bar, and has not sacrificed it in the public service. New Ulm is the center of a thriving farming community, prettily situated in the picturesque valley of the Minnesota, and is such a town as might well be selected for the home of a man of Governor Lind's character, earnest, faithful and unaffected. Governor Lind has been identified with some of the best institutions of New Ulm. He has served as director in the Brown County Bank, and was one of the committee of five New Ulm men who had charge of the construction of the Minne-

apolis, New Ulm & Southwestern railroad and other enterprises that have materially benefited his home town. Governor Lind was married, in 1879, to Miss Alice A. Shepard, the daughter of a then prominent citizen of Blue Earth county, since removed to California. He, Richard Shepard, was a soldier of the Union army in the Civil War. His father also fought for the young Republic in the War of 1812, while his grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. To Governor and Mrs. Lind have been born three children, Norman, Jenny and Winfred. The first named is now a student at the State University, and with four generations of soldiers before him, might be looked for to enter a military career rather than that of politics, in which his father has attained his greatest fame.

ANTHONY KELLY.

Anthony Kelly, late merchant and representative citizen of Minneapolis, was a native of Ireland, born at Swinford, County Mayo, August 25, 1832. His early boyhood was spent in his native island, but when he was fifteen years of age he came with his parents to America, and settled near Montreal, Canada. Very early in life he manifested an ardent taste for a life of active usefulness. After acquiring a good common school education and the rudiments of a business training he, while still quite young, came to the United States and finally located at Macon, Georgia, where he opened a retail grocery store, which he conducted for several years. Having sold his store in Macon, Mr. Kelly came to Minnesota on a visit to his brothers, then living in Minneapolis. Upon his arrival he was so thoroughly impressed with the location, the growing importance of the young town and the opportunities it offered for a business career that he soon decided to locate there permanently. He opened a retail grocery store, associated himself in partnership with his brother, P. H. Kelly, and began the business career in Minneapolis in which he became so prominent. The

Kelly brothers were popular and successful from the first. They were energetic and used sound sense in the conduct of their business, and prospered constantly. In a comparatively brief time they had outgrown their original limited quarters, erected a more commodious building and had largely increased the scope and extent of their operations. In 1863, P. H. Kelly withdrew from the firm and went to St. Paul. Mr. Anthony Kelly continued the business in Minneapolis on his own account for three years, when he formed a partnership with H. W. Wagner, the firm name becoming Anthony Kelly & Company. It soon became the largest grocery house in the city. As time passed and business increased Mr. Kelly saw the necessity and importance of extending the character and field of his operations, and after opening up in the new building he abandoned the retail grocery business and engaged in the wholesale trade. Anthony Kelly was the pioneer wholesale grocer of Minneapolis. The venture was so successful and the business expanded so rapidly that in a comparatively short time the firm was compelled to find larger quarters, and it built and removed to the large brick and stone structure which was the site of its operations thereafter, and which was always recognized as one of the leading business institutions of the city. The business of the firm of Anthony Kelly & Company developed into large proportions and gradually increased until it extended over all the vast territory paying business tribute to Minneapolis. Mr. Kelly was always recognized as the leading and controlling spirit of the house, and it was his master hand which guided and directed its work. So much for Anthony Kelly's career as a business man. But during all of the long period referred to he contrived to find time in the midst of his engrossing business activities to take an active part in the local affairs of his city. Energetic, broad-minded, public-spirited, liberal in his views, and of a high order of intelligence, his aid was sought and his hand was in every movement to build up the interests and institutions of the city. There was never a fight for the welfare of the city of Minneapolis in which he did



Anthony Kelly

not engage—never a worthy enterprise which he did not promote. He was always earnestly—but unostentatiously, as becomes a right-minded man—interested in every philanthropic enterprise and prominently identified with every movement of the kind in the city. No other man ever gave more liberally of his time, energies and money to further worthy charitable objects. Wherever and whenever human suffering and misery could be ameliorated by anything he could do, he was ready with voice and hand and purse, and did what he could. He gave freely and liberally, but never purposely “to be seen of men,” and very many of his benefactions and charities were never known to the world—and he did not wish that they should be. Anthony Kelly was not one to vaunt or parade himself. He disliked notoriety, sought no cheap distinctions, and hated all insincerity, sham, and pretense. He never posed as a “reformer,” although no other man in the city ever did more for real reforms and the improvement of society and humanity. People who knew him knew just where to find him, and that what he said he meant. He had hosts of admiring friends, especially among the old settlers and his long-time associates, and there was many a deep and heartfelt pang of sorrow when, on that fine June morning in 1899, the message was flashed over the wires throughout the country—“Anthony Kelly is dead.” In business affairs generally Mr. Kelly had become very prominent—a factor in the development of the material interests of Minneapolis. At the time of his death he was vice-president of the Northwestern National Bank, and, up to the time of the reorganization of the Minneapolis General Electric Company, had been its president and directing mind. He was also a stockholder in several other important business organizations. He was a trustee of the Hill Seminary, and, for about seven years, was one of the directors and vice-president of the board of managers of the State Institute for Defectives at Faribault. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, but never an office seeker or a political office holder. He was a humble, but earnest and consistent believer in the Catholic

faith, but tolerant and charitable toward all Christian religions. Mr. Kelly was the intimate friend and confidant, as well as the associate, of the best men who have shaped the destinies of Minneapolis. He had rare social tastes and qualities, and his great fund of information, the spice of his ready wit, his fluent and animated style of conversation, and his charming amiability, made him a most delightful entertainer and companion. In the sacred precincts of his home, however, he was at his best. Here his life was an ideal one. He loved his family with all the fervor of his affectionate nature, and with them he found his highest pleasures. He was a profound student and very fond of literary pursuits. He read and spoke German fluently, and had a good knowledge of French and Spanish, and had spoken these languages in their native countries. Fond of travel and investigation he gratified these tastes to a great extent. He was familiar with almost every part of the United States, had repeatedly visited the land of his birth and made several excursions through the continent of Europe. With the capacity to appreciate and remember what he saw, these investigations added to his great stock of valuable knowledge. Anthony Kelly died in his adopted city, which he had so much helped to build, May 31, 1899. His death created a feeling of sorrow genuine and widespread. He was sixty-seven years of age, and in active and successful business life up to the time of his death, but somehow it seemed that his calling away was untimely. There seemed to be much more that he could do for his city, his State and his fellow men. The event was of public importance; the press, the pulpit, the business associations, etc., all expressed the general sorrow, and commented upon the character of the deceased in the warmest terms. Said the *St. Paul Globe* of July 7th:

“Anthony Kelly was one of the finest types of American citizens, and one of the gentlest, and, in thought and deed, one of the most upright men that ever graced a Christian community. He was indeed an ideal man. Religious in the truest sense in which the spirit of God is made to descend into the hearts of

men through the influence of faith in the Christian teaching, he was at the same time a thoughtful, patriotic citizen, ever devoted to the welfare of city, State and Nation, and anxious in every way within his reach to promote the happiness and temporal welfare of his fellow man.

No man ever heard from the lips of Anthony Kelly an unkind or uncharitable expression concerning another. His word was indeed his bond; and in small matters as well as in large, he was the very spirit of manliness and personal probity.

That such a man should have it within him to secure a high measure of business success is proof that the highest commercial ability may be united with those qualities which preserve men in the faith and innocence and purity of their younger days."

Ex Governor John S. Pillsbury, who had long and intimately known Mr. Kelly, wrote:

"I have known him as few men knew him. We began our struggle in Minneapolis about the same time. I can easily recall the vigorous, intelligent, ambitious, determined young man, of fifty years ago. There are none who have known him in a social way or in business, who can truthfully say that they ever saw him do an unmanly or dishonest act. He died, presumably, a wealthy man, but what he got in the way of worldly goods, he got honestly. He was not pulling others down while he was building himself up. He was always a great respecter of honest toil; he had no patience with the idler or the drone. He believed God placed man here for a useful career. He was thoroughly honest and did not know how to act in anything but an honest manner. He grew to be a better man every day he lived, and you could see it as the years passed by. I always found him a high-toned gentleman, quiet and unostentatious, and it was a genuine pleasure to do business with him. Mr. Kelly was always a public spirited man; you could always depend upon him to do his part. When there were but few of us, we had to look after public matters, and we worked together through the troubles incident to pioneer days. Mr. Kelly was a positive man, and his yea was yea, his nay, nay. He was a man who expected people to do right by him, for he always did right by them, and he would not brook deception. He was not a visionary man; he always lived within his means. He was kind to the poor, being especially interested in the poor among the people of his own church."

Mr. Kelly was married in Minneapolis April 26, 1863, to Annie Willey, widow of U. S. Willey, a prominent attorney of the city in early times. Mrs. Kelly was a daughter of Wm. Calder Haymond, a renowned lawyer of West Virginia, where she was born. Of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, always one of rare felicity, were born two sons and four daughters.

JOHN B. SANBORN.

On the 2d of March, 1632, the good ship "William and Frances" sailed from England, and on the 3d of June following she landed in Boston. In her passenger list were three brothers, John, William and Stephen Sanborn, and their mother's father, Stephen Bachiller. These brothers were the progenitors of the great family of Sanborns, scattered throughout the United States. They were among the early colonists, coming to the new world less than twelve years after the landing of the "Mayflower," and settling in the town of Hampton, New Hampshire, which continued to be the undivided home of the family until the middle of the Eighteenth Century. Stephen Bachiller became one of the famous and powerful Puritan ministers, whose stern morality contributed much of value to the firmness and integrity of the New England character. At length, Reuben Sanborn—a descendant of William, of the original emigrants—with his sons, Eliphalet and Reuben, removed to Epsom, New Hampshire, and acquired the Sanborn homestead, which has remained continuously in possession of the family for a hundred and fifty years. Gen. John Benjamin Sanborn, the principal subject of this sketch, was born on this homestead December 5, 1826, the son of Frederick Sanborn, a man of estimable qualities, and Lucy L. Sargent, a native of Pittsfield, New Hampshire, whose strength of character and purity of life were adorned by exceptional personal charms and graces. His great-grandfather, Eliphalet Sanborn, served under General Wolfe in the war against the French and



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Indians, and in the Continental army during the struggle for American independence. His maternal grandfather, Benjamin Sargent, also served in the Revolutionary war, first as a drummer boy, and last as a soldier in the ranks of fighting men. Having in his veins the blood of patriots and heroes, mixed with that of Puritan ancestry, it is not surprising that the boy born at Epsom seventy-three years ago, should develop into the strong man, the gallant soldier and the upright citizen, and achieve the eminence in military and civic life that General Sanborn has attained. His boyhood was passed on his father's farm, at the kind of work and in the manner which contributed to the vigor of both body and mind. His common school education terminated when he was sixteen years of age, and for the following six years he devoted himself exclusively to carrying on the farm and the manufacture of lumber. At the age of twenty-two he suddenly changed his whole purpose in life and decided to obtain an education and qualify himself for the practice of the law. He at once fitted for college at the academies of Pembroke, New Hampshire, and Thetford, Vermont, and entered Dartmouth College in the autumn of 1851, where he remained during that term. On account of his mature years the leading members of the bar at Concord, New Hampshire, Hon. Franklin Pierce, Judge Asa Fowler and Hon. Ira Peverley, advised him to abandon his college course and devote himself to the study of the law at once. This plan he pursued and was admitted to the bar of the Superior Court in Concord at the July Term, 1854, having studied continuously from 1851 in the office of Hon. Asa Fowler. At this time he was twenty-seven years old, and in the latter part of November following he left his native State, in company with Theodore French of Concord, New Hampshire, to establish a new home in the more promising field of the Northwest. He settled in the City of St. Paul, of which place he has remained a citizen continuously from that time to the present, and where he has constantly practiced his profession, except when engaged in the public service. In the ensuing forty-five years Gen-

eral Sanborn has become so identified with the great Northwest as to be a part of the very fibre of its growth, a contributor to its fame and a beneficiary of its boundless resources. During this period he has been a member of the following law firms, viz: Sanborn & French; Sanborn, French & Lund; Sanborn & Lund; Sanborn & King, at Washington, D. C.; John B. & W. H. Sanborn, which firm included Edward P. Sanborn as a partner for a portion of its existence; and John B. & E. P. Sanborn, which firm still exists. The reputation and strength of all these firms have been far above the average, and each and all have been successful in a marked degree. From 1854 to 1861 a law business had been established which was equal in its extent, and in the profits derived therefrom, to any existing in the State at that time, and when General Sanborn had terminated his public service in 1868, he again immediately engaged in the practice of the law in connection with the firms above mentioned with equal or greater success than had attended his efforts prior to the War of the Rebellion. In conformity to the custom of the new States of the Northwest, of making the young lawyers the law makers, Mr. Sanborn was elected a member of the Lower House of the Legislature in 1859, and of the State Senate in 1860. He was made Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House in 1859, and aided by his able committee, succeeded in practically reorganizing the whole State government during that session; school districts, towns, counties, were all reorganized upon a more economical plan, which aided to bring credit and prosperity to the impoverished State, most of which laws, both in letter and spirit, still remain upon the Statute book. During this session he was voted for in the Republican caucus for candidate for the United States Senate and lacked but a few votes of the nomination, which was equivalent to an election. At the very opening of the Rebellion he was appointed by Governor Ramsey to the laborious and responsible position, in time of war, of Adjutant General of the State of Minnesota and Acting Quarter Master General, and in that capacity he or-

ganized and equipped the first five regiments of volunteer infantry raised in the State. At the close of this service and of the year 1861, moved no doubt by the martial spirit derived from his ancestors, he entered the military service of the United States as colonel of the Fourth Regiment, Minnesota Infantry Volunteers, in which service he remained until the last day of June, 1866. During this term of military service he held the rank of colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Minnesota Infantry Volunteers, brigadier general of volunteers from August 4, 1863, brevet major general of volunteers from February, 1865. He commanded a brigade in action at the battles of Iuka, Corinth, in the Yazoo Pass Expedition, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hills, Black River, and in the sieges of Corinth and Vicksburg, and a division at Port Gibson and in the Assault on Vicksburg on the 22d of May, 1863. In the Battle of Iuka, September 19, 1862, he commanded, under the immediate eye of General Rosecrans, and held his position, although losing 588 men killed and wounded, in an hour and ten minutes, out of his command of a little more than 2200. He was commended in general orders by General Rosecrans for his conduct in this battle, and appointed by President Lincoln, brigadier general of volunteers. The appointment was made while the Senate was in session, and was not reached by the Senate for its action before adjournment, and hence did not become operative, and during the Vicksburg Campaign he still commanded his brigade and division with the rank of colonel only. His reputation acquired at Iuka was fully sustained in all the subsequent battles in which he commanded during the war. At Champion Hills he received and carried into effect orders from General Grant in person at the very crisis of the battle, which turned seeming defeat into decided victory. He built a pontoon bridge of cotton bales over the Black river, by which the army marched from Champion Hills to Vicksburg. He reached, with the Seventh Division, the ditch of the outer works of the enemy in the assault on Vicksburg on the 22d of May, and as other commands failed to get up to the works, took

the responsibility of ordering his command back under cover from the enemy's fire instead of ordering them over the works, which course received the approval of General Grant and General McPherson. After the surrender of Vicksburg he was again appointed brigadier general by President Lincoln, while the Senate was not in session, and he at once entered upon the duties of his new rank, and was ordered by General Grant to report, for temporary duty only, to General Scofield, commanding the Department of the Missouri. He was now assigned to the command of a territorial district, including southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas. This command he retained until the Rebel Army surrendered. This last promotion was made upon the special recommendation of General Grant, and when, in February, 1864, General Grant had been requested by General Halleck to designate the colonels that had been promoted to brigadier generals that he thought he must have confirmed—as there were a greater number in the list than could be confirmed, with due regard to the public welfare—General Grant designated fourteen, of whom General Sanborn was one, that should be confirmed. No one of the fourteen ever knew that General Grant had written such a letter till it was printed in the Rebellion Records in recent years. In the autumn of 1861 General Sanborn conducted successfully, first a defensive and then an offensive campaign in Missouri, against the army of Gen. Sterling Price. He commanded all the cavalry in the army west of the Mississippi river in the field—between eight and ten thousand mounted men—against more than double that number of Confederates under the command of eight general officers, several of whom were graduates of West Point, or had served in the Mexican War. The campaign was so conducted that the Rebel Army was practically broken up, Generals Marmaduke and Cabell captured, with more than two thousand prisoners, eight pieces of artillery and a large amount of supplies. After the surrender of the Rebel armies he was ordered to take the command of an expedition to the southern plains to terminate



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the disorders, and establish peace with the Comanche, Cheyenne, Arapahoe, Apache, and Kiowa Indians. This was speedily accomplished and a treaty of peace concluded with all those tribes in October of that year. Thereupon he was sent to the Indian Territory to adjust the relations between the Five Civilized Tribes and their former slaves. This service was successfully accomplished during the winter of 1865-6, and thereupon he was mustered out of the military service in June, 1866. After this he was appointed, in 1867, by the President, one of the commissioners to treat with the hostile bands of Sioux Indians, with General Sully, General Buford, Mr. Beauvais, Judge Kinney, and Colonel Parker. This commission was followed by another created by an act of Congress, in which General Sanborn was named as one of the commissioners in the act. The commission was composed of Generals Sherman, Harney, and Terry, Senator John B. Henderson, the commissioner of Indian Affairs, Taylor, and Samuel F. Tappan. This commission revised and changed the whole system of dealing with the Indians, and to a greater extent than ever before applied the bounty of the government to the feeding, clothing and education of the Indians and qualifying them to live the life of civilized people. General Sanborn has received honors at the hands of his fellow-citizens, and been elected to the Minnesota Legislature for eight years since leaving the United States service. He was a member at the session when the second State Capitol was provided for, also when the new Capitol was provided for and the State Railroad bonds paid. He has been elected for two years commander of the Loyal Legion of Minnesota, and was honored with the election of first commander of the G. A. R. of this State. His prominence in business, in letters and social life is evidenced by his presidency of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce for a number of years, vice presidency of the National German Bank, a trusteeship of the State Historical Society, and connection with several literary and social clubs. General Sanborn is a gentleman of means and culture, with a pleasant

home and troops of steadfast friends. He was married in March, 1857, to Miss Catharine Hall, of Newton, New Jersey, who died in 1860. In November, 1865, he married Miss Anna Nixon, of Bridgeton, New Jersey—a sister to Hon. John T. Nixon, U. S. District Judge for that State—who died June, 1878. April 15, 1880, he was married to Miss Rachel Rice, daughter of Hon. Edmund Rice, of St. Paul, who is the mother of his four children: Lucy Sargent, John Benjamin, Rachel Rice, and Frederick.

RICHARD CHUTE.

Richard Chute, deceased, a pioneer and one of the most active and prominent of the early business men of Minneapolis, was born at Cincinnati, September 23, 1820. His father was Rev. James Chute, a descendant of Alexander Chute, who lived in Taunton, England, as early as 1268. The family is of Norman origin, and in England would claim rank with those who came in with William the Conqueror. Members of the family emigrated to America in Colonial times, and were prominent figures in the early history of New England. Rev. James Chute was a native of Byfield, Massachusetts; was educated to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church; taught a private school in Cincinnati, removed to Columbus, Ohio, and afterwards, in 1831, to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he died when Richard was fifteen years of age. His mother, Martha Hewes, was descended from Capt. Roger Clapp, who in 1664 commanded the "Castle," now Fort Independence, Boston Harbor. She died in Fort Wayne when Richard was about thirteen years of age. Richard was the oldest of a family of five children. All of his early education was received from his parents. At the age of twelve he entered the store of S. & H. Hanna & Co., and was employed by various firms until 1841, when he engaged as clerk with W. G. & G. W. Ewing, who were large buyers of furs and skins, dealing with various Indian tribes. In the conduct of this business he was sent by his

employers, in 1811, to establish and build a post at Good Road's village, eight miles above Fort Snelling, on the Minnesota river. At that time he visited the Falls of St. Anthony—then almost in a state of nature—and was so impressed with the natural advantages of the location that, standing on the bank, he took off his hat and exclaimed: "Here is the site of a mighty city." The next year he became a partner with the Ewings under the firm name of Ewing, Chute & Company, and a few years later became interested in the fur business with P. Choteau, Jr., & Company. Though a trader with the Indians, he took a deep interest in their welfare and civilization, and aided them in several negotiations with the government. He was present at Agency City, Iowa, in 1842, at the making of the treaty with the Sacs and Foxes tribe; and in 1846 was present, at Washington, with the Winnebagoes when they sold the "Neutral Ground," in Iowa; and in 1851 at Traverse des Sioux and Mendota, when the Sioux concluded the treaties which opened Minnesota to settlement. In 1851 Mr. Chute took an active part in the procuring of legislation that resulted in the government making treaties by which, in 1855, the Ottawas and Chippewas of Michigan exchanged their tribal lands west of the Mississippi for lands in severalty in Michigan, dissolving their tribal relations and becoming citizens of that State. The service was not official, but altogether voluntary and personal, and prompted solely by his interest in the welfare of the Indians. Mr. Chute married Miss Mary Eliza Young, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, February 28, 1850. She was born at Dayton, Ohio, and the only daughter of Rev. James and Olive (Hubbard) Young, both natives of New York. In 1854 Mr. Chute settled permanently in St. Anthony, and engaged in the real estate business. At that time the land on the east side of the Mississippi river at the Falls of St. Anthony, controlling the water power, was the property of Franklin Steele, of Fort Snelling, and other gentlemen. Mr. Chute, in connection with Mr. John S. Prince, of St. Paul, purchased of Mr. Steele a one-eighth interest in the prop-

erty. In 1856 the St. Anthony Falls Water Power Company was incorporated, and the property vested in it, and Mr. Chute became the agent of the company and manager of the property, continuing in that capacity until 1868, when he became president of the company, and continued as such until the sale of the property, in 1880, to Jas. J. Hill, of St. Paul, and others. Mr. Chute's brother, Dr. S. H. Chute, succeeded him as agent and manager, in 1868, when he became the president of the company. These twenty-five years were years of activity, of liberal expenditure, with hope long deferred, but finally crowned with the success which Mr. Chute's prophetic eye had foreseen, and his unflagging perseverance and tenacity of purpose had conspired to produce. The property became the center of an active community, and the nucleus and heart of a great city. Mr. Chute was the presiding genius and engaged actively in whatever seemed of promise to benefit the community and build it up, not only in material prosperity, but in religious and social life, in education, and in attractiveness and beauty as a place of residence. In the summer of 1856, with others, he expended a large amount of money which had been raised by the people, in clearing the channel of the Mississippi above Fort Snelling, to enable steamboats to navigate the river to Minneapolis. In November, 1856, he was requested by Henry M. Rice, then Territorial delegate to Congress, to go to Washington and aid in securing the passage of a railroad land grant bill, and after a long legislative contest, on the last day of the session, the bill was passed, which resulted in the building of 1,100 miles of railroad in the State of Minnesota. Mr. Chute was made a charter director in several of the railroad companies, and spent much time in promoting them, especially the present Great Northern system. He also united with other enterprising citizens in organizing a Union Board of Trade, in which he was for many years a director and its first president. In this service he introduced the system of boulevarding the streets, and the system of numbering streets and houses, by which



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their location is so readily comprehended, and it was he who, in 1858, purchased 3,300 shade trees and had them set out along the street lines, which has added so much to the comfort and beauty of Minneapolis. Upon the opening of the land office in Minneapolis, Mr. Chute, in company with Mr. H. G. O. Morrison, entered fifteen hundred acres of land. In 1862 he was appointed by Governor Ramsey special quartermaster for troops ordered to Fort Ripley, and while there was appointed assistant quartermaster of the State, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. From 1863 to the close of the War of the Rebellion, he was United States provost marshal for Hennepin county. In 1865 he formed a business partnership with his brother, Dr. Samuel H. Chute, which continued up to the time of his death. Mr. Chute went to Washington in 1868-9, and appealed to Congress for aid in the improvement of navigation of the river and in the preservation of the Falls of St. Anthony. A bill granting one hundred thousand acres of land to aid in the work was introduced, but failed to pass by one vote. The following year he again failed in his efforts to pass the bill, but in the spring of 1870 he succeeded in getting a cash appropriation of \$50,000, and a U. S. engineer was appointed to take charge of the work. Subsequent appropriations were made by Congress, which, with the aid of Municipal subscriptions, with those of the water power companies and individuals, furnished the means for building a substantial concrete dyke under the river bed, from bank to bank, which has effectually stayed the threatened devastation by the water torrent, and made the falls permanent and secure. The municipal union of St. Anthony and Minneapolis, unpopular with the majority of citizens, was so ably advocated by Mr. Chute, and a few other leading citizens, that the union was effected in 1872. In 1876 Mr. Chute was appointed a regent of the University, and acted as its treasurer for several years, resigning in 1882 in consequence of ill health, which made it necessary for him to seek a less rigorous climate. Subsequently he spent much time in the southern States, and became a close student of the colored race, and

to problems connected therewith. While attending the World's Fair at Chicago, in 1893, Mr. Chute was taken ill, and after a few weeks, died in that city on the first day of August, and on the 4th was buried in Lakewood cemetery in Minneapolis. Mr. Chute had always been an attractive figure upon the streets of Minneapolis. A little under six feet, of medium build, with fair complexion, he possessed a native gentleness of manner. A heart ever ready to give of its best to the world, never willing to judge harshly, always looking for the best in his fellow men and never so happy as when doing for others. His energy of character and his great enthusiasm in whatever he undertook to accomplish never failed to bring success, and Minneapolis owes much to his enterprise and public spirit. He was originally an old-time Whig, and he was one of the twenty who, in 1855, organized the Republican party in Minnesota. He was a member and elder of the Presbyterian church, a prominent temperance man in theory and practice, and an advocate of female suffrage, with educational qualifications for both sexes. Mr. and Mrs. Chute were the parents of five children, viz: Charles Richard, Minnie Olive (deceased), Mary Welcome (deceased), William Young, and Grace Fairchild, wife of Major J. W. Jacobs of the U. S. Army. Mrs. Chute still survives, and the sons, Charles R. and William Y., are both residents of Minneapolis, engaged in the real estate business. The brother, Dr. S. H. Chute, is also a resident of Minneapolis, and a prominent man of affairs. A sketch of his life appears in another part of this work.

CADWALLADER C. WASHBURN.

No State of equal age and population has made a larger contribution to the glory and opulence of the Nation than the far-off State of Maine. Her gift is in stalwart men of superior intellectual endowments, praiseworthy ambition, moral and physical courage. And in the clear light of impartial history the

family name of Washburn is easily the most eminent, in the beneficence and duration of public service, and the progressive development and judicious conservation of material resources. Cadwallader Colden Washburn was the fourth in a family of seven brothers, born at Livermore, Maine, and the aggregate official public service of five of these brothers covers a period of eighty-five years. One became a major general in the Union army, two foreign ministers, two Governors, and four members of Congress. The eldest, Israel, represented his district in the State of Maine for ten years in Congress, served his State as Governor one term, and filled the office of collector of the port at Portland for twelve years; the fourth, Charles A., served for seven years as minister to Paraguay under an appointment by President Lincoln; the third, Elihu B., represented an Illinois district in Congress for twenty years, was the first Secretary of State in Grant's cabinet, and served by appointment of Grant eight years as minister to France; the youngest brother and the only one living, represented the Minneapolis district in Congress several times, and served one term in the United States Senate. Both of the grandfathers, Israel Washburn and Samuel Benjamin, were soldiers of the Revolution. C. C. Washburn, with whose deeds this sketch is concerned, was born April 22, 1818. His boyhood was passed at work on his father's farm, helping in his father's general store and attending the district school, in which he qualified himself for teaching by the time he had reached the age of seventeen. From that time until his majority was attained, he was employed as teacher at Wicasset, not far from his home. The habit of industry was supported by the habit of frugality, so that he was able to save a part of the small salary earned by a common school teacher sixty years ago; and this little accumulation comprised his entire financial capital when he started west to make his fortune, on arriving at the age of twenty-one. He first located at Davenport, Iowa, where he taught a private school for three months, and then for a year was employed by the commission in making a geo-

logical survey of the State. Having formed the resolution to study law, he entered the law office of Joseph R. Wells, in Rock Island, Illinois, under whose instruction the text books were studied. Incidentally he accepted the office of surveyor of Rock Island county, the income of which assisted in paying his expenses while prosecuting his studies. When qualified for practice he was admitted to the bar and located at Mineral Point, Wisconsin. Soon afterwards he formed a partnership with Cyrus Woodman, representing the New England Land Company, with abundant capital, and the firm of Washburn & Woodman opened up and conducted a lucrative business, which combined dealing in real estate, entering government lands, examining and perfecting titles, and locating Mexican war land warrants. The law and real estate business were very profitable, and Mr. Washburn invested his accumulations of capital wisely in timber lands, which became the foundation of a colossal fortune. In 1871 he erected at La Crosse mammoth saw-mills, with superb modern equipment, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber on a scale theretofore unequalled even in Wisconsin. Mr. Washburn's capacity and fitness for political affairs were recognized early, and in 1854 he was elected to represent his district in Congress, and discharged the duty with such acceptability as to be re-elected in 1856, and again in 1858, serving in the 34th, 35th and 36th Congresses. After dropping out during the war for service in the Union army, he was elected to the 40th and 41st Congresses. It is a singular coincidence that among the colleagues of C. C. Washburn in Congress before the war were two of his elder brothers—Israel, who represented the Penobscot District of Maine, and Elihu, who represented the Galena District of Illinois. In October, 1861, he raised the Second Regiment of Wisconsin Cavalry, with which he went to the front as the colonel commanding. Within a year his distinguished military service was rewarded with a major general's commission. He continued in the field until the surrender of the principal Confederate armies signaled the

early termination of the war, and resigned to devote his undivided energies to his vast commercial interests, soon to be augmented by large industrial and manufacturing enterprises in lumbering camps, in rafts and in saw-mills. His fellow-citizens manifested their partiality by keeping him in the public service with comparatively short intermissions. Re-elected to Congress in 1866, and again in 1868, he was advanced to the Governorship of Wisconsin at the close of his fifth Congressional term by an election in 1871. His executive ability qualified him in an eminent degree for the administrative and executive duties of Governor, while his substantial integrity and conscientious regard for the obligations of a public trust assured the purity of his administration. Governor Washburn had the breadth of grasp, the clearness of perception, the calm foresight and the strenuous application which crowned his large undertakings with abundant success. He was a leader in establishing and developing the flour milling industry at Minneapolis, and among the first to introduce the Hungarian system known as the roller process of manufacturing flour, since adopted by all the best mills throughout the country. The Washburn Mills, destroyed by fire in 1878, were rebuilt with a capacity and completeness unknown before in the history of the world. Mr. Washburn's name is inseparably associated with the fame of Minneapolis, because largely through his instrumentality it enjoys distinction as the greatest flour-producing center of the world. He was a good man, eminently practical and useful; hospitable to fresh thoughts and new ideas. He was generous, tolerant, charitable, public-spirited. He gave the Washburn observatory to the University at Madison, and the Free Public Library to La Crosse. As a memorial to his mother, he left in his will \$375,000 for the erection and endowment of the Washburn Orphan's Home in Minneapolis. In recognition of modesty and virtue he donated to the Catholic Sisters, for educational uses, his beautiful home at Edgewood, near Madison. His beneficence was conceived in a catholicity of spirit, and directed by intelligent sympathy

and wise foresight, so as to conserve and distribute its blessings in the years and centuries to follow.

GEORGE B. YOUNG.

The life of Judge George Brooks Young may be considered as divided into two distinct and nearly equal parts, the latter half belonging to Minnesota, the former half to the East—to Boston. It is not necessary to seek for him a noble extraction in foreign lands. Few of our countrymen can claim a lineage at once more pure and more typically American. His parents were both descended from early settlers in the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies, and represented families of consequence in the annals of New England. His father, the late Rev. Alexander Young, of Boston, was for twenty-eight years the pastor of the New South Unitarian church of that city, and his paternal grandfather, also Alexander Young, was senior member of the firm of Young & Minns, which for many years published the *New England Palladium*, a prominent organ of the Federal party. His mother was Caroline James, daughter of Eleazar James, Esq., one of the leading lawyers of Worcester county, Massachusetts, who resided at Barre, but whose native place was the picturesque old town of Colhasset. George Brooks Young was born at Boston July 25, 1840. He attended the common and Latin schools of the city, proceeding, in 1856, from the latter to Harvard College, where he graduated at the end of a four years' course. In the fall of 1860 he entered the office of Hon. Henry A. Scudder, under whose direction he read law for about a year. 1861 found him back at Harvard, in the Law School, from which institution he graduated two years later. In 1864 he went to New York City, and was for several months engaged in post-graduate study in the office of William Curtis Noyes, and in December of that year he was admitted to the bar. He next held, for a time, the position of managing clerk for David Dudley Field, after which he pursued an independent prac-

tice during the remainder of his residence in the East. Mr. Young was thirty when, in April of 1870, he came in search of a new home in the Northwest. Locating at Minneapolis, he gained admission to the bar of the State, and during the thirty years of his citizenship in Minnesota he has been a most earnest and efficient member of the profession. In April, 1871, Mr. Young was appointed Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court to fill a vacancy which occurred through the resignation of Chief Justice Ripley and the consequent promotion of Associate Justice McMillan to the higher post. In the ensuing November election, however, Hon. F. R. E. Cornell was made Associate Justice, so that Judge Young's tenure of the office ceased at the beginning of 1875. In the following May, he left Minneapolis and established himself, both as resident and legal practitioner, in St. Paul, which city has since been his home and the scene of his professional labors. Upon locating here, he associated himself with Stanford Newel, under the style of Young & Newel. Subsequently this partnership was dissolved, and the firm of Young & Lightner formed, which is composed of three members, viz: George B. Young, William H. Lightner and Edward Blake Young, and has had a long and prosperous career. From his first coming to St. Paul, in 1875, until the spring of 1892, Mr. Young was reporter of the Supreme Court, and twenty-seven volumes of the State reports, i. e., volumes 21 to 47 inclusive, were compiled by him. For a number of years Judge Young has been engaged as a lecturer on the Conflict of Laws in the Law School of the State University. A few months after coming to Minnesota, in 1870, Mr. Young returned to Boston, and, on September 28th, was married, at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, to Miss Ellen Fellows, only daughter of the late Daniel Fellows, Esq., of Edgartown, and a descendant of Governor Thomas Mayhew, who, in 1641, became, not only Governor, but patentee and proprietor, as well, of the beautiful islands of Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and the Elizabeth Isles. Mr. and Mrs. Young have no children.

THOMAS WILSON.

Hon. Thomas Wilson, formerly of Winona, Minnesota, now of St. Paul, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, May 16, 1827. He was the son of Daniel and Fanny (Cuddy) Wilson, who removed to the United States in 1839, and settled on a farm in Venango county, Pennsylvania. Here Thomas spent his time until he was twenty, alternately working on the farm and attending the common schools of the neighborhood. He then entered Alleghany College, Pennsylvania, from which institution he graduated in 1852. Immediately afterwards he took up the study of law with Hon. John W. Howe, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he was admitted to the bar in February, 1855. Two months later he removed to the Territory of Minnesota, where he opened an office for the practice of his profession, at Winona. He was a member of the convention that framed the Constitution in accordance with which Minnesota was, in 1858, admitted to the Union. In the fall of 1857 he was elected Judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial District, which office he held for six years. One year before his term as District Judge expired, he was appointed, by Governor Miller, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the State; and the subsequent autumn—1864—he was elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The latter office he held for four and one-half years, when he resigned, on July 14, 1869, to resume the active practice of the law. He was a member of the House of Representatives of the State in 1880-1, and of the State Senate in 1883-5. In 1881 he was nominated by acclamation as the Democratic candidate for the United States Senate. He was unanimously nominated for Congress in 1884, but for business reasons declined the nomination. He was again unanimously nominated in 1886, and though there was a majority of over five thousand against his (Democratic) party, in the district, he was elected by over 2,800 majority. He was nominated for re-election in the fall of 1888, when Mr. Cleveland was a candidate for the second term, but was defeated by the Republican candidate, the Hon.



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Mark H. Dummell, by a majority of 1,800—the Republican majority in the district then being between five and six thousand. In 1890 Judge Wilson was nominated by the Democratic party for Governor of Minnesota. The returns showed a plurality of 2,267 votes in favor of Hon. William R. Merriam, the Republican candidate—the normal Republican majority in the State being about 40,000. In the autumn of 1892, Judge Wilson was appointed general counsel for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company, a position he still occupies. A distinguished member of the Supreme Bench says of Judge Wilson:

“For more than forty years he has been a prominent citizen and attorney of Minnesota, and during the greater part of that time he has stood in the foremost rank of the legal profession of the State. The clientage which he has commanded has been unsurpassed, perhaps unequalled, both in importance and extent; and this statement is in no sense derogatory to the achievements of his brother attorneys.”

On December 26th, 1860, at Winona, Judge Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Louise Bennett, a native of Rome, New York, daughter of Allanson Bennett, Esq., a prominent lawyer of that city. Five children were born of this marriage, four of whom died in infancy. One daughter, Louise, grew to womanhood, and was married September 7, 1887, to Lloyd W. Bowers, one of the ablest young lawyers of Chicago. He was appointed general counsel of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway upon the death of Hon. William C. Gowdy, in 1893.

JAMES SHOEMAKER.

James Shoemaker was born in Northampton county—now Monroe county—Pennsylvania, June 9, 1823. He was the son of Jacob and Hannah (Trach) Shoemaker, both parents being natives of Pennsylvania, and of German ancestry. His father, Jacob Shoemaker, was an influential citizen, well known in the State of Pennsylvania. He conducted a large farm and two flouring mills, one in Monroe county, New York, and the other in Flatbrookville,

New Jersey. He was treasurer of the county in which he lived for many years, and was a prominent man in public affairs. His forefathers were residents of Pennsylvania before the days of the Revolution, and some of them were soldiers in the war for independence. The subject of this sketch was one of a family of seven sons and four daughters. He received his early education in the common country schools, living and working on his father's farm and in the flouring mill until he was twenty-one years of age, when he went to Easton, Pennsylvania, and found employment as clerk in a general store, where he remained four years. He was then connected with a foundry business and the manufacture of stoves, for about one year, after which, with a partner, he started a dry-goods store in Easton, Pennsylvania, and remained in that business up to 1856. In 1857 he came to Minnesota and landed in Mankato on the 9th of May. In 1858 he was appointed on the board of county commissioners. In 1859, he opened an auction and commission store, which he conducted for only one year. He then sold out his business and went to the Rocky mountains at the time of the Pikes Peak gold excitement, where he spent the summer in prospecting and mining—but he did not find a fortune. He returned in the fall to Mankato and was elected a member of the city board of education. He was the first president of the board of trustees of the Glenwood Cemetery Association, and has been one of the board of directors ever since. He was one of the original members of the board of trade, organized in 1869, and has been president of the board for the last three years, and also a member of the board of public works. He is president of the “Old Settler's Territorial Historical Association,” which society was organized by him. Mr. Shoemaker served as city assessor for sixteen years—was appointed in 1878, and retired in 1894. In 1884-5, he served as manager of the Mankato Exhibit at the New Orleans Cotton Exposition. Mr. Shoemaker published a directory of the City of Mankato in 1878, and a directory of the city and county in 1881 and also in 1888. At the time of the Indian outbreak, in 1862, Mr. Shoe-

maker was appointed commissary sergeant in Capt. William Bierbauer's company from Mankato, and participated in the New Ulm fight, under Col. Charles E. Flandrau, where his horse was killed from under him during the engagement. After the evacuation of New Ulm, on the 25th of August, the citizens were brought to Mankato, and a hospital was established. On its reorganization, August 31, 1862, Mr. Shoemaker was elected second lieutenant of a company of thirty days' volunteers under State authority, and was for a time stationed at South Bend. He was with a part of the company that was detailed, under Captain Cox, to build Fort Cox, acting as quartermaster, and remained there until they were relieved by a company of United States soldiers. Lieutenant Shoemaker was present with his company, on the 26th of December, 1862, when thirty-eight of the condemned Indians were hung on one gallows, which was erected on the present site of the C. & N. W. freight depot in Mankato. In politics Mr. Shoemaker has been a Democrat, but has never sought public office, though he has served for several years as county coroner, first by appointment and afterwards by election. For over forty years Mr. Shoemaker has been conspicuous in every public undertaking, laboring unselfishly for the purpose of promoting the welfare of his town and fellow-citizens. Scarcely an enterprise in the history of Mankato but owes something of its success to his earnest, unselfish labor. He is a man of sterling integrity, conscientious and kind hearted to a fault. Though not gifted with too much of this world's goods—and such men seldom are—no one in misfortune appeals to him in vain. James Shoemaker's name is unsullied, his integrity unquestioned, and no man can point to a mean or unbecoming action in his long and eventful career. Mankato may have had men who accomplished greater things for her prosperity, but none who worked more sincerely, conscientiously and unselfishly than James Shoemaker. He was married May 30, 1867, to Frances V. King, daughter of John A. King, a native of New York. Their only child and son, Charles J. Shoemaker, died in Duluth, Minne-

sota, December 16, 1890, of typhoid fever, at the age of twenty-two years. He was a graduate of the University Law School at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and studied law with Mr. J. L. Washburn, in Mankato, and after his graduation, in 1890, commenced the practice of his profession as a partner with Mr. Washburn in Duluth. He was a young man of superior ability and great promise of future success and usefulness, loved and respected by all who knew him.

WALTER H. SANBORN.

Hon. Walter Henry Sanborn, LL. D., Judge of the United States Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit and ex-officio Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for that circuit, was born on Sanborn's Hill, in Epsom, New Hampshire, October 19, 1845. The ancestral farm on which he was born has been occupied as a homestead by his lineal ancestors since 1752, and is now owned by Judge Sanborn and his uncle, Gen. John B. Sanborn, of St. Paul. It comprises three hundred acres of land, and upon it stand two large houses, one of which, the Sanborn homestead (which has been the summer residence of Judge Sanborn for many years), is more than a century old and stands upon the Hill, so that Mount Washington is visible from its veranda. Judge Sanborn is the eldest son of Hon. Henry F. Sanborn, of Epsom, New Hampshire, and Eunice Davis, of Princeton, Massachusetts, who were married in 1843. He is a son of the American Revolution. His direct lineal ancestor on the father's side, Eliphalet Sanborn, served as a soldier for the Colonies in the Revolution, and died from the effect of injuries he received in that service. He was elected and re-elected town clerk of Epsom in the memorable years 1773, 1775, 1776 and 1777, and was one of its selectmen in 1772, 1773 and 1774. Judge Sanborn's great-grandfather, Thomas Davis, served under Prescott at Bunker Hill, participated in the battle at White Plains, was one of the Colonial Army which



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compelled and witnessed the surrender of Burgoyne, continued his service until the close of the war, and was one of the soldiers present whom Webster addressed as "venerable men" at the laying of the corner stone of Bunker Hill monument in 1825. Hon. Josiah Sanborn, the son of Eliphalet, was elected a member of the New Hampshire State Senate for three terms, a member of the House of Representatives of that State for eight terms, and a selectman of his native town for twenty years. Hon. Henry F. Sanborn, the father of the Judge, entered Dartmouth College, but failing health compelled him to abandon a professional career and he returned to the farm. When the State Senate of New Hampshire was composed of but twelve members he was elected to that body in 1866, and was re-elected in 1867. He was elected a member of the House of Representatives of that State in 1855 and a selectman of his native town for six years. In his boyhood, Judge Sanborn worked on his father's farm in New Hampshire and fitted himself for Dartmouth College by attending the academies and high schools in his vicinity. When sixteen years of age he commenced to teach school to obtain money to pay for his education. He entered Dartmouth College in 1863, taught school during each winter of his college course, was chosen, in 1866, by all the students of the college one of two participants in the annual college debate, led his class for the four years of the course and was graduated with the highest honors, as its valedictorian, in June, 1867. In February of that year he had become the principal of the high school at Milford, New Hampshire, and he held this position until February, 1870, when he declined a proffered increase of salary, resigned his position and went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was admitted to the bar in the Supreme Court of that State in February, 1871. Dartmouth College conferred upon him the degree of LL. D. on June 19, 1893. He had before received from this college the degrees of A. B. and A. M. On the 1st of May, 1871, he formed a partnership for the practice of law with Gen. John B. Sanborn, under the name of John B. & W. H. Sanborn, and continued to practice

as a member of that firm until February 10, 1892, when he was nominated United States Circuit Judge by President Harrison. He was one of the attorneys in more than forty-four hundred lawsuits and the leading counsel in many noted cases. In 1881 he was one of the counsel for the defense in the famous impeachment trial of Judge E. St. Julien Cox before the Senate of the State of Minnesota. In 1889 he discovered the fact that the law under which the city attorney, Hon. William P. Murray, was elected was unconstitutional, caused the city council to meet and elect Hon. O. E. Holman corporation attorney, and then conducted through the courts the quo warranto proceedings which resulted in triumphantly seating Mr. Holman, his client. *State vs. Murray*, 41 Minn. 123. It was he who argued the unconstitutionality of the "dressed beef act" of the Minnesota Legislature of 1889, and when the first arrest for its violation was made he obtained a writ of habeas corpus from the United States Circuit Court, and in that court, and in the United States Supreme Court, sustained his position that the law was in violation of the commercial clause of the Constitution and void. *In re Barber*, 39 Federal Reporter 41; *Minnesota vs. Barber*, 136 U. S. 313. In 1885 he was elected treasurer of the State Bar Association of St. Paul, and in 1889 he was selected by the attorneys of the city by ballot as one of four candidates from whom the Governor should select two District Judges for the county of Ramsey, but he was not chosen by the Governor. In 1890 he was elected President of the St. Paul Bar Association. In Freemasonry he was respected and honored. In 1886, 1887 and 1888 he was elected and re-elected Eminent Commander of Damascus Commandery No. 1, of St. Paul, the oldest organization of Knights Templar in the State, and one of the strongest and most famous in the country. In 1889 he was elected Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of the State of Minnesota, and in the great parade at Washington at the Triennial Conclave in October of that year he was marshal of the Eleventh Division, and organized and led the Templars of ten States. In the municipal af-

fairs of the city of St. Paul he played no unimportant part. In 1878 he was elected a member of the city council, and was then its youngest member. In 1880 he removed his residence from the ward which he then represented to St. Anthony Hill, and in 1885 he was again elected a member of the city council from that district, which was the wealthiest and most influential in the city. From that time until his elevation to the bench he remained a member of the council and only resigned his position to enter upon the discharge of his duties as Circuit Judge. During his service in the city council he was elected its vice-president and was the leading spirit on the committees that prepared, recommended and finally passed the ordinances under which the electric and cable systems of street railroads in that city were introduced and are now operated. When he entered the council there was not a foot of pavement or cement sidewalk in the St. Anthony Hill district, but under his energetic supervision a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, including Summit avenue, was paved, boulevarded and supplied with cement sidewalks, until it is said that no city can boast of a single residence tract so large that is so beautifully, expensively and uniformly improved. In politics Judge Sanborn is a Republican. In 1890 he was president of the Union League of St. Paul. In the same year he was chosen chairman of the Republican city convention, and in every political contest for the fifteen years preceding his elevation to the bench he was active, energetic and influential. In 1879 he delivered the 4th of July oration in the city of St. Paul, and his services as a public speaker have been frequently in demand. On November 10, 1871, Judge Sanborn was married to Miss Emily F. Bruce of Milford, New Hampshire, and their family consists of two daughters, Nellie Grace and Marian Emily, and two sons, Bruce Walter and Henry F. Sanborn. The family residence at No. 143 Virginia avenue, on St. Anthony Hill, stands in spacious grounds, shaded by more than twenty old oak trees, and was built by Mr. Sanborn in 1879. On February 10, 1892, he was nominated by President Harrison

Judge of the United States Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, and on March 17, following his appointment, was confirmed by the unanimous vote of the Senate. By virtue of this appointment he became one of the three members of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for that circuit, the tribunal next in rank to the United States Supreme Court. The Eighth is the largest judicial circuit in the United States, and comprises the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas, and the Court of Appeals takes jurisdiction over these States and over the Indian Territory, Oklahoma and New Mexico. This circuit has the largest population of any circuit in the United States. The Court of Appeals of this circuit has been called upon to consider the greatest number of cases, embracing the most diversified and important litigation of any of the United States courts of the same rank, and in the performance of their work the judges who have constituted this court have all demonstrated their great ability. Judge Sanborn came not unprepared for the work. Clearness of perception, generosity of labor in research, accuracy in detail and statement, strength in diction, intuitive sense of justice, and knowledge of the law, are qualities and characteristics which he possessed in a high degree. The combination of these qualities made him a great lawyer, and with his long experience in a large and exacting practice at the bar added to these qualifications, Judge Sanborn was fully equipped for his task, and he entered upon it with a zeal and courage which assured the splendid results which have followed. Many of Judge Sanborn's opinions since he has been upon the bench are of great importance, and some of them are original in their authority. The first cases argued at the May, 1892, term of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit were the Omaha Bridge cases, which are reported in 10 U. S. App. 98, 2 C. C. A. 174, 51 Fed. 309. These cases involved great interests, and presented nice distinctions of law, that were pressed upon the court by most able and persistent

counsel. The Union Pacific Railway Company had made contracts with the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company by which it leased to each of these companies for the term of 999 years the joint and equal possession and use of its tracks over its bridge across the Missouri River, at Omaha. After these contracts were partially executed the Union Pacific Company refused to perform and undertook to repudiate them. The Rock Island Company and the St. Paul Company brought suits and obtained decrees for their specific performance. The Union Pacific Company appealed from these decrees, and insisted that the contracts were ultra vires of the Pacific Company, that the specific performance thereof could not be enforced in equity because the acts to be performed under them were so numerous and complicated, and because the contracts were unfair. The opinion of Judge Sanborn was exhaustive, but so clear, vigorous and convincing that it challenged the attention of the bar and placed him at once upon a high plane of superiority, from which he has steadily risen as his work progressed. It opened with a concise statement of the limits of the powers of corporations created under legislative grants. It then reviewed the decisions of the Supreme Court upon the powers of such corporations, and carefully analyzed the contracts and demonstrated that it was not beyond the ordinary powers of a railroad corporation to let to another the use of its lines so long as it was not thereby disabled from the full performance of its duties to the State and the public. The acts of Congress relative to the construction and use of railroad bridges over the great rivers were examined and shown to have fairly empowered the Pacific Company to make its contracts of lease. Each of the questions presented in these cases was treated in the most masterly manner. The decrees below were affirmed, and the opinion of Judge Sanborn has since been reviewed and affirmed by the Supreme Court. In *Barnes vs. Poirier*, 27 U. S. App. 500, 12 C. C. A. 9, 64 Fed. 14, Judge Sanborn delivered

an opinion on the assignability of additional homesteads, which was quoted with approval by the Supreme Court in *Webster vs. Luther*, 16 Sup. Ct. Rep. 963-6, and which seems to have settled that question. In this opinion is shown the disposition of the judge to avoid the pitfall of technicalities, and to give to the law the breadth of construction necessary to the accomplishment of the original intention. It would seem that the multitude of cases and decisions involving the law of negligence would have exhausted all possibilities of novelty in facts and interest in opinions, but in cases where Judge Sanborn has delivered opinions upon this branch of the law he has, by his careful statement of the principles, his clear-cut discrimination in their application, and his free use of the faculty of common sense, created new leading cases. Examples of these are: *Union Pacific Railway Co. vs. Jarvi*, 10 U. S. App. 439, 53 Fed. 65, involving the questions of defective appliances and contributory negligence; *Bohm Mfg. Co. vs. Erickson*, 12 U. S. App. 260, 55 Fed. 943, which discusses with remarkable clearness the question of latent danger; *Gowen vs. Harley*, 12 U. S. App. 574, 56 Fed. 973, which treats of nearly every question likely to arise in a case of personal injury occurring to an employe in his employment; *What Cheer Coal Co. vs. Johnson*, 12 U. S. App. 490, 56 Fed. 810, upon the question of vice principal, and the distinctions to be made by reason of extent or grade of authority; *City of Minneapolis vs. Lundin*, 7 C. C. A. 344, 58 Fed. 525, which is a very strong case on the doctrine of "fellow servant" and the application thereof to conditions arising from the performance of work by a municipality through its official servants; and *Chicago, St. Paul etc., Ry. Co. vs. Elliott*, 12 U. S. App. 381, in which Judge Sanborn defines "proximate cause" as understood in law, states the rules for its discovery and the reason for these rules, and illumines the entire subject with clearness of statement and wealth of illustration. Questions arising upon municipal bonds have been much before the court, and Judge Sanborn has written many opinions in these cases. In *National Life Insurance Co. vs. Board*

of Education of the city of Huron, 27 U. S. App. 244, his opinion contains the most exhaustive review of the authorities upon the effect of the usual recitals in such bonds, and the most concise and complete statement of the established rules for their construction to be found in the books. The opinion is, in fact, a most thorough and satisfactory treatise on the subject, and outside of its purpose as a decision in the case will be of the greatest value to the bar and investors in municipal securities. The leading case under the Sherman anti-trust act, as it applies to traffic contracts and transportation companies, is *United States vs. Trans-Missouri Association*, 19 U. S. App. 36. Certain railway companies entered into a contract forming a freight association, agreeing to establish and maintain such rates, rules and regulations for freight traffic between competitive points as a committee of their own choosing should deem reasonable, but providing that the rates and rules so established should be public and be subject to change at any monthly meeting upon notice, and that any member might disregard the same and even withdraw from the association upon notice. It appeared that the effect of the operation of the association had been to diminish rather than to increase rates. In this case Judge Sanborn held that the contract was in accord with the policy of the Interstate Commerce Act as tending to make competition open and fair, and was not void, in an opinion which contains a most complete citation and review of authorities, and is undoubtedly the most thorough discussion of the effect of the anti-trust act upon association contracts that has been delivered by the courts. This decision was subsequently reversed by the Supreme Court by a vote of five to four, but a majority of the judges to whom the question was presented in the course of the litigation, from its inception to its close, agreed with Judge Sanborn. The character and effect of the decisions and conveyances of the land department of the United States have probably never been so carefully considered, or so clearly stated, as in Judge Sanborn's opinion in *United States vs. Winona & St. Peter Ry. Co.*, 15 C. C. A. 96. His

opinion in *Minneapolis vs. Reum*, 12 U. S. App. 416-481, has probably awakened more interest and created more public comment than has any other case in the court. The point involved was the exclusive right and power of Congress, under the Constitution, to fix the rules and requirements upon which a foreign subject may become a citizen of the United States, or of a State. Beyond all this, the great value of his practical business knowledge and experience has been shown in the management of the receiverships of the Union Pacific Railway Company and its allied companies in this circuit, of which he has had charge and supervision since early in 1894.

DORILUS MORRISON.

Dorilus Morrison was born in the town of Livermore, Oxford county, Maine, on the 20th of December, 1814, and died in Minneapolis June 26, 1897. His father, Samuel Morrison, was of Scotch lineage and one of the early settlers of the State of Maine, where he married Betsy Benjamin. Dorilus was the second son of a family of four brothers and two sisters. His first business venture was as a merchant in his native State, furnishing supplies to lumbermen at Bangor. This brought him in contact with men in that line and gave him an insight into the needs and methods of that business. It was with the purpose of locating pine lands for himself and others that Mr. Morrison visited Minnesota in 1854. He was so favorably impressed with the country, especially with its advantages for lumbering, that he returned to Maine and disposed of his business. He came to St. Anthony to make a permanent location in the spring of 1855, and at once engaged in active business, which he continued with great success up to the time of his death. Mr. Morrison first took a contract to supply the mills with logs, and in the following winter fitted out and sent into the pineries, on Rum river, a crew of men to cut the timber, and, in the spring, brought the winter's cut into the booms. This business was continued for many years. After the completion of the



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dam of the Minneapolis Mill Company he built a saw-mill, opened a lumber-yard and engaged extensively in the lumber business. He conducted all the operations, from cutting the logs in the woods to the sale of the manufactured lumber, until the accumulating interests induced him to resign the business to his sons, George H. and Clinton, who continued it under the style of Morrison Brothers. Upon the organization of a Union Board of Trade, in 1856, to stimulate the business interests of St. Anthony and the incipient town of Minneapolis, Mr. Morrison was chosen president and was also a director for several years. In the several trade organizations which succeeded the pioneer board he was an active co-operator. In 1864 Mr. Morrison was chosen to represent the District of Hennepin, West, in the State Senate, occupying the position during that and the following year. His colleague from Hennepin East, during both sessions, was Hon. John S. Pillsbury, and in the House of Representatives, during the latter year, were Hon. Cyrus Aldrich and Judge F. R. E. Cornell. Hennepin county, always ably represented in the Legislature, never sent to that body a more brilliant representation. Upon the incorporation of the city of Minneapolis, in 1867, Mr. Morrison was chosen its first mayor. The succeeding year the office was held by Mr. H. G. Harrison, but, in 1869, Mr. Morrison was again elected, and gave to the duties of the office the careful attention and decisive action which characterized all his public life, and made the city government so successful in its early years. When the building of the Northern Pacific railroad was undertaken a construction company was formed, consisting of Mr. Morrison associated with others, to which company was awarded the contract to construct the first section of 240 miles of the line, from the St. Louis river to Red river. The work was pushed with vigor, and the completed road turned over to the company in 1872. Again, in 1873, Mr. Morrison was associated with other parties to construct the next section of 200 miles of road, from Red river to the Missouri river. At its completion the financial

affairs of the company were in such a condition that no money could be obtained to pay for the work. Mr. Morrison assumed the shares of his associates, and cancelled the indebtedness, receiving in payment a large tract of the company's lands in northern Minnesota which was covered with pine timber. This land proved a source of immense profit, and contributed largely to the already ample fortune which his industry and sagacity had accumulated. Mr. Morrison built the Excelsior flouring mill in 1878, and leased it to Charles A. Pillsbury & Company. This mill was totally destroyed by fire December 4, 1881, but was immediately rebuilt and operated by Mr. Morrison. Mr. Morrison associated with him E. V. White, and built the Standard flouring mill. Mr. White retired from business after a few years, and Mr. Morrison operated the Excelsior and Standard mills alone until 1889, when the firm became the Minneapolis Flour Manufacturing Company, with Mr. Morrison as president—having consolidated with Morse & Sammis, operating the Standard, Excelsior and St. Anthony mills—with a daily capacity of 3,400 barrels. In 1871 Mr. Morrison was elected for a term of two years a member of the board of education, and was re-elected in the year 1878, for a term of three years, and was chosen president of the board. At the organization of the board of park commissioners of the city of Minneapolis Mr. Morrison was appointed a member of that body, and afterwards held the office by election. The magnificent park system of the city, which has done much to make it an attractive and healthful place of residence, owes much to the labor and counsel which Mr. Morrison gave to this board. He was also interested in the Athenaeum, the predecessor of the present city library, serving on its board of managers, and sometimes as its president. He greatly aided in building up the institution and thus fostering literary taste in the community. Among the enterprises with which Mr. Morrison was identified during his long business career in Minneapolis was the Minneapolis Harvester Works. He applied to it his careful business methods, supplied the needed capital and made it a success. For

many years it was among the largest manufacturing factories of agricultural machinery in the country. Mr. Thomas Lowry, who probably knew Mr. Morrison as intimately as any of the younger business men of Minneapolis, says of him:

"Dorilus Morrison was one of the most generous and public spirited citizens Minneapolis ever possessed. A man of large means, he was always ready with his capital and brains to assist and stand behind any public enterprise which would in any way tend to benefit the city of his home. He was particularly liberal and generous in assisting young men to start in business, and in aiding them from his own personal resources. Few charities in Minneapolis escaped Mr. Morrison's notice. His friends and the public generally always felt that for any charitable institution of merit his purse was always open. He was also a great benefactor in a quiet way, and tried to conceal, rather than advertise, his donations and charities. As a business man, Mr. Morrison was one of the ablest that ever came to the State of Minnesota. His judgment was clear and unerring. In times of financial distress his unusual financial ability, together with his courage, always carried him through, and was a source of strength and encouragement to others. As is well known by the older residents of Minneapolis, Mr. Morrison and Col. William S. King were the fathers of the park system of this city. Mr. Morrison was one of the main men in the organization of the Athenaeum, and in its support up to the time it was absorbed by the Minneapolis Public Library."

In politics he was Republican, but not a partisan. In religion he was attached to the Universalist faith. He was twice married, first in 1840, in Livermore, to Miss Harriet K. Whittemore, who accompanied him to Minneapolis, and was the mother of his three children, Clinton, George H., now deceased, and Grace, wife of Dr. H. H. Kimball of Minneapolis. Mrs. Morrison died in 1881, at Vienna, Austria, while on a European trip. One who knew Mrs. Morrison intimately during her whole married life says of her: "She was dignified and courtly in her manners, yet kind-hearted and sympathetic to all. I always regarded her as a queen among women—one of the loveliest characters I ever knew." He

married as his second wife Mrs. Abby C. Clagstone of Massachusetts.

GEORGE B. SARGENT.

The late Hon. George Barnard Sargent, of Duluth, Minnesota, was a native of Massachusetts, born at Boston in the year 1818. He was descended from ancestral Sargents in England by many intervening generations. He began life in circumstances admitting of few advantages, but his elementary schooling was sufficient as a basis for the broad, practical education later acquired by self-culture. Civil engineering was his early-chosen vocation, and by close application to his work and the practice of careful economy he laid by, while yet very young, a considerable amount of money to be used as the foundation of future undertakings. In 1836 he left Massachusetts for the West, and located at Davenport, Iowa, where he established himself as a banker. In his early voting days Mr. Sargent was a Whig, becoming a Republican on the formation of that party. During the administration of Millard Fillmore, and after he, Mr. Sargent, had followed the banking business for about sixteen years, he received the appointment of Surveyor General for the district comprising the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. In 1857 he was elected mayor of the city of Davenport, and served for a term of two years. Upon the expiration of his official life he resumed financial business in the two centers, Davenport and Boston. In 1863 he went, with his family, to reside in New York City, and was for six years engaged in Wall street as a banker and broker. In 1869 he returned West, located in Duluth, and at once organized the banking house of Geo. B. Sargent & Co. This firm acted as western agent for Jay Cooke & Co., of New York, and other banking houses of prominence in the East. About a year after coming to Duluth he was appointed financial agent of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and in 1870-71 made a European tour in the interest of that company, transacting for it various important deals. Mr. Sargent was a man of



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exceptional judgment and foresight, and these native qualities became highly developed by his business and official experience. Many of Duluth's early improvements received their first impulse from him, and were directed toward a successful consummation by his tireless energy and tact. Reared in the East, he was conversant with its advanced institutions and methods, and he had many friends there whose moral support and financial influence he could count upon in his Western enterprises. He was strong in his own right, with the strength of individual will, energy and purpose, and he was doubly strong in the co-operation of such forces as Jay Cooke & Co., Dodge & Co. and J. S. Morgan & Co., of Wall street. Although bound by many ties and associations to the East, from the day when he became a resident in the Northwest he threw himself into its interests with all the enthusiasm of the most devoted citizenship. And while he acquired a handsome competency for himself, he contributed vastly towards the enrichment of his community. He laid out the Louden addition to the city of Duluth, which is now a beautiful suburban section; he aided the growth of the city by attracting to it good citizens from all directions; he was instrumental in bringing about the tide of immigration which set towards it during the years 1869 to 1873, inclusive; he encouraged the erection of fine buildings, and progressive enterprise generally, often to the extent of contributing from his individual capital. Mr. Sargent was married in the year 1836 to Mary Perin. Of the ten children born to them all but two are deceased. Those living are: William C., whose biography, also, is included in this collection and Mrs. F. W. Paine, now living in Duluth. In the home mansion built by Mr. Sargent in Duluth he resided for three years, and after his death which occurred in 1875, until 1897 it continued to be occupied by his family. A quarter of a century has passed since the decease of George B. Sargent, but he still lives in many a monument to his progressive labor, and in the grateful memory of his contemporaries. As merely suggestive of his earnest endeavor towards the upbuilding

of the Northwest, and his wonderful foresight in comprehending and appreciating its vast resources more than forty years ago, we give below an extract from a lecture delivered by him before the Chamber of Commerce at Tremont Temple, Boston, February 21, 1858:

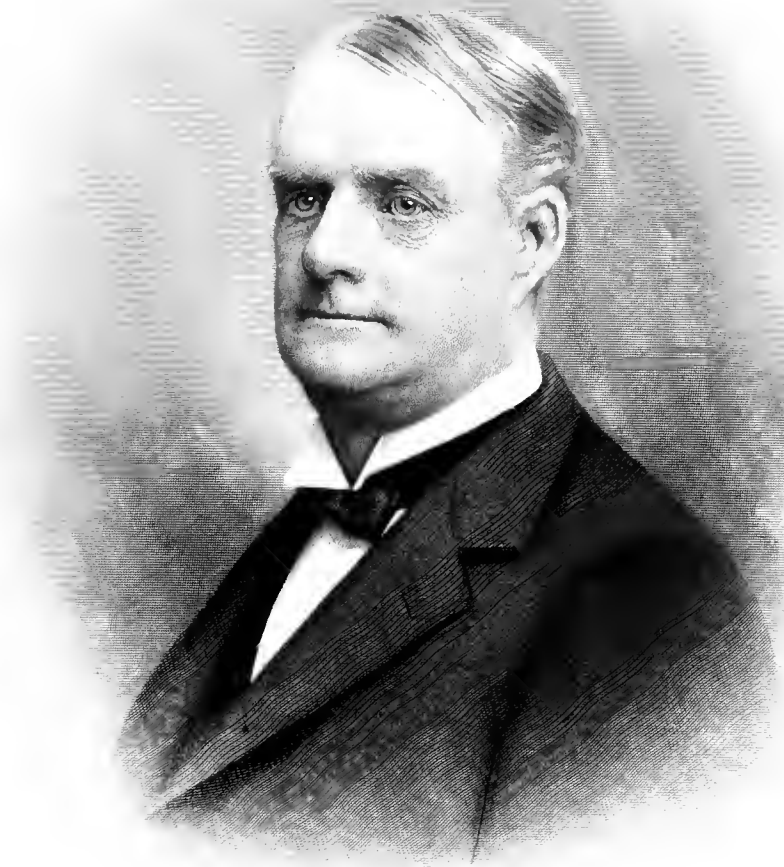
"Seated at the mouth of the St. Louis river, at the southwestern extremity of Lake Superior we are as near the tide waters of the Atlantic, within five-and-twenty miles, as we are at Chicago; and we are some four hundred miles nearer to St. Paul and the immense country commanded by that city of marvelous increase. From this point of lake navigation on this continent we have a navigable highway, by the Sault Ste. Marie, the Welland canal and the St. Lawrence, that brings our men of trade into direct communication with the great marts of Europe. Westward through Minnesota, Dakota and Washington Territory must stretch, ultimately, an important branch of the Northern Pacific railroad that will bring the riches of the East to this depot for interchange and transshipment. At this very spot, at the mouth of the St. Louis, Europe and Asia will meet and shake hands in the genial months of summer, while they may continue to meet in winter at Panama. At this point must center the trade of twenty American States yet unborn, and the British trade of the Red river settlements and of Hudson's bay. The undeveloped wealth of this lake region offers reward beyond calculation to those who have the energy and enterprise to secure it. Two hundred years ago it was known to the French Jesuits and the Indians that the shores of the 'Great Lake' abounded in copper; but it was as late as 1814 that the discoveries were made which have since demonstrated the existence there of the most extensive and productive copper mines in the world, with solid masses of pure copper in view of more than a hundred tons' weight each. It is the opinion of the official explorer of the Government that the iron region of Lake Superior will prove ultimately of equal value with the copper regions; and the details of their reports demonstrate that the ores are here developed on a scale of magnitude, and in a state of purity, almost unprecedented. To descend to smaller but not unimportant interests: The fisheries are exhaustless, and would of themselves provide remunerative occupation for thousands. When the lumbering business is fully developed it will employ large numbers—and miners, lumbermen and fishermen will call for farmers. The iron to build the railroads of northern

Wisconsin and Minnesota must be shipped from England and landed at Chicago and Superior, or, what is more reasonable and probable, it must be dug out of the mines of Lake Superior, and at some point near its southwestern extremity be manufactured into rails to be delivered and laid down as the roads are extended westward and southward. And as they are extended the farms will be developed, and the immense wheat-fields of northern Iowa and Minnesota will, ere long, be taxed to their utmost capacity to supply the local demand for their productions, required by the diversified industrial interests that are to be presently developed, and are now developing, in the almost uninhabited and unexplored regions, of which we know so little, except that they abound in uncounted wealth. As yet we have made but a few surface scratches on a small section of the mineral region, from which there were shipped in the year 1856 not less than 3,600 tons of copper, valued at two millions of dollars. As to climate, no portion of the United States surpasses the southern shores of Lake Superior in healthfulness during the summer months. The winter weather is undoubtedly severe; but we have the experience of the oldest settlers that it is a dry cold that acts like electricity on the human body—exhilarates the blood, and gives just such a zest to physical enjoyment, to the appetite and to the muscle, as suits the Anglo-Saxon race. It is sometimes said that the important commercial point to which I have alluded is subject to two or three drawbacks, which must prevent its realizing the sanguine expectations of its settlers. The severity of its climate, the want of a fertile back country, the dangerous navigation of Lake Superior and the want of good harbors, are objections most frequently urged against the future greatness of a city at the southwestern extremity of Lake Superior. I might give some weight to these considerations if I did not know that they had all been raised in regard to Chicago, and disposed of by its wonderful history.”

DANIEL W. LAWLER.

Daniel William Lawler was born at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, March 28, 1859. His family is one of the oldest and most prominent in the Northwest. His father, the late Gen. John Lawler, was for years a leading citizen of southern Wisconsin. He was one of the pro-

jectors of the enterprise to build one of the first bridges across the Mississippi, and was a well known public character, a man of honor, distinction and usefulness, and the son is worthy of the sire. Mr. Lawler was carefully trained to be of use in the world. His early education was received in private schools and completed at Georgetown College, D. C., from which justly celebrated institution he graduated “with honors,” receiving the degree of M. A. He then pursued a thorough course of study in the Yale College Law School, was graduated therefrom, and at its hands has received the degrees of LL. B. and M. L. He came to St. Paul in 1884 and began the practice of his chosen profession. From the first he was successful, and soon attained to prominence and distinction. In 1886 he was appointed U. S. District Attorney, and held the position two years, resigning in 1888. In March, 1891, he was elected by the common council of St. Paul corporation attorney, and served one term of two years. Meanwhile he had been active in politics as a Democrat, had rendered many services to his party, and had become very popular in its councils. In 1892 his party honored him by nominating him as its candidate for Governor. He accepted and made a most brilliant canvass, his eloquent addresses at various points in the State establishing his reputation as a public speaker second to none in the Northwest. With the overwhelming odds against him, he did not expect an election, and when he received several thousand more votes than did his ticket as a whole, he was entirely satisfied. It was during his canvass of the State this year that he coined the expression now so common in political parlance: “I am no man’s man and wear no man’s collar.” In 1896 he was chosen the member of the National Democratic Committee from Minnesota, but by reason of his opposition to Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform refused to qualify for the position. In 1893 he became chief counsel of the legal department of the Chicago Great Western Railway, which position he still holds. Though he is no longer a politician in active service, Mr. Lawler has not lost his interest in political



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matters, and especially in political campaigns. In the Presidential campaign of 1896 he was opposed to the platform of the Democrats made at Chicago, and was what was termed a "gold Democrat," taking a somewhat active part in behalf of the Palmer and Buckner ticket. Of Mr. Lawler's forensic abilities, one of his associates at the bar, a political opponent, but a personal friend, says:

"Daniel W. Lawler is one of the most polished and best equipped orators in the West. As a political speaker he has no peer in his party in the State. If any man could persuade me to be a Democrat, I think he could. As an advocate before a jury he has few equals. He is always earnest—and eloquence is but earnestness given expression—so that he is always eloquent, whether addressing a jury of twelve men on the subject of a common lawsuit or a vast concourse upon the leading public questions of the day. Personally he is universally popular wherever known. I remember that when he was a candidate for Governor he ran very largely ahead of his ticket here in St. Paul, where he was best known."

In 1886 Mr. Lawler married Miss Elizabeth O'Leary, daughter of the late Hon. John A. O'Leary, a prominent citizen and business man of St. Paul. To them have been born three children, two of whom, named, respectively, Samuel Fahnestock and Margaret Elizabeth Lawler, are living. A son, named John Daniel Lawler, died in infancy.

CLINTON MORRISON.

Clinton Morrison, one of the leading business men and bankers of Minneapolis, was born at Livermore, Maine, January 21, 1842. He is the eldest son of Dorilus Morrison, one of the early settlers of Minnesota, and the first mayor of Minneapolis. The father's biography appears in another part of this book. Though a native of New England, Clinton Morrison's training and residence from youth have been in Minneapolis, he having accompanied his parents when they removed hither in 1855. He attended the public schools of Minneapolis and received his business training as assistant to

his father, with whom he was always closely associated in his extensive commercial operations. In 1863, with his brother, George H. Morrison, he engaged in merchandising in a general store in Minneapolis, principally for the outfitting of lumbermen. He naturally followed his father's line of investments, which were in pine lands, mills and lumber, and soon drifted into lumbering. The Morrison Brothers operated a water-power saw mill at the Falls of St. Anthony, opened a lumber yard, and carried on a large lumber business until the death of George H., which occurred January 29, 1882. After the death of his brother, Clinton Morrison gave his attention more exclusively to assisting his father, who had become extensively engaged in business connected with the Northern Pacific Railway, and in the Minneapolis Harvester Works. The latter business was especially entrusted to Clinton Morrison, who was vice president of the corporation, and who gave it close and constant attention and brought it to a condition of great prosperity. They manufactured mowers, harvesters and binders, and when the twine-binder was perfected by Mr. Appleby—who was in the employ of the Minneapolis Company—it was adopted for general use, and the new invention proved a great success. Mr. Morrison has been for many years a trustee of the Farmers & Mechanics' Savings Bank of Minneapolis. In 1886 he was made its president, and has continued in that position to the present time. This bank has become the largest one of its kind, not only in Minneapolis, but in the entire Northwest, and its phenomenal growth and success are the best evidence of the ability of its acting head and manager. The building erected and occupied by this institution on South Fourth street is perhaps the finest and most perfectly equipped counting-house in the State, and its deposits have reached the enormous sum of \$7,000,000. One of the leading attorneys of Minneapolis who has known Mr. Morrison intimately for many years says of him:

"Clinton Morrison is a man of quick perceptions and has a wonderful grasp of business affairs. His plans are all carefully matured in

advance, and when he is ready to execute them there is no hesitation or delay. He is a very positive man and has a wonderful grasp of details. His mind operates quickly, and he does not care for lengthy explanations of any business proposition. Mr. Morrison is very charitable, but his giving is always in a quiet and unostentatious way."

One of the leading bankers of Minneapolis says of Mr. Morrison:

"As a financier of the highest order Mr. Clinton Morrison stands pre-eminent. Very few men of this country have made so few mistakes, and a long life of undeviating success attests this fact. Mr. Morrison's insight into a business proposition is phenomenal, and a few hours' cogitation brings him to a correct conclusion, where other men of equal experience require days to arrive at a decision. Mr. Morrison has been either vice-president or president of the Farmers & Mechanics' Savings Bank for twenty-five years, and his able guidance and counsel have been largely instrumental in making this what it is—the largest moneyed institution in the Northwest."

Mr. Morrison was married in February, 1873, to Miss Julia Washburn, daughter of Nehemiah Washburn, then a resident of Minneapolis, but a native of Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Morrison died October 11, 1883, leaving a daughter, Ethel, and a son, Angus Washburn Morrison. Mr. Morrison is a Republican in politics without personal ambition for political honors or responsibilities. He is a strong supporter of the Universalist Church, as his father was before him. He is a prominent member, and vice-president of the Minneapolis Club.

THOMAS LOWRY.

Thomas Lowry, of Minneapolis, was born on a farm in Logan county, Illinois, February 27, 1843. His father, Samuel R. Lowry, a native of Londonderry, Ireland, emigrated to America when a young man and located in Pennsylvania. Here he married Miss Rachael Bullock, a native of Harrisburg, who died in early womanhood. The father, by his energy and industry, acquired a fair competence, and, in

1834, removed to the West, traveling from Pittsburg to Springfield, Illinois, on horseback. A man of commanding presence, great dignity of character, courtly manners, and active in business affairs, he soon became prominent in his section of the State, and was one of Abraham Lincoln's early friends and clients. Mr. Lowry has in his possession, and prizes highly, personal letters written to his father by Mr. Lincoln, when he was a plain, country lawyer, unknown to fame. In 1849 Samuel R. Lowry removed to Schuyler county, Illinois, where he at once took front rank among the leading men of that part of the State. It was in this new home that the boy Thomas began his lessons in life, and, like all boys of his time, was put to work on his father's farm in the summer, attending the village school during the winter months; and, fortunately, his educational facilities were exceedingly good for that time. In 1863 he entered Lombard University at Galesburg, Illinois, but owing to ill health was forced to leave that institution before graduating. After leaving college he entered the law office of John C. Bagby, at Rushville, Illinois, with whom he studied until May, 1867, when he was admitted to practice in all the courts of Illinois. Thus equipped with a good education and a profession, young Lowry turned his face to the new Northwest to begin for himself the battle of life. While seeking a location, in the spring of 1867, he came to Minneapolis, and was so favorably impressed with the thriving village that he at once determined to settle there. He at once began the practice of law, and continued his professional career successfully until about 1884, when the large personal interests he had secured in various important enterprises, pertaining to the growth and development of both the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, forced him to abandon his chosen profession. Successful as Mr. Lowry had been in the practice of law, he had no sooner accepted the responsibilities of these new interests than he at once developed that wonderful talent in the administration of business affairs which has since contributed in a most remarkable degree to the marvelous growth and prosperity of the

"Twin Cities" of the Northwest. Most conspicuous among the many important interests with which Mr. Lowry has been identified, and has largely controlled, are the street railway systems of the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Taking control of the street railways of these cities in their early infancy, when the one was but barely self-supporting and the other in helpless bankruptcy, Mr. Lowry has carried them forward until the short trolley lines, operated by "one-horse" power, of a few years ago have grown into the most extensive and thoroughly equipped electric street car system to be found in the world. In addition to his street car interests Mr. Lowry has been prominently identified with the railway enterprises of the Northwest, contributing largely to the construction of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway, of which he is now the president. With many of the local enterprises of the city in which he lives Mr. Lowry has been prominently connected, and its general business growth and its commercial and manufacturing interests have been greatly promoted by his public spirited influence and helping hand.

A prominent journalist, statesman and author who has known Mr. Lowry intimately for many years says of him:

"Something more than stereotyped phrases are needed to describe the altogether exceptional characteristics of Mr. Lowry. The fact is, he is *sui generis*—a remarkable man in many ways. Among the thousands of his acquaintances all over the country there are none who do not regard him as a prodigy of endurance as well as of pluck and perseverance. It is a general remark that the strain which he has often undergone with seeming ease would kill most men. Yet to all outward appearance he remains unwearyed and unwearied. Let the skies be cloudy or bright, it is all the same. The anxieties of business do not rob him for a moment of that smile and hearty handshake with which he greets all.

Capital is not sentimental, but Mr. Lowry has succeeded in enlisting it more than once through the friendship entertained for him by hard-headed business men whose admiration conquered their prejudices and made him successful where most others would have failed. And the pleasant thing about it is that these

impulses of friendship proved financial wisdom, for investments thus made were never misplaced.

Mr. Lowry has an aptitude for story-telling to illustrate a point scarcely inferior to that of Abraham Lincoln, and many is the victory he has won at the bar, before legislative committees, and with boards of aldermen by the happy application of a story which clinched an argument better than an hour of eloquent oratory.

Mr. Lowry's capacity for work is wonderful. One would naturally look for scores of clerks, messengers and agents about his office and expect to encounter delay in securing an audience; but instead of this a couple of quiet, capable men, as unassuming as himself, are found in the outer rooms, and it is very rarely that a caller is kept waiting beyond a few minutes. Yet ask for a document relating to business in which you are concerned, and which you may think he, as well as you has well-nigh forgotten, and in almost less time than it takes to write it the paper is forthcoming, and the facts are recalled by him with a particularity that astonishes you.

If asked to name the most popular man in his home city, there would be one voice in selecting Mr. Lowry. And this popularity extends far beyond business circles or personal acquaintances. Thousands who have never met him are familiar with his jokes, his generosity, his benevolence, and take pride in his name and success.

If he had turned his attention to politics he could have commanded almost any position in the gift of the people. He is abundantly equipped for public service, for his head is a store-house of facts, and few men are better posted on the political events of the last thirty years.

While familiar with humble life and the hard digs of fortune, his home is one of elegance, where hospitality is dispensed with a lavish hand, and where the refinement and culture displayed has often astonished the cosmopolite who looked only for rude prodigality in the homes of Western millionaires.

Charles Lamb used to say that the most enjoyable thing in life was to do good by stealth and be found out by accident. If this is true, Mr. Lowry has been exceedingly fortunate, for many of his benefactions have found him out in spite of his efforts at concealment. But hundreds of his kind acts are known as yet only to the recipients, and will never come to light except through accident or the betrayal of grateful hearts.

I have sometimes regarded Mr. Lowry as

one of the strongest links between labor and capital to be found in the West, if not in the whole country. No person of all the thousands in his employ could meet him and not feel that he intended to be fair 'between man and man.' There is such a positive absence of assumption, such a plain, straightforward way of putting things, such an evidence in all his management of keeping the 'live and let live' motto to the front, that few could withstand and none could doubt his sincerity. With probably as large an acquaintance all over the land as any man in the United States, Mr. Lowry has more friends and fewer enemies than any one it has ever been my fortune to meet."

Mr. Lowry has always been a Republican, but was never a candidate for any office. In 1870 he was married to Beatrice M., daughter of Dr. C. G. Goodrich of Minneapolis. To them have been born two daughters and one son, Mary, the wife of H. P. Robinson of "The Railway Age," Chicago; Nellie, wife of Percy Hageman of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Horace Lowry, a student at the State University.

HORACE R. BIGELOW.

Horace Ransom Bigelow was born in Water-vliet, Albany county, New York, March 13, 1820, and died in St. Paul, Minnesota, November 14, 1894. He was the son of Erastus and Statira Ransom Bigelow, who came from Connecticut and settled in Troy, New York, when Horace was an infant; a few years later they removed to Oneida county, where the son received his literary education, mainly at the public schools of Sangerfield and the gymnasium at Utica, in that county. His grandfather, Otis Bigelow, was a patriot soldier in the Revolutionary War, and a member of the agricultural class. His father, Erastus Bigelow, was also a farmer, and Horace, during his youth and early manhood, aided his father in the farm work during the summer months, attended school, and later taught school during the winter season. After reaching his twenty-first year he decided to follow a professional career, and with this object in view he com-

menced the study of law. He read with Charles A. Mann and with John H. Edmonds of Utica, and was admitted to the bar in that city in 1847. He then opened an office, together with Edward S. Brayton, for the practice of his profession in Utica, and from the first they were successful. Mr. Bigelow was for a time clerk of the Recorder's Court and other courts in Oneida county. In the autumn of 1853 he decided to seek a new location, and in company with Charles E. Flandrau, came to Minnesota. They landed at St. Paul, November 2, of that year, and immediately launched the firm of Bigelow & Flandrau, attorneys at law. St. Paul was at that time a village of about 2,500 inhabitants, and the opportunities for law practice were quite limited, and he found it necessary to look for other employment. The first winter he taught in the public schools of the town, and afterwards acted as agent for the sale of "Benton's Thirty Years in the United States Senate." Judge Flandrau went to St. Peter after a few months and resided there until his election to the first Supreme Court bench of the State, in 1858. Mr. Bigelow resumed the practice of the law in St. Paul in partnership with the late John B. Brisbin, under the firm name of Brisbin & Bigelow, which firm continued for several years, and had a large general practice. After its dissolution he was for a time associated with Oliver Dalrymple as Bigelow & Dalrymple, whose business was largely confined to the prosecution, before the Department at Washington, of Indian claims, growing out of the Sioux massacre of 1862. In 1865 he formed a partnership with Greenleaf Clark, under the firm name of Bigelow & Clark. The business of this firm increased rapidly, and in 1870 Judge Flandrau returned to St. Paul, and the firm of Bigelow, Flandrau & Clark was formed, which continued in business till 1881, when Mr. Clark was appointed to the Supreme Bench. Upon the retirement of Mr. Clark, George C. Squires was admitted to the firm, the firm name being Bigelow, Flandrau & Squires, which partnership continued until 1887, when Mr. Bigelow retired from the active practice of the law. Mr. Bigelow was known as an able and skill-



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ful lawyer. He gave the closest attention to his profession, and rose step by step until he had but few peers, and no superiors, as an attorney in the State of Minnesota. He had an intuitive grasp of legal questions, and conducted a general practice, embracing all the branches of the profession, save criminal law. Although a clever and forcible reasoner and an easy speaker, he had no taste for advocacy of cases before a jury, always preferring the presentation of the legal aspect of a litigation to a court. Before the courts of last resort his practice was very extensive and successful, never failing to engage the attention and command the respect of those courts to a remarkable degree. For twenty-seven years he gave his individual attention very largely to railroad and corporation law, during which period he was the leading counsel of some of the most influential corporations in the Northwest. No man stood higher in the legal profession of Minnesota than Horace R. Bigelow, and the bar attested their appreciation by electing him president of the Bar Association during his more active career. He was entrusted with the most important litigation which came before the courts while in active practice, and the clearness with which he grasped abstruse legal questions, and the vast fund of information acquired by his studious life, made him a most formidable competitor at the bar. Loved and respected by all who knew him, he lived a pure and honorable life, an example for generations to come. Politically Mr. Bigelow was an old line Whig, joining the Republican party when it was first established. He was never active in politics and never sought office, though he was candidate for Chief Justice of the State in 1857, the nomination coming to him unsought. He was defeated by Judge Emmet. Mr. Bigelow was married in June, 1862, to Cornelia Sherrill, of New Hartford, Oneida county, New York. They were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters. The third son, George, died in early youth. The first son, Lewis, is now a resident of New York, employed on the local staff of the New York Journal. Horace, the second son, is an able lawyer, in the practice of his profession in

St. Paul, and now county attorney of Ramsey county. The daughters are Alice (Mrs. Ethan Allen of New York City), and Cornelia, the youngest, now living with her mother in St. Paul.

THOMAS SIMPSON.

Hon. Thomas Simpson, a prominent member of the bar of Winona, Minnesota, was born in the north of England, May 31, 1836, the son of Anthony and Elizabeth (Bonson) Simpson. He is descended from Scotch ancestry, though his father and father's father were both born on English soil. His maternal grandfather, Robert Bonson, was a doctor by profession; but both grandfathers were interested in mining, Nathan Simpson in the mother country, while Robert Bonson, who visited America in 1825 and remained here for several years, did some pioneering in our mining industry, founding the first lead furnace at Galena, Illinois, and also the first at Dubuque, Iowa. Anthony Simpson—son of Nathan—as a young man superintended an English lead mine in Swaledale, Yorkshire. About 1837, and while the subject of this sketch was an infant, he brought his family to America and settled in Dubuque, Iowa. There he became engaged in the mining and smelting business, at the same time conducting the farm upon which he lived, and where he died in 1866, his wife surviving him until 1871. While in England, Anthony and Elizabeth Simpson had been members of the Wesleyan church. In America they identified themselves with the Methodist Episcopal church, in the official activities of which Anthony long took a leading part. He was much respected as an upright and responsible citizen, and was early drawn into prominence in secular as well as religious affairs. His son Thomas, to whose life and achievements this sketch will now confine itself, was one of ten children, six of whom are still living. Thomas grew up in Dubuque, attending school and assisting, as his age and strength permitted, in the farm work and the mining and smelting.

His public school education was but a foundation for the diversified practical knowledge later acquired by his studious mind. He indulged an early bent for both civil engineering and legal study, and in the former took a course of training from the Rev. E. S. Norris, a clergyman of distinction, who had at a former period been State Surveyor of Maine. His studies were completed in 1852, and in the following year, Mr. Norris having received from the United States Surveyor General at Dubuque the contract for running the guide meridians and standard parallels—the basal lines for government survey of Minnesota Territory—he engaged young Simpson to accompany him as one of his corps of assistants. Soon discovering that his ex-pupil, though but seventeen, was competent to take charge of the work, he turned it over to our subject, who carried it on to its completion in 1855. This work is on record in the office of the United States Surveyor General at St. Paul. In this connection it may be stated that in December, 1899, Mr. Simpson read before the Minnesota Historical Society, at St. Paul, a paper prepared by him on "The History of the Early Government Land Survey in Minnesota West of the Mississippi River." The reading was listened to with intense interest, and the paper, which was recognized as a most valuable contribution of data to the early history of the State, will be published by the Historical Society. Shortly after completing his surveying task, in 1855, Mr. Simpson was commissioned by the government to go to Green Bay, Wisconsin, to determine the boundaries of the Menominee Indian reservation, with a view to protecting the Red Men in their timber and lumber rights. Since the beginning of 1856 Mr. Simpson has been a resident of Winona. For the first few years after locating here he was engaged in real estate and loan operations; but his previously acquired knowledge of law had not been forgotten, nor his legal ambition abandoned. In 1858 he was admitted to the bar of Minnesota, and has since been in active and successful practice. During this time he has been a member in two law partnerships; the first with Judge

Abner Lewis, which was dissolved in 1864, and the second with George P. Wilson, who was subsequently elected Attorney General of the State. Mr. Simpson's political tenets are Republican, and he has been made the incumbent of various public offices. Shortly after coming of age he was elected justice of the peace in the city of Winona. After his two years' term of service, he was made secretary of the consolidated school districts of the city. He has served three terms as alderman, and was the first president of the city board of education. In 1864 he was appointed on the Normal School Board of Minnesota, and retained his membership for twenty years, serving during a large portion of that period as president of the board. In 1866 he was elected to the State Senate, and his record as a member of the General Assembly is an honorable one. Throughout his mature life he has been a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was superintendent of the Sunday school of the Central Methodist church of Winona from 1856 to 1892, and has rendered a variety of important official services to the church. Mr. Simpson was married October 30, 1860, to Isabella Margaret Holstein, a Pennsylvania lady. Three sons were the fruit of their union—George T., James K. and Earl. Mrs. Simpson died December 24, 1888. The development of Mr. Simpson's career has been intimately associated with that of his city and his State. When he settled in Minnesota its population was sparse, probably less than six thousand, and, taking at once the attitude of a wide-awake citizen, with the good of his community at heart, he came rapidly into touch with varied phases of its industry and progress. He has been prominent in promoting the manufacturing interests of Winona; was among the organizers of the Second National Bank, and for many years served as its president; contributed strongly to the forces which established the Winona & Western Railroad, and is now secretary and general counsel for the company. He has controlled extensive landed interests in the State, and is counted among the substantial and leading men of southern Minnesota.



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CHARLES E. FLANDRAU.

Among the ablest jurists and foremost citizens of St. Paul is Charles Eugene Flandrau, a resident of the Territory and State of Minnesota for nearly half a century. He was born in the city of New York, July 15, 1828. The name suggests his French origin, and, indeed, the nativity of his paternal ancestors was France. They were Huguenots, conscientious in their religious convictions, and tenacious as John Calvin in their adherence to the faith. They emigrated from La Rochelle, in France, and settled in Westchester county, New York, where they founded the town of New Rochelle. His father, Thomas H. Flandrau, was born in this town, but removed early to the city of Utica, where he entered the profession of law. He subsequently removed to New York City, and for some time was associated in partnership with that able lawyer, eminent scholar, conspicuous politician and adventurer, Aaron Burr. His mother was Elizabeth Macomb, the half-sister of Gen. Alexander Macomb, who was commander-in-chief of the army of the United States from 1828 to 1841. In early boyhood Charles E. Flandrau attended school at Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, and while so occupied, at the age of thirteen, sought to enter the U. S. Navy as midshipman. Failing, on account of youth, served only to stimulate his desire and fix his determination to become a sailor. Accordingly he shipped as a common seaman on the United States revenue cutter "Forward," where he served a year, and then shipped for another year in the "Van Buren." The realities encountered in actual service on board a government ship were not such as had been foreshadowed in his youthful dreams of a sea-faring life, and a few voyages on different merchant vessels satiated his longing for naval distinction. With cheerful content he returned to his books at Georgetown, but only for a brief period. He was restless, as well as ambitious, and wanted to make his energy productive at once. The delay incident to preparation at school was irksome, and to his youthful mind the compensation was doubtful in comparison with

the immediate earning capacity of his muscle. Moved by this utilitarian idea, he returned to New York, and followed the trade of sawing mahogany veneers for a period of three years. By this time young Flandrau had arrived at the age which qualified him to exercise discretion wisely. His mind reverted to his father and his father's profession. On reflection, he became convinced that the law alone was adapted to his taste, and in that he must succeed. With a firm and steadfast resolution he entered his father's office in the town of Whitesboro, New York, whither the family had removed, and began the study of text-books as a man who has tried experiments and is conscious of doing the right thing. He studied earnestly and laboriously under the direction and instruction of a teacher interested in his proficiency and permanent success, rather than his ability to answer questions selected for an examination. A conscientious father charged with the duty of instructing his son in the law, is actuated to a degree both by family pride and professional honor. He cannot afford to send out an indifferent, half-baked lawyer to prey upon the public, disparage his own family name, and discredit the profession in which his own standing is good. So he naturally fixes a higher standard of proficiency for his son as a student, than would be fixed for students in whom he had no other than a passing interest, young men permitted to have a desk in his office, and to use his books as a sort of accommodation. Charles E. Flandrau, therefore, applied himself strenuously to study for several years before admission to the bar, and when authorized by that formality to practice in the courts of New York, formed a partnership with his father. This was terminated in two years, because of his determination to anticipate the advice of Horace Greeley by going West. The fame of the new Northwest had reached the East, and the Territory of Minnesota was already attracting for settlement within its borders some of the brightest minds and most enterprising men of New England and New York. In November, 1853, Charles E. Flandrau and Horace R. Bigelow settled in St.

Paul, and formed a partnership for the practice of law. There was not much business for a lawyer at the time; the town was small and the settlers not inclined to be litigious. Advice was cheap, and a young man in the profession was obliged either to have what horsemen call staying qualities, or capacity for other kinds of work, in order to live. Mr. Flandrau was fortunately favored with both, and, besides, had a desire to obtain by personal observation a knowledge of the resources of the territory in which he had established his home. He traveled extensively, and at length settled in the village of Traverse des Sioux, in the beautiful valley of the Minnesota river. On the frontier, in an agricultural community, there is one class of inhabitants. They are all "settlers," as different from the mixed and changing population of a mining community where speculation rules, as the sturdy Mississippi is different from the restless, rushing mountain brook. They fraternize and help one another. The lawyer is the leader, depended upon to direct affairs and to hold the offices. Mr. Flandrau became identified with the community quickly and thoroughly. He was chosen a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1857, under which the State Government was organized, and had previously been a member of the Territorial Council. Politically he was a Democrat, and in favor with two administrations at Washington before the war. President Pierce appointed him Indian agent for the Sioux nation in 1856, and the following year President Buchanan appointed him Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for the Territory. In the former position he rendered valuable service in punishing the Sioux Indians implicated in the massacres at Spirit Lake and Springfield, and in rescuing and returning safely to their homes the women captives taken at the time of the massacres. The latter position was the stepping stone to that of Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, to which he was elected as a Democratic candidate. As a member of the first Supreme Court, his labor was arduous and exacting, in arranging the details for the organization of the judiciary and formulating

a system of practice in the courts, and construing the statutes framed under the Constitution. For this work Judge Flandrau was peculiarly qualified by service in the Constitutional Convention. He had participated in the discussions and understood thoroughly the intent of that body in framing and adopting each article of the instrument. His interpretation of the Constitution was practically authoritative, and his construction of the laws enacted to carry its provisions into effect was accepted; his judgment as to the conformity of the statutes to the fundamental law was the judgment of an expert. The judicial opinions written by him are expressed in clear, terse and vigorous language. They are free alike from ambiguity and pedantry, and so plain and simple as to be readily comprehended by a layman. They are found in the first nine volumes of the Minnesota Reports. Judge Flandrau resigned the office of Justice of the Supreme Court in 1861, and removed to Carson City, Nevada, where he resumed practice as a member of the bar. He moved thence to St. Louis, Missouri, where he formed a partnership with Col. R. H. Musser, of that city, but the experiment was so unsatisfactory that the partnership was terminated, and he returned to Minnesota before sufficient time had elapsed to gain a residence in St. Louis. Locating first at Minneapolis, he became associated in partnership with Judge Isaac Atwater, and soon afterwards was elected city attorney, and later was chosen president of its first board of trade. At length, in 1870, he resumed his residence in St. Paul, after an interval of more than six years, and settled down with serene contentment to the practice of the law, first as a member of the firm of Bigelow, Flandrau & Clark, and after that as senior member of Flandrau, Squires & Cutcheon, and now alone. An incident, related of the outbreak of the Sioux Indians in 1862, illustrates at once Judge Flandrau's courage, intrepidity and promptness to act in emergency at a time of manifest public peril. While at his home in Traverse des Sioux on the morning of the 18th of August, 1862, he received information that the terrible tribe of Sioux was on the warpath,

murdering settlers who could not escape. Without other authority than the instinct of self-preservation and the impulse to save his neighbors from massacre by the savages, he proceeded to assemble, arm and equip a company of volunteers. Before noon of the same day he was on the march to New Ulm, in command of a company of one hundred and fifteen men. On arriving at the exposed and threatened town, he was chosen commander-in-chief of all the volunteer forces assembled, and his brilliant, successful defense of New Ulm, in a desperately contested battle lasting forty hours, forms a thrilling chapter in the history of Minnesota. He was a hero and a patriot, loved, praised and revered by the helpless settlers he had rescued from death at the hands of the most cruel and blood-thirsty foes. The incident is without precedent, in the fact that the principal actor was instantly transformed, by his own volition, from a calm, conservative jurist, to a military leader and executive officer. His movement was so prompt and effective that he was requested by the Governor of the State to remain for some time in command of the volunteers, and was empowered to enroll additional troops for the defence and protection of the southern border of the State. Judge Flandrau has been frequently honored with nominations by his party, which were accepted with loyal submission to the party's will, when there was no hope of election because of the overwhelming Republican majority. Once he was nominated for Governor; another time for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and acted as chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee. While a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, he places fidelity to principle above fealty to party, and refuses to follow after strange gods at the behest of a packed convention ruled by a spirit of fanaticism. In the campaign of 1896 he declined to support the platform and presidential ticket of the Chicago convention. Entering the canvass as president of the Sound Money Club of Saint Paul with enthusiasm, he labored earnestly on the stump for the defeat of his party, and no speeches more able and effective were de-

livered that year in Minnesota than those which he made. His speeches were the more entertaining because of his familiar acquaintance with the people of every locality and his accurate knowledge of local history. He had a story for every place, by which he won the sympathy of his auditors, and was then able to hold their attention while he proceeded to indoctrinate them. His memory and his faculty for appropriate anecdotes are marvelous. Recalling incidents at will and associating them accurately with places, tend to invest his political oratory with a peculiar charm, and lend an additional element of power to his advocacy. As a lawyer he is strong in the preparation of cases, clear and convincing in argument. Judge Flandrau's personal popularity, springing naturally from his human sympathy, his kindness of heart and genial manner, is evidenced by his wide acquaintance throughout the State, and the voluntary expressions of citizens who have known him most intimately. Always busy, he is never too busy to welcome a friend. He never wastes time by working without a definite purpose. Promptness with him is a principle. What he engages to do is done without delay. He is a clear thinker and a ready writer. Whatever he writes is first carefully considered and then tersely expressed. His facts are verified at any cost of time or trouble, and hence their statement in the form of history is valuable. History is not written or read for the amusement of a passing hour, but for information and instruction. Its value depends upon its accuracy, which is by no means inconsistent with elegant style and rhetorical embellishment. Judge Flandrau has traveled much, having visited nearly all the countries of the world. He is strong in his profession, strong in his convictions and regard for principle, strong in the affectionate esteem of his fellow-citizens. He has a large library in his home, and reads the best books. His culture is broad and varied. He was married August 10, 1859, to Miss Isabella R. Dinsmore, of Kentucky, who died June 30, 1867, leaving two daughters, one of whom subsequently married Tilden R. Selmes and the other F. W. M. Cutcheon.

February 28, 1871, he was married to Mrs. Rebecca B. Riddle, daughter of Judge William B. McClure, of Pittsburg, an eminent jurist, whose memory is honored throughout the State of Pennsylvania. Two sons born of this marriage are Charles M. Flandrau, and William Blair McC. Flandrau.

ISAAC ATWATER.

Judge Isaac Atwater was born at Homer, Cortland county, New York, May 3, 1818. His father was Ezra Atwater, a farmer, a native of Connecticut, of English extraction, whose ancestors settled in New Haven about the year 1718. His mother was Esther Learning, also a native of Connecticut, of English descent. Isaac received his early education in the common schools, and later prepared for college at Cazenovia Seminary and in Homer Academy. He entered Yale College in 1840. It was by his own exertions that he secured his education, as he never had a dollar except what he earned himself by teaching school during the time he was preparing for college, his father not being able to assist him. After his graduation from Yale, in 1844, he went to Macon, Georgia, and taught a preparatory school, earning money to meet his expenses. After one year he returned to New Haven and entered the Yale Law School, where he remained eighteen months. He was admitted to the bar of New York City in 1847, and commenced the practice of his profession there the following year. His success was from the first very flattering, but on account of ill-health his physician advised him to seek a change of climate. He was married in 1849 to Miss Permelia A. Sanborn, daughter of John Sanborn, a business man of Geddes, New York. In 1850, he came with his wife to Minnesota and settled in St. Anthony Falls, and for one year was associated in the practice of law with John W. North. In 1851 he opened an office by himself, having meanwhile taken the position as editor of the St. Anthony Express, which he continued to edit for several years, giving it what time was necessary, but

not to interfere with his legal practice. In 1851 he was appointed by the Territorial Legislature one of the regents of the University, and was secretary of the board until he was elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for the new State, in 1857, when he resigned from the board of regents. He was elected county attorney for Hennepin county in 1853, and was appointed by the Governor reporter of the decisions of the Territorial Supreme Court. He served on the Supreme Bench six years, and, in 1864, resigned on account of the meager compensation. He then went to Carson City, Nevada, and opened a law office in connection with Judge Charles E. Flandrau, who had also resigned from the Supreme Bench of Minnesota about the same time. He located in Carson City in the spring of 1864, and remained there until the fall of 1866, when he returned to Minneapolis and resumed the practice of law in partnership with Judge Flandrau. This partnership was dissolved in 1871, after which he continued in practice by himself, and in connection with others at various times, up to 1886, since which he has devoted his time to his private business and real estate interests. Judge Atwater has always taken an active and prominent part in all local public affairs. He has served his city as alderman, and was a member and president of the Board of Trade for several years; was also a trustee of the Seabury Seminary at Faribault, and was for many years a member of the school board and president of the board of education. When Judge Atwater first settled in St. Anthony, he bought a block of land for \$800, entirely on credit. He paid for this in two years from his legal business. The first winter after his arrival, there was much excitement about settling on the west side of the river, in what was then the Fort Snelling reservation. In December, 1850, John H. Stevens and Franklin Steele urged him to go over and take up a claim. On one stormy December day he staked out a claim of about one hundred and sixty acres, which included the land on which the West Hotel now stands. The next spring and summer he put up a shanty and spent about \$100 in improving the



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claim. In 1852, he sold this claim, and bought another of one hundred and sixty acres below where the court house now stands; this he held and pre-empted as soon as the land was in market. Here he laid out Atwater's Addition to the city of Minneapolis, most of which has since been sold in city lots. He purchased other property, and was one of the largest real estate owners in the city, and he still holds large interests and property in lots and buildings. While attending to his profession and other business affairs, he has found much time to devote to literary pursuits. He has been a frequent contributor to the secular press, to the standard magazines of the country, and in 1892 edited "The History of Minneapolis," a valuable contribution to local history. He has ever occupied a distinguished position among his professional brethren, and his native ability and scholarly attainments have commanded a prominent place in the community where he has lived so many years. Although he has passed his four-score years, his mind is still clear and vigorous, and he has, no doubt, many years of usefulness before him. Mrs. Atwater is still living in the enjoyment of good physical and mental health. They are the parents of four children, only one of whom, a son, is now living—John B. Atwater—who is one of the most prominent and successful lawyers of Minneapolis. Mr. Atwater is an active member of the Gethsemane Episcopal church. He has been a prudent contributor to all worthy charities, distributing his means judiciously. He has been a Mason since 1851, being the first apprentice initiated in Cataract Lodge, No. 2, of St. Anthony. The above facts concerning the life of Judge Atwater are principally obtained from his old associate on the bench and partner, Judge Flandrau, and the only regret his biographer has, is, that space limits a full narration of the excellent qualities and valuable services of the Judge during his long career.

EDWARD SAWYER.

The subject of this sketch was born July 11, 1836, at Dover, Stratford county, New

Hampshire. He is the son of Thomas E. and Elizabeth (Watson) Sawyer, both of English descent and natives of the Granite State. His father was a lineal descendant, through eleven generations of Quaker stock, of William Sawyer, who, with two brothers—Edward and Thomas—came to this country from England about 1636, and who located at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1640, removing later to Newbury, in the same State. Thomas E. Sawyer was prominent as a member of the bar and in politics, having for a number of terms represented the city of Dover in the New Hampshire Legislature, and having once been nominated as Whig candidate for the office of Governor of the State. He was the father of seven children, of whom Edward, our subject, was the fourth. Edward Sawyer attended the common and high schools of Dover, and soon after completing his education entered upon the active business career, the events of which this sketch will now record. His work has lain largely in the field of financial business, and he has filled many responsible and honorable posts. His initial position was that of cashier of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, of Rochester, New Hampshire, which he held for two years, beginning with May, 1858. In June of that year he secured, also, the office of assistant clerk in the House of Representatives of the State Legislature. In 1860 he was advanced from assistant clerk to clerk, and served for another two years in the higher capacity. In February, 1862, he became cashier of the Merrimack County Bank, at Concord, New Hampshire, and continued as such for three years. He then, in February, 1865, removed to Dubuque, Iowa, to fill the position of cashier of the Northwestern Packet Company. In October of the following year this concern became consolidated with the Northwestern Union Packet Company—Davidson's line—and this occasioned Mr. Sawyer's removal to St. Paul, Minnesota, which city has since been his home. In 1868 he severed his connection with the Consolidated Packet Company, and was for the next two years associated as cashier with the banking house of W. F. Davidson & Co. For a brief period, in 1871,

he served as cashier to the late Jared Benson, collector of internal revenue for the St. Paul District. Afterwards, by appointment, he became secretary of the land department, St. Paul & Sioux City Railway Company. In this position he remained until August, 1878, when he received the appointment from the United States Circuit Court as receiver in the case of Northern Pacific Railway Company vs. St. Paul & Pacific Railway Company, a large area of land being involved in litigation. In this capacity he served until 1894, when the suit was finally adjusted. In the meantime—1879—Mr. Sawyer had been elected secretary and treasurer of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company; and ten years later, upon the organization of the Great Northern Railway, he was elected treasurer and assistant secretary of that company, which is his present dual office. Mr. Sawyer has held many positions of trust, and it is a fact indicative of his character that each change he has made has been a voluntary one, made for advancement or other wise reasons, and that in each post relinquished he has left regretful friends. The following cordial words are quoted from an old-time acquaintance of Mr. Sawyer, who is one of the leading citizens of St. Paul:

"I have known Mr. Sawyer ever since he came to Minnesota. He is an exceptional man in many ways. In all the positions he has held, he has proved to be wonderfully competent, and has shown unusual fidelity. He is a genial and kind-hearted man, and all who know him speak well of him. He is a great reader of good works, and possesses a fine library. His every idea is well considered, and his conclusions just and correct. He is in every sense an honorable and trustworthy man."

On November 29, 1859, at Rochester, New Hampshire, Mr. Sawyer was united in marriage to Miss Frances Putnam Kelly. Mrs. Sawyer is a lady of superior intellect and attainments, which, by the delicate health of their possessor, have been to a great extent excluded from the social realm they would so fittingly adorn. In spite of her sufferings and privations, however, she has preserved a rare

sweetness of temper, and has attached to her a large circle of sympathetic and admiring friends. Three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer—Ruth Edna, Fannie Ella, and Elizabeth—of whom the two former were deceased in infancy. Elizabeth grew to womanhood and married the late Edward Pearce, of Providence, Rhode Island.

CHARLES M. START.

The present Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota, Charles Monroe Start, is a native of Vermont, born at Bakersfield, Franklin county, October 4, 1839, but has passed more than half of his life—or more than thirty-six years—in Minnesota. He is a son of Simpson G. and Mary S. (Barnes) Start, and comes of old New England stock. His parents were both of English descent, his remote paternal ancestors emigrating from the south of England to America in 1652. His father was a sturdy Green Mountain farmer, and the Judge's early life was spent on the paternal homestead. When he had come to young manhood he passed the summer seasons at work on the farm and the winter in teaching school, to obtain the means for a better education. For a time he attended the academy at Barre, Vermont. After leaving the academy, he studied law in the office and under the instruction of Judge William C. Wilson, at Bakersfield, and was admitted to the bar in 1860. He was engaged in the practice of his profession when the War of the Rebellion came. In July, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company I, Tenth Vermont Infantry. He was commissioned first lieutenant of his company August 11, but on December 1, following, he resigned on a surgeon's certificate of disability. In October, 1863, Judge Start located at Rochester, Minnesota, where he engaged in the practice of his profession, and where he has since permanently resided. His established character as one learned in the law may be best understood by his official record. He was county attorney of Olmsted county for eight years. In 1879 he





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was elected Attorney General of the State, and served from January 1, 1880, until March 12, 1881, when he resigned to accept an appointment to the office of Judge of the Third Judicial District of the State. To this position he was elected without opposition for three successive terms, and was still in service, when, in 1894, he was nominated on the Republican ticket and elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He took his seat January 5, 1895, and his term expires in 1901. He has, therefore, been connected with the judicial system of the State as a public official for nearly thirty years, and until he has reached the highest rank obtainable in that branch of our State government. It is a matter of truth and notoriety, moreover, that his distinctions have come to him without any effort on his part to obtain them. A distinguished jurist, who has long known Chief Justice Start, says of him:

"The people of the Third Judicial District, over whose courts he presided so long, entertained so high an admiration for his character as a man, and for his ability as a jurist, that he could doubtless have retained his position as District Judge as long as he desired. When he came to St. Paul to assume his duties as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, his high reputation as a man and a jurist had long preceded him; and while this may be neither the time nor place to speak at length of his services in his present position, it is sufficient to say that he has in all respects fulfilled the expectation of the people and the bar throughout the state. Judge Start possesses in a pre-eminent degree, the essential characteristics of every great lawyer or judge—both moral and mental honesty, which enables a man both to discover what is just and to do it. Possessed of a strong love of justice, he scorns everything that savors of fraud or unfairness in dealings between man and man. These qualities, connected with his clear and bright intellect, could not fail to render him a good judge."

Judge Start was married August 10, 1865, to Clara A. Wilson, of his native village of Bakersfield, Vermont, daughter of his early preceptor, William C. Wilson. Judge and Mrs. Start have one child, a daughter, named Clara L. The Judge is an attendant of the Congregational church.

FREDERICK WEYERHAEUSER.

Among the prominent lumbermen of the United States there is probably none more widely known than Frederick Weyerhaeuser, of St. Paul, Minnesota. As the senior member of the firm of Weyerhaeuser & Denkmann, of Rock Island, Illinois, he was well known throughout the West, prior to his election, in 1872, as the president of the Mississippi River Logging Company and its associate corporation, the Beef Slough Manufacturing, Booming, Log Driving and Transportation Company. These companies practically consolidated the timber land and logging interests of all the largest saw-mills of the Mississippi valley below Lake Pepin, and handled and controlled almost the entire log output of the Chippewa river. They furnished an ideal field for the exercise of his untiring energy, his keen business insight, his quick grasp of every important factor in submitted propositions, his instant recognition of profitable opportunities, his unerring judgment and his dispatch of business through a marvelous executive ability. The companies referred to in their various ramifications and offshoots, and the numerous allied undertakings, either in corporate capacity or as individual ventures of their members, have all proceeded under the immediate direction of Mr. Weyerhaeuser, and have for the most part originated with him. This fact may possibly account for the habit into which the daily press has fallen, of attributing every important movement in lumber circles to a "Weyerhaeuser syndicate." Though, of course, frequently incorrect in this, the fact indicates, as well as can be done, the position occupied by Mr. Weyerhaeuser in the lumber world. The timber holdings of the various interests of which Mr. Weyerhaeuser is the recognized controlling spirit probably exceed rather than fall short of 15,000,000,000 feet—a quantity which approximates fully one-half of the remaining resources of the white pine forests of the Northwest. In addition to his timber lands, logging and lower Mississippi interests, he is actively interested in eighteen extensive manufacturing concerns, among

which may be mentioned the Chippewa Lumber and Boom Company, Chippewa Falls; the Shell Lake Lumber Company, Shell Lake, Wisconsin; the Pine Tree Lumber Company, Little Falls; and Northern Lumber Company, Cloquet, Minnesota, and also large interests at Rock Island. Recently, in referring to the basis of his success, Mr. Weyerhaeuser stated that he attributed it to the fact that he had "always thought more of his credit than of his clothes." This states the truth partially. Unquestionably habits of industry and frugality at the outset, and the constant maintenance of an unsullied credit must underlie all permanent success in legitimate commercial enterprises, but for the attainment of phenomenal success there must be fortuitous circumstances and suitable opportunity, coupled with the ability to foresee the largest possibilities, and the ambition, energy, courage and determination which are essential to their realization. All of these elements find abundant illustration in Mr. Weyerhaeuser's career. One feature of his operations which should be mentioned, is the fact that his associates have always mutually and fully shared with him in the results attained. His efforts have always been for the success of the common undertakings, and all the parties in interest have had a just proportion of the outcome realized. Mr. Weyerhaeuser is in every way a typical business man, unpretentious, active, easily approached, of few words, and quick to decide every question that may arise. He has a store of ready wit and a happy faculty of illustration, or in adapting some trite maxim or story to the question at issue. Of Mr. Weyerhaeuser in his private and home life it is a pleasure to speak. His business career has not been more marked by uprightness, integrity and honor than has his private character by honesty, sincerity and the characteristics of the most worthy manhood. And his home has been such as of right belongs to such a man. With an utter absence of ostentation, it has ever been in the center of the highest refinement and of the most generous hospitality. Mrs. Weyerhaeuser, as the devoted wife and mother, has been no less successful in the

management of the household than has been her worthy husband in the commercial world.

Their family consists of four sons and three daughters, who have each received a liberal education and are most worthy representatives of this model American home. The sons have each assumed positions of responsibility in lumber organizations, and their marked ability effectually disproves the popular notion which limits rich men's sons to mediocrity and destines them to indifferent success. Chronologically. Mr. Weyerhaeuser's career may be set out as follows: He was born in Niedersaulheim, near Mainz, in southern Germany, November 21, 1834; received a common school education until he was thirteen years of age; worked on his father's farm until he was seventeen; emigrated to America and landed in New York July 1, 1852; settled in North East, Erie county, Pennsylvania, and came west in 1856. He commenced the lumber and grain business in Coal Valley, Rock Island county, Illinois, and, in 1860, he and Mr. F. C. A. Denkmann bought what was known as the Rock Island Saw-Mill, and organized the partnership, which has ever since been known as Weyerhaeuser & Denkmann. In the latter part of the sixties they bought what was then, and is still, known as the Upper Mill, in Rock Island, and in the seventies they consolidated that mill with that of Mr. J. S. Keator, and organized the Rock Island Lumber & Manufacturing Company. Shortly afterwards they bought out the interest of Mr. Keator, and have since continued the operations of said company. Mr. Weyerhaeuser was married to Miss Elizabeth Bladel, October 11, 1857. In April, 1891, he became a resident of St. Paul, where he and his family now reside.

SAMUEL H. CHUTE.

Dr. Chute was born at Columbus, Ohio, December 6, 1830. His father was Rev. James Chute, and his ancestry is sketched elsewhere in the biography of his brother, the late Richard Chute, the eminent citizen whose career was so prominently identified with the early history of Minnesota and the Northwest. The



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Doctor received his scholastic education in the common schools of Indiana and at Washash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana. After leaving college he, for four years, engaged in the study of medicine under the tutelage of Dr. C. E. Sturgis, a noted physician and surgeon of Fort Wayne, and as a student in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. From the latter institution he was graduated in February, 1852. In March following his graduation Dr. Chute set out on an overland trip for the distant Territory of Oregon. After a long and toilsome journey of over 2,000 miles, occupying seven months and fraught with hardships, interesting incidents and adventures, he arrived at the then little village of Portland. Later he went on horseback from Portland to Yreka, in northern California, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession and in mining operations for about four years. He then determined to leave the Pacific Coast for "the States," and after a long sea voyage over the Pacific and Atlantic, crossing the Isthmus of Panama en route, arrived at New York City. Making a short stay in New England, he returned to Fort Wayne, Indiana, in March, 1857, after an absence of five years. Dr. Chute has been a resident of Minnesota since the spring of 1857. He landed at St. Paul from the first steamboat of the season on May 1 of that year. On the same day he came to what was then called "the Falls" of St. Anthony, and two months later purchased of John W. North—the founder of the town of Northfield, etc.,—for the consideration of \$10,000, the tract of land known in the records as "Block 17 of the town of St. Anthony Falls." On this tract, in a frame dwelling house which is still standing, he took up his abode, and this was his home residence for more than thirty years. Upon his location at St. Anthony Falls (now a part of Minneapolis) he abandoned the active practice of his profession and engaged in the real estate business, and with this pursuit, after more than forty-two years' residence in Minneapolis, he is still prominently identified. Subsequent to his location at St. Anthony, he became so intimately associated in business affairs with his brother, Richard, that in 1865

the co-partnership of Chute Brothers was formed, and into the business of this firm the most of the individual interests of the two brothers were merged. With the early history, and especially with the growth and development, of Minneapolis, from an insignificant frontier village to a city of metropolitan proportions, Dr. Chute has always been intimately and influentially connected and identified. A leading feature of Dr. Chute's identification with the material interests of Minneapolis has been his connection with the development and utilization of the water power of St. Anthony Falls—the greatest factor in the city's upbuilding and greatness. When, in 1856, the St. Anthony Falls Water Power Company was organized, his brother, Richard Chute, who had secured the company's charter, became its agent, and continued in this position until 1868. In that year Dr. Chute, by virtue of a power of attorney, became the agent in place of his brother, and so acted up to 1880, when the property was sold to J. J. Hill and others, although he continued to serve under the new owners for a year thereafter. At one time the Chute Brothers owned the entire stock of the water power company, and the Doctor was a director in the company for some time before he became its agent. When the greatest and most valuable improvements were made in the falls, Dr. Chute was supervisor of the work of construction and had general charge of the work; the engineer was J. T. Stevens. He had charge of all the improvements until the General Government took charge of the work, with Colonel Farquhar as superintendent. While the work of repairing the great "apron" in aid of the preservation of the falls was in progress the Doctor, as executive officer of the board of construction, was in charge, with Mr. J. T. Stevens as engineer. During the long and active career of his brother, Richard, the Doctor had entire charge of the details of the business of the firm of Chute Brothers. They erected several blocks of business houses, conspicuously some of the most substantial structures of the kind on the St. Anthony or east side of the river; they graded streets; they planted thousands of shade trees, and made

large expenditures in establishing other public improvements of utility and adornment. The firm is now styled Chute Brothers Company, and is still regarded as one of the most important business institutions of the city. Its members are Samuel H. Chute, president; William Y. Chute (a son of Richard), vice-president; James T. Chute (a brother), secretary and treasurer. Dr. Chute has in time past been prominently connected with the official affairs of his adopted city. As long ago as 1858 he was supervisor of the poor, serving without pay. He served several terms as a member of the board of aldermen, and for some time was city treasurer. He was the author of a reform that was of great and substantial benefit, and which saved the county of Hennepin large sums of money, for it was by his personal efforts and influence that the county commissioners were induced to purchase the county poor farm and erect thereon a poor house for the support and care of the poor and indigent. He was also one of the founders of the city's public school system. For a long time he was president of the board of education, and he has always taken an active interest in school matters. In politics he has always been loyal to the principles of the Republican party, although in early manhood he was a Democrat. He is known as a high-minded, honorable gentleman, a public spirited citizen, always a leader in public affairs, a willing and liberal contributor to every enterprise for the public good, and no other man stands higher in general esteem in the great city, which he has helped so much to build. Dr. Chute was married May 5, 1858, to Miss Helen E. A. Day. He has a family of three daughters and two sons: Mary, Agnes, Bessie, Louis P. and Fred B.—both the sons are in the practice of law in Minneapolis.

CYRUS NORTHROP.

Measured by the results of his labor—the growth of the university and the elevation of its educational standard—Cyrus Northrop, LL. D., president of the University of Minnesota, is one of the foremost educators of America and one of the most influential citizens of

the Northwest. Mr. Northrop is a native of Connecticut, the son of Cyrus Northrop, a farmer of that State, and Polly B. Fancher, a native of New York. He was born at Ridgefield, September 30, 1834, on the farm. His education was carefully supervised from childhood, and as thorough in its preparation for the larger duties and more responsible positions in life as the best institutions of New England could make it. He first attended the primary common school, and at the age of eleven he was placed in an academy at Ridgefield, under the tuition of H. S. Banks and Rev. Chauncey Wilcox, both of whom were graduates of Yale. After an attendance of six years in this school, which is remembered with a degree of sentiment, because it was held in the house in which "Peter Parley" was born, he finished in one year his preparatory work in the famous Williston Seminary at East Hampton, Massachusetts, and in the fall of 1852, at the age of eighteen, entered Yale. His habit of study was so fixed as to render it easy for him to master the classical curriculum. As evidence of thoroughness it may be stated that he was graduated third in a class of one hundred and eight members. His relish for college life was keen, and his talent sufficiently versatile to appropriate all that it offers for culture and social entertainment, in addition to the regular courses of study. He had membership in four Greek fraternities, and in the rather exclusive "Skull and Bones." He was also first president of the "Brothers of Unity," a literary society of high repute and wide popularity. Before his graduation, in 1857, Mr. Northrop had definitely formed the purpose of entering the legal profession, and in pursuance of that purpose he entered the Law School of Yale the same year and remained two years to complete the regular course of study, meanwhile discharging the duties of tutor of Greek and Latin in a private school, and preparing two classes for the literary course of the university. On leaving the law school he continued his preparation for practice in the law office of the Hon. Charles Eves of New Haven. It was on the eve of that memorable political contest between the forces of liberty and slav-

ery, to be followed immediately by the more desperate military struggle to determine which of the two policies should have permanent ascendancy in the government. Lincoln had said, in 1858, with the prevision of a prophet, that the time would come when the territory of the United States must be either all slave or all free, and however disguised by specious platform declarations, there was a deep consciousness in the people, North and South, that the sentiment phrased by Lincoln was in some vital sense under Providence, the issue involved in his election to the Presidency. Momentous consequences hinged on the issue. The tension was inordinate. Capable, educated young men felt the stress and were impelled to declare themselves. Mr. Northrop participated in the campaign with his conscience, his ability and his energy, for liberty and the individual union of all the States. Law studies were abandoned and future prospects put aside for the graver questions of public concern. The consideration of National politics was recognized as the paramount duty of the individual, and active prominence in the work of the campaign naturally identified Mr. Northrop with State affairs for the time being. He was first appointed assistant clerk of the Connecticut House of Representatives, and the next year made clerk, and the year after clerk of the Senate. While this political service was foreign to his original purpose, it was compensatory in affording the opportunity to become familiar with practical politics and form an acquaintance with men prominent in affairs. And so it was not surprising that he gave up his law office in 1862—opened at Norwalk for practice the previous year—and engaged for one year as editor of the *New Haven Daily Palladium*, the leading and most influential Republican newspaper of the State. The labor of this position was arduous, but at the same time it was great in the measure of influence, the clear and forcible discussion of the grave and original questions of public policy raised by the exigencies of the Civil War. What was at first intended to be only a temporary interruption of his course of life previously determined upon, served at last to

change its current, broaden its sweep and multiply its beneficent influences. In 1863 he was called to the chair of rhetoric and English literature in Yale, which he filled with marked ability and distinction for a period of twenty-one years. The place came to him without his seeking, and as a result of his superior qualifications, known to the president and trustees of the university. In 1884 he received a unanimous call to the presidency of the University of Minnesota, without having in any sense been an applicant for the place, and indeed, without any knowledge of the consideration of his name. Previous to that time he made a single trip to the Northwest, and that was with his family, for pleasure, in 1881. President Northrop was admirably qualified for his new responsibilities by broad and thorough scholarship, by knowledge of the principles of the law, by familiar acquaintance with great men, by active participation in political affairs for twenty-five years, by sympathy with the ambitions and aspirations of the young, by complete practical understanding of the system, the aim and method of university education, and by a high order of executive ability. Added to all these qualifications are the qualities of mind and heart which attract individuals and masses to him. His greeting is cordial, his manner frank, his intercourse dignified and sincere. He is gifted with the rare and gracious assemblage of faculties by which the lovable man is enabled to acquire and hold the affection and confidence of students and others with whom intimate relations are maintained. The growth of the University of Minnesota and its high standing among the great universities of the country attest the possession by its president of the highest capability for the position. When he was installed the total enrollment of students was less than three hundred; in 1898 it was twenty-eight hundred and ninety. The number of college buildings has been increased twenty fold, and the number of departments is adequate to the complete functions of a first-class university. He has a well-balanced mind and a well-ordered life. He is progressive always. A member of the faculty of another univer-

sity says: "He is a man of great tact, of warm-hearted disposition, sterling common sense and transparent integrity." Many demands are made upon his time for lectures and public addresses, and his custom is, whenever practicable, to comply with these demands. His oratory extends the fame of the university. In 1886 the degree of LL. D. was conferred on him by Yale. Dr. Northrop is an orator combining the grace and exactitude desirable on the college rostrum, the polish and amplitude essential to the lecture platform, the logic, humor and force required on the hustings, the versatility and adaptation which fix his reputation as the most popular after-dinner speaker of the entire Northwest. In Connecticut he was once a candidate for Congress, and for eight years, under Presidents Grant and Hayes, he was collector of the port of New Haven. Now, instead of the expenditure of personal energy in partisan discussions on the stump, his political influence is more widely and effectively exerted through the many thousands of young men who come under his instruction. Dr. Northrop is a Congregationalist and has been very prominent in the affairs of that denomination. In 1889 he was moderator of the National Council held that year in Worcester, Massachusetts. He was also a delegate to the International Congregational Council held in London, England, in the summer of 1891, and he was one of the two vice-presidents appointed from America. He was married, September 30, 1862, to Miss Anna Elizabeth Warren, daughter of Joseph Warren of Stamford, Connecticut. Their eldest daughter, Minnie, died at the age of ten years and six months; their son, Cyrus, Jr., is a graduate of the University of Minnesota; their daughter, Elizabeth, entered the University, but on account of ill health did not graduate.

CHARLES E. VANDERBURGH.

The late Judge Charles Edwin Vanderburgh, of Minneapolis, was born in Saratoga county, New York, December 2, 1829. He was extracted from thrifty Holland-Dutch stock, and

his father was a tiller of the soil. His childhood was passed on the home farm, where, through rural activities, he developed a robustness of physique befitting as a foundation to that mental vigor which has made the name of Vanderburgh one of the most distinguished in the history of Minnesota. Beginning his education in the neighboring country schools, he took a preparatory course at Homer Academy, New York, and in 1849 was ready for college. Having decided upon Yale for his alma mater, he entered that institution, graduating in the class of 1852 with a full share of the honors. During the next three years he was engaged as principal of the academy at Oxford, New York. Along with his pedagogic duties, however, he found time to pursue a course of law-reading under the direction of the famous attorney, Henry R. Mygatt. In 1855 he was admitted to the bar, and soon afterwards set out for the West, little knowing what successes he was to achieve, yet, perhaps, vaguely anticipating them through the subtle sense of power which great abilities give, even to the most modest. The winter of 1855-6 he spent in Chicago, proceeding in the following April to Minneapolis. Soon after his arrival there he entered into a legal partnership with F. R. E. Cornell, who was subsequently Justice of the Supreme Court. Within three years the excellencies of his character and his work had so enlisted the general confidence and esteem that, although not yet turned thirty, he was elected Judge of the Fourth Judicial District. This was in 1859, at the first election after Minnesota had been admitted to the Union, and young Vanderburgh was the first resident of Minneapolis upon whom this compliment was conferred. The district over which he was to have jurisdiction at that time comprised fifteen counties, and extended north to the British possessions. He received three re-elections to this post, in 1866, 1873 and 1880, respectively, and was for eighteen years the only judge sitting at Minneapolis. In 1876, however, A. H. Young was appointed Associate Justice. In 1881 Judge Vanderburgh resigned his position as a district functionary, being at that time elected to the Supreme



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Judgeship. This he retained until 1894, being re-elected in 1887. In the election of 1892 he was renominated by the Republicans, but the Populists united with the Democrats to swell that memorable Cleveland wave, and Vanderburgh was defeated, Buck and Canty being the winning candidates. But Judge Vanderburgh had already been upon the bench, District and Supreme, for over thirty-five years, and had made a record not easy to rival. When he entered the judicial field the youthful State had as yet no settled code of jurisprudence, and upon Judge Vanderburgh there necessarily devolved the responsibility of helping to establish precedents for such a code by broad original research and action. So able and conscientious was he in this independent work, however, that it is said not one of the thousands of causes which were brought before him for adjudication was decided other than to the perfect satisfaction, not only of the winning suitor, but of the unsuccessful party as well. But it was in the determining of fine points in equity that his discriminating and adjusting faculties reached their highest play; and it was through the superiority of his work in this class of cases that he gained his broadest reputation. Atwater's History of Minneapolis, which contains a sketch of the Judge, makes the following confident assertion: "Judge Vanderburgh was the greatest administrator of equity jurisprudence the State ever saw." Judge Vanderburgh was twice married, first, in 1857, to Miss Julia Mygatt, daughter of William Mygatt, a wealthy, retired resident of Oxford, New York, and second cousin of Henry R. Mygatt, under whom, as a youth, our subject had read law. This wife died in 1863, leaving two children, a boy and a girl, and ten years later the Judge was united in marriage to Miss Anna Culbert, of Broadalbin, Fulton county, New York. The only child of this latter union, Isabella, died in 1893. Mrs. Vanderburgh is still living, and resides in Minneapolis. Of the two children of the former marriage, the daughter was early deceased. The son, William H., resides in Minneapolis. On March 3, 1898, Judge Vanderburgh passed out of this life, leaving behind him a record of

integrity and professional achievement which won for him exceptional honor while living, and which his contemporaries in Minnesota hold up as a worthy and brilliant example to the rising generation.

MARTIN B. KOON.

Judge Martin B. Koon, of Minneapolis, senior member of the well-known law firm of Koon, Whelan & Bennett, was born January 22, 1841, at Altay, Schuyler county, New York. His ancestry on his father's side is Scotch, and on his mother's side Connecticut Yankee. His father, Alanson Koon, was a farmer in moderate circumstances, in Schuyler county, New York, a man of sterling Christian character. His mother's maiden name was Marilla Wells, and Mr. Koon is wont to speak of her in terms of deep affection and the most profound reverence for her memory. She was a woman of strong character, and deeply impressed herself upon her children. The most valuable legacy which his parents bequeathed to him was habits of industry, indomitable perseverance, never-failing energy, and a mind naturally active and studious. While he was yet a lad his father removed with his family to Hillsdale county, Michigan, where Martin grew up on a farm. He recalls that the first money he ever earned was by riding a horse for a neighbor while plowing corn. Mr. Koon attended the winter schools, as most farmer boys did in those days, and worked on the farm in summer. He pursued his studies, however, with such diligence that, at the age of seventeen, he was prepared to enter Hillsdale College. During his college course he supplemented his limited resources by teaching school several terms, but kept up his studies and completed his course in 1863. He had, however, labored so hard as a student as to seriously impair his health, and in 1864, a change of climate becoming necessary, he made a trip to California by way of the Isthmus. The change was beneficial, and after remaining two years in California, engaged in teaching, he returned to Michigan to take up the study

of law in the office of his brother, Ezra L. Koon. In 1867 he was admitted to the bar in Hillsdale, Michigan, and soon afterwards entered into partnership with his brother, under the firm name of E. L. & M. B. Koon, which association continued until 1878. While he did not go actively into politics, he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney on the Republican ticket in Hillsdale county, in 1870 to 1874. In 1873 he spent four months in travel in Europe. In the meantime he had become convinced that Hillsdale did not offer a sufficient field for the exercise of his talent, and, in 1878, he removed to Minneapolis. His career since he came to this city is briefly but ably summarized as follows, by one who is in a position to know Judge Koon, as a lawyer and as a man, as well as any one living:

"Beginning practice in Minneapolis, Judge Koon almost immediately ascended to the front rank of his profession, and soon came to be recognized as one of the few leaders at the bar of Minneapolis, and of the State. In 1883 a vacancy occurred on the District Bench, and at the unanimous solicitation of the Hennepin county bar he was appointed to fill this vacancy. At the election following he was chosen without opposition for the term of seven years. When later he decided to retire from the bench his resignation was regarded as a great misfortune by the entire profession and the whole community. During his occupancy of that position he decided some of the most important cases ever tried in his Judicial District, and his decisions, when appealed, were almost invariably affirmed. Possessed of fine legal attainments, with a remarkable ability to decide quickly, and an unusually keen sense of the dividing line between right and wrong, between justice and injustice, he combined all the elements requisite for an able and upright judge."

On retiring from the bench, Judge Koon resumed the practice of law, and is now the senior member of the firm of Koon, Whelan & Bennett, which enjoys one of the most desirable and lucrative practices in Minneapolis. Judge Koon is a member of the Minneapolis Club, the Commercial Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and a trustee of the Church of the Redeemer. He was married in November,

1873, to Josephine Vandermark of Phelps, New York. To them have been born two daughters, Katherine Estelle and Marilla Louise.

CHARLES A. PILLSBURY.

The Pillsbury family has borne high honors both in the civil and military history of New England for nearly three centuries, and the larger number of its members have discharged the inconspicuous duties of private life in a manner alike meritorious and unobtrusive. Some of them have achieved eminence in commercial pursuits, and some in politics and statesmanship in the boundless empire of the Northwest. The family was transplanted in America by Joshua Pillsbury, who emigrated from England and settled in Newburyport, Massachusetts, in 1690. He was there the beneficiary of a land grant, the title of a portion of which has never been alienated, but passed by descent to his children and their descendants down to the present time. One branch of the family settled early in New Hampshire, and from this branch Charles Alfred Pillsbury descended. He was born at Warner, New Hampshire, October 3, 1842, the son of George A. Pillsbury and Margaret S. Carleton. His maternal ancestors were also Puritans of the staunchest character. His education was begun in the public schools of his native town, continued in the New London Academy, where he was prepared for college at the age of sixteen, and completed in Dartmouth, from which he was graduated in 1862 at the age of twenty. The term "completed" as applied to education is misleading, since it means only the acquirements obtained in the schools. The completion of a course in college is in reality only the preparation for that larger practical school of life which a man enters after securing his diploma. And this was eminently so with Charles A. Pillsbury. Having that strong moral fibre which is the resultant of pure breeding and correct training for generations in the best New England families of Puritanic lineage, and equipped with the best learning of the schools; guided



Chas. A. Pillsbury

by a financial and commercial instinct strong enough to dominate his whole life, he began as a merchant's clerk at Montreal. For six years he remained in Canada at merchandising, and then saw afar off the opportunities awaiting the ambitious and sagacious in the northwestern portion of the United States. Mr. Pillsbury came to Minneapolis, and his location in the young city really marked the opening of his business career. He saw the enormous waste of power in the waters of the Mississippi rushing over the Falls of St. Anthony, and looked out upon the vast wheat fields in proximity. The utilization of this power in the manufacture of flour was the problem in which he became early and deeply interested. The only available means at hand was a mill of small capacity and a reputation for bad flour, which the millers were disposed to charge to the inferior quality of the wheat. He purchased, on time, a third interest in this mill, agreeing to pay therefor the sum of \$10,000. This afforded opportunity for the exercise of genius and public spirit, and the ultimate gratification of an ambition to be something more than a plodder. Mr. Pillsbury was unwilling to condemn the wheat with wholesale condemnation, until he should first avail himself of the inventor's genius by the introduction of the best machinery and appliances for the grinding of the wheat, the separation of the different parts of the grain, which he deemed essential to the production of pure flour. His efforts were so successful that the first year demonstrated the wisdom of his expenditure of ten thousand dollars for the firm in improving the mill's equipment. He was among the first to adopt the steel rollers as a substitute for the buhrs comprising the "upper and nether millstone" of sacred history; but long before this substitution, Pillsbury's flour had gained a wide reputation. He found out by actual demonstration, what he had at first suspected, that the mills and the millers were responsible for the failure to manufacture first-class flour from spring wheat. From the beginning, ex-Governor Pillsbury was a member of the firm, and, in 1872, George A. Pillsbury, father of Charles,

was admitted to the partnership, and subsequently Fred C. Pillsbury was added to the firm, which conducted business in the name of Charles A. Pillsbury & Co., until all of the large mills at Minneapolis were bought by an English syndicate, and consolidated in the name of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Company, Limited, of London. The Pillsbury family retained a considerable part of the stock, and Mr. Charles A. Pillsbury continued to manage the business of the combined properties with great success until his death, September 17, 1899. As early as 1882, Mr. Pillsbury, for his firm, adopted the policy of sharing profits with his employes, and at the end of eight years he said in a published interview, "We have divided profits during five years out of the eight." Continuing the interview, he said: "I was first led to adopt the system of profit-sharing from a desire to enter into some plan which would more equitably divide the profits between capital and labor. Of course the continual agitation of the labor question called my attention to the subject; but there was no disaffection among my own employes, so far as I was aware. On the contrary, our relations with our employes were and always have been so harmonious that there has never been any intimation of a strike. As to the details of a profit-sharing scheme, I was not influenced by what others had done, and at that time knew absolutely nothing of the experience of others or the results of any kindred experiments." After a trial of many years, Mr. Pillsbury became convinced that the system of profit-sharing in a business which depends largely upon the carefulness and skill of employes, is profitable to the company. It actually enhances the earning capacity of the men employed by increasing their interest in the production due to a consciousness of proprietorship. It tends to promote good feeling between capital and labor, and fosters unity of purpose to make the output as large as possible for the mutual advantage of all concerned. His view of the value of labor differed from the popular idea that the rate of wages should be regulated solely by the law of supply and demand. He would

consider the question in its equitable aspect and pay whatever is right—what the laborer is worth—rather than take advantage of his necessities when the supply is great and the competition severe. There is a plain distinction between co-operation and profit-sharing. In a business or industry employing large capital and subjected to keen competition, executive ability of very high order is required, and while co-operation is impracticable, the system of profit-sharing may be introduced with advantage to the capital as well as the labor employed. Mr. Pillsbury, always a man of public spirit and devoted to duty as a citizen and a man, never sought political office, but uniformly discouraged all efforts to bring him before the public as a candidate. When urged to accept a nomination for Congressman, he declared he would not accept the office as a gift. Although pre-eminently qualified by his practical views, the result of successful experience in business and manufacturing, he said to intimate friends who urged his acceptance of the honor: "I would rather be a first-class miller than a second-rate Congressman." He gave liberally to worthy organized charities, and assisted the individual cases of poverty that came under his observation with a generous hand. Perhaps the crowning glory of his useful life was the disinterested service in behalf of the sufferers from the disastrous forest fires of September, 1894, in which four hundred square miles of territory were swept by the flames, and more than four hundred persons lost their lives, and more than three thousand lost their homes. As chairman of the commission of five noble men appointed by the Governor to provide ways and means for the relief of those who had suffered, Mr. Pillsbury set about the work, actuated by characteristic philanthropy and qualified by commanding executive ability. His probity was a guarantee that every dollar contributed for relief would be honestly accounted for; his practical experience and sound judgment assured the wise and judicious expenditure of every dollar placed in the hands of the commission. He regarded the duty as a sacred trust, and devoted his time and energy for

six months to carrying out the plans of the commission. A comfortable house was built for each family whose home had been destroyed, or the equivalent thereof was paid in cash. Every lot on which a new home was built was first made free and clear of mortgage. If the home had been destroyed on a mortgaged farm, the commission obtained from the mortgagee a release of two acres on which to build the new home, so that it might not be taken for the debt. In this manner the relief was not only made immediately helpful, but the beneficence was permanent. All the relief was rendered, not as charity, but as a means of enabling the victims of a misfortune, for which they were in no wise responsible, to help themselves. Rev. William Wilkinson, of Minneapolis, who had charge of the first relief party sent out after the fire, says: "The service of Mr. Pillsbury on that commission cannot be overstated. The cause was worthy, and grandly did he measure up to all the requirements." Mr. Pillsbury was an attendant upon the services of Plymouth Congregational church, of Minneapolis, and long a member of its board of trustees. He was married September 12, 1866, to Mary A. Stinson, of Goffstown, New Hampshire, daughter of Capt. Charles Stinson. Two sons, Charles Stinson and John Sargent Pillsbury, Jr., are the fruit of that marriage. They are twins, fine, sturdy, young men, students in the University of Minnesota at the time of their father's death.

DANIEL BUCK.

Judge Daniel Buck, late of the Supreme Court of Minnesota, was born at Boonville, New York, September 8, 1829, the second of a family of six children, whose parents were Jonathan and Roxana (Wheelock) Buck. On the paternal side he is a descendant of Isaac Buck, who, with his wife, Frances Marsh, and others refused to take the "oath of conformity" to the Established church, was forcibly transported from England to Boston in the ship "Amelia," in October, 1635. Isaac Buck settled at Scituate, Massachusetts, and is thus



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described in the history of the town: "He was a very useful man, often engaged in public business, and was the clerk of the town for many years. He was a lieutenant in King Philip's War, and repulsed the Indians with great loss from Scituate, in March, 1676. He died in 1695." Isaac Buck's eldest son, Thomas—the Judge's great-grandfather—lived in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, prior to 1712. His son, Daniel—for whom the Judge was named—was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, enlisting twice, first in 1778 or 1779, at the age of sixteen or seventeen, in Captain Bonney's Company of Colonel Porter's Regiment; and again in 1780 in Captain Smith's Company of Colonel Richard's Regiment of Massachusetts State troops. He settled at Boonville, New York, in about 1800, and died in 1843. His son, Jonathan Buck, the father of Judge Buck, was born at Boonville, in December, 1804, and died May 2, 1883. He was a prosperous farmer, and spent all his life on the farm where he was born. His wife, the mother of Judge Buck, Roxana Wheelock (born at Claremont, New Hampshire, in 1799, died November 3, 1842), was of Quaker ancestry. She was a sister of Col. Charles Wheelock, who during the War of the Rebellion was colonel of the 97th New York Volunteers, and was brevetted a brigadier general. Judge Buck was reared to manhood on his father's farm. He was educated in the common schools, and at Rome and Lowville Academies, New York. After leaving school he studied law, was admitted to the bar, and engaged in the practice of his profession with uniform success from the first. In the spring of 1857, he came to Minnesota, arriving in the then Territory, May 15. He pre-empted a homestead near Madelia, in Watonwan county, but the same year located in Blue Earth, which has ever since been his home county. The circumstances personal to himself on his location on the frontier were fortuitous. He was twenty-seven years of age, a thoroughly equipped lawyer, of fine mental attainments, of splendid physical proportions, and of striking and attractive presence—qualities especially admired by the people of a new country. At once he

became popular and prominent. The following year he was elected to the Legislature, but certain circumstances prevented the assembling of that body in that year and he did not serve. In 1859, when he had been but two years in Minnesota, he was the Democratic candidate for Secretary of State on a ticket headed by Gen. George L. Becker for Governor, but the Republicans won. Upon first coming to Blue Earth county, he opened a law office at South Bend, then a flourishing and promising village at the southern angle of the great bend of the Minnesota river, four miles west of Mankato. In 1865 he removed to Mankato, where he has since resided. Judge Buck has been the man pre-eminent whom the people of Mankato and Blue Earth county have ever delighted to honor. They have placed him in public positions frequently, and he has always been their faithful servant. Yet he has never been an office seeker or a place hunter, and his preferments have always come to him unsought. In 1865 he was elected to the Legislature, and in the session of 1866, while a member of the House of Representatives, he secured the enactment of the law locating the State Normal School at Mankato. He had the principal charge of the construction of the buildings of this school, of which he is considered virtually the founder. For five years he was a member of the State Normal School Board, and was prominent in the location of and the selection of sites for the schools at Winona and St. Cloud, as well as at Mankato. He was for four years county attorney of Blue Earth county. In 1878 he was elected to the State Senate for the full term of four years. He was the author of that most beneficent measure, the insolvent law enacted by the Legislature of 1881, and while a State Senator was a member of the court of impeachment on the trial of Judge E. St. Julien Cox. He has always been a substantial friend of and closely identified with the moral and material interests of the city of Mankato, where he has made his hospitable and pleasant home. He was city attorney for several years, and for five years was a member of the city school board. He was the first president of the Man-

kato National Bank, and has been vice-president and a director of the Citizen's National Bank. For many years he was a member and the secretary of the Blue Earth County Agricultural Society, and he has been the owner of some of the best farms in the State. As a lawyer he has been prominent and distinguished. Early in his professional career in Minnesota, he was associate counsel for the State in the great legal controversy over the "Five Million Loan Bill," and since has been counsel in a large number of prominent and celebrated cases. His legal business has always been large, its success most marked, and its results practical and profitable. His thorough and profound knowledge of the law, his dignified and high-toned conduct as a practitioner, and his abilities as an advocate and "trial lawyer" have won for him the sincerest confidence and admiration of his brethren of the legal profession, while his personal worth has given him the esteem of the general public. No other man is closer to the people of Minnesota or more securely placed in their affections, than the man whom many of them call "Honest Old Dan Buck." Judge Buck has always been a member of the Democratic party, a firm believer in its principles as enunciated and established by Jefferson, and maintained by a long list of succeeding American statesmen. He is of the old school of Democratic tenets, of the "Old Guard" in their defence, and believes that, though often violated and their usefulness stilted, they can never perish so long as the Constitution and the Republic shall endure. Principles which are elementary and fundamental can never pass away. As stated, in 1859 he was his party's candidate for Secretary of State; in 1888 he was its candidate for Lieutenant Governor, but on each occasion was defeated with his ticket. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention at St. Louis, in 1876, which nominated Tilden and Hendricks. In 1892 he was nominated by the Democratic and Peoples' parties for Judge of the Supreme Court, and was elected by a large majority. His official term was to commence in January, 1894, and

to expire in January, 1900; but in October, 1893, he was appointed a member of the court to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge D. A. Dickinson. He served on the Supreme Bench from October, 1893, until November, 1899, when he resigned. During his long official career in the service of the people and the State, Judge Buck has never accepted or used a pass on any railroad or transportation line. Of his career on the bench, a prominent attorney well and truthfully says:

"No man of greater purity of character, none of more integrity, none of a higher sense and love of justice, none with a more solemn realization of the equality of all men before the law, ever sat upon the bench of our Supreme Court. If it be the end of all law and all courts to decree justice, Judge Buck discharges his duties with the attributes of a great jurist. If justice be done it matters little by what display of erudition it is accomplished. Judge Buck's greatest worth to the people was his ability to do equal and exact justice to all men and to go straight to the point."

Judge Buck is not a member of any religious denomination, and does not air his pretensions to morality or do his good works "to be seen of men." His sympathies are—more than with any other religious doctrine—largely with the principles of those simple, honest folk, the Quakers, of which sect his good mother was a member. He was married at Elgin, Illinois, October 25, 1858, to Miss Lovisa A. Wood. Of this union were born three children, viz: Charles Delos Buck, born February 24, 1864, and died, while a student in the State University, at Colton, California, November 27, 1882; Alfred A. Buck, born April 16, 1872; and Laura M. Buck, born June 15, 1874, and now Mrs. W. L. Abbott, of St. Paul. Mrs. Buck died December 30, 1899.

ROYAL D. CONE.

The late Royal Day Cone, the memory of whom is still fresh in the hearts of many citizens of Winona, Minnesota, was born November 8, 1821, in the village of New Berlin,



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Chenango county, New York. His parents were Benjamin and Elizabeth (Root) Cone, he being their second son. They belonged to a farming community, and the subject of this memoir grew up amid rural scenes, helping with the tilling of the soil between the terms of the district school, at which he acquired his early education. While still under age, he accepted a clerical position in one of the stores of New Berlin. After gaining some business experience and a little capital in this subordinate capacity, he determined to venture in an independent enterprise, and, going to Rochester, New York, he engaged in a mercantile business, which he continued to conduct in that city until 1855. In the year just mentioned he came west and located in Winona, which was the city of his home for the remainder of his life—a period of forty-three years. Soon after becoming a resident of Winona he established himself in the hardware business, on the same site later occupied by the corporation, founded by him—the R. D. Cone Company. Winona was scarcely more than a straggling pioneer settlement at the time Mr. Cone took his place among her citizens, and he was prominently associated with her evolution from that early crudity to the developed and thriving status she presents today. Mr. Cone was a man of strictest integrity of principle, which was applied even to the minute details of business; and while he took care to do justice to every man with whom he had dealings, Justice prospered his own interests. His business grew steadily until it reached, in the natural course of events, the dignity of a corporate institution, with Mr. Cone as president. The R. D. Cone Company, which was still flourishing when its chief became deceased, was for many years one of the leading wholesale firms of the State. During the period of his citizenship in Winona, Mr. Cone served in high municipal offices, and was identified with many and varied lesser public functions; and this in spite of the fact that he was of a nature which shrank at all times from publicity, which shows how strongly his abilities and virtues were appreciated in his community. In the early days of his residence

in the city, he was persuaded to become a member of the board of school directors, and, as alderman from the Second ward, he served in the city council. In 1866 he was elected mayor of the city of Winona, and upon the expiration of his first term was re-elected for a second, his administration during both terms being markedly efficient and satisfactory. He early joined the Old Settlers' Association of Winona County, and was one of the most active members of that organization. He played a very energetic and effective part in furthering the organization of the Winona & Western Railway, and was made a director of the company. He was, also, at the time of his death, one of the directors of the First National Bank, and of the Winona Wagon Company. Mr. Cone was married in the year 1849, in his native town of New Berlin, New York, to Miss Ruena Merchant. Four children were born to them, namely: Ida E., Etta M., Frank R. and Hattie R. The first-named—the late Mrs. W. J. Landon—was the only one of the four to survive him. Mr. and Mrs. Cone were members and regular attendants of the Central Methodist Episcopal church of Winona, of which Mr. Cone served as treasurer for nearly a quarter of a century. And apart from the duties of this office, his interest and influence in the general activities of the church were very constant, and his contributions to its financial resources beautiful. Mr. Cone was for twenty-eight years a widower, the death of his wife having occurred on February 8, 1870. During the last few years of his life his health was in a delicate state, and this, together with his advancing age, compelled him gradually to loosen his hold upon the business and social affairs with which he had for so long kept closely in touch. Early in the spring of 1898 he became an inmate of the Sanitorium at Hudson, Wisconsin, in which he had formerly spent some time as a patient. A few weeks later he was attacked by an acute malady, and died at the Sanitorium on the 29th of April, at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Cone was a man of a deeply religious temperament, and although he was never one to

obtrude his views upon others, his convictions were firmly rooted, and the spirit of true Christianity made beautiful his character and the deeds and influence emanating from it. To his modesty and single-heartedness, absolute rectitude in all the relations of life seemed no more than the normal state, and nothing for which he deserved especial credit; but it was deemed otherwise by the many friends he had attached to him in Winona, through southern Minnesota, and at Hudson, Wisconsin, by whom his loss is still deplored.

HENRY A. YOUNG.

In every city, and particularly in our younger cities of the West, there is a corps of progressive workers, undefined in number, relied upon by the community, whether consciously or unconsciously, to keep the municipal wheels, not merely running smoothly, but running continuously on the desired upward grade; and just such a citizen of such an upward-moving municipality is Henry A. Young, of Lake City, Minnesota. Henry Albert Young is a native of Germany, born at Gailsbach, Württemberg, December 9, 1845. He is a son of Frederick and Regina (Kübler) Young, who were farmer folk of Württemberg, in moderate circumstances. His father was also a baker by trade; but, although carrying on two distinct lines of business, he found time, and possessed the ability, to participate in the public affairs of his community, and at one time served as *Bürgermeister* of the village of Gailsbach. Henry A. Young, of this biography, came to the United States in 1863, being then a youth of eighteen years. He made his way to Minnesota, stopping at the town of Read's Landing, where he found employment in Bullard's Hotel. A brother of our subject—the late C. F. Young—was at that time conducting a general store at Read's Landing, and upon leaving his position in the hotel, Henry A. engaged to assist this brother in his business. In 1865 C. F. transferred the entire management of his store to his young brother and removed to Lake City; and in the

following spring Henry A. closed out the business at Read's Landing and joined him at Lake City, where the two brothers for many years operated another store in the same line of trade. In 1889, in consequence of the death of C. F. Young, the younger brother acquired a controlling interest in the business, which has since been conducted under the style of H. A. Young & Co. But the management of this business is with Mr. Young but one of many interests. Upon the organization, in 1898, of the Citizen's Bank, he became president of that institution, and he had previously been for some years a director of the Lake City Bank. In politics he is a loyal and interested member of the Republican party, having taken a prominent part in several of its county conventions; and he has held high official positions. But Mr. Young is not an office seeker, and his purpose in accepting preferment, made evident by his whole conduct, has been the service of his city and not the gratification of selfish aims—a political instance sufficiently rare to be worthy of note. Mr. Young served as mayor of Lake City in 1892, with re-election in the following year, and he has also officiated as city treasurer for a term of four years. His public and enterprising spirit has found practical expression in many material benefits to the city, as, for instance, the establishment of its waterworks, in 1893, which was largely due to his efforts. The electric lights and public highway improvements were also, as projects, powerfully promoted by his foresight and personal activity. During the years of Mr. Young's active citizenship, Lake City has enjoyed a period of unusual development, and it is easy for reflective members of the community to trace a connection between the two facts. On February 9, 1872, Mr. Young was married to Anna L. Schauble, of St. Paul. They have two sons: Henry G., now married and a resident of Lake City, and assisting in the store, and Albert F. Mr. Young, together with his family, attends the Episcopal church of Lake City, of which he is treasurer. He also belongs to the order of Masons, and is an Old Fellow, and Son of Herman.



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Frank Henry Carleton, of Minneapolis, is a member of the well-known law firm of Cross, Hicks, Carleton & Cross. He was born October 8, 1849, at Newport, New Hampshire. His ancestry on his father's side was English, and the family line is traced back to Sir Guy Carlton. On his mother's side his descent is also from English stock, going back to Joseph French, a leading citizen of Salisbury, Massachusetts, of a generation prior to the War of the Revolution. Frank H. is the son of Henry G. Carleton, now and for many years president of the Savings Bank of Newport, New Hampshire. For forty years he was one of the editors of the New Hampshire Argus and Spectator. He was for many years one of the leading Democratic editors of New Hampshire, and a personal friend of John P. Hale and Franklin Pierce. He has now retired from active business and is in good financial circumstances. He has served as a member of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, has been register of probate, and has filled other important public positions. The subject of this biography was educated in the common schools of Newport, and prepared for college at Kimball Union Academy, at Meridan, New Hampshire, where he graduated in June, 1868. He then entered Dartmouth College and there completed the course with the class of 1872. He took the first prize for English composition during the senior year, and wrote the class ode for commencement day. During his academic and college days he was obliged to absent himself at different times, while he was engaged as teacher, and, in 1870, he was for a time principal of an academy for white pupils in Mississippi. Mr. Carleton also varied his experience by assuming the duties of city editor of the Manchester Daily Union, after his graduation from college, which position he held for several months. He then decided to carry out an early plan to seek a location in the West, and accordingly came to Minneapolis, where he was engaged as a reporter for the Minneapolis News, then edited by George K. Shaw. This position he held for

several months, at the same time serving as Minneapolis correspondent for the St. Paul Press. Subsequently he was appointed city editor of the St. Paul Daily Press under Mr. Wheelock. After a year's service on the Press, Mr. Carleton determined to carry out his original plan of preparing for the practice of law, and accordingly commenced his study for that purpose in the office of Cushman K. Davis and C. D. O'Brien. While pursuing his studies he served as clerk of the Municipal Court of St. Paul, and after holding this position for five years, he resigned, owing to ill-health, and took a six-months' trip to Europe. On his return from Europe he was appointed secretary to Gov. John S. Pillsbury, and rendered important service in connection with the settlement of the repudiated Minnesota railroad bonds. A complete history of this memorable struggle against repudiation, led by Governor Pillsbury, is given by Judge Flaudrau in another part of this book. His position as private secretary to Governor Pillsbury was not merely a clerical one, as Mr. Carleton had the entire confidence of the Governor, who was largely dependent upon him for assistance all through that memorable fight, to maintain the credit and honor of the State. For several years he was the Minnesota correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean and the New York Times. In 1882 he removed to Minneapolis and formed a law partnership with Judge Henry G. Hicks and Capt. Judson N. Cross. This firm still exists, the only change being the addition of Norton M. Cross, the son of Captain Cross. From 1883 to 1887, during Captain Cross' three terms as city attorney, Mr. Carleton was assistant city attorney of Minneapolis. These were formative days in the history of the city, and witnessed the inauguration of important litigation in the development of Minneapolis. Mr. Carleton had practically the entire management of the numerous suits in the city courts (many of them being appealed to the Supreme Court of the State), which were brought to maintain the supremacy of the "patrol limits" ordinance. The principal was a new and a startling one to the lawyers, and for years, Mr. Carleton

was confronted by the best legal talent in the city, in fruitless onsets against its armor, until the principal had become a permanent one in Minneapolis. Mr. Carleton and the firm with which he is connected has a large and varied practice in real estate law, probate law and financial adjustments, in which he has had much experience. There is ample testimony to his ability in this direction, and the confidence reposed in him, by his frequent appointment as administrator of large estates, executor of wills, and as trustee of funds for individuals and institutions. In the drawing of wills he is considered an expert. In politics, Mr. Carleton is a Republican, although not an active participator in party affairs, preferring to devote his leisure time to scientific research and literary pursuits. Mr. Carleton is a Mason, a member and one of the trustees of the Park Avenue Congregational church, and is one of the directors of the Home Mission Society. In 1881 he was married to Ellen Jones, the only daughter of the late Judge Edwin S. Jones, of Minneapolis. They have had six children, Edwin Jones, Henry Guy, George Pillsbury, Charles Pillsbury, who died in infancy; Frank H., Jr., and Fred Pillsbury. Mr. Carleton is a lover of nature, a great cultivator of flowers, an enthusiastic fly-fisher, and much given to the pursuit of this fascinating sport in the celebrated fishing grounds that abound in the picturesque regions of northern Minnesota.

DANIEL BASSETT.

The name of Bassett is well known to Minneapolis, partly through the public activities of the subject of this sketch, even more, perhaps, through those of his brother Joel. The native place of these brothers is Wolfborough, New Hampshire, a quiet town on the shore of the beautiful Lake Winnipiseogee, with its tradition of an island for each day of the year. They were issued from Quaker stock, their genealogy being traceable back to the French Huguenots, and were reared in accordance with the strict yet wholesome precepts of the

Friends. Their father, also named Daniel, owned a farm in Wolfborough, and here his family of four sons and two daughters grew up. Eventually, however, father and children, with a single exception, had all come to make their home in Minnesota, where the senior Bassett died in 1861. Daniel Bassett junior was born in the year 1819, and to the age of thirty-six continued a citizen of New Hampshire. His mature years in his native State were devoted, not to farming, but largely to financial business in the village of Wolfborough. In 1855 he came to Minneapolis, where his brother Joel had then been located for four years. For a short time the two brothers followed together the lumber industry. When this was abandoned, Daniel, who had acquired some means previous to coming West and still retained an influential connection with a Wolfborough bank, employed such capital as he had, in real estate investments and loans. But his abilities and integrity of character soon made a demand for his service in public functions. In 1858, when the township government was organized, he was elected to the board of supervisors, together with D. B. Richardson, Isaac I. Lewis and Edward Murphy, and R. P. Russell as chairman. To this position Mr. Bassett was repeatedly re-elected. For three years of the Civil War, he served, by appointment of General Hancock, as purveyor for the Second army corps, during two years of which time the General and his staff remained with Mr. Bassett's men. Upon his return from the war, Mr. Bassett was appointed postmaster of Minneapolis, but he soon resigned because of his disapproval of certain schemes of the Johnson administration. In politics he has always been a Republican, and he has been several times elected to the Legislature of Minnesota. He served on the Public Land committee in the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Legislatures. Mr. Bassett was among the first members of the park commission of Minneapolis, organized in 1883, and was for several years retained in this position, his colleagues on the board being Governor Pillsbury, George A. Pillsbury, W. S. King, C. M. Loring and



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Dorilus Morrison. He received appointments to various committees, including those on finance and improvements, and repeatedly served on committees specially chosen to select new sites for park development. Into all this work he entered with earnest zeal, giving freely of his time and energies; and in the care and expenditure of public funds was most conscientious and wise. Mr. Bassett is a man of plain and frugal speech, but under the stimulus of strong conviction is capable even of eloquence, as he once proved in an address opposing a project for making a park of Nicollet island. On the occasion of the Indian outbreak and massacre near Fort Ridgely, a hundred citizens, Mr. Bassett one of them, volunteered succor to the imperiled fort. Joining General Sibley, at St. Peter, they marched forty miles in the night, sometimes stepping over dead bodies, but reached the fort in time to rescue three hundred men, women and children, who would soon have become the victims of savage slaughter. By appointment of Governor Pillsbury, Mr. Bassett served for many years as a member of the State board of equalization of taxes, and while his work has been excellent in all the offices he has held, it was particularly creditable in this one, and he was continued in it until he requested the Governor to cease re-appointing him. Prior to 1880 Mr. Bassett was for some time vice-president of the Merchants' National Bank of Minneapolis. He has also, in past years, done duty on the executive committee of the Minneapolis Trust Company. Before coming West Mr. Bassett was married to Eliza Jane Canney, whose brother, Joseph H. Canney, thus became twice the brother-in-law of Mr. Bassett, having previously married his sister. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Bassett, both daughters, were born in New Hampshire and educated in Minneapolis. One of them married F. B. Hill of Chicago; the other is Mrs. Tyson Mowry, now of Minneapolis, who formerly lived in Texas, where her husband was engaged in business. Mr. Bassett has retired from the active affairs of life, and lives quietly in his substantial residence on Hennepin avenue; but through his circle of

devoted friends he keeps well in touch with the life of the city, for the advancement of which he has faithfully and effectively labored.

WILLIAM WINDOM.

"This Nation has been served from generation to generation by many great and good men, and in our assurance of the permanence of our institutions and our public prosperity it will be so served from generation to generation in the future. Among them all, William Windom will always be a marked and admirable figure, and few will be more secure, in the ever-changing minds of men and in ever-changing times, from defraction or neglect." —Hon. William M. Evarts.

"The Nation will fondly cherish the recollection of his triumphant career and his distinguished services, but the heritage of his fame belongs especially to Minnesota. This was the State of his adoption, and upon this State, in a peculiar sense, did he shed the luster of his great achievement. He became a citizen of Minnesota in his early and unknown manhood. By its people was he sent to the National Congress for ten successive years; by its Legislature was he twice honored with a place in the National Senate; as the representative of this State he held a most important position in the councils of two administrations, and as an adopted and honored son of Minnesota, his love and loyalty were warm and constant and true." —Hon. J. W. Tawney.

To the State Mr. Windom was indebted for unusual opportunities of usefulness. The State owes him much for the conspicuous and masterly use of those opportunities. William Windom was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on "the tenth day of the fifth month," 1827. He was the second and youngest child of Hezekiah and Mercy Windom. His ancestors were sturdy English Quakers, who came to America about two hundred years ago and settled in Virginia and Pennsylvania. During the minority of his parents, his paternal and maternal grandfathers, George Windom and Nathan Spencer, removed to Ohio and were among the pioneer farmers of Belmont county. The home of Hezekiah and Mercy Windom was a humble one, but it was a home of purity and peace. The mother always wore the Quaker

garb, and the children as well as the parents used the Quaker forms of speech. After he was grown to manhood, and as long as his parents lived, Mr. Windom when visiting them, or in writing to them, naturally and easily resumed the "thee" and "thou" of his childhood. In 1837 the family removed to Knox county in the same State. This was thenceforth the family home. Here, amid the limitations, the hard work, and the wholesome economies of pioneer farm life in the Buckeye State, William Windom spent the remainder of his boyhood and laid the foundations of his subsequent character and career. In that early day Knox county was far removed from the great markets, and although products of the farm abounded, lack of any adequate means of transportation kept the price of farm products so low that little money came to fill the family purse. But the poverty of Hezekiah Windom was "the poverty of the frontier, which is indeed no poverty; it is but the beginning of wealth." The lad's early educational advantages were only such as the country schools of that day afforded, and the eager reading of such books as were to be found in the small libraries of the neighborhood. Probably a lawyer had never been seen among the peaceable Quakers of Knox county; but in books, young Windom had met some fascinating representatives of the legal profession, and while still a mere lad, had settled in his own mind the question of a career. He would be a lawyer. To Hezekiah and Mercy Windom this was an alarming declaration. Their religion had taught them to regard the profession of law with peculiar disfavor, and hoping to save their son from so worldly and iniquitous a calling, they resolved that he should learn and follow "a good honest trade." But the lad's instincts and ambitions were stronger than parental purposes, and the result was an academic course at Martinsburg, Ohio, followed by a thorough course in law in the office of Judge R. C. Hurd of Mount Vernon. In 1850, at the age of twenty-three, Mr. Windom was admitted to the bar at Mount Vernon, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession. As may be supposed, this

result was not accomplished without great effort and self-denial. That Mr. Windom's parents finally acquiesced in their son's decision is evidenced by the fact that his father mortgaged his farm to raise a sum of money to assist him while pursuing his studies. This, however, was in the form of a loan, and was promptly repaid after he had entered upon the practice of law. While in the academy, Mr. Windom sometimes taught a country school three months in the winter, keeping abreast of his own class meanwhile, by devoting all his evenings to study. His summer vacations were spent at home on the farm, where he recruited his health and assisted his father in the work of the harvest field. Also for a time, while studying law in Mount Vernon, he served several hours each day as assistant to the postmaster of the town. Though never boastful of his success in struggling with adverse circumstances, Mr. Windom regarded this part of his career with no sense of shame, but rather with a just and manly pride. After two years' practice in Mount Vernon, Mr. Windom was elected prosecuting attorney for the county by a majority of 300, which meant a change of 1,300 votes, a striking presage thus early in life of the remarkable personal popularity that was always thenceforward to attend him. In 1855 the new Northwest was attracting the enterprising spirits of the Eastern and Central States. Mr. Windom felt a desire to identify himself with the stirring life of the great region then just opening to settlement beyond the upper Mississippi, in whose future he saw possibilities which subsequently were more than realized. Closing his office in Mount Vernon, and bidding adieu to old friends, he came to Minnesota, then a Territory embracing thrice its present area, and, after a survey of the field, settled in the practice of law at Winona. Here he maintained a legal residence until the time of his death. Mr. Windom was married on the 20th of August, 1856, to Ellen Towne, third daughter of the Rev. R. C. Hatch. The union thus formed was one of unbroken happiness. Destiny had evidently marked Mr. Windom for a life of public service. In the autumn of

1858, at the age of thirty-one, he was elected as a Republican to the Thirty-sixth Congress, and was successively re-elected to serve in the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses, a period of ten years, terminating in 1869. In that year he was appointed to the United States Senate to fill the unexpired term of Hon. D. S. Norton, deceased. In 1871 he was elected to the United States Senate by the Legislature of Minnesota for the usual six years' term, and was re-elected in 1877. In the National Republican Convention of 1880, Mr. Windom's name was presented and during twenty-eight ballots was adhered to by the delegates from Minnesota, as their candidate for the Presidency. In March, 1881, he was appointed Secretary of the Treasury in the Cabinet of President Garfield. Retiring from the Treasury upon the death of the President and the accession of Mr. Arthur in the autumn of 1881, Mr. Windom was again re-elected to the United States Senate and served out the term expiring March 3, 1883, making an aggregate of twelve years in that body. In January, 1883, Mr. Windom's name was again presented to the Legislature, but to the surprise of the country, his reelection was defeated. The limitation and character of this sketch do not permit a discussion of the causes which led to this defeat. It is enough to say that they were not in derogation of the honorable record he had made in his long and faithful public service, and that Mr. Windom suffered no loss of prestige in his party on this account, as was fully shown by subsequent events. A happy result of this release from exacting duties was an ideal year of foreign travel with his family. This was almost the first respite from work in Mr. Windom's hitherto busy life. After his return from Europe, he devoted himself to his private business, which heretofore had claimed too little of his attention. From this he was called by President Harrison to serve again as Secretary of the Treasury, the duties of which position he reassumed March 4, 1889. Entering the House of Representatives in the ardor of his youth, and when the rising tide of anti-slavery reform was reaching its culmination, Mr.

Windom threw himself with enthusiasm into the conflict of ideas which was soon to result in a widespread conflict of arms. Two years later, and at the beginning of his second term in Congress, the war for the Union opened, and from that time until its victorious close, Mr. Windom, though among the youngest of the men then in the arena of National politics, helped to render the war period memorable in civic, as it was in martial affairs. During his long service in the Senate, Mr. Windom was actively identified with many leading measures of legislation. From 1876 until he resigned his seat to take the portfolio of the Treasury, in 1881, he occupied the arduous and responsible post of chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, a position that, amid the legislative complications then existing, involved herculean labors, all of which were patiently and successfully performed. When he re-entered the Senate after the death of President Garfield, he became chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations. Shortly after 1870 began the agitation in respect to inland transportation. So widespread, especially among farmers, was the demand for improved facilities for reaching the markets of the world, that Congress was constrained to consider the problem in all its bearings. The Senate appointed a special committee on transportation routes to the seaboard, of which Mr. Windom was made chairman. After very diligent study of the subject, during which, accompanied by several members of the committee, he visited the chief commercial centers of the Union, Mr. Windom wrote in 1874 a report of the committee's investigations and conclusions, which was published in two volumes by order of Congress. This report was a pioneer publication in the field which it covered, and has proved to be an invaluable magazine of carefully digested facts, and just deductions, which have contributed not a little to shape the legislation of Congress and various State legislatures affecting the carrying trade of the country. In the United States Senate, twelve years after the report in question was laid before Congress and the country, Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts,

in debating a resolution providing for a continuance of similar investigations, said:

"I think Senators who have attended to the subject will agree generally that the most valuable State paper of modern times by this country is the report made by the late Senator and Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Windom, from the committee on transportation routes to the seaboard on the general question of the relation of the railroads to the commerce of the country, and the means of controlling the railroads in the interests of commerce. That most instructive, valuable and profound report brings the subject down to the year 1873."—Congressional Record, March 18, 1885.

One of the direct results of this investigation and report was the deepening of the mouth of the Mississippi river, a work of incomparable importance to the South and West. When Mr. Windom took up this work, the relation between land and water routes was wholly misunderstood, and the need of the latter generally denied. His labors transformed the opinion of that small class which studies these questions, and gradually leavened public opinion. He gathered facts and laid down principles, which have profoundly affected the construction of public works and legislation on continental traffic, and thus accomplished a most beneficent work in reforming and developing the interior commerce of the country. It is interesting to trace the connection between Mr. Windom's zeal in this undertaking and the lessons learned in boyhood on his father's farm, where such commodities as milk, cream, eggs and potatoes, were freely given away, because, owing to the distance from market, they possessed no commercial value. Mr. Windom brought to every task his full energy, and all the knowledge it was possible to obtain. Whatever problem presented itself, he grappled with it earnestly, and was not content until he had mastered it. Thus he wrung success from situations which to many another would have yielded only failure. "In his brief term of service under President Garfield, Mr. Windom accomplished one of the most valuable and brilliant achievements in our financial history, by his conversion of the public debt at the unprecedented rate of interest of three

and a half per cent." The situation which confronted Mr. Windom when he took the portfolio of the Treasury, in March, 1881, is thus explained by Gen. A. B. Nettleton:

"The Congress which adjourned March 3, 1881, had failed to provide for the great volume of maturing bonds, which consisted of \$136,378,600 six per cents and \$439,811,250 five per cents, a total of \$636,189,850, redeemable on or before July 1, 1881. For three several reasons it was very important that the failure of Congress to make provision for this great volume of maturing bonds should not result in their remaining outstanding at the old rate of interest: First, it would have been a cumbersome, difficult, and expensive task to continue paying interest on scores of millions of coupon bonds from which all coupons had been removed. Second, it would have been a distinct and serious injury to the public credit, if the Government had permitted more than six hundred millions of dollars of its debt to pass the maturity date without protection, and then continue to draw rates of interest which had by that time become exorbitant for a nation in the known financial condition of the United States. Third, the actual money loss involved in continuing to pay five and six per cent per annum on such an amount of debt, as compared with the three and a half per cent per annum at which Secretary Windom believed it should be floated, would be at the rate of more than eleven million dollars per annum. With this threefold stimulus, the Secretary devoted himself to the task of devising some method which, without involving a violation of law, should virtually take the place of that legislation which Congress had failed to enact. After careful study of the situation, he matured and put in execution a plan whereby the bulk of the maturing bonds were continued at the pleasure of the government to bear interest at the rate of three and a half per cent per annum, and the residue redeemed at maturity."

For this achievement in governmental finance there was no precedent, and the announcement of the Secretary's purpose was met with almost universal incredulity. The total cost of the process of thus converting government loans aggregating more than \$600,000,000 bearing five and six per cent interest, into a uniform three and a half per cent loan running at the pleasure of the government, was less than \$2,000, and no money whatever was taken

even temporarily from the channels of business in America or Europe. The general estimate placed upon the accomplishment of this undertaking, after it had become history, was all that Mr. Windom's most ardent admirer could desire. "Quietly and successfully the change was made. There was no flourish of trumpets, but no finer achievement is recorded in the history of American financiering."—Hon. Thomas F. Bayard. The press of the country was absolutely without stint in its praise. The New York Tribune summed up by saying, "This operation will rank as the greatest and most creditable financial triumph in history." Thus was Mr. Windom's reputation as a financier enhanced at home and established abroad. His ability to administer the Treasury Department wisely with reference to the needs of a great commercial Nation having been tested to the utmost, his selection by President Harrison to again become the head of that most important department, was welcomed by the business community as a guaranty that the interests of the Nation would be wisely and courageously guarded. That it was not disappointed in this expectation is shown by his timely, sagacious and courageous use of the treasury resources during the closing months of 1890. "The Secretary's grasp of the situation seemed perfect, and his prompt, decisive, though conservative measures, in the face of impending paralysis of all business and every industry, restored public confidence and averted National, if not international disaster." The official duties of the Secretary, always very exacting, were greatly augmented during the winter of 1890-1891, when questions of momentous importance engrossed the public mind and the attention of Congress was largely devoted to a discussion and formulation of financial measures. "But so loyal to duty was he, that, regardless of known peril to life, he worked on, meanwhile refusing most flattering and tempting offers to return to private life and business." The necessity for husbanding his strength, generally forbade his attendance upon public entertainments. When, however, he received an invitation from the Board of Trade and Transportation of New

York to attend their annual banquet, making its convenience secondary to his, and courteously allowing him to name the date, he at once accepted, naming January 29. In reply to some expressions of solicitude lest this additional tax upon his time and strength might prove too exhausting, Mr. Windom said that the occasion would place him among friends with whom in former years he had labored in a common cause, and furnish an opportunity which he was unwilling to forego to urge measures which he considered to be of great importance to the country. Thus it will be seen that in responding to this call, Mr. Windom accepted, not simply an invitation to a banquet, but a summons to the discharge of a duty as distinctly patriotic as any ever laid upon a public-spirited citizen of the Republic. The world knows the sequel! He fell at the post of duty as truly as does a soldier on the field of battle. The scene was a brilliant one. Art and wealth had combined to make the surroundings beautiful. The assembly consisted of representative men from all parts of the country and leading business men of New York, and the interest of all was whetted by anticipations of the evening. After an hour of social intercourse, the banquet was served, and then the toastmaster of the evening—Judge Arnoux—introduced as "chiefest among this brilliant galaxy of guests, the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury." Mr. Windom had chosen for his subject "Our Country's Prosperity Dependent Upon Its Instruments of Commerce." Of the address itself little need be said. So competent a judge as Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts—after alluding to Mr. Windom's report on transcontinental transportation, which he characterized as "one of the very foremost of our state papers," said: "If it were desired to preserve for future use and study the best specimens of the political discussion of our day, this report—and the powerful speech Mr. Windom made just before his death—would have no superiors and few equals for that purpose." Mr. Windom spoke forty-three minutes and closed amid bewildering applause. He rose and courteously bowed his acknowledgments—and then, in a moment

of time and while the applause was still ringing in his ears, without a struggle or consciousness of failing strength or any pain of parting from those he held most dear, "he passed beyond earth's vexed problems, into the peace and joy of immortality." The sorrow that was everywhere manifest so soon as the story of the Secretary's death became known, and the universally favorable comment upon the character and career of Mr. Windom by the people and the press of the whole country, without regard to political preferences, serves forcibly to illustrate the fact that there was in his life and work, that which was above and beyond the zone of partisan interests, and which commanded the esteem and admiration of the wisest and best of his countrymen of every party name. To all who knew Mr. Windom familiarly, or who had come within the atmosphere of his rare personality, any estimate of his character and career would seem purposely deficient which should omit reference to his strongly religious nature. In early manhood he publicly professed his faith in Christ, and throughout a lifetime of strenuous activity and conflict, covering a period of political agitation and tempest scarcely equaled in the history of men, he not only "bore the white flower of a blameless life," but maintained that inward spiritual calm which comes alone to him whose soul is anchored in an intelligent Christian faith. His pure and reverent life, in the midst of masculine activities and political struggle, is an object-lesson to the young which cannot be too widely studied. He always dared to do the thing he saw to be right; he always believed that in the end the right thing would secure the indorsement of the country that he loved. With a sweetness of spirit which never wearied, there was allied in him a quiet firmness which none could misunderstand, and which revealed the rounded strength of a great character. Singularly devoted to his friends and ever thoughtful of their interests, he neither wasted his time nor embittered his genial nature by resentful thoughts of his enemies. Mr. Windom is survived by his wife and three children—one son, William Douglas, and two daughters, Ellen Hatch and Florence

Bronson—the former being the wife of Bentley Wirt Warren of Boston. The felicities of domestic life were his in an unusual degree. All who came within the sphere of his influence felt the charm of his personality, but nowhere did the combined sweetness and strength of Mr. Windom's nature make itself felt as in his own home. No shadow ever fell across its threshold, until that fatal night when its light was so suddenly extinguished.

LUCIUS F. HUBBARD.

Gen. Lucius Frederick Hubbard, of Red Wing, Minnesota, represents two prominent Eastern families—the Hubbards of New England and Van Valkenbergs of New York. He is of English and Dutch extraction, his earliest American ancestors on the paternal side having been George and Mary (Bishop) Hubbard, who came over from England in the Seventeenth Century, while his remote maternal ancestors—the Van Valkenbergs and Van Cotts of Holland—joined a colony in the valley of the Hudson in the days of its early history and have ever since been one of the foremost families of that locality. Lucius F. Hubbard is the eldest son of Charles F. and Margaret (Van Valkenberg) Hubbard, and was born in Troy, New York, January 26, 1836. His father having died when he was but three years of age, he was placed under the care of a relative at Chester, Vermont, where his childhood was passed, and in whose schools he obtained an elementary education. At the age of twelve years he was sent to the academy at Granville, New York, where he took a three years' course of instruction. At fifteen he returned to Vermont and became an apprentice in the tinner's trade at Poultney. His apprenticeship was completed in 1854, at Salem, New York, to which place he had removed in 1853. At eighteen he went to Chicago, where for three years he was employed at his trade, then, in the summer of 1857, he came to Red Wing, Minnesota, where he has since made his home. He had not looked upon his education as completed when he left the academy at Granville;



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indeed, he had regarded his school training as but a theoretic basis upon which he proceeded to construct a broad practical education by means of systematic reading and research in leisure hours. Accordingly, when he came to Minnesota, although but twenty-one years of age, he had arrived at the point where he could lay aside the tools of the artisan and work with the more subtle implements of the intellect. His first business venture was the publication of a newspaper—the Red Wing Republican—which he established and, although without previous journalistic experience, conducted successfully from the start. The Republican was the second paper in Goodhue county, and through that organ Mr. Hubbard became known and so popular that in 1858 he was chosen register of deeds for the county. In the State campaign of 1861 the Republicans nominated him as candidate for the Senate, but failed to secure his election. By this time, however, the Civil War was in progress, and Mr. Hubbard was prompt to respond to his country's call for defenders. He sold his newspaper in December and immediately enlisted as a private in Company A, of the Fifth Minnesota Infantry. On February 5, 1862, he was commissioned captain of Company A, and on the 20th of March following, when the regiment was organized, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. In May the regiment was divided, three of its companies being ordered to the frontier of Minnesota, while the remaining seven were sent South to join the Second Division, Army of the Mississippi. The first battle in which Colonel Hubbard was engaged was that of Farmington, Mississippi, on the 28th of May. Afterwards, in the first battle of Corinth, he was wounded quite severely, not, however, so as to disable him for further service. In August, 1862, he was advanced to the full rank of colonel. In command of his regiment he was engaged in a number of important battles and participated in the siege of Vicksburg. After the fall of that stronghold Colonel Hubbard was given command of the Second Brigade, First Division, Sixteenth Army Corps, which he led through numerous conflicts. At

the fierce battle of Nashville, December 15 and 16, 1864, the brigade suffered heavy losses. Colonel Hubbard had two or three horses shot under him and was himself wounded; but so brave and efficient was his conduct throughout the struggle that he was brevetted brigadier general "for conspicuous gallantry." During the battle the Second Brigade augmented the honor which it had already won under its able commander, by capturing several pieces of artillery and stands of colors, and taking prisoners far exceeding in number the brigade itself. General Hubbard's subsequent operations were for the most part in the vicinity of New Orleans and Mobile. The total number of battles and minor engagements in which he participated during the war exceeded thirty, and his military record is one to which the State of Minnesota may well point with pride. Late in 1865 he was mustered out of service and returned to his home in Red Wing. His health had been badly shattered by the strain and privations of army life and he was compelled to afford himself a season of rest. In 1866, however, he became engaged in the grain and milling business, and gradually increased the scale of his operations until it dominated that interest on several lines of railroad. Mr. Hubbard's political tenets have been always Republican. He represents Minnesota in the National Committee of that party, and in official life has rendered valuable service to his constituency and his State. In 1868 the Second District of Minnesota nominated him for Congress, but he declined to run because of a question which arose concerning the genuineness of the nomination. In 1872 he was elected to the State Senate, and re-elected two years later; but in 1876 he declined a second reelection. During the last-named year he became interested in railroad construction. His first enterprise in that line was the completion of the Midland Railway from Wabasha to Zumbrota. This railroad, which was sold to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, led to the building and operating of a rival line by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. Mr. Hubbard subsequently successfully projected two other lines, viz.: the Minnesota Central

Railway, connecting Red Wing and Mankato, and the Duluth, Red Wing & Southern Railroad, of which latter road he is at present manager. In 1881 Mr. Hubbard was elected Governor of Minnesota by a majority of 27,857 votes, which was at that time the largest ever received by any candidate for the office. He was re-elected in 1883, and throughout his incumbency of five years he administered the State affairs with marked efficiency, especially in the management of its finances. The rate of taxation was materially reduced, also the public debt, while the trust funds were increased by nearly three millions. Many important measures were carried into effect at Governor Hubbard's recommendation, among which were the following: The establishment of the State Board of Charities and Corrections; the State Public School at Owatonna; State inspection of dairy products, and the present sanitary organization for protecting public health; the creation of the existing railway and warehouse commission; the present system of grain inspection; the organization of a State National Guard; the change from annual to biennial elections. Governor Hubbard has also served on numerous weighty State commissions. In 1866 he was a member of the commission appointed by the Governor to ascertain the status of the State railroad bonds and the terms on which they would be surrendered by holders; in 1874, a member of the commission appointed by the Legislature to investigate the accounts of State auditor and treasurer; in 1879, on the commission, similarly appointed, for the arbitration of differences between the State and State prison contractors, and in 1889, on that appointed to compile and publish a history of the military organizations of Minnesota in the Civil and Indian wars of 1861-65. In the Spanish American war Governor Hubbard received the appointment of brigadier general, United States Volunteers, and served in command of the Third Division, Seventh Army Corps. Governor Hubbard is a member of several military and social organizations, as follows: Acker Post, G. A. R., of St. Paul, Commandery of the Loyal Legion, Minnesota

Society of Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the Army of the Tennessee, Society of Foreign Wars, Society of American Wars, and Red Wing Commandery of Royal Arch Masons. Governor Hubbard is a man of family, having, in May, 1868, been united in marriage, at Red Wing, to Miss Amelia Thomas, daughter of Charles Thomas and a lineal descendant of Sir John Moore. Governor and Mrs. Hubbard are the parents of two sons—Charles F. and Lucius V.—and a daughter—Julia M. Many are the testimonials to the courage and high moral worth of Governor Hubbard which might be quoted from army comrades and official and business associates to swell the volume of this sketch, were not those traits of his character already sufficiently obvious in the simple record of his deeds. His has been a life of varied experience; a life full of activity and marked by many triumphs and some defeats, through all of which he has borne himself with modest dignity and an integrity without blemish.

CHRISTOPHER C. ANDREWS.

Gen. Christopher C. Andrews, soldier and publicist, was born at the Upper Village of Hillsborough, New Hampshire, October 27, 1829. His ancestors were among the early settlers of Massachusetts. His paternal great-grandfather, Ammi Andrews, was a lieutenant in the American army in the battle of Bunker Hill. His maternal grandfather, Elijah Beard, was a member of the New Hampshire Legislature at the time of his death. Gen. Andrews' parents were Luther and Nabby (Beard) Andrews. He was the youngest of four children and was reared to the age of fourteen on his father's thirty-acre farm. In May, 1843, he went to Boston and worked in his brother's provision store, receiving eight dollars a month and his board, for his services. He was present at the dedication of the Bunker Hill monument, in June, 1843, when Daniel Webster delivered one of his famous orations, and in the Presidential campaign of 1844 he listened to





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the address of John Quincy Adams before the Clay Club in Boston. After attending two terms at the Francestown (New Hampshire) Academy in 1844 he returned to work in the same store in Boston, and after another term at the Francestown Academy in the fall of 1846 he, the following winter, taught one term of a district school for eleven dollars a month and board. He was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1850 and began practice at Newton, Lower Falls. He was elected and served on the superintending school committee of Newton. In 1853 he opened an office in Boston. The great orators of that period, Webster, Choate, Everett, Phillips, Sumner, he often heard in and out of Faneuil Hall. In June, 1854, he went to the then Territory of Kansas, which became the scene of great excitement and turbulence over the question of slavery. He wrote letters to the Boston Post and other Eastern papers commending the resources of Kansas which were widely copied. Although he had been opposed to the Kansas-Nebraska act, yet it having become a law, he upheld its execution under the express provision that the introduction or exclusion of slavery was for the bona-fide citizens of the Territory to determine. In July following his arrival, in a public speech at Salt Creek, near Fort Leavenworth, he declared his preference that Kansas should become a free State. In this speech Mr. Andrews said: "I have always been an outspoken upholder of the compromises of the Constitution; but I am not a Northern man with Southern principles. I am opposed to the extension of slavery and shall vote to make Kansas a free State." Lieut. R. C. Drum (afterwards Adjutant General of the Army), who was present, said to him after his speech: "You have to-day done the best thing you ever did." His was the first Free State speech ever made in Kansas. Governor Reeder tendered him the position of private secretary, which he declined, and in November he went to Washington, intending to stay only during the short session of Congress; but a severe illness of typhoid fever, contracted in Kansas, reduced his finances and changed his plans. After he got up from his sickness, through the

influence of President Pierce, his former townsmen, he was appointed to a \$1,400 clerkship in the Third Auditor's office and transferred to the office of Solicitor of the Treasury to succeed Mr. Hamer of Ohio, who resigned voluntarily. He entered upon his duties March, 1855, and served till May, 1857, when he voluntarily resigned and settled at St. Cloud, Minnesota, in the practice of law. In 1859 he was elected as a Democrat to the State Senate for a term of two years. In 1860 he was a candidate for Presidential Elector on the Douglas Democratic ticket, and held about thirty joint discussions in various parts of the State with Mr. Stephen Miller, afterwards Governor. In the spring of 1861, at a war meeting at St. Cloud, he made an address and inscribed his name as a volunteer. He was nominated by a "Union" convention for Lieutenant Governor, but the ticket was soon withdrawn and the Union party was absorbed by the Republican. For a time he edited the "Minnesota Union," which heartily supported Lincoln's administration in the prosecution of the war. General Andrews will always, perhaps, be most prominently known for his military record during the War of the Rebellion. There is not space here for this record in full, nor even for a proper epitome. His six months' residence at Fort Leavenworth gave him many ideas of military discipline; and the better to fit himself for the military service he spent a week at Fort Ripley, Minnesota, in the spring of 1861, practicing the manual of arms and witnessing drills under Capt. X. H. Davis of the regular army. He was mustered as a private October 11, 1861, in Company I, Third Regiment Minnesota Infantry, which he helped to recruit; appointed captain of the same company the following November; promoted to lieutenant colonel of the Third Regiment in December, 1862; colonel in August, 1863; brigadier general January 4, 1864; also commissioned, by President Lincoln, major general by brevet March 9, 1865. He was with his regiment in nearly all of its movements and operations while he was connected with it, and the records of the War Department show that during the whole term of his service, except while

he was a prisoner of war, he was not off duty on any account more than ten days in all. At Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 13, 1862, he very earnestly opposed the surrender of the Third Minnesota to the Confederate General, Forrest. The next three months he spent in the Confederate prison at Madison, Georgia; was paroled at Libby prison, Richmond; and exchanged in November. On the reorganization of his regiment, in December, 1862, he was appointed its lieutenant colonel. While with the regiment before Vicksburg he was made colonel. In August and September, 1863, he commanded the regiment on General Steele's campaign in Arkansas which resulted in the capture of Little Rock; and was appointed by General Steele commander of the post of Little Rock, and served till the latter part of April. He received a vote of thanks from the Arkansas Free State Constitutional Convention. On the 1st of April, 1864, before his commission as brigadier had reached him, he commanded the Union force of about 200 men, mostly of the Third Minnesota, in an action against 600 Confederates under Gen. D. McRea, near Augusta, Arkansas, which engagement is known as the battle of Fitzhugh's Woods. His command was well nigh surrounded by the enemy, but was well handled, behaved superbly and fought its way through. The result of the action was determined by a charge led by Colonel Andrews. The Confederates were forced to retire, and their loss was three times as great as that of the Union force. In this engagement Colonel Andrews had his horse killed under him. A few weeks later he led another expedition into the country about Augusta and captured several prisoners. He served seventeen months in Arkansas. After receiving his commission as brigadier he started with a column for Camden, May 19, 1864, assigned to the command of the Second Brigade, Second Division, Seventh Army Corps, with headquarters at Little Rock. A month later he succeeded to the command of the division. He was in command of the post and district at Devall's Bluff—General Steele's base of supplies—from July until in January, 1865, during which time his troops made many

successful scouts; also defeated Gen. Joe Shelby in the battle of the Prairies, January 3, 1865. At Morganzia, Louisiana, he took command of nine regiments undergoing reorganization. In March following he assumed command of the Second Division of the Thirteenth Army Corps, which he commanded in the Mobile campaign. His division of over 5,000 veterans of the Western States, on April 9th, participated in the assault on Fort Blakeley, near Mobile, storming the enemy's works, capturing 1,100 prisoners, twelve pieces of artillery, etc., and losing thirty killed and 200 wounded. He was in command at Selma, Alabama, from April 27 to May 12, and of the district of Mobile from the latter date until July 4, when he was sent to Texas. The policy, whether wise or not, having been adopted of assigning to district commands in the South only officers of the regular army, he was, August 14, following, relieved from duty as commander of the military district of Houston, Texas, by Major General Mower, and a few days later, under a general order of the War Department, proceeded to his home at St. Cloud. He was mustered out of the service, to take effect January 15, 1866. Although not an original Abolitionist, General Andrews was never a pro-slavery man. When the War of the Rebellion came he was in favor of the abolition of slavery and favored every measure of the administration of President Lincoln toward that end. In a speech at Little Rock in November, 1863, he said he was heartily glad to see slavery expiring, adding: "It must and will go under." He advocated enlisting the negroes as soldiers, although many other Union officers were opposed to this feature of the administration's war policy. As a War Democrat he voted for Lincoln in 1864. On account of the position taken by the Democratic party on re-construction and its treatment of the freedmen after the war he supported the Republican policy and advocated negro suffrage as a means of protection to the freedmen. He opposed the inflation of the currency and upheld the National credit in speeches in successive campaigns. In 1868 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, when Grant and



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Colfax were nominated. Later in the same year he received the regular Republican nomination for Congress in his district. Hon. Ignatius Donnelly—classified in Horace Greeley's *Tribune Almanac* as the "irregular" Republican candidate—was in the field, and, the vote being divided, Hon. Eugene M. Wilson of Minneapolis, the Democratic candidate, was elected. As the representative of the regular organization and of proper methods in politics, General Andrews should have received the full support of his party. However, although the campaign was short, he received 8,598 votes and a majority of the Republican votes in seventeen out of twenty-four Republican counties in the district. In May, 1869, he was appointed, by President Grant, Minister to Copenhagen; but in July was transferred to Stockholm, where he served eight years and a half. Returning to Minnesota, he took up his residence in St. Paul, May, 1878. As the official representative of our country at the court of Sweden and Norway, his service was most valuable. On the part of the United States he concluded a treaty for the reduction of postage between the countries, and his numerous and elaborate reports on a variety of important subjects are yet consulted and regarded as authorities. His reports on the production of iron, on education, forestry, agriculture, finance, labor and wages, civil service, etc., were published by the Department of State. General Andrews has been a writer for the public press since early manhood. For several years he made the resources of Minnesota known to the Eastern public as correspondent of the *Boston Post* and of the *New York Evening Post*. In 1880 he engaged in journalism as principal owner and editor of the *St. Paul Dispatch*. He presided over that paper for one year and during this time Garfield was elected President, the settlement of the Minnesota Railroad bonds question was effected, and the St. Paul high school was built. All of these he strongly advocated. He sacrificed \$10,000 in his newspaper venture, but gave the *Dispatch* a reputation fully equal to that amount. In 1882 General Andrews was appointed, by President Arthur, Consul General for the United States at Rio de

Janeiro, Brazil, and served until in 1885, when he was recalled by President Cleveland. In 1895, under the Forest Preservation Act, he was appointed Chief Fire Warden of Minnesota, which office he still holds. In 1899 he was made Secretary of the Minnesota State Forestry Board, in which position he serves without salary. He was influential in the establishment and location of the State Soldiers' Home. General Andrews has done a great deal of valuable literary work. Among other notable contributions of his to American literature, it may be stated that he was the author of the article on Cuba in the *Atlantic Monthly* for July, 1879; of the volume entitled: "Brazil; Its Condition and Prospects" (D. Appleton & Co., 1889); of a pamphlet entitled: "Administrative Reform" (two editions, in 1877-88); of *Minnesota and Dakota, Digest of Opinions of Attorneys General, Treatise on the Revenue Laws, Campaign of Mobile, etc.*, of a series of papers on agriculture in Minnesota, published in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* in 1894; of a special report on wheat culture in the Northwest, published in 1882 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, etc. He was the projector and editor of the invaluable military records, the two volumes entitled: "Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars." His four annual reports as Chief Fire Warden, which treat mainly of Minnesota's forestry interests, have been favorably received. He is an earnest Republican in full accord with the declared principles of his party. He favors the gold standard, and his influence has always been exerted for sound money. General Andrews was married, December, 1868, to Miss Mary Frances Baxter, of Central City, Colorado (deceased 1893). In all his twelve years of official service abroad, this most estimable lady was his companion and helpmate. His daughter resides with him in St. Paul.

FRANK H. PEAVEY.

Among the names which stand most significantly for the industrial and social progress, not only of the State which enrolls them

as citizens, but of the whole great Northwest, is that of Frank Hutchison Peavey. He is a native of Maine, born in the city of Eastport, on the 18th of January, 1850. His paternal grandfather was Gen. Charles Peavey (a native of New Hampshire), who was prominent in the military affairs of the State of Maine and one of the leading merchants and lumber manufacturers of the State, located at Eastport. He was highly esteemed for his ability and force of character. During the war of 1812, Eastport was captured by the British forces, and General Peavey removed his family to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where some of his children were born. Albert D. Peavey, the father of Frank H., was born and reared in Eastport, Maine, and when arriving at the age of maturity, became associated with his father in the very prominent mercantile and lumber firm of Peavey & Son. He died in 1859, when our subject was but nine years of age, leaving also a widow and two younger children. The maiden name of Mrs. Peavey, the mother of Frank H., was Mary Drew, a daughter of Daniel Drew, a successful merchant of Eastport and a man of vigorous mind and body. Mrs. Peavey is still living, in the beautiful home built for her by her devoted son, at Sioux City, Iowa, where she is highly esteemed for her bright mind, force of character and many womanly graces. The five or six years following his father's death were uneventful ones to Frank H. He attended the common schools of Eastport, studied well and played heartily, being blessed with excellent health and spirits. Nothing in the external circumstances of his life distinguished him essentially from the boys with whom he mingled or pointed to a remarkable career for him; but there was an internal circumstance of inherited ambition and perseverance, working like leaven in the uniformed character. His father's death had curtailed the opportunities which would otherwise have been open to him in his native city, at the same time creating in him an early sense of responsibility as the male head of the family, and the expanding energy within him yearned for the roomy region of the West. In April,

1865, at the age of fifteen, he set out for the Eldorado of his dreams, arriving in due time in Chicago, where he soon secured employment as messenger boy in the Traders National Bank. He subsequently obtained the position of bookkeeper in the Northwestern National Bank, which he retained until compelled by illness to return to his native city for recuperation. Within a year he decided upon a move which later events proved to have been a most wise and fortunate one. Returning to Chicago he secured a position as head bookkeeper in the large general store of H. D. Booge & Company, at Sioux City, Iowa; and before attaining his majority he became a partner in the agricultural implement house of Booge, Smith & Peavey, which was succeeded by the firm of Evans & Peavey, and in due time developed into the wholesale hardware house of Peavey Brothers. To their implement business Evans & Peavey added the buying of grain, and erected a small elevator at Sioux City. Shortly afterwards Mr. Peavey bought out his partner's interest, and through negotiations with prominent millers of Minneapolis, obtained authority to act as agent for the purchase of wheat. Thus was formed the nucleus from which, by a process of gradual yet rapid expansion, his business has developed to its present colossal proportions. The modest little elevator at Sioux City became the progenitor of numerous and more imposing ones, which mark the course of the Northwestern Railway system through Northern Iowa, Southern Minnesota and South Dakota; the largest, at Duluth, holding 5,000,000 bushels, and the combined capacity of all being 35,000,000 bushels. The extension of the business in time necessitated the removal of his headquarters to Minneapolis, which was effected in 1884. During the fifteen years since he established his offices in that city the business of F. H. Peavey & Company has made strides commensurate with the proportions of the giant it had already become, until now it undoubtedly leads all concerns of its kind in the world. In contemplating such phenomenal development of an industry under the guidance of an individual, one is struck with amaze-

ment that any man can do so much; and, indeed, no man can, except as he co-operates with evolutionary forces. The underlying secret of the vast successes of the world's industrial leaders is that deep-seeing and far-seeing faculty by which they discern the progressive trend and play into Nature's hands. Having thus watched and studied his business throughout its growth, Mr. Peavey knows it familiarly in all its ramifications, and is able to keep his affairs well in hand without giving up his whole time to them. He has a multitude of interests, not a few of which are of a philanthropic character. The Samaritan Hospital at Sioux City—an institution well worthy of its name—owes its freedom from debt and increased usefulness to his bounty and influence. Educational matters lie always near his heart, and he has been for several years a member of the Board of Education of Minneapolis. He loves his adoptive city, having imbibed to the full the contagion of pride and enthusiasm which characterizes her citizens, and he is a zealous and powerful promoter of her public enterprises. And beyond his city and his State, his interest is extended and his influence felt, even to the furthest limits of the Northwest. While residing in Sioux City, Mr. Peavey organized and served as president of the Security National Bank, which is now the leading national bank of that city. He is one of the directors of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway, as also of the Minneapolis & St. Louis line. Two classes of people who find in Mr. Peavey a faithful champion are the poor and the young. He is a man of broad charities—not the less so because he follows the more rational modern method of helping people to help themselves. He is the author of an unique scheme for stimulating the newsboys of Minneapolis to economy, by inducing them to deposit regularly a portion of their slender earnings in the bank, with an arrangement for having the sum doubled from his own account every three months. This plan has started many a boy, who without such a stimulus might have developed habits of indolence or extravagance, on the road to a successful business career; for to the im-

pressionable mind of a boy, quite as much as to his seniors, the possession of property gives a sense of dignity and responsible citizenship. So great is the concern which Mr. Peavey has manifested for the waif population of Minneapolis, that it has sometimes been called his hobby. Apart from his acts of more direct benevolence, Mr. Peavey is in himself a constant incentive to thrift and prudence, setting a wholesome example of industry and abstinence from risky speculation. To the army of men in his employ he pays good salaries, justly and beneficently requiring in return a full equivalent of good service. Loyal as is Mr. Peavey to Minneapolis, and the whole region over which his commercial interests extend, he still cherishes a deep tenderness for his native New England. As his Western interests and affections center in Minneapolis, so his Eastern ones center in the city of his birth; and Eastport, Maine, is indebted to him for its public library, he having several years ago donated funds for its erection. It is called the "Albert Peavey Memorial Building," in honor of his father, and is at once a rich public boon and a splendid filial monument. As he is a lover of nature, so Mr. Peavey is a lover of art—nature's reflection—in which he is a connoisseur; and he has a large private collection of choice and rare pieces—an ideal retreat from the prose of business life. A description of Mr. Peavey's person would coincide with his character—broad, massive, vital, of an easy and agreeable magnetic presence. He looks, as he is, well able to bear his full share of the world's burdens; but he shrinks from notoriety with positive aversion, and but reluctantly consents to this portraiture in recognition of the urgent modern demand for such an introduction to the men who stand back of our progressive institutions. One of the leading bankers of Chicago, who has known Mr. Peavey intimately during the greater part of his business career, says of him:

"He is a man of remarkable executive ability, especially along the lines of organization. He has a peculiar faculty for selecting bright and able men for the component parts of this

great organization. Those who catch the inspiration and 'pull with him' are sure of their reward. But there is no place for drones in the Peavey hive. During his entire business career, Mr. Peavey has made it a point to be prompt, even punctilious, in meeting every financial obligation. More than this—he has many times assisted those in financial straits in times of business depression, by paying his obligations before they became due; he, by his business sagacity and thrift, having the ready money to do so. As a result of his business methods, Mr. Peavey has established his reputation with bankers, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, as a man of the highest commercial honor."

In 1872 Mr. Peavey was married to Miss Mary D. Wright, eldest daughter of Hon. George G. Wright, one of the most prominent residents of Des Moines, Iowa. Judge Wright has been a member, both of the State Legislature and the United States Senate; was for fifteen years on the Supreme Court Bench, and for a number of years Chief Justice; founded the State University Law School, and is one of the founders of the Republican party in Iowa. Mr. Peavey is the devoted father of three children: Lucia Louisa—Mrs. Frank T. Heffelfinger since October, 1895; Mary Drew, wife of Frederick B. Wells since September, 1898, and George Wright Peavey. The sons and sons-in-law are all members of the firm of F. H. Peavey & Company, and they vie with each other in loyalty to the firm and respect for the founder. Two little representatives of a new generation, Frank Peavey and Totten Heffelfinger, have come to add their sanction to their grandsire's gray hairs and a generous contribution to the joy of his domestic hearth.

OLIVER DALRYMPLE.

Mr. Dalrymple was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, in 1830. His father was Clark Dalrymple, a native of Amherst, Massachusetts, and a descendant of the old and distinguished Dalrymples of Scotland. For two hundred years the name of this family was illustrious in the annals of Great Britain, where its members bore the proudest titles,

filled the highest civil and military positions, and were eminent as authors, jurists and statesmen. The maiden name of his mother was Elizabeth Shoff, born at Troy, New York, and she was of the well-known Dutch stock that settled the Hudson and Mohawk valleys. His grandfathers on both sides fought in the Revolutionary War, and other members of his family served in the War of 1812. His education was completed at Alleghany College, Pennsylvania, and at Yale, supplemented by a course in the Yale Law School. For a time he was principal of the Warren Academy, at Warren, Pennsylvania, where he was admitted to the bar in 1855. It was in 1855—now forty-five years ago—when Mr. Dalrymple crossed the Mississippi river to cast his lot with the pioneers of the Great West in their work of the settlement and development of a vast country, the greater portion of which then seemed almost as virgin as the earth when the Creator had made it. Then a few steamboats, chiefly from Southern waters, lined the levee at St. Louis and made a primary commercial center for the West. Railroad men of heroic mould were struggling to connect Chicago, Milwaukee, and the Great Lakes with the Mississippi river—building at the rate of twenty miles a year. Eastern Iowa and Southern Wisconsin had a few scattered settlements. The government had recently negotiated the purchase of Minnesota from the Indians. The map of civilization practically gave out at the Falls of St. Anthony. Where now are North and South Dakota and the States farther to the westward was a veritable "terra incognita," with the Indian, the fur trader, and the bison in undisputed possession. To day, how changed! Forty-five years of history have been recorded. The sturdy pioneer had done his work. Magnificent achievements have come from his industry, prowess, and enterprise. Eight great States, being in area nearly one-fourth of our Republic, have been peopled, opened up to husbandry, checkered with railroads, crowned with growing cities, endowed with institutions of learning, the ordinances of religion, and all that pertains to the greatest advancement of an intelligent, free, and





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prosperous people. In April, 1856, after making a tour of the Northwest and traveling through several States, Mr. Dalrymple settled in Minnesota and opened a law, land, and loan office, and for several years carried on extensive operations in these branches at Chatfield, Faribault, and St. Peter, where United States land offices were then located. January 1, 1860, he removed to St. Paul, where he took up his permanent residence and entered upon the practice of law. Shortly thereafter he formed a law partnership with the late Horace R. Bigelow, and soon became known as a successful lawyer. In 1862 occurred the massacre of nearly 1,000 settlers and the destruction of vast values of property, by the Sioux Indians in Minnesota. Mr. Dalrymple enlisted in the cause of the survivors of the massacre, who had suffered loss of property, and demanded that the general government should indemnify the loss from the annuity funds held in trust for the hostile Indians under former treaties. Aided by others, he finally succeeded in obtaining a grant of more than \$1,000,000 for the surviving settlers—many of them widows and orphans, made so by the massacre—whose property had been destroyed. Mr. Dalrymple's tastes and inclinations led him to rural life and agricultural pursuits. In 1866 he withdrew from the practice of law and for the past thirty-five years he has been engaged in farming. His field of operations for the first ten years was in the peninsula between the St. Croix and the Mississippi, in Washington county, Minnesota, about fifteen miles southeast of St. Paul. Here he had three large farms, which he named the Grant, the Sherman, and the Sheridan farms, in honor of the three great generals of the Civil War. And here he "cropped" 2,500 acres of grain, a feat which thirty-five years ago was regarded as well nigh impossible, for farm machinery was then quite imperfect and every bundle of wheat was bound by hand on the ground. During the past twenty-five years he has operated extensively in the now far-famed valley of the Red River of the North. In the winter of 1875-6, when the country was in a primitive state, and before there was a railroad station

or a dwelling house between Fargo and Bismarck, he purchased—partly from the Northern Pacific Railroad Company and partly from the government—75,000 acres of the choicest and best located wheat lands in the Red river valley. Of part of these lands he was sole owner, and in the remainder he had a half interest, with Gen. G. W. Cass, of New York, president and director of the Northern Pacific; Hon. B. P. Cheney, of Boston, and Grandin Bros., bankers, of Tidioite, Pennsylvania. The Red river valley was originally regarded as practically worthless. Mr. Dalrymple was a farmer and believed in the valley. When he first visited the country, in the winter of 1875-6, to invest in it, the railroad was built to Bismarck, but the cars did not run for want of business. He "pumped" his way into the valley on a hand-car, and cut and boxed samples and specimens of the soil. On returning to St. Paul he exhibited these specimens to his family, remarking that the lands from which they had come were intrinsically worth \$25 per acre to raise wheat on, regardless of the effect of the future settlement of the country. By using railroad stock at par and Indian scrip, these lands cost from forty cents to three dollars per acre. They are at present, as now improved, salable at an average price of \$30 per acre, and have paid twelve per cent, on an average, during good and bad years, while in cultivation. Starting in 1876 Mr. Dalrymple broke up and put under plow 6,000 acres per annum each year for five years, constituting a wheat farm of 30,000 acres, equipped with good farm buildings, teams, machinery, and elevators, of which he is three-quarters owner and general manager, making Mr. Dalrymple the largest wheat grower in the world. He was the originator and the pioneer in "bonanza," or wholesale farming, which has contributed so much to the settlement and development of the new Northwest, and given to its author more than a National notoriety and reputation. Mr. Dalrymple's famous farm is operated in divisions of 2,500 acres each. Over each division is a mounted foreman, with a superintendent over each six divisions. Mr. Dalrymple himself takes the

general management, and gives directions to the superintendents. Each division is equipped with its own separate buildings, teams, and machinery, and is connected with the headquarters by telephone, while the headquarters connects with the Western Union telegraph. The lands of the farm are so level and free from obstructions that in plowing, etc., four or six horse teams sometimes make as high as twelve miles in a single round. A bonanza farm of this size uses in its operation 150 seven-foot self-binding harvesters, 150 gang plows, 70 eleven-foot gang drills and 12 extra large steam thrashing outfits, with self-feeding and self-stacking attachments, straw being used in the engines for fuel. The farm owns all property used thereon, and also owns its own elevators and boards and lodges its own laborers. From 500 to 600 men are employed, and about 600 horses. The farm raises its own horses. Its twelve steam thrashers each turn out from 2,000 to 2,500 bushels of wheat per day, and the farm ships daily, as thrashed, two trainloads of grain to Duluth, where a vessel is loaded every other day for Buffalo or New York. The accounts of this business are kept with the system of a bank, and the farming operations are carried on with the precision and discipline of a military organization. Prior to the building of railroads, Mr. Dalrymple, with another gentleman, built and ran a line of boats for several years on the Red River of the North between Fargo and Winnipeg, for the purpose of carrying out their wheat and opening the country to settlement. In 1871, Mr. Dalrymple married Mary E. Steward, the daughter of Hon. John Steward, of Panama, New York. For many years Mrs. Dalrymple has been prominent in the benevolent and religious societies of St. Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Dalrymple have two sons, William and John, both graduates of the University of Minnesota. William is in the grain business at Duluth and Minneapolis, and also attends to his father's wheat and elevator business. John manages his father's estates in the Red river valley, and spends the winter in St. Paul. Mr. Dalrymple is an able and successful business man. He lives in St. Paul, where he has

an elegant and comfortable home, and spends his summers upon his estates, which have been to him a source of enjoyment, owing to his quiet tastes and habits and his fondness for country life. He has never sought official position, but has regarded the private station as the post of honor. Mr. Dalrymple takes some satisfaction in having for forty-five years been one of the pioneers of the West who have contributed to that development of the country which has prepared it for its splendid present and its magnificent possibilities and growing future.

DELOS A. MONFORT.

The family of Monfort or de Monfort, as the name was originally spelled, originated in the Province of Brittany, France. Having adopted the Huguenot faith at the time of the Protestant Reformation, they were compelled to leave France soon afterward and seek refuge from religious persecution, in Germany. Their property was confiscated and given to a younger branch of the family, who renouncing their faith, remained behind. The refugees, settling in the Province of Baden, near the lake of Constance, founded the town to which they gave their family name, and here Peter Monfort, a descendant of this family, was born in 1724. In 1750 he removed to the United States, and locating in the State of New Jersey, became a member of the Assembly of that State, and also one of the original proprietors of a large tract of land near where the city of Trenton now stands. He was the father of four sons, Abram, Jacobus, John and Peter. Abram Monfort, the eldest son of Peter Monfort, was born in New Jersey in 1752, and removed to New York in 1780, settling near the present site of the city of Rochester, where his only son, also called Abram, was born, in 1783. This son afterward removed to Jefferson, New York, and later to the town of Pentfield, New York. Jared Goodrich Monfort, the eldest son of Abram Monfort and Eleanor Goodrich Monfort, was born at Jefferson, New York, in 1810, and later removed to Hamden



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and then to Unadilla, New York, at which latter place he died in 1864. Delos Abram Monfort, the subject of this sketch, was born at Hamden, New York, April 6, 1835, and was the eldest son of Jared G. Monfort and Loretta Fuller Monfort, daughter of Nathan Fuller and Chloe Williams Fuller, and granddaughter of Nathan Fuller and Phoebe Harris Fuller, the former being a descendant of John Fuller, one of the earliest settlers of Attleboro, Massachusetts. While still quite young Delos A. Monfort removed with his parents to Unadilla, New York, where his father was for many years a leading merchant, and continued to reside up to the time of his death. Here he received his education, and then, as a youth, he went to Cooperstown, New York, where he entered the employ of Joshua A. Story, a prominent dry goods merchant of that place. In 1854, with another young man, he made quite an extensive trip through the Northwest, and was very much impressed with this portion of the country. In 1857, largely through the influence of Judge R. R. Nelson, of this city, who had also been a resident of Cooperstown, he decided to settle in St. Paul. He arrived there in May, 1857, on the old steamer "Menomonie," which was the first steamboat to arrive that year, the railroad from the East at that time running only as far as Freeport, Illinois, at which place he took the stage for Galena, Illinois, and from thence came by steamer to St. Paul. On arriving here he entered the private banking house of Mackubin & Edgerton as a teller, which bank was then situated in the old Winslow House at the Seven Corners. When this bank was merged into the People's State Bank a few years later, Mr. Monfort became cashier, and when the bank was finally reorganized under the national banking system, in 1864, after the passage of the National Bank Act, and became the Second National Bank, he continued in the position of cashier under the new organization. A few years later he became vice-president of the bank, and on the death of the president, Mr. Erastus S. Edgerton, in April, 1893, he became president, which position he held up to the time of his death.

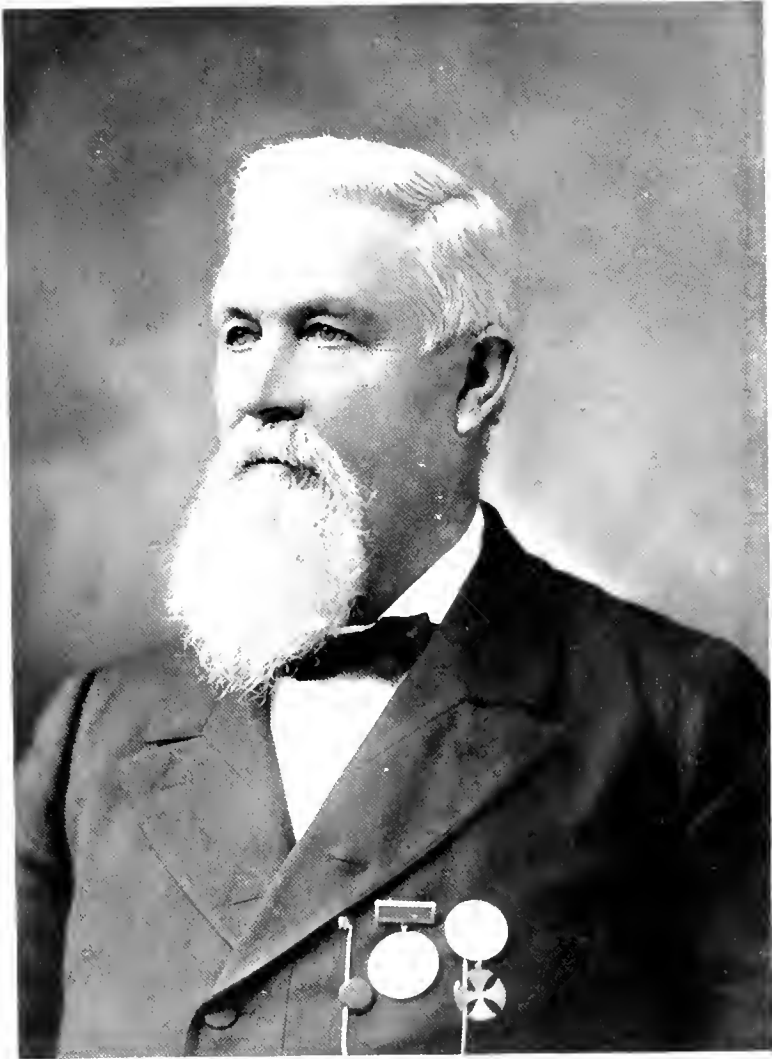
For several years prior to the time of his decease he was the oldest banker in the State in point of years of service. In 1860 Mr. Monfort married Miss Mary J. Edgerton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Edgerton, of Franklin, New York, and sister of Mr. Erastus S. Edgerton, one of the original organizers of the Second National Bank and its predecessors, the People's State Bank, and the private bank of Mackubin & Edgerton, and also president of the Second National Bank, from its organization until his death. Although banking was his life work, Mr. Monfort was at one time or another engaged in several other lines of business, as side issues. Thus he was at various times during his business career actively interested in an insurance company, the grocery business, a foundry, and a silver mine in the Black Hills, North Dakota, but during the last fifteen years of his life he devoted himself exclusively to the management of the Second National Bank. However, his entire time and attention were by no means devoted to business, for his was a well-rounded character. During his earlier years he was fond of athletics of various kinds. He was always fond of horseback riding, an exercise which he continued up to within two years of the time of his death. He was also very fond of fencing, and became very proficient in the use of both the foil and broad-sword. He had a great natural liking for military men and things military. For a portion of the time during the Civil War he was captain of a militia company, which organization was, however, never mustered into active service. For a long time he took a great interest in the orders of Free-masonry and Knights Templar, and was for many years Eminent Commander of Damascus Commandery of St. Paul, and was at one time Grand Commander of the State of Minnesota, as well as a 32d degree Mason. He also took much pleasure in both the practice and competitive drills, as well as the memorable encampment of Damascus Commandery, at White Bear Lake, during the summer of 1879, while he was commander of that organization. It was, however, in his home, surrounded by his family, his friends and his

books, that he ever found his truest and greatest pleasure. From his earliest youth he was a close student of men, of affairs and of books. Reading and study was with him a lifelong habit, and he spent much of his leisure time in this way. His reading was very extensive, and covered almost every line of art, science and literature, and having a very retentive memory, his mind was a vast storehouse of information on almost every conceivable subject. His library, which is one of the finest private libraries in the Northwest, includes many old and rare books, as well as all the standard authors, and here is carefully preserved every book that he ever possessed in his life. Although never a politician or candidate for public office, he always took an active interest in public affairs, and ever stood strongly for truth and right. Thus he always served his country, his State and his city in a quiet, unostentatious and unselfish way. He was one of the early members of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, and served several times as treasurer of that organization. He was for one year president of the Minnesota Bankers' Association, vice-president of the Dual City Bankers' League, chairman of the executive committee, and afterwards president of the Town and Country Club, president of the Minnesota Board of World's Fair Commissioners for the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, in 1893, one of the charter members, and at the time of his death, a member of the board of governors of the Minnesota Club, and was also a member of the Commercial Club, the White Bear Lake Yacht Club, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Minnesota Historical Society, and a member of the board of directors of the St. Paul Public Library. Mr. Monfort was a man who never possessed very great physical strength. Nevertheless, his erect military carriage and quick elastic step indicated a great reserve force of nervous energy. In 1878, his health being poor, he spent nine months abroad. He enjoyed especially the Paris Exposition held that year, the great Spring Review at Berlin, the magnificent scenery of the Rhine and of the Alps, and the art treasures and the old historic places of

Italy. Mr. Monfort's health had been delicate for the past two years, but it was only in October, 1898, that he became seriously ill. He was confined to the house during the latter part of the fall, most of the winter and the early spring. About the first of May he went East, accompanied by his wife, hoping that a change of climate might benefit his health. He spent some three weeks in Washington, D. C., visiting his daughter and her family, and then went to Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he improved steadily for two months. During the last four weeks he was not as well, but was not thought to be in an alarming condition. The end came suddenly and painlessly, at six o'clock on Saturday morning, August 26, 1899. He is survived by his wife, his daughter, Mrs. Edward H. Gheen, wife of Commander Gheen, of the United States Navy, his son Frederick D. Monfort, cashier of the Second National Bank, St. Paul; his brother, Mr. Charles J. Monfort, and his sisters, Mrs. John Summers, of this city, and Mrs. James H. Keyes, of Oneonta, New York. A just and upright man and a patriotic citizen has gone to his reward. A good husband, a kind brother, a gentle and affectionate father, a thoughtful friend and neighbor, will be missed and mourned by many, for gentle, courteous and just to all, he had no enemies and his friends were legion. The influence and example of such a life cannot be effaced, and the words of the greatest of the English poets might truly be applied to him: "His life was gentle, and the parts so made up in him that nature might stand up before the whole world and say, 'This was a man!'"

TIMOTHY J. SHEEHAN.

Timothy J. Sheehan, the commander of Fort Ridgely, Minnesota, during the Sioux massacre of 1862, is one of the best-known men in the State. He was born in the County Cork, Ireland, December 21, 1835. He was the son of Jeremiah and Ann McCarthy Sheehan, who lived on a farm in that county. Both his parents died in 1838, when he was but three



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years old, and he was reared almost from infancy to young manhood by his paternal grandfather. He was given the rudiments of education in the national schools of his native land, being kept at his studies until he was fourteen years of age. In 1850 he came to the United States, landing in New York City in the month of November, and going thence directly to Glen's Falls, New York, where he again attended school for some time, and where for two years he was engaged as a mechanic's apprentice. In 1855 he went to Dixon, Illinois, where he remained two years, at work in a saw-mill in the summer and attending school in the winter. In the spring of 1857 he came to the then Territory of Minnesota, arriving May 3, at Albert Lea, then a frontier village only a year old, and Minnesota has ever since been his home. On Lake Albert Lea, three miles from the village, he made a homestead, and for some years worked his claim. In 1860 he was elected clerk of the township of Albert Lea, was re-elected in 1861, and held the office until he resigned to enter the Union Army. On October 11, 1861, when the war of the Rebellion was fairly on, he left his home at Albert Lea and enlisted as a private in Company F, Fourth Minnesota Infantry Volunteers. He was made a corporal, and soon became so proficient in the duties of a soldier and evidenced such fitness generally, that Gen. John B. Sanborn recommended him for a commission. February 15, 1862, at Fort Snelling, he was discharged from the Fourth Regiment, by order of Major General Halleck, to accept promotion, and three days later, on February 18, was commissioned by Governor Ramsey, first lieutenant of Company C, of the Fifth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers, then being organized. His company was made up very largely of men from Freeborn county, and Lieutenant Sheehan recruited sixty-five men for the company among his neighbors and friends. After this his military experience was a very notable one throughout. Upon the organization of the Fifth Regiment, March 20, 1862, Company C—Lieutenant Sheehan's company—was ordered to Fort Ripley, Minnesota. Lieutenant Sheehan's services in Minne-

sota, in 1862, meritorious, conspicuous and valuable as they were to the State, are so fully set forth in the pages of other authentic histories that they need not here be described in detail, and only certain incidents connected therewith may be adverted to. On June 18, 1862, Lieutenant Sheehan was ordered, with fifty men of his company, to march overland from Fort Ripley to Fort Ridgely, a distance, by the route marched, of nearly two hundred miles. He arrived with his detachment on the 28th, and the next day was ordered with the portion of his company present and fifty men of Company B, under Lieut. Thomas P. Gere, to the Yellow Medicine Indian agency, forty-five miles distant up the Minnesota river, to report to Agent Galbraith, for the purpose of preserving order and protecting United States property during the time of the annuity payment, which was expected to take place in a few days. He was placed in command of the force, consisting of one hundred men, and took with him one cannon, a twelve-pound mountain howitzer. On the 27th of July, while in service at Yellow Medicine, Lieutenant Sheehan, with fourteen of his soldiers, four citizens, and an Indian guide named Wasu-ho-washte (or Good Voiced Hair) made an expedition from the agency to the Dakota line west of Lake Benton, after the bloody and merciless Ink-paddoota, the leader of the Indians in the Spirit lake and Springfield massacres of 1857. The Lieutenant set out on the morning of July 28, before daylight, and for a week was engaged in an unsuccessful search for the wicked but wily marauder, who, warned of his danger, had fled swiftly and far into South Dakota. The troublous times at Yellow Medicine during the month of July and first part of August, 1862, are described in other volumes. It must suffice here to say that the agency was almost constantly threatened by several thousand wild, turbulent, and hungry Indians, who were ready for any desperate undertaking because of the protracted and inexplicable delay of the annual payment. Nothing saved the agency, its property and its white occupants, at this time, but the presence and the brave and intelligent conduct of Lieutenant Sheehan

and his soldiers, who now had two pieces of artillery. When, on August 4th, about eight hundred armed warriors came upon the agency, broke in the door of the government warehouse, and began plundering it of its stores, there was no faltering in this gallant band. A mountain howitzer was promptly trained on the broken doorway by Lieutenant Gere. The Indians at once fell away from the range of the cannon, and through the avenue thus formed Lieutenant Sheehan and Sergeant Trescott, with sixteen men, marched straight to the warehouse and drove out every plundering Indian. Lieutenant Sheehan kept his men well in hand. If, under the great provocation, a single musket had been fired, not a soldier would have lived to tell the story. A dreadful slaughter was further prevented by Lieutenant Sheehan's success in inducing Agent Galbraith to give the Indians a moderate supply of provisions; and when the savages again became insolent and menacing, he put his men into position and his guns "in battery" in front of the warehouse, and then the Indians withdrew. The impending storm of carnage and rapine had, however, only been checked for the time. But it was in the gallant defence of Fort Ridgely when and where Lieutenant Sheehan so greatly distinguished himself and rendered such invaluable service. On the evening of August 12, 1862, the Lieutenant returned to Fort Ridgely from Yellow Medicine with his command; all prospect of trouble with the Sioux Indians in that quarter had disappeared. On the 17th he was ordered to march with his detachment back to Fort Ripley, and he set out in the early morning of the next day—August 18. The Sioux had broken out at the Redwood agency and had commenced one of the most horrible massacres recorded in the pages of American history, indiscriminately murdering and scalping men, women and children, and burning and destroying all property in the surrounding country. At eleven o'clock in the forenoon the news of the outbreak reached Captain Marsh at Fort Ridgely, and he at once determined to move to the scene of the trouble with the larger portion of his company. At the same

time he dispatched a messenger, Corporal McLean, with the following order to Lieutenant Sheehan, who was then on his way to Fort Ripley:

"Headquarters, Fort Ridgely,
August 18, 1862.

Lieutenant Sheehan:—

It is absolutely necessary that you should return with your command immediately to this Post. The Indians are raising hell at the Lower Agency. Return as soon as possible.

JOHN S. MARSH,
Captain Commanding Post."

Corporal McLean did not overtake Lieutenant Sheehan's detachment until evening, when it was in camp near Glencoe, forty-two miles from Fort Ridgely. The men had marched twenty-five miles that hot day and were going into bivouac for the night, but the lieutenant at once ordered them to "about face," and they obeyed cheerfully, and the return march was begun. Meantime Captain Marsh and twenty-three of the men had perished in the deadly Indian ambuscade at the Redwood ferry. Fort Ridgely was being filled with citizen refugees—men, women and children—many of them wounded, and all destitute and terror-stricken. The prairies, the roads, and the little farms were strewn with mangled bodies; murder and rapine were in the air; the glare of burning buildings illuminated the sky. The savages had beset the fort and the surrounding country. The fort was merely a military post, a collection of buildings about a square, with not a stone in place as a fortification, not a spadeful of earth thrown up as a breastwork. As a garrison to defend the place, there were but twenty-nine men with muskets, under Lieutenant Gere, a young officer only nineteen years of age. Following is an extract from Lieutenant Gere's account of the situation at this time:

"The Indians, hilarious at the desolation they had wrought during the day, were at the agency, celebrating in mad orgies their successes, and neglected their opportunity to capture what proved to be the barrier to the devastation of the Minnesota valley. Tuesday morning dawned on mingled hope and apprehension for the coming hours, and when sun-

light shone upon the prairies, every quarter was closely scanned from the roof of the highest building through the powerful telescope fortunately at hand. At about nine o'clock Indians began congregating on the prairie some two miles west of the fort, mounted, on foot, and in wagons, where, in plain view of the fort, a council was held. This council was addressed by Little Crow and their movements for the day decided upon. While this was in progress, cheers of welcome announced the arrival at the fort of Lieutenant Sheehan with his fifty men of Company C. The courier dispatched by Captain Marsh on the previous day had reached this command at evening, soon after it had gone into camp, forty-two miles from Fort Ridgely, between New Auburn and Glencoe. Promptly obeying the order for his return, Lieutenant Sheehan at once struck tents, and the command commenced its forced march, covering during the night the entire distance traversed in the two preceding days, arriving the first to the rescue and meriting high praise. Lieutenant Sheehan now took command at Fort Ridgely."

The Lieutenant and his men reached the fort in the nick of time, at ten minutes of nine A. M. on Tuesday morning, having marched forty-two miles in ten hours, and seventy miles in twenty-two hours. There is no parallel to this great endeavor in the official records of the War Department, and no account of its having been surpassed, is mentioned in history. Reaching the fort, he found the place thronged with weeping and sorrowful people; illy supplied with food, water and ammunition; without sufficient protection even against the Indians' bullets; with but few arms save those of the soldiers, and no prospect of reinforcement or relief of any sort. But when the Renville Rangers arrived, he had then one hundred and fifty brave and resolute men in his command, three good cannon, and a great interest at stake, and he determined to defend the post and its helpless occupants to the last. He knew that Fort Ridgely was the gateway to the lower Minnesota valley, and that if it were forced by the savages, not only would there be one of the greatest and bloodiest butcheries in history, but the entire beautiful valley would be desolated with fire and gun and tomahawk. The Indians were present in

vastly superior numbers, and were eager to attack him, confident of success. Of the defence of Fort Ridgely during its eight full days of siege and investment by a very largely superior force, history speaks; but of the responsibilities upon the young commander, his trying experiences, his great exertions, there can be no adequate description. He was greatly aided and supported by his gallant and faithful subordinate, Lieut. T. P. Gere, and by every soldier, and also by the citizen defenders, whom he organized into a company, with Hon. B. H. Randall as their captain. The first formidable and concerted attack on the fort by Little Crow and his chiefs, with about six hundred braves and warriors, on August 26th, began about two o'clock P. M., and did not cease until dark. It was met and repulsed at every quarter, for the commander was prepared for it. He had placed his artillery, had built breastworks, and distributed his men to the best advantage, and the result was all that could be desired. In the desperate fight during the afternoon, the Indians were whipped and driven off. The heaviest and most desperate attack was made on Fort Ridgely on August 22. Little Crow, believing that if Fort Ridgely were taken his path to the Mississippi would be comparatively clear, resolved to make one more desperate attempt at its capture, his numbers having been largely augmented. The second and most furious attack was made at about one o'clock P. M. With demoniac yells the savages surrounded the fort and at once commenced a heavy musketry fire. The garrison returned the fire with equal vigor and with great effect on the yelling demons. Early in the fight, Little Crow with his warriors took possession of the government stables, the sutler's store and all outside buildings, and in order to dislodge the Indians from those buildings, Lieutenant Sheehan ordered them set on fire. Then on came the painted, yelling warriors, firing volley after volley, as they charged on the garrison. The heroic defenders opened an all-around fire from the artillery and musketry, which paralyzed the Indians and drove them back. Thus, after six hours of continuous blazing conflict, alter-

nately lit up by the flames of burning buildings and darkened by whirling clouds of smoke, terminated the second and last attack on Fort Ridgely. Four more days and nights of suspense ensued until, on the morning of the 27th of August, the fort was relieved by the advance of General Sibley's force. Before the fight the following message was received from Hon. C. E. Flandrau, commanding at New Ulm:

"New Ulm, August 20,
Commander, Fort Ridgely:

Send me 100 men and guns if possible. We are surrounded by Indians and fighting every hour. Twelve whites killed and many wounded.

C. E. FLANDRAU,
Commanding New Ulm."

Flandrau's message was most discouraging, for it showed the general situation at New Ulm and the surrounding country. But the young lieutenant rose to the occasion with the address of a veteran, although this was his maiden battle. He assumed charge of everything, and directed the defence in every detail. On August 31, 1862, he was promoted to captain of his company. He continued in command of Fort Ridgely until September 18, when he was ordered with his company to Fort Ripley. After the Sioux massacre in November, Companies B and C were sent to the south to join the main portion of their regiment, from which they had been separated since its organization, and reached it near Oxford, Mississippi, December 12, 1862. Captain Sheehan served at the head of his company in the South during the war of the Rebellion from December, 1862, to September, 1865. He participated in several important campaigns, and was engaged in a number of battles and skirmishes, prominent among which were the siege of and assault on Vicksburg; the battle of Tupelo, Mississippi, where he was in command of the portions of the Fifth Minnesota and Eighth Wisconsin present, and other detachments, in all three hundred men; the action at Abbeyville; the long and arduous campaign through Arkansas and Missouri, known as the Price campaign; the battles about Nashville, notably that of December 16,

1864, and the siege of Mobile in the spring of 1865. He was discharged from the service at Demopolis, Alabama, September 6, 1865. He was frequently mentioned in orders, and on many occasions distinguished himself. In the gallant charge of General Hubbard's Brigade at Nashville, which swept away a part of Hood's strongest line, Captain Sheehan was among the foremost. His was the "color company" of the regiment. Five color bearers were shot down. Captain Sheehan seized the flag and charged with his company over the breastworks, commanding the Confederates to surrender to the flag. For his conduct on this occasion he was especially mentioned in the reports. September 1, 1865, Captain Sheehan was commissioned, by Governor Miller, lieutenant colonel of his regiment. The fine substantial monument erected by the State in 1896 on the former site of Fort Ridgely, to commemorate its defence in 1862, bears upon it a brief history of the memorable engagement and a life-size bronze medallion of Lieutenant Sheehan, the commander, as he appeared at the time. The dedicatory inscription reads, "In memory of the fallen, in recognition of the living, and for the emulation of future generations," and altogether the monument is a most befitting and appropriate structure. After his return from the army to his old home at Albert Lea, Minnesota, Colonel Sheehan re-engaged in his former occupation, that of farming. In 1871 he was elected sheriff of Freeborn county, and at subsequent elections was re-elected five times, holding the office in all, six terms, or twelve years. In that position he showed great activity, adroitness and expedition in arresting criminals of various kinds, and was a very popular county officer. February 25, 1885, Colonel Sheehan was appointed by President Arthur agent for the Chippewa Indians of the White Earth agency of Minnesota. This office he held for more than four years, or until June, 1889. His service was of great value and importance, and acceptable both to the government and the Indians. He took a prominent part in making what was known as the Bishop Whipple treaty of 1886, and the Henry M. Rice

treaty of 1889, with the Chippewas of Minnesota. In May, 1890, he was appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal by Col. J. C. Donahower. He has held the position ever since, under all the changes of administration, including the present Republican incumbent, Hon. W. H. Grimshaw. Colonel Sheehan himself has always been a Republican. He has made a most efficient and valuable officer, has often been entrusted with matters of large responsibility, and has always discharged his entire duties with intelligence and satisfaction. While in service as deputy marshal under Marshal O'Connor, in October, 1898, Colonel Sheehan took a prominent and an active part in the incidents connected with the battle with the Chippewa Indians at Sugar Point, which is described elsewhere in this volume. His intimate acquaintance with the Leech Lake Indians—having for four years been their agent—and his thorough knowledge of Indian character generally, enabled him to be of great service on this occasion. He was first sent up to Leech Lake to arrest the turbulent Indians who had resisted and who were still defying the authorities and the law. He accompanied the force under General Bacon and Marshal O'Connor that went from Walker to Sugar Point, and it was Colonel Sheehan in person who arrested the first of the lawless Bear Islanders for whom warrants had been issued. When the battle began he at once became a participant and fought as he did at Ridgely. During the fight he was wounded three times—in the right arm, in the hip, and severely across the abdomen—yet he never left the field. The wounds he received at Sugar Point made seven given him in battle—two at Ridgely, two at Nashville and three at Sugar Point. In the opinion of the best informed, a piece of work performed by Colonel Sheehan in the battle of Sugar Point contributed very largely to saving the white forces from utter defeat, if not from annihilation. This was his charge with a platoon of soldiers and deputy marshals on the Indian left flank, which was being pushed around and threatened to envelop General Bacon and his entire command. Mr. Will. H. Brill, of the St. Paul Pioneer

Press, who has written and published the standard account of the Sugar Point affair, says:

"Meanwhile Colonel Sheehan had taken charge of the fighting on the right of the flank, and he did wonders with the green men that composed his command. He also refused to take shelter, but kept on walking up and down the line, encouraging his men and imploring them to keep cool. After the first two or three volleys he ordered his men to charge the fence on the right, under cover of which the Indians were pouring in a cross fire. The charge was successful, and the Indians were driven off. In this charge twelve of his detachment of twenty men were killed and wounded."

Colonel Sheehan's conduct in the Sugar Point fight was the theme of admiring comment from the public press of the State and the Nation, and he received numerous letters of congratulations from friends and associates. Ex-Governor McGill wrote him as follows:

"St. Paul, October 12, 1898.

Dear Colonel Sheehan:

I congratulate you on the gallant part you played in the recent battle at Leech Lake with the hostile Indians, and I am profoundly grateful that your life was spared. In your case the hero of '62 has become the hero of '98. It has been thirty-six years since your famous tussle with the red men at Fort Ridgely. The lapse of time seems neither to cool your blood nor modify your courage. You are the same gallant officer you were when I first met you at St. Peter after the siege of Fort Ridgely. I did not meet you personally then, but saw you, and have always since that time carried you in my mind and heart as one of Minnesota's most gallant soldiers and bravest men. God bless you, Colonel, for all you have done and endured. But don't do so any more. You have won the right to refrain from further Indian fighting. Let the younger men do the rest of it. We want you with us as long as the rest of us live. Poor Major Wilkinson! How sincerely I mourn his death. It was simply the chance of war that his life was taken, while yours was spared. Again congratulating you on your courage and never failing grit, and again admonishing you to stop fighting, I am sincerely,

Your friend,

A. R. MCGILL."

Colonel Sheehan was married in November, 1866, to Miss Jennie Judge, who was also born in Ireland. They have three sons, now grown to manhood, and named, Jeremiah, George W., and Edward Sheehan. Mrs. Sheehan is an accomplished and most estimable lady, and a worthy companion for her husband. She is prominent in church work and other beneficent movements, and a well-known member of the best social circles. The historian of this volume, who has long and intimately known Colonel Sheehan, says:

"All the world admires a hero. And when he has been brave and imperiled himself in a right cause and the fruit of his courage is a substantial benefit to his fellow men, he is to be honored for all time. With true courage came the other qualities and elements which constitute right manhood and make a man worthy of right distinction. As one who fills this measure—as one who has fought the battles of his State and his Country, and by his invincible courage and fidelity saved hundreds of valuable lives and a great area of territory from destruction, and as one who, as a citizen, soldier, and public official has made an unblemished record—Colonel Sheehan well merits his place among Minnesota's most honorable and distinguished men. And it is gratifying and good to say that, with the blessing of Providence, there are many more years of distinction and usefulness before him. Well does Colonel Sheehan deserve the gold and bronze medals which adorn his breast."

WILLIAM H. DUNWOODY.

William Hood Dunwoody, who has long been identified with the flour milling interests of Minneapolis, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Chester county, March 11, 1841. His father was James Dunwoody, whose father, grandfather and great-grandfather lived in the same vicinity in Chester county, and were all engaged in agricultural pursuits. The family is of Scotch ancestry. Mr. Dunwoody's mother was Hannah Hood, the daughter of William Hood, of Delaware county, Pennsylvania, whose ancestors came to this country when William Penn founded the colony which took his name. Mr. Dunwoody's early life was

passed upon the farm where he was born. After a period of schooling in Philadelphia, he, at the age of eighteen, entered his uncle's store in Philadelphia, and commenced what proved to be the business of his life. His uncle was a grain and flour merchant. After a few years Mr. Dunwoody commenced business for himself as a senior member of the firm of Dunwoody & Robertson. After ten years of practical experience in the Philadelphia flour markets, Mr. Dunwoody came to Minneapolis in 1869, and, for a time, represented several eastern houses as flour buyer. Milling at Minneapolis was then in a state of transition. It was the time when the old-fashioned mill stones were giving place to the modern steel rollers and the middlings purifier. With keen perception Mr. Dunwoody saw that a great advance in the milling business was at hand, and in 1871 he embarked as a member of the firm of Tiffany, Dunwoody & Company. He was also a member of the firm of H. Darrow & Company, and the business of both concerns was under his personal management. Early in his career as a Minneapolis miller Mr. Dunwoody distinguished himself among his associates by devising and organizing the Minneapolis Millers' Association, which was for a long time a most important organization, its object being co-operation in the purchase of wheat throughout the Northwest. It had an important part in the building up of the Minneapolis milling business. Its work was discontinued when the general establishment of elevators and the development of the Minneapolis wheat market made it no longer necessary for the millers to work in co-operation in buying their wheat. Another important work which Mr. Dunwoody early attempted was that of arranging for the direct exportation of flour. It had been the custom to sell through brokers and middle-men of the Atlantic seaports. In 1877 Governor C. C. Washburn conceived the idea of introducing spring wheat flour in the markets of the United Kingdom by direct shipment from the mills, and in this he was heartily seconded by Mr. Dunwoody. When other millers were solicited to co-operate in



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such a project, they promptly declined, offering as a reason that nothing could be accomplished, and that the money so expended would be thrown away. Governor Washburn was not in the least discouraged by this position of his neighbors and very soon arranged with Mr. Dunwoody to make a trip to Europe in furtherance of the idea of building up a direct exporting business. In November, 1877, Mr. Dunwoody went to England, and, though he met with a most determined opposition, succeeded in arranging for the direct export of flour from Minneapolis, a custom which has since continued without interruption. Shortly after the great mill explosion of 1878, Governor C. C. Washburn induced Mr. Dunwoody to join him in a milling partnership with the late John Crosby, and Charles J. Martin. The firm thus formed, Washburn, Crosby & Company, continued for many years, and was finally succeeded by the Washburn-Crosby Company. Since Mr. Dunwoody's connection with the Washburn mills, in 1879, he has been uninterruptedly identified with the conduct of this famous group of mills. It was natural that Mr. Dunwoody, as a prominent miller, should take a large interest in the management of elevators. He has invested largely in elevator properties, and was one of the organizers of the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company, of which he is president; the St. Anthony Elevator Company, and the Duluth Elevator Company, being vice-president of these companies. In addition to these Mr. Dunwoody holds other important interests, and is connected with a number of the strongest financial institutions of Minneapolis. He is vice-president of the Northwestern National Bank, a director of the Minneapolis Trust Company, and vice-president of the Washburn-Crosby Company. Mr. Dunwoody is a man of large means, and has been actively identified with many enterprises calculated to benefit the whole Northwest, as well as the city in which he resides. Before coming to Minneapolis, he married Miss Kate L. Patten, the daughter of John W. Patten, a prominent merchant of Philadelphia. Mr. Dunwoody's refined tastes have been grati-

fied in late years by extensive travel. He has spent much time abroad, and delights, above all things, to escape from the cares of business into the open country with dog and gun. He is a model citizen, enterprising, methodical and painstaking in business; he is unassuming, genial and affable in private life, but of a retiring disposition. He has cultivated literary and artistic taste, and enjoys refined social intercourse.

LLEWELLYN CHRISTIAN.

Mr. Christian, who has been long and prominently connected with the great milling interests of Minneapolis and Minnesota, was born in Wetumpka county, Alabama, June 10, 1841. He is a son of John Christian, a native of New York, and the maiden name of his mother was Susan Weeks. She was born in Wilmington, North Carolina. In his early childhood Mr. Christian's parents removed from Alabama to Wilmington, North Carolina, and in 1849 came to Geneva, Wisconsin, then practically on the northwestern frontier. In 1854 he was sent to Chicago, and was at school in that city for four years. He then went to New York City, and there remained for about fourteen years. Mr. Christian has been connected with Minnesota milling interests since 1872. In that year he came to Minneapolis and became a member of the firm of Christian, Day & Company, which operated the Zenith mill. In 1871 he entered into partnership with his two brothers and C. C. Washburn, forming the firm of J. A. Christian & Company, proprietors of the Washburn mills. The company continued to operate these mills until the noted explosion of the Washburn "A" mill in 1878. Subsequently he was connected with the Pettit mill as a member of the firm of Pettit, Christian & Company. In 1879, in company with his brothers and C. M. Hardenburgh, he built the Crown Roller Flouring Mills, and was connected with their operations until the mills were sold to the Northwestern Consolidated Milling Company in 1891. After the sale

of his flouring mill interests in Minneapolis, Mr. Christian and Mr. C. E. French bought a mill at Shakopee, Minnesota, which they are still operating in connection with a grain commission business. No other man is better informed on the flouring mill industry and the grain interests of the Northwest than Mr. Christian. He is regarded as an authority on wheat and flour production in the Northwest. He made two extensive tours of the Old World, mainly in search of information concerning modes, methods and improvements in milling, and has long been a student and investigator of the subject. As a citizen of Minneapolis, loyal to the interests of the city, he is prominent and influential. He is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal church, in which he has been a vestryman for several years. In 1874 he married Miss E. D. French, of his childhood home, Wilmington, North Carolina. They have no children living. Mr. and Mrs. Christian have a fine residence at the corner of Fifth avenue and Eighth street, which is one of the most attractive places in the down-town district. They also have a beautiful summer home on the shore of Lake Minnetonka, and are well known and popular members of society.

ROME G. BROWN.

Rome G. Brown is a native of the Green Mountain State, and was born at Montpelier, June 15, 1862. His parents were Andrew Chandler and Lucia A. (Green) Brown. He was educated at Harvard University, graduating from that institution in 1884. He afterwards entered the office of Hon. Benjamin F. Fitch, of Montpelier, and studied law with him for three years. The Supreme Court of Vermont then admitted him to the bar as an "attorney and counsellor at law and solicitor in chancery." This was on the 24th of October, 1887. Less than two months later, December 7, 1887, he went west, locating in Minneapolis, which city has been his home ever since. He at once entered the law office of Benton & Roberts, composed of Renben

C. Benton and William P. Roberts, at that time a well known law firm of Minneapolis. February 9, 1888, he was admitted to practice in the courts of Minnesota. On the first of January, 1890, he went into partnership with Messrs. Benton and Roberts, the name of the firm becoming Benton, Roberts & Brown. The partnership continued for five years, the dissolution being occasioned by the death of Colonel Benton, January 5, 1895, since which time he has continued in practice alone. On the 27th of May, 1895, he was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Brown's practice has been general for the most part, although he has been attorney for many business interests and corporations, including the Great Northern Railway. He has been, and still is, extensively engaged in legal controversies involving questions of water powers and water rights in lakes and streams. He is the attorney of the two companies which control the entire water power of the Mississippi at Minneapolis, viz., the St. Anthony Falls Water Power Company and the Minneapolis Mill Company. He is also the legal representative of the Crookston Water Works Power and Light Company, the Grand Forks Gas and Electric Company, the Minneapolis Tribune, and other commercial and manufacturing concerns. On the 25th of May, 1888, Mr. Brown was united in marriage at Marshfield, Vermont, to Miss Mary Lee Hollister, daughter of Samuel D. and Flora (Colburn) Hollister. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children, Edwin Chandler, born July 8, 1891, and Dorothy, born July 19, 1896.

JAMES H. BAKER.

Gen. James Heaton Baker was born in Monroe, Butler county, Ohio, May 6, 1829. He is the son of Rev. Henry and Hannah (Heaton) Baker. His father was a Methodist preacher and a physician; a gentleman of good literary attainments, who died at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1864, while serving as chaplain of a regiment in the Civil War. His great-grandfather, William Baker, served in the



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Revolutionary War under Washington. On the maternal side, his great-grandfather, David Heaton, fought for American independence in the battles of Germantown, Princeton, Trenton and others, and his grandfather, James Heaton, was a quartermaster, serving with General Harrison in the War of 1812-15. When James was about two years old the family moved to Lebanon, in the adjoining county, where, in due time, he prepared for college, entering the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, in 1847. He graduated in 1852, receiving the Latin honors of his class for superior scholarship. He then engaged in teaching, and was for a short time at the head of a female seminary in Richmond, Indiana. In 1853 Mr. Baker purchased the Sciota Gazette at Chillicothe, one of the oldest newspapers in Ohio. On the organization of the Republican party, his paper became its champion, and his writings contributed materially to the growth of the infant party in southern Ohio. In appreciation of his services he was nominated as the Republican candidate for Secretary of State, Hon. Salmon P. Chase heading the ticket; the two canvassed the State together, winning at the October election. At the expiration of his term of office, in 1857, Mr. Baker came to Minnesota and settled in Blue Earth county, near Mankato. The following year he was the Republican candidate for Secretary of State for the State of Minnesota, and was elected. He was re-elected and was still serving as Secretary of State when the Civil War broke out at the South. Feeling it was his duty to go into the military service, he resigned, enlisted and received a colonel's commission from Governor Ramsey. He took command of the Tenth Minnesota Infantry, and served under General Sibley in the campaign of 1862 and 1863, against the Sioux Indians. Colonel Baker was in command of the soldiers at the time of the execution of the thirty-eight condemned Indians at Mankato, December 26, 1862. After the Indian troubles Colonel Baker was ordered to the South and reported at St. Louis, Missouri, October 10, 1863, and was assigned to that post by General Schofield, but his command was soon enlarged to that of a

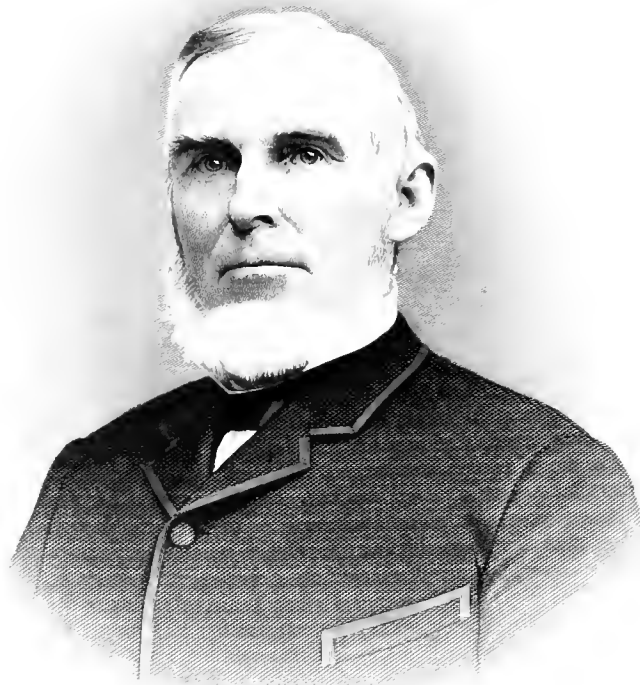
district. He was subsequently appointed provost marshal of the department of Missouri by Secretary Stanton, and in that important position he served until the close of the war. For his fidelity in this important trust, which virtually made him military governor of Missouri, he was brevetted brigadier general of volunteers. Peace being restored, General Baker was mustered out of service, November 31, 1865, and was appointed register of the consolidated land offices at Boonville, Missouri, which office he resigned at the end of two years. He returned to his farm in Blue Earth county, intending to enjoy the quiet of rural life. In 1871 President Grant tendered him the office of commissioner of pensions, and he entered upon the duties of that important office June 1, of that year. Through his instrumentality the pension laws, formerly scattered through different volumes of the statutes, were compiled into one law and very much simplified. After serving four years with great credit to himself in the faithful and able discharge of his duties, and to the satisfaction of the department, he resigned. In 1875 General Grant tendered him the office of Surveyor General of the State of Minnesota, which office he accepted and served for four years, after which he retired to his farm in Blue Earth county. While holding the office of Surveyor General and living at Mankato, General Baker wrote many letters for publication, which attracted wide attention and contributed more largely than any other influence to bring into notice the north shore of Lake Superior. In 1881 General Baker was elected by the people of Minnesota as railway commissioner, to succeed ex-Governor Marshall, and was subsequently re-elected to the same position. General Baker is an active member of the Minnesota Historical Society, and has contributed much valuable material to its archives. Among his most important works are the "History of Lake Superior" and the discovery of "The Sources of the Mississippi," an able and carefully prepared paper, published in 1887. He also wrote the "History of the Minnesota Valley," an interesting and valuable contribution to the history of Minnesota, pub-

lished January 10, 1878. He was the first to bring to light, by a series of public letters, the great mineral resources of northeastern Minnesota, and was the author of several papers on the International Line. As a member of the Loyal Legion, of which he was commander in 1898-9, he contributed many important papers to their annual publications. His essay on the "Military Career and Personal Character of Ulysses S. Grant" attracted much attention, and his series of papers on the Character of Governor H. H. Sibley were interesting and valuable. Besides his published works, General Baker has prepared and delivered many addresses. He was sent by Governor Hubbard to New Orleans to deliver the address on "Minnesota Day" at the International Exposition, March 21, 1885, which address was published in full in many of the leading papers. Another notable address was delivered by him at the annual reunion of the Old Settlers of LeSueur county. It is no more than the truth to state that General Baker has been called upon to deliver a greater number of memorial addresses and Fourth of July orations than any other man in the State of Minnesota. He has always been a liberal contributor to the newspaper and periodical press, treating on literary subjects, and is an elegant and vigorous writer. As a public speaker he is brilliant and forceful. In personal appearance General Baker is about six feet in height and symmetrical in proportion. He moves with a quick soldierly step, indicative of his character. Courteous in demeanor and affable in conversation, he gives close attention to the minutest detail when business is introduced. He is somewhat incisive in his speech and impulsive in action. His head is small and well-proportioned and is held firmly erect. His quick moving hazel eyes betoken energy, and his countenance, when animated, indicates great intelligence. In repose his face has a quiet, thoughtful, scholarly appearance. As a valued friend of freedom the name of General Baker must ever be honored among those who have deserved well of their country. General Baker was married September 25, 1852, to Miss Rose L. Thurston, daughter of

Reuben H. Thurston, then of Delaware, Ohio, and later of Mankato. She died in Washington, March 20, 1873, leaving two children—Dr. Arthur H. Baker, who died September, 1897, at the age of forty-four years, while occupying a position in the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C.; and Harry E. Baker, now residing in Baker City, Oregon. December 23, 1879, General Baker married his present wife, Miss Zula Bartlett, of Mankato, daughter of George W. Bartlett of Paris, Illinois. She is a graduate of the Normal School and was formerly a teacher in the public schools of Mankato. Her great-great-grandfather was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence—his name being the second on that document. They have one son, James Henry Baker, a student in the Normal School at Mankato.

WILLIAM BIERBAUER.

Capt. William Bierbauer was born in Einselethum, Bavaria, February 26, 1826, and died in Mankato, Minnesota, November 30, 1893. He was educated in the common schools of his native country and served three years in the Bavarian army. He then became involved in the German Revolution of 1848, with which Carl Schurz, General Siegel and other eminent German patriots were identified. After the failure of that enterprise he was forced to leave his native country and came to America by the way of Switzerland and France, embarking at Havre and landing in New York in 1849. He was by trade a cabinetmaker, and he soon found employment in the furniture department of the car shops in New York City. He afterwards joined his elder brother, who was in the brewery business in Seneca Falls, and later in Utica, New York, where he remained until 1855, when he went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and worked in Philip Best's Brewery. In 1856 he came to Mankato and, in company with his brother Jacob, started a brewery, commencing on a small scale, and gradually increasing as the business warranted. In 1863 Jacob Bierbauer withdrew from the firm and his brother con-



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tinued the business. In 1862 he changed his location to the present site and laid the foundation for the magnificent plant, now one of the best breweries in the State of Minnesota. In 1862, when the Sioux massacre occurred and the neighboring village of New Ulm was assailed, Mr. Bierbauer was among the first to volunteer his services. He had already gone to St. Paul to get his commission as captain, intending to raise a company to go South to take part in the Civil War then progressing. When the news came of the Indian outbreak, Captain Bierbauer returned to Mankato, immediately raised a company and proceeded to New Ulm, where he rendered valiant service through the week's siege and defense, under the command of Col. Charles E. Flandrau. Of the part Captain Bierbauer took in the battle of New Ulm, his commander, Charles E. Flandrau, says:

"Captain Bierbauer and his gallant company were very prominent figures at the battle of New Ulm, which was fought August 23, 1862. The bravery of Captain Bierbauer was most conspicuous and produced the best results. During the critical period of the fight, when bullets were falling thick and fast from the Sioux rifles, I noticed one man, 'solitary and alone,' and in advance of all others, loading and firing at the Indians, and manfully maintaining his position. We advanced and ascertained that it was Captain Bierbauer of Mankato, and directing the attention of the men to this manifestation of bravery, they were rallied to assist in maintaining the position held by the Captain. I shall never forget the effect it produced on these men, who had been on the run a moment before; when they recognized their captain in this exposed position, so coolly holding his own, it was electrical. The State of Minnesota owes Captain Bierbauer a debt of gratitude, and will ever keep his memory green."

After the battle of New Ulm, Captain Bierbauer organized another company for frontier defense, rendering efficient service under Colonel Flandrau in the Southern Minnesota Department. In his prime, Captain Bierbauer was a fine specimen of physical manhood. About six feet in height he was well formed and skilled in athletic sports peculiar to the Turner

organization. He was a gentleman of excellent judgment, broad intelligence and with the highest sense of integrity and honor. He was generous to a fault, and his home was proverbial for its lavish hospitality. He was public spirited, and freely contributed from his means to every undertaking and enterprise for the public good. Honorable, conscientious and truthful, he enjoyed, to a great degree, the confidence and esteem of his fellows. In every element that combines to make a high-toned, courteous gentleman, and a model citizen, William Bierbauer was a man worthy of emulation. Mr. Bierbauer was married in 1858 to Louisa Dornberg, daughter of Dr. A. L. Dornberg of Mankato. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom are now living, viz.: Albert, Bruno, Rudolph, William, Addie and Ella, all residing in Mankato, excepting Bruno, who is practicing medicine in Brooklyn, New York.

MICHAEL DORAN.

Michael Doran, a prominent banker and broker of St. Paul, is a native of Ireland, born in the County Meath, November 1, 1827. At the age of twenty-three he emigrated to America, locating in the State of New York for a year, and removing thence to Ohio. Here he engaged in agriculture for five years in the vicinity of Norwalk. He then made another move West, locating this time in Le Sueur county, Minnesota, and taking up a tract of Government land. He at once interested himself in the affairs of the community with which he had cast his lot, and became popular with his fellow-townsmen. In the year 1861 he was honored with the office of county treasurer, and entered upon its duties in March of 1862. He was repeatedly re-elected, holding the office continuously for a period of eight years. He then, in 1870, formed a partnership with Mr. George D. Snow, and entered the banking business under the name of Snow & Doran. This concern also operated a mill, grain elevators, etc. Mr. Snow did not long survive the initiation of this enterprise, and for a time the re-

sponsibilities of the business were thrown on Mr. Doran alone. It was not long, however, before he associated himself with Mr. E. R. Smith, and the firm of Doran & Smith was continued until March, 1891, when the partnership was dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Smith continuing the business at LeSueur. During the time from 1877 to 1891 Mr. Doran had financial interests in St. Paul also. In 1877-78 he invested some capital in a banking and brokerage business, owned at that time by Mr. Charles A. Morton, and the firm of Morton & Doran was formed. This concern continued for half a year, when Mr. Doran purchased the entire business, took in Mr. Smith, his partner at Le Sueur, and established the firm of M. Doran & Company. In 1891 Mr. Smith gave place to James D., the son of Mr. Doran, who became junior member. Mr. Doran is well known and respected throughout the business and political world of Minnesota. He held the office of State Senator for several years, having first been elected to it in 1871, and being re-elected several times. Always a Democrat and a strong partisan in politics, he invariably voted with his party on political questions, but in matters of general legislation he was uniformly on the side of economy and straightforwardness, and his rigid integrity and honorable conduct won for him the respect of his associates. During the latter part of his political career he has been looked up to as an authority on matters of public moment, and was one of the leading spirits in the Senate, although belonging to the party in the minority. Mr. Doran was a member of the National Convention at Chicago in 1864, when General McClellan was nominated. Since that time, and up to the last National Democratic Convention in 1896, he has been in attendance at every one. He is a strong and intimate friend of President Cleveland, with whose political convictions he is a hearty sympathizer, and whom he has firmly supported at every convention in which he was nominated for the Presidency. Mr. Doran has always been a faithful worker in the interests of the Democratic party. He was chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of Minnesota for six years, from 1882 to 1888. He

was one of the National committee from Minnesota in 1888, and again in 1892. He sent his resignation to the committee just before the convention in which Bryan and Sewall were nominated. His services to his party were always unselfishly rendered. His only rewards have been the approval of his conscience and the satisfaction of seeing his deserving friends attain their wishes and ambitions. In politics he has done a great deal of work for others, not a thing for himself. In business he has the reputation of being a man of insight and good judgment, and his advice is often sought by his confreres. His business dealings have been invariably characterized by a high sense of integrity, and when once his word is given it can always be depended upon. Although he has reached the ripe age of three-score years and ten, Mr. Doran is still well preserved physically and mentally, and seems as vigorous and capable as most men in their prime. Mr. D. W. Lawler, a well-known attorney of St. Paul, says of him:

"If one were asked to give the impression which Mr. Doran creates, one would say that it is one of strength, physical and mental. To muscular power and a rugged physique, is added a quiet and unmistakable air of moral and mental force. During his entire life he has been engaged in business which has required continuous and great mental application, but he preserves, at an age which is near the allotted span of human life, a strong and active body. He asks no odds of younger men, mentally or physically. In his great political contests, no matter how bitter or prolonged the struggle, his splendid physical vitality and well-balanced temperament preserve him fresh and active, while friends and opponents are falling by the wayside. His decisions on all matters are rapid and complete. He goes straight to the point, and there is no trimming or turning after his mind has determined on a given line of conduct. He has to-day the buoyancy and self-confidence of youth, and the unflinching determination of manhood at its best stage. The writer has seen much of Mr. Doran in the field of public life, and has often beheld and admired exhibitions of his iron will and unconquerable spirit. His smile is as genial and his face as tranquil in a closely balanced convention as in one where the vote is unanimous

in his favor. He has not often met personal defeat, but defeat when it has come has not depressed his spirits or weakened his fighting qualities. Mr. Doran's unbending integrity and absolute truthfulness are household words in Minnesota. He is open and honest with friend and foe. Slow to promise, once his word has been given, it is never broken. Those who are slightly acquainted with him have sometimes considered him crusty and abrupt, but those who know him best prefer his direct and plain 'yes' and 'no' to the equivocations and reservations of smaller men. Possessed of large financial means, his struggles have taught him the value of money, but he is generous to all worthy objects, not ostentatiously, but privately and discreetly. His benefactions are bounded by no creed or color, and his name is blessed in the homes of the humble and the poor. His grasp of public questions is strong and complete. In matters pertaining to National finance, he is a recognized authority. It is a matter of common knowledge that during the extra session of Congress, in 1893, Mr. Doran was called into frequent consultation by Mr. Cleveland and by Mr. Carlisle, Secretary of the Treasury. His relations with President Cleveland were more intimate and confidential than those of any other citizen of Minnesota. The President had absolute confidence in his judgment and his honor. He knew that Michael Doran could not and would not deceive him, and he was willing to take Mr. Doran's estimate of friend and enemy alike."

Mr. Doran was first married while engaged in agriculture on his Ohio farm to Miss Ellen Brady. She died in 1862. Three years later he was married to Miss Catherine J. O'Grady of Le Sueur county, Minnesota. Mr. Doran is the father of twelve children, his first wife being mother of four, and his second of eight.

GEORGE L. BUNN.

Hon. George L. Bunn of St. Paul, Judge of the District Court of Ramsey county, was born June 25, 1865, at Sparta, Monroe county, Wisconsin. He is a son of Romanzo and Sarah (Purdy) Bunn, both parents being natives of New York State, and both of English descent. Romanzo Bunn emigrated to Wisconsin in the early fifties, and became one of the best known and most influential lawyers of that State. He

was a Judge of the Circuit Court from 1868 to 1877, when he was appointed Judge of the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, which position he still occupies, at the age of seventy years. The subject of this sketch was the third of a family of five children, who are all living, three brothers being lawyers of ability and prominence in the profession. George L. received his early education in the public schools of his native city, and at the age of sixteen entered the preparatory department of the University of Wisconsin; two years later he entered the University proper, graduating from the academic course with the degree of A. B. in 1885. He then went to La Crosse and studied law in the office of J. W. Losey, Esq., until the fall of 1886, when he returned to Madison and entered the law office of S. U. Pinney, Esq., of that city, and at the same time attended the law school of the Wisconsin University, from which he graduated in 1888, with the degree of LL. B. In September, after his graduation, he came to St. Paul and began the practice of law. He was appointed Judge of the District Court of Ramsey county by Governor Clough, January 2, 1897, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Kerr, for the term which expired January, 1899. In 1898 he was nominated by the Democratic county convention for re-election to the same office, and although the Republican county ticket carried the county by a large vote, Judge Bunn was re-elected with a larger vote than any other candidate for the bench. Judge Bunn has never been a politician. His inclinations are strongly toward the Democratic doctrines, although he did not have full sympathy with the Bryan campaign of 1896. He possesses a conspicuous natural ability for the position of judge. It is frequently said of him, by lawyers who have appeared before him, that when he first assumed the duties of that position he appeared to have all the ease and confidence of a man of long experience on the bench. He takes responsibility without complaint, and decides important questions arising on the trial of cases, with despatch and with the greatest simplicity. He has unusual ability in

discerning points in the cases before him, but is patient and considerate in listening to arguments of counsel. He is remarkably fearless, and in cases which involve popular prejudice the people as well as the bar always feel confident that Judge Bunn will hear the facts and determine the law, as it appeals to his mind, uninfluenced by any public clamor. His sense of the duty of a judge is so high and so pure that no question of personal friendship or attachment ever occurs to him in his consideration of causes. A prominent judge and leading lawyer of St. Paul says of Judge Bunn:

"I have never known a man so absolutely free from prejudice. He is so constituted that he looks at a case from a legal standpoint, and seems to be wholly unable to see it in any other way. He is absolutely uninfluenced by feeling in the trial of a case. He is prompt, clear, decisive, and always courteous."

Judge Bunn is a member of the Minnesota Club, Commercial Club, White Bear Yacht Club, and Town and Country Club.

GEORGE C. STONE.

George Calvin Stone was born in Shrewsbury, Worcester county, Massachusetts, November 11, 1822, the son of Calvin R. and Susan (Fitch) Stone. His ancestors on both sides were of English extraction. The father was a native of Massachusetts, whose forefathers settled in Cambridge, some time in 1600. His mother was also a native of Massachusetts, whose family were early settlers of Salem. The father was married, and resided in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, where he kept for a number of years a general store. George C. was the eldest of a family of five children, only two of whom are now living. He attended the common schools of his native place until he was fourteen years of age. In 1836 he went with his father to St. Louis, Missouri, where he attended school one term in Kemper College. His father, who was then in business in St. Louis, lost his life in April, 1838, leaving his family to provide for themselves. He

was a passenger on the ill-fated steamboat "Moselle," which was blown up at Cincinnati, Ohio. George C. entered the store of Alonzo Child as a salesman, where he remained until 1845, when he went to Bloomington, Iowa (now Muscatine), and commenced business for himself in general merchandising and in a pork packing establishment. Later on he organized the private bank of Green & Stone, and still later was connected with the State Bank of Iowa, with branches at Washington and at Muscatine. He built up an extensive business and accumulated, for those days, quite a large fortune. On account of the uncertain state of the country at the time of the beginning of the Rebellion, and the consequent unstable condition of financial affairs, Mr. Stone suspended his banking operations in 1861 and removed to Chicago. For some years thereafter he was located for different periods in Chicago, New York and Philadelphia, but was engaged in no regular business. He went to Duluth in 1869, where he located, and actively engaged in the building up of that city. He was connected with the private banking house of George B. Sargent, and afterwards was with the First National Bank of Duluth. When the failure of Jay Cook occurred, Duluth was for a time paralyzed and business was dead. Mr. Stone, with others, lost heavily, and his resources were soon exhausted. He then engaged in investigating the iron deposits of Minnesota, and made many valuable discoveries. After several years he succeeded in interesting in the properties Charlemagne Tower, a very wealthy capitalist of Philadelphia, who sent his son, Charlemagne Tower, Jr. (now United States ambassador at St. Petersburg, Russia), to Duluth in 1881. He assisted Mr. Stone in the development and opening up of the iron industry of Northern Minnesota until 1887. They organized the Minnesota Iron Company, and built the Duluth & Iron Range Railway. In June, 1887, they sold out to the H. H. Porter Syndicate, and Mr. Tower's profits in this enterprise were over \$3,000,000. Mr. Stone also cleared a handsome competency. Since then he has been engaged in no regular business, but has spent



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his time in the care of his private affairs and in extensive travel. In 1880, he removed from Duluth to St. Paul, where he has since resided. Originally a Whig, when the Republican Party was formed, he became a Republican, and has been with that party ever since. Mr. Stone was married at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, September 4, 1849, to Kate M. Baldwin, daughter of Henry Baldwin. She died in St. Paul, October 9, 1892, leaving two daughters: Chara B., now Mrs. T. L. Blood, of St. Paul, and Ella G., now Mrs. W. A. Hardenbergh, of St. Paul.

JOHN FARRINGTON.

This well known pioneer of the Northwest, who has been a citizen of St. Paul and of Minnesota for practically half a century—who has helped to build up his adopted town from a straggling frontier village to a city of metropolitan proportions—whose career has been one of honor and usefulness—and who is now passing the evening of his life amid the scenes and sites of his principal labors, surrounded by dear and old friends and all that makes life pleasant—is now in his seventy-third year, having been born in the County Galway, Ireland, in 1827. Nearly all of his life has, however, been spent in the United States. His parents brought him to this country when he was but seven years of age. He was reared to young manhood in the city of New Orleans and was there trained to mercantile pursuits. In 1849, at the age of twenty-two, he went to Chicago, where he remained for one year, and then decided to go to St. Paul, the capital of the young Territory of Minnesota. At that day there were no railroads in the Northwest and the best and most comfortable route from Chicago to St. Paul was via the Illinois canal and Illinois river to St. Louis, and thence up the Mississippi, by steamboat, and this was the road chosen by the young and adventurous merchant. En route, at St. Louis, he purchased a stock of goods, designed for the trade of the new country towards which he was traveling. Mr. Farrington arrived in

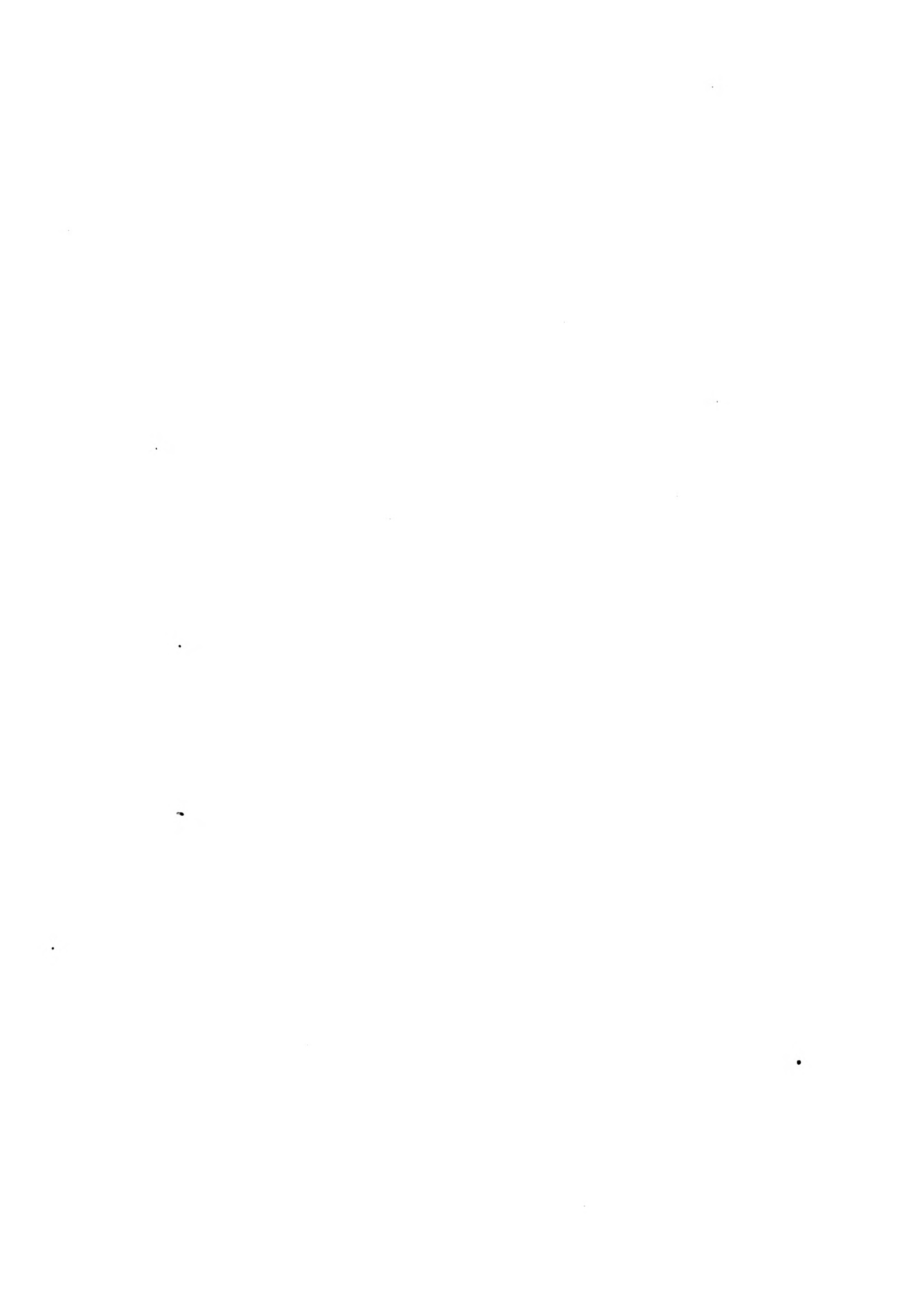
St. Paul June 17, 1850, and has resided there continuously ever since. Upon his arrival he established a general store and soon acquired a good trade. The following year he erected and occupied the first brick store building in St. Paul. The second story of this building was used by Capt. Alexander Wilkin, then Secretary of the Territory, as his office, and the third story was occupied by the printing office of the Minnesota Times. The building, which stood on West Third street, near Franklin, was subsequently burned. In 1853, when Hon. Henry M. Rice was elected delegate to Congress, Mr. Farrington succeeded him in the firm of Rice, Culver & Lowry, which then became Culver, Farrington & Company. The business of this firm, which was very extensive, was that of dealing in furs and Indian supplies. For several years it practically controlled the fur trade of the Northwest. It owned numerous trading posts among the Indian tribes—the Winnebagoes, Sioux and Chippewas—and also had establishments in the Hudson Bay territory under the management of the late Norman W. Kittson. All of these posts were supplied from the firm's headquarters in St. Paul. A partial description of the method of operations of the old trading firm of Culver, Farrington & Company may not be out of place in this connection. The furs in which they dealt were brought from the interior in ox-carts, which were usually driven by half-breed Indians in the company's service. These carts were made entirely of wood, no bolts, nails, or other iron materials being used in their construction. Each cart was drawn by a single ox—with a harness of strips of Buffalo hide—and would carry about eight hundred pounds. Long trains of these carts, sometimes numbering from 500 to 800, came in from the west and north in single file, each ox tied to the cart in front of him, with usually one driver to every four carts. These carts usually made the trip to St. Paul laden with furs and skins, once a year, carrying back on the return trip merchandise for the use of the trading posts. Besides the carts owned by the company, there were others which belonged to the "free traders," or fur

dealers who had posts of their own and who sent furs to Culver, Farrington & Company, to exchange for goods. Some of these independent traders had posts at remote distances from St. Paul, and did not send down their carts oftener than once in two years. At Fort Garry (Winnipeg), a distance of five hundred miles from St. Paul, the company had a distributing point from which the more remote posts in the interior were supplied. The trail from St. Paul to Fort Garry ran a great part of the way through the country of the Sioux Indians, who would raid any train which was not well protected. The trains were always corralled at night—the carts arranged in a circle, with the oxen inside, and scouts or pickets constantly on watch. The journeys of the cart trains were therefore not only toilsome but perilous. The trains usually made their first appearance in St. Paul about June 1, and continued to arrive until August. During that period the town was very lively and business was brisk. This condition lasted until in 1862, when the great Sioux outbreak occurred and stopped all travel across the State, except under the protection of a sufficient military escort. In the early years of Minnesota, the productions of the country were very limited. Nearly all of the butter, eggs, pork, flour and grain consumed in the Territory was brought in from the towns lower down the Mississippi. But there was plenty of game, fish and wild fruit, and the people made the best of the situation and were content. Trade conditions were fairly good. In addition to the patronage of the white settlers of the country, Culver, Farrington & Company had for customers the Sioux, Chippewas and Winnebagoes up to 1863. Then the Sioux outbreak having occurred and the people becoming distrustful of the Winnebagoes, these two tribes were removed from the State and the Chippewas of the Mississippi were established on the White Earth reservation. As a matter of history, it may be stated that the trade of Culver, Farrington & Company in Canada was at the time very important. It was stopped, however, when Congress placed a high tariff upon furs from the Hudson Bay country, and the trade then

sought a market in Montreal and London. Culver & Farrington then engaged largely in the real estate business, and so continued until the death of Mr. Culver, in 1878. No other man has taken a more active interest in St. Paul enterprises than John Farrington. In early days he was a stockholder in steamboat and railroad companies, invested largely in the first telegraph line, and aided largely in building the Metropolitan and other hotels. His last building operation was the erection of the well known apartment house on Pleasant avenue called Farrington Place. For eight years he was the president of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, which failed in 1877, during a period of general business depression. By the sacrifice of large interests in valuable real estate Mr. Farrington wound up the bank's affairs in ninety days, and in such a manner that its indebtedness was paid in full without the loss of a dollar to the depositors. Mr. Farrington has never held an elective office and was never a candidate or an aspirant for one. He was, however, appointed a member of the board of public works and served seven years, four years of which time he was president of the board. These were the days of the city's history when—to use the expression of Henry M. Rice—the emoluments for members of that board were "sixteen dollars in cash and a million in kicks!" In President Cleveland's first administration Mr. Farrington was appointed collector of customs for the port of St. Paul, and held the position four years. At the close of his term he retired from all active business, public or private. In 1858, when the late Gen. H. H. Sibley was Governor of the State, he appointed Mr. Farrington a member of his military staff, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. The other members were John S. Prince, George L. Becker and Dr. A. G. Brisbane. In 1864 he was appointed on the staff of General Dana, who was in command of the Union Army in Texas. In 1859, Mr. Farrington married a daughter of Maj. W. J. Cullen, at one time superintendent of Indian affairs for the Northwest. She died in 1865, and some years afterwards he was again married, this time to the widow of



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Capt. Marcus Waterford McCracken, who served as quartermaster on the staff to Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield during the War of the Rebellion. She was a daughter of Miron Leslie, one of the best known and most distinguished lawyers of St. Louis. Mr. Farrington has been the father of seven children, only three of whom are now living, viz.: William C. Farrington, of Buffalo, New York, president of the Great Northern Elevator system and vice-president of the Northern Steamship Company; Mrs. J. L. Snapp, and Miss Katherine Farrington, of St. Paul.

DAVID T. ADAMS.

David T. Adams, of Duluth, the well known mining expert, was born in Rockford, Illinois, September 6, 1859. The expression, "a self-made man," is often carelessly used, but as applied to Mr. Adams, it has a peculiarly emphatic meaning. By the death of his father, Moses Adams, his family was left in an unfortunate situation, with limited means, and in straitened circumstances generally. The widow, Mrs. Jane Adams, was unable to support her seven fatherless children, and they were compelled to separate and find homes in strange households. The boy, David, was nine years old when he was cast upon the world, and he has made himself the man he is. Passing over the boyhood and early youth of his life—a career of privation, hard work, and rugged experience throughout, but adorned with honor and embellished with unwearying effort and an honorable ambition to better his condition—it may be stated that at the age of twenty he came from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to the mining regions of the upper peninsula of Michigan, and engaged in exploring for iron ore in the vicinity of Crystal Falls and Iron River. In this work he derived but little profit in money at the time, but acquired a valuable experience. Two years later he left the Michigan iron fields for northeastern Minnesota, and on June 20, 1882, arrived at Duluth, which city has since been his home. No other man has been so personally prominent in discover-

ing and bringing to development the great iron wealth of northeastern Minnesota as Mr. Adams. His first investigation in this quarter was in the old Vermillion range, and he was one of the pioneer explorers of this region. At first he was not successful, but he was not discouraged, and kept steadily at work in studying and investigating the situation. In 1891, as the result of his researches, he conceived the idea of the existence of a vast iron range, south of and paralleling the Vermillion, and he proceeded to explore what is now known to the world as the great Mesaba range. In 1894 he compiled and published the first map of this great range. The details of this map were obtained from actual experience and examination in the field, and the map itself is still regarded as one of the most accurate and best of the kind ever published. Mr. Adams was the first to promulgate the theory that the Mesaba iron range was, at one time, the shore line of a now extinct sea, and his theory is confirmed by certain established geological facts. In the development of the iron mines of Minnesota Mr. Adams has signally distinguished himself. He has developed and promoted the interests of the following well known mines, viz.: the Kanawha, the Cincinnati, the Adams, the Fowler, the Cloquet, the Fayoll, the Lone Jack, the Spruce and many others in the Minnesota and other iron ranges. As an authority in Minnesota mining he is recognized as without a superior, and his opinions are often asked and his judgment frequently sought. He has been a town builder, too, and the sites of the towns of Virginia and Eyeleth were originally laid out and platted by him. Mr. Adams has not only achieved an honorable and enviable distinction, but he has acquired a substantial competency as well. His personal record has never been impeached, and his financial standing is high. "A good name is better than riches," but a satisfactory bank account is not without its advantages. The career of Mr. Adams is one of many that may be considered with profit by American boys now battling with adversities and struggling almost without hope in this land of opportunities and possibilities. Mr. Adams was married

in the fall of 1883 to Miss Mary Wetterbeck, of Winona, Minnesota. They have one child, a daughter, named Lucilla Adams. Mr. Adams is a member of the order of Foresters and of the Elks, and is a Republican in politics. Moses Adams, the father of David T. Adams, was a Canadian by birth. He came from Canada to the United States in 1810 and settled in the State of New York. Several years later he came to the West, and lived for a time at Rockford, Illinois. In 1861 he removed to Chilton, Wisconsin, and in the fall of 1865 to Menasha, in the same State, where he died in the fall of 1867. He was a butcher by trade, but engaged in farming in Illinois, and had been so engaged in Wisconsin for two years when he died.

JOSIAH D. ENSIGN.

Judge Josiah Davis Ensign, who for ten years has been on the Duluth District Bench, and is now senior Judge of the district, has been a resident of the city of Duluth for thirty years. He was born in Erie county, New York, May 11, 1833. His father was R. S. Ensign, who died in 1896, and his mother is at this writing still living at the age of eighty-nine. One of his great grandfathers was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and he comes of an old American family. His education was obtained in the common schools of northeastern Ohio and by a three years' attendance at Farmington and Orwell academies, in Ohio. When he was only a little past the age of fifteen he began teaching school, and taught during every winter and frequently in summer for seven years, meantime engaging, at intervals, in the study of law. When he was twenty-two years of age he was appointed auditor of Ashtabula county, Ohio, to serve out an unexpired term. In 1857 he was admitted to the bar, but before commencing the practice he was elected clerk of the Common Pleas and District Courts of Ashtabula county. He held this office for six years, and after the expiration of his second term he commenced the practice of his profession at Jefferson, the

county seat of that county, in partnership with an old school mate, Stephen A. Northway, who was subsequently for eight years a member of Congress. He continued in the practice at Jefferson until 1868. Upon the death of his wife, September 4, 1868, he removed to Rochester, Minnesota, where he had previously spent two summers with his companion for the benefit of her health. He has ever since been a resident of Minnesota. In 1869 he made a brief visit to Duluth, then a place with the proportions and character of a frontier village, but remained only a few weeks. Not long afterward he returned, but not with the purpose of becoming a permanent resident. The owners of 210 acres of land in Duluth desired to change the plat to conform to the other portions of the city, and they selected Judge Ensign to receive the title of the entire tract, to replat the same and to distribute and convey the lots to the owners according to the new plat. This work occupied his time for more than a year, and in the meantime he also engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1870 he was elected county attorney of St. Louis county and held the office for two years, continuing in the general practice during his term. In 1872 he associated himself in partnership with Hon. O. P. Stearns, and this relation continued until 1874, when Judge Stearns was appointed to the bench of the Eleventh Judicial District. He then continued the practice alone for some time, finally forming a partnership with Mr. Daniel G. Cash, under the firm name of Ensign & Cash. January 1, 1886, by the admission of Mr. John G. Williams, the firm name became Ensign, Cash & Williams. In 1889 he was appointed Judge of the District Court. He was duly elected to the position in 1890, and re-elected in 1896, and is now senior Judge of the District. His present term will expire by limitation in 1903. Of Judge Ensign's character as a lawyer and of his career as a judge, one of his old friends and former law partners says:

"As a lawyer he was exceptionally well qualified and equipped. Gifted with a legal mind, original in thought and expression, with an intense love for his profession, and industrious



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and methodical in his business habits, he devoted himself assiduously to the study and practice of his profession, and was well prepared and confident in every emergency. It was always a pleasure to listen to his strong, eloquent and logical arguments. Since his elevation to the bench, his uniformly patient and courteous treatment of the bar and his careful and conscientious consideration and decision of all matters brought before him, have won the universal commendation of all who have come in contact with him."

Judge Ensign has always been an active and public spirited citizen of Duluth, and at times prominent in its public and official affairs. He served on the school board for seven years, was for eight years a member of the city council, and was mayor of the city for two terms. He has been twice married. His first wife—to whom he was married while serving as clerk of the courts in Ohio—was Miss Catherine A. Jones, a daughter of Col. Lynds Jones, and a niece of Hon. Joshua R. Giddings, the well known statesman and pioneer Abolitionist of the "Western Reserve" of Ohio. Of this marriage there were two daughters: Julia Maria and Mary, the latter now the wife of J. C. Hunter, Esq., of Duluth. As has been stated, his first wife died in 1868, and in December, 1872, he married Miss Rose Watrous, of Bay City, Michigan. Of the latter marriage there is one daughter, Katherine W. Ensign.

DANIEL G. CASH.

As a member of the old law firm of Ensign & Cash, and subsequently of its successor, Ensign, Cash & Williams, the subject of this sketch has long been a well known citizen of Duluth, Minnesota. Daniel Gilbert Cash was born at Cleveland, Ohio, February 11, 1843. His father was a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania; the birthplace of his mother (née Fanny Tooker) was Peru, Huron county, Ohio. They were married in 1840, and one child, Agnes E., was born before Daniel. In 1845 the father took up a preëmption claim on the Ontonagon river, the largest southern tributary of Lake Superior. In addition to a log

cabin—the characteristic dwelling of preëmption claims—he erected a spacious frame house, and in October, 1847, set out from Cleveland to conduct his family to their new home. There being then no canal at the Sault Ste. Marie, their trip had to be made in two different boats. The voyage to the Sault was a comparatively comfortable one, and crossing the portage, they re-embarked in Lake Superior without serious misgivings; but it was three long weeks before they entered the Ontonagon. Blinding snowstorms swirled around the little steamer like a winding sheet, while she was mercilessly harassed by furious gales. The waves dashed over her decks until her cabin was flooded; and after most of her cargo had been consumed as fuel, the machinery and pumps gave out, the fires were drowned and all hope was abandoned. But the wreck finally floated behind an island near the north shore of the lake, where she lay for a week, during which time Daniel's father, who was skilled as a machinist, made such repairs that she was able to venture forth again. After further vicissitudes, and much difficulty and danger in making the harbor and landing, they succeeded in reaching their destination. Although Daniel was then but four years old, the events of those fearful three weeks were indelibly impressed upon his mind, and to this day he can relate his experience, even to pathetic or humorous details. He suffered severely from sea-sickness during the voyage, but, as if that distressing malady had belonged to the category of children's diseases, the one attack seemed to insure him against it for the future. In his numerous voyages on the lakes and ocean since, he has found himself an excellent sailor. The new home of the Cash family was delightfully located on the bank of the river and not far from the lake, and within a few years the father had cleared and laid out a fine farm, while the mother had converted the acres immediately surrounding the house into an orchard and flower gardens, until the place had taken on the aspect of a beautiful southern homestead. In this fair spot, and living a free, out-of-door life, the boy grew like the products of the fertile soil around him, became

expert in swimming and other athletic sports, helped his mother with her garden and his father in the fields. Both he and his older sister obtained the rudiments of their education at home, with their parents for teachers. When Daniel was eight years old they were sent to Cleveland, where they attended school, living with relatives of their mother. After two years their parents came to Cleveland, remained for three years, then the family returned to Ontonagon, which by this time supported a school. For the next few years Daniel attended the home school, helping with the farm work in summer. At eighteen he entered the preparatory school at Ann Arbor, Michigan, with a view to taking the literary course of the University. At the close of his term of preliminary work he returned home, for the summer vacation, as he thought; but the Rebellion was on and, catching the spirit of the war, he enlisted, August 4, 1862, in a company which was being raised in Ontonagon county and which was assigned to the Twenty-seventh Michigan Volunteers. This regiment later consolidated with another at Ypsilanti, and on October 10, Mr. Cash received the commission of second lieutenant, Company A. In the following April the regiment was ordered to the front and joined the Ninth Army Corps in Kentucky. In June they were ordered to Vicksburg. When that point had capitulated they moved on to Jackson, Mississippi, then came back to Kentucky and, passing through the Cumberland gap, entered Tennessee. Here Lieutenant Cash participated in the siege of Knoxville and the campaign of east Tennessee, and, in the spring of 1864, joined the Army of the Potomac under the command of General Grant. Meantime he had been promoted to first lieutenant, then to adjutant; and on May 5, 1864, he was advanced to the rank of captain. In the following August Captain Cash was captured by the rebels and for six weeks confined in Libby prison. He was then transferred to Salisbury, North Carolina. On October 19, while being taken from Salisbury to Danville, Virginia, he gained his freedom by breaking out of the car and jumping from the

train. In company with a comrade, who had also escaped, he made for Mount Airy, Virginia; but, although the two fugitives had disguised themselves by changing clothing with some negroes, they were recaptured and sent back as spies. The next day, however, they managed to escape from the guard and succeeded in reaching a Union settlement. Here they staid for a week, luxuriating in their sense of freedom and safety, then crossed the mountains to the Union lines at Gauley Bridge, Virginia. Captain Cash next went to Washington, obtained leave of absence and, late in November, set out for home, where he had solemnly vowed to eat his Christmas dinner. He had a hard time getting there, for the boats had stopped for the winter, and from Green Bay, Wisconsin, he had to make the journey on a very primitive kind of mail conveyance, and through almost bottomless mud. But "fortune favors the brave," and he ate his Christmas dinner at home. Captain Cash returned to the army and was actively engaged in the operations which were consummated by the capture of Petersburg and the surrender of General Lee. On April 2, 1865, Captain Cash was made brevet major, and May 15, following, attained to the rank of major. He was mustered out and honorably discharged August 7, 1865, and, together with comrades from Ontonagon, embarked for home on the steamship "Meteor." But new excitements and perils were in store for him, for while crossing Lake Huron a collision occurred between the "Meteor" and the steamer "Pewabic," the latter being scuttled and sunk; and on the following day the "Meteor" herself took fire at the point of exit from the Sault Ste. Marie, and soon her charred bulk lay at the bottom of the canal basin. Fortunately the passengers escaped and the soldiers were reunited with their waiting families. After a short home visit Major Cash entered the Law Department of the University of Michigan. After completing his course at Ann Arbor, he read law for two years in the office of Newberry & Pond, at Detroit. In 1868, when Hon. Henry P. Baldwin was for the first time elected Governor of Michigan, Major Cash was appointed as his private secre-



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tary, but before the date for entering upon his duties had arrived, he was summoned to the death-bed of his father in New York, who had gone East on business. The daughter also came and joined her brother there, and together they cared for their father until his death early in the new year. Meantime Major Cash had relinquished his secretaryship to the Governor, and in the spring of 1870 he located in Duluth, of whose bar he has now for thirty years been an active and honored member. For two years he served as city attorney, and for six years as county attorney. In 1874 he formed a partnership with J. D. Ensign, and in 1886 Ensign & Cash admitted a new member, John G. Williams, thus constituting the firm of Ensign, Cash & Williams, which was continued as Cash & Williams when Mr. Ensign became District Judge, in 1887. Besides his sister Agnes, now Mrs. Porter A. Hitchcock, of Pontiac, Michigan, Mr. Cash had another, younger, sister, and several brothers, as follows: Olive and John E., both of whom were deceased in childhood; Dr. William P. Cash, who died in California in 1896; James Cash, now of Duluth, and Charles T. Cash, of Atlanta, Georgia. On October 1, 1872, Mr. Cash was married to Alice B. Scott, daughter of Dr. John and Margaret Scott, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. A son, Scott Cash, born June 27, 1875, is their only child.

HENRY M. BRADLEY.

Henry Martin Bradley, for ten years past a cherished citizen of Duluth, Minnesota, was born May 7, 1824, at Lee, Berkshire county, Massachusetts. He represents a staunch old Puritan stock, resident in New England since 1637, in which year one William Bradley came from England and settled in New Haven, Connecticut. Henry M. is the son of William (a lineal descendant of the original settler) and Lucy (Ball) Bradley, both of whom, like himself, were natives of Lee, Massachusetts. They were married in 1816, and became the parents of nine children, of whom Henry M. was the fourth in order of birth. In 1835, when the subject of this review was eleven years of age,

the father removed with his family to Ohio, locating in Wellington, Lorain county. Here, as opportunity permitted, the boy continued the education which he had begun in the public schools of the old Bay State. When about sixteen, however, he was led by business ambition to abandon his text books for more practical training, and, going to Seville, in Medina county, Ohio, he became an apprentice in the carding and cloth-dressing trade. But he did not follow the trade as a permanent occupation. Previous to 1855, in which year he located in Bay City, Michigan, he spent several years in the towns of Litchfield and Sparta, Ohio, being for a considerable portion of this time engaged in the manufacture of hardwood lumber, which business he conducted in a saw-mill of his own. In Bay City, where he continued to reside for a period of thirty-five years, Mr. Bradley experienced many phases of business success and ill-fortune. During the first three years he was employed as manager of Frost & Bradley's mill, which establishment was later known as N. B. Bradley & Sons. In 1860 he bought the Catlin mill, in the operation of which prosperity attended him for more than ten years. But in the crisis of 1873, and the years of financial depression following, he suffered severe losses, and although his business had become extensive and apparently secure, he was compelled, in 1877, to succumb to the adverse forces. It would be hard to imagine, however, that his misfortune was due in any degree to negligence or bad management on his part, as he has repeatedly and in many capacities proven himself possessed of a high order of executive ability, and a perseverance which would overcome all ordinary obstacles. It is an ill wind, indeed, that blows nobody any good, and it occasionally happens that it blows the greatest good to the very ones we deem most hopelessly wrecked by its ravages. Moral forces and all the gentle virtues, so much more precious than gold, sometimes flourish most richly in the soil from whence material blessings have been rudely torn away. But this depends upon the nature of the soil. It is easy to bloom with the virtues of courage, energy and geniality in the fair sunshine of

prosperity. It is quite another thing to withstand unscared disaster's withering sirocco. Yet there are steadfast and trustful souls who rise serene above the desolation of financial ruin and, looking abroad with a new understanding of life's problems and meaning, and an added sense of brotherhood for their struggling fellowmen, set cheerfully to work again, content to do the best they can and leave the rest with Providence. Such was the spirit in which Mr. Bradley met his reverses. He was obliged to surrender his mill, but nothing could deprive him of the practical knowledge gained during his many years of business experience. He first became a dealer in logs, and after a time engaged in the location of timber and mining lands in Minnesota. In the latter line his work was crowned with a gratifying degree of success. It was his good fortune to become part owner in fee of that hoard of wealth in the Vermillion range well known as the Chandler Iron Mine; and from his mining interests alone he has realized a comfortable competence. Mr. Bradley was identified with the development of Bay City from the mere village he found it to the thriving municipality he left in 1890 to take up his residence in Duluth. He was the first street commissioner of the youthful town, and served for several years as chief of the fire department. As a prominent member of the board of education, of which he was for two terms president, he did important service to the public schools. He was then, as now, a devoted Methodist, and it was largely at his instigation and through his efforts that the Madison Avenue M. E. Church Society was organized and its fine edifice erected. He was not only a liberal contributor to the funds necessary to the enterprise, but he personally superintended the construction, and continued a faithful promoter of the interests of the church, filling at one time or another every office except that of pastor, and rendering especially efficient and valued service as superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics Mr. Bradley has never taken an active part, although always a loyal Republican and one entertaining well-defined opinions. On January 1, 1846, Mr.

Bradley was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Cook, a daughter of Alva Cook of Gilford, Medina county, Ohio. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, as follows: Alice A., Alva W., Elisha L., Charles H., George M., Frank E., Edward L. and Addie May. Of these Elisha L., George M. and Frank E. are deceased. Of the five surviving all are married and have families, and all but one—Addie May, now Mrs. Carl Norpell, of Newark, Ohio—are residents of Duluth. The years of Mr. Bradley's residence in Duluth have been those years of advanced life, during which many men live in retirement from productive activities; but here, as in Bay City, he has entered with youthful zest into the general life, promoting, with both money and effort, numerous worthy enterprises. For a number of years he has been a member of the board of education; and as a trustee and class leader of the First Methodist church, he has been a faithful worker. He rendered efficient service as a member of the building committee which supervised the construction of its splendid edifice, which was completed in the year 1893; and he and two of his sons—Alva W. and Edward L.—were among the largest contributors to the building fund. In the recent campaign for the payment of the indebtedness of \$35,000 on the property, he led the movement, contributing about one-third of the required amount. But happy as he is in the general service, his own home fireside is to Mr. Bradley a hallowed spot. Blest in his children and his numerous grandchildren, blest in the consciousness of having earned the right to be called "the poor man's friend and the young man's guide," and, above all, blest in a firm faith in the wisdom and beneficence of the Infinite Father, his declining years may rightfully be deemed the richest and best of his life.

MARION DOUGLASS.

Marion Douglass, Esq., of Duluth, Minnesota, is a native of the State of Maine, born in Dixfield on the 29th of September, 1853. William E. Douglass, the father of Marion,



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who was born in the year 1819, was also a native of Dixfield, Maine, and was reared in the rural community of that town, becoming in maturity one of its most influential and respected citizens. He is still living, at the advanced age of four score years. The Douglass family is of Scotch descent, being traceable to the nobility of Scotland. The maiden name of the mother of Marion Douglass was Mahala Tucker, she being of English extraction. Her death took place in Maine, on September 11, 1879. The subject of this review is one of a family of seven children, six of whom are still living. He is, however, the only one who has tried his fortunes in the West. He was reared upon his father's farm in Dixfield and attended the neighboring district schools until prepared for more advanced study. He then took a preparatory course at the Academy of Wilton, Maine, and in 1872 entered Bates College, at Lewiston, Maine. He was for four years a student in this institution, graduating in the class of 1876. Shortly after his graduation he took a trip to Europe, allured chiefly by foreign educational advantages. He went to Paris and spent a year in the International College of Languages. Upon his return to this country, he accepted a position as instructor in the Normal School at Lee, Maine, where he taught for two years. Having decided to adopt the legal profession as his life work, he began reading law with Hutchinson, Savage & Hale, attorneys of prominence in Lewiston, Maine. After about two years of study under this excellent tutorage, Mr. Douglass was admitted to practice at the Kennebec bar. This was in 1879, and during the same year he came West, making Minneapolis his objective point, where, in December, he opened an office for the practice of law. But his stay in Minneapolis was a short one, for, yielding to persuasion, he pushed further West to make a tour of the Dakotas and select a location in that newer section. The point at length decided upon was a youthful settlement in Brown county, South Dakota, which, in 1881, arrived at the proportions and functions of a town, with the name of Columbia. Here Mr. Douglass took up his residence, though the first year

or year and a half he spent largely in traveling in various plain regions of the West. During the four years of his residence in Columbia he built up a substantial law practice, and was made Probate Judge, being one of the first elected to this office in Brown county. He resigned the office in a short time, as it interfered with his law practice. In September, 1886, he returned to Minnesota, locating permanently in Duluth, in which city he has since been continuously and successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession. In 1882, during his sojourn in South Dakota, Mr. Douglass returned to his native State of Maine, and on December 19 was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Brooks, a daughter of Richard Brooks, of noble English ancestry. Mr. Douglass is a Mason of the Thirty-second degree, being a member of the Duluth Commandery. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, and manifests a lively interest in political matters.

WALLACE B. DOUGLAS.

Wallace Barton Douglas, Attorney-General of the State of Minnesota, was born in Leyden, Lewis county, New York, September 21, 1852. He is the son of Asabel M. and Alma E. (Miller) Douglas. He traces his ancestry to Deacon William Douglas, who emigrated from Scotland in 1640, and settled in New England, and whose wife was Ann Mattel. From this union sprung the main branch of the Douglas family in America. The Hon. Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois was a conspicuous member of this family. The early life of Wallace B. was spent on his father's farm, where he attended the common schools and afterwards received a few months' instruction at the Cazenovia Seminary. When he was fifteen years of age his father removed to Momence, Illinois, and a few years later Wallace entered the University of Michigan, where he graduated from the Law Department in 1875. From 1875 until 1883 he practiced law in Chicago. In 1883, his health requiring a change of climate, he came to Minnesota and settled in Moorhead, where he has since resided, and where he has become emi-

ment in the practice of his profession. A Republican in politics, he has always taken an active interest in the affairs of his party. For five years he served as city attorney of Moorhead; was county attorney of Clay county for six years, and is recognized as one of the ablest attorneys of northwestern Minnesota. In the fall of 1894 he was elected to represent the Fiftieth Senatorial District in the Legislature of 1895, and was re-elected in 1896 in a strongly Populistic district. During the session he gave efficient aid in securing the passage of the Red river drainage appropriation, and had full charge of this measure after its constitutionality was attacked. He succeeded in convincing the Senate Judiciary Committee that this legislation was strictly Constitutional, and the law has since been upheld and respected. He was the author and promoter of the legislation changing the right of appeals from the decision of the Board of Railway and Warehouse Commission to the county wherein the complainant reside. In 1898 he was elected Attorney-General of the State, which office he now holds. At the present time he is one of perhaps half a dozen men from various sections of the State who are acknowledged leaders of the younger and more progressive element in the Republican party. As a political speaker he takes high rank, and during recent campaigns he has been in constant demand throughout the northern section of the State. He is a good debater and a hard fighter—one whose aid is courted and whose resistance is feared. A prominent business man of St. Paul, who has known Mr. Douglas intimately for many years, says of him:

"Mr. Douglas is an enthusiastic student of all new opinions and decisions—especially in corporation and constitutional law—in which he aims to keep abreast of the times. When serving as prosecuting attorney for Clay county he made a remarkable record in the conviction of criminals indicted by the grand jury. During his term of six years there were ninety-two indictments and but six acquittals.

Mr. Douglas is an enthusiastic sportsman and a remarkable shot. As an incident of his love of the forest and the stream, he has ever

been an ardent game protector, and during the Legislatures of 1895 and 1897 he took a prominent part in framing the existing game laws of Minnesota, several features of which are considered by some to be quite radical and severe, but which have been sustained by the Supreme Court of Minnesota. He had a very lucrative practice as an attorney, and it was a great financial sacrifice for him to abandon this for the office of Attorney-General. However, when the matter of increasing the salaries in his department came before the Legislature, though he recommended that the compensation of his assistants be increased, he insisted upon his own salary remaining the same. His views on this question, which are so rare in modern politics as to be quite refreshing, were as follows: He stated that he had accepted the nomination of his party for the position, with a full knowledge of the compensation fixed by law, and by so doing he considered that he was under obligations to serve out his term without any increase in salary."

In 1897 he was the author of the good roads amendment to the Constitution of Minnesota, which was adopted in the general election of 1898. The feature with which he was most closely connected, in 1897, was a bill which failed. It had for its object the lessening of freight rates upon grain and coal. This was the attempt to provide a statutory rate in the nature of a distance tariff on these products. In a social way Mr. Douglas is very companionable, unselfish and always loyal to his friends. He is an active member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias societies. Mr. Douglas was married May 19, 1881, to Ella M. Smith, daughter of Charles C. Smith, Channahon, Illinois. This union has been blest with two children, Harold B. and Leila L.

MOSES E. CLAPP.

A big-brained, big-hearted man, of an earnest nature, forcible in action and eloquent of speech, a man of enlarged views and liberal ideas, a frank and hearty Westerner with a



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legion of admiring friends—is Moses E. Clapp, the well-known Minnesota lawyer, ex-Attorney General, and now a prominent attorney of St. Paul. "General" Clapp, as he is commonly known, was born at Delphi, Carroll county, Indiana, May 21, 1851. His father, Harvey S. Clapp came of a New England family. He settled in Indiana in 1819, but passed the greater part of his life in Wisconsin, and died in that State in 1889. General Clapp's mother was Jane Van Dercook, a native of Ohio, but of New York parents and Knickerbocker ancestry. He has been most distinguished in life as a lawyer. His legal studies were pursued in the University of Wisconsin, and he began the practice in 1873 at Hudson, Wisconsin. In 1882 he moved to Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where he soon became prominent, not only in his profession, but as an advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and one of its leaders in northern Minnesota. In 1886 he was the Republican candidate for Attorney General, and took a very active part in the campaign. He was renominated and re-elected in 1888 and again in 1890, and was Attorney General of the State six years in all. Upon retiring from the Attorney General's office in 1893, he resumed the private practice of the law, taking up his permanent residence in St. Paul, and forming with Newell H. Clapp and A. E. Macartney, the well-known legal firm of Clapp & Macartney. The firm soon secured and still has a large general practice, and is most successful in the conduct of its business. As a lawyer, General Clapp has attained to more than local distinction. He has been called to a large number of important cases, not only in Minnesota, but in the Dakotas, and has been more than ordinarily successful in winning victories. He is perhaps most effective as an advocate, although he is known to be thoroughly versed in all the features of American jurisprudence. His official opinions, while Attorney General, read like judicial decisions, and have the same respect and practically the same authority among lawyers generally. But as an advocate, he is, so to speak, in his native element. No matter what may be the subject of his plea, he is never

uninteresting or dull, is commonly forcible, and often finely eloquent. On the stump he is as effective as at the bar, and his services are demanded in campaigns oftener than they can be granted. He is personally very popular among his friends, and for some years his admirers insisted on his becoming the Republican candidate for Governor. At last, in 1896, he consented to stand for the nomination, as the leader of the opposition to the then existing State administration. Certain combinations defeated him, but he did not "sulk in his tent," and again took the stump and canvassed the State in the interest of the ticket, with his usual loyalty, earnestness and good effect. General Clapp was married in 1874 to Miss Hattie Allen, of St. Croix county, Wisconsin, and there are three children living of their marriage, named Katherine, Harvey and Ella.

ALVAREN ALLEN.

Col. Alvaren Allen, of St. Paul, who was born September 25, 1822, at Morristown, St. Lawrence county, New York, was the eldest son of Aaron and Elizabeth Allen. The Allen family had its origin in the North of Ireland, whence John Allen, the father of Aaron, came to America and settled in Connecticut. He served as an officer in the Revolutionary War. Aaron Allen was born at Hartford, Connecticut, and was reared on a farm. He served in the War of 1812, and while in the service marched from Sacketts Harbor, New York, to Detroit, Michigan. After the war he settled in St. Lawrence county, New York, and married Miss Elizabeth Gould, of Brownsville, Jefferson county, New York. Here he engaged in stock raising, took an interest in local affairs and served as captain of a company in New York State Militia. In 1836 he removed with his family to Wisconsin, and took up a claim situated on the Rock river, twelve miles from Janesville, where he again engaged in raising stock. A short time after he was gored to death by a vicious bull, thus placing much of the responsibility of the management of the farm upon his son, Alvaren. The early life

of young Allen differed in no wise from that of other country boys of pioneer days in the West. School facilities were extremely limited in those days, but such advantages as the country could afford were at the disposal of young Allen. He made the best of his opportunities, attending the little log school at Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin, during the winter and driving a team during the summer months. In 1843 he entered the first high school in the Territory, which was located at Beloit. After graduating from this school he was employed as teacher in the same institution, and later accepted a position in a large general store. Here he continued until 1847, when he went to Milwaukee and engaged as salesman for Shepherd, Bonnell & Williams, wholesale dry goods and groceries. At the expiration of six months he was promoted to the position of head salesman, which he held until 1851. January 15, 1851, Mr. Allen was married to Miss Louisa J. Soule, of Schenectady, New York, a young lady of French descent, who was left an orphan at two years of age. She was reared in the family of an uncle, Nicholas Ehle. In the spring of this same year Mr. Allen bought a team, and, with his wife, drove across the country to the Mississippi river, having in view a three-fold object: first, to visit the trade in the interest of Shepherd, Bonnell & Williams; second, in search of pleasure and recreation; and, third, to prospect for a location that would offer inducements to one of his ability and ambition. On reaching Dubuque, he found the steamboat "Excelsior" at the landing, crowded with people bound for the Territory of Minnesota. A quick counsel with his wife determined him to put the team on board and accompany the throng of emigrants and prospectors. They arrived at St. Paul on a Friday morning in the month of May, 1851. Here he was received by an old friend, Robert Canida, who was the proprietor of the weather-boarded log cabin known as the Central House. This building was later used as the first capitol of Minnesota. The following Sunday he, with his wife, drove to St. Anthony and halted on a hill overlooking the falls, where the State University now stands. Mrs. Allen remarked

that this was the most beautiful spot she had ever seen, and that it looked like home; to which Colonel Allen replied, "then we will call it home, as we have nothing special to take us back to Wisconsin." After spending two days at St. Anthony his wife asked him if he could see any way to make a living. He replied that he would make a venture in the livery business, as his team had been driven to St. Paul the preceding day, for which he received a five dollar gold piece, in payment for transportation, and again the second day bringing in ten dollars. Mr. Allen was quick to see the opportunity and immediately embarked in the livery business. In 1853 he opened a stage line from St. Paul to Monticello and St. Cloud. Colonel Allen was the second mayor of St. Anthony, and resigned his office in the fall of 1856, when he removed to St. Paul. There he purchased the stage line and mail route of Patterson, Benson & Ward, but later sold a half interest to C. L. Chase, Secretary of the Territory, for \$21,000. In 1858 Mr. Chase sold his interest to Col. J. L. Merriam. In 1859, in conjunction with the Northwestern Express Company, they started the line from St. Paul to La Crosse, Wisconsin, and soon after consolidated their business with that of J. C. Burbank & Company, who owned and controlled all the Northwestern stage lines, the company being known as the Minnesota Stage Company. Colonel Allen followed the stage business until 1868, when he began railroading, and built forty miles of the S. M. R. R. He continued railroad building until 1872. June 1, 1873, he purchased Col. John Shaw's interest and lease in the Merchants Hotel of St. Paul for \$40,000, and in 1882 he bought the hotel from Colonel Potter for \$275,000. He has made many improvements since until the present value of the property is not far from half a million dollars. He has bought and sold a great deal of real estate in the "Twin Cities," and always with a profit to himself. Colonel Allen, though leaning towards the Democratic party, is very conservative in politics. He believes in voting for the best man, regardless of party, and supported William McKinley for the Presidency in 1896.

He was instrumental in building the market house in St. Paul; was chairman of the finance committee, and gave six months of diligent and faithful service. He served the city as alderman for eight years, and was president of the council for four years. While on a visit to St. Louis in 1875, during the Carnival of the Veiled Prophet, he conceived the idea of illuminating the city of St. Paul in like manner for the coming fall fair, and succeeded in making this a success. These illuminations and decorations have been continued from year to year ever since. He also figured very prominently in bringing the Ice Palace into existence, which proved so attractive and profitable to the city. Colonel Allen is a Knight Templar, and the only surviving member of Cataract Lodge No. 2, St. Anthony Falls, organized in 1851 or 1852. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen two sons, George Hamilton and Ehler, both deceased.

EDWARD C. MITCHELL.

Rev. Edward Craig Mitchell, A. M., of St. Paul, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, July 21, 1836. He was the second of three children, the sons of Edward Phillips Mitchell, of Salem, Roanoke county, Virginia, and Elizabeth Tyndale Mitchell, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. All four of Mr. Mitchell's grandparents were of English descent. His father's family lived in Virginia through six generations. His mother was descended from a brother of William Tyndale, the author of the first English translation of the New Testament, and who suffered martyrdom for that work. John Tyndall, the scientist, belonged to the same family. In 1841 Edward P. Mitchell, the father of Edward C., removed with his family to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits and was also president of the Commonwealth Bank. His eldest son, James Tyndale Mitchell, of Philadelphia, is one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and was for many years editor of the American Law Register. Edward C. Mitchell was educated in Philadelphia, in the

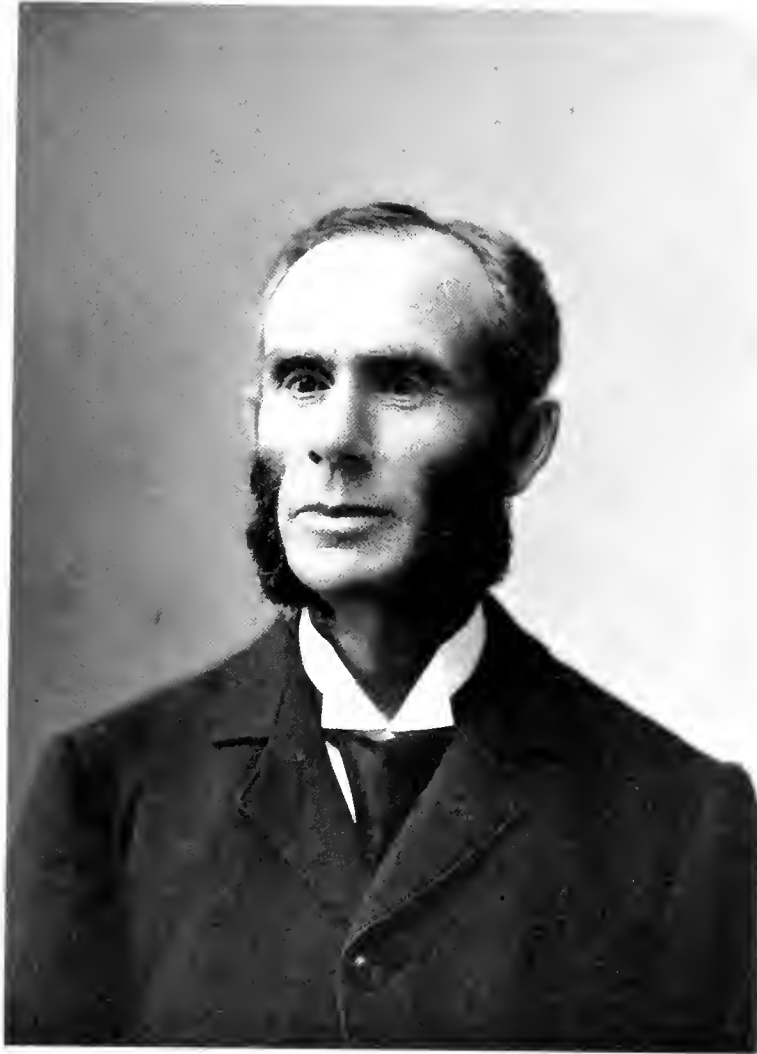
Central High School and the University of Pennsylvania. In 1859 he was admitted to the bar of Philadelphia. In 1861 Mr. Mitchell entered the ministry of the New Jerusalem (or Swedenborgian) church, in Philadelphia. From 1860 to 1863 he preached in Philadelphia; from 1863 to 1866, in Providence and Pawtucket, Rhode Island; from 1866 to 1869, in North Bridgewater (now Brockton), Massachusetts; from 1869 to 1872, in Detroit, Michigan. In April, 1872, Mr. Mitchell removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and in 1876 he came to St. Paul, where he has since resided. From 1872 to 1880 he officiated in both cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul; but since 1880 he has served the St. Paul church only. His first preaching in St. Paul was in the lecture room of the Y. M. C. A., on Third street, near Minnesota street, from 1872 to 1876, when the society purchased and refitted the old First Methodist church on Market street, between Fourth and Fifth streets. In 1887 they built the new and picturesque church at the corner of Virginia and Selby avenues, on St. Anthony Hill. As a preacher, Mr. Mitchell's style is logical, rather than rhetorical. His aim is to help his hearers to open their minds to spiritual truths; his earnest effort being directed to unfolding the profounder meaning of the Scriptures, and to applying such meaning to the practical walk of daily life, in the belief that all religion relates to life, and that a religious life is in living from well-defined religious principles in every relation of practical daily life. It has been said of him that his discourses are clear and forcible—"written from the head and spoken from the heart"; but the strongest argument that he makes in favor of his religion is his own daily life. Of strong mental gifts and attributes, Mr. Mitchell is a very accomplished gentleman in all true essentials. He is a scholar, a thinker, a litterateur, a theologian. As an author, Mr. Mitchell, in addition to many sermons, lectures, etc., has published an octavo work on "The Parables of the New Testament, Spiritually Unfolded," being an interpretation of the symbolic meaning of the forty parables of the New Testament. Without the semblance of dilettanteism, he is refined and polished.

Personally he is universally esteemed, and no man in the city has stronger friends and admirers. In 1865 Mr. Mitchell was married to Miss Lousia C. Fernald, of Portland, Maine, for whose health he moved to Minnesota; but she did not long survive. In July, 1876, he was married to Miss Annie Imgerich, daughter of Louis C. Imgerich, Esq., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a well-known merchant and banker. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have one son, Walton, born December 26, 1877, now a medical student at the University of Minnesota. Besides his church work, Mr. Mitchell has always been active in charitable and benevolent organizations. For many years he was in the board of managers, and in the executive committee of the St. Paul Society for the Relief of the Poor; and for several years was one of the vice-presidents of the society and chairman of the executive committee. He was the originator of the Free Kindergartens of St. Paul, and is still president of the society. He also organized the St. Paul Day Nursery or Creche, in which he takes an active interest. He was for a number of years vice-president of the Humane Society for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals. Mr. Mitchell is a charter member of the "Sons of the American Revolution," and was the chaplain of the society until December, 1898. He is a member of the "Society of the Colonial Wars in the State of Minnesota," and was the chaplain of the society for the year 1899. He is also a member of the "Society of American Wars"; a member of the "American Institute of Civics," and is president of the "St. Paul Academy of Science."

THOMAS SHAW.

Thomas Shaw, professor of animal husbandry in the University of Minnesota, was born of Scotch parentage, at Niagara-on-the-lake, Ontario, Canada, January 3, 1843. His parents were Robert and Margaret (Carnachan) Shaw, both natives of Barr Hill parish, Colmonell, Scotland. His father came to Ontario in 1833, where he married, and raised a family

of nine children, of whom Thomas was the fourth child and second son. He was reared on his father's farm, and educated in the common schools. At the age of sixteen he commenced teaching school, and with the money he obtained purchased a farm near Hamilton, Ontario, and spent twenty-five years in active farm work on his own account, and achieved distinction among the most successful farmers for the intelligent and profitable management of his farm. In 1882, with his brother, the late Dr. George M. Shaw, he established the "Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal," which he edited for seven years. He was foremost in the farmers' institute work in Ontario, and in other efforts to promote the farmer's welfare. He was called to the chair of agriculture in the College of Agriculture at Guelph, Ontario, in 1888. He wrote eight times, in competitive contests on agricultural subjects, six provincial and two international, open only to agricultural colleges, and was awarded eight first premiums. In 1893 he was offered and accepted the chair of animal husbandry at the University of Minnesota Experiment Station. Professor Shaw has long since become recognized as an expert authority on many phases of farm practice and agricultural science. He was the author, in 1892, of the book, "Weeds and Methods of Eradicating Them," also the article on sheep in Johnson's Encyclopaedia, 1893. "Forage Crops, other than Grasses," is the title of a new book by Professor Shaw, now in publication by the Orange Judd Publishing Company. Like all his works, it is practical, scientifically accurate, and very thorough. Professor's Shaw's latest work, "The Study of Breeds," now in the hands of the same publishers, will doubtless at once become the accepted authority on all the pedigreed breeds in America, of cattle, sheep and swine. These books are designed as text books for agricultural colleges in all parts of the United States and Canada, and also for popular use. The book on live stock he considers as the greatest work of his life, and in its preparation he has spent a large part of his time for twelve years. This work is entirely a new creation, there never having



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been before an attempt made to systemize the study of breeds, to describe their characteristics, and the points by which they can be judged. Professor Shaw has another work just ready for the press, entitled "Soiling Crops, and the Silo," designed to supply the need of systematic text-books for the use of colleges in that line. This book is intended to meet the needs of dairymen, and will be the first text book that has ever been written on the subject. The first part of the book is devoted to crops to cut and feed green, more particularly in the late summer, when grass is scarce; the latter part of the work treats of the history of the silo; crops suitable for the silo; building the silo; curing crops in the silo, and feeding the silage. Professor Shaw spent three winters in the farmers' institute work in Minnesota, in addition to lectures given at the school of agriculture, and has conducted a large amount of experimental work in growing and fattening cattle, sheep and swine, and has prepared bulletins, which have been issued by the university from time to time, in regard to this work. The work which Professor Shaw considers of most importance, since he came to Minnesota, is the growing of pastures for sheep and cattle, other than grasses, making it possible to double or triple the ordinary capacity of a farm for the keeping of stock, and which can be embodied in the practice of ordinary farming, in a greater or less degree, in every State in the Union. In 1890 Professor Shaw, while in Canada, issued a bulletin on the rape-plant—a plant that was practically unknown in the United States at that time—and its uses and value were brought to the attention of the American people by the Department of Agriculture at Washington, in the publication, in 1892, of this bulletin, re-written by Professor Shaw. At the present time it is safe to say that 5,000,000 sheep in the United States are fattened on rape alone. At the present time Professor Shaw is paying special attention to the growing of forage plants in various parts of the United States, thorough experiments being conducted by private individuals under his direction, and from which source he is receiving

much valuable information. Professor Shaw was married July 4, 1865, to Mary Janet Sidey, a native of Woodburn, Ontario. They have four children: Mary Isabella (Mrs. Dr. M. H. Reynolds of St. Anthony Park), Robert S. Shaw (Professor of Agriculture in the College at Bozeman, Montana), William T. Shaw (a graduate of the University of Minnesota), and Florence W., living at home. Professor Shaw is a Republican in politics, a member of the Presbyterian church, and an active worker in church and Sunday school.

LAFAYETTE G. M. FLETCHER.

Lafayette G. M. Fletcher, of Mankato, was born in Stockholm, St. Lawrence county, New York, February 13, 1830. His parents were Adolphus and Sarah (Wellington) Fletcher. Both his parents were of English descent through colonial families noted in the early history of New England. His father was a native of Walpole, New Hampshire, born in 1795, and served as a private soldier in the War of 1812. His grandfather, Luke Fletcher, served through the War of the Revolution, fought at Newton and, wintering at Valley Forge, was present at the surrender of Yorktown. The Fletcher family came from England in 1630 and settled in Lowell, Massachusetts. The subject of this biography spent his younger days on his father's farm, attended the common school and later the St. Lawrence Academy, at Potsdam, and the Ogdensburg Academy, and taught school winters from the age of nineteen to twenty-four. His father died at the old homestead in 1851, and his mother in 1873. In May, 1854, young Fletcher started out to see the world, and to make a place for himself, intending to go to Council Bluffs, Iowa. He stopped at Dubuque, Iowa, for a few weeks, and while there met a party of government surveyors, and engaged to go with them. He was active, energetic, and quick to learn, and he soon picked up a fair understanding of the work. He was given charge of a party in townshipping and checking, a portion of the season of 1854. They

started the survey July 6, 1854, at the south-east corner of Blue Earth county and ran west on the first standard parallel, reaching Mankato about August 15, of the same year. Mr. Fletcher was so much pleased with the country that he concluded to locate there permanently, and he was the only one out of a party of forty men that remained. He immediately made a claim north of the present town site, where he built a homestead, and where he has resided for over forty-five years. While the country was new he spent much of his time in locating new comers, surveying claims and making out papers. He located the Maple River colony and surveyed the land; he also surveyed and laid out several additions to the city of Mankato. He has been engaged in farming, grain storing, and in the real estate business, and has built some of the substantial business blocks of Mankato. He was one of the original incorporators of the Mankato Savings Bank, and has been its president since its organization, with Mr. J. C. Cotton cashier. He was also one of the directors of the Mankato Manufacturing Company, and has been interested in many other business institutions. He was one of the original five who organized the Republican Party in Mankato, in 1856, and he is the only surviving member of that quintette. He has been a member of the school board nearly all the time since 1860, and has served the people faithfully in that capacity. He helped to build the first school house in Mankato in the summer of 1855, and he taught the first school in the winter of 1855 and 1856, and also in the winter of 1857 and 1858. He was elected to the State Senate in 1883 and served for one term. In fact he has always been a prominent figure in the history of Mankato. A prominent citizen who has known him intimately for many years says:

"Mr. Fletcher has truly been the architect of his own fortune. The capital with which he started was an abiding ambition to succeed, strong hands and a steadfast purpose; he was gifted with good practical ability, and schooled in industry and in the practice of rigid economy in the husbanding of his resources. Success attended his efforts, as a reward for well-directed industry, and with it

he secured the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Fletcher is a gentleman of correct habits, positive convictions, and strong in friendships. He is a firm and unswerving friend of the cause of popular education, and from his earliest citizenship in Mankato, has earnestly and unselfishly labored to promote its success. For over forty years he has been identified with the school interests of Mankato, and while he has, in the positive declaration of his views, incurred opposition, the earnestness and unmistakable honesty of his purpose has commanded the confidence and support of his constituency, enabling him to wield a large influence in shaping and directing the policy of the public schools. He has always been on the side of good government, and for simplicity and economy in all public affairs."

Mr. Fletcher was married in December, 1858, to Lucina B. Foot, who died September 17, 1870. He married his present wife, whose maiden name was Susie M. Dyer, May 15, 1872. His children are: George H. Fletcher—a prominent attorney of Minneapolis; Carrie D.—Mrs. C. J. Rockwood of Minneapolis; Emma A.—Mrs. W. W. Davis, Jr., of Mankato; Lucine E. (deceased); Ella May—teaching in Minneapolis; Jennie D.—teaching in Mankato; Nellie (deceased); Mildred, L. G. M., Jr., and Edith—living at home, in Mankato.

MARTIN J. SEVERANCE.

Hon. Martin J. Severance, a pioneer lawyer of the Territory of Minnesota, a gallant officer of the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, and for the past nineteen years the learned and just Judge of the District Court of the Sixth Judicial District of Minnesota, was born at Shelburn Falls, Franklin county, Massachusetts, on Christmas Eve, 1826. He was a son of Asa and Calista (Boyden) Severance, both of whom, like himself, were born in the old Bay State, and he is descended from very old New England stock. His first American ancestor on the paternal side came from England to the colony of Massachusetts in 1636. His great-grandfather, Martin Severance, served through the French and Indian



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war—1756 to 1763—and also through the war of the Revolution, receiving his discharge from the Patriot army of the war for independence at the advanced age of seventy-three years. He was with Colonel Rodgers' "Rangers" when they attacked and destroyed the town of St. Francis, on the St. Lawrence river, in Canada. Soon after, he was taken prisoner by the French and Indians, carried to Canada, held a captive for two years, and finally returned by way of France, England, and Quebec. His parents, Asa and Calista Severance, had a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, all of whom lived to maturity, and seven of whom are yet living. One daughter died at the age of eighteen, and two sons were killed in battle during the war of the Rebellion, one at Fair Oaks, Virginia, in 1862, and the other at Port Hudson, Louisiana, in 1863. Another son was severely wounded at the capture of Arkansas Post, but recovered and is now living in the State of Michigan. The war record of the Severance family is particularly good and notable. Asa Severance was a thrifty farmer, and his son Martin passed his early life in the manner of many another farmer's boy—helping with the "chores" and farm work, and attending the common schools—until he was eighteen years of age. His education was completed in the Franklin Academy, at Shelburn Falls, and in the Williston Seminary—now Williston College—at East Hampton, Massachusetts; he was about six years at school in these institutions. In 1849 he went to Chicopee, Massachusetts, and for two years was a law student in the office of Hon. John Wells, who subsequently became a Judge of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and died in office. His legal studies were completed with the law firm of Beach & Bond, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and, in 1854, he was admitted to the bar. For two years he was engaged in the practice of his profession at Chicopee, Massachusetts. In 1856 Mr. Severance came to Minnesota, arriving at St. Paul May 21. Locating at Henderson, Sibley county, then a little frontier town, he opened a law office and engaged in practice. He soon became prominent in the community

and in public affairs. He was county attorney of Sibley county for two terms, and in 1858 was elected to serve in the Legislature which was expected to meet in the following January, but which, owing to certain legal and preventing obstacles, did not convene. In 1861 he was again elected and served one term. August 14, 1862, during the great Southern Rebellion, he enlisted as a private in Company I, Tenth Minnesota Infantry. Four days later came the great Sioux Indian outbreak. He was with his company when, as a part of the force under General Sibley, it went to the relief of Fort Ridgely and to the defense of the upper Minnesota valley. Later in the year he attended the extra session of the Legislature as a member, although he was still a private soldier. In November, 1863, he went South with his regiment, and for a time was stationed at St. Louis. April 4, 1864, he was promoted to the captaincy of his company, and served with this rank until he was mustered out with his regiment, in August, 1865, after the close of the war. His company was a splendid organization, and although its material was somewhat remarkable, yet it was typical and representative of the frontier of Minnesota at the time. It was composed of white frontiersmen and mixed-blood Indians in about equal proportion. It made an excellent record for hard and faithful service and for good conduct generally. In May, 1864, Captain Severance went with his command to Columbus, Kentucky, and thence to Memphis, Tennessee. As a part of Gen. A. J. Smith's Sixteenth Army Corps, the regiment participated in the battles about Tupelo, Mississippi, July 13-15, 1864. Later in the same year it was on the "Oxford raid" when the town of Oxford, Mississippi, was burned in retaliation for the destruction of the town of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, by the Confederates. In August it went to Devall's Bluff, Arkansas, and from this post in September it started on the long and toilsome expedition of Gen. A. J. Smith after the Confederate raiding force under General Price that had invaded Missouri. The Tenth Regiment marched on this expedition from Devall's Bluff, through Ar-

kansas and Missouri almost to the Kansas line, near Kansas City, or until the Confederates had been overtaken by General Pleasanton's and General Curtis' cavalry commands and defeated at the Little Blue, the Big Blue and Westport, all near the western line of Missouri, in the neighborhood of Kansas City. Then, with the main part of Smith's Corps, it was sent to Tennessee, arriving at Nashville November 30. It took part in the battles at Nashville, December 15 and 16, 1864, and on the latter day participated in the magnificent and victorious assault on General Hood's Confederate lines. After the victory it took part in the pursuit of Hood's broken army to the Tennessee river, going into camp for a month at Eastport, Alabama. In the early spring of 1865 it was sent to the Gulf of Mexico and participated in the capture of Mobile, April 9, 1865—the last important battle of the war. Captain Severance was mustered out with the regiment at Fort Snelling, August 19, 1865. During his entire term of long and active military service, Captain Severance spent but twenty days in the hospital. He was slightly wounded at the battle of Nashville, but he has never applied for a pension. After his discharge from the army, Captain Severance located at Le Sueur, Minnesota, and resumed the practice of law. In 1870 he removed to Mankato and continued in his profession. He became very prominent as a lawyer, especially in the conduct of criminal cases, and attained to an eminent standing at the bar of his county, his district, and his State. For one year he was associated with O. O. Pitcher, Esq., in partnership, and subsequently with Hon. D. A. Dickinson, who later became one of the Judges of the State Supreme Court. He removed to St. Paul in 1881, and for a short time engaged in law practice with W. P. Warner, Esq., of that city. June 23, 1881, he was appointed by Governor Pillsbury, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District. Afterwards he was elected to the position for three successive terms of six years each—his election being effected each time without opposition or the drawing of party lines. His service on the bench has been that

of an able lawyer, an accomplished jurist, and an honest, kind-hearted man. Of his judicial career and his general character, one who writes with full knowledge of the subject, says:

"Judge Severance is a man of wide learning, without as well as within the law. He is a great student, and in ancient as well as modern history has few equals. As a judge his decisions have been almost universally upheld by the higher courts. Large hearted and generous though he is, he never allows his personal feelings to interpose between the sterner demands of justice, and his long years of service on the bench have endeared him to members of the bar and citizens generally. His popularity is best told in the statement that although a Democrat in politics, he presided on the bench of the District Court, in a district overwhelmingly Republican, for eighteen years, and during that time he never had a competitor for the nomination or election. The Judge is a companionable gentleman, honored by all who know him and loved by those who best know his great heartedness and warm impulses."

It is well said that Judge Severance is "a man of wide learning" aside from his profound knowledge of the law. His mind is well stored with general information. He is of literary taste and inclination, and is a most clear and accomplished writer. Some of his literary efforts extant are models of composition in style, expression, and force. As a speaker he is able, earnest, polished, often eloquent and always entertaining and effective. He is a Democrat in politics, commonly in sympathy with the declared principles of his party, and uniformly supporting its National and State tickets. In local elections, however, he invariably selects his candidate on the basis of personal ability, integrity and fitness for the position, no matter to what party he belongs, and he maintains his independence and sustains his manhood under all circumstances. Judge Severance was married June 16, 1858, to Elizabeth P. Van Horn, a native of Chicopee, Massachusetts, and a daughter of Lester Van Horn, of old Knickerbocker ancestry. Mrs. Severance is descended from David Van Horn, who was one of the seven "Vans"



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among the first Dutch settlers of New York City, and who served on the first grand jury in "Manhattan," as the place was called in the good old days of Dutch dominion and control in "New Amsterdam." The Judge and Mrs. Severance have been the parents of three children, viz.: Winthrop G., who died in Mankato at the age of 39; Frank Q., now residing in Nebraska, engaged in railroading, and Miss Nettie J. Severance, an accomplished young lady, who is proud of her membership in the Daughters of the Revolution, and who is at home with her parents in Mankato.

HENRY M. RICHARDSON.

Henry Macaulay Richardson, of Rochester, Minnesota, was born in Topsham, Orange county, Vermont, March 10, 1814. His parents, James and Lucinda (Orentt) Richardson, were farming people, of Scotch-Irish extraction. Although they belonged to a rural community, they were among its more prominent members, and the father of our subject was known throughout the State as Major James Richardson. Henry M. grew up in his native town, attending the common schools, then the high school, and, lastly, the Presbyterian Academy, at East Topsham. Before he had completed his course at the last-named institution, the Civil war broke out and he enlisted, at the age of eighteen years, in the Fifteenth Vermont Regiment of volunteer infantry. The date of his enlistment was September 15, 1862, and he was mustered out and honorably discharged from service, with the rank of corporal, on August 3, 1863. During the period of his service he took part in a good many skirmish engagements, and participated in the famous battle of Gettysburg. August 3, 1863, he returned home from the war on account of the severe illness of his father, who died December 15, 1863. It was then necessary for him to devote all his time to the management of the farm and the affairs left by his father. In 1867 the home property was sold, and Mr. Richardson set out for the West, his mother remaining behind. He located first

in Missouri, and, after a brief sojourn in that State, came to Minnesota and lived for a time at Elgin, then removed to Haverhill, where he purchased and settled upon a farm. The next year after he left the East, his mother, also, came West, joining him at Elgin, Minnesota. Mr. Richardson resided upon his farm at Haverhill until the fall of 1881, when he was elected sheriff of Olmsted county, and removed to Rochester, the county seat, where he has ever since resided. The property at Haverhill, however, he retained and still owns. Under subsequent elections, Mr. Richardson served as sheriff for eleven years. Following this lengthy term of official life was a short interval of commercial business in the grocery line; then, in 1893, Mr. Richardson was elected to the State Legislature, and, beginning with 1894, he presided for four years over the council of the city of Rochester. Mr. Richardson has been a staunch Republican throughout his mature life, and while he has never been conspicuous as a politician, or an office-seeker, he has stood ready to serve, and to serve faithfully, in such honorable offices as he might be called to fill. Besides being a veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mr. Richardson belongs to the various orders of Masons, the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Workmen. On January 11, 1870, Mr. Richardson was married, at Jamesville, Wisconsin, to Sarah J. McCrillis, of Salem, Massachusetts. Three children were born to them: Harold J., William Burdette, who are students in the Law Department of the University of Minnesota, and Edith May, a student at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

BENJAMIN D. WOODMANSEE.

Benjamin DeWitt Woodmansee was born in Liberty township, Butler county, Ohio, February 9, 1810, the son of Lorenzo Dow and Mariah (Van Gorden) Woodmansee. The founder of the family in Butler county was Daniel Woodmansee, a native of New Jersey, whose father, James Woodmansee, was an officer of the Revolution, and whose mother

was a Worden, of the family from which Lieutenant Worden, of Monitor fame, is descended. Daniel Woodmansee, accompanied by his family and parents, came to Ohio in 1809, and purchased and settled upon a tract of land called Sugar Valley, in Liberty township, Butler county, where he passed the remainder of his life. His wife was Rachel (Cushman) Woodmansee, of Pennsylvania, a cousin of Charlotte Cushman, the great histrionic genius. Daniel and Rachel Woodmansee were the parents of seven children, and became very prominent in the young community they had joined, being for years practically the supporters of its Methodist church, while Daniel figured actively in the official life of his township and county, and served for ten years in the State Senate and House of Representatives. A few years after coming to Ohio, he sent East for his brothers and sisters, who, with their families, joined him in Butler county. Benjamin Van Gorden, the maternal grandfather, came when a young man and settled at Princeton, in Butler county. The Van Gordens were a highly respected and influential family, strictly Methodist in religion, and Benjamin Van Gorden was one of the leaders in the establishment, in 1835, of a Methodist Episcopal church at Princeton. The marriage of Mariah Van Gorden to Lorenzo Dow Woodmansee was celebrated in Butler county, in the year 1827 or 1828. He was a native of Pennsylvania, born November 16, 1806, but early came to Ohio, and soon after his marriage settled upon a farm in Liberty township. B. D. Woodmansee, our subject, was orphaned at the age of two years by the death of his mother, who left, also, four older children. Her death was caused by lockjaw, and the calamity was felt, not only by her immediate family, but by the whole community, its older members, after more than half a century, still remembering her with affection and praise. Her death occasioned many changes in the home. The children were dispersed among relatives, the little Benjamin, with one sister, being received into the household of his grandparents, Van Gorden. About two years later his father took a second wife—a widow

named Williamson, with three sons. Mr. Woodmansee's children were then recalled to their home, excepting Benjamin, who remained with his mother's parents. When he was twelve years old his grandfather died, and two years afterwards the house was consumed by fire; and in this disaster our subject distinguished himself, saving by his presence of mind the life of his grandmother, whose bodily and mental strength had become enfeebled, and that of her aged nurse. Benjamin now made his home with his father, who had meantime become engaged in the training of fine horses, the famous pacer, Pocalontas, being among the early triumphs of his training art. About 1860, Lorenzo D. Woodmansee sold his farm and removed to Dayton, Ohio. Meantime his second wife had died, leaving four little daughters—half sisters to Benjamin. In Dayton the senior Woodmansee conducted another training farm until 1868, when he retired from active business, to spend the remainder of his life among his nine children, seven of whom were now married. In 1861, B. D. Woodmansee, together with an old friend, opened a photograph gallery at Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Woodmansee having learned the business at Cincinnati during the previous year. At Toledo he was attacked by hemorrhages of the lungs, which later caused his decease. He gave up his business, returned to Dayton and, responding to medical advice, came in February to Minnesota. For several months he was engaged at St. Anthony in making stereopticon views of Minnesota scenery. In the following September he went to Indianapolis, Indiana, and for nearly five years filled a position there with Davies & Merritt, photographers. In the spring of 1866 he was engaged to construct the Miami valley race course on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Springdale turnpike, upon its completion he being made superintendent. In October, 1866, Mr. Woodmansee was married to Miss Hattie Davis, at Hamilton, Ohio, which was also her birthplace. She was born October 11, 1843, and lived in that vicinity until her marriage. In October, 1867, Mr. Woodmansee removed with his wife's people to St. Paul, Minnesota, where his father-in-law, Mr. Aza-

riah Davis, bought what was then known as the Larpentour farm. In 1870 Mr. Davis leased this farm to the St. Paul Driving Park Association, which concern eventually purchased it. In 1881 it again changed hands, to Commodore Kittson. Mr. Woodmansee, who had been manager for the Association, continued as superintendent of the Kittson establishment until 1886, when failing health necessitated a sojourn in California. To his disappointment, however, the Pacific climate disagreed with him and, returning shortly to Minnesota, he purchased a home at Anoka. In the fall of 1893 he sold this home and again went to California. Early in the spring he started to return, but tarried in Arkansas during the cool months. The climate of that State proved beneficial and, returning to Minnesota with improved health, he spent the summer at Northfield and Minneapolis. In the autumn of 1894, he went to Missouri and bought a large fruit farm in the Ozark region near Republic. For a year his health was excellent, then gradually declined again; and reluctantly disposing of his beautiful home, he returned once more to Minneapolis, where the last summer of his life was passed. In the fall of 1896, still in quest of health, he set out for Phoenix, Arizona, by way of San Antonio, Texas; but he got no further than the latter city, where he suffered severely from his old enemy, hemorrhage. As soon as his physician pronounced it safe to travel, he started homeward, stopping for a visit at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where he arrived on January 4. But the attack at San Antonio had been the initiative of a fatal condition and, on the 9th of April, 1897, he passed away, at the age of fifty-seven years. His death was mourned by a host of friends, to whom his gentle, warm-hearted nature, as also his fair and open business methods, had endeared him. He is survived by Mrs. Woodmansee and one son, Algernon R., who was born at St. Paul, October 12, 1867. Another son, Leon, born ten years later, died in infancy. Two brothers of Mr. Woodmansee are living: D. W. Woodmansee, prominent for some years as traveling manager for Commodore Kittson, now located

at San Diego, California, and A. J. Woodmansee, a resident of Chester, Ohio. Mrs. Woodmansee is the only child of Azariah and Caroline (Mondy) Davis, also of Butler county, Ohio. In 1867 the family removed to Minnesota, locating at Anoka. Here Mr. Davis died in 1894, his wife surviving him and being now in her eightieth year. In all the journeyings of Mr. Woodmansee, he was accompanied by his wife, who rejoiced with him in the temporary restoration of his health in their delightful Ozark retreat, and soothed the later painful months of his life by her constant ministrations.

ROBERT W. AKIN.

In recording the events of a life which is still several years on the hither side of its prime, the biographer necessarily finds himself lacking data for more than a brief sketch. Of most men under thirty, even of those whose completed lives will furnish substantial material for lengthy memoirs, there is little suitable for record in a work of this kind. The subject of this sketch has, on the contrary, at the age of twenty-nine years, a sufficient history and business career to entitle him to inclusion among the prominent men of Minnesota. Robert Wilson Akin was born in Patterson, Putnam county, New York, February 24, 1871. His father, the late T. W. Akin, was a prominent merchant of that place. The maiden name of his mother was Blauvelt, and on the paternal side he traces his ancestry back to the nobility of England, and on the maternal side to the early Dutch settlement on the island of Manhattan. The death of his father occurred May 20, 1897. His mother, who survives, is still a resident of the Empire State. Robert W. was one of three children, of whom himself and a sister are living. His common school education, which he obtained in the public schools of his native town, was supplemented by an academic course in an institution at Saxton River, Vermont, from which he graduated in 1890. In the following September he came West, located at Cando, North Dakota, and accepted a position as

bookkeeper in a banking house of that place. In this position he remained about a year, gaining his initial experience in financial business, in which field of activity he was early to attain to high office. Following this he purchased an interest in the Michigan City Bank, of Michigan City, North Dakota, and was appointed cashier. In 1896, owing to his father's ill-health, he disposed of his interest in the bank and went East to settle up the home estate. This task accomplished, he returned to the West and settled at Anoka, Minnesota, where he has since made his home. He accepted the position of cashier of the State Bank of Anoka, which position he still holds. Since leaving North Dakota as a place of residence, he has kept in touch with its financial affairs, and is president of a thriving banking concern of the town of Harvey, in that State. In politics Mr. Akin is conservative, but by no means lacking in interest in whatever pertains to the welfare of his State or the Nation. He is a public-spirited man, and is especially ambitious and enthusiastic concerning the future of the city of Anoka. Since coming of age Mr. Akin has been a married man, having been united, December 29, 1892, at Concord, New Hampshire, to Miss Bertha E. Gilbert, daughter of the Rev. A. S. Gilbert, now of Boston, Massachusetts. Two children have been born of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Akin are regular attendants at the Baptist church of Anoka. The broad circle of friends which Mr. Akin has attached to him during the few years of his residence in Minnesota points to a future of indefinitely increasing social influence.

PETER B. SMITH.

This subject worthily represents an old Pennsylvania family of Smiths, of Scottish origin. His father, Peter J. Smith, was born in 1802, and in 1835 married Eye Bentz, who, like himself, was a native of Pennsylvania, she, however, being of German descent. She was fifteen years the junior of her husband, and bore him the goodly family of seven sons and a daughter. They were farmer folk, their

land lying near the town of Wellsville, in the county of York. In this rural home, Peter Bentz, who was their sixth child, was born on February 9, 1854, and here grew in stature and strength of limb while his character developed habits of industry and studiousness. At the age of seventeen he began to teach in a neighboring school. How many young men, afterwards prominent in business or professional life, have entered their respective careers from across the platform of the country school!—the explanation being, doubtless, that the most able and earnest youths of a district are naturally sought as its instructors. At the close of his first term he went to Nebraska, securing a position as teacher near Bellevue, in Sarpy county. Here he remained for two terms, then, in 1870, went to Duluth, Minnesota, and entered, at the age of nineteen, the broad field of industry in which he has since worked with ever-increasing success. He assisted in the construction of a grain elevator, the first to be built in this section of the country, and initiated the now flourishing grain industry, in Duluth, by himself shoveling its first carload of wheat into the new elevator, of which he became manager. C. B. Newcomb, president of the elevator company, was at that time negotiating in wheat, with St. Paul as his headquarters; and after managing the Duluth elevator for three years, young Smith was summoned by Mr. Newcomb to assist him at St. Paul, and four years later—1878—was admitted to the firm as junior partner. In the autumn of the following year, however, the business of this concern was discontinued, and Mr. Smith obtained a position in St. Paul in connection with the New York commission house of David Dows & Co., the well-known name of whose western manager was J. Q. Adams. In 1880 he made another change, associating himself with Barnes & Magill, operating from Fargo, Dakota. This firm was incorporated in the following year under the style of Northern Pacific Elevator Company, and Mr. Smith was appointed superintendent, becoming also a stock-holder. In 1888 he severed his connection with the Northern Pacific Company, and attained to his







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present responsible position as general manager of the St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company. This colossal corporation owns one hundred and fifty-four elevators, operating along the line of the Great Northern Railway through the three States of Minnesota and the two Dakotas. Its place in the grain enterprise of the Northwest is an important one; indeed there are few that can compete with it in the extent and substantiality of its business. Its annual operations amount to from ten to thirteen million bushels of grain, ninety per cent of its transactions being based upon actual purchase. Mr. Smith is a man of high reputation among his associates; and as thrift and integrity have given him a clear title to the influential position he holds in the business world, so the corresponding virtues of cordiality and courtesy make him a welcome presence in social circles. He belongs to various clubs, the most notable of which are the Minneapolis, the Minikahda and the Minnetonka; and he is a Mason of the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and of the Royal Arch degree, York branch of Masons. In July, 1893, Mr. Smith was married to Mrs. Lillie D. Ailes, an Ohio lady; and together they preside over the hospitalities of their pleasant home on Sixteenth street, in Minneapolis, and participate in the activities of the Church of the Redeemer, of which they are members. It will be rightly inferred from this sketch that its subject's path in life has not been a thorny one. Indeed, it has been singularly free from the vicissitudes which so many young men experience while seeking their place and forte in the world. Determining, while yet in his teens, upon a business that suited both his abilities and his tastes, Mr. Smith steadfastly followed along that line, which has led him, in the fullness of his prime, to his present commanding position.

REUBEN S. GOODFELLOW.

Reuben Simeon Goodfellow, a leading merchant of Minneapolis, was born in the village of Hyde, Lancashire, England, October 28, 1840. His parents were Simeon Goodfellow,

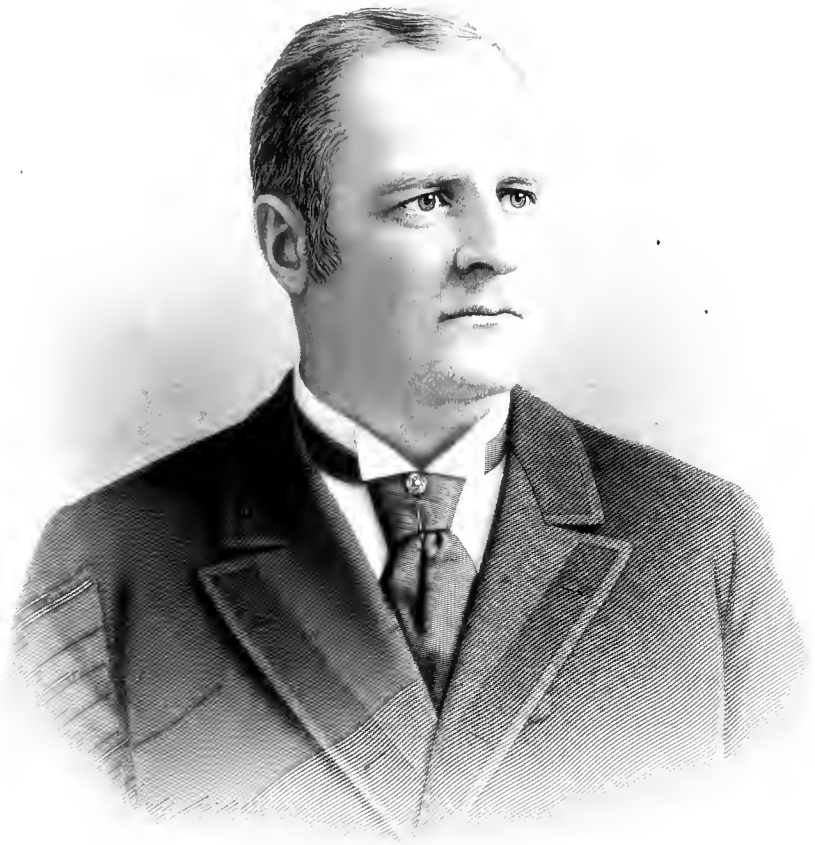
of Scotch ancestry, and his mother, Mary Cheetham-Goodfellow, of English parentage. Reuben was the third of six children, of whom four grew to maturity. The family emigrated to America, in 1811, when Reuben was an infant. They first settled in Philadelphia, but soon after removed to Troy, New York. His father was a mechanical engineer of an original and inventive turn of mind. He brought with him one of the first power looms used in this country, and was the patentee of several inventions, some of which were of considerable utility, but which brought to others more profit than to himself. The boy attended the common schools of Troy until he was nine years of age, when he was placed in a manufacturing business, where he remained for five years. At the age of fourteen he entered a general store in the suburbs of Troy, where he received his first mercantile experience. From the country store he entered a dry goods house in Troy, where he remained for several years, passing through all grades of employment. In 1859 he entered the dry goods house of G. V. S. Quackenbush, and there remained until 1862. He then enlisted, as a private, in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front. After his discharge and return to civil life he took up his old employment in the dry goods store of Flagg & Company, at Troy, and continued with this firm for four years. He then engaged with Flagg & Frear, also in the dry goods line, where he remained four years, occupying the responsible position of buyer as well as salesman. He then became a member of the firm of W. C. Winnie & Company, in the retail dry goods trade, which partnership continued until 1877, when he sold his interest to Mr. Winnie. Mr. Goodfellow then joined Mr. W. H. Eastman—who had been engaged in the wholesale dry goods business in New York—in a trip to the West, proposing, if a favorable location could be found, to engage in business together. Of the many places visited Mr. Goodfellow was most favorably impressed with Minneapolis, but they could find no vacant store in that city. They also considered St. Louis a good location, but ex-

perienced a like difficulty there. They made arrangements in both places to be informed by wire when a vacant store, in a favorable location, could be obtained. Though Mr. Goodfellow preferred to locate in Minneapolis, his associate favored St. Louis, so it was agreed to accept whichever location should first offer. One day in the early part of 1878 a telegram was received at five o'clock P. M., announcing that a store could be had in Minneapolis. At six o'clock of the same evening Mr. Eastman was en route for that city. Early the following morning a similar message came from St. Louis. A lease was taken of a store at Nos. 243 and 245 Nicollet avenue, where the firm of Goodfellow & Eastman commenced in the dry goods business April 10, 1878. On the 1st of July, following, they made a contract for the building of the fine store now occupied by R. S. Goodfellow & Company, which was, at that time, by far the largest and most elegant store in the city, and none now excel it in convenience. It was occupied on the 28th of October, following. Mr. Eastman retired from the firm in February, 1885, and Mr. W. S. Ray, who had been the New York buyer for the old firm, became associated with Mr. Goodfellow, under the present firm name of R. S. Goodfellow & Company. Mr. Ray died February 11, 1893, and Mr. Goodfellow has since continued the business alone. He has always given his personal attention to the details of the business, and through industry and prudent management has built up one of the largest and most influential commercial houses in Minneapolis. With a natural adaptness for trade and strict integrity in all his dealings, he has been eminently successful as a business man, and commands the respect and confidence of the community where he resides. Mr. Goodfellow was married in July, 1866, to Miss Sarah C. Ives of Troy, New York. They were the parents of five children, of whom two only are now living: Mrs. Marion C. Lewis of Minneapolis, and William E. Goodfellow, a practicing attorney in Minneapolis. Mrs. Goodfellow died in 1871. Mr. Goodfellow married his present wife, who was Miss Martha E. Austin, at North Adams, Massachusetts, in 1877.

Their residence is at No. 1006 Sixth avenue, south, one of the attractive dwellings of a city of beautiful homes. Mr. Goodfellow is an active member of the Episcopal church. He is also a member of the Masonic order in chapter and commandery. At the age of fifty-nine years he seems to possess the same power of application and the devotion to business which characterized his early life. He has pursued his business career long after a competency has been secured from an ambition to employ, for a useful purpose, the talents which a kind providence has endowed him with, rather than from love of accumulation. As an evidence of the estimation in which Mr. Goodfellow is held by his employes it may be stated that some of them have been with him continuously since, and even before he first commenced business in Minneapolis, and all speak of his kindness, reliability and close attention to business. In politics he is a pronounced Republican, but has never sought or accepted public office, having no ambition in that direction.

FRED C. PILLSBURY.

The late Fred Carleton Pillsbury, of Minneapolis, was born August 27, 1852, and died May 15, 1892. The span of his life was but forty years, yet within that brief period he achieved such financial success and won such honor—that best of honor which is the loving esteem of one's own community—as seldom crown the gray hairs of three score and ten. He was the youngest of a group of four men whose combined achievements in Minnesota have made the name of Pillsbury one of the foremost of the State, and world renowned in connection with the products of their vast milling industry. The other three of the group are, ex-Governor John S. Pillsbury—uncle of Fred C.—George A. and Charles A.—his father and brother, respectively. The native place of F. C. Pillsbury is Concord, New Hampshire, and it was here that he was educated. His brother Charles was a graduate of Dartmouth College, but Fred was eager to engage in business, and soon after his



Fred W. Pillsbury

graduation from the high school of Concord, he came to Minneapolis and entered the employ of his uncle, John S. Pillsbury, who was then conducting a flourishing wholesale and retail trade in hardware. Fred was only eighteen, but he was essentially of what may be called the business temperament—industrious, sensible, courteous, possessing the fine balance which is at once reposeful and alert; and these natural traits, developed and directed by his uncle, made him at an early age a thorough-going business man. In 1876 he became a member of the firm of Charles A. Pillsbury & Company, the then largest milling concern in the world, and he had fourteen years' active experience in that concern. Upon the sale of the Pillsbury properties to an English syndicate, and the coincident establishment of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Milling Company, Fred C., uniting with other business men of the city, organized the Northwestern Consolidated Milling Company, which promptly took its place as second only to the Pillsbury-Washburn Company. Mr. Pillsbury became a director and member of the managing committee of the Northwestern corporation, and was actively engaged in the management of its business until cut off by death. Extensive and absorbing as were his personal business interests, Mr. Pillsbury found time to devote to many other enterprises, both public and private. He was a director of the First National Bank of Minneapolis, also a director of the Swedish-American Bank; and he was an influential member of the committee which directed the building and furnishing of the beautiful Minneapolis Club House. His last day before being stricken down with the malady which ended his life was spent in the club house, in attending to the final details of fitting it for occupancy. Not only in his specialty of milling, but in general affairs, Mr. Pillsbury's judgment was much valued and sought. In agriculture he was broadly interested. He was for two years president of the State Agricultural Society, and contributed freely of his time and personal activity to the conducting of the State fair. He established a model farm at Wayzata, Minne-

sota—one hundred and twenty acres bordering on Lake Minnetonka—which he stocked with blooded horses and cattle. This farm was one of the finest in the Northwest, and the source of much justifiable pride and satisfaction to its proprietor. Mr. Pillsbury was a Republican, but never aspired to political distinction. He felt a deep interest in the vital issues of the day, and was solicitous for pure government, working with enthusiasm for the selection of good and able men—men like himself, had his modesty permitted him to recognize the fact. As a Mason, Mr. Pillsbury was prominent and advanced, being a member of the Scottish Rite and a Knight Templar. He entered with much enthusiasm into the activities of the order, and was among the first who became interested in the building of the Masonic Temple. Mr. Pillsbury was married October 19, 1876, to Miss Alice Cook, daughter of Samuel Cook, of Quincy, Massachusetts. Six children were born to them, four of whom—Harriot, Carleton, Helen and Alice—are living. The elegant family residence, located on Tenth street, in Minneapolis, was built, decorated and furnished under the personal supervision of Mr. Pillsbury. He was endowed with a fine artistic taste, and his home was made sumptuous with exquisite and costly works of art. He was a most devoted husband and father, and dearly loved his home, which, in all its appointments, he made an expression of his personality. Mr. Pillsbury's death fell like a thunderbolt upon this prosperous and harmonious household; yet his family formed but the center of a vast circle of mourners, whose sorrow found expression in many a loving tribute. The Minneapolis Tribune, editorially, said in part:

“Fred C. Pillsbury was a citizen by whom Minneapolis and Minnesota set great store. He was a representative modern business man of the best type, and the many interests with which he identified himself were great factors in the prosperity of this region. He was a liberal patron of art and letters, and a man of broad charity. The loss of this big-hearted, progressive business man will be deeply regretted in this community.”

The late John Blanchard, of journalistic fame, said in the *Minneapolis Times*:

"The death of Fred C. Pillsbury will be sincerely mourned by thousands in this city. The youngest of the famous Pillsbury family, he was a familiar figure in the city. He was a man of marked individuality, and outside of business hours knew how to enjoy life. As a patron of out door sports he was well known. Among those who knew him best, no man was more warmly esteemed or sincerely trusted. A great deal might be written of the untimeliness of his taking off. Indeed it is one of the first thoughts, when one contemplates this demise, in the strength of middle age, of a man who had everything to live for, and who gave every promise of making a just and equitable use of the fortune Providence had showered upon him. His position in life was assured at an age when most men are struggling for a competency, but he lies dead at an age when most men just begin to feel their power. Surely such an apparent contradiction of nature's laws must lead back to a deeper cause than the casuist sees. The Pillsbury family, whose career has been so conspicuous and so honorable in the annals of Minnesota, will have the deepest sympathy of the community in their great sorrow."

And following are the simple, heart-felt words of ex-Governor Pillsbury, the uncle with whom our subject was for years intimately associated in business, and who knew him through and through:

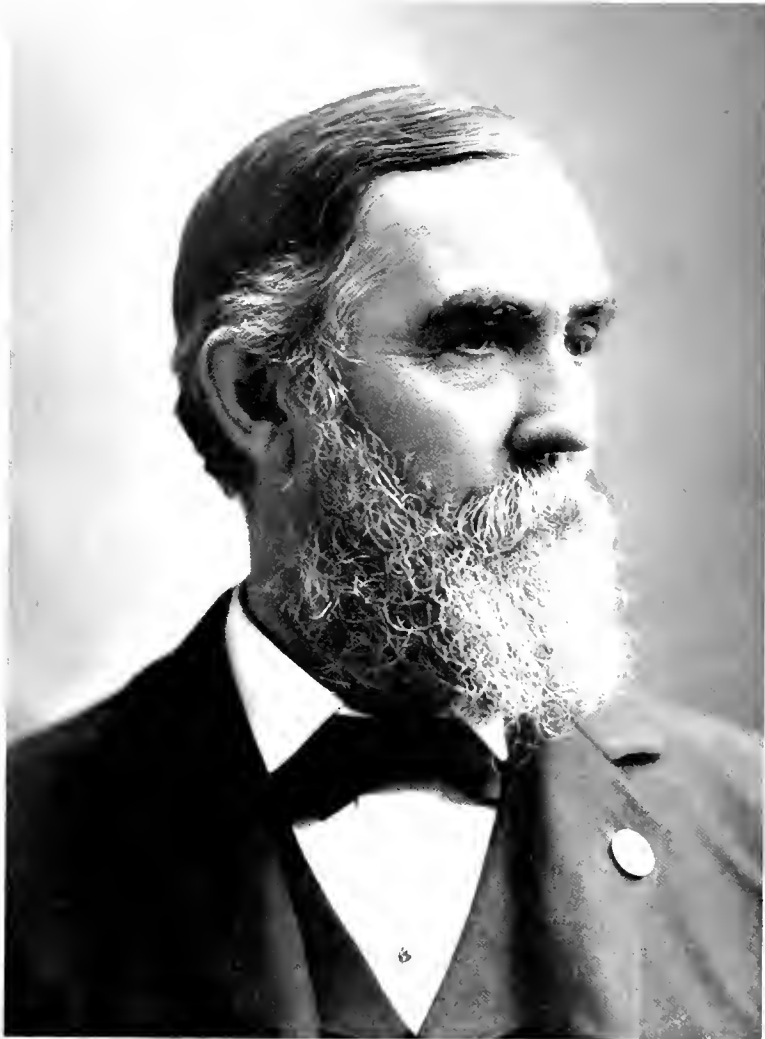
"Fred was a man of uncommon ability and judgment; one of the most strictly honest men that ever lived in this city. He never swerved from anything that he thought was right, and was perfectly reliable under any and all circumstances. It was impossible to get him to do anything that was calculated to wrong another person. He was conscientious, kind and affectionate, thinking everything of his wife, children and friends. As a business man he was one of the most safe and reliable in the State. His mind was evenly balanced, and his sagacity was something wonderful. I consider that he was one of the finest specimens of young business men to be found anywhere. As a clerk he was popular, and made many friends; as a member of the milling firm he was a man who attended strictly to business, and was always considerate and popular. He treated everyone courteously, and made a world of friends and acquaintances. He was

always averse to taking any public position, but he was competent enough to fill any of them. His modesty showed out prominently at all times. I consider him an example for young men to pattern after in this respect. He was honorable to the letter. He always showed a great interest and taste for anything pertaining to art, and had made a fine collection of paintings. I believe that this city has lost one of her best citizens in his death."

Mr. Pillsbury was not a church member, but he attended, with his family, the First Baptist church of Minneapolis.

JOHN T. FANNING.

John Thomas Fanning, C. E., of Minneapolis, well known as a general civil engineer, and as especially prominent in hydraulic engineering, was born at Norwich, Connecticut, December 31, 1837. His parents were John H. and Elizabeth (Pridde) Fanning, and he comes of an old and honorable New England ancestry. Among his remote paternal ancestors was Edmund Gilbert Fanning, who, in 1652, emigrated from Ireland and settled at Groton, Connecticut, and became the first of the family in America. He is also descended from Lieut. Thomas Tracy, who came to America from England in 1636. Both Gilbert Fanning and Lieutenant Tracy, as the printed records attest, were of noble ancestry. His grandfather, Capt. John Fanning, was an assistant surgeon in the American army during the war of the Revolution. Mr. Fanning was educated in the schools of his native town, and at the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion, had completed a course of study in architecture and civil engineering. He has a good military record. During the great Rebellion he served in the Third Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, during its full term, and after the war was a field officer in the Connecticut State Militia. He began his professional work in Norwich, in 1862, and was acting city engineer for eight years, during which time he designed the public water supply, the cemetery, and other improvements.



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John B. Carey.

He also planned and supervised the construction of many mills, public and private buildings, bridges, etc., in eastern New England. In 1872 he removed to Manchester, New Hampshire, to supervise the construction of the public water supply, and while in that city he designed the principal church, the opera house, and many business blocks and private residences. As a citizen of Manchester he was a member of the board of education and chairman of the high school committee. In time his reputation as a hydraulic engineer had extended, and, in 1881, he was employed by a select committee to report upon an additional water supply for New York and Brooklyn, and certain cities of the Hudson river valley. After investigation, he advised as the source of the contemplated supply, the upper Hudson, where that river emerges from the Adirondaeks. He was retained by the Boston water board and by the Metropolitan water board of Massachusetts as an expert in their condemnation cases, and by the Chicago Drainage Commission, and by other cities and corporations as an expert witness in important legal cases. Mr. Fanning has been a citizen of Minneapolis since 1886. In 1885 he reported on improvements of the water power of the Mississippi at that city, and in 1886 he was appointed chief engineer and agent of the St. Anthony Falls Water Power Company. Subsequently he was appointed consulting engineer of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba, and its successor, the Great Northern Railway, and was made vice-president of the Minneapolis Union Railway. Becoming established in his profession at Minneapolis, Mr. Fanning has been actively employed from the first. His field of operations has been very extensive. Among the works directed from his office here have been improvements in various water powers and public water supplies; a comprehensive plan for the drainage of three thousand square miles of the famous "hard wheat" land in the valley of the Red River of the North, in Minnesota; the construction of the great dam, public water supply and electric light system of Austin, Texas; the large water powers on the Missouri

river at Great Falls and near Helena, Montana, and on the Spokane river, at Spokane, Washington. His large practical experience in, and his study and investigation of engineering science, have brought results important to the world. He is the patentee of valuable improvements in slow-burning building construction, in turbine water wheels, in pumping engines, and in steam boilers. He has written a number of papers and lectures on various engineering subjects, and has become distinguished as the author of "A Treatise on Hydraulic and Water Supply Engineering." This work is in general use as a text-book and reference manual by classes in engineering throughout the country, and, in 1899, had reached its fourteenth edition, and has long been held as a standard authority. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an ex-director of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and an ex-president of the American Water Works Association. Mr. Fanning was married at Norwich, Connecticut, June 14, 1865, to Miss M. Louise Bensley, a daughter of James and Maria Bensley. Mr. and Mrs. Fanning have three children, a son and two daughters.

JOHN R. CAREY.

One of the oldest and best-known Minnesotians, and one of the earliest pioneer residents of Duluth, is Hon. John R. Carey, now retired from the active duties of life, and at the age of three score and ten passing the afternoon of life in comfort and peace, with the perfect satisfaction that attends the consciousness of a career rightly lived, and of duties and obligations faithfully performed. He came to Superior in 1855, and to Duluth in 1857, and since the latter year has always been a resident of the Zenith City. Mr. Carey was born at Bangor, Maine, March 3, 1830. Both his parents were natives of the province of New Brunswick, his father, John C. Carey, being of Scotch-Irish, and his mother, whose maiden name was Julia Terry, of English

descent. His father was a lumberman and merchant, and upon his death, in 1811, his widow conducted the business for some four years. During this time her son John attended the Bangor public schools, and subsequently attended and graduated from the high school at New Britain, Connecticut. In 1853, Mr. Carey, then a young man of twenty-three, formed one of a colony of eighty-five New Englanders that emigrated from the East to the then new Territory of Minnesota, intending to take up and settle upon tracts of government land, and engage in farming. The site of their settlement was intended to be on the Cannon river, near the present city of Faribault. They came by way of Chicago and Galena, and at the latter town took passage on the steamboat "Clarion"—which in after years was sunk in the Minnesota river—and soon arrived at their destination. But the wild condition of the country, and its, to them, uninviting character generally, had such a depressing and discouraging effect upon the colonists that two-thirds of them soon returned to New England. They were disappointed in their expectations of securing government lands for their farms, for speculators and "land sharks" had secured all available tracts in the region, and virtually monopolized that section of the Territory. Those of the colonists who remained, dispersed themselves through the country. Some of them located in St. Paul. Others went to Stillwater, St. Anthony, St. Peter, and elsewhere. Mr. Carey became a clerk and finally foreman in Luke Marvin's wholesale and retail boot and shoe house, on East Third street, in St. Paul, where he was engaged for some time. May 12, 1855, Mr. Carey left St. Paul for the head of Lake Superior. He located in the then promising village of Superior, and opened a store for the sale of a stock of boots and shoes which he had brought with him from Chicago. He made a squatter's claim on the unsurveyed land on the Minnesota side of the bay, between what is now Duluth and West Duluth. By virtue of his ownership of this claim he was considered a citizen of Minnesota, and at the October election, 1855—which was the first

election in St. Louis county—he was one of the nine Republicans who voted for Mr. William R. Marshall for delegate to Congress; the total number of votes cast in the county was one hundred and fourteen. Subsequently he abandoned his Minnesota claim—now worth millions of dollars—and continued to reside and do business in Superior. In 1857—a year of great business depression throughout the Northwest and the country generally—he was compelled to leave Superior, and thereupon located in what was then called Oneota, now a part of Duluth, and engaged in lumbering and farming. In 1859 he was elected Probate Judge of St. Louis county, and served by re-election four terms, or twelve years, leaving the office in 1871. Meantime, in 1869, he was elected clerk of the district court, which office did not conflict with his holding that of Probate Judge. He was clerk of the court for twelve years, or until 1882, when he resigned to take the position of register of the United States land office at Duluth, to which he had been appointed by President Arthur. He held the office until after the advent of the Cleveland administration, in 1885. In 1862 he was appointed Federal court commissioner by Judge R. R. Nelson, and this position he still holds. It may also be mentioned that while he was clerk of the court he served one term as city justice of Duluth. His entire public and official service, extending over a period of forty years, constitutes a most enviable record. Mr. Carey has for a long time been prominently connected with political affairs. Upon reaching his majority he was a Free Soil Democrat. His first vote was cast for Franklin Pierce for President, in 1852, and his second for Thomas H. Seymour for Governor of Connecticut. He became a Republican upon the organization of the party, in 1854, and at the spring election in St. Paul that year, voted for Mr. William R. Marshall for mayor, against David Ohmstead, Democrat. As stated, he was one of the pioneer Republicans of the Lake Superior district, and was one of the nine Republicans of St. Louis county who cast their ballots for General Marshall in 1855. In 1864, and again in 1865,

he was a Republican candidate for the Legislature, but his district was overwhelmingly Democratic at the time and he was defeated. He was always active in maintaining his party's interests, but since 1885 he has been, to use a common expression, practically "out of politics." He is of literary tastes and abilities, and interested in studies and investigations of that character. He was one of the founders and a charter member of the Duluth Historical Association, and has contributed much valuable literature to its historical section. He is well known as the author of the "History of Duluth and Northwestern Minnesota," a work showing large research and of much value as a standard authority on the region of which it treats. Mr. Carey was married in St. Paul in September, 1854, to Miss Hannah E. Terry, a native of New York State, and who came to Minnesota before her husband. They have six children—Richard, Ida, John, Mary, William and Ellen—three of whom live in Duluth.

ROGER S. MUNGER.

Roger S. Munger, present Register of Deeds for St. Louis county, a territorial pioneer of Minnesota, and for years one of the leading business men of the city of Duluth, was born at North Madison, Connecticut, February 25, 1830. He is a son of Sherman and Lucretia (Benton) Munger, both natives of Connecticut, and of old New England families. His maternal ancestors were among the very first settlers of New Haven county, Connecticut. Mr. Munger's boyhood was passed in New Haven, to which city the family had removed. He was educated in the public schools and completed a course at the Hopkins Grammar School, preparatory to entering Yale College. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in business, and for six years had charge of a large music store in New Haven. At the end of this time he came West, spent one year in Iowa, and, in 1857, came to St. Paul, where he engaged in the music business with his brother,

Russell C. Munger. The "Munger Brothers Orchestra" was a well-known musical organization in the early days of St. Paul, comprising R. S. Munger, R. C. Munger and William H. Munger. Roger S. was largely instrumental in securing the capital and organizing the company that built the old Grand Opera House in St. Paul, on Wabasha, between Third and Fourth streets. In 1869 Mr. Munger settled in Duluth and formed a partnership in the lumber business with Mr. R. A. Gray, which continued about six years. In 1872 the firm of Munger, Markell & Company was organized, consisting of Mr. Munger, Clinton Markell, Russell C. Munger and another brother, Gilbert Munger, a distinguished American artist, who for several years has resided in Paris, France. The firm built the second elevator at the head of Lake Superior, known as Elevator No. 1, and which was burned in 1880. After a few years Russell C. and Gilbert Munger withdrew, and the firm has since been Munger & Markell. Mr. Munger has always been closely connected with the grain and elevator business of the city. Under the joint management of himself and Col. C. H. Graves, the elevators of the Lake Superior Elevator Company, furnishing storage for 8,000,000 bushels of grain, have been constructed. In 1883 the firm of Munger & Markell built the Grand Opera House in Duluth. A favorite project of Mr. Munger's had long been the building in Duluth of a large flouring mill, and his hopes in that direction are now realized in the Duluth Imperial Mill. Through his exertions on June 30, 1888, the Imperial Mill Company was organized and capitalized for \$1,000,000, with R. S. Munger, president; T. A. Olmstead, vice-president, and B. C. Church, secretary and manager. In September, 1889, the mill began grinding, with a daily capacity of six thousand barrels; soon after it was increased to eight thousand barrels, and is now the largest mill in the world. Mr. Munger is also president of the Duluth Iron & Steel Company, which was organized, in 1898, with a capital of \$1,000,000, entirely through his efforts. Its property consists of forty acres at West Duluth, having a river frontage of one thou-

sand feet on the St. Louis river. The product of these mills will be used in this immediate vicinity, but the country tributary to Duluth is so immense that after this furnace is running successfully, others will be constructed to supply the demand. Scarcely any large enterprise has in recent years been undertaken in Duluth in which Mr. Munger has not been financially interested, and to the success of which he has not materially contributed. A description of some of the services he has rendered to the material interests of his adopted city were given in an editorial article in the issue of the Duluth News-Tribune, of July 11, 1896, at the time of the organization of the Duluth Iron & Steel Company. After noting that the inception of that enterprise was "not the initial effort of that always optimistic and resourceful pioneer to promote the industrial interests of this city," the article proceeds to say:

"It is Mr. Munger and Clinton Markell who have proved that Duluth was destined to be the great primary wheat shipping market of the country. To them belong the credit of bringing here the great elevators that line both shores of the harbor. At that time there was little money for investment in Duluth or in the country. Mr. Munger went East, and by the indomitable presentation of a worthy cause, he raised the money for the building here of the first elevator system. The company complete, and the warehouses ready for grain, he made a long campaign out in the West and actually started the first movement of grain to Duluth. Mr. Munger's part in the birth of the flour-making industry is more generally appreciated, but the trials he experienced and the difficulties he overcame will never be fully realized, even by a people grateful to him for his efforts. Mr. Munger was the laughing stock of Minneapolis when he began a campaign for the building of the first flour mill here. He finally succeeded in winning over Mr. B. C. Church, president of the Imperial Mill Company, and his friends, and the direct result of his efforts is to be seen in the present development in the flour-making industry at the head of the lakes. To Mr. Munger and his associates—he, chief of all—is due the credit of interesting lumber men in the manufacture of lumber at West Duluth, and for the building of large saw-

mills and the development in this city of one of the greatest lumber markets in the country. In the acquisition of other great industrial institutions, Mr. Munger has been very prominent, and in fact, to his efforts, no less than to those of any other man, may be ascribed the building of West Duluth and the development of the commerce of the Zenith City as a whole. No one but a man of nerve and courage would at this time launch this great project for the building of a wire nail mill in Duluth."

In 1898, by an overwhelming majority of the votes cast, Mr. Munger was elected Register of Deeds, which office he now holds. Mr. Munger was married at Vassellboro, Maine, in 1858, to Miss Olive Gray. Of this marriage there are two daughters. Mrs. Munger died in 1894. Roger S. Munger has always assisted, with both his influence and his purse, any enterprise that would advance the prosperity of Duluth and the country tributary to the city. His record of thirty-one years as a resident of Duluth has caused his name to be known and respected throughout the Northwest, and he is admired for his enterprise and ambition, and esteemed and honored by all.

Note—Among the many interesting relics of his mother's remote ancestors, now in the possession of Mr. Munger, is the will of Andrew Benton, "of the countie of New Haven in the Colonie of Connecticut," which instrument is dated "23 May 1696." Mrs. Munger was a direct descendant of the testator. A copy of this document is here given, with the quaint and peculiar phraseology and orthography of the antique period when it was made:

"Andrew Benton Will
23 May 1696

Andrew Benton of Guilford in the Countie of New Haven in the Colonie of Connecticut Being Sicke and Weake in body, but of sound mind and memory, Doe make this my last will and testament as foloweth.

First, I bequeath my soul into the hands of God my loving Father in Jesus Christ my lord and Saviour and my body to be decently buried by my relations. As for the estate the lord hath given me, I give and bequeath as foloweth.



H M Peyton

First. I give my loving wife Elizabeth Benton and to my daughter Elezebeth Benton all my personall effects viz. my cattell, horses, my teame and taeling belonging thereto and all my household goods to be devidid in equall proportion betwixt them excepting my arms and ammunition which I give to my sons viz. to James Benton the gun he hath, to John Benton that he hath to Jabez Benton the musket and sword to Andrew Benton the improvement of my new dwelling house and barne and my home lot with all the lands adjoining thereto and halfe my medow land at a place called sawpit lot during her Natural life and After her death, I give all the honsen barne the home lot and all the land adjoining as above mentioned (and half my medow land at sawpit lot) to my youngest sons, viz. Jabez Benton and Andrew Benton to be devidid to them in equall proportion Also I give to my youngest sons Jabez and Andrew Benton all that parcell of land that is laid out to me above the falls at the East River caled commonly Andrew Bentons farme to be devidid in equall proportion between them and I give to my son James Benton beside what I have formerly given him the home lot that my son James hath built his house on with all the appurtenances thereto belonging and all my rights of land in the east creke quarter together with a parsell of land laid out to me for third devision adjoining thereto. Also I give to my son James the halfe of my medow a place called saw pit lot to be to him his heirs and assignes forever.

Also. I give to my sons John Benton all my rights of land in the east river quarter I give also to my son John Benton a parsell of medow land in the east side of the east river all my right of medow thaire between Jochmsons and hubbards medow to be to him and his heirs and assignes forever, also I give to my four sons all my rights of land in the fourth devision land to be devidid to them in equall proportions besides each ones particular rights as the towne hath granted, also all my rights in Guilford yet unlaid out to them and their heirs and assignes forever.

Also. I do hereby appoint my loving wife Elezibeth Benton and my son James Benton my executors and administrators to see that all my debts be paid out of my personall estate and to see that this my last will and testament be discharged, and attended.

In witnes here unto all the premises within writen I do ratifie and confirme in all the particulars thaire of by setting and seall there unto this twentie third of may (1696)

(and halfe my medow at saw pit lot" entered lined before signing and sealing)

Andrew Benton. (seal).

Signed Sealed in the presense of
William Johnson
Joseph Seaward

HAMILTON M. PEYTON.

Mr. Hamilton M. Peyton, president of the American Exchange Bank, of Duluth, and well known in commercial circles over a great portion of the Northwest, was born at Geneva, New York, March 17, 1835. He was the youngest of six children of Rowzee Peyton, formerly a prominent planter of Virginia. His ancestors on both sides were of English descent, and there is no older or more prominent family in Old Virginia and the South than the Peytons. Mr. Peyton's primary education was obtained in a private school, and by a year's attendance at an academy at South Williamstown, Massachusetts. Subsequently he passed the freshman and sophomore classes in Hobart College, in his native town, and finally was graduated from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey, in the class of 1855. In the fall of the same year he came to Chicago, and for a short time was employed in a manufacturing establishment. Early in the spring of 1857 Mr. Peyton came to Minnesota. After a brief stay in Minneapolis he went to Hudson, Wisconsin, where he remained until the fall of 1858, when he engaged in banking and lumber manufacturing in Superior. In the summer of 1874 he removed to Duluth, but continued the lumber manufacturing business at Superior. He has been a manufacturer of lumber for forty years, and is now head of the firm of Peyton, Kimball & Barber, whose mills are at Superior, Wisconsin, and has other extensive lumber interests in both Wisconsin and Minnesota. In 1880 he was one of the organizers of the American Exchange Bank at Duluth, and has been the president of that institution from the first, covering a period of practically twenty years. He has been twice married. There were no children of the first wife, who died in 1862. Subsequently he

married Martha Newton, of Superior, and of this marriage were born ten children, eight of whom are now living. The family are communicants of St. Paul's (Episcopal) church, of which Mr. Peyton has been a member and served as a vestryman for many years. In politics Mr. Peyton is and always has been conservative and hardly partisan. He has generally voted with the Democrats, but by reason of the financial policy adopted by that party in recent years, he has acted with the Republicans. One who is familiar with the character and career of Mr. Peyton, says of him:

"Mr. Peyton is well and favorably known as a conscientious and upright citizen, possessing sound judgment, and has been a student of finance for many years. His capacity and efficiency were shown all through the financial banking crisis that occurred a few years ago. In his manner of living he is plain and simple, void of ostentation. He has never courted public admiration or notoriety, yet withal, it has been a pleasure to bestow his charities where he thought they properly belonged. He has always been greatly interested in the growth and progression of his adopted city and State, and has done his share in giving encouragement to enterprises that contributed much to the benefit of the third largest city of the State."

JOHN D. BRADY.

John Donald Brady, Surveyor General of Logs and Lumber, of Duluth, Minnesota, is of Canadian parentage. His father, Donald Brady, first took up his permanent residence in the United States in 1867, locating in LeSueur county, Minnesota. Here he was for a number of years engaged in the business of farming. In 1893 he settled in Duluth, where he at present resides. His son, John D., of whom this sketch is written, is a native of the State of Michigan, born at Port Huron, July 23, 1858. He attended the public schools of the locality in which his boyhood days were passed, acquiring a fair common school education. Ambitious to launch out for himself in life, he at an early age took his place in

the busy ranks of the great industrial army, and during his career has been engaged in various lines of business, gaining from each an increment of practical experience which helped to qualify him for the duties of his present responsible post. During fourteen of the earlier years he was occupied as traveling salesman, operating from the commercial centers of Chicago, St. Paul, Cincinnati and other of our leading Western cities. In 1897 he was appointed to the position of railway mail clerk, his route lying between St. Paul, Minnesota, and Watertown, South Dakota. He located in Duluth in the year 1893, where he followed mercantile pursuits until his appointment by Gov. John Lind as Surveyor General of Logs and Lumber for the district of Duluth, the affairs of which office he is administering with unquestioned efficiency. On June 27, 1888, Mr. Brady was married to Miss Katherine Connelly, a daughter of Patrick Connelly, of Watertown, South Dakota. No children have resulted from their union. Mr. and Mrs. Brady are adherents to the doctrines of the Catholic church. In politics Mr. Brady has always been a loyal Democrat, keenly alive to the interests of his party, and as such is well known and appreciated, not only in Duluth, but at Minneapolis and St. Paul, and, indeed, throughout the State. He is a man of a kindly and obliging nature, and is blessed with the gratifying consciousness of the fidelity of many warm personal friends.

LUTHER MENDENHALL.

One of the best-known characters in Northwestern financial interests is Luther Mendenhall, now president of the Duluth City Railway Company, and late president of the First National Bank of Duluth. Coming to the city in 1868, when it had nothing of greatness but a promise, he has witnessed its wonderful development, and no man knows its history better or is better acquainted with Northwestern affairs and conditions. Mr. Mendenhall is descended from an old Quaker family, and was born in Chester county,





Wm. Smith

Pennsylvania, August 7, 1836, the son of a farmer named Isaac Mendenhall (who died in 1881), and one of a family of five children. His early education was acquired in the common schools and at an academy at Norristown, Pennsylvania. In 1857 he entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and after a three-years' classical course, graduated from that institution in 1860. For a year thereafter he was a law student in the office of Hon. Wayne McVeagh, Attorney General, in 1881, under President Garfield. In 1861, the first year of the war of the Rebellion, he enlisted as a private soldier in Company A, First Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves. On account of his peculiar fitness for the work, he was detailed on special service in the ordnance department of the army, and was kept in this service the greater part of his term, although he was with his regiment in the second battle of Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Antietam, Gettysburg, and other important engagements. He was mustered out in 1864, and again began the study of law, this time in the office of another distinguished attorney, who became a cabinet official—Hon. Benjamin H. Brewster, of Philadelphia, who, under President Arthur, succeeded Wayne McVeagh—Mr. Mendenhall's first legal preceptor—as Attorney General of the United States. In 1868 Mr. Mendenhall came to Duluth and engaged in the real estate business, which he has conducted and operated extensively until the present time. In 1882 he assisted in organizing the Duluth National Bank, was elected its president, and held that position in the bank until its consolidation with the Union National and the Merchants' National and afterwards, in 1889, in the consolidation of the First National, of which institution he was chosen president the same year, officiating until 1897. In 1892 he was elected president of the City Railway Company, which position he still holds. Mr. Mendenhall has never been an aspirant for public office, nor has he sought notoriety of any kind. In early days he was a village councilman of Duluth, and in 1891 became connected with the Park Commission of the city, and has ever since

been president of the board. These are all the official positions he has ever held. He seems well satisfied to be considered a good business man with an honorable record, a soldier who rendered faithful service, a citizen loyal to his city, State and country, and a man of worth and integrity.

HANSEN SMITH.

The birthplace of Hansen Smith was in the Duchy of Schleswig, formerly Danish territory, but now a province of the German Confederation. The date of his birth was December 6, 1867. Early in the year 1870, his parents came with him to this country, and were for a term of years located in Manistee, Michigan. They then removed to California and settled in that State, Hansen, however, remaining in Michigan. His circumstances were such that he found it necessary to become self-supporting at the age of ten years, and his opportunities for obtaining an education were consequently limited to short winter terms of school. As he grew older he conceived a strong desire to better acquaint himself with America by means of travel, and this desire, together with a natural inclination for the sea-faring life, led him, when about seventeen, to spend a season on the Great Lakes. The following winter he passed at Grand Rapids, his time there being profitably employed in taking a course of instruction at Swensberg's Business College of that city. In the spring he went East and shipped out of New York harbor on a sailing vessel bound for South America. Entering the Gulf, this ship put into port at Galveston, Texas, and young Smith left it at that point; but he soon afterward embarked upon another vessel, and continued to follow the sea for the most of the time until he was twenty years of age. He left his last ship at San Francisco, and returned overland to Michigan. The business training he had obtained at Grand Rapids now came into practical use. He secured employment in a general office capacity, and during the next four years was occupied in work of a

clerical nature. This experience in subordinate positions opened the way to responsible ones, and he early attained to a secure footing in the business world. In the spring of 1892 he again yielded to his love of travel, making an extensive tour of the Puget Sound country. Upon the completion of this trip, he located in Duluth, where he has since made his home. In 1895 Mr. Smith established the financial firm of H. E. Smith & Company, and as outgrowths of the business of this firm, two banking houses were subsequently organized—The West Duluth Bank, in 1896, and the Merchants' Bank of Duluth, in February, 1898. Mr. Smith is president of both these institutions. The firm of H. E. Smith & Company has lately been succeeded by the Northern Security Company, of which Mr. Smith is president. It is extensively engaged in looking after the property and investments of its associates and of other concerns. Apart from the affairs of his own special establishments, Mr. Smith has weighty interests in many corporations and enterprises. He was formerly president of the Duluth Chamber of Commerce and the West Duluth Business Men's Association. He was a member of the Charter Commission of 1897; is also a member of the present commission, and is now serving his second term as a member of the board of Water and Light Commissioners. Mr. Smith is a member of the Kitchi Gammi Club. In National politics he has always been Republican. On October 8, 1891, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Mary Cecilia Wilson, of a Vermont family. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith—Hazel Marguerite, Mildred Etheleen, Ruth Winnegene, and Inez Lucille.

CHARLES H. GRAVES.

A citizen of Duluth for well-nigh the past thirty years, and one who has taken a prominent part in the phenomenal development of the city—a brave soldier who served his country for many years and attained distinction by his conduct on the battlefield—a man of eminent record in the public affairs of his

adopted State—a hard working business man of large influence in the commercial affairs of the Northwest—and a gentleman in every sense—this is a brief characterization of Col. Charles Hinman Graves. He was born at Springfield, Massachusetts, August 14, 1839. His father, Rev. H. A. Graves, was a noted Baptist minister, and at one period was the editor of a denominational journal of that religious persuasion, called the "Christian Watchman and Reflector," published at Boston. The maiden name of his mother was Mary Hinman, and she was a daughter of Seoville Hinman of New Haven, Connecticut. On both sides of his family he is descended from very old New England stock. His paternal ancestors, the Graves, came from England to America in 1645, and Royal Hinman, from whom his mother descended, was an early Colonial Governor of Connecticut. Colonel Graves has a military record of which he ought to be very proud. In July, 1861, when the war of the Rebellion was fairly beginning, he enlisted as a private soldier in the Fortieth New York Volunteers. Subsequently and successively he became corporal, sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain in that regiment. Then he was made captain and assistant adjutant general, major and assistant adjutant general, lieutenant colonel and colonel in the volunteer service. Entering the regular army, he became in succession, first lieutenant, captain, brevet major, and lieutenant colonel, and by detail and assignment was inspector general of the department of Dakota. During the war of the Rebellion he participated in nearly all of the battles in which the army of the Potomac and the army of the James were engaged, and was also in two important engagements in the North Carolina campaign of 1865. To particularize, he was in the battles of first Bull Run, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Brandy Station, Mine Run, second Bull Run, Chantilly, Gettysburg, Deep Bottom, Petersburg, Fort Fisher and Wilmington, not enumerating a number of skirmishes. At Gettysburg he was severely wounded, and for gallantry in the assault on

Fort Fisher, North Carolina, he was promoted to the rank of major and assistant adjutant general. His service in the regular army was of honor and credit, as is shown by the record of his rapid promotions in the comparatively short period of his connection therewith. In 1870 Colonel Graves resigned his commission in the army, and soon thereafter engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Duluth, which city has since been his home. He wrote the first fire insurance policy ever drawn up in Duluth. Subsequently he became prominent in the development of the material interests of the city in many different ways. He was in the wholesale salt and lime trade, then engaged in the extensive operation of grain elevators, inaugurating the grain business of Duluth by large purchases and shipments in 1871. He has been a director in the St. Paul & Duluth Railroad, an officer in the Duluth Iron Company (which company made the first pig iron ever cast in Minnesota), was the first subscriber to and a member of the first board of directors of St. Luke's Hospital. In 1893 he returned to his original business of real estate and insurance, and is now president of the Graves-Manley Insurance Agency. Colonel Graves has performed his full share of the public service. He was elected and served for two terms as mayor of Duluth, and made a first-class executive. In 1872 he was elected to the State Senate from a district which at the time comprised all of Northeastern Minnesota, and which was composed of nine counties, and was three hundred miles long by one hundred miles wide. He was prominent and influential in the passage of the law creating the first railroad commission, and led the movement which reformed the State Treasury management in 1876, and his services in the sessions of 1873-74-75-76 were conspicuous and valuable. In 1888 he was elected State Representative. Upon the organization of the Legislature, in January, 1889, he was chosen Speaker of the House. He used the authority and influence of his position always for wise and wholesome legislation, and kept the work and business of the House over which he presided always well in

hand. His record as Speaker added largely to his general reputation as a publicist, and received the approval of all political parties and classes. He has always been a Republican, and since he left the army has been somewhat active in politics and prominent in the councils and affairs of his party. In 1888 he was a delegate-at-large from Minnesota to the National Republican Convention at Chicago, when Harrison was first nominated, and is nearly always a delegate in State and district conventions. Frequently, too, he has taken part as a representative of Duluth in commercial conventions, and in the movements for the establishment of deep water ways from Duluth to the sea-coast—which have resulted in such incalculable benefit to the Northwest—he took an active part. He has also been prominent in certain civic organizations—is past commander of Willis A. Gorman post, G. A. R., of Duluth; past senior vice-commander of the Minnesota commandery of the Loyal Legion; is a member of the Army and Navy Club of Washington, D. C.; of the Minnesota Club of St. Paul, and is ex-president of the Kitchi-Gammi Club of Duluth. Colonel Graves was married in 1873 to Miss E. Grace Totten, a daughter of the distinguished and accomplished soldier, the late Major General J. G. Totten, formerly chief of engineers of the United States army. They have no children.

EDWARD S. KEMPTON.

Edward S. Kempton, of Duluth, treasurer of the Duluth, Mesaba & Northern Railway Company, was born at Willburton, England, November 27, 1848. He is, too, of English parentage and lineage, but an American bred, and of Northwestern training. He came to the United States when a mere lad. His early education was received in the public schools of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and he began life without any of the advantages of wealth or position. Whatever of success he has attained in life has been achieved by his individual exertions. His competency and efficiency were manifested very early in life, and he success-

fully conducted a large mercantile business in Illinois before he was twenty years of age. He entered the railway service, in 1871, as clerk and ticket accountant of the Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western Railway. In 1877 he became clerk of freight accounts. From 1884 to 1888 he was traveling auditor, and from 1888 to September, 1893, was chief clerk of the auditor's office. He then left the Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western, and from September, 1893, to May, 1895, was chief clerk of the treasurer's office of the Duluth, Mesaba & Northern. In May, 1895, he was acting treasurer, and in February, 1896, was made treasurer, his present position. The gradual and successive promotions which Mr. Kempton has received, evidence close and methodical attention to the details of business, fidelity to duty, and a general efficiency in his profession. There is no royal road to preferment in positions devoted to railway management. Competency and capability are the tests, and must be demonstrated before an executive officer is entrusted with any responsibility. In politics he is a Republican, and endorses President McKinley's administration. Mr. Kempton was married at Lombard, Illinois, June 11, 1868, to Miss Susan Mink, a daughter of Reuben Mink, a respectable Illinois farmer. Four children, all of whom are living, were born of this marriage. Mrs. Kempton, an estimable and worthy lady, respected and beloved by every one, a fond wife and an affectionate mother, departed this life April 17, 1899.

PATRICK H. KELLY.

Patrick H. Kelly was born in the County of Mayo, Ireland, February 2, 1831. He received his early education in his native land, and when sixteen years of age came with his parents to America, locating first near Montreal, Canada, where they remained only four months. They then removed to the United States and settled in Plattsburg, New York. The family consisted of five children, all sons, of which Patrick was the third in order of

birth. In 1857, Patrick and his younger brother, Anthony, came to the Northwest and finally settled in Minneapolis, where they engaged in the retail grocery business for several years. In 1863, Patrick came to St. Paul and formed a partnership with Mr. Beaupre, under the firm name of Beaupre & Kelly, in the wholesale grocery business. In 1871, Mr. Kelly purchased his partner's interest in the firm and became the sole owner. The business had grown to enormous proportions under Mr. Kelly's able and aggressive management. He then organized the new firm of P. H. Kelly & Company, taking into partnership Messrs. A. Dufresne and James O. Gorman, and later Mr. E. W. Johnson. In 1875 they erected the fine structure at the corner of Third and Sibley streets, which, although destroyed by fire in 1880, was immediately rebuilt and has ever since been the home of the firm. In 1883, another change was made by the incorporation of the P. H. Kelly Mercantile Company, with Mr. Kelly as president. The next and last change was the formation of Foley Brothers & Kelly Mercantile Company, which was incorporated in December, 1896, with Timothy Foley as president, P. H. Kelly vice-president and general manager, M. H. Foley secretary and treasurer, and John F. Kelly assistant general manager. The Messrs. Foley have not been personally active in the business, and Mr. P. H. Kelly remains, as he has been for thirty-six years, the active head of the establishment. In this work he is ably assisted by John F. Kelly, who has been with the house twenty-three years. Mr. Kelly has always been a Democrat in politics, but was not an active politician until 1881, when the Democratic convention met in St. Paul. He was an ardent supporter of Mr. Cleveland for the Presidency, and was a member of the Democratic National Committee—Mr. Doran being chairman of the State Committee. After the election of Mr. Cleveland, the Democratic State Committee met and formally voted that all matters relating to patronage of the administration, for the State, should be left with these two men. That gave Mr. Kelly great prominence throughout the



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State in the political affairs of the Democracy. He discharged his duties for the best interests of his party, and gave general satisfaction. In 1892 Mr. Kelly was elected to the House of Representatives of the State Legislature, and was re-elected in 1894. He was very active and largely instrumental in procuring the passage of the bill for locating the new State capitol in St. Paul. No other man was so much relied upon by the people, to see that the bill was put through, and this he accomplished. He also took an active part in securing the permanent location of the State Fair in St. Paul, in securing the ground from the county, and the appropriations from the State for the buildings. Mr. Kelly has always been prominently active in all affairs pertaining to the welfare of St. Paul, in securing appropriations and subscriptions to public enterprises, and also as a leader and organizer of political forces. His success as a business man has been achieved by his own exertions, solely as a result of his great intellectual abilities and his natural energy of character. He is public spirited, and in the conduct of his large business affairs he is eminently sagacious and prudent, and in the discharge of every obligation and duty he has ever been loyal and faithful. To him the city of St. Paul and the State of Minnesota are largely indebted for much faithful service, and he stands high in the confidence and good opinion of the citizens of St. Paul, and in the esteem of the public generally. Mr. Kelly is a man who has lived well and has enjoyed living. He has traveled extensively and made good use of his opportunities. He was at one time a director of the First National Bank of St. Paul, of the Chatham National Bank of New York, and of the St. Paul Trust Company, and he is at present a director in the St. Paul Title and Trust Company. He was one of the organizers of the Commercial Bank of St. Paul and was its vice-president. He was also a director of the Minnesota Iron Company. He is a member of the Catholic church. Mr. Kelly was married September 10, 1861, to Mary A. E. Morley, who died January 29, 1899. She was a daughter of Michael and Mary C. Morley, of

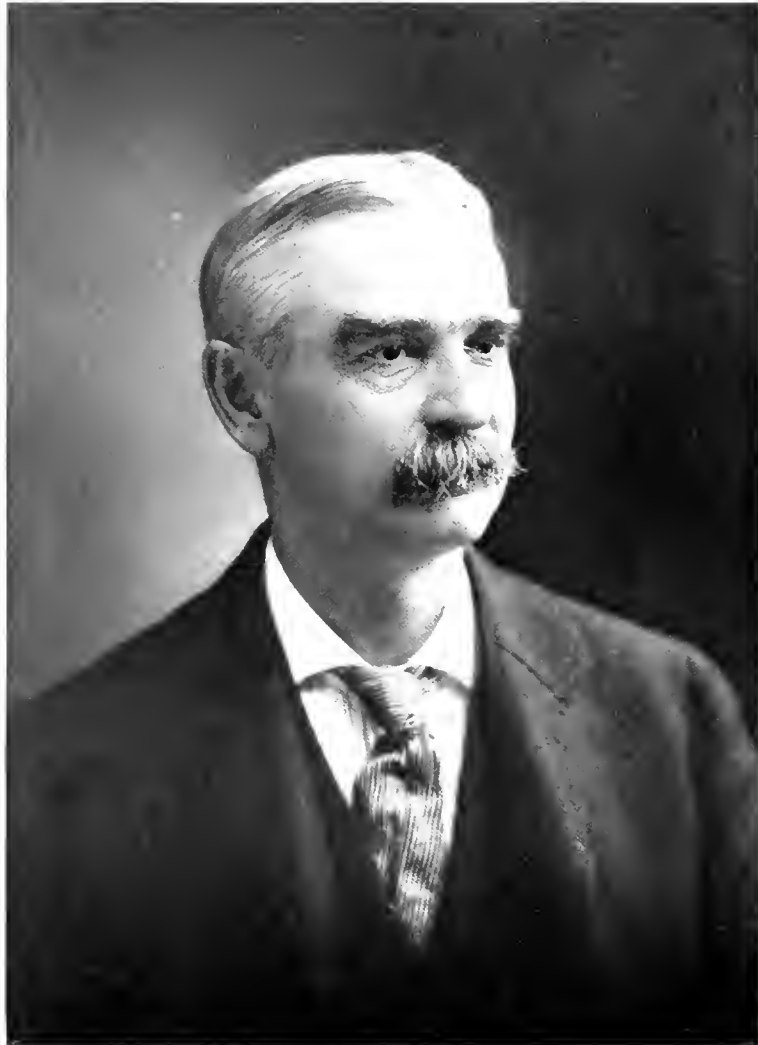
Montreal, Canada. Her father still survives at the wonderful old age of 107 years. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were the parents of six children—two sons and four daughters. Only the daughters are living: Mrs. E. W. Tingle, of Philadelphia; Mrs. J. B. Meagher, of Mankato, Minnesota; Catherine and Esther, living at home.

JEREMIAH C. DONAHOWER.

Jeremiah Chester Donahower has been a Minnesotan since he was eighteen years of age, or for practically forty-five years. He has been well known as a business man, a soldier, a United States official, and he has contributed his full share to the early history of the State, and has, besides, sustained his character of good citizenship generally. He comes of good old Pennsylvania-German stock, and was born in the Keystone State, near Reading, Berks county, January 27, 1837. The Donahower family came from Germany and settled in Chester county, Pennsylvania, near "the Forge," in 1732. During the War of the Revolution and in the winter of 1777-78, the Captain's grandfather, John Donahower, and his great-grandfather, Jacob Donahower, furnished two four-horse teams (one of which John Donahower drove himself), which were engaged in hauling supplies to Washington's destitute army at Valley Forge. The father of our subject, Captain Jacob Donahower, served in the War of 1812, and was subsequently a captain of a troop of cavalry in the Pennsylvania militia. His wife, the mother of our subject, was Catherine Fritz, of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and she also belonged to a prominent Pennsylvania German family. Captain Donahower was educated in the public schools of Lebanon and Reading, Pennsylvania, and in a select school at Beverly, New Jersey. He left school and began teaching at the age of eighteen. But the same year he decided to come to St. Paul and join his brother, Frederic A. Donahower, then in the banking house of MacKubin & Edgerton, but now, and for many years past, a prominent citizen and banker of St. Peter, Minnesota. May 10, 1855,

the Captain landed in St. Paul. For a considerable time he was in the employ of the firm of John R. and B. F. Irvine. In 1860 he made a trip through Kansas and Missouri, and on his return to Minnesota—in November of that year—was chosen teller of the banking house of Edgerton & Donahower at St. Peter. When the War of the Rebellion broke out, Captain Donahower was living in St. Peter. Soon after Sumter was fired upon, he assisted in recruiting and organizing a company of volunteer, which became Company E, Second Minnesota Infantry. He was elected second lieutenant of the company, June 17, 1861, at Fort Ridgely, and was mustered into the service July 5. The regiment was brought together at Fort Snelling late in September, Company E, during the months of July, August and September, being employed in frontier duty at Yellow Medicine and at the lower agency, with headquarters at Fort Ridgely, where Lieutenant Donahower was post adjutant. In August he led a squad of twelve men to Big Stone lake and recovered a number of horses from a large band of marauding Sisseton Sioux Indians, who had just returned from a raid on the settlement near Yankton, on the Missouri. In October, 1861, he went with his regiment to Kentucky, and was in the battle fought by General Thomas at Mill Springs, Kentucky, January 19, 1862—the first Union victory of the war—which freed the central and eastern portions of Kentucky from the Rebel forces, and contributed to the successful operations against Fort Donelson and the later occupation of Nashville by General Buell. In February, 1862, he was ordered on detached duty with the United States signal corps, but after his promotion to the captaincy of his company, in May, 1862, he returned to the regiment at Corinth, Mississippi, and was with it thereafter until his resignation, in August, 1864. Captain Donahower was in command of his company through the siege of Corinth, and on the long and arduous pursuit of General Bragg's army through the mountains of Tennessee and the State of Kentucky, which culminated October 18, 1862, in the battle of Per-

ryville, Kentucky. He was present with his regiment in the march toward Tullahoma, starting from Trinne, Tennessee, June 23, 1863, participating in the skirmishes and the arduous work of that campaign. In August, 1863, the Second Minnesota Volunteers were with Rosecrans when he started from Winchester, Tennessee, crossing the mountains in three widely separated columns in his strategic movement to compel General Bragg to evacuate Chattanooga, which finally resulted in the memorable battle fought on the banks of the Chickamauga, in Georgia, September 19 and 20, 1863, where the Second Minnesota lost forty-two per cent of its men present on the field. In November following he was with the regiment at Missionary Ridge when it charged across the plain in front and captured the line of earthworks at the foot of the ridge and at last the high crest beyond, and where the Second Minnesota lost twenty per cent of its members in as many minutes. On Sherman's Atlanta campaign, he participated in what General Sherman called a "continuous battle," commencing May 6, and including Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Kulp's Farm, and other minor engagements, terminating in the battles around Kennesaw Mountain, in the latter part of June, 1864. He was then under orders from Gen. George H. Thomas, placed on detached service at Chattanooga, to prepare the rolls for the mustering out of enlisted men whose terms would expire during the months of July and August, 1864. During his term he received special mention in orders, and made an enviable record generally. Early in August, 1864, his resignation having been accepted, Captain Donahower returned North, reaching Minnesota in November, and resumed his former position as teller in the banking house of Edgerton & Donahower, at St. Peter, Minnesota. He was engaged in the dry goods trade in St. Peter from 1866 until the fall of 1869, and in 1871, at its organization, he became the assistant cashier of the First National Bank of that city. In 1888, seventeen years later, he was elected cashier. In May, 1890, he was appointed United States marshal for the Federal District of Minnesota, and served four years. When he



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resigned as cashier of the bank at St. Peter, the board of directors, by formal resolution, bore testimony, "to the courtesy, ability, and fidelity with which he had discharged the duties of assistant cashier and cashier, during his nineteen years' service with the bank." This commendation was accompanied by an elegant silver service. Senator Davis said with reference to the Captain's appointment: "Captain Donahower was a distinguished soldier and had testimonials as to his character and competency, the like of which have never before passed under my hands, in regard to any candidate for office." Since Captain Donahower left the United States marshal's office, he has not been actively engaged in any business. He has never lost his interest in military matters. In 1883 he was commissioned captain of Company I, Second Regiment of the Minnesota National Guard, and in April, 1887, he was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the Third Regiment, M. N. G., serving three years, when he resigned to become United States marshal. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and a Companion of the Minnesota Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He is the author of an admirable paper on the battle of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, which was read before the Loyal Legion in December, 1898, and received many compliments from those who heard it. Captain Donahower is highly esteemed and admired by the Union veterans of the War of the Rebellion, and is also very popular as a private citizen, and has a host of friends in the community where he has resided, and is well and favorably known throughout the State. He was married, August 15, 1865, to Miss Emma R. Veith, of Galesburg, Illinois, a native of Quincy, in that State. They have one child, a daughter, living at home.

MARK D. FLOWER.

Gen. Mark Deloss Flower was born at Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, March 31, 1842, on what is known as the "Western Reserve." His father, Marcus T. C. Flower,

came to Minnesota in the Territorial period of 1855, settling at Meriden, Steele county. He was the first settler in that town, and his nearest neighbor was at Owatonna, twelve miles distant. He is in comfortable circumstances, and now lives a retired life in St. Paul, at the advanced age of eighty five. M. T. C. Flower's ancestors settled in Massachusetts in 1635. His grandfather, Ozias Flower, served with credit in the War of the Revolution. A very similar ancestral record is that of Cybele Brooks, General Flower's mother. Her grandfather, Hammaniah Brooks, served three years in the Continental army, during the struggle for American independence, and her father, Col. John Brooks, of Ohio, served with distinction in the War of 1812. Mark D. Flower came to Minnesota with his parents in 1855, when he was thirteen years of age, and is therefore one of the earliest settlers in the State. In 1857, he was sent to the Aurora Institute, at Aurora, Illinois. It was an academy of high standing in those days, and he remained there until the 13th of April, 1861, the day Fort Sumter was fired upon. He would have graduated in June of that year, but the feeling of patriotism and the sense of duty were too strong within for him to remain inactive. On April 14, the day following the beginning of hostilities, he enlisted in Company C, Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the first regiment raised in Illinois for the War of the Rebellion. When his term of enlistment in the Seventh expired, he re-enlisted for three years in the Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served in many of the important campaigns in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama. In December, 1863, General Sherman organized the First Brigade of Memphis (Tennessee) Enrolled Militia, consisting of four regiments of infantry, a company of cavalry and one battery of artillery. This force was enrolled largely from employes of the quartermaster, commissary and other departments of the Government stationed there, supplemented by citizens of Memphis, who were liable to military service—that city being under semi-martial law. Of this force, General Sherman appointed Mr. Flower

Adjutant-General, with the rank of captain in said organization. The brigade was well organized and equipped and was very efficient in supporting the regular forces of the Government. In repelling the raid of General Forrest, it rendered signal service, which was acknowledged, in special orders, by General Sherman. In July, 1865, General Flower retired from the army, having served continuously, save for a brief period between enlistments, from April 14, 1861. His interest in political matters was first manifested, when, as a child, he attended the fervid and inspiring campaign meetings of Joshua R. Giddings and Thomas Corwin in Ohio. He has always been a staunch Republican, and cast his first vote for Lincoln, while in the army. In Minnesota he has been the warm personal friend, confidant and ally of William Windom, Horace Austin, C. K. Davis, A. R. McGill and Henry A. Castle and others, and has always fought their battles with courage, honor and ability. His career as a politician has been honorable and trustworthy; his position on every political question has been frank, courageous and manly, and he ranks among the ablest political leaders of the State. In March, 1870, he was appointed Adjutant-General, by Governor Austin, to succeed Gen. H. P. Van Cleave. He served until November, 1875, when he resigned to engage in the grain and transportation business. He became the owner of a steamboat and fleet of barges, which he operated on the Mississippi and tributary streams until 1877, when all his boat property was destroyed in a cyclone on the Yellowstone river, where he was engaged on a Government transportation contract. Though he was then quite young, he had accumulated about \$40,000 by his own exertions. As the Yellowstone country was at that time involved in war with Sitting Bull, no insurance could be had, and the whole loss fell upon the General, leaving him a financial wreck, and returning to St. Paul, he began life anew. In 1878 he was elected chief clerk of the House of Representatives, and in 1879 he was appointed deputy collector of customs for the port of St. Paul—which position he filled with credit and ability. He was removed

by President Cleveland, "for offensive partisanship" (which the General considered no dishonor), and reappointed by President Harrison as soon as he resumed the reins of government. In 1886, President A. B. Stickney made General Flower the general claim agent of the Chicago, Great Western Railway Company. He continued in that position until 1890, at which time he was elected president and manager of the St. Paul Union Stockyards Company, which position he still holds. He is a member of the Commercial Club of St. Paul, a director in the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, secretary and general manager of the South St. Paul Belt Railroad Company, a director and member of the executive committee of the Interstate Investment Trust, and a director of the United States Savings & Loan Company. He is president of the Great Western Fertilizer and Manufacturing Company, and vice-president of the Union Stock Yards Bank. J. J. McCurdy, city comptroller, says:

"I have known General Flower intimately for nearly thirty years. He was the first man with whom I formed an intimate friendship upon my arrival in St. Paul, a stranger from the State of Kentucky. One peculiarity of this friendship is, that it has continued to grow stronger from that day to this. General Flower and myself are two of a quartet (the others, Capt. Henry A. Castle, now of Washington, D. C., and Col. H. G. Hicks, of Minneapolis), who have for twenty-one consecutive years eaten our Thanksgiving dinners together, without a member of the quartet being absent. General Flower is a high-minded, chivalrous gentleman, and the very soul of honor. As one man has tersely put it: 'Mark Flower is pure gold.' His success in business and politics may be attributed to his dogged persistence. He is a fighter who never knows when he is whipped; pugnacious as a bull-dog when aroused, but in daily intercourse one of the most genial and companionable of men."

Capt. Henry A. Castle, Auditor of the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., in a recent interview, said to the writer:

"Gen. Mark D. Flower combines, in a remarkable degree, the qualities which make



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a successful business man and a popular public character. In all the numerous official positions which he has held, his administration has been marked by intelligence, energy, integrity and a conscientious devotion to the interests of State and National governments. He has known how to discharge every duty fearlessly and at the same time treat everybody who had official relations with him so courteously as to make an abiding and favorable impression. His business career has been marked by similar qualities. In different lines of enterprise he has achieved successes which usually come only to persons who have given life-long attention to a single one of them. His activity as a Republican has always been exerted unselfishly and most influentially in behalf of friends whom he deemed worthy of promotion. There has scarcely been a State campaign in Minnesota for thirty years in which General Flower has not been active in effort and potential in controlling results. No one ever accused him of deserting a friend or sacrificing a principle."

While stationed at Memphis, Tennessee, in October, 1864, General Flower married Miss Lena Gutherz, daughter of Henry Gutherz, and a sister of Carl Gutherz, the noted artist. She is an accomplished and most estimable lady, whose interesting personality brightens the General's beautiful home. They have one daughter, Grace, the wife of Mr. John T. Conley, of St. Paul. Mr. Conley is assistant general passenger agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, a man of fine character and marked business ability.

ROBERT C. DUNN.

Robert C. Dunn, State Auditor of Minnesota, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, February 11, 1855. He came to America in April, 1870; resided with an uncle in Columbia county, Wisconsin, for a year; went to St. Louis, Missouri, early in 1871, and learned the printer's trade in that city; settled in Minnesota, in 1876, and established the Princeton Union, at Princeton, Mille Lacs county, the same year. He was married to Lydia McKenzie, of Spencer Brook, Isanti county, in 1887. He still continues to publish the Princeton Union, one of the best weekly papers in the State. Mr. Dunn

held the office of town clerk of Princeton from 1878 to 1889. He was elected, on the Republican ticket, county attorney of Mille Lacs county, which position he held from 1881 to 1888. His party elected him a member of the Legislature in 1888. He was renominated in 1890, and it is claimed by his friends that he was re-elected, but was counted out by a partisan majority of Populists and Democrats. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1892, and was an ardent supporter of James G. Blaine for the Presidency. He was again elected to the Legislature in 1892. Upon the expiration of his term, he was chosen as the Republican candidate for State Auditor. He was elected in 1894, and was re-elected to the same position in 1898 by the largest plurality of any candidate on the Republican State ticket.

JOHN A. WILLARD.

John A. Willard was born in Trenton, Oneida county, New York, November 9, 1833, and died at his home in Mankato, Minnesota, December 15, 1897. He was the son of Daniel S. and Catherine (Williams) Willard. His father was a farmer, and also a native of Oneida county, where he lived until 1867. He then removed with his family to Mankato, Minnesota, where he died in 1868, and his wife in 1875. They were the parents of seven children, of whom their son, John A., was the eldest. His family, on the paternal side, came from Weathersfield, Connecticut, to New York, in 1800, and its members were among the first settlers of Trenton, Oneida county. It was descended, through six generations, from Maj. Simon Willard, who landed in Boston from Horsmonden, England, in 1634, and who, in English history, traced his ancestry back to the beginning of the Fourteenth Century. On the maternal side, Mr. Willard's ancestors came from Wales to Philadelphia, in 1800, and soon after removed to the State of New York. Mr. Willard was educated in the public school of his native place and in an academy at Holland

Patent, New York, and later in a school conducted by a maternal uncle, in Utica, New York. His early youth was similar to that of most farmers' boys of his day. He attended school when he could, and spent the remainder of his time in farm work. He always had an earnest desire for a better education, but his parents, while most willing, were not able to provide the means. When seventeen years of age, he commenced teaching district schools during the winter months and worked on the farm in the summer seasons. This he continued until he was twenty years of age, when he commenced the study of law in the city of Utica, and was admitted to practice in all the courts of New York, in 1855. He then decided to go west and seek a location for the practice of his profession. Having a few books, and money enough to reach Minnesota, he located in Mankato, in September, 1856. He opened a law office and engaged in the practice until 1870, when he became interested in railroad construction, and was elected president of the company that built the line from Mankato to Wells, and which is now a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system. In 1872 he became interested in the manufacture of linseed oil, and, in connection with R. D. Hubbard and J. B. Hubbel, organized the Mankato Linseed Oil Company. In 1886 he and Mr. Hubbard were among the prime movers in the organization of the National Linseed Oil Trust, of which he was a director for nine years. He was interested in many other manufacturing and business enterprises, among which were the Mankato Novelty Works, the Standard Fiber-Ware Company, the Mankato Knitting Mills, the St. Paul White Lead and Oil Company, also brick yards, live stock and cattle companies. He was one of the inaugurators, and for over twenty years president, of the First National Bank of Mankato; was president of the National Bank of Commerce at Duluth; president of the Granite Falls Bank, Granite Falls, Minnesota, and was president and director in many other corporations, and was extensively known throughout the State and in financial circles of the country. He was

for many years the leading spirit and president of the Mankato Board of Trade. In 1891 he was elected mayor of Mankato without opposition, and served two years, declining reelection. He was also for several years a member of the board of education, a trustee of the Tourtellotte Hospital of Mankato, member of the library board, and president of the Citizens' Fire Association. During the Indian war of 1862 he was United States commissioner, and all cases against soldiers and others for selling liquor to the Indians were brought before him. He never sought political preferment. Had his aspirations inclined that way, almost any position in the gift of his fellow-citizens was within his command. In 1885, Mr. Willard became largely interested in real estate in Duluth, and was active in many business enterprises of that city. Upon his death the press of Duluth paid high tributes to his memory. The Duluth Herald said:

"Mr. Willard was closely connected with Duluth interests, and he was so frequently in the city that he was regarded as virtually a Duluth man, and one of the most active forces in the upbuilding of the city. He was a promoter of enterprise, a creator of business interests, and he freely invested his money in everything which promised to be a success in a business way. The Northwest owes much to his enterprise and strong faith in its resources and future development, and his death is a distinct loss to all the people of Duluth. It is difficult to fill the place of such a man; enterprising, energetic, broad-minded, and strictly honest in all his dealings with his fellow men."

Of his career and reputation in his home city of Mankato, a local journal, the Mankato Review, said among other words of encomium:

"In any and every project, having for its object the advancement of the material interests of the locality in which he resided, Mr. Willard always took an active and leading part. Few men in any community enjoyed more fully the confidence, respect, and esteem of his friends and fellow-citizens. Personally, he was a man of fine appearance, impressing one immediately with the fact of his substantial and solid worth."

His life was a busy one, but amid all his varied business interests which demanded his unceasing care and attention, he found time to devote to social and literary affairs, and was well informed on all subjects of general interest. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Mankato, was a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, and a Republican in politics. Mr. Willard was married, August 23, 1865, to Miss Anna M. Sibley, who was born in Pennsylvania and was a daughter of Reuben J. and Maria E. (Eggleston) Sibley. Her father was a native of Vermont and her mother of Ohio. Mr. Sibley came to Mankato in 1856, and was followed by his family a year later, and this was their home ever after. Mr. Sibley died in April, 1864, and Mrs. Sibley in January, 1892. To Mr. and Mrs. Willard were born seven children, three of whom are now living, viz.: William D. Willard, vice president of the Mankato Mills Company; Harold B. Willard, now in the service of the Northwestern Telephone Exchange Company, of St. Paul, and Robert S. Willard, at Mankato. The other children died in infancy and early childhood.

GEORGE P. WILSON.

Gen. George P. Wilson, a prominent attorney of Minneapolis, was born at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1840. His father was Samuel Wilson, a farmer, of English and Scotch descent. He served in the war of 1812 as a private soldier. His family were among the early settlers of New Jersey, before the war of the Revolution, and took part in the struggle for independence. George P. was the youngest of a family of twelve children, seven of whom, four brothers and three sisters, are still living. He attended the common schools of his native place, the Lewisburg Academy, and later entered the Bucknell University, at Lewisburg. He afterwards attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio, and later studied law in the office of Lewis & Simpson in Winona, Minnesota. He was admitted to the bar at Rochester, Minnesota, in October, 1862. He

commenced the practice of his profession with his preceptors in Winona, and after the death of Judge Lewis, in 1867, became a member of the firm, under the name of Simpson & Wilson, in the general practice of law. He was elected Attorney General of the State in November, 1873; was re-elected in 1875, and during his second term removed to St. Paul, and was again elected to the same office in the fall of 1877 for a third term. In 1880, after the expiration of his term of service, he removed to Fargo, Dakota, then a Territory, where he engaged in the practice of law. He was first associated with Hon. W. F. Ball, under the firm name of Wilson & Ball, and later with Judge Alfred Wallin (now of the Supreme Court of North Dakota) as Wilson, Ball & Wallin. He continued practice in Fargo until July 1, 1887, when he removed to Minneapolis and there established himself in practice alone. In about one year he formed a partnership with Mr. John R. Van Derlip, with whom he has since continued practice under the firm name of Wilson & Van Derlip. General Wilson has held many official positions. He was assistant secretary of the State Senate in 1863-4 and 1864-5; was secretary in 1865-6 and 1866-7; county attorney of Winona county from 1865 to 1871; government commissioner on Southern Pacific Railroad in 1871, and member of the House of Representatives in 1872-3 from Winona county. He was elected to the State Senate for the Forty-first Senatorial District at the November election of 1898, for the term expiring January 1, 1903. He was chairman of the judiciary committee of the House in 1872-3, was chairman of the committee on retrenchment and reform in the Senate of 1899, and was also a member of the judiciary and other important committees. General Wilson became well known throughout the State during the session of 1899, in connection with a bill introduced by him, known as the "Younger Bill," providing for the parole of life prisoners after continuous service for twenty years, with the record of continuous good behavior during that period, which bill passed the Senate by a large majority, but was defeated in the House. One of the most distinguished men of

the State (at one time an associate State officer with the subject of this sketch), who has known General Wilson intimately for many years, says: "He is an excellent public speaker, has great force and clearness of statement, and his method of putting things is so strong and forcible that he seldom fails to carry conviction; in short, he commands the confidence and respect of judges and lawyers, and, as a State official and a citizen, he is without reproach." As to his standing as a legislator, the *Minneapolis Times*, at the close of the last Legislative session, said of General Wilson: "In every debate he is a leader. It is probable that if a vote were taken among the Senators to select the strongest man among them, the greatest number of votes would be cast for General Wilson." He has always been a staunch Republican, and has taken an active part in almost every political campaign, his services being always in demand as a public speaker. General Wilson was married at Winona, Minnesota, September 26, 1866, to Ada Harrington, daughter of William H. Harrington, a pioneer settler of Winona. They have one daughter, who is the wife of William R. Sweatt, the president of the Sweatt Manufacturing Company, of Minneapolis, and two sons, Walter H., connected with the Nelson-Tuthill Lumber Company, and Wirt Wilson, who served seven months in the Philippine war as a member of the Thirteenth Minnesota Volunteer Regiment, and recently graduated from the law department of the University of Minnesota.

RICHARD T. O'CONNOR.

Richard Thomas O'Connor was born in St. Paul, June 27, 1857, while Minnesota was a Territory and the town an unimportant place. His father, the late Hon. John O'Connor, was a well-known citizen of some prominence as a contractor and as a hotel proprietor. He was an honorable man, and held in rare private and public esteem, and for more than a quarter of a century was a member of the city council as alderman from the Fourth ward. He was a native of Ireland, but came to the

United States in 1845 and located in St. Paul in 1855. He died in St. Paul, January 9, 1883. His wife, the mother of R. T. O'Connor, was born Catherine Woulfe. She, too, was born in Ireland, but came to America when a girl, and for many years lived in Louisville, Kentucky, where she was married. She died in St. Paul August 8, 1899. R. T. O'Connor has passed nearly all his life in his native city. He attended the Catholic parochial schools in childhood up to 1870, when he was sent to St. John's College at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Subsequently he entered the University of Notre Dame, at South Bend, Indiana, and graduated in the commercial course of that institution in 1874, when he was but seventeen years of age. Even when a boy, he was bright, brave and active, and gave promise of the career of prominence which he subsequently filled. After his graduation he returned to St. Paul, and was employed by J. J. Hill in the wood, coal and oil business as office clerk and collector. This position he held for about three years, or until the fall of 1877. In 1878 he secured the position of deputy city clerk, and held it until January, 1887. Meantime, in 1883, he was elected to the city council as alderman from the Fourth ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of his father. And now St. Paul was fast becoming a great city. The population had been 40,000 in 1880, but in five years thereafter it was nearly 100,000. A public office had become a place of importance. Under the laws as they then were, the most prominent public position, the one involving the most work and the greatest responsibility, and withal the most lucrative, was that of clerk of the District Courts. It was an elective office, with a term of four years. In the fall of 1886, the Democratic party selected as one of its brightest, brainiest, and most popular members, Mr. O'Connor, as a candidate for this office, and he was elected. After four years, or in 1890, when the population was 143,000, he was again elected clerk of the courts, after one of the hardest fought political campaigns in the history of Ramsey county. He served as clerk of the courts for eight years, retiring in Janu-



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ary, 1895, having positively declined another nomination as candidate for the office—believing, as he said, that he had been given his full share of the honors of his party, and of the people in this regard. It was during his terms as clerk of the courts that Mr. O'Connor attained his great reputation as an honorable Democratic politician—as an organizer and leader of political forces, who never planned a bad campaign or ever lost a battle. He knew the city and county thoroughly, being a resident of them all his life; he probably knew by name more voters in them than any other man; he had a great fund of common sense and practical intelligence, and these qualities, added to his natural courage and determined spirit, made him well-nigh invincible in politics. He was always in the Democratic councils, always assisted the committee-men and others in campaigns by voice and effort and purse, until he was recognized as the master spirit of his party, and it was mainly by his aid that the Democrats were so uniformly successful up to 1894. Of course his political opponents disliked him, but only because they feared him; they really admired the genius of the man who was so able to defeat them. They knew that his warfare was always open and honest, and while denouncing him and saying all manner of evil things about him, they knew that he had done nothing dishonorable, and that not a single charge of illegality could be substantiated against any act of his doing. Mr. O'Connor is a Democrat, because he believes that the principles and policies of the Democratic party are best for the country. But he knows that principles are of little practical avail unless they are enforced, and Democratic principles cannot be enforced unless the party in sympathy with them is in power and position to carry them out. The party cannot obtain and retain power unless it is always supported, and if occasional differences of opinion arise among its members as to temporary policies, the minority must defer to the fairly expressed will of the majority. Hence, Mr. O'Connor is and has been a Democrat from principle, loyal to his party and its candidates on all occasions, and

giving to its men and measures, his willing and faithful support. As clerk of the courts, Mr. O'Connor was a most faithful and valuable official, and made an enviable record. During his long term of service, lasting eight years, at a period when the volume of the business of his office was far larger than it had ever been before, and much larger than it has been since, he kept the details of his duties well in hand, and managed them with the greatest efficiency. He was never remiss in his duties—never behindhand—never negligent—never at fault. The Judges of the District Court united in a strong testimonial to the worth of his services, and the complete success of his administration, and attorneys and litigants never complained. One incident of his administration, as indicating the character of the man, may here be given. One of his subordinates perpetrated a series of forgeries and defrauded the county treasury of twenty-five thousand dollars. The frauds were detected, and Mr. O'Connor forced the criminal to restore the greater part of his ill-gotten gains. Then he had him prosecuted and sent to the penitentiary. Suit was brought by the county against Mr. O'Connor and the county treasurer, to compel them to restore the balance of the missing money. Judgment was obtained against the county treasurer for six thousand dollars, but no liability or responsibility was found against the clerk of the courts, and the case was decided in his favor. Then, after he had been held entirely blameless and under no sort of obligation for the criminal acts of his subordinate, Mr. O'Connor drew his check for the money, including the amount for which judgment had been rendered against the treasurer—and thus the county did not lose a cent in the end. February 21, 1895, President Cleveland appointed Mr. O'Connor United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, and this position he held until March 17, 1899. His duties were discharged throughout with great efficiency and universal acceptability. It was during his term as United States Marshal that the outbreak of certain lawless Chippewa Indians of the Leech Lake band occurred, resulting in what is known as the battle of Sugar Point. This in-

cident is narrated in another part of this volume, but as it was connected with the business of the United States Marshal's office, while Mr. O'Connor was the incumbent, additional details may here be given. When the deputy marshals and the soldiers of the Third United States Infantry were sent to Leech Lake to arrest Puk-a-ma-ki-shik (or Hole in the Day), and the other Indians who had rescued him from the officer, Marshal O'Connor accompanied the party. The day before the battle he visited the locality of the rebellious Indians with an interpreter, and endeavored to induce those for whom warrants had been issued to peaceably surrender. They refused, became menacing and violent, and finally ordered the marshal away. When the expedition under General Bacon went to Sugar Point, Marshal O'Connor accompanied it. A little time before the fight began, General Bacon ordered him to return to Walker on one of the small steamboats, and bring back the tents and other baggage of the soldiers, saying that the command would encamp on Sugar Point for a few days. He had hardly reached the boat when the firing began. The boat was out some distance in the lake, and the Indians fired into it as long as it was within range. Several persons on the boat, Agent Tinker among them, were wounded; the boat was well peppered with shots; there was no safety anywhere, but Mr. O'Connor rose to the occasion and rendered invaluable service. He visited the camp at the agency, where there were twenty soldiers under Lieutenant Humphrey, and tried to induce the lieutenant to go with his squad to General Bacon's re-enforcement, but the lieutenant's orders would not permit this. Then he hurried to Walker, telegraphed for more help for the soldiers, prepared the boats and barges with barricades and loaded them with supplies, and hurried to the assistance of General Bacon and his sorely beset and imperilled force, and soon rescued them. For his valuable services and good conduct generally in this affair, Marshal O'Connor was warmly commended and thanked by General Bacon in his official report, and his course received the full endorsement of his superiors and all others

having any real knowledge of the circumstances. But after the battle, and when the country was in the greatest excitement and alarm, the Marshal did not forget what he had gone to Leech lake for. He kept on his mission to arrest the offending Indians, and finally secured the most of them and brought them into court, as he had been directed. It would take a bigger battle than that of Sugar Point and more Indians than five hundred to prevent "Dick" O'Connor from doing what he considered to be his duty. Soon after he retired from the marshal's office, Mr. O'Connor engaged in private business affairs. He is president of the St. Paul Globe Company, and a member of the firm of O'Connor & Van Bergen, commission brokers of St. Paul; also of the firm of Sexton & Company, jobbers in the cigar trade. He is a member of the St. Paul Commercial Club, and also of the New York Democratic Club, and popular in both these organizations. Mr. O'Connor is a splendid specimen of physical manhood. He is of stalwart proportions, of athletic build and strength, and of notable appearance in any body of men. He is frank and outspoken, bluff and hearty, a despiser of shams and a hater of hypocrites. All who know him, know just where to find him. His word is as good as his bond, and his bond is as good as gold. And all who know him, know that his heart is big in proportion to its herculean frame. It has ever been touched by an appeal for charity, and a large number of his devoted friends are among the poor and unfortunate, whose advocate and helper he has ever been.

WILLIAM C. WILLISTON.

Hon. William Chapman Williston, of Red Wing, Minnesota, is a native of South Carolina, born at Cheraw, in the county of Chesterfield, June 22, 1830. His parents were William King and Annis (Chapman) Williston, his father being a merchant of Cheraw. The financial circumstances of the family were moderate, yet William C. was enabled to obtain a substantial common school education. He read



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law in Chardon, Geauga county, Ohio, and, in 1854, was admitted to the bar of that State. He practiced law for about two years in Ohio, then removed to Iowa, where he remained for a few months. In 1857 he removed to Red Wing, and soon became established in his profession; and this city has been his home continuously from that date until the present time. During the Civil war, however, he was absent on military duty much of the time for two years. He enlisted, in 1862, as a private in Company G of the Seventh Minnesota Infantry Volunteers, and was discharged from the service in 1864 with the rank of captain. Judge Williston has been a member of two law partnerships, the first of which was formed in 1859, when he became associated with Hon. E. T. Wilder, of Red Wing. This firm was succeeded by another, in which Hon. O. M. Hall was the junior partner. During his professional career, Judge Williston has filled with efficiency the offices of both city and county attorney; and has been a member of the bench of Minnesota since 1891, in which year he was appointed Judge of the District Court. He was elected in the following year, and again in 1898, and to-day enjoys the reputation of being a peer of the foremost judges of the State. As an all-around business lawyer, also, he ranks among the leaders of the bar of Minnesota, his success being attributable jointly to superior ability and an unusual capacity for thorough and continuous work. In politics the Judge is a Democrat, but conservative in this as in all other departments of life. He is, however, a man of strong convictions and a deep reverence for justice, and the force of his character has been recognized and appreciated in public, as well as private, life. Judge Williston has served four years in the State Legislature, having been a member of the House of Representatives in 1873-4, and a Senator during the years 1876-7. Judge Williston has advanced far in Masonry, having at one time been Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Minnesota. As an Odd Fellow, also, he has held the position of Grand Master and Grand Representative of that order in Minnesota. In religious faith he

is an Episcopalian, being a communicant of the church. On April 12, 1854, Judge Williston was married to Mary Eliza Canfield, of Chardon, Ohio. Four children were born to them—two boys and two girls. The sons both died in infancy; the daughters are: Mrs. John H. Rich and Mrs. L. G. Phelps, both of whom are residents of Red Wing.

RENSSELAER D. HUBBARD.

Rensselaer Dean Hubbard, of Mankato, prominent as a manufacturer and one of the strongest and most influential among the leading business men of Minnesota, was born on his father's farm in Maryland township, Otsego county, New York, December 14, 1837. His father, Oliver B. Hubbard, was born at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1800, and came with his family to Otsego county, New York, in 1809. His ancestors were residents of Connecticut in Colonial times, and some of them were prominent characters in early history. His mother, whose maiden name was Lavinia Chase, was also a native of Connecticut, and from an old New England family, several of whose members were soldiers in the war of the Revolution. Oliver B. Hubbard was an honest, industrious farmer and a good citizen, but he was not acquisitive or thrifty, and his sons were obliged to assist in support of the family, and had to "pick up" what education they could between the intervals of farm work. His son, the subject hereof, attended the district school for several winter seasons, and later was for a few months in a select school, which was conducted by Prof. W. F. Perry, who was for many years superintendent of the public schools at Ann Arbor, Michigan. At the age of fifteen he went out to work, securing jobs at anything he could find. His first cash earnings for six months' labor on a farm amounted to fifty dollars, every cent of which he gave to his good mother. After this he worked a month for a farmer, for which he was to receive eight dollars; but when he had com-

pleted his contract his employer told him he had no money and offered him a calf in full payment. With a rope about its neck he led away the calf, and after a little time sold it for eight dollars. This money he spent on himself. With a part of it he bought a pair of boots, costing five dollars, and the balance he paid for three months' tuition in the select school mentioned, working nights and mornings for his board. When his three dollars of capital was exhausted he left school and obtained work with a surveying party then engaged in locating the Albany & Susquehanna Railroad—now called the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company—running from Albany to Binghamton. He was naturally industrious, plucky, and venturesome. In the spring of 1854, when a lad of but sixteen years of age, he joined a party composed of seven or eight men who were going to California. The party left New York April 5, and arrived at San Francisco May 5, going via the Nicaragua route, by sea. In California, young Hubbard secured work on a farm in Yolo county, in the Sacramento valley, where he was engaged for two years. At fifty dollars a month, the prevailing wages in California at the time, he had saved at the end of his term \$1,126, every dollar of which sum he sent home to his parents. He took up a claim and located on a tract of land, where he tried farming on his own account, but droughty seasons prevented his raising full crops. Tired of farming, he undertook a business venture. In August, 1857, he purchased a stock of supplies in Sacramento and took them over the mountains to the Humboldt river country, and engaged in trading them to immigrants in exchange for exhausted and "used up" live stock. These broken down animals he fed and cared for until they were in good condition again, when he would trade them for other "worn out" stock. Often he would receive three poor cattle in exchange for one that was "fresh" and able to travel. He continued in this business for about four months, when he returned to his claim. In July, 1858, he went to Fraser river, in British Columbia, at the time of the gold excitement in that region. He

went by water and landed at Whatcom, on Bellingham bay. Here he purchased a small boat, on credit, and loading it with a cargo of provisions—which he also bought on credit—and with some passengers and their baggage, rowed and poled it up the river to the mines. He finally established and operated a line of rowboats to and from Victoria and Bellingham bay and to Fort Yale, on the Fraser river, for about nine months, when he returned to California, en route for "the States." He landed in New York on Christmas eve, 1859. He was at his old home in Otsego county until in March, 1860, when he again went to California. In a few months after his return to the Golden State he secured a situation in Sacramento as a clerk in a grocery store at fifty dollars a month. After four months he was in full charge of the store at a salary of one hundred and sixty dollars a month. He was in this position until January, 1863, when he returned to New York, intending to enlist in the Union army, but on the journey he was prostrated with a serious attack of pneumonia. As soon as he was able to travel he went home and attempted to enlist, but was rejected on account of his bad physical condition. He then went to Sidney Plains, New York, rented a piece of land and engaged in tobacco culture for about two years. Meantime he acted the part of a good loyal citizen, aided in recruiting soldiers for the army, and unable to enlist himself because of his physical disabilities, sent a substitute into the service. April 9, 1863, he married Miss Mary E. Cook, a daughter of Harvey W. Cook, of his native village. In the fall of 1866 he removed to Corry, Pennsylvania, and established a grocery business, which proved a very profitable venture. Starting with a capital of \$2,000, in less than four years he had cleared about \$30,000. Enough has been given of the details of Mr. Hubbard's varied career to show that he was always a man of parts and resources, and of great activity and industry. If he could not do something he preferred, he could and did do something else. At any rate, he was never idle. Instead of waiting for "something to

turn up," he went to work and turned something up. Whether the iron was hot or cold, he "kept a-hammering," to use one of Abraham Lincoln's favorite expressions. In 1870, Mr. Hubbard, accompanied by his wife this time, made another trip to California by water, and arrived at San Francisco at the breaking out of the Franco-Prussian war. He intended engaging in banking, and took with him about \$100,000, the greater part of which sum had been entrusted to him by certain friends. But on account of the unsettled condition of the money market, he decided to forego his intention and started on his return to the East. Going by rail to Omaha and thence to Davenport, at the latter place he took a boat for Winona, Minnesota. It was in this year that the Northwestern Railroad was completed to Mankato. After traveling over the country for some weeks he finally decided to locate permanently at Mankato, and did so. He built a warehouse and began buying wheat, continuing in that business until March, 1872, when with the late J. A. Willard and J. B. Hubbell he organized the Mankato Linseed Oil Company, of which he was the manager for eleven years, going through a period of great depression, but finally making the enterprise financially successful. In 1879 he established the Mankato Milling Company, with himself as president, George M. Palmer, secretary, and William Pierson, general manager. For the first few months, owing to the radical changes which were being made in the milling process, the business was not profitable. Mr. Hubbard purchased the interests of his associates and has continued to operate the mill since, first under the firm name of R. D. Hubbard & Company, with F. L. Waters as partner, then from 1894 to 1897 as the R. D. Hubbard Milling Company, and since 1897 as the Hubbard Milling Company. The mill was built in 1878 and reconstructed in 1879, when its character was changed from the stone system to the roller process, with all the latest improved machinery for flour making. Its present capacity is 1,200 barrels daily, and 1,500,000 bushels of wheat pass through the mill annually. In 1882, Mr. Hubbard, with J. J. Thompson, es-

tablished a large live stock business in Custer county, Montana, taking from Minnesota to the great ranch 5,500 head of cattle in two years. About this time, associated with Capt. Thomas P. Gere, he established the large linseed oil works at Sioux City, Iowa. These mills were of the largest capacity and the best equipped for their purpose probably in the world. They cost \$275,000, and had a capacity of crushing 2,000 bushels of flaxseed per day. They were operated by Hubbard & Gere for three years, and in 1887 were sold to the Linseed Oil Trust. In 1892 he purchased the interest of Mr. S. H. Grannis, in the firm of Grannis & Palmer, and organized the Hubbard & Palmer Elevator Company, which has forty elevators on the Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis and the Omaha Division of the Northwestern Railway, chiefly for the purchase and storage of grain and for supplying wheat for the mill at Mankato. In 1897 the business was incorporated as Hubbard, Palmer & Co., with George M. Palmer president. Mr. Hubbard was born a Democrat, and voted for James Buchanan for President in 1856, but ever since has voted for the Republican candidates for National offices. He has always been too much occupied with business affairs to give much attention to party politics, and is not a politician. He has served one term in the Mankato city council, the only public official position he ever cared to hold. As a citizen he has always been eminently public-spirited, ever ready to aid and encourage, with his influence and his money, any enterprise for the public good. His position and condition in the world are the result of his own efforts. He is not only the architect but the builder of his fortune, and his entire business career, from the time he worked for and sold the eight-dollar calf, to his ownership and management of his magnificent manufacturing enterprises, has been honorable, straight-forward, and characterized by the strictest integrity. His career exemplifies what may be accomplished by the poorest American boy who will adopt and never depart from a course of industry, perseverance, economy and general honorable conduct. One of his fellow-citizens says:

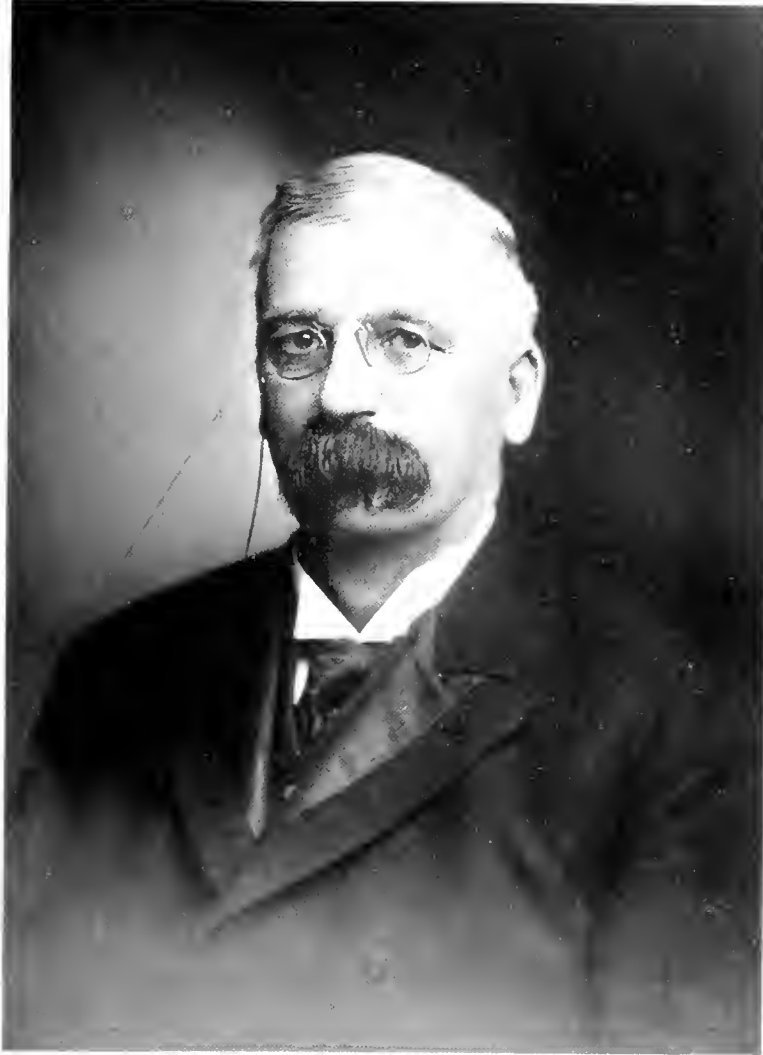
"Mr. Hubbard is a man of fine personal appearance, of large form and manly build, and of impressive address. His mind and ambition have an inclination for great projects, and when enlisted in them his fireless industry and economical tendencies make them successful, frequently under adverse circumstances. Mr. Hubbard is a man of excellent business capacity, a hard worker, and gives to his undertakings the closest and most exacting personal attention. He makes it a point to understand every department of his large business affairs. He has contributed much to the development and prosperity of Mankato, and the 'big mill,' as it is familiarly called, is a monument to his enterprise, sagacity, and industry."

Mr. Hubbard's wife died, April 21, 1877, leaving one son, Jay Hubbard, born January 8, 1870, now in business with his father. Mr. Hubbard was again married October 7, 1878, to Miss Frank Griffith, step-daughter of James Cannon, of Mankato. They are the parents of two daughters—Kate and Mary E. The family attend the Presbyterian church, and are prominent members of society in Mankato. They have a lovely and well-appointed home at No. 606 Broad street.

ANDREW R. MCGILL.

Hon. Andrew Ryan McGill, Governor of Minnesota in 1887 and 1888, the years of the greatest development and general prosperity in the history of the State, was born at Saegertown, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1840. He is of Irish and English ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Patrick McGill, came from County Antrim, Ireland, to America about 1774, when but twelve years of age. He was, with an older brother, connected with the American army during the war of the Revolution, and after the war settled in Pennsylvania, first in Northumberland county, and later emigrating to the western part of the State, where he secured a large tract of land in what subsequently became Crawford county. This land became the "old homestead" of the McGill family, and the first house built thereon by Patrick McGill still

stands on a part of the present site of Saegertown. Governor McGill's father was Charles Dillon McGill, and the maiden name of his mother was Angelina Martin. She was of Waterford, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Armand Martin, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, and a granddaughter of Charles Martin, of English birth, who served in the Patriot army during the Revolution and after the war was appointed by Washington an officer of the Second United States Infantry. Subsequently he resigned from the regular army and became a major general of Pennsylvania troops. Governor McGill's mother was a woman of strong character, of high Christian conduct, and rare mental qualities. She died when he was but seven years of age, but not before she had impressed some of her characteristics upon him, and in effect shaped the course of his life. The boy who was to become the Governor of a great Commonwealth was reared to young manhood in his native valley of the Venango, a rather secluded locality, "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife." His education was received in the public schools and at Saegertown Academy. These were good schools, practical and thorough, and he was a good student, studious and industrious, and made the most and the best of them. When he was nineteen years of age—or in 1859—he set out in life on his own account. He had not much to begin with aside from his education, and he did that which he could do best. He went to Kentucky and engaged in teaching school. He was successful as a teacher, but in a year or so, when the war clouds began to lower, Kentucky became an unpleasant place of abode for a Northern man of Union sentiments, and, in the spring of 1861, the war of the Rebellion having begun, he returned to the North. He then decided to go to the Northwest, and June 10, 1861, he arrived in Minnesota. Again he engaged in teaching and became principal of the public schools of St. Peter. The following year, or August 19, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army in Company D, Ninth Minnesota Infantry, and was made orderly sergeant of the company. His muster-in dated from the second day of the



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great Indian outbreak, in whose suppression his regiment took part. A year later, owing to protracted and serious ill-health, he was discharged from the service for disabilities. Not long after leaving the military service he was elected superintendent of schools for Nicollet county, and served two terms. He now became a somewhat prominent public character. In 1865 and 1866 he edited the *St. Peter Tribune*, a Republican paper with which he was connected as publisher for several years thereafter. He was elected clerk of the District Court for Nicollet county and served four years, and during this time studied law under the instruction of Hon. Horace Austin, then Judge of the District Court, by whom, in 1868, he was admitted to the bar. Two years later, when Judge Austin became Governor, Mr. McGill was appointed his private secretary. In 1873 he was appointed State Insurance Commissioner, and by successive re-appointments held the position for thirteen years. The acceptability of his service and its general efficiency may be inferred from its length. His reputation as an authority on insurance became far-reaching, and his reports are yet regarded as among the most valuable ever issued on the subject. In 1886 the Republicans nominated him for Governor. The canvass that followed was one of the most active and the election one of the closest in the history of the State. The temperance question was to the fore, and the Republican party had declared for local option and high license. The friends of the saloon did not want a high license system, and the Prohibitionists did not want a license system at all, and so both these elements were against McGill. His Democratic opponent had the support of all the liquor interests, both inside and outside of the Republican party, as well as that of large numbers of the Prohibitionists, who took this way of resenting the proposition of any State license whatever. McGill was a man of unassailable character and manly deportment, and conducted his campaign upon a dignified plane. He was elected, and under all the circumstances his election was a great triumph for the principle he advocated, and

for himself personally. He was one of the best chief executives the State has ever had. His administration covered a period when the State was being developed and improved as never before or since, when its business interests were being most rapidly advanced, when it was busiest and most bustling. And yet his opponents had loudly and volubly predicted that if elected he would "ruin the State"—a familiar party cry. The records and the history of his term show what was accomplished. One of the most important laws enacted under his administration was what is known as the high license law. This aimed at the better control of the liquor traffic, and has become the model for similar legislation in other States. It was the principle involved in this law on which the campaign was fought out, and Governor McGill, having won the election, insisted on the passage of the law; and it was through his efforts and influence that the legislation was secured. Of its wisdom and salutary workings it is perhaps sufficient to say that its repeal has never been attempted. Other important measures placed on the statute books during Governor McGill's administration were the present railroad laws relating to transportation, storage, and grading of wheat; the watering of railroad stock, etc.; temperance legislation was materially strengthened and improved; the tax laws were simplified; contracts detrimental to labor were abolished; the State Soldiers' Home and the State Reformatory were established; the Bureau of Labor Statistics was created, and numerous other important measures were inaugurated. Governor McGill may await with unconcern the judgment of posterity upon his administration. Upon his retirement from the chief executive's chair, Governor McGill became engaged in the banking and trust business, from which he finally retired in 1896, on account of ill-health. At present he is not in active business, although he is vice president and director in two active concerns, one a loan and the other a manufacturing company. He is also State Senator from the Thirty-seventh Senatorial District of Minnesota, having been elected, in

1898, for the regular term of four years. He resides at St. Anthony Park, a suburb of St. Paul, where he has a pleasant home. Governor McGill has been twice married. His first wife was Eliza E. Bryant, a daughter of Charles S. Bryant, A. M., a lawyer and an author of some prominence, formerly of St. Peter, and whose history of the Sioux War in Minnesota is regarded as the best on the subject. She died in 1877, leaving two sons, named Charles H. and Robert C., and a daughter named Lida B. McGill. The oldest son, Capt. Charles H. McGill, served during the Spanish war as assistant adjutant general, with the rank of captain. In 1880 Governor McGill married Mary E. Wilson, a daughter of Dr. J. C. Wilson, of Edinborough, Pennsylvania. By this marriage there are two sons, named Wilson and Thomas McGill. The ex-Governor is a gentleman of admirable personal qualities. Plain, unassuming, frank and open, he attracts acquaintance and admiration at one and the same time. He has a quiet, dignified manner, but is readily accessible to all, regardless of rank or station. He is a man of large information and of sound ideas, a staunch friend, and firm in his convictions. He does not know how to be a trimmer and a trickster, and does not care to learn.

DANIEL H. VALENTINE.

Daniel Hillman Valentine was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 16, 1827, and died in St. Paul, May 15, 1890. He was the son of Charles and Alice (Woodmansee) Valentine, who were both natives of New Jersey. After attending the common schools of his native place, he took a course at Woodford College, in the same city. After leaving college he remained in Cincinnati until 1848, when he went to New Orleans and found employment as a teacher. He was taught the French language by a Catholic priest, and then took a position as tutor in a French family, giving the children instruction in the English branches. Upon the discovery of gold in California he

joined the tidal wave of emigration which set in thither. In 1849 he sailed for California, going "round the horn." The voyagers were driven from their course by severe storms, and touched the Cape Verde islands, off the coast of Africa. They then sailed west, stopping at Rio Janeiro, and finally reached San Francisco just 310 days after leaving New Orleans. Mr. Valentine's fortunes, like those of most miners, varied, and soon after the discovery of gold in Australia, he visited that country. After an eventful life of several years, he returned to the United States and located in St. Paul, in the winter of 1855 and '56. In 1865 Mr. Valentine became heavily interested in the wheat and elevator business, and was manager of the elevators, and in fact the entire business of cereal buying and handling for Commodore Davidson for several years. His success induced him to start the well-known Humboldt farm near St. Vincent, in 1882, and he invested quite heavily in orange groves in Florida, where he spent several winters. Appreciating the commercial importance of St. Paul, by reason of his extensive acquaintance with the vast region tributary to the city, he invested largely in real estate, and built the fine block on Wabasha street, known as the Valentine Block. Mr. Valentine served as alderman of the city for three years, and was captain of Company G, Sixth Minnesota Infantry Volunteers, until January, 1863, when he resigned and returned to St. Paul. Up to the time of his death Mr. Valentine was an active, energetic business man, and an upright, conscientious and progressive citizen. His many years' experience among men in distant and rapidly improving portions of the world, gave him a knowledge of life which was of incalculable value to him as a business man. In 1858 Mr. Valentine married Miss Amelia E. Meissner, who was a native of Pennsylvania, but a resident of Cincinnati at the time of their marriage. To them were born two sons and three daughters: Charles, Daniel E., Amelia, Edith and Helen. One of the early settlers of St. Paul, who was a member of Captain Valentine's company during the war of the Rebellion, says of him:



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"Being a member of Captain Valentine's company in the Sixth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, during his entire service, I had ample opportunity to become acquainted with his personality and to judge of him as a soldier and a man. He was in active service about two years, when he resigned on account of ill-health. He participated with his regiment in the battles of Birch Coolie and Wood Lake, Minnesota, and in the march and battles of the campaign to the Missouri river in 1862 and '63. In this campaign the total distance marched was 1,600 miles, besides fighting three or four battles. Captain Valentine was a man of but few words. Though exacting and strict in discipline, he was not a martinet, but was perfectly just to his men. He took the same rations and discomforts and dangers that fell to the lot of the enlisted men. He was exceedingly courageous and possessed of the greatest amount of endurance. A man of the strictest integrity and high moral character, he will long be remembered among the sturdy pioneers who were identified with the early history of the city of St. Paul."

THOMAS CANTY.

Judge Thomas Canty, of Minneapolis, was born in the city of London, April 25, 1854, of Irish ancestry on both sides. His father, Jeremiah Canty, and his mother, whose maiden name was Anna Stanton, were both natives of the County Kerry, in the Emerald Isle. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Canty, from whom he was named, was at one time a well-to-do Irish farmer; but the sore famine of 1848 impoverished him, as it did many others, and the children were forced to go abroad. Jeremiah went to London, and here, while in humble but honorable service, he met Anna Stanton, another fugitive from the famine, and married her. In 1856, Jeremiah Canty came, with his family, to the United States, settling in Detroit. Subsequently he lived at Lodi, Wisconsin; in Clayton county, Iowa, and finally he purchased and settled on a farm in Monona, Iowa, and here he died in 1874, leaving a distressed widow with seven children. Jeremiah Canty, though poor, was honest, industrious, bore a good name, and was at all times desirous of the

welfare of his family. He kept his children in the public schools when he could, and his son Thomas was an apt and precocious pupil. But after he was nine years of age, the boy had to assist his father, and could attend school only a few months each winter. But he was bright, ambitious and industrious, and spent all his spare time with his books. He became a good scholar for a lad of his years, and was especially proficient in mathematics. When he was but thirteen years of age, there was a controversy between his father and the owner of the land on which he was a tenant, in regard to the amount of the rent that ought to be paid. The point in dispute was as to the area of the land occupied, and it was agreed that the farm should be surveyed. Thomas, in his examination of the surveyor's figures, found a big error in them, and at once setting out, he walked fourteen miles through a snow-storm to the surveyor's house and had the mistake corrected. As the result he saved his father sixty dollars and prevented a law-suit. When he was but a boy, he selected his future vocation. His good mother, a woman of a practical turn of mind, noted that the boy was "handy with tools," and wanted him to become a blacksmith—a calling for which his stout physique seemed to adapt him—but Thomas always insisted that he intended to be a lawyer. When he was but fifteen, he passed a thorough examination in Clayton county, Iowa, and received a teacher's first-class certificate, allowing him to teach in the public schools of the county, but, of course, so young a boy could not get a position. He was not discouraged, but in the intervals between his hours of hard work, kept up his studies, mastering everything he attempted. In 1872, at the age of eighteen, he left the humble family homestead and set out for the South, where he hoped to find a position as teacher. He had but little money, and when he reached Carbondale, a coal-mining town in Southern Illinois, he found himself penniless and friendless. Luckily he secured a job, even though it involved working sixteen hours a day, and driving a refractory mule—the motive power of a machine employed in hoisting the laden

buckets out of a coal shaft. At this work he earned enough money to take him to Texas. He taught school in the Lone Star State for four years, in the meantime keeping up his studies and applying himself so diligently that he secured a better education than the average college course would have given him. Meanwhile his father died, and the faithful son went back to the Iowa farm, to help his mother take care of the family. He worked hard on the farm for two years, and now began to employ his spare time in the study of law. There were crop failures, and other disasters, and debts accumulated on the farm. These debts young Canty assumed as his personal obligations. He was determined to pay them, but was just as determined not to pay them out of the "profits" of farming. In a contest for the position of principal of a high school, which paid a good salary, this self-taught young man defeated two college graduates, one of Harvard and the other of the University of Wisconsin. Out of his first year's earnings he paid a thousand dollars of his debts, and easily obtained an extension of time on the balance, which he subsequently paid. His private study of law became so extended that in the spring of 1880 he concluded to go to Dakota, then a Territory, and engage in the practice. He went to Grand Forks, but did not like the situation; whereupon he came to Minneapolis, and, on the 1st of October, entered the law office of Hon. Seagrave Smith, and was admitted to the bar in February following. The city was full of lawyers, many of them long established, of wide reputation, and of eminence in the profession. He was young, inexperienced, unknown, and so poor that for some time he was obliged to keep "bachelor's hall," or board himself. But very soon he was on the high-road to success, for in law, as in nature, the fittest survive and rise. His first case was a contest over the title to a tract of land near Lake Minnetonka, which had been lost by two prominent attorneys. Canty reopened the case, adopted a new line of defense, and won his cause. This success gave him a reputation, and other business followed, so that he was soon actively engaged, and had no

time to cook his own meals. A notable series of cases which he won and which attracted public attention, were those of certain employes against the contractors engaged in opening Sixth avenue, north. Fourteen able lawyers were against him, but he won every case. The cases were carried to the Supreme Court, where Mr. Canty won every fight. He came rapidly into local distinction as one who knew the law and how to try a case. At the time of a noted strike among the street car employes of Minneapolis, he won great reputation and popular favor, especially among the working people, by his successful resistance of the action of the municipal court in sentencing to the workhouse certain men who had been convicted of unlawful conduct during the strike, but who, he claimed, were entirely innocent. He took these men out of jail by that sublime measure born of American liberty, the habeas corpus, carried their cases before the District Court, and secured their release. The working people, always grateful for the services of a friend, came to have an opportunity of rewarding their champion the next year, and they did not let it pass. Judge Canty was a Republican until after the passage of the McKinley high tariff bill, in 1890. His first vote was cast for the Hayes and Wheeler electors in 1876, but he has never believed that they were fairly elected. In local politics he was always independent, and voted for those he believed to be the best men. He had taken some interest in politics, but was best known as a sound lawyer of a judicial bent, and was very popular personally throughout the city. His public renunciation of the Republican party, in the summer of 1890, created something of a sensation. The next fall, the Democrats, then in a hopeless minority in Minneapolis, nominated him for one of the District Court Judges of Hennepin county, and he was elected for a term of six years. Judge Canty's record on the District Bench was that of a careful, painstaking and efficient jurist, and here he won the reputation which made him a Judge of the State Supreme Court. In the latter eminent position, he has further distinguished himself. Some of his opinions have



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become established authorities upon original propositions and are much cited. He wrote the opinion of the court in the cause celebre, entitled *Stevenson vs. The Great Northern Railway Company* (69 Minn. Rep., 358; 72 N. W. Rep., 743), decided in October, 1897, and the authorship of this opinion would alone make any man famous. The ablest and most astute attorneys of the Northwest argued this case. Judge Canty's opinion, while elaborate and exhaustive, so as to cover the entire ground, was invaluable to the people and an unassailable exposition of the law. It fixed the status of the State Railroad Commission as an authority to be obeyed and respected, and laid down certain principles to be observed in the regulation of railway charges, which must prove of lasting benefit to the Commonwealth. In 1898 Judge Canty was the candidate of the Democratic and People's parties of the State for reelection, but he and his learned and able Democratic associates, Judges Mitchell and Buck, were defeated by the Republican nominees, although Judge Canty ran several thousand votes ahead of his ticket, not including its head. Although a bachelor, Judge Canty is well known socially, and has hosts of warm personal friends. He has attained the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite Mason, and is a Mystic Shriner. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and of the order of Elks. His integrity and uprightness as a man have never been questioned, and he has a good name, which is better than riches.

JOHN C. WISE.

Hon. John Claggett Wise, of Mankato, the oldest newspaper man in Minnesota in the particular of long and continuous service, and the founder and present editor and proprietor of the *Mankato Review*, is a native of Maryland, born at Hagerstown, September 4, 1834. His parents were Richard and Sarah (Cline) Wise, both native Marylanders. His father was of Scotch-Irish descent, an industrious, prosperous citizen, well known, and held in esteem in the

community where he spent his long and useful life. He died at his home in Hagerstown, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. His family consisted of nine children—six sons and three daughters—John C. being the fifth child and second son. Mr. Wise has been a printer from boyhood. Leaving the Hagerstown Academy at the age of thirteen, he entered a printing office as an apprentice, serving four years. At seventeen he went to Baltimore and worked as a "jour" on different papers for nearly a year. He then returned to Hagerstown and purchased and published a country newspaper called the *Clear Spring Whig*. The paper warmly supported General Scott, the Whig candidate for President, in 1852, while its editor lacked three years of being old enough to vote. At the close of the unsuccessful campaign, Mr. Wise sold his newspaper and went to Washington City and worked in the office of the *Congressional Globe* for a year. He then went to Cincinnati and worked in the different newspaper offices of the city for about eighteen months. He was what was known in the old days of hand type-setting as a "fast" compositor and a correct one, always had a long "string" and earned good wages. From Cincinnati he returned to Washington and was chief make-up of the imposing room of the *Congressional Globe* until in the spring of 1855. At this period the old-time Democratic party was in full power, the country was at peace and prosperous, and the Northwest was being developed. A company was formed in Washington to lay out and build the city of Superior, Wisconsin. Its members were W. W. Corcoran, the renowned old banker of Washington; Henry M. Rice of Minnesota; John W. Forney, and General Dawson, of Pennsylvania; John C. Breckinridge and Senator Beck, of Kentucky; Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois, and many other distinguished public men, among them several Southern Senators. They induced Mr. Wise and another young man named Washington Ashton to establish a newspaper at Superior. Wise and Ashton purchased a printing plant in Philadelphia and in due time established and issued the *Superior Chronicle*, the first newspaper

printed at the head of Lake Superior. The printing office was in a log building, one of the first structures built in the place. Wise and Ashton published the Chronicle for three years, during which time Superior grew from a village with a population of less than 300 to a city of more than 3,000 people. In 1858, when the effects of the financial panic came with disastrous force upon the country, Mr. Wise disposed of his interests in Superior, returned to Washington and again went to work in the Congressional Globe office. In the spring of 1859 he removed to Mankato and established the Mankato Record, a Democratic weekly. In 1860 he started the Semi-Weekly Record, the first twice-a-week paper in the State outside of St. Paul. He sold the Record, in the fall of 1868, to Orville Brown, who changed its political character to a Republican journal; afterwards it was merged into the Mankato Free Press. In the spring of 1869, in company with Mr. E. C. Payne, he started the Mankato Review, becoming sole proprietor and editor the following year. In 1883 his sons, Charles E. and John C., Jr., were associated with him. In 1892 they started the Daily Review, and since have published both a daily and weekly edition. The Review is a strong, well made-up journal, of real influence, and has always had a large circulation and a profitable patronage generally. It is commonly believed that the country papers are the only truly independent journals of the day. They are not controlled by outside corporations and combined interests, and say what they really believe uninfluenced by powers behind them and not dictated to by some one with a "reinch" upon them. The Mankato Review is a model paper of this class. During his long residence in Mankato, no other man has come to stand higher in the general esteem of his fellow citizens than John C. Wise. They have always given him their confidence and frequently honored him. At the time of the village incorporation of Mankato he was a member of the first council. For six years he was a member of the board of education and its president one year. In 1867 Governor Marshall selected him as one of a committee for

the relief of the settlers of the southwestern portion of the State who had been ruined by hailstorms, and in 1875 Governor Davis appointed him a commissioner of the State to relieve the grasshopper sufferers. He was one of the original trustees and directors of Tourtellotte Hospital, superintending its construction, and one of the incorporators of the Mankato Board of Trade. In the latter organization he was for twenty-six years continuously a director and was president for one term. When the Whig party dissolved, Mr. Wise became a Democrat, and has steadfastly continued in the faith throughout tempest and sunshine, through success and adversity. He was a delegate to the Baltimore convention that nominated Horace Greeley, in 1872, and in 1884 was a delegate to the Chicago convention that nominated Cleveland and Hendricks and was a member of the committee that made a platform of principles which the voters of the country endorsed at the November election following. In 1885, and again in 1894, he was appointed, by President Cleveland, postmaster of Mankato, the only Federal office he has ever held. Mr. Wise was married in September, 1857, at Clear Spring, Washington county, Maryland, to Miss Amanda Flory, a daughter of Daniel Flory, a merchant and hotel keeper of Clear Spring. Mrs. Wise died in Mankato, in January, 1885. Mr. Wise's family consists of five children. His two sons, Charles E. and John C., Jr., are connected with their father in the publication of the Daily and Weekly Review. His daughters are: Katherine, now Mrs. Edgar Weaver; Nellie E., living at the family home; and Flory, a teacher in Duluth.

JABEZ A. BRANT.

Like many of those who have attained to prominence in the business world, Jabez Anderson Brant, of Minneapolis, was born on a farm and had seventeen years of farm life before commencing the more varied and hazardous ventures that make or mar the fortunes of men. He was born at Berlin, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1845. His



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father, John J. Brant, was also a native of the Keystone State, born August 15, 1818, and alternated between the farm and the store, leaving at times the pursuit of agriculture for ventures in merchandising. He left his native State, in 1867, and removed to Illinois to engage in farming, and died December 28, 1887. Jabez A. Brant's early educational advantages were such as are commonly given by the public schools of Pennsylvania, supplemented by private schools at his home and in Maryland, where he fitted himself for teaching. As teacher and student, he attained a good education, with which he commenced his business life. In 1867 and 1868 he was engaged in mercantile business at Louisa, Maryland. The following year he went to Illinois, where for one year he resumed his vocation as teacher. In the fall of 1869 inducements were offered him to engage in the insurance business, to which he was well adapted. He then located at Pleasant Hill, Missouri. After four years of successful work he changed his location, in 1873, to Ottawa, Kansas, and subsequently to Dubuque, Iowa. He developed rapidly in the business. His judgment was respected, and his capacity for field work and as an adjuster were recognized by the higher officials. His quick perception of the varied hazards and the application of equitable ratings was appreciated, and his service became desirable. He was placed in full charge of an inspection and rating bureau at Dubuque, in January, 1884, which covered a large district in northeastern Iowa and northern Illinois. He continued in this service until January, 1893, when he was appointed to a supervisorship that controlled the special interests of companies at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After completing his work under this special charge with gratifying success, he removed to Minneapolis, called there by an appointment as manager and inspector for the Minneapolis Underwriters' Association, with headquarters in the New York Life building in that city. During the War of the Rebellion Mr. Brant was assigned to duty as a civilian in the capacity of an engineer, attached to the Fifteenth New York Regiment of Engineers. Mr. Brant was married to Miss Minnie J. Clothier of New

York at Carthage, Missouri, on May 26, 1892. He is a member of the Minneapolis Mounted Commandery, No. 23, Knights Templar; Zarah Temple of the Mystic Shrine; is a thirty-second degree Mason, and has membership in the Commercial Club of Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Brant worship in the Westminster Presbyterian church. Mr. Brant, in the discharge of the duties assigned to him, has traveled extensively in the West, and has made a large and valued acquaintance. In politics he has always been a Republican, and he takes a lively interest in the affairs that mark the progress and prosperity of the community in which he resides, and bears with an inspiring cheerfulness his full share of the public burdens. In a vigorous manhood, and with a thorough knowledge of all the intricate questions pertaining to insurance, he is well fitted for a life of usefulness and prosperity. His chosen field in the business of insurance is full of opportunity for the employment of business ability and sterling integrity that characterize his life.

ROBERT H. PATTERSON.

Robert H. Patterson, a prominent business man of Minneapolis, was the sixth of a family of eight children, five of whom are living. He is a native of the State of Ohio, and was born in the city of Athens, in the county of the same name. His father, John Patterson, was born in the year 1809, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and lived to the age of sixty-five years, dying in 1874. The education of Robert was begun in the public schools of Ohio. He was able to go to school during the winter season only, being employed at farming in the summer. Later he was enabled to enter an academy in his native town, where he attended two terms. He then entered the Ohio University at Athens, attending that institution for one year. After completing his studies, he visited what was then the West—Illinois and Iowa. He taught school for a year and a half in Iowa, but his tastes inclined him to a commercial life, and accordingly, in 1870, he went to work in the capacity of an employe under

his brother, who had organized a wholesale boot and shoe house at Chillicothe, Ohio, under the firm name of Miller, Patterson & Company. He remained with this house for eight years, beginning with the modest salary of fifty dollars per month, and gradually working up. By virtue of his natural thrift and economical habits, he succeeded in saving during that time the sum of \$5,000. With this hard earned accumulation he organized a hat and cap business in the same town, taking in a partner. He continued in this business for about six years, when he sold out and removed to Minneapolis, in February, 1884. He took in as a partner James Chestnut, and established a business at No. 204 Nicollet avenue. In 1887 Mr. Chestnut sold out his interest in the firm to a Mr. Dickinson, who came from Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Patterson continued in partnership with Mr. Dickinson for four years, when he again changed partners, Mr. Dickinson giving place to Mr. Stevenson, with whom he has been associated ever since, under the firm name of Patterson & Stevenson. They have built up an enormous trade in hats, caps, gloves and furs, their house having the reputation of being one of the largest jobbing hat and cap firms in the Northwest. A large measure of Mr. Patterson's success is due to the fact that he is a man of systematic habits in business, having a place for everything and keeping everything in its place. As a result of his methodical habits, the smallest details of his business are not neglected, but receive their due attention. He is a modest, unassuming gentleman, not given to ostentation. He has a warm place in the hearts of his numerous friends, many of whom have been on intimate terms with him, either in business or social relations, for many years. Mr. Patterson has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united June 15, 1875, was Miss Estelle De Voss, of Greenfield, Ohio. She passed away July 4, 1884. On May 15, 1890, he was married to Miss Lavenia De Voss, also of Greenfield. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson reside on Park avenue, where they take pleasure in entertaining their many friends. In politics Mr. Patterson affiliates with the Republicans, although he has never sought any

political position. He has been a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Minneapolis, for fifteen years; also a member of the Commercial Club and Board of Trade.

JOSEPH R. WATKINS.

Joseph Ray Watkins, of Winona, comes from a family of Welsh descent which has lived in America for more than two hundred years. The great-grandfather, Tobias Watkins, was born in New Jersey in the early part of the Eighteenth Century, and during the Revolutionary War took contracts for furnishing beef to the army. James Watkins, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was also a native of New Jersey. In 1800 he made the journey westward with an ox-team, crossed the mountains of Pennsylvania, and became one of those sturdy pioneers who opened up the great State of Ohio. He was one of the first settlers in the western part of the State, and located on what was known as the Sims' purchase, at a point then called Fort Washington, where the city of Cincinnati now stands. He took an active part in the development of that region. By trade he was a blacksmith, and brought from New Jersey the first nail cutting machine taken west of the Allegheny mountains, in Pennsylvania. The anvil of James Watkins is still in the family, and will be handed down to future generations. J. R. Watkins was born at Cincinnati, August 21, 1849, the son of the Rev. Benjamin Utter and Sophronia (Keeler) Watkins. The father continued his ministerial life in Ohio until 1862, when he came to Minnesota, where he resided nearly twenty years. He then moved to the State of Missouri, where he died. The mother was born on the shore of Lake Champlain, and came of a family that settled in the northern part of the Empire State during pioneer days. The subject of this sketch was reared in the State of his nativity and was educated at College Hill, Ohio. In 1862 he accompanied his father's family to Minnesota, and became a resident of Stearns county, where soon after they were subject to many



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hardships brought on by the Indian War. Mr. Watkins was married in 1868 to Miss Mary Ellen Heberling, a native of Ohio. They have one daughter, Grace Eleanore. In 1868 Mr. Watkins secured from Richard Ward, of Cincinnati, the right to manufacture and sell his remedies, and later bought out Mr. Ward's entire business. This was the beginning of what has proven to be one of the largest medicine and extract business houses in the United States. Starting with comparatively small resources, Mr. Watkins has, through persistent effort and aggressive business methods, increased the dimensions of his business to such a degree that he now has a traveling force of two hundred and fifty men, probably selling more goods at retail in this line than any concern in the country. Mr. Watkins has been a resident of Winona since 1885. In 1890, in order to meet the demands of his increasing trade, he erected a large, substantial brick building, and in the spring of 1894 completed an addition larger than the original building, complete in all its appointments, forming one of the best equipped laboratories to be found anywhere. The organization of which he is the head, now bears the name of J. R. Watkins Medical Company, with a capital stock of five hundred thousand dollars. While Mr. Watkins has never been active in a public capacity, he is a man who is always alive to the interests of the community. He has just given evidence of his faith in the future growth and development of Winona by the investment of large sums of money in various enterprises. Most laudable among these was his establishment, two years ago, of the Winona Morning Independent. At that time Winona was one of only three cities of its size in the United States that had no morning paper, and Mr. Watkins, recognizing the demands of the community, especially for war news at that time, and its unusually broad field, invested large sums of money in providing an equipment that is modern and complete in every respect, including web-perfecting press, type-setting machines, stereotyping outfits, etc., with which to carry on the work. This has resulted in the building up of the largest daily newspaper in southern Minnesota,

its circulation covering the city of Winona fully, and reaching some sixty adjoining cities, towns and villages.

MARSHALL B. WEBBER.

The life history of Marshall Bailey Webber, of Winona, which covers nearly half a century, belongs in nearly equal portions to the two neighbor States of Wisconsin and Minnesota. By birth, education and experience, he is a true son of the Northwest; but genealogical records show him to be connected, through a long line of New Englanders, with a remote ancestry in the mother country. Early Webbers, crossing to our shores, figured in the colonial history of Massachusetts, and both the grandfather and father of Marshall B. were natives of the old Bay State. The grandfather, Loren Webber, was a Baptist of the strictest Puritan type, and governed his household in consistency with his faith. His son Samuel, father of our subject, was born July 11, 1822, in Holland, Hampton county, Massachusetts, grew to manhood in his native State, and was for three years employed in a cotton factory in the town of Sturbridge. In 1837 he came to Wisconsin with his father, who then secured a large tract of Government land for farming purposes. They settled upon it, in Raymond township, Racine county, and for years father and son labored together upon the virgin soil. January 1, 1885, the senior Webber died, at the extreme age of ninety-four years. The maternal grandfather of Marshall B. Webber was Jonathan Bailey, a New Hampshire farmer and school-teacher, who figured as an ardent Whig in the early politics of the Granite State. In 1841 he, also, emigrated to Racine county, Wisconsin, with his family, which consisted of a wife and four children. On October 2, 1842, one of these children, Sabra Amelia Bailey, was married to Samuel Webber, and on August 2, 1850, the subject of this sketch was born. Marshall B. Webber lived, to the age of eighteen, upon the home farm, which was a section of the original tract taken up by his

grandfather, and which was cultivated by his father until recent years. Samuel Webber, who now lives in Racine, Wisconsin, is the oldest resident of his county, and widely known as an influential and public-spirited citizen. Marshall B. acquired an elementary education in his native town of Raymond, which he later supplemented by a high school course at Racine. After finishing at the high school, he did two years of preparatory work in a private seminary, then went to Michigan and matriculated at Hillsdale College. He graduated from that institution in 1875, and in the following autumn came to live in Winona, Minnesota. He entered the office of Hon. W. H. Yale as a student, and after reading law for about two years was admitted, in the fall of 1877, to the bar of Winona county. He became associated in a partnership with Governor Yale, which was discontinued two years later on the election of Mr. Webber to the office of prosecuting State's attorney. After the expiration of his two years' term of service as prosecuting attorney, he pursued an independent practice until 1895, in the autumn of which year he entered into partnership with Edward Lees, thus forming the present well-known firm of Webber & Lees. Mr. Webber's professional career has, from its beginning, been characterized by a gratifying freedom from reverses. Alike in his partnerships and as an individual practitioner, he has prospered, not in any phenomenal way, but by "slow and sure" progression, until to-day he is recognized by the city of Winona as one of the leading members of her bar and the State. For many years he has played a prominent part in the litigation of the great bulk of important civil causes in southern Minnesota, and as a trial lawyer in cases of a corporate character he has had large experience and signal success. Mr. Webber is at present counsel for both the Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads. In politics, although never controlled solely by partisan sentiment, Mr. Webber has been always identified with the Republican party. He has no political history in the sense of office holding, but has always held a prominent place in the

councils of his party, being for several years a member of the State Central Committee. His time and energies have been very largely absorbed by his professional work. He belongs to the order of Knights of Pythias, and has occupied all the chairs of Winona Lodge No. 21, of which he is one of the oldest members. He belongs, also, to the order of the Good Samaritan, and is a member of the Meadow Brook Golf Club, and interested in healthy athletic sports of all kinds. On January 2, 1879, Mr. Webber was married to Miss Agnes M. Robertson, of Hillsdale, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Webber are regular attendants at St. Paul's Episcopal church of Winona, prominent in social circles, and both in church-directed philanthropy and in secular enterprise Mr. Webber is loyal in his support of worthy and progressive measures.

REUBEN REYNOLDS.

The late Judge Reuben Reynolds, of Crookston, was a native of New York State, born at Covington, Genessee county, April 25, 1821. He was educated in the Empire State, and prepared for the ministry, being ordained in the Methodist-Episcopal faith. Subsequently, however, he preached for a number of years as an Unitarian. His residence in Minnesota dates from 1855, in which year he came to the State and located at Rochester, having meantime relinquished the clerical in favor of the legal profession. He resided in Rochester for fifteen years, during which time he served one term as clerk of the District Court and two terms as judge of the Probate Court of Olmstead county. During the Civil War he held, also, a public office connected with that of the provost marshal. In 1870 he came to northern Minnesota, locating at Alexandria, where he became associated in legal practice with Hon. Knute Nelson. In 1872 he took up his residence in Detroit, Becker county, having previously, and after leaving Alexandria, lived for a short time in Otter Tail county. In Detroit, where he remained for four years, he



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filled the post of receiver in the local United States land office. From Detroit he removed to Minneapolis, where he practiced his profession as one of the members of a law partnership, doing duty, also, as special judge of the municipal court. In 1879, having received from Judge Stearns the appointment of clerk of court for Polk county, he settled in Crookston, where he resided continuously for the remainder of his life. In connection with William M. Watts, Esq., Judge Reynolds practiced his profession for four years at Crookston, participating, it is said, in the trial of the first case ever decided by a District Court in the county. As soon as an associate justice was permitted for the district, he was appointed to that office, in which he was still serving when attacked by the painful disorder which eventually ended his life. His death occurred on March 8, 1889, after ten years of residence in Crookston. He was sixty-eight years of age at the time of his decease, and was lamented by the community at large, having been much appreciated for the abilities and virtues made manifest in every department of his active life. Always a loyal Republican, Judge Reynolds was a zealous and efficient campaigner during the many years of his residence in Minnesota. At the time of the Ku Klux "reign of terror" in Arkansas, the Judge, undaunted, pursued his stump work for General Grant even into the most perilous localities. He possessed the gift of ready speech, his style being simple and direct, but forceful and most convincing. To his tireless efforts, Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator from Minnesota, was largely indebted for his first election to Congress, Judge Reynolds being, in his case, actuated less by party sentiment than sincere regard for the character of the man. In behalf of early settlers in Polk county, Judge Reynolds labored disinterestedly in the matter of land indemnity; and to the cause of temperance, always and everywhere, he was a consecrated devotee. Judge Reynolds was eminently adapted to the judicial function by the very order of his mentality, which was far-seeing, cautious, discriminating. He was an excellent judge; but he was more and better than a judge; he was a man of high ideals

and earnest and true convictions. He lived upon a high plane, toiling for the good of the State, the Nation and humanity. In the year 1844, at La Monte, Michigan, Reuben Reynolds was married to Lucia A. Tucker, of Vermont. Eight children were born of their union, four of whom are now living. The two daughters are: Mrs. L. D. Daggett of San Antonio, Texas, and Mrs. Minnie Ellis, who resides in California. The two sons are George H. and Fred, both lawyers, the former at St. Cloud, the latter at Duluth, Minnesota.

JAMES GILFILLAN.

The Hon. James Gilfillan, for twenty years Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota, was born at Bannockburn, in Sterlingshire, Scotland, March 9, 1829, and died, at his home in St. Paul, Minnesota, December 16, 1894. While he was yet an infant his parents removed to the United States and he was reared to young manhood in Oneida county, New York. He studied law in Chenango county, and at the law school of Ballston Spa, and was admitted to the bar at Albany, in December, 1850. He then went to Buffalo, and continued a course of legal study and training for some time, so that he did not begin the active practice of his chosen profession until 1853. He attained to his profession by hard work and under adverse circumstances. Early in young manhood he learned the trade of carriage painter, in which he became very proficient. He even produced some very creditable specimens of portrait work. The money that enabled him to complete his law studies was earned by painting pianos. In 1857 he settled in St. Paul, opened a law office, and formed a partnership with his brother, Hon. Charles D. Gilfillan, and soon had a remunerative practice. The War of the Rebellion dissolved the partnership. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army, and September 1, following, he was commissioned captain of Company H, Seventh Minnesota Infantry. The first year of his military experience was spent in service against the Indians, under General Sibley. He

was in the battle of Wood lake, and in the battles of the Sibley expedition into Dakota in 1863. Going South with his regiment in the fall of 1863, he was in active service in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi, until September 7, 1864, when he was commissioned colonel of the Eleventh Minnesota Infantry. He was in command of his regiment in Tennessee from November, 1864, until June 26, 1865, when, the war having closed, he was mustered out. He was an excellent officer—not showy or demonstrative, but always cool and collected, intelligent and faithful in the performance of his duty, and of calm, sturdy, and unshaken courage. After the close of the war he returned to St. Paul and resumed the practice of his profession. In July, 1869, a vacancy on the Supreme Bench having been created by the resignation of Chief Justice Thomas Wilson, Governor Marshall, his former regimental commander in the Seventh Minnesota, appointed him to the position, which he held until January, 1870. In March, 1875, Chief Justice McMillin (who had been elected United States Senator) resigned, and Judge Gilfillan was again appointed to the vacancy, this time by Governor Davis. In November following he was elected by the people, and he served, by re-election, continuously until his death, in December, 1891. He was a jurist of a very high order, profound in his knowledge of the law and clear in its exposition. His opinions and decisions, voluminous as they are, cover the field of jurisprudence and are regarded as fully exhaustive and quoted as highly authoritative on the questions decided. Like their author, they are dignified, yet plain; positive, but fair; established by reason, and grounded in justice. Upon his death the public press teemed with tributes to his memory. One of his friends, a former judge of the Supreme Court, wrote:

"In the death of Chief Justice James Gilfillan the bench of Minnesota loses its most impressive figure, the State its most distinguished jurist. He was a lawyer of sound and accurate learning, of excellent judgment, of unquestioned probity. His talents were those of a safe adviser and counselor rather than of a

successful advocate. Hence he was regarded, by those who knew him best, as specially fitted for the bench, for the duties of which he was thoroughly equipped, both by temperament and experience. He came West in the early migration of young Eastern men, who believed in the future of the new world. It never occurred to him that wide culture and high character would be out of place in the young and vigorous communities that were to transform the prairie wildernesses into splendid Commonwealths. He never found books and scholarship alien to the region in which industrial and commercial activity were the chief occupations of a struggling and eager people; nor a high sense of moral obligation and public duty incompatible with the legal profession. Promoted to the Supreme Bench by Governor Marshall, he served a generation of men, ably, wisely, honestly, and had he survived a few weeks longer, would have retired from public life through the expiration of his term, leaving a noble record and example for all who shall come after him. Keen, clear, rigorous, Judge Gilfillan was always courteous, considerate, and, above all, just. Neither politics nor personal considerations ever influenced his judicial conduct, nor was he ever swayed by any private inducement in the performance of his public duties. Clamor would have disturbed him less than the passing wind. Favoritism was alien to his presence. No one could predict in advance of testimony what his decision would be; the presence of this or that attorney in a case was not tantamount to a judgment. He had no personal interests to promote outside his court or by collusion or understanding within it.

The lesson which Judge Gilfillan's life teaches is that character is the greatest human achievement. It is a larger fact than genius, and about as rare a phenomenon as greatness, and neither are as common factors in business and professional life as they ought to be. In the best and truest sense Judge Gilfillan was a man of character. What he was he became by the inherent force of his own manhood. * * * It were worthy of the highest courage, the extremest sacrifice, the uttermost devotion to high ideals to win and leave behind the distinction, the fair name and high repute of a Gilfillan."

After the death of the old Whig party Judge Gilfillan was always a Republican in politics, but never an active partisan. Personally he was of quiet and unassuming manners, and the nobilities of his character were only to be

learned by personal contact with him. Those who knew him best esteemed him most. He was a consistent member of the Episcopal church, belonged to the military order of the Loyal Legion, and he had a host of personal admirers and friends. Judge Gilfillan was married June 4, 1867, to Miss Martha McMasters, daughter of Rev. Dr. S. Y. McMasters, an eminent divine and scholar, who was at one time rector of Christ Episcopal church of St. Paul, and who died in 1875. By this marriage there were seven children, viz.: James S.; Katherine, now Mrs. Samuel Gilbert, of New York; Mary, now residing in New York; Caroline, now Mrs. Trevor McClurg, of St. Paul; Perry, Martha and Russell. The last named is deceased.

WILLIAM A. CANT.

Judge William Alexander Cant, of Duluth, is a native of Wisconsin, and was born at Westfield, Marquette county, December 23, 1863. Both his parents were natives of Scotland. They had but two children, and the subject hereof was the elder. John Cant, his father, was by vocation a farmer, and followed this pursuit during the greater part of his life, dying in 1868. The early education of Judge Cant was mainly acquired in the public schools of his native town. At the age of seventeen he left home and came to Minnesota. He entered the State Normal School at St. Cloud and was graduated from that institution in 1883. After leaving school he began the study of law. At the conclusion of a two years' course he was graduated from the Law Department of the University of Michigan, and the same year was admitted to the bar. He began the practice of his profession in Duluth in 1886. In 1894 he was elected to the Legislature as a Representative from the Fifty-fourth Legislative District, comprising the counties of St. Louis, Lake and Cook, and served in the legislative session of 1895. Later in the latter year he was appointed city attorney of the city of Duluth. In 1896 he was elected to his present position, that of Judge of the District Court. In politics

Judge Cant is a Republican. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, of the Knights of Pythias, and of the Royal Arcanum. He was married at Minneapolis, September 7, 1886, to Miss Carrie E. Graham. They have five children.

HENRY Z. MITCHELL.

Among the choice pioneer spirits of the city of St. Cloud, and of Stearns county, the late Gen. H. Z. Mitchell will long be a cherished personality in the memory and tradition of his surviving fellow citizens. Coming to Minnesota in the full strength of his prime, well equipped with education, business ability, and experience in public affairs, he was at once felt to be a valuable acquisition to the youthful community in which he had decided to make his home; and after forty years of sympathetic and productive activity in its midst, his removal by death was necessarily felt as a calamity, even though he had survived the allotted age of man by nearly half a score of years. Henry Zearing Mitchell was born at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1816, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Zearing) Mitchell. His father was born in 1783, in County Tyrone, Ireland, but came, when a boy, to this country with his widowed mother, who settled in Pennsylvania. Joseph Mitchell died near Harrisburg, in that State, in the year 1832. Elizabeth Zearing was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Lebanon county in 1789. Her marriage to Joseph Mitchell occurred in 1808; her death in 1859. She was a granddaughter of John Joseph Rupp, who, in 1751, emigrated to Pennsylvania from the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany. Her father, Henry Zearing—of whom the subject of this sketch is the namesake—fought in the Revolutionary War under General Washington, having enlisted at the age of sixteen. The childhood and early youth of our subject were passed in the locality of his birth, where he received what was at that time counted a very liberal education. At the age of twenty he went to live at Pittsburgh, where he entered into business of a mercantile

character. But he had an order of mind which could not be absorbed by mere business, and developed an interest in politics and the public weal, which drew him, at an early age, into the political arena; and the twenty years spent in western Pennsylvania were busy and profitable ones. He first came to Minnesota in 1856 to look over the Territory with a view to settling within it. Impressed with the possibilities of the region, he returned to his family—having been married during his residence at Pittsburgh—and early in 1857 returned with them, and a stock of general merchandise, to his chosen location at St. Cloud. He procured a store building, on Tenth street, for his goods, and soon found himself established in business. A little later he took up a pre-emption claim near Rockville, Minnesota, on the shore of Grand lake, continuing his family residence, however, at St. Cloud. In the following years he made two changes in his business location at St. Cloud, the first being to a double store building, one side of which was occupied by the firm of Miller & Swisshelm, and where Mr. Mitchell began dealing in both dry goods and clothing. The second change was to the corner of Third street and Fifth avenue, where he conducted a prosperous business for many years. While here, he was appointed, by President Lincoln, postmaster of St. Cloud, and served with ability and faithfulness until supplanted, for political reasons, upon the accession of Andrew Johnson to the Presidency. In 1862, at the time of the Indian uprising in the Northwest, Mr. Mitchell received from Alexander Ramsey—the first constitutional Governor of Minnesota, and an old-time friend of our subject—the appointment as Commissary General of the State; and by the title of "General," thus acquired, he was familiarly known during the remainder of his life. In 1892 he disposed of his business to his son, Charles S. Mitchell, and W. S. Elliott, and retired from the activities of commercial life, having earned by long years of industry a competency sufficient for future needs. From the time of his coming to St. Cloud to the date of his retirement, he had been constantly engaged in mercantile pursuits, excepting for two brief pe-

riods, namely: one in which he held the position of salesman for the late Major Murphy, and the other in which he served under Receiver Burbank in the local United States land office. But retirement meant to General Mitchell, not, as to so many, the beginning of a monotonous and dreary senility, but rather leisure in which to cultivate his literary and social tastes. He spent many of his later hours in reading, and having a large acquaintance, including many fellow pioneers, the scene of his former business operations on Fifth avenue continued as a rendezvous where congenial spirits met to exchange with him reminiscences of frontier life. In 1841 Mr. Mitchell was married at Wilksburg, Pennsylvania, to Elizabeth A. Cannon, of Pittsburgh. The ancestors of Elizabeth Cannon were Scotch-Irish Covenanters, that devoted sect which suffered so many privations and persecutions for the sake of its religious faith. Elizabeth and her only sister, who, as Mrs. Jane Gray Swisshelm, became very prominent as a journalist in both Pennsylvania and Minnesota during anti-slavery days, were descendants, on their mother's side, of Lady Jane Grey, for nine days Queen of England. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, four of whom, together with their mother, survive the General, who passed away on March 6, 1896. The two sons are William B., of St. Cloud, and Charles S., now of Alexandria, and the two daughters, Mrs. Henry C. Burbank, of St. Paul, and Mrs. Jean G. Walton, of Cincinnati, Ohio. General Mitchell was a life-long member, and for many years an elder, of the Presbyterian church.

DANIEL A. MORRISON.

Daniel Alexander Morrison, of Rochester, ex-State Senator from Olmstead county, is a son of Ananias and Mary Gaston Morrison, and was born in Franklin, Venango county, Pennsylvania, November 8, 1842. He is of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather, John Gaston, died from a wound received in the second war with England. Both of Daniel's parents were born in Penn-



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sylvania, but removed to Elmira, New York, in 1846. In 1852 the family came West and settled at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where the son received a common school education and also learned the printer's trade. In 1859-60 he published the "Journal" at Markesan, Green Lake county, Wisconsin, which was the first enterprise of the kind in that town. This was before he was eighteen years of age. In 1862 Mr. Morrison enlisted in the Thirty-second Wisconsin Infantry, and served until the close of the war. In March, 1866, he came to Rochester and engaged in the mercantile trade. His business tact and executive ability were soon recognized, and demands were made upon him to participate in the administration of public affairs. He has been three times Mayor of the city, and was elected to the State Senate in 1878. While a member of that body he served on several important committees, such as hospital for the insane, State library, engrossing, and internal improvements, and was chairman of the last-named committee. He introduced and carried through the bill locating the second Insane Hospital at Rochester. During the temporary occupancy of the Lieutenant Governor's chair, at which time he presided over the Senate, the famous dead-lock over the high license bill was broken, and Senator Morrison gained fame and distinction as a presiding officer. He was re-elected in the fall of 1878. For thirty years and more Mr. Morrison has lived in Rochester, and during that time few have been more actively and prominently connected with her varied interests. His long and creditable career in the State Senate contributed in no small degree to the prominence Rochester and this section of Minnesota has maintained, and the honors conferred upon the soldier-statesman have been worthily bestowed. Mr. Morrison has always been a Republican. He is a master Mason, and at one time was Grand Master of the Odd Fellows of the State. In July, 1865, he was married to Miss Sarah M. Beeton, of Rochester. They have had four children, three of whom survive—Leulla A., now Mrs. H. C. Stedman; Arthur L., and Minnie. Edwin, the oldest, died in infancy.

ALBERT C. WEDGE.

Albert Clark Wedge, M. D., of Albert Lea, pioneer settler, and for the past forty-three years the leading physician of Freeborn county, Minnesota, was born in Lewis county, New York, August 18, 1834, the son of Albert and Elizabeth (Clark) Wedge. He is descended from a family of old Puritan stock, prominent in the early history of New England. Thomas Wedge, the founder of the family in America, settled in Litchfield, Connecticut, about the year 1635, and five of his grandsons were patriot soldiers in the war for Independence. The Doctor's grandfather, Solomon Wedge, emigrated to New York State at the beginning of the Nineteenth Century, and settled on a farm in Lewis county. He was a member of the New York State Militia and took part in the war of 1812. His sister married William Grant, of Litchfield, Connecticut, a member of the family of the ancestors of Gen. U. S. Grant, and, in 1835, their son, Asahel Wedge Grant, was the first to respond to the call of the Congregational Society of Foreign Missions for medical missionaries to the Nestorians of Persia. He spent several years in missionary work in Asia, and died at Mosul, Turkey, where he lies buried by the River Tigris, near the site of ancient Nineveh. Albert Wedge, the father of Dr. A. C. Wedge, was born in Connecticut, in 1808, of a family of eight children. He was educated for the ministry at Hamilton College, New York, and in 1839 removed with his family to Southern Ohio, where he was engaged in missionary work. His wife died at Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1840, when his son Albert C. was only six years old. In 1847, after eight years' service in Ohio, the father removed with his five children to Pendleton, Madison county, Indiana, where he remained for three years. He then went on a visit to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where his father and brothers were then residents, at a place called Wedge Prairie. Here he died in 1851, and, with his wife, now rests in the family burying ground at that place. After the father's death the family, then living in Indiana, was broken up, and Albert went to

Wedge Prairie, to live with his uncle. He attended the common schools, worked on his uncle's farm and taught country school. In 1854 he entered Ripon College, as a student, and remained there for three years, after which he studied medicine with Dr. J. Rodgers at Ripon, and later attended the Cleveland (Ohio) Medical College, from which institution he graduated in February, 1857. After graduation he returned to Wisconsin, expecting to locate in Ripon and practice his chosen profession with his preceptor, but one of his uncles, Lucian P. Wedge, had been to Minnesota and acquired property at Albert Lea. Through his uncle's persuasion the young physician concluded to locate in Minnesota. His uncle supplied him with money, provisions, a span of horses and a covered wagon, and in May, 1857, he drove to Albert Lea, which at that time consisted of a cluster of four or five log houses, and about thirty inhabitants. Here he put up a frame building for an office, hung out his sign, and was ready to prescribe for any who might need his services. At first there was not much for him to do in a professional way, but he had his uncle's interests to look after, and he pre-empted land and took an active part in the building up of the young community. As the town prospered and the country settled up, his business increased, and for forty-three years he has continued in active practice, except for short periods when he has been engaged in public service. When the township was organized, in 1858, he was elected chairman of the first board of supervisors, and subsequently held the position for several years. Dr. Wedge was appointed, in 1862, assistant surgeon of the Third Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and joined his regiment at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in May, 1862. On the 13th day of July he participated in the battle of Murfreesboro, in which the regiment was surrendered to the enemy by the colonel in command. Dr. Wedge remained for a time in the hospital at Murfreesboro helping to care for the wounded, then went to Nashville and was on duty in the general hospital for several months. His regiment having been exchanged, he joined it again at Cairo, and

went with it on the campaign through Kentucky and Tennessee, joining General Grant's main army at the investment and capture of Vicksburg. He was also with General Steele's forces in the expedition to capture Little Rock, and in all the battles connected with the campaign in Arkansas in 1864-65 until the close of the war, when he was mustered out with his regiment in September, 1865, at Devall's Bluff, Arkansas. Dr. Wedge was very efficient and faithful as a surgeon at all times, and had the fullest confidence of the officers and men to whom he ministered. He performed especially notable service for the Third Regiment during its stay at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in the spring and summer of 1864. The regiment was encamped in a swampy, unhealthy locality, and a violent epidemic of malarial fever broke out. The result was as tragically disastrous as though the men had been engaged in battle every day. A large majority were stricken down. From May to August fully 150 died. The Doctor labored incessantly, and but for his care and skill many more would have perished. He was without proper medical supplies, but did the best he could. When at last he was prostrated, he could not obtain even a dose of quinine for himself. On the 1st of August he was relieved from duty and returned with the six companies of re-enlisted men to Minnesota, or perhaps he too would have been a victim of the fever. After his discharge from the army Dr. Wedge returned to his home in Albert Lea, and resumed his practice. He served in the lower house of the State Legislature in 1870-71, and as State Senator in 1879-80. He resigned the office of Senator in 1881 to take the position of collector of internal revenue under an appointment by President Garfield. In this office he served two years under President Arthur's administration. He was a member of the Republican National Convention of 1880 that nominated Garfield for President. While in the Legislature he was chairman of the committee on railroads, and of the State prison investigation committee, and served on several other important committees. He has always been a Republican in politics, and has taken an active



Geo. W. Sherwood

part in all National elections, keeping well informed on local, State, and National politics. He was chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee of his district one year, and for several years chairman of the county committee. He was a member of Governor Merriam's military staff, and also of Governor Nelson's, as Assistant Surgeon General. He was appointed by Governor McGill a member of the State Medical Examining Board, on which he served for four years, being president of the board for one year. In 1880 he was president of the State Medical Society, and is now president of the Albert Lea Central Medical Society. He is also a member of the American Medical Association, and of the International Association of Railway Surgeons, of which organization he has been vice-president, and he is the local surgeon of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. He has been a frequent contributor to the scientific and medical journals of the day, and to the secular press. Dr. Wedge has for many years been one of the trustees of the Albert Lea College for Women. He is a member of the Loyal Legion and of the Masonic fraternity, and is an active member of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian church of Albert Lea. Besides his medical practice, Dr. Wedge takes a great interest in practical scientific farming, and is the owner of the "Oak Park Stock Farm," about one mile west of Albert Lea, where he gratifies his taste in that direction, and where he raises fine blooded stock and thoroughbred horses, making a specialty of short-horn cattle and high grade, fine bred sheep. It is said of Dr. Wedge, by those who know him and his record, that for forty three years he has followed the general practice of medicine and has been the leading physician of Albert Lea and the surrounding country. He has been frequently called in consultation, and has a wide acquaintance. His many patients hold him in the greatest esteem, and he is regarded as a model family physician. For a long time in the pioneer days of Freeborn county he was the only practitioner in the county, and his professional life was very arduous. Often he was compelled to travel

considerable distances in all kinds of weather and under trying conditions. The roads were then mere trails or bridle paths, and led through deep woods or over almost impassable marshes and swamp lands. The winters were very severe and the summers of the open prairies were hot. The settlements were scattered and his patients were in every direction from his office. As time passed and the population increased, other physicians came in, but Dr. Wedge's services were always in demand. The Doctor still continues in active practice, but does so more from habit and devotion to his profession than because of his personal needs, for he has long been in possession of a large and well-earned competency. He is of sound mind and body, plain and frank in speech and manner, of strong will and pronounced individuality. In personal intercourse he is pleasant, quiet, courteous and dignified, and in his practice kind and sympathetic. While his professional standing is very high, he is universally regarded as a useful, enterprising and public-spirited citizen, and is always ready to give fully of his means to deserving charity, and his contributions to educational institutions and church purposes are liberal. His bearing is modest and unaffected, and he is a hearty hater of shams. It is needless to say that upon his record of rigid integrity there is not a single stain. Dr. Wedge was married October 23, 1858, to Miss Bessie Blackmer, daughter of Dr. F. Blackmer, of Albert Lea. They have one daughter, Mary A. (now Mrs. M. M. Jones, of Albert Lea), and one grandchild, his namesake, Albert Wedge Jones.

GEORGE W. SHERWOOD.

George W. Sherwood, pioneer and prominent business man of St. Paul, was born at Greenville, Greene county, New York, April 3, 1833, the son of Alfred and Jane (Begordes) Sherwood. The Sherwoods are of English descent and among the early settlers of Connecticut. His mother was descended from the Begordes family, who were prominent and

early settlers in New York City. His maternal grandfather served in the war of 1812. Alfred Sherwood was a sea-faring man in early life, and captain of a sailing vessel. He settled in Greenville, New York, where he married and continued to reside up to the time of his death. George W. received a common school education in his native town, and learned the carpenter's trade. He came to Minnesota in 1855 and located in St. Paul, where he followed his trade and became a contractor and builder. In 1862 he became engaged in the construction of railroad bridges, in partnership with Mr. R. H. Fittz, and later, and for more than twenty years was a member of the firm of Sherwood, Sutherland & Company, pile-drivers, and builders of bridges, elevators, and railroad buildings. He has also been, for over twenty years, largely interested in the lumber trade at Anoka, Minnesota, in the firm of Reed & Sherwood, manufacturers of lumber, lath, shingles, sash, doors and blinds. About fifteen years ago he purchased 1,300 acres of choice land near Sheldon, Iowa, where he carried on a large stock farm, and makes a speciality of breeding thoroughbred horses, of the celebrated families of "Wilkes" and "Nutwood." The Sherwood Stock Farm has become famous by turning out several champion racers; among them are the trotter "Lockheart" and the pacer "La Belle," which have made world records. He also makes a speciality of raising short-horned cattle, and carries on general farming for supplying the demands of his stock farm. He is also president of the Union Bank, of Sheldon, Iowa. In the building up of the city of St. Paul, Mr. Sherwood has been a prominent factor, and it was he who drove the piles for the foundation of most of the large buildings constructed at an early day; and he built the first large grain elevators. In politics he is a Republican, but has never sought or occupied public office. He is of a very retiring and quiet disposition, and thoroughly domestic in his habits; a man of the most upright life and of sterling integrity, a worthy and respected citizen. Mr. Sherwood was married December 21, 1853, to Adaline Hard, of Unadilla, Otsego county, New York. They are

the parents of four children: Jennie—Mrs. E. L. Reed, of Anoka, Minnesota; Alvah E.—manager of the Sherwood Stock Farm, at Sheldon, Iowa; Addie May—wife of W. H. Sleeper, cashier of the Union Bank, of Sheldon, Iowa; and George E.—physician and surgeon, and proprietor of a sanitarium at Dassel, Minnesota.

WILLIAM B. MITCHELL.

William Bell Mitchell, who has been a resident of St. Cloud, Minnesota, for over forty years, was born May 14, 1843, at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. He is the oldest son of the late Gen. H. Z. Mitchell, a sketch of whose life and family history appears in another part of this book. His mother is Elizabeth (Cannon) Mitchell, a younger sister of the late Mrs. Jane G. Swisshelm, who was long prominent as a journalist and reformer. William B. Mitchell attended the academy of his native town to the age of thirteen years, after which he took a one year's course in mathematics at Duff's College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He then, in the spring of 1857, came to St. Cloud, Minnesota, with his parents, and for a time continued his studies in a private school at his new home. At sixteen, he assisted, as chairman, in the survey of a State road from St. Cloud to the Red River of the North, at Breckinridge. This road, which, throughout its course, runs near the Great Northern Railroad's line to the Pacific coast, became and is still the main thoroughfare between the two points mentioned. In this work young Mitchell earned his first dollar, which was carefully treasured for future investment. Shortly afterwards he began working in the printing office of the St. Cloud Visitor, thus being enabled to add other dollars to his little store. His work preventing him from longer attending school, he continued his studies for a couple of years under the direction of a private teacher. After the age of eighteen he depended for further culture upon general reading and the educational experiences of the printing office. The St. Cloud Visitor, with which he had become connected, was a very progressive and fearless organ.

owned and published by his aunt, Mrs. Jane G. Swisshelm, above referred to. It was devoted to temperance, woman's rights, the anti-slavery cause and general reforms. Before coming to Minnesota, Mrs. Swisshelm had already attained to a National reputation through a similar organ called the Pittsburgh Visitor. Mr. Mitchell continued in her employ until 1864, when he purchased the paper, the title of which had meantime been changed to the *St. Cloud Democrat*. Upon assuming proprietorship, he gave the paper its second rechristening, and as the *St. Cloud Journal* it lived and flourished until 1876. During that year Mr. Mitchell purchased the *St. Cloud Press*, and, consolidating it with the *Journal*, initiated the long and prosperous career of the *St. Cloud Journal-Press*. In 1892 he sold his newspaper, and since that year has been engaged in the real-estate business. Like his father, William B. Mitchell is a staunch Republican, and has been in service as a public official. In 1865 President Lincoln appointed him receiver of the land office at *St. Cloud*. Under the ensuing administration, however, he was removed, after about a year and a half of efficient service. In 1878, by President Hayes, he was again appointed to the post of receiver, with reappointment four years later by President Arthur, and continued to serve until his removal, for political reasons, in 1885, by President Cleveland. In 1887 he was made a member of the State Normal School board, and resident director of the *St. Cloud* school, to which position he has been repeatedly reappointed and which he still holds. In 1871 Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Emily Whittlesey, of Marietta, Ohio. Ten children have been born to them, of whom eight are living. Mr. Mitchell's father died in 1896. His mother is still living, also a brother and two sisters, as follows: Charles S. Mitchell, formerly of *St. Cloud*, now of *Alexandria*, editor of the *Post-News*; Mrs. Henry C. Burbank, of *St. Paul*, and Mrs. Jean G. Walton, of *Cincinnati, Ohio*. Mr. Mitchell's life has been, in the main, an uneventful one—as events are reckoned; but his work during the long years of his editorship was a constantly

recurring contribution of wholesome and vital material to the life forces of his home community. And every act of his public and private life, likewise, has been characterized by the true tone which emanates from the true citizen and man.

NILS O. WERNER.

Hon. Nils O. Werner, of Minneapolis, was born near *Christianstad, Sweden*, January 19, 1848. In 1868 his father, *Ola Werner*, removed with his family from *Sweden* to *America*, locating first in *Bureau county, Illinois*, where he engaged in farming for nine years; afterwards he removed to *Red Wing, Minnesota*, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was the father of six children, only two of whom are now living. Mr. Werner was educated in his native country, in private schools and at the college of *Christianstad*, taking a thorough collegiate course in the latter institution. Soon after coming to *America*, in 1868, he decided upon the legal profession as his future career, and became a student in the law office at *Princeton, Illinois*, of *Hon. James S. Eckels*, and remained in his office for nearly two years, when, in the fall of 1870, he removed to *Red Wing, Minnesota*. He then resumed his legal studies under *Hon. W. W. Phelps*, one of the first two Congressmen from the State of *Minnesota*. He was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1871, began the practice of his profession in that year, and continued until 1888. Altogether he was very successful as a lawyer. In 1874 he was elected *Probate Judge* of *Goodhue county*, and held the office for ten years, or from 1875 to 1885. The fact that Mr. Werner was a judge of probate for ten years is evidence of the public confidence reposed in his honesty, fairness and wise discretion. While in *Red Wing*, *Judge Werner* was always interested in the local welfare, and became popular as a citizen and prominent in public affairs. He was at different periods a member of the city council and the board of education, and his service was always acceptable to his fellow-

citizens. He is still remembered and respected by the people of his former home, in Red Wing. In 1888 Judge Werner removed to Minneapolis, abandoning his profession of the law, and has ever since been a citizen of the metropolis of Minnesota. He assisted in organizing the Swedish American Bank, and upon the organization of that institution was chosen its cashier. In 1894 he was elected president, which position he still holds. Mr. Werner is well known in financial and business circles throughout the Northwest. He has a large personal acquaintance and an extensive business intimacy and a general high standing. He is regarded as a conservative, prudent man, one who studies situations carefully, but when his mind is made up, is quick to act and is fairly aggressive on occasions in the conduct of business. In politics he has been a life-long Republican. He was married August 17, 1872, to Miss Eva C. Anderson, who, like himself, is a native of Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Werner are members of St. John's Lutheran church, Minneapolis. They have three interesting children, named Carl Alexis, Anna Olivia and Nils Olof.

CHRISTOPHER C. WASHBURN.

One of the sturdy pioneers of Minnesota, and especially of Blue Earth county, was the late Christopher C. Washburn. In 1856 he came from Indiana and located a homestead in the township of Vernon Center, in that county, and the following year he brought and located his family upon it. He was a farmer and a mechanic, and at the time of his settlement in Minnesota was in comfortable circumstances. He brought with him a considerable number of horses and cattle and other property, and was considered a valuable acquisition to the settlement. His pioneer home was well known, for it was always a hospitable shelter to the traveler, and no "stranger within the gates" was ever turned away. It was in his house in the winter of 1857-8, when the first public religious services in that part of Blue Earth county were held. They were held under the auspices of the United Brethren denomination

and conducted by Rev. Joseph Casselman, and many of the pioneer clergymen of Minnesota of different denominations have held services in that house. For several years the family had the Winnebago Indians for neighbors, and they experienced all the discomforts and privations of pioneer life, working hard and performing their full share in the development of the country, which they lived to see transformed from a condition of primeval wilderness to one containing all the features of a high civilization. They were menaced, but not seriously injured by the Sioux outbreak of 1862. At one time they and their neighbors were, in their isolated condition, in great peril, not only from the raids of the Sioux, but from a threatened uprising of the Winnebagoes, whose reservation was in the county. Mr. Washburn was born in Southern Ohio, in August, 1819. A portion of his early manhood was passed in Kentucky. His good and faithful wife, who was Miss Julia Showen, was a native of that State. The husband and wife made the journey of life together for more than half a century, and Mrs. Washburn is still living in the full enjoyment of that happy condition which comes only to those whose lives have been well spent. Mr. Washburn died, November 8, 1899, deeply regretted in the community where he had so long resided, as having been among its most useful and best esteemed members. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn reared to maturity a family of four children, some of whom are prominent in the affairs of life, and all are worthy citizens and respected members of society, and who are proud to say that for examples of diligence, courage, integrity and general right-living, they do not need to go beyond their parents. The only daughter is Mrs. Jennie Webster, of Juniata City, Nebraska. One of their three sons, E. W. Washburn, has long been a merchant at Vernon; another is Rev. F. M. Washburn, of California, and a third is J. L. Washburn, a prominent attorney of Duluth, whose biography appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Washburn never had aspirations for public office, but held many local positions of trust and responsi-



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bility, and occupied fiduciary relations towards many of his fellow men, always acceptably. His best record is that of an honorable citizen, a diligent, sincere and honest man.

JAMES H. DUNN.

Like many of our western pioneers, James and Mary (O'Hair) Dunn, came to America to find a home in a new country, for the purpose of bettering their condition. The greater opportunities and the more compensating rewards to industry that this New World gave, were more promising to them than anything their native Ireland could offer. The business of merchandising, in which Mr. Dunn had been engaged, was not successful, and that possibly suggested the change. They left Dublin in 1845, and their allegiance to their adopted country is emphasized by the service which Mr. Dunn so soon rendered by volunteering in the American army, and marching to the Rio Grande. He enlisted as a private soldier. After the war with Mexico, he located for a short time at Fort Wayne, Indiana. It was here that Dr. James H. Dunn, now of Minneapolis, was born, May 29, 1853. The year following his parents removed to Minnesota, and in Winona county was found the future home, purchased by patriotic service and paid for by the soldier's land warrant. In this new farm life James Henry Dunn was given his first lessons in industry. He remained on the farm until the age of fifteen. In the public schools and higher institutions of learning in Winona he received his early education. He graduated at the State Normal School at Winona in the class of 1872. For better equipment to enter his chosen profession, he placed himself under private teachers in special study of languages that contributed most largely to medical science. He matriculated at Rush Medical College of Chicago, and in March, 1878, graduated from the Medical Department of the University of New York. Preparatory to the further pursuit of his medical studies, he became an instructor in the Second State Normal School, continued in that service during the years 1878 and 1879,

and afterwards commenced the practice of his profession. He continued to practice a few years, but had ambition to avail himself of the advantages for study that are offered in special departments by the universities of Germany and the hospitals of France and Italy. In 1843 he went abroad and took post-graduate courses at Heidelberg and Vienna, where laboratories were found at that time to be more fully equipped and better adapted for instruction in certain branches of medical science than were those in America. A season in France was devoted to the study and observation of French methods and treatments and most approved practice. Next Italy offered opportunity for further investigation, and a short tour of its hospitals was made. After his return to America, Dr. Dunn located permanently at Minneapolis, and soon established a large practice. He was elected to the office of city physician, and during the years 1887 and 1888, while in that office, he organized the City Hospital. At the commencement of his practice in Minneapolis, he became surgeon to Ashbury Hospital, and has continued in that service to the present time. Since the foundation of St. Mary's Hospital, in 1887, he has been its surgeon in charge; and is also the consulting surgeon of the Great Northern Railway. In the University of Minnesota he is professor of genito-urinary diseases and adjunct professor of clinical surgery. A practice, at first general, has by force of circumstances become somewhat circumscribed, and his time is now given chiefly to surgical operations and to genito-urinary cases and consulting calls. Dr. Dunn has a laudable ambition to excel in the great art of clinical diagnosis and surgical technique. Experimental studies for the confirmation or refutation of new medical and surgical theories interest him more than does the pursuit of special and original research. For example: a study of one hundred and fifty-four cases of experimental work in abdominal surgery, and an original application of a suprapubic cystotomy for cancers of the urethra, published in 1888 and disputed in Minnesota—see *Annals of Surgery*, 1894. A new method of tenotomy is

now in preparation. Dr. Dunn is a student, investigator, teacher and practitioner of that which has been discovered and established, and is not absorbed in new theories to the exclusion of the older practice. He has had a wide experience and a large measure of success with all established procedures in general surgery, and is conservative in the adoption of new and little-tried discoveries, before their value has been unmistakably demonstrated. He has become one of the most trusted and prominent consulting practitioners in the Northwest, and is a frequent contributor to the leading medical and surgical journals. In social life Dr. Dunn has attained prominence. In religious faith he is a devout Catholic. He holds membership in the order of Elks, Lodge No. 41; in the Minneapolis Club; the State Historical Society; the Minneapolis State Medical Association, of which he is also an ex-president; the American Medical Association; and the Association of American Obstetricians and Gynecologists. His library is especially complete in the literature, old and new, of American, English, French and German surgical authorities, and is one of the most valuable private libraries in the Northwest. Dr. James Henry Dunn and Miss Agnes McDonald were united in marriage in 1885. One son, named James L., was born to them in 1891. Mrs. Dunn is the daughter of Hon. J. L. McDonald, formerly Judge of the Third Judicial District of Minnesota, and now a practicing attorney in St. Paul.

MARCUS D. GROVER.

Marcus D. Grover, of St. Paul, Minnesota, who is well known as general solicitor of the Great Northern Railway Company, was born at Wells, Rutland county, Vermont. He is the son of Allen and Rachel (Crain) Grover, and both his parents descended from old New England families. His father died in Wells, Vermont, in 1865, and his mother at Port Henry, Essex county, New York, in 1887. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and in Troy Conference Academy, an institution located in the adjoining town of

Poultney. After the completion of his academic course he began reading law in the office of Hon. D. E. Nicholson, at Wallingford, Vermont, and he was subsequently a law student with the firm of Tremian & Peckham, at Albany, New York. He was admitted to the bar in Rutland county, Vermont, and also in September, 1868, to the bar in Schenectady county, New York. His initial experience as an attorney was acquired during the winter of 1868-9, in the office of M. P. Norton, at Troy, New York. In the following May he entered into partnership with Hon. R. C. Betts, at Granville, Washington county, New York. Mr. Betts was at that time district attorney of the county, but was during the greater part of his term prevented from administering the affairs of his office on account of ill health. Mr. Grover was accordingly authorized to act as prosecuting attorney for the county, and performed the duties of that office during the period of his partner's disability. While associated with Mr. Betts, Mr. Grover resided in his native State, his home town of Wells being near the western boundary of Vermont, and only three miles distant from Granville. He was for four years a member of the House of Representatives of Vermont. During his Legislative experience he was for three years chairman of the Legislative committee on corporations. In January, 1871, his partnership with Mr. Betts was dissolved, and he became a member of the law firm of Waldo, Tobey & Grover, Port Henry, Essex county, New York. In May, 1878, Mr. Tobey died. The firm of Waldo & Grover was then organized, and Mr. Grover remained a member of that firm until 1887, when he came to St. Paul to assist Hon. W. E. Smith, who was at that time general solicitor of the Saint Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company. Mr. Smith was compelled by failing health to resign his position. Mr. Grover was appointed his successor January 1, 1888. Two years later the Great Northern Railway Company leased the line of the Saint Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company for a long term of years, and Mr. Grover was appointed general solicitor of the Great Northern Railway Company, and its proprietary lines, which





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position he now holds. He married Miss Virginia A. Townsend, a native of Cayuga county, New York. He has two daughters, namely,—Virginia L., now Mrs. H. Oppenheim, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Myra E. Grover.

FRANCIS B. CLARKE.

Francis Byron Clarke, of St. Paul, general traffic manager of the Great Northern Railway, and for nearly thirty years prominently connected with the railroad interests of the Northwest, was born on his father's farm in Madison county, New York, July 1, 1839, the son of Ephraim H. and Angeline (Crumb) Clarke. His father, who was a native of Rhode Island, was a prosperous merchant and a leading dairyman and operator in dairy products of the State, and his mother was a native of Madison county, New York. His English ancestors were among the lauded gentry of Berkshire. Mr. Clarke was raised to young manhood on his father's large dairy farm. He was educated in the district schools and at an academy at Alfred, New York. In 1859 he came to Minnesota and for about a year thereafter was a clerk in a general store at Faribault. He then came to St. Paul, and for the next year or more was a salesman for Benedict, Baker & Company, dealers in hats, caps and notions, on Third street. In 1862 he went to Hudson, Wisconsin, and became a member of the general merchandising firm of Clarke, Jefferson & Company, and so continued for several years. Many of the most prominent and best railroad men of the country were born farmers' boys and passed their early lives in the country. It was not until 1870 when Mr. Clarke entered upon the career of a "railroad man," in which he has become so distinguished. He then became paymaster and land agent of the West Wisconsin Railroad, a modest little pioneer railway, extending from Camp Douglas, Wisconsin, to St. Paul. In 1871 he became general freight agent, and also general passenger and ticket agent, of the West Wisconsin, and removed his office from Hudson to St. Paul. He was a success as a

railroad man from the first, and steadily extended the field of his labors and the scope of his usefulness. He was called upon to assist, and did influential and valuable service, in the projection and construction of the several lines of road which, in 1873, were consolidated into the "Omaha" system, and upon the consolidation—in which he took a prominent part—he was made general traffic manager of the system. He held this position for sixteen years, and then, by the imperative commands of his physician, he resigned and spent nearly two years in Europe. At the time of his resignation he seemed quite broken down, but the rest and recreation abroad, amid new and attractive scenes and surroundings, restored his health, and in 1891 he returned to the United States fully fitted to resume his active career. In June, 1891, he was made vice-president and general manager, and the following year president, of the Superior (Wisconsin) Consolidated Land Company. Mr. Clarke was connected with this company for more than four years, and during that time established and built manufactories, mills, elevators, and other institutions of the aggregate value of millions of dollars. September 1, 1895, he became traffic manager of the Northern Steamship Company at Buffalo, New York, having full charge of the passenger and freight business of that company, in connection with the Great Northern Railway. In December, 1896, he came to his present position in the Great Northern. Even in his boyhood and early youth, Frank B. Clarke was noted for his active, industrious spirit and his uniformly correct habits and principles. These valuable characteristics have impressed his life course. He has performed an immense amount of brain and hand work and is still in harness. As a railroad official he is known in commercial circles throughout the continent as sagacious, intelligent, enterprising and devoted to his duties, and no man in the country is regarded as a better authority on railroad subjects generally. Since 1871, when he came to the city as the agent of the little West Wisconsin road, Mr. Clarke has had his home residence in St. Paul. He is well identified with the city in every way, and is

esteemed as one of its best and most valuable citizens. For eighteen years he has been one of the directors of the First National Bank; he has also been a director in the St. Paul Real Estate and Title Insurance Company, and of the St. Paul Trust Company; has been president of the City Street Railway Company; was one of the five builders, and still one of the owners, of the Metropolitan Opera House, and is a member of the Boston & Northwestern Real Estate Company, a corporation which has built and owns several of the largest and best business blocks in the center of the business district of the city. He is a member of Damascus Commandery of Knights Templar and other civic organizations, and is well known socially. He was vice-president of the Winter Carnival Association for two seasons, and is known as a good and public spirited citizen, a thorough gentleman, a true friend, and a splendid character throughout. Mr. Clarke was married in St. Paul, June 17, 1877, to Miss Lena Burton Thompson, a daughter of the late James E. Thompson, a former president of the First National Bank, and a well known citizen and financier. Mrs. Clarke was reared from girlhood in St. Paul, where she has always held a distinguished position in society. She is a lady of rare talents and accomplishments, of many personal charms and graces, and altogether a finished type of splendid American womanhood. During the Columbian Exposition of 1893, she was president of the Minnesota Woman's Auxiliary Board, chairwoman of the Woman's Musical Committee, etc. She has spent much of her time in recent years abroad in superintending the education of her children and is well known in the social circles of both continents. The three children are named Egbert Thompson, Francis Lloyd, and Lena Burton Clarke.

CHARLES C. WEBBER.

Charles C. Webber, of the agricultural implement firm of Deere & Webber Company, Minneapolis, was born at Rock Island, Illinois, January 25, 1859. His father, Christopher C. Webber was a native of New York. His edu-

cation was obtained primarily in the Rock Island public schools, supplemented by a three years' course in Lake Forest Academy. Mr. Webber has been connected with the agricultural implement trade since early manhood. At the age of eighteen he engaged in the service of Deere & Company, the well known and long-established manufacturers of agricultural implements at Moline, Illinois, adjoining his native town. He was in the employ of the company, in their general office and as traveling salesman, for about three years. In the winter of 1881, as the representative of Deere & Company, he located in Minneapolis, and represented the firm on the road for two years. When Deere & Company built their large office and warehouse at 312-316 North First street, Minneapolis, Mr. Webber was admitted to a partnership. Later, in 1893, the company was incorporated under the firm name of Deere & Webber Company, and Mr. Webber retained, and still holds his interest in the corporation, which is admittedly the largest of the kind in the Northwest. In politics he is a gold standard Democrat. He is a member of the Minneapolis and Commercial Clubs. Mr. Webber was married, September 18, 1895, to Miss Mary M. Harris, a daughter of Joseph Harris of Monroe county, New York, and has one child.

JED L. WASHBURN.

Jed L. Washburn, of Duluth, has been a practicing attorney in the courts of Minnesota for the past twenty years. He has been in Duluth since 1890, and for ten years prior to that year was in the practice at Mankato. Mr. Washburn was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, December 26, 1856. He is the youngest son of Christopher C. Washburn, a retired farmer and mechanic of Blue Earth county, Minnesota, who was one of the early pioneers of southern Minnesota, and of whom a brief sketch is given elsewhere in this book. His mother, whose maiden name was Julia Showen, is a native of Kentucky and a woman of strong moral and religious convictions, and of womanly worth generally. He was but a few months



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old when his family came overland from the Hoosier State, in the spring of 1857, and settled upon the land which his father had entered as a homestead the previous year. His boyhood was passed amid the scenes and conditions of pioneer life in southern Minnesota, forty years ago, and he greatly cherishes the memories of his acquaintance and association with the old settlers of that period. He well remembers the great Indian outbreak of 1862, the alarms, the terrible stories of murder, massacre and rapine, and especially the partial termination of the troubles in the hanging of thirty-eight of the worst participants at Mankato. Mr. Washburn received an academic education, including a limited course in literature and language, and a good course in mathematics. His education has, however, been mainly self-acquired outside the school-room. His reading has been as extensive as his busy life permits, and he and his accomplished wife possess a large and well selected library. When a young man he taught school for a number of terms, and while he was a law student was a teacher in the public schools of Mankato. He was greatly interested in, and somewhat prominently connected with the school system of Mankato, serving for a number of years on the board of education, a large portion of the time as president of the board. His study of the law was under the instruction of Hon. Martin J. Severance, of Mankato, who for nearly twenty years has been the able and erudite Judge of the Sixth Judicial District. Mr. Washburn was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1880, although in fact he had considerable experience in law practice prior to his admission. For ten years he was engaged in his profession at Mankato, and acquired an extensive and valuable practice throughout southern Minnesota. In the beginning of 1890 Mr. Washburn removed to Duluth, where he has been so continuously successful that he now has probably as large and as important a law business as any attorney in the State. Mr. William D. Bailey is associated with him, and Hon. Charles L. Lewis—who resigned from the District Bench to enter his firm—left it last fall, preparatory to taking

a seat on the Supreme Court Bench at the beginning of the year 1900. During Mr. Washburn's career as a lawyer he has been engaged in many important cases, and in a professional way has been connected with numerous large business and financial transactions. His practice has covered a wide range of the various branches of litigation, but for some years past he has endeavored to confine himself, as far as possible, to corporation and real estate law. He is the attorney at Duluth for several railway companies, including the Northern Pacific, and the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha companies, and he has successfully conducted much difficult railroad litigation. He is counsel for many other corporations and his professional duties have taken him to all parts of the country. He has a large acquaintance in the East as well as in the West, although he is purely a Western man, a thorough and loyal Minnesotan. The substantial and tangible fruits of his industrious and active life work are considerable. He owns valuable property interests in Duluth, upon the iron ranges and elsewhere. He resides in the suburb of Hunter's Park, where he has a beautiful home with ample grounds surrounding, in the care and improvement of which he takes great interest and enjoyment. In politics Mr. Washburn is an independent Democrat, but he has rarely taken an active part in his party's affairs, having devoted himself assiduously to his profession. Those who know him best say of him: "He is generous to a fault, quick to act, a hard fighter, an incessant worker, an advocate rather than a jurist, and he is possessed of a rugged honesty which makes him at all times a man to be trusted." Mr. Washburn was married, in May, 1882, to Miss Alma J. Pattee, who is a graduate of the State Normal School at Mankato, and was for some time a teacher in that institution. Mrs. Washburn is a native of Wisconsin, but of a New England family. She is a lady of rare literary ability and is well known as a frequent contributor of papers on topics which are the subjects of discussion and consideration in the literary and sociological societies and associations of which she is a member. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn have

six children, three boys and three girls. The eldest son, Claude Carlos, now sixteen years of age, is preparing for admission to Harvard University, and the eldest daughter, Julia Genevieve, is being educated in the Maynard school at Duluth. The other children are named: Abbott McC., Mildred, Hope, and John Lawrence Washburn. Mr. Washburn has two brothers, one of whom, Rev. Francis M. Washburn, is a Congregational clergyman in California, and the other, Edward W. Washburn, is a merchant at Vernon Center, Blue Earth county. His only sister, now Mrs. Jennie Webster, resides at Juniata, Nebraska.

WILLIAM R. MERRIAM.

Hon. William Rush Merriam, Governor of Minnesota from January, 1889, to January, 1893, has left behind him an admirable record in that honorable position. He comes of a distinguished ancestry, who settled at Concord, Massachusetts, long before Minnesota was inhabited by the white man. His father, Hon. John L. Merriam, lived at Wadham's Mills, Essex county, New York, where he was engaged in business as a merchant when the subject of this sketch was born, July 6, 1849. Hon. John L. Merriam was of English descent, and his wife, Mahala Delano, of French ancestry. Governor Merriam traces his ancestry to William Merriam, who was born at Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1750, and served as a private in Capt. Jonathan Wilson's company of minute men, of the town of Bedford, Massachusetts. He took part in the fight of Concord Bridge, April 19, 1775, and in pursuit of the British forces in their retreat from Concord to Charlestown. He was chairman of the board of selectmen in Bedford, 1777, and rendered important service in procuring enlistments to the Continental Army. Governor Merriam's father came with his family to Minnesota in 1861, and, in connection with Mr. J. C. Burbank, engaged in the stage and transportation business. It was before the days of railroads, and their business became an extensive one. The elder Merriam was identified with many enterprises in the develop-

ment of the State, and took an active interest in politics, serving in the State Legislature and as Speaker in the House of Representatives in 1870 and 1871. The subject of this sketch was an ambitious lad and entered the academy at Racine, Wisconsin, at the age of fifteen. Later he entered Racine College, and upon his graduation was chosen valedictorian of his class, and acquitted himself with honor. When he returned to his home in St. Paul he devoted himself diligently to business, as a clerk in the First National Bank. Here he rapidly developed unusual ability, and when only twenty-four years of age was elected cashier of the Merchant's National Bank. This was in 1873. In 1880 he was made vice-president, and four years later became the president of the bank. In the meantime Mr. Merriam had developed an active interest in politics, and had become an active worker in every political campaign. He was chosen to represent his district in the General Assembly of Minnesota in 1882, and served his constituents with distinguished ability. In 1886 he was again elected to the Lower House of the Legislature, and was honored with office of Speaker, where his father had presided sixteen years before. He made an admirable presiding officer, and governed the body with courteous self-possession and with a firm, yet generous authority. He was chosen vice-president of the State Agricultural Society in 1886 and president in 1887, and contributed greatly to the success of the State fair, held under the auspices of that organization. In 1888 Mr. Merriam was nominated by the Republican party as a candidate for Governor—against Hon. Eugene M. Wilson, a Democrat of Minneapolis—and was elected. Here, in his official capacity, he applied the business methods to the administration of public affairs that he has made so successful in his private interests. He was honored with a re-nomination and re-election in 1890, and served until January, 1893. March 4, 1899, he was appointed Director of the Census by President McKinley. Governor Merriam is a gentleman of very pleasing address and cordial manners, and has the faculty of attaching men to him in warm per-



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sonal friendship. He is a student of affairs, and a financier of recognized ability. His contributions to the current literature of the country on the subject of National finance have been important and valuable. He has stood firmly and ably by his ideas of sound finance and has done much to shape the sentiment of his party on that important subject in his State. Governor Merriam is a member of the University Club of New York, the Metropolitan Club at Washington, and the Minnesota Club at St. Paul. He is also a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church, in the city of St. Paul. He was married, in 1872, to Laura Hancock, daughter of Mr. John Hancock, and niece of the late Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock, a lady of rare accomplishments and gracious manners, who presides over the home of her distinguished husband with dignity and grace.

LEVI M. WILLEUTS.

Levi Monroe Willcuts, collector of customs, port of Duluth, Minnesota, was born November 10, 1861, at Fountain City, Wayne county, Indiana. His parents were Jonathan and Mary (Starbuck) Willcuts both natives of Wayne county, and he is of Quaker descent. His father was a well-to-do farmer and extensive dealer in live stock, and was a much respected and trusted citizen of his community in Indiana. He died when the subject of this sketch was eleven years of age, his wife surviving him only four years. Levi M., who was the fifth in a family of eight children, received his early education in the common schools of his native place. In 1883, at the age of twenty-two, he removed to Columbia, South Dakota, where he engaged in real estate and loans, operating largely in farm lands. His business prospered, and in 1886 he formed a partnership with Maj. M. R. Baldwin, who was subsequently elected Congressman from the Sixth Minnesota Congressional District. In the same year in which they united their interests the partners located in Duluth, Minnesota, and engaged in real estate under the firm name of Baldwin & Willcuts; and they did a successful

business during the good times of that period. Mr. Willcuts at once took a prominent place among the public spirited citizens of the Zenith City. He was elected treasurer of the chamber of commerce, which was at that time one of the most influential bodies of the kind in the Northwest, and was actively identified with all the public enterprises for promoting the welfare of the city of Duluth and vicinity. While Mr. Willcuts possessed all of the important qualifications for success in politics—coolness, keen perception and tact—he did not seek prominence in that direction; but it was thrust upon him. He first attained to local distinction in the Duluth city campaign of 1894, when Capt. Ray T. Lewis, the Republican candidate, was elected mayor. Mr. Willcuts was chairman of the Republican city committee during this campaign, which was a spirited contest; and his ability as a political manager, recognized at this time, was, two years later, brought into urgent requisition, and with most gratifying results to his constituency. The Congressional fight of 1896, in the Sixth Minnesota District, will live in the history of the State and, in fact, in the political history of the country, as one of the most important and stubborn contests of that memorable year. Hon. Charles A. Towne, then Congressman from the Sixth District, had been elected as a Republican; but he became favorably impressed with the free silver theory and was one of its principal champions in the United States, being second in prominence only to William J. Bryan. Mr. Towne's popularity in the district was very general, and he and his friends considered that his re-election was assured. He did not seek the Republican nomination, but came out as an independent candidate and was afterwards nominated by the Democratic and Populist conventions. Here was a popular candidate, in a district which is about evenly divided between the Republican and fusion forces, with the prestige of his office of Congressman and the assurance that if Mr. Bryan were elected, he, Mr. Towne, would be the second greatest man in the country, because of his distinction as a free silver advocate. Such was the political status in the Sixth District

when the Republican committee cast about it for a chairman. It realized that there never was a time when so much depended upon the careful selection of this functionary, and an equally wise choice of candidate to head the Republican Congressional ticket. L. M. Willcuts was asked to accept the chairmanship of the committee, and Hon. Page Morris was urged to step down from the District Bench to accept the nomination for Congress in opposition to the celebrated free silver candidate, which he did at the earnest solicitation of his friends. The campaign opened early, it being a Presidential year, and the political excitement in all parts of the district, for more than three months, was tremendous. To many shrewd observers of the situation the outlook was anything but bright for the success of the Republican candidate. It is freely admitted, by friends and foes alike, that Mr. Willcuts was the backbone of the Republican campaign in that contest. He received superb support from his committee, but many Republicans were disheartened at the seeming odds. Throughout the fight, however, Mr. Willcuts maintained a calm and hopeful exterior, while working eighteen hours a day. His serene confidence was inspiring, and his placid assurances that Judge Morris would certainly be elected braced up the doubting Republicans, and, in a measure, disconcerted the opposition. Mr. Willcuts straightened out seemingly hopeless political tangles with magical ease, and friction disappeared more quickly than it appeared. The power of his expressed convictions and the enthusiasm that he inspired, permeated the entire district; and the working loyalty of every member of his committee is still a matter of frequent remark by him. Judge Morris was elected, and Mr. Willcuts thereafter inundated by telegrams and letters of congratulation. Although he very generously endeavored to shift the credit to the committee, Mr. Willcuts can never escape credit for the success of that campaign. Judge Morris was the first to congratulate him on the outcome of the long-drawn and bitter contest; and in July, 1897, in his capacity of Congressman, he submitted the name of L. M. Willcuts

for collector of the port of Duluth, and his appointment was confirmed without even the suggestion of opposition from any source. Mr. Willcuts has made an excellent record as collector of this important lake port. Business and executive ability are reflected in the conduct of the office. Mr. Willcuts was married, at the age of twenty-one, to Miss Rhoda E. Mendenhall, daughter of Stephen and Rachel Mendenhall, of Richmond, Indiana. The union took place at Richmond, about a year previous to Mr. Willcuts' removal to South Dakota. The married life of Mr. Willcuts, which was very happy, ended with the death of his wife in 1896. Mrs. Willcuts left three children, namely: Eva R., Walter R. and Ruth E.

WARREN L. BEEBE.

Warren Loring Beebe, M. D., of St. Cloud, was born at Belpre, Washington county, Ohio, March 16, 1848. He is a son of Dr. William Beebe, who was also a native of Ohio of remote English ancestry, and the maiden name of his mother was Elizabeth Rathbone. The senior Dr. Beebe practiced his profession for many years in Washington county, Ohio, and was a surgeon of high standing. During the war of the Rebellion he was surgeon of the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He died April 15, 1887. Dr. Beebe was educated in the common schools and in the Marietta, Ohio, College, from which institution he graduated in 1870. Engaging in the study of medicine as his life profession, he graduated from the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, in 1873, with the degree of M. D. In 1876 he graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, and soon after began the practice of his profession in his native village of Belpre, where he was engaged for about two years. In 1878 Dr. Beebe came to Minnesota, and located at St. Cloud, which city has ever since been his home. No other member is better known to the fraternity of the medical profession in Minnesota than Dr. Beebe, although he has been in the State only about twenty-two



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years. He is a prominent member of the State Medical Society, and was its president from 1890 to 1891. He is also a member of the American Medical Association. From the first he has been highly successful, and now has a large and satisfactory general practice. He is the local surgeon of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads at St. Cloud, and is considered an expert and authority on all general matters connected with medical and surgical science. He is altogether devoted to his profession, is still a student and investigator, and keeps up with the progress and development of the age. For these reasons, and because he is naturally gifted with clear and strong mental qualities, may be attributed his extraordinary success in the treatment of disease and his skill in surgery. Dr. Beebe is a Republican, but has no time to engage actively in political affairs except to vote. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, of the Odd Fellows, and of the Knights of Pythias. He is of social tastes and has a very large contingent of warm personal friends, not only in St. Cloud, but throughout the State. He was married, December 28, 1876, to Miss Maria T. Harte, at Marietta, Ohio. They have two sons, named William H. and Warren Loring, Jr.

WILLIAM C. SARGENT.

The Sargents are New England people, their ancestors having, many generations back, crossed from the mother country and settled there. William C. Sargent was born in Boston, Massachusetts, December 4, 1859. He is the son of the late Hon. George B. Sargent, of Duluth, Minnesota, a sketch of whose life appears in another part of this volume. When William C. was four years of age his father located in New York City, to engage there in financial business, and the boy was sent to the public schools of that metropolis for a time; then, at the age of ten years, he became a student in the Faribault Military Institute. Subsequently he took a course of instruction at St. John's Seminary, which is situated about twelve miles from Syracuse, New York. At

the close of his school days he began at once to consider, and to feel responsible for, his future maintenance and fortune. His father, who had in the meantime located in Duluth, was already one of that city's successful and prominent business men; but the Sargents were plentifully endowed with the Yankee spirit of thrift and independence, which holds to the virtue of each man's carving out, as far as possible, his own career. William C. was still in his teens when he came to Minnesota, prepared to go to work at whatever task might present itself. Physically he was strong and energetic, and his mental temperament such as qualified him for pushing his way upward from humble beginnings. He procured employment as teamster in the logging business, which he followed for a short time, keeping his eyes always open for larger opportunities. In 1880 he was appointed superintendent of the Duluth Blast Furnace Company, and in 1886 he was made manager of the Lakeside Land Company, which latter position he held for a period of nine years. Like his father, Mr. Sargent has a decided taste for financiering, and excellent capabilities. And for the most part his operations were successful, and he had laid the foundation of a substantial fortune; but during the years of financial depression which culminated in the panic of 1893, with their accompanying depreciation of real estate, much of the property accumulated by him was swept away in the general disaster. Thwarted on these lines by circumstances beyond his control, he sought activity and achievement in another direction—that of official life. In his political views Mr. Sargent has always been strongly Republican, and his enthusiasm and energy in political campaigning, early gained recognition as a potent force. In 1896 he was nominated for sheriff of St. Louis county, and elected by a majority of eighteen hundred votes. He was re-elected in November, 1898, and is now an aspirant for a third term, with a fair prospect of proving the county's choice for the office in 1900. Mr. Sargent is a man of many social qualities, and belongs to numerous secret organizations, including all the Masonic orders and those of the Elks and Foresters.

On January 13, 1887, Mr. Sargent was married, at Syracuse, New York, to Miss Rhobie L. Peck, of that city. Three children were the issue of their marriage, one of whom is deceased.

THOMAS B. LINDSAY.

Thomas B. Lindsay, a well-known business man of Minneapolis, is the seventh of a family of ten children. He is of Scotch parentage, his father, David Lindsay, having emigrated to America from Scotland in 1841 with six children. David Lindsay settled in New York City, and after remaining there for two years, removed to Dodge county, Wisconsin. Four more children were born to him in America, and of the ten, seven are now living. David Lindsay died in 1849. Thomas B. Lindsay laid the foundation of his education in the common schools of Dodge county. He then entered the Fox Lake (Wisconsin) Academy, attending that institution for two years. At the expiration of that time he determined to prepare himself for a commercial life, and accordingly went to Detroit, Michigan, entering a business college there. In 1865 he removed to Olmstead county, Minnesota, and established a general merchandising store at that place. He continued in this line for about five years, and in 1870 disposed of his business and engaged in agriculture. While following this calling he was honored by being elected to the State Legislature, and was a member of that body from Olmstead county during the years 1872 and 1873. He also, for five years, held with credit the office of town treasurer in Olmstead county. The public positions which Mr. Lindsay has held have come to him entirely unsought, as a recognition of his ability. Mr. Lindsay was in the employ of a large Eastern house, manufacturers of agricultural implements, for ten years, as traveling representative and general agent. While in their employ he established a reputation for competency and executive ability in business affairs. In 1887 he went into partnership with his brother, under the style of Lindsay Brothers. He has been associated with his brother up to the present

time. This firm is located at Nos. 400 to 408 First street, north. They have established a trade, the extent of which is nearly coincident with the entire Northwest. This has been accomplished mainly through the efforts of Mr. T. B. Lindsay. He has devoted himself to commercial pursuits through the greater part of his life, and his success attests his thoroughness in business matters. His energies have been concentrated upon one particular line, and consequently he has come to have a knowledge of agricultural machinery and implements, which is excelled by few if any in the country. Mr. Lindsay has a genius for friendship, and is counted as a personal friend by many throughout the State. His wife was Miss Martha Dye, of Sheboygan Falls, to whom he was married September 5, 1866. To them one son has been born, E. H. Lindsay, who assists his father in the agricultural business. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay are members of the Central Baptist church of Minneapolis.

EUGENE L. MANN.

Engene Langdon Mann, M. D., of St. Paul, is a native of Minnesota, born in Minneapolis, May 20, 1861. His father, Horatio Eugene Mann, and his mother, who before her marriage was Mary Augusta Williams, were both of prominent New England families. Horatio Mann was born at Randolph, Massachusetts, in 1825, the son of Stephen Mann, of Braintree, Vermont. He was of the seventh generation in lineal descent from Richard Man (as the name was spelled in England), the founder of the family in America, who joined the Massachusetts Bay colony and, according to its records, took the Oath of Fidelity at Scituate, Massachusetts, January 16, 1644. Horatio Mann studied law, was admitted to the bar at Albany, New York, practiced for a few years in the East, and finally located at Minneapolis. He was elected to and served in the first Legislature of Minnesota, which convened in 1859. He is still living and is now a resident of Daytona, Florida. Of the Williams family, one branch founded



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Williams College, at Williamstown, Massachusetts, and Hon. C. K. Williams, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was at one time Governor of the State of Vermont. Dr. Mann obtained all that portion of his education, which preceded collegiate work, in the public schools of St. Paul, taking their entire course from the lowest primary grade to the graduating class of the high school, from which he passed, in 1879, to Hobart College, at Geneva, New York. From the latter institution he graduated with the class of 1883, receiving the degree of B. A., and being elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He had, also, while a student at the college, been an active member of the Kappa Alpha Greek Letter Society. In the autumn of the year in which he completed his college course, he entered the Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia. He obtained his degree of M. D. in 1886, his class being one of the first to take the full three years' course of instruction at that institution. After graduating he served for a year as interne in the Ward's Island Hospital. He then, in 1887, came to St. Paul, opened an office for the practice of his profession, and from that time until the present his career has been one of continuous success. When he had been about two years in practice, the Medical Department of the University of Minnesota manifested its confidence in his abilities by calling him to the professorship of diseases of the nose and throat and of physical diagnosis, which position he has ever since held. In 1891 he was made professor of diseases of the nose, throat, heart and lungs, and since 1896 his lectures have been confined to the specialties of nose, throat and ear. Dr. Mann is a member of the staff of St. Luke's, of the City and County hospitals, and belongs to the staff of local surgeons of the Northern Pacific Railroad. In 1898 he was elected president of the State Homeopathic Society. Shortly after his election to this post he went abroad, spending several months at the medical centers of London, Vienna and Germany in professional observation and research. He is one who would never be content with anything less than the most thorough professional

knowledge and work possible to him, and his judgment and advice are highly valued and much sought among the profession. On general as well as special lines, also, he is a man of broad information and culture. His whole life has been one of unremitting industry, which, coupled with his native intelligence and balance, was bound to yield the gratifying success he has enjoyed. Although the political atmosphere in which he grew up was Republican, Dr. Mann has remained unbiassed by partisan feeling. So that men and measures be wise and just, he cares not from what party they issue. June 15, 1891, Dr. Mann was married to Mrs. Clara W. Carpenter, whose father, the late George W. Worthen, was a merchant and old resident of Lebanon, New Hampshire. The home of Dr. and Mrs. Mann in St. Paul contains a fine library of historical and literary works which the Doctor has collected, and among which he passes most of his leisure hours, his wife joining him with enthusiasm in the pursuit of knowledge. Dr. and Mrs. Mann are regular attendants at the House of Hope Presbyterian church in their home city.

HENRY HUTCHINSON.

Henry Hutchinson, M. D., of St. Paul, was born at Chateau Gay, a small town near Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, August 20, 1849. His father, John Hutchinson, emigrated from Queen's County, Ireland, and settled in Montreal in about 1830. His occupation was that of a mason and builder, which he followed for a number of years in the city of Montreal. Here he was also married, some time in the early thirties, to Miss Isabella Patterson, of Scotch Presbyterian parentage, whose family had emigrated from Glasgow, Scotland, and settled in Montreal about the same time as her husband. Nothing definite is known of the paternal grandfather of Dr. Hutchinson, except that he was a respectable farmer in Queen's county, Ireland, of English descent, the family being, so far as known, of the Methodist denomination. The paternal grandmother of Dr. Hutchinson was of Huguenot-French

extraction, and his maternal grandmother was a native of Switzerland. The latter married a Mr. Patterson, an officer in the British army, who was placed on the retired list after seeing active service in the Peninsular campaign, and being wounded at Badesos, Spain. When Henry was three years of age, his parents removed from Montreal to Buffalo, New York. After living there about three years they then removed to Painesville, Ohio. From thence the family returned to Canada within a year, owing to the prevalence in northern Ohio at that time of malaria, from which several of the children were suffering. They settled in Toronto, Ontario, intending to make that city their future home, but the financial crisis of 1857, affected business to such an extent that Mr. Hutchinson determined to emigrate to the wilds of Minnesota and seek his fortune there. This he did in the spring of 1858, and settled on a farm near Northfield, Rice county, of this State. Mrs. Hutchinson followed with the family the succeeding year. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson were born thirteen children, five of whom died in early childhood. The eight remaining children grew to adult age, and all excepting the eldest son, Frank, are still living. He died in Chicago some sixteen years ago. In the year 1862 the three older brothers enlisted in the Sixth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and served their adopted country until the close of the War of the Rebellion. Two of them rose from the ranks to commissioned officers, Robert R. being captain and John second lieutenant in their regiment. At the time of his brothers' enlistment Henry, then in his thirteenth year, was a strong, rugged boy, and the nearest to a man in physical strength of any member of the family left at home. His father had been crippled by rheumatism and was somewhat broken in health as well as in spirits, by his financial losses before leaving Canada. During the years of the war, Henry lived on the farm and became accustomed to all kinds of farm labor. During this time he had only the opportunity of attending school through the winter months. A natural desire for an education, together with his mother's

earnest wish that he might attain one, led him to make the most of the meager opportunities at his command. Most of his evenings, and any spare time during the day, were occupied in reading, the careful selection of books being directed by his mother. In his seventeenth year, his father gave him the remainder of his time until he should reach his majority, in order that he might gratify this longing for an education. The ambitious youth started out in the world with only a strong and healthy physique and the inspiration he received from his mother to rely upon for accomplishing his purpose. By working as a farm hand in the summer season he was enabled to attend Carleton College, at Northfield (which was then but a preparatory school or academy), during the winter months. At the same time he paid for his board by keeping books in a hotel in Northfield. Here he remained for about two years, when, in the strange sequence of human events, he formed an acquaintance which was destined to influence the trend of his whole life. This was in the strong personality of Dr. Alfred P. Skeels, a physician of the Homeopathic school of practice, who had recently come there from St. Louis, Missouri, in quest of health. Dr. Skeels took a great personal interest in the ambitious student, and knowing under what disadvantages he was striving to obtain a classical education, advised him to discontinue his efforts to that end, and induced him to take up the study of medicine. The two years following were occupied in the pursuit of these studies, and incidentally in teaching school winters, which, however, never interfered with his medical studies. A certain amount of reading was laid out for each day, and this task had to be accomplished before he retired at night. In the spring of 1872 his preceptor died, leaving the young man in whom he had taken such a kindly interest his library and office appurtenances, with the request that he should settle up the doctor's business and keep up his medical studies. In the autumn of that year our subject was enabled to go to Philadelphia to attend his first course of lectures, his next older brother, John, advancing the funds required, above what he had himself

earned and saved for that purpose. In the spring of 1874 he graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, and at once returned to Northfield to establish himself in practice. Here he remained for four years and a half, and besides earning sufficient money to pay the debts he had incurred, in obtaining his degree in medicine, he was most fortunate in contracting a life partnership, which has ever since been an inspiration and a guide to life's best endeavors, viz., his marriage, in June, 1875, to Miss Matilda McCurdy, of Delhi, New York. For two years Dr. Hutchinson served as deputy coroner of Rice county. In the autumn of 1878, finding a country practice very laborious, and realizing that he had extended it to its limits in that location, he determined to establish himself in a larger city, and accordingly came to St. Paul. Here, in the course of two or three years, he built up a large and lucrative practice, so that in 1887 he felt warranted in going abroad for rest and study. He spent his time principally in the hospitals of London and Paris. In 1890 he again went abroad, visiting London and Paris, also Berlin, where the World's Congress of Physicians and Surgeons was in session, and of which organization he was a member. Dr. Hutchinson took an active part in organizing the Medical Department of the University of Minnesota in 1887, representing the Homeopathic School on several committees, and occupied the chair of practice in that department for about five years, when he resigned. He was largely instrumental in obtaining the admission of his school of practice, first in St. Luke's Hospital, and later in the City and County Hospital of St. Paul. He has been honored with appointment on both these staffs, as well as upon that of St. Joseph's Hospital, of St. Paul. Dr. Hutchinson has been president of the Minnesota State Institute of Homeopathy; a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy; president of the St. Paul Homeopathic Hospital Club, and for the past four years has served as a member of the Minnesota State Board of Health, of which organization he has been twice elected vice-president. Dr. Hutchinson is naturally a student and a great reader,

and has always regretted that his circumstances in early life prevented his taking a literary degree. Besides a very complete professional library, he has also accumulated a large miscellaneous library, embracing history, travels, classical fiction and scientific works. He is an able writer and has done much to raise the standard of his school, and the respect accorded it, both in and outside of the profession. In 1897 Dr. Hutchinson made a trip to South America in the interest of the Orinoco Company, Limited, to examine into and make a report on the iron and other valuable resources located on a 12,000,000 acre concession obtained by this company from the Venezuelan Government. From his boyhood Dr. Hutchinson has always been a hard worker, and whatever degree of success he has attained has been accomplished by his own personal efforts alone. Whenever congratulated upon this success by his friends and associates, he never fails to mention, with much feeling, the kind and careful instruction and advice he received from his saintly mother, of whom he is wont to say: "she possessed a gentle and religious nature, and was always seeking to inspire me with a determination to be a good and useful man. Whatever success I have attained in this world, and my faith in a life beyond, is the direct result of this inspiration." One who knows by personal experience whereof he speaks, says of Dr. Hutchinson:

"Those who have enjoyed the professional services of Dr. Hutchinson, in times of sickness, have no difficulty in determining what are the characteristics that have made him so successful and so beloved. The very sight of his strong and robust frame entering the sick room is the beginning of cure. Health seems catching, as well as disease, and the invalid feels that strong currents of life are in that powerful physique beside his bed. If this is a gift of nature, the bright and cheerful hopefulness which characterize Dr. Hutchinson has been acquired and maintained through many trials and disappointments. It is something not lightly to be regarded, that a physician, even in serious and alarming diagnoses, is able to sustain his patient's nervous strength and vitality by an air of confidence and optimism. Not that Dr. Hutchinson lacks the element of

seriousness and permits his patients to indulge in vain expectations. But he has the faculty and tact of explaining the real conditions, serious as they may be, without breaking down the patient's faith in the eventual triumph of nature and medical skill. The kind and sympathetic heart of the man shows itself always, and one feels that a deep personal interest in the case insures the best thoughtfulness and medical treatment the skilled physician can give. There are many physicians whose patients prize them for their skill and knowledge, while they are not drawn to them by any warm personal affection; and there are many physicians whose patients love them, but do not rank them very high in mental or scientific attainment. Dr. Hutchinson has the happiness of being loved both for himself and for his professional ability. This combination of powers has given him an extensive and lucrative practice and a large circle of friends, and these friends include the principal practitioners in the Allopathic School of Medicine in the Twin Cities."

A brother physician has this to say of Dr. Hutchinson:

"The most prominent characteristic of Dr. Hutchinson is his personal magnetism and power. People instinctively trust him and his mere presence in the sick room is inspiring. He is a man of broad ideas in medicine. While he numbers his friends as well among those who disagree as among those who agree with his views, he demands the same generosity that he extends, and is an effective champion of his own cause when attacked. A member of the Homeopathic School of Medicine, he has been largely instrumental in securing recognition for that school in the hospitals in St. Paul. Besides attending to the duties of an extensive practice, Dr. Hutchinson has found time to make his influence felt in outside matters. He is an active member of the State Board of Health, and one of the executive committee of the National Park Association, and it may be truly said of him that in whatever he engages, he throws his whole energy. He is always an active member, never a passive one, in any good work that engages his attention."

OTTO LUGGER.

Otto Luggger von Hagen, Professor of Entomology of the University of Minnesota and State Entomologist, was born in Hagen, West-

falia, Germany, September 15, 1844. His father was Fritz Luggger von Hagen, a professor of chemistry in different educational institutions of Prussia. He was an original investigator in scientific and experimental chemistry, and allied sciences, and became a man of great prominence in scientific and educational circles. His ancestors were mostly officers in the Prussian army, descendants from an old Prussian family, whose records are traced back to the Fourteenth Century. His mother's maiden name was Lina von Fischer, also descended from an old Prussian family, whose male members were, many of them, officers in the Prussian army. Otto Luggger was the oldest of a family of four children, and was the only one of the family to come to the United States. He was educated at the Gymnasium at Hagen, and later at the universities at Munster, Bonn, and Berlin. He entered the army in a cavalry regiment stationed at Munster, and became a lieutenant in 1864. He left the army to enter the Polytechnicum at Berlin, and later at Heidelberg. In 1865 he came to the United States, and almost immediately entered the United States engineer service in the lake survey, at Detroit, Michigan. He remained in that service for three years, when he became assistant to the State entomologist of Missouri, Professor C. V. Riley, with whom he remained until 1875, when he became curator of the Maryland Academy of Science in Baltimore. He soon afterwards entered the Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, being at the same time the naturalist of the public parks in that city. After spending three years in the department of agriculture—division of entomology—in Washington, he was appointed by the board of regents of the University of Minnesota to become professor of Entomology and Botany, at the experiment station, at St. Anthony Park, St. Paul, which important position he has occupied for eleven years. During this time he has written a large number of books and bulletins, illustrating his work in the study of fish, insects, plants and their diseases, all of which have been published by the State or the State University. Dr. Luggger is, perhaps, foremost authority on the subject of



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Entomology in the United States, especially as applied to the Northwest. His bulletin on the Rocky mountain locust is considered authority on that subject. He has experimented and originated several different ways of fighting off and exterminating the grasshopper and the chinch bug. He has also made a special study of the army worm, and his discoveries have been of the greatest value to the agriculturist. He is so thoroughly posted on all native insects and their habits that he knows at once what to do to fight them off and destroy them. He has collected a museum of all the animals, birds and insects native to Minnesota, and has studied their habits to know upon what they feed at all times of the year—to know what is the friend of the farmer and what are his enemies—what to encourage and protect, and what to discourage and destroy. He also published a bulletin on entomology in 1893—"an illustrated classification of insects, and their relation to agriculture." He has been for four years State Entomologist, and has issued four volumes of reports. These works are of great importance to the agriculturists, as he treats fully on the subject of insects destructive to fruits, grains, and to animals, chickens, and on other features of great interest to the farmer and fruit grower. Professor Lugger was married, February 5, 1856, to Lena Rosewald, a native of Iserlohn, Westphalia, Germany. They are the parents of two children, Linnea and Humboldt.

CLARK W. GILMORE.

Clark William Gilmore, of Pipestone, was born at Potsdam, New York, July 8, 1852. The remote paternal ancestry is Scottish. His father, William Gilmore, was a native of New Hampshire, who was engaged in agriculture during the greater part of his life. His death occurred at Potsdam, New York, in the year 1878. In his early years Clark W. attended the country schools in the vicinity of his home, afterwards taking a four years' course of instruction in the normal school at Potsdam. He completed his studies in 1872, and in the following year,

at the age of twenty-one, came to the West. In 1874 he located in Rochester, Minnesota, where he continued to reside for three years. He decided to follow the legal profession, and having devoted the necessary amount of time to the reading of law, he gained admittance to the bar in Dodge county. He began his career as a legal practitioner at Mankato, Minnesota, remaining in that city until 1882. It was during the summer of the above year that he settled in Pipestone, his present place of residence, and where, with the exception of one year, he has been continuously engaged in the practice of his profession since first locating there. In politics Mr. Gilmore is a Republican, and is an interested and active member of his party; but, although as a thorough-going lawyer and fluent speaker he is well qualified for public life, he has manifested no aspirations in that direction beyond the professional offices of county and city attorney. He has served for two terms in the former capacity. He has no need of seeking further duties than those which come to him in his legal nook above the Pipestone County Bank, duties which he performs with an ability and faithfulness that fix his place among the foremost of the city's lawyers. Mr. Gilmore took an active interest in the late Spanish-American war. He recruited Company M of the Fifteenth Minnesota Volunteers, of which he was made captain, and was in camp with the regiment at Camp Ramsey, Minnesota, at Camp Mead, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and at Camp Mackenzie, Augusta, Georgia. His term of military service lasted from July, 1898, until March, 1899, he being honorably discharged by the Government on the 27th of the last-named month. On February 5th, 1878, at Rochester, Minnesota, Mr. Gilmore was united in marriage to Miss Carrie A. Mount, daughter of F. L. V. Mount, of that city. Five children have been born of their union; but death has been a frequent visitor at the domestic hearth of Mr. Gilmore, two of the children having been taken, and Mrs. Gilmore having died on the 26th day of May, 1896. Mr. Gilmore is an active member of the Masonic fraternity. He has been master four terms,

and is a member of the Chapter and Commandery, and was one time an officer of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

FREDERICK KRON.

Frederick Kron, whom everybody in Mankato knows as a successful merchant and thrifty business man, was born in Milwaukee, August 9, 1852. His parents were Clemens and Johanna (Armbruster) Kron; both parents were natives of Baden, Germany. His father emigrated to America in 1817 and followed his trade of harnessmaking in Philadelphia for a time, and then settled in Milwaukee, where he was married, and engaged in the hotel business. In 1853 he went to St. Paul, and thence to Mankato, where he put up a log building—being assisted by the Indians in its construction—and kept a frontier tavern, among the first built in Mankato. The town at that time was only a boat landing and trading post. After a few years he put up a frame building on the same site, known as the Minnesota House. Frederick was only ten months old when his parents came to Mankato. His first experience in school was in a log building on the site where the union school now stands. He afterwards attended the nunnery school with the Sisters of Notre Dame, where he remained about four years. After leaving school he remained at home and assisted in the hotel up to the time of his father's death, in 1873. After his decease, Frederick took charge of the hotel, for his mother, about two years. He then rented the place and conducted it on his own account for two years. In 1877 he erected a new building on a part of the ground where the hotel stood and went into the mercantile business, opening a general store for the sale of dry goods, groceries, etc. After ten years he sold his stock of goods, leased the store, and retired from business for about five years. During this time he traveled extensively in the West and South, then returning to Mankato, he opened a store in the same building, which he still owned. He bought a new and superior stock of goods, and built up a very successful

business. In 1895, to accommodate his growing trade, he erected the elegant brick block he now occupies. The entire block, fifty by one hundred feet, four floors, is devoted to the different departments—groceries and house furnishing goods in basement; dry goods, notions and gents' furnishing goods on first floor; carpets, curtains, cloaks and millinery on the second floor; trunks, linoleum and oil cloth and storage on the top floor. This is the largest, and in fact the only store of the kind in Mankato. Mr. Kron has been uniformly successful in his commercial career, owing perhaps, to his close attention to the smallest details of his business, and to his knowledge of what the public wants; but more especially to his liberal policy in the treatment of his customers and his reputation for strict honesty and reliability. Besides his mercantile business, Mr. Kron has been largely interested in real estate, buying and selling, building and renting, and he is a large property owner. He was at one time a director in the Mankato National Bank, and is a stockholder in the Mankato State Bank. He is an enterprising, public spirited citizen, who has always been ready to aid in any enterprise for the public good. Mr. Kron was married, in May, 1875, to Miss Clara Ullman, of Mankato. They have no children.

JOHN F. MEAGHER.

John Ford Meagher was born in County Kerry, Ireland, April 11, 1836, and died in Mankato, Minnesota, June 18, 1897. He was the son of Jeremiah and Catherine Meagher, both of whom died when he was about ten years of age. Shortly after their death he and his elder brother and their sister—the only surviving members of the family—came to America and settled on a farm in LaSalle county, Illinois. For the ensuing three years of his boyhood he lived on this farm, attending school for about two years. When he was fourteen he bound himself as an apprentice to learn the tinners' trade with a tinsmith at Ottawa, Illinois. His apprenticeship lasted three years, and his wages were thirty dollars for the first



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year, forty dollars for the second, and fifty dollars for the third. But at the end of his time he had become so proficient a workman that, although he was but seventeen years of age, he had no difficulty in securing employment at regular journeyman's wages. Upon reaching the age of twenty-one, when he was "his own man," he decided to come to the then Territory of Minnesota. In September, 1857, he took passage at Dunleith, Illinois, on the steamer "Northern Light" for St. Paul. But at Hastings he met a friend, who informed him that a firm that had just opened a hardware store at Faribault wanted a practical tinner. So he went to Faribault, secured the situation and held it until the following spring. In June, 1858, a hardware firm at Hastings decided to open a branch store in Mankato and engaged young Meagher to aid in establishing it, and to remain and assist in its management. Three years later, in 1861, he bought out the firm and engaged in business for himself, and Mankato was ever after his home. He continued in the hardware business for several years, and was very successful in his business operations. In time he became identified with other business interests of the town. In 1868 he assisted in the organization of the First National Bank, and was its vice-president until in 1872, when he and others organized the Citizens' National Bank, of which he was president during its existence, which terminated in 1892, when the National Citizens' Bank was organized, and Mr. Meagher became its president, and held the position until his death. Mr. Meagher was active and always interested in all enterprises for the improvement of Mankato and the welfare of Minnesota, and did his whole duty for both, in peace and in war. When the startling news of the great Indian outbreak reached Mankato, August 19, 1862, the townspeople of the place were summoned to the levee by the ringing of the big town bell. A company of volunteers were at once organized to go to the relief of New Ulm, then sore beset by the savages. Mr. Meagher was tendered the captaincy of the company, but declined the honor, offering, however, to serve in any other capacity.

He was then made first lieutenant and the company hurried to New Ulm, where, under the command of Col. Charles E. Flandran, it participated in the hard-fought battle which finally defeated the Indians and caused them to retreat. The gallantry with which the members of the Mankato company served at New Ulm is a matter of notoriety and of recorded history, and is referred to elsewhere in this volume. After active hostilities had ceased in this quarter a part of the company was stationed at South Bend. Mr. Meagher returned to Mankato and organized another company for the defense of the town. Soon after he was commissioned by Governor Ramsey as captain and placed in immediate command of the post of Mankato, and was in the State military service until the close of the war. In the material interests of Mankato generally Mr. Meagher became actively and substantially interested. At different periods he was a director in the Mankato Brick Company, the Mankato Woolen Mill Company, the Mankato Axe Company, and in the Mankato Gas and Electric Light Company. He was also a director in the Wells branch of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. He became known throughout a great portion of the State as identified with a number of business and financial institutions. In Stillwater he was a director in the Northwestern Manufacturing and Car Company. In St. Paul he was a stockholder in the St. Paul Trust Company, the First National Bank, the National German-American Bank, the Commercial Bank, and in many other enterprises. Politically, Mr. Meagher was a Democrat. He was the candidate of his party on several occasions, and although it was in the minority in his section of the State, he was uniformly elected; his personal popularity, with the voters who knew him, carried him through. His first candidacy was for county treasurer in 1863, and although no Democrat had been elected in Blue Earth county for years, he was elected by a large majority, while all his associates on the ticket were defeated. In 1869, while he was in the East on a business trip, and without his being consulted, he was nominated as the Democratic candidate for Repre-

sentative in the Legislature. The district was regarded as hopelessly Republican, and no particular effort was made in his behalf in the campaign, yet he was elected by a good majority, and served in the session of 1870. He was re-elected in 1871 by an increased majority. In 1872 he was elected to the State Senate, and while in service in this body was a member of the leading committees, as the committee on finance, on railroads, on education, etc. His record was particularly clean, able, and valuable in both the House and Senate. His conduct was straightforward, frank and high-toned, and he numbered among his best friends men of both political parties who served with him and were impressed with his honesty of purpose, his ability and his general manly qualities. In the Tilden-Hayes Presidential campaign of 1876 he was a Democratic candidate for elector at large. In Mankato he served three years as a member of the city council, and for a time was president of the council. He was also for one year chairman of the board of county commissioners of Blue Earth county. Mr. Meagher held many important positions of public trust and responsibility by appointment. In 1881 Governor Hubbard appointed him a member of the board of trustees for the State Hospital for the Insane, and he was re-appointed by Governors McGill and Nelson. In 1887 the Legislature made him a member of the board of trustees to re-locate the State Reform School. In 1888 the same authority designated him as one of the commissioners to erect the New Ulm battle monument. In behalf of the commission, Mr. Meagher made the presentation address in turning over the monument to the State at its formal dedication, August 23, 1891. John F. Meagher established his character and reputation and acquired his private fortune by the exertions of his own brain and muscle. Left a poor Irish orphan lad at ten years of age, he made his way through life almost single-handed, without the aid of influential friends, without even the advantage of a good education. He succeeded by going resolutely to work and sticking to it. By perseverance in the course he marked out for himself, by an unvarying line of rigid in-

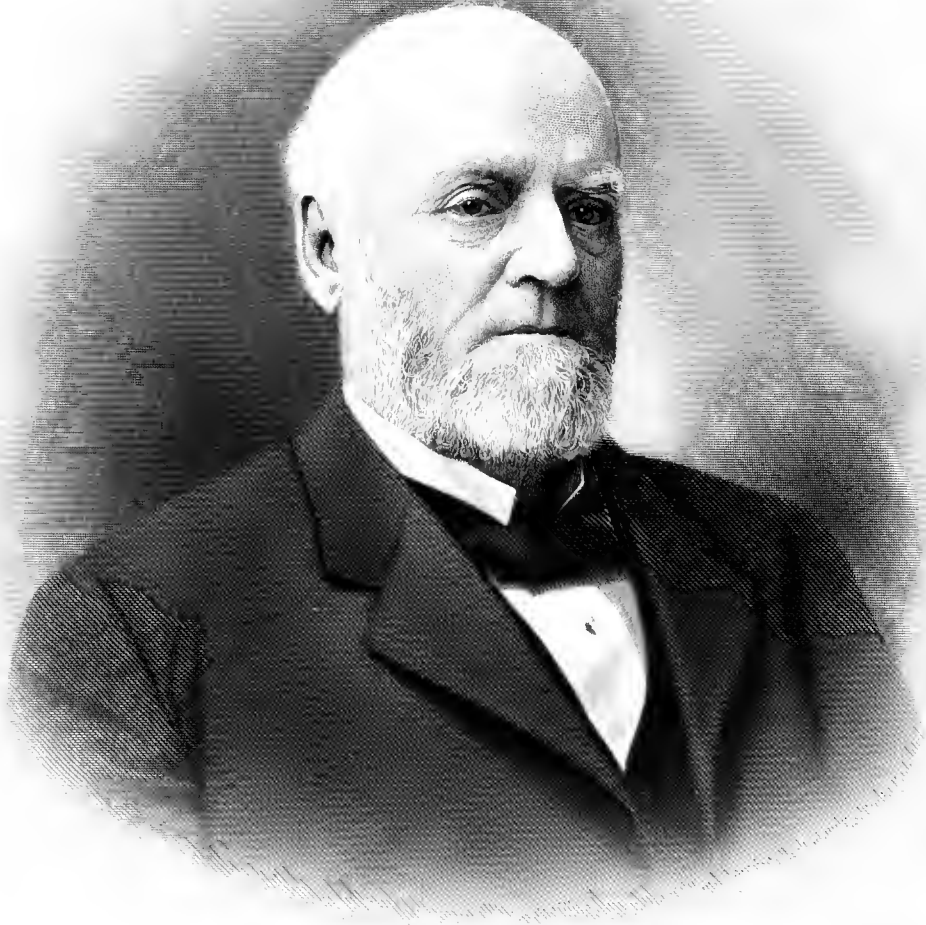
tegrity and honorable conduct and an intelligence strengthened by the adversities with which he had to contend, he earned a fortune of the world's goods and—what was better and of more value to him—he secured the respect and esteem of all who knew him. A personal friend of Mr. Meagher says of his personal characteristics:

“John F. Meagher was of commanding presence, with pleasing and impressive features. In height he was about five feet ten inches, was well built and his weight averaged from 225 to 250 pounds. His mind was clear, active, and strong, and in his utterances and his writing there were an earnestness, an originality, and a force that carried conviction. His acquaintance among the public characters and business men of the State was large; few Minnesotans were more generally known or more highly respected. Mr. Meagher was a fine-looking man personally, and he was a worthy associate of the remarkable men who comprised the pioneers of Minnesota.”

Mr. Meagher was married, September 14, 1866, to Miss Mary A. Battelle, of Brooklyn, New York. She, too, was a native of Ireland, and a daughter of John Battelle, who came with his family to America in 1860. She died at Santa Barbara, California, April 24, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Meagher were the parents of seven children, viz.: John B., now cashier of the National Citizens' Bank of Mankato, and president of the Mankato Gas and Electric Light Company; Alonzo E., who died August 23, 1889, at the age of twenty-one; J. William, who died March 7, 1893, aged twenty-two; Felix K., Katherine F., Mary B., and Agnes J.,—the last four named now residing at Mankato.

CHARLES HORTON.

The city of Winona owes its growth and development largely to the extensive lumber business that has been its leading industry almost from the time that the town was founded, and which has made the city one of the leading lumber centers of the State. That such a condition should exist in this community naturally



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reflects credit upon the men who have been identified with these interests, prominent among whom is the subject of this sketch, Charles Horton. Mr. Horton was born in the State of New York, at Niles, Cayuga county, March 31, 1836, the son of Gabriel and Eliza (Corwin) Horton. The father, who was a farmer in moderate circumstances, traced his ancestry back to the Huguenots who first settled on Long Island. Charles received his early education in the schools of his native town. In 1852 he went to Athens, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the saw-mills and lumber yards, handling lumber and running it down the Susquehanna river to Columbia. In 1856 he came to Winona and found employment in the saw-mill of Porter & Garlock; and the following winter went to the pineries, where he worked some time for Gen. C. C. Washburn. In the spring of 1860 the wages that were due Mr. Horton were paid by General Washburn in lumber. Towing these logs down the river, Mr. Horton brought them to Winona, and, in company with L. C. Porter and Andrew Hamilton, he began the manufacture of lumber. This was the beginning of what has grown to be one of the most important lumber companies in the State, with Mr. Horton at its head. The original organization was the Porter, Horton Company, which continued until 1865, when Mr. Porter sold his interest, and the name was changed to Horton & Hamilton. In 1880 Mr. Horton bought out Mr. Hamilton, and the Empire Lumber Company was then formed, in connection with O. H. Ingram, James Kennedy and D. M. Dulaney. It was first organized under the laws of Wisconsin, but in the spring of 1899 was reorganized under the laws of Minnesota, with Mr. Horton as president of the company. Other enterprises beside the lumber business have attracted Mr. Horton's attention, and he is now president of the Interstate Elevator Company of Winona, and is vice-president and holds a directorship in the First National Bank of Winona. He has been a lifelong Republican, but never has had any desire for public prominence. He has, however, because of his interest in educational affairs, served for a number of years on the

school board, and has also devoted a good deal of his time to the affairs of the Woodlawn Cemetery Association, in which he takes a great interest, and of which he has been president for a number of years. He is senior warden in the Episcopal church, and recently built for it a rectory, which is a most attractive and substantial structure. He was married, in December, 1865, to Alice M. Rogers, of Binghamton, New York. They have five children: Kate W.; Helen E.; Frank; Bell R. and Harriet L. the first four of whom are married. Mr. Horton has lived in Winona for about forty years. As a business man he has met with uncommon success, is a man of warm friendships, and as a citizen commands the greatest esteem of the community for whose welfare he has so constantly and fruitfully labored.

HENRY W. LAMBERTON.

The family name of Lambertson is of pure Scottish origin, and, like all of the ancient names of Scotland, territorial in its derivation and associated with the earliest historic times of that country. The name occurs as early as the reign of Edgar (1097-1107). John de Lambertson appears on the roll of Scottish nobles and others invited to accompany King Edward into Flanders, May 24, 1297; and to the letter sent by the Scottish barons to the Pope in 1320, the seal of Alexander de Lambertson is appended. Perhaps the most famous one of the name in early historic times was William de Lambertson, Bishop of St. Andrews from A. D. 1298-1328. He was Chancellor of Glasgow in 1292, and in the charter was called William de Lambyrton. He was elected Bishop in September, 1297, and was by Pope Boniface VIII., on June 17, 1298, preferred to the episcopate of St. Andrews, and is in the papal rescript styled "Willemo de Lambertson." He was a close friend of Sir William Wallace, whose influence in Scotland at that juncture was almost unbounded. Lambertson was one of the three bishops who crowned King Robert of Bruce, at Scone, March 27, 1306. Only by tradition can the family name be traced through the long

period intervening between the time of Bruce and the time of the anti-prelacy agitation in the latter part of the Seventeenth Century. During the latter period the tradition is distinct and well defined, that in consequence of the religious persecution some members of the family fled to the North of Ireland, clearly indicating the affinity between the two branches of the family in Scotland and Ireland. Gen. James Lambertson, a lineal descendant of Bishop de Lambertson, the grandfather of Henry W. Lambertson, of Winona, the subject of our sketch, was born in the year 1755. He emigrated, toward the close of the War of Independence and before the definite treaty of peace, and settled in the Cumberland valley of Pennsylvania, amongst the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, who had preceded him there in such great numbers. He arrived at Carlisle in the year 1783, and for many years was one of the most successful merchants and business men of the Cumberland valley. January 4, 1785, he was married to Jane McKeehan, a daughter of Alexander McKeehan, who was a North of Ireland immigrant and came over early in the Eighteenth Century. Mr. James Lambertson was a conspicuous leader of the Democratic-Republican party in Cumberland county, as well as prominent in State politics, having served two terms in the House of Representatives. He was also active in reorganizing the State Militia, in 1793, and was commissioned on February 19, 1793, as major of the First Battalion of Cumberland County Militia, to rank as such from July 28, 1792. A contemporary of Mr. Lambertson writing of him says:

"Descended from an old Scotch family, who removed from their own country to the sister Kingdom of Ireland, he inherited the same fearlessness and determination so eminently characteristic of the Covenanters. He emigrated to this country before the close of the struggle which resulted in the freedom of the Colonies, and from the time he became an American citizen, he was ever found amongst those who firmly maintained the rights of the people. His upright character soon secured the respect of his fellow-citizens, and he was placed in positions in which he was always true to his trust. Fearless in the expression of his sentiments, and as courageous in the de-

fense of them, he was awed by no petty considerations of policy into silence, and though so long outliving the allotment of 'three score and ten,' he left a reputation unsullied by a dishonorable act."

Maj. Robert Lambertson, son of James, and father of Henry W. Lambertson, was born March 17, 1787, at Carlisle, was educated at Dickinson College, and amongst others had for a college mate James Buchanan, later President of the United States, between whom, ever after, were the strongest ties of friendship. He was a student at law, preparing for admission to the Cumberland county bar when the last war with Great Britain was declared, at which time Maj. Robert Lambertson was appointed paymaster in the service of the United States, for the Pennsylvania forces on the Northern frontier. He accompanied the troops to the frontier and into Canada. The exposure incident to his service there, brought on chronic rheumatism, which afflicted him through life and ultimately caused his death. On cessation of hostilities, Maj. Lambertson returned to Carlisle and engaged in mercantile pursuits, and later was appointed postmaster of Carlisle, which position he retained for many years. April 20, 1815, Robert Lambertson was married to Miss Mary Harkness, daughter of William Harkness, of Cumberland county, who was a prominent character and extensive land owner in that community. William Harkness was born October 1, 1739, in the North of Ireland, and when quite young emigrated with his father and settled among the Presbyterians in the county of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. His wife, Priscilla Lytle, whom he married in 1771, was of the same Scotch-Irish stock. The Presbyterian settlers of the Cumberland valley were among the first to actively assert the rights of the Colonists in the struggle with Great Britain. William Harkness entered the Colonial service as an ensign, and together with Mr. Lytle, his brother-in-law, was, among other conflicts, at Brandywine and Germantown. At the latter place Lytle was killed at his side. Maj. Robert Lambertson died at Carlisle, August 9, 1852, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife survived him many years. She was born in April, 1791, and died at Carlisle De-

ember 28, 1880, in the ninetieth year of her age. In many respects she was a remarkable woman. For sixty-three years she had been a regular attendant and communicant of the First Presbyterian church of Carlisle. Tall and comely, of clear, prompt and decided judgment, of great ability and energy, she permitted nothing to swerve her from the path of duty and the right. She devoted herself to the care and education of her children and to her life of Christian duty and example. No infirmity of age came upon her. Her physical activity and the humor and clearness of her bright mind remained with her until the last. She left surviving four sons and two daughters—Robert Alexander Lamberton, late president of Lehigh University, now deceased; Alfred John Lamberton, a prominent merchant of Western Minnesota, now deceased; Charles Lytle Lamberton, now a resident of New York City, and who was during his many years' residence in Pennsylvania a leading attorney and prominent in public affairs, representing his district three years in the State Senate; and Henry Wilson Lamberton, the subject of this sketch. The two daughters are Mrs. Mary Lamberton Paulding and Miss Annie Graham Lamberton, who occupy the homestead at Carlisle. Those dying before her were Col. William Harkness Lamberton and James Finley Lamberton, former prothonotary of Cumberland county and father of Capt. Benjamin P. Lamberton of the United States Navy. Two daughters, Priscilla and Jane, and a young son, Robert C., died many years before. It is worthy of note that Capt. Benjamin P. Lamberton, nephew of the subject of this sketch, took a prominent part in the late war with Spain as Admiral Dewey's Chief of Staff in the battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898, and was soon afterwards captain of the flagship Olympia. He exhibited exceptional tact and courageous skill in carrying out his orders, and merited the distinction of being one of the ablest officers of the war. On the recommendation of the Admiral in his report of the engagements, Captain Lamberton was promoted by advancement of seven numbers in rank for bravery in the battle of Manila Bay. Henry

Wilson Lamberton was born on the 6th day of March, A. D. 1831, in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, where he received his early education. He studied law, completed his course under the tuition of his brother, Robert A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, and was admitted to the bar of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1852. He engaged in the practice of his profession in Franklin, Venango county, Pennsylvania, until the spring of 1856, when, with his brother-in-law, Hon. Samuel Plumer of the Venango county bar, he removed to Winona, Minnesota, where they continued the practice of law under the firm name of Plumer & Lamberton. At the first municipal election of the city of Winona in the spring of 1857, Mr. Lamberton was elected city attorney, defeating Hon. Daniel S. Norton, who was later elected United States Senator from Minnesota. Business engagements caused Mr. Lamberton to temporarily remove from Winona to Faribault and from there to St. Peter, where he was residing at the time of the Indian uprising and massacre in 1862. He was appointed one of the Citizen Mounted Marshals to act in conjunction with the military department in maintaining order, in the discharge of which duty he was present at Mankato, December 26, 1862, when thirty-eight Sioux Indians, who had been condemned to death, were executed. Mr. Lamberton returned to Winona in 1863, where he has since resided. In 1866 he was tendered and accepted the position of land commissioner of the Winona & St. Peter Railroad Company, a land grant railroad then under construction from Winona and afterwards completed to the Big Sioux river in South Dakota. In 1876 the Winona & St. Peter Land Company was organized and purchased from the owners 500,000 acres of the land granted by the United States to the Winona & St. Peter Railroad Company. Mr. Lamberton was elected land commissioner of the company, which position he still holds. In 1868 the Winona Deposit Bank was organized and Mr. Lamberton elected president, which office is still ably filled by him. The success of the bank and the sound financial standing of the institution at home

and abroad is solely due to the ability of the financier at its head. He was elected mayor of the city of Winona, in 1881, and re-elected in 1882. Under his administration the present excellent system of water works was constructed and financed, as well as other permanent public improvements. In 1891 Mr. Lamberton was elected president of the Winona & Western Railway Company, which purchased the railroad extending from Winona, Minnesota, to Osage, Iowa, 117 miles, and to which has recently been added a branch from the main line to Rochester, Minnesota. In politics Mr. Lamberton is a Democrat, and until recently, since his coming to this State, has always taken an active part in the councils of his party. In 1880 he was elected a delegate and attended the Democratic National Convention at Cincinnati, which nominated Gen. W. S. Hancock for President. In 1888 he was chosen chairman of the Democratic State Convention, which nominated Hon. E. M. Wilson for Governor. In 1893, under a law that had just passed, providing for the erection of a new State capitol, Governor Nelson appointed Mr. Lamberton, without his knowledge, one of the board of State Capitol Commissioners, consisting of seven members, one from each Congressional district, to carry out the provisions of the law, and under whose direction the magnificent capitol building is now being erected. Mr. Lamberton was married on May 4, 1852, to Margaret J. Plumer, second daughter of Arnold Plumer, of Franklin, Venango county, Pennsylvania. Their children are: Arnold Plumer Lamberton, late deceased; Charles Harkness Lamberton, Henry McClelland Lamberton, Mary Ella Lamberton, married to John R. Mitchell, and Margaret Plumer Lamberton, married to C. A. Boalt. Hon. Arnold Plumer, father of Mrs. H. W. Lamberton, was elected to represent his district in the Twenty-fifth Congress and again elected to the Twenty-seventh Congress. In 1848 he was elected State treasurer of Pennsylvania. In 1855 he was elected canal commissioner. In 1857, Mr. Buchanan, who had been elected President in 1856, selected Mr. Plumer as a member of his cabinet and ten-

dered him the position of Post-Master General, which he peremptorily declined. The condition of his health at the time being so much impaired as to forbid his undertaking any continuous and exacting labors, and his desire to retire to private life, were imperative reasons for his unwillingness to accept any further public office.

JAMES A. TAWNEY.

The career of the Hon. James A. Tawney, of Winona, Minnesota, is of more than ordinary biographical interest. It is a forcible illustration of the value of diligent and persevering mental application, impelled by a determination to succeed. It shows also the value of a correct understanding of the experiences of the great mass of people, who toil on farms and in shops and factories, and an intelligent sympathy with them. John Tawney, the great-grandfather of James, moved over from Maryland and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in the latter half of the last century. He is described as a man of upright character and above the ordinary in mental capacity. But dying in middle life, he left his widow with a very large family, in the care of which the estate was consumed. Abraham, one of the younger sons, became a blacksmith, and located on a farm near by, where he established a shop, which was a feature of the neighborhood for more than half a century. He was known as a man of great strength of will, sound understanding and honesty. His wife possessed such excellent qualities of mind and character as drew to her the personal esteem and affection of all who knew her. Their oldest son was John E., the father of James A. He also became a blacksmith, and succeeded his father in the possession of the shop and the farm. His mental and moral qualities needed only proper development to raise him to prominence. Even with his lack of other opportunities, by reading, observation and study, his mind became well-informed; he took an active interest in all public questions, especially those relating to politics, morality and religion. He was a fluent writer and a forcible speaker in the country debating



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clubs and other gatherings. He married a neighbor's daughter, Miss Sarah Boblitz, an excellent young woman of bright intellect and a positive and forceful nature. James A. was born January 3, 1855. The traditions of his schoolboy days have in them much more of boyish pranks than of study. He seems to have been a robust, jolly, fun-loving youth, who had little use for anything taught in the school except geography. He, too, became a blacksmith, and later a machinist. In the summer of 1877 he came west, looking for work on the way. On the first day of August he landed at Winona, Minnesota, where he secured a good situation as a machinist, and there he has remained. His new surroundings in this bright, active, hustling little city served as an inspiration. They appealed to his native ambition, which, though latent, came into prompt activity. He resolved to make the best use of his opportunities. He put himself in the way of good society. He attracted the notice of the Judge of the District Court—later and for many years on the Supreme Bench—who gave him much encouragement. A good voice and great fondness for music soon got him into church choirs and other musical organizations. He became connected with an amateur dramatic club, and his acting on the stage attracted so much attention that he was urged to follow the stage as a profession. But his interest had already been awakened in the study of law, and he refused to be diverted from it. At night when others were asleep, he was at his studies. Not the law only, but the various branches of an English education, were steadily pursued. Thus he spent six years, working during the day and studying at night, often until long past midnight. Finally, quitting the factory, he entered the law office of Bentley & Vance, a prominent law firm of Winona, and was admitted to the bar at Winona July 10, 1882. After this he attended the law school of the University of Wisconsin, until the death of Mr. Bentley, March 10, 1883. Mr. Bentley's death left him in possession of a large business. This was his great good fortune. Unlike most young attorneys, he was not obliged to wait for busi-

ness to come. It was already there. The question was, "Can he handle it? Will he prove equal to his opportunity?" He did; but it was by the most intense and trying application. From this on his progress in the profession was both rapid and solid. He studied his cases. All his powers of insight and analysis were brought to bear on each one. He studied his books. He made sure of his ground; there was no guess work about it. And the result was that his success at the bar was, to say the least, very gratifying to himself and his friends. From the first he had a comfortable income. But in a comparatively short time he rose to a higher and more lucrative grade of practice. His services began to be sought by people having large business interests, and large amounts in litigation; and his income became correspondingly large. Few young men of this northwestern country had a brighter or more promising outlook before them, as lawyers, than he had when first nominated to Congress. Meanwhile, in 1883, he was elected Judge Advocate of the Second Minnesota National Guards, and served in that capacity until January, 1891, when he was made Judge Advocate General on the staff of Governor Merriam. In the fall of 1890 he was elected State Senator, notwithstanding a large Democratic majority in his county. It was largely the vote of the farmers and other laboring people that did it. They had known him as a fellow-laborer, and he had never ceased to recognize them with the old familiarity. To them he was still "Jim Tawney," and for "Jim" they voted. In the Senate he was a member of the judiciary committee, and took a leading part in the legislation of that body. For three years—from 1888 to 1891—he was vice-president of the State Republican League, and later served for several years on the State Central Committee. He was elected to the Fifty-third Congress in the fall of 1892, to succeed the Hon. W. H. Harries, a Democrat. Being in the minority, and a new member, his opportunities in that Congress were limited. His first speech as a member of that body was against the repeal of the Federal elections law. He made several speeches against the Wilson-

Gorman tariff law. But his most effective work was in connection with the pension legislation of that Congress, by which a ruling was secured that affected some ten thousand pensioners, and led to the disbursement of not less than \$1,000,000. He was re-elected to the Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth Congresses by largely increased majorities. In the Fifty-fourth he was appointed by Speaker Reed a member of the committee on ways and means, and as a member of that committee took part in the preparation of the Dingley tariff bill and in securing its passage. His judicious, energetic and finally successful efforts in behalf of what was known as the filled cheese and pure flour bills, attracted attention all over the country, and prompted the dairy and milling interests to place in his charge the matter of securing further legislation in their interests. In the Fifty-fifth Congress, when the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii was pending in the Senate, Congressman Johnston, of Indiana, assailed in the House, both the treaty itself and the administration for favoring it. In a few days Mr. Tawney replied in a speech that was at once a masterly argument and an eloquent presentation of the subject. These were the first published speeches on this subject delivered in either House. Subsequently, when it became known that the two-thirds vote necessary to ratify the treaty could not be secured in the Senate, the foreign affairs committee of the House reported a resolution for annexation. Owing to the opposition of the speaker, the friends of annexation could not obtain recognition for its consideration. Mr. Tawney, unwilling to see the resolution defeated in that way, when it was evident that nearly all the Republican members of the House favored it, circulated a petition among them, whereby each man who signed it, declared in favor of annexation, and of the immediate consideration of the resolution, and also requested the chairman of the Republican caucus to call a caucus to adopt such means as might be necessary to secure its consideration. But the caucus was not called. The speaker, seeing the unanimous favor accorded Mr. Tawney's

proposition on the Republican side of the House, agreed to permit the consideration of the resolution without a caucus. In the organization of the Fifty-sixth Congress few Republican representatives took a more conspicuous part. In the unique and very brief campaign which resulted in the election of Hon. D. B. Henderson of Iowa to the speakership of the House, Mr. Tawney's movements showed him to be an adept in political strategy as well as a determined and tireless worker in whatever he set his hand to. In this case the supreme object was to elect a speaker from west of the Mississippi river, and thus secure to Western Republicans a more adequate share of influence in National legislation and National politics. After the close of the speakership campaign, Mr. Tawney assisted in completing the organization of the House in this Congress, and among other things, advocated the creation of a new committee in the House for the preparation and consideration of legislation for our new insular possessions. He was intrusted by Speaker Henderson with the work of preparing a resolution, amending the rules of the House for this purpose. He did so, and gave to the new committee its name, "The Committee on Insular Affairs." This committee is conceded to have but one superior in rank and influence, and its jurisdiction covers every possible question pertaining to the Government and administration of public affairs in our island possessions, except federal revenue and appropriations. Owing to the small Republican majority in the Fifty-sixth Congress, Mr. Tawney was selected by the caucus of his party as "Whip of the House," a very responsible position, last filled during the Fifty-first Congress by Hon. James Wilson, now Secretary of Agriculture. He was also appointed a member of the committee on ways and means, and a member of the committee on insular affairs. This prominence in committee assignments and in the choice of his colleagues is another striking evidence of Mr. Tawney's industry, of his organizing ability, and of the confidence and esteem which he has won in such large measure from his associates. Mr. Tawney was married on the 19th of December,



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1883, to Miss Emma B. Newell, of Winona, and is the father of five strong and handsome children, four sons and one daughter—Everett Franklin, James Millard, John E., Maud Josephine, and William Mitchell.

ERNST A. GERDTZEN.

Ernst Adolph Gerdtzen was born at Hamburg, Germany, April 28, 1822. He was educated at Kiel and Berlin. After partially completing a course in law, he turned his attention to civil engineering and architecture, and pursued his studies in these branches for two years. Coming to the New World, like many of the educated young men who turned from the unsatisfactory conditions following the upheaval of 1848, he lived for a time in Wisconsin and later at Davenport, Iowa. In 1856 he came to Winona, where he resided until his death, December 18, 1895. Having taken a position in the office of Sargent, Wilson & Windom, he there read law for some time, and prepared himself for the vocation for which, by a thorough education, sound sense, discreet judgment and correct habits, he was eminently qualified. At the establishment of the municipality of Winona, by the charter election in 1857, he was elected first city recorder, a position which he held for three years. In 1861 he was elected clerk of the District Court, and for a period of seventeen years he administered the affairs of that responsible office with an ability and faithfulness alike creditable to himself and subservient to the best interests of the community. With one exception his was the longest tenure of office in Winona county. After retiring from public office, Mr. Gerdtzen practiced as an attorney, limiting his work to the Court of Probate. He acted as administrator of a great number of estates, a fact which showed the confidence felt in him by the people. During all this time he manifested a great interest in the common weal, especially in the way of educational matters. For many years he was one of the directors of the Public Library of Winona, whose interests he guarded and fostered with a fatherly love.

From the first, Mr. Gerdtzen identified himself with the welfare of the German settlers in Winona, and was ever ready to aid them by word and deed. He was one of the founders and chief promoters of the Philharmonic Society, whose object was to further and concentrate the intellectual interests of the German population. For this society he wrote a concise but accurate "History of the Germans of Winona." In 1868 Mr. Gerdtzen married Henrietta Ihme, and the union was blessed with a son and a daughter, Gerdt A. and Clara—the wife of B. D. Blair, an attorney of Winona. During a long and honorable career as a public officer, counsel and administrator, Mr. Gerdtzen enjoyed the public confidence in an unusual degree. Retiring and modest, his disposition would, superficially, be deemed that of a recluse, but more intimate intercourse showed him to be a delightful scholar, with a mind critical, yet broad and tolerant. He was a public spirited citizen, and, what is more, an honorable man.

LEONARD PAULLE.

Leonard Paulle, a prominent manufacturer and financier of Minneapolis, is a native of the State of New York, and was born at Buffalo April 23, 1855. His father, Joseph Paulle, was a soldier in the army of the first Napoleon during the War of 1809. He was a manufacturer of silk at Bavaria, Germany, while living in Europe, but in 1854 he abandoned that occupation, and emigrated from Bavaria, with his wife and three children, to America, selecting Buffalo, New York, as his new home. Here he engaged in the dry goods trade, at which he was quite successful, and in which he spent a large share of his life. During the War of the Rebellion, he offered his services to the Union cause, but on account of his age was not accepted. In 1869 he removed to St. Paul, Minnesota. He did not engage in any business here, but returned to Buffalo, three years later, dying in that city in 1872, when our subject was only fourteen years of age. Although he had reached

the extreme age of ninety-six at the time of his death, he was remarkably well preserved, and straight as an arrow. While in this country, nine more children were born to him, of which three only are living at the present time, viz., Joseph and Leonard Paulle, and Mrs. Mary Pfiffer. Leonard obtained his early education in the public schools of Buffalo, attending them up to the age of twelve. Being then obliged to make his own way in the world, he determined to learn a trade. He was interested in cabinet work, and became thoroughly competent in this line, spending two years and a half in becoming proficient. He afterwards went to Minneapolis, in 1872, and was employed as foreman by Jesse Copeland & Son, manufacturers of store and office fixtures. In 1875 he engaged in the manufacture of show cases and store fixtures on his own account, remaining in this occupation to the present time. Mr. Paulle started in life with no capital but his native energy and force, and has succeeded in building up a large trade in manufacturing all sorts of store and office fixtures. He has been enabled to do this by giving close attention to details and by his uprightness and honesty in business. He employs a large force of men, and his trade extends through the greater part of the Northwest. Mr. Paulle is a Mason of the Thirty-second degree. Though he has always been a Republican, he voted for Governor Lind. He believes in men more than party. In 1898 Mr. Paulle was elected president of the Minneapolis Fire and Marine Insurance Company. He had served on the board of directors a year before this. He has been a director of the Germania Bank since its organization in 1894. He has been quite an extensive dealer in real estate, and built a number of residences and business blocks in Minneapolis. He is a member of Governor Lind's staff, appointed in August, 1899, with the rank of colonel. Mr. Paulle has always taken an interest in matters of public moment, and has aided many a worthy enterprise conducive to the growth of his city. Mr. Paulle enjoys excellent health, which, combined with a large amount of energy and push, give promise of a long and successful life.

ROBERT R. ODELL.

Robert Ransom Odell, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was born at Newark, Wayne county, New York, November 28, 1850. He is the son of Jesse B. and Maria H. (Ballou) Odell. Both the Odells and Ballous are old eastern families, the former having taken root in Westchester county, New York, about 1690, while the original settler on the maternal side, Maturin Ballou, emigrated to America half a century earlier. Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame, was an ancestor of Mr. Odell on his father's side, and his grandfather, Joseph Warren Odell, was principal of the Troy Academy. To his grandmother, nee Susanna Ballou, of Richmond, New Hampshire, belonged the distinction of having been chosen as a representative of the Granite State, to the funeral of George Washington, in December, 1799. Mr. Odell is a fourth cousin of President James A. Garfield, the maiden name of Mr. Garfield's mother having been Eliza Ballou. The subject of this sketch grew up on his father's thrifty farm in Newark, attending the common schools of the town, and later, the Newark free school and academy. After finishing at the academy, he read law with Senator Stephen K. Williams, of Newark, and was admitted to the bar of New York at Syracuse, January 8, 1875. In the following September, at Utica, New York, he gained admittance to practice before the United States Circuit Court, in order to bring an action in that court in behalf of the second mortgage bondholders of the S. P. & S. R. R. This case, which involved the sum of \$125,000, was conducted by Mr. Odell to a happy adjustment of all existing differences. Early in October, 1881, Mr. Odell and a friend, Frank F. Davis, came with their families to Minnesota and located at Minneapolis, the two young men at that time becoming associated for the joint practice of the law. This partnership was dissolved April 1, 1882, and soon afterwards Mr. Odell formed a second, with the late Edward A. Campbell, which continued for over four years. Among the important litigation with which Mr. Odell has been connected during his long term of practice in Minnesota may be



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mentioned the Forest Heights case, calling for redress from excessive taxation; also the criminal case of the State vs. Claus A. Blitz, in which he was successfully retained by the defendant, who was saved from the gallows, and his aid to the authorities resulted in the execution of the real criminal, Harry T. Hayward. On December 5, 1881, Mr. Odell was appointed United States Commissioner, which office he filled throughout its existence, it being abolished by act of Congress June 30, 1897. In the memorable census struggle of 1890 between Minneapolis and St. Paul Mr. Odell played a conspicuous and creditable part in his capacity of commissioner. St. Paul threw down the gauntlet by swearing out warrants against Minneapolis enumerators, before one of its own commissioners. This action naturally incensed the sister city, and resulted in the transfer of certain cases before a commissioner at Winona, Minnesota. The fight began in earnest when John Campbell, deputy United States marshal, gathered in about a score of prisoners, whom he brought before Commissioner Odell, returning the warrants to him. These captives were released by Mr. Odell upon heavy bail, backed in each case by prominent citizens of Minneapolis. For twenty days and more the war raged in this impromptu court, where the best legal talent of the twin cities was arrayed as hostile forces. Riot and general disgrace became imminent; but, although wholly loyal to Minneapolis, Commissioner Odell retained a clear sense of official duty, and by his determined action and sang froid held the antagonists from each other's throats until a settlement of the whole matter could be consummated. Until recent years Mr. Odell was a Republican. He was a personal friend of James G. Blaine, but was absent in England during the Presidential convention of 1892, and the news of Mr. Blaine's defeat was brought to him in the office of the London Times. Since 1892 he has been a Democrat. September 5, 1876, at Newark, New York, Mr. Odell was married to Carrie C. Vosbaugh. Their two living children are: Clinton M., who has just attained his majority, and is now in the University of Minnesota, and

Corinne V., aged ten. Our subject has been called the lawyer poet. His "Ode to the Bells" is, perhaps, his best-known production, having been copied by the press all over the country. He also wrote the ode of dedication to the new court house and city hall of Minneapolis. Mr. Odell is a member of Minnehaha Lodge 165, A. F. & A. M.

THOMAS MONTGOMERY.

Major Thomas Montgomery, a well-known pioneer citizen, soldier and public official of St. Paul, and very eminent in symbolic Masonry, was born at Mountcharles, Donegal county, Ireland, June 4, 1841. His father, Rev. Alexander Montgomery, was a local preacher of the Wesleyan Methodist church in the north of Ireland. His mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Baskin, was a member of a prominent north of Ireland family. They were married in Mountcharles, August 4, 1810, and a few months after his father came to Montreal, teaching school and preaching in the city and vicinity. He established a home in Orms-town, where his wife and son joined him in September, 1845, and for the following ten years pursued his vocation in that place and neighborhood. In September, 1855, he moved his family to London, Ontario, and in July, 1856, to St. Paul, Minnesota, locating soon after on some land near Cleveland, Le Sueur county, where his son Thomas grew up to early manhood, assisting, with two younger brothers, in opening up the farm. He received a good common school and practical education, under the supervision of his father, who was a man of scholarly tastes and of high mental and moral character. His mother and father died at Cleveland, in 1888 and 1892, respectively. Major Montgomery's military title was fairly and meritoriously attained. After drilling all summer in a company of home guards, he enlisted, August 19, 1862, in Company K, Seventh Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and was appointed a corporal. In June, 1863, he was elected second lieutenant of his company, but failed to get his commission, the antici-

pated vacancy not occurring. He participated in the Indian campaigns under General Sibley, in Minnesota and Dakota, in 1862 and 1863. In September, 1863, he went to St. Louis with his regiment, and in January, 1864, was commissioned by the President first lieutenant in the Third Missouri Volunteers of A. D., and for a time was engaged in mustering in colored troops at Benton barracks, St. Louis. For nearly three years he served as captain in the Sixty-seventh and Sixty-fifth Regiments of United States Colored Infantry at Fort Hudson and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was mustered out of the service, at St. Louis, in January, 1867. He was brevetted major by the President "for faithful and meritorious services during the war." Upon his retirement from the army he returned to Minnesota, and this State has ever since been his home. From April, 1867, to January, 1891, he was engaged in the real estate and insurance business at St. Peter. In 1891 he erected a home in, and moved his family to, Hamline, the well-known suburban district of St. Paul, where he has since resided. In 1883 he organized, and for eight years commanded, A. K. Skaro Post No. 37, of the G. A. R. at St. Peter, and for twelve years he was chairman of the Department Council of Administration of the G. A. R. At present he is Chancellor of the Minnesota Commandery of the Loyal Legion. While he has never been a politician or an office seeker, Major Montgomery has held several public positions of honor and responsibility. While he resided at St. Peter he was for eighteen years a member of the city board of education, serving the greater part of the time either as president or treasurer. For twelve years he was city justice. Since he has lived in St. Paul he has served four years as a member of the board of aldermen, representing the Tenth Ward, and for two years as vice-president of the board. He has also held many positions of trust in the church and in several fraternal societies. In every position he has filled, as well as in every work he has been called upon to do, Major Montgomery has always discharged his duty with great acceptability and with the highest degree of efficiency. He is

plain and unassuming, but his innate purity of character and his instinctive and natural integrity make him a safe man to trust with any responsibility at all times and under all circumstances. Major Montgomery has attained to prominent distinction in Free Masonry. He received the Blue Lodge degrees in Concord Lodge No. 47, Cleveland, Minnesota, in September, 1865, while on leave of absence from the army. In 1867 he transferred his membership to Nicollet Lodge No. 54, at St. Peter, and the following year was elected junior warden. He served as Master and Secretary of Nicollet Lodge for several terms, and for twelve years was District Deputy Grand Master. He was exalted to the Capitular degree in Blue Earth Chapter No. 7, at Mankato, in March, 1873. In April, 1873, he organized St. Peter Chapter No. 22, and was High Priest of that chapter until July, 1890. He became Grand High Priest in 1879, and represented his Grand Chapter at Detroit in 1880, and at nearly every triennial convocation since held. For many years he has been president of the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests of Minnesota. He is a member of Adoniram Council No. 5, R. and S. Masters, Minneapolis, having received the degrees therein January 10, 1881. He was created a Knight Templar in Mankato Commandery No. 4, May 8, 1874, was Captain General in 1880 and Eminent Commander from 1881 to 1885. Passing through several minor offices he was installed as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Minnesota June 24, 1887, and has since represented Minnesota at nearly every triennial conclave. In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he received all the degrees up to the thirty-second from the renowned Brother Albert Pike, in 1879, and 1880 at Mankato and St. Peter. In July, 1880, he assisted in the organization and was made Junior Warden of Osiris Lodge of Perfection at Mankato, and the same month organized and subsequently was for several years Venerable Master of Delta Lodge of Perfection at St. Peter. In April, 1880, he was appointed to and still holds the office of Deputy Inspector General, and in October, 1888, was elected Knight Commander of the

Court of Honor. Upon the death of the venerable and honored Grand Secretary, A. T. C. Pierson, in November, 1889, Brother Montgomery—who had been his assistant for twelve years—was appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery in Minnesota, and since then has served most faithfully and efficiently in these positions. In 1890 he was elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, and is still in service in this office. He is also foreign correspondent for the last three named bodies, and is Representative of the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, Colorado and other Grand bodies. Major Montgomery was married September 26, 1867, to Miss Sarah A. Purnell, a daughter of Edmund Purnell, a merchant of Cambria, Wisconsin. Mrs. Montgomery was born in England. The children of the family are Edmund Alexander, of the law firm of Hale & Montgomery, Minneapolis; Cora Belle; Dr. Charles Purnell, a dentist of St. Paul; Edith May, a teacher in the high school, Owatonna; George Damren, a student at the State University, late a member of the band of the Thirteenth Minnesota, and lately engaged in active service at Manila and in the Philippines; Thomas Baskin and Grant. The Major is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, is president of the board of trustees at Hamline, and in 1899 was president of the lay electoral conference of his church at Northfield. He was Sunday school superintendent at St. Peter for nearly fourteen years. In company with his wife he spent three months, in 1897, in making a tour through Ireland, Scotland and England, also spending a week in Paris, France.

PAUL H. GOTZIAN.

Paul Harris Gotzian, secretary and treasurer of the old and well-known shoe manufacturing firm of C. Gotzian & Company, of St. Paul, and late lieutenant colonel of the Fifteenth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, is a Minnesotian, born and bred. He was born in St. Paul, June 19, 1866. His father was Conrad

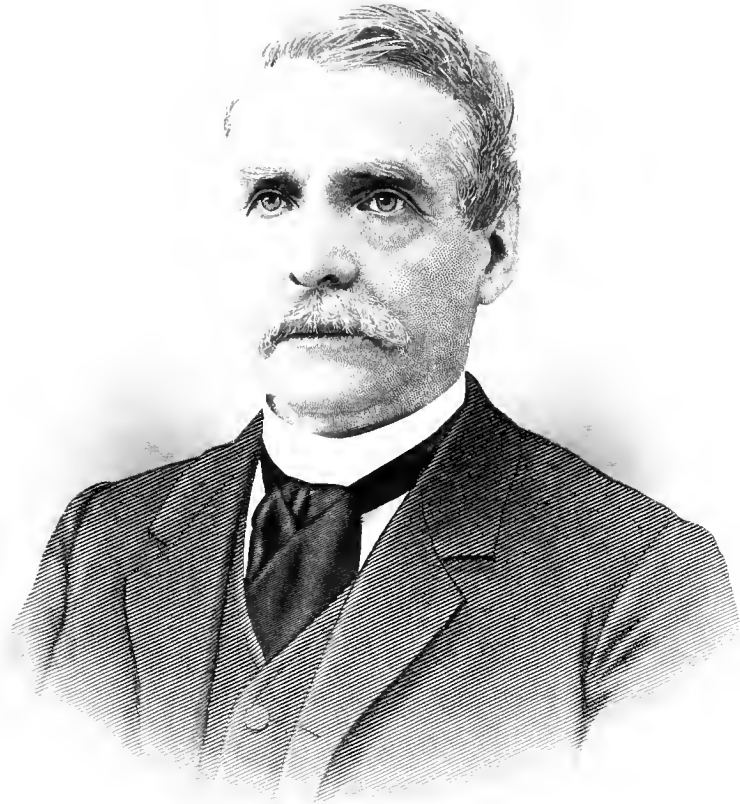
Gotzian, a native of Germany, born near Leipzig, in 1835, who came to the United States at the age of seventeen, and three years later, in 1855, located in St. Paul. In 1857 he established what later became the great shoe manufactory which has so long borne his name. After a long, active and prominent business career, he died in 1887, and there is no name more honored in the annals of St. Paul than that of Conrad Gotzian. His wife, the mother of Colonel Gotzian, was Caroline Busse, and she was born in Cincinnati, of German parentage. They had six children, the subject of this sketch being the only son. Colonel Gotzian's education was received first in the St. Paul public schools, and completed in the Shattuck Military Academy, Faribault, Minnesota, and at Phillips Exeter Academy (New Hampshire). Leaving school at the age of nineteen, he began his business career as an office clerk, and after the death of his father he became one of the stock men, to acquire the practical knowledge so essential to success in any business. In 1892 he was put in charge of the offices and all pertaining thereto. In 1888 he was elected secretary of Gotzian & Company, and, in 1892, was also made treasurer. He has held this dual position ever since, even during his term of military service. He has discharged his duties efficiently, and his connection with the affairs of the great corporation is most influential. In July, 1898, during the war with Spain, he left his business and entered the volunteer service. Upon the organization of the Fifteenth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, he was commissioned senior major of the regiment, and went with it to Meadville, Pennsylvania, en route, as was presumed, to Cuba, or somewhere where fighting was to be done. During his service he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, and served with the Fifteenth for nine months, chiefly at Augusta, Georgia, until it was mustered out, in 1899. Upon his discharge he resumed his former duties as secretary and treasurer of the company with which he had been so long connected. Colonel Gotzian has attained to the thirty-second degree in Free Masonry, and is a member of several other orders, in whose affairs he takes great interest.

He is a decided Republican in his political views, but has never been a candidate for office. He was married, in 1889, to Miss Emma Nelson Beebe, and has one son, named Conrad Gotzian, for his honored paternal grandfather.

JOHN MARTIN.

Among the veteran citizens of Minneapolis who, during the last half century, have been large contributors to the development of that city, must be counted Captain John Martin, almost equally well known in connection with two of the leading industries of the State of Minnesota—lumber and milling. Captain Martin was born August 18, 1820, at Peacham, Caledonia county, Vermont, the son of Eliphelet and Martha (Hoit) Martin. Both the Martins and the Hoits are Eastern families, whose residence in America dates back to the days of the Pilgrim Fathers. The parents of John Martin, coming in early life from Connecticut, settled upon a farm in Peacham, where they reared a large family of children; and those who realize that farming in rocky New England, however picturesque, means a maximum of labor with a minimum of returns, will readily appreciate that the subject of this sketch, as one of ten children to be provided for, started in life with no very brilliant material prospects. While still a child he began to take a part in the work of the farm, and his educational privileges were limited to winter terms at the school of the district in which he lived. At a very early age he began to dream of larger opportunities, and while yet lacking two years of his majority, he purchased his time of his father and left home to seek an independent livelihood, and, perchance, a fortune. His first position was that of fireman of a steamboat on the Connecticut river, from which humble post he rose to be captain of the boat. After five years of navigation on the Connecticut, the boat which he commanded was transferred to other proprietorship and sailed for the South, Captain Martin going with her; and his next five years were passed upon the Neuse river in North Carolina, as captain, successive-

ly, of the steamboats "Wayne" and "Johnson." These boats were employed in general commerce, taking cargoes of raw turpentine, resin and other farm products down the river, and bringing back shipments of varied merchandise. During all this time the young captain was laying by a goodly margin from his earnings, which were later carefully invested, mostly in farm lands in his native State. About twelve years were spent in steamboating, then, after a short sojourn at Peacham, he set out for the Pacific coast, allured, as were so many at that time, by visions of gold. Taking the Isthmus route, he arrived in California early in 1850, and began operations at once in a placer mine on the American river. He worked hard for a year, then disposed of his mine and left the diggings for home, with his well-earned treasure of gold dust. But he had acquired a taste for adventure and enterprise which would not leave him long content with the monotony of farm life, and two years later he journeyed as far as the Middle West and explored Illinois and Iowa, then, attracted by the huge rafts of logs on the Mississippi, he went up the river, tracing the lumber to its source at St. Anthony. Almost at the first glance of his experienced eye over the ground, he comprehended the splendid possibilities of the location for the extensive development of the lumber industry, and determined to make it his future home. Accordingly, he returned to the East, sold his property in Vermont, and, early in 1855, became a permanent resident of St. Anthony—now the beautiful city of Minneapolis. In 1856 a stock company was organized for navigating the upper Mississippi, capitalized at \$30,000. Captain Martin took an active interest in the enterprise, became a stockholder, and subsequently served as captain of the steamer "Falls City." About this time he began operations in the pine groves along Rum river, purchasing new tracts of timber land and stumpage as he required them for working. His enterprise so prospered that he was soon erecting saw mills and opening lumber yards—the mills at Mission Creek and the yards at St. Paul—and in due time had his business incorporated under the style of the



John Martin

John Martin Lumber Company. Great as have been his achievements in the lumber industry of Minnesota, however, Captain Martin has played a scarcely less important part in the grain and milling business. He formerly held a large proprietary interest in the Northwestern Flour Mills of Minneapolis, and is now president of the Northwestern Consolidated Milling Company of Minneapolis, whose five manufactories have an aggregate daily output of over ten thousand barrels of flour. This is the second largest milling establishment in the world, being excelled only by the famous Pillsbury-Washburn Company. Captain Martin has been effectively interested in extending the railroad facilities of the Northwest. He served as vice-president and a director of the Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie & Atlantic Railroad, and was a vigorous promoter of the Minneapolis & Pacific enterprise, which, resulting in a more direct route to the Atlantic coast, and successfully rivaling certain arbitrary railroad combinations, reacted very favorably upon the milling business of Minneapolis, and, incidentally, upon his individual interests. He was also instrumental in instituting the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad, of which he was made vice-president. Captain Martin's connection with the financial business of Minneapolis, too, is a long-standing and honorable one. He has been president of the First National Bank since 1894, having been an active member of its directory ever since its organization—a period of some thirty-five years. Captain Martin was married, in 1849, to Jane B. Gilfillan. Miss Gilfillan, like himself, was a native of Peacham, Vermont, and their marriage was celebrated during his home visit just previous to his departure for California. Mrs. Martin, who died in 1886, was an estimable lady, who had done full credit to her high social position by the side of her prominent and influential husband; yet the Martins took their prosperity modestly, preferring the simple home comforts to display. A daughter—Mrs. Jean M. Brown, of Minneapolis—is the only child of Captain Martin. The Captain has been a loyal Republican since the foundation of that party; and while he has never

been a seeker after political preferment, he has wielded a powerful influence towards the bringing about of such measures as he approved. For many years identified with the First Congregational church of Minneapolis, Captain Martin has been one of its most substantial supporters, manifesting a lively interest in its various activities. Alike in the church society and in the larger community of the city, he has borne himself honorably, enjoying the full respect of his fellow-citizens; and his share in the up-building of his home municipality is incalculable.

JOSEPH H. THOMPSON.

Joseph Hayes Thompson, of Minneapolis, was born August 17, 1834, at South Berwick, Maine. His parents were Daniel G. and Dorcas Allen (Hayes) Thompson. Daniel G. Thompson was a prosperous farmer, and our subject, during his early years, assisted his father in the farm work. When Joseph was nine years of age, the family left their home at South Berwick and took up their residence on a farm in North Yarmouth, Maine. Here he obtained his education at the district school, working on the farm when not attending to his studies. After the completion of his school life at North Yarmouth, he clerked in the general store of George S. Farnsworth at North Bridgeton, Maine. He remained with Mr. Farnsworth for about a year, and then entered the employ of Nathaniel Osgood, of the same place, learning the tailor's trade with him. During the winter of 1851, while at North Bridgeton, he attended the academy at that place. In the summer of 1853 he obtained employment as clerk and cutter for Richard Bosworth, a merchant tailor, of Augusta, Maine. Two years later, in March, 1855, he entered the employ of J. H. and F. W. Chisam, of the same town and in the same capacity. During the winter of 1856 he decided to move west, and after looking awhile for a location in which to start business on his own account, at length determined to settle in Minneapolis. He opened a tailoring establish-

ment there in the winter of 1856-57, having the whole field to himself, as there was no other tailor in that locality. Mr. Thompson has been engaged in the same line of business from that time up to the present, and enjoys an extensive patronage. Not only was he the first tailor in Minneapolis, but he also ran the first express office in that city, and the first tickets to the East by steamboats and by rail from Prairie du Chien were sold by him. In August of 1862 he participated as a volunteer in Capt. Anson Northrup's company, in the expedition for the rescue of the settlers of Fort Ridgely. Mr. Thompson is Republican in his political sympathies and has rendered his party valuable service. For several years he held the office of supervisor of the town of Minneapolis, and also served his ward as an alderman. He cast his first vote for John C. Fremont in 1856, and during September of that year, he took the three degrees in Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry, in Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, jurisdiction of Maine. The following November he was honored with the office of senior deacon of the lodge. He has held other important offices as a Mason, and has been for the past twenty-one years, and still is, grand treasurer of that fraternity. Mr. Thompson is prominent and influential in the business circles of Minneapolis and is a large property owner. He is a director of the Security of Minneapolis and of the Minneapolis Plow Works, and a stockholder in the Northwestern Knitting Works. He was for many years a director in the Minnesota Loan & Trust Company, and has been prominently identified in many other public enterprises. He was united in marriage on the 18th of September, 1860, to Miss Ellen M. Gould, at Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have had three children, of whom only one survives, Mrs. E. P. Capen, of Minneapolis.

HIRAM T. HORTON.

Hiram Terry Horton, of Rochester, one of the pioneer settlers of Minnesota, was born April 27, 1811, at Norway, Herkimer county, New York. His parents were Luther and

Clarissa (Forsyth) Horton, both of English extraction. Luther Horton, a lineal descendant of Barnabas Horton, of Leicestershire, England, was born and reared on Long Island. He was a carpenter by trade, but also followed agricultural pursuits. He was a soldier of the war of 1812. Barnabas Horton was the first American representative of the family, he having crossed to Hampton, Massachusetts, about 1636. He afterwards lived for a short time in Connecticut, and was one of the twelve original freeholders from that State who sailed to Long Island in 1640 and founded the town of Southold. These men were the first civilized persons to attempt settlement of the east end of Long Island. The Forsyths, maternal ancestors of Hiram T. Horton, were among the very early settlers of this country. His mother, Clarissa, was the daughter of William Forsyth, a patriot of the Revolution, who, as a young man, lived at Williamstown, Massachusetts. The mother of Clarissa, whose maiden name was Martha Giles, was a daughter of Jonathan Giles, of Williamstown, who was a soldier in both the Colonial and Revolutionary wars. The subject of this sketch attended the common schools of his native town of Norway until prepared for higher study. He then took a course at the academy of Camden, New York. As a boy, Mr. Horton displayed a natural taste for mechanics, and before coming of age he was actively engaged in business with his father. Thus he early acquired experience of men and affairs, and deciding to launch out in independent business, he came west as far as Ohio in 1833, and established himself as a contractor and builder at Plainessville. In 1837 he removed to Illinois, and for the next four years he lived on the bank of the Rock river, about twelve miles below Rockford. Among his business ventures during this period was buying stock in the southern part of the State, and marketing it in the vicinity of Rockford; also buying and shipping produce by flatboat down the Rock river for the St. Louis market. In 1841, on account of the prevalence of ague, by which nearly all the inhabitants of that region were prostrated, he decided to return to Norway, New York. Here



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he remained about sixteen years, principally engaged in farming, in which he was fairly successful. In 1856 Mr. Horton first came to Minnesota, and in 1858 he located permanently at Rochester, where he has been engaged in the real estate business ever since, and in spite of his eighty-eight years, he is still active and able to supervise his business affairs, in which he has been uniformly successful. Mr. Horton has belonged to the Republican party since its organization, though in his early voting days he was an active member of the Free Soil party. He has never been an aspirant for political distinction, but in the years preceding the Civil War, he was, from the first, an aggressive factor in the anti-slavery movement. No subsequent political issue has ever so stirred his sympathies and zeal. Mr. Horton was married November 28, 1832, to Mary Hurd, of Norway, New York. They are the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Coon, of Rochester, Minnesota, and a son, Horace E. Horton, who is also married and lives in Chicago. The elder Mrs. Horton, the wife of our subject, is still living at the advanced age of ninety-two years, and her faculties are so well preserved that she has a distinct recollection of incidents of the War of 1812-15. Mr. Horton is a man of strong personality and great mental force, and in every community where he has lived, he has been recognized as a leader of men, and a man of affairs. He is a familiar figure in the city with whose activities and progressive enterprise he has been associated for over forty years.

GEORGE F. UMLAND.

George F. Umland, of St. Paul, is a native of Germany, born in the old Kingdom of Hanover, October 1, 1853. His parents, Claus and Catherina (Buck) Umland, natives of Hanover, also, were persons of education and consequence, both of whom followed the vocation of school teaching. They had ten children, nearly all sons, and George F. was both the youngest child and the eighth son. Although himself quite innocent of having won this distinction,

it nevertheless won for him the special favor of George V., the blind king of Hanover, who became his god-father, bestowing upon him several of the royal names. The full name of our subject is, accordingly: George Frederick Alexander Charles Ernest August Umland—a somewhat lengthy but thoroughly authentic appellation. Nor was it the king's design to bestow upon his god-child only a name. His royal patronage was intended to include a collegiate course in the University of Hanover, had not his plans been defeated by those of Prince Bismarck. While young Umland was growing up, Bismarck was gathering in, one after another, the smaller kingdoms of Germany, thus unifying an empire for William, the "old Emperor;" and although King George protested stoutly, preferring an alliance with Austria, if alliance there must be, Hanover was taken, and, together with most of the other small, independent realms of Germany, became incorporated into Prussia. This rendered King George unable to fulfill his contract with his namesake, whose common school education was, in consequence, supplemented, not by an university course, but by private instruction from his elder brothers, several of whom were school teachers. At eighteen years of age the young man left his home to seek a fortune for himself. Crossing to America, he landed at New York on July 30, 1871. But he had relished his taste of ocean life, and, engaging with a sea-faring crew, he spent two years before the mast. He came to Minnesota in 1873, locating at St. Paul, where he was employed for the next six years, at first in a book-keeping position, and subsequently as traveling salesman. In 1879 he moved to Rush City, Minnesota, where he invested in a drug business, operating it until the spring of 1887, when he returned to St. Paul. Here he purchased a finely equipped drug store, of which he has been the successful proprietor to the present time. In politics Mr. Umland has always been identified with the Democratic party; yet, though tenaciously adhering to his opinions, it is his allegiance to the principles of his party, which seem to him almost axiomatic truths, not partisan sentiment, which

constitutes him a Democrat, and he never hesitates to "scratch" a ticket which in his judgment bears the name of an incompetent or unscrupulous candidate. In the National campaign of 1896, he supported McKinley while helping to swell the Populist ballot which made John Lind Governor of Minnesota. Decided in his own views, he is tolerant of those of others, and is recognized as a liberal-minded and exemplary citizen. He has never sought public office, but various offices have sought him. While a resident of Rush City he served on the board of county commissioners of Chisago county, and as justice of the peace. He was secretary of the board of education; also served on the board of equalization and as one of the assessors. In the last State Legislature he rendered efficient service as representative of the Thirty-seventh District of Minnesota. Mr. Unland belongs to the German order known as Sons of Herman, being a valued member of that fraternity, as he is of the more inclusive community of his home city. A prominent physician of St. Paul says of him:

"In his personal characteristics Mr. Unland is affable and courteous in deportment, decided but agreeable in conduct. He is one of the few business men who can say 'no' without giving offense. He can be positively polite and politely positive, as the occasion demands. In the esteem of those who have known him long, no man stands higher, and upon his entire life record, public and private, there is not a single stain."

On the 30th of July, 1876, exactly five years after his first landing in America, Mr. Unland was married to Miss Mary Gerke, a native of Wisconsin. Six children were born to them, the three of whom now living are: Anna C., Manuela M. and Mary D. Anna C., the eldest, possesses rare beauty of face and equal loveliness of character. Her title to an entré to the best society is unquestioned, and she is admired and cherished by a large circle of friends. Miss Unland is a practical young lady, withal, being a registered pharmacist, and assuming nearly the entire control of her father's business.

JAMES SMITH.

James Smith, an old and honored member of the bar of St. Paul, Minnesota, belongs to a family which has figured in American history for two centuries. In the year 1700 his great-grandfather, Capt. John Smith of the British army, crossed from England and settled in Augusta county, Virginia. During the French and Indian war he was taken prisoner, and for a long time was held captive. Captain Smith was the father of eight sons, who, spite of the military hardships experienced by their sire, all became soldiers of the Revolutionary war and were among the patriots who witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis. The one of these eight sons with whom, as the grandfather of its subject, this sketch is directly concerned, was Daniel Smith, distinguished both as a military colonel and as a jurist. His wife, *neé* Jane Harrison, was a sister of Col. Benjamin Harrison, of Rockingham county, Virginia. They settled near the town of Harrisonburg, and, according to the custom of that time in Virginia, became slaveholders. Of their numerous family, two sons, Benjamin and James, feeling the injustice of the institution, liberated the slaves, who fell to their share, on the death of their father. James, who was a minister of the Christian church, married the daughter of a prominent clergyman of Virginia—the Rev. John Emmett. In the year 1805 James and Benjamin Smith removed to Ohio, the latter locating in Fairfield county, while James, father of the subject of this sketch, settled at Mount Vernon, Knox county. Here, on October 29, 1815, the present James Smith was born, and here spent his childhood and early youth, attending the common schools of his native county until he had exhausted their resources for instruction. For nearly a score of years the elder Smith served as clerk of the Common Pleas and Supreme Courts of Knox county, and in intervals between school terms, James junior, assisted his father, and thus acquired a taste and aptitude for the law. Deciding upon that profession for his life work, he became a student in the office of Hon. John T. Brazee, of Lancaster.







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Ohio. He was admitted to the Supreme bar of Ohio in 1839, but shortly afterwards was attacked by a serious affection of the eyes, which for two years rendered it impossible for him to read, and which has to this day clung to him, though in a milder form. In 1842 Mr. Smith and Col. Joseph W. Vance formed a law partnership, which, for a period of fourteen years did a flourishing business at Mount Vernon, Mr. Smith becoming individually prominent in municipal affairs, both in his professional capacity and as a citizen. In 1856, while absent from his native city on a business trip to Burlington, Iowa, he visited the region of the Northwest and received so favorable an impression of the thrifty young city of St. Paul, Minnesota, that he determined to locate there. Before returning to Ohio he concluded arrangements for future mutual practice with the Hon. Lafayette Emmett, and the following spring brought his family and settled permanently in St. Paul. In 1862 Mr. Smith severed his connection with Mr. Emmett, and formed a new firm by associating with himself John M. Gilman. The firm of Smith & Gilman was succeeded, in 1876, by that of Smith & Egan, James J. Egan being junior member. Mr. Smith's political affiliations were, first with the Whigs, then with the Republicans, and since 1872 he has been independent in politics. In 1861, and again in 1876, he was elected State Senator from Ramsey county, and from 1879 to 1883 he served as Representative from St. Paul in the General Assembly of Minnesota. During his first year in the Senate, Mr. Smith introduced and promoted the passage of a bill for incorporating the Lake Superior & Mississippi Railroad Company. In his legal capacity he helped to organize the company, and from 1864 until the year 1877, when the company was succeeded by the St. Paul & Duluth Railroad Company, he served as both attorney and a director. Of the new corporation he was for four years president, has been counsel, and is now advisory counsel, and was a director until 1897. Mr. Smith was married January 18, 1848, to Elizabeth L. Morton, of Mount Vernon, Ohio. She bore him five children, one of whom, Elizabeth, is deceased. Mrs. Smith died

in 1882. The living children of Mr. Smith are: Henrietta Clay, Ella Augusta, James Morton and Alice Morton, all residents of St. Paul. Mr. Smith is now retired from the ranks of St. Paul's busy lawyers, leaving his place to younger talent; and the best one can wish for that place is that it may be filled always with as able and honorable a man. The following hearty words are from the lips of one of the most prominent jurists of Minnesota:

"I have known Mr. Smith intimately for forty years. When he was in the active practice of his profession he was considered one of the best lawyers of the State. He was for many years in very active and lucrative practice, and stood among the foremost members of the bar. As a member of the House and Senate he was able and aggressive. His integrity was never questioned, and on account of his character and ability, he stood at the very head. He is one of the most generous and kind-hearted men that I have ever met. I never knew a man who seemed to get so much pleasure out of doing a favor for another as James Smith."

WILLIAM B. DEAN.

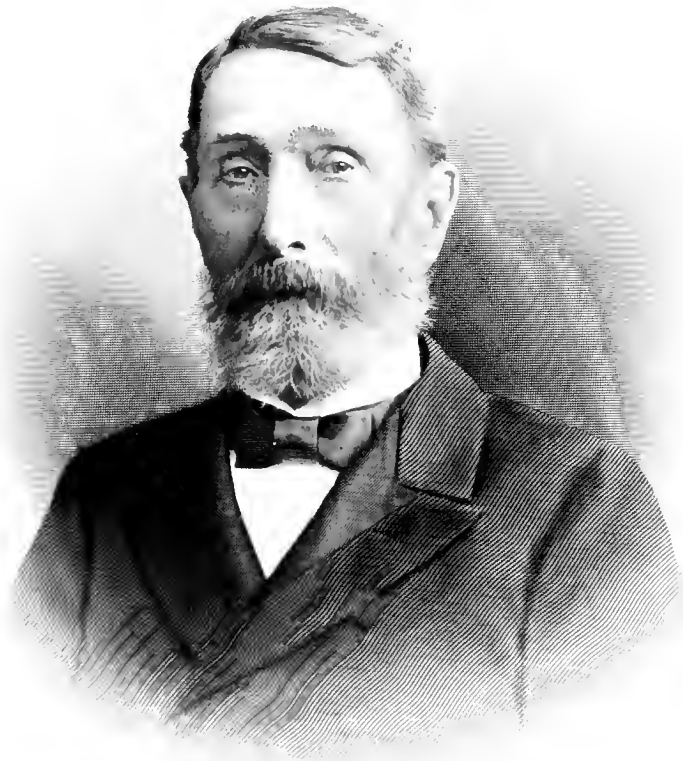
Hon. William Blake Dean, for forty years a leading business man of the city of St. Paul, and prominently known in commercial, financial and political circles throughout the country, was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1838. His father was William Dean, and the maiden name of his mother was Aurelia Butler. On both his paternal and maternal sides he is a lineal descendant of soldiers of the American Revolution. He was educated in the public schools of Pittsburg, and at Bolmar's Academy, West Chester, Pennsylvania. Mr. Dean came to St. Paul in 1856, when he was eighteen years of age. For a considerable time after his arrival he was employed as a book-keeper for the hardware firm of Nicols & Berkey, successors to the late ex-Governor W. R. Marshall, who established the house in 1855. In 1860, Mr. Dean acquired Mr. Berkey's interest, and the firm became Nicols & Dean, by which style it has ever since been known. On the death of Mr. Nicols—his father-in-law—in

1873, Mr. Dean associated with himself his brother-in-law, Mr. J. R. Nicols, and the house is the oldest, operating under the same name, in Minnesota. It does an exclusively wholesale business, has an extensive patronage and a valuable reputation. Always a strong character, and possessing the confidence of his fellow-citizen, Mr. Dean has been much in public life. In St. Paul, he has been a member of the board of education, and of the boards of fire and water commissions. He was appointed by the President a special commissioner to examine the portion of the Northern Pacific Railroad then under construction in Idaho. He has always been a Republican, and taken a somewhat prominent part in politics, and, in 1881, he was one of the Minnesota Presidential electors on the Blaine and Logan ticket. In 1890 he was elected to the State Senate from the Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, then composed of the Seventh and Eighth wards of St. Paul. He was nominated on the Republican, the Democratic and the Citizen's tickets, and elected without opposition. His term lasted four years, and he declined a re-election. In the Legislature, Mr. Dean performed invaluable service for his city and State. He was influential in securing certain important amendments to the city charter of St. Paul, and he distinguished himself in effecting the passage of the bill for the erection of the new State capitol building. He was the Ramsey county member of the committee to which the whole matter was referred by the Senate; wrote the majority report in favor of the new capitol, and he was the author of the bill as it was substantially and finally passed. For many years, Mr. Dean has been interested in the subject of reforming the National currency under a scientific system and upon a solid basis. The St. Paul Chamber of Commerce made him a delegate to the Indianapolis Monetary Convention of 1897. Upon the organization of the convention—of which Mr. H. H. Hanna was chairman—Mr. Dean was elected as a member of the executive committee. His associates on the committee were so impressed with his thorough knowledge of the subject, that they made him a

member of the Monetary Commission, although this distinction came against his earnest protest. The report of the commission, in the preparation of which Mr. Dean assisted, is now accepted as a standard authority on the subjects of standards, currency and banking. Mr. Dean has substantial connections with the general business interests of St. Paul. He is a director of the Second National and the State Savings Banks, and is also a director in the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Jobbers' Union, and is a trustee of Oakland Cemetery. He also belongs to the Minnesota and the Commercial clubs, and is a member of the Presbyterian church. He was married in 1860 to Miss Mary C. Nicols, a daughter of John Nicols, of St. Paul, with whom he was so long associated in business. Mr. and Mrs. Dean have eight children, six daughters and two sons.

DAVID C. SHEPARD.

David Chauncey Shepard, of St. Paul, the well-known Northwestern railroad builder, was born on a farm near the village of Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, February 20, 1828. His father was David Shepard, of Colchester, and before her marriage his mother was Dolly Olmstead Foote, of Marlborough, Connecticut. His grandparents were Cornelius Shepard and Sarah Louise Skinner, and Roger Foote and Eunice Bulkley, and he comes of New England ancestry. He was educated in the district schools, at Temple Hill Academy, Geneseo, and at Brockport Collegiate Institute, New York. In 1847, when but nineteen years of age, he was appointed by Governor Young, of New York, in the engineer corps which completed the Genesee Valley Canal, from Seneca to Olean, and was in this service as assistant engineer and draughtsman until in the spring of 1851. In the summer of 1851 he was detailed for work on the Erie Canal, and located the line of the enlarged canal from Port Gibson to Macedon Locks, New York. He was then employed in the office of the State



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engineer at Rochester, where he remained for several months. During the five years mentioned that he had been in the public service of the State, his tenure of position and his chance for preferment and promotion depended upon his "pull" and outside influences, rather than upon his ability and general worth. He was not satisfied with his condition, and resigned in the spring of 1862. For a year thereafter he was in the engineering service of certain New York railways. His first experience in railroad construction, in which he subsequently became so distinguished, was in building the Canandaigua & Niagara Falls Road (now a part of the New York Central), from Homeoye to the crossing of the Genesee Valley Canal, which work he completed in the autumn of 1852. In the winter of 1852-3 he was engaged as assistant chief engineer in surveying new lines of road from Syracuse, via Cazenovia and Cherry Valley, to Albany. In the spring of 1853, Mr. Shepard went to the State of Ohio and entered the service of the Cleveland, Zanesville & Cincinnati Railway. During the following summer he located a proposed line of this road, from the Walhonding river to Zanesville. The following autumn he became a division engineer of the Atlantic & Great Western (now a part of the Erie system), and in the spring of 1854 was appointed chief engineer of the road, which extended from Orangeville, on the eastern boundary of Ohio, to Dayton. His health, and that of his wife, having become much affected while living in the malarial district of the Muskingum valley, he resigned in May, 1856, and removed to Wisconsin. He was appointed chief engineer of the Milwaukee & Beloit Railroad—which was projected to give the old Racine & Mississippi (now "the Milwaukee") a short route from Savannah to Milwaukee. The road was graded, but never fully completed. Mr. Shepard has been a citizen of Minnesota since the year 1857. In June of that year he was appointed chief engineer of the old Minnesota & Pacific (now a part of the Great Northern), and came to St. Paul, and held the position until 1860. Under his administration the line was located from Stillwater

to Breckenridge, and from St. Anthony to Crow Wing, and the grading completed for sixty-two and one-half miles, from St. Paul toward St. Cloud. Mr. Shepard had the distinction in May, 1858, on the line near the Catholic cemetery at St. Paul, of turning the first sod for a railroad in the State of Minnesota. There were present on the occasion, besides Mr. Shepard, Richard Dunbar, deceased, and Alonzo H. Linton, now of Minneapolis, who were the representatives of Selah Chamberlain, the chief contractor for the construction. In 1859, when the sixty-two and one-half miles of this road, as mentioned, had been graded and bridged, the loan of the State's credit failed, and every railway enterprise in Minnesota collapsed, and all construction was suspended until 1862. During this period Mr. Shepard engaged extensively in purchasing and shipping wheat to Milwaukee and Chicago. In 1863 he was engaged as chief engineer of what was then called the Minnesota Central Railroad Company, now a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system. From 1863 to 1871 he was the chief engineer and superintendent of all the lines owned and controlled by the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, west of the Mississippi river, including the present river division, the Iowa and Minnesota, Iowa and Dakota, and the Hastings and Dakota divisions. In 1871 Mr. Shepard began his prominent career as a railroad contractor. Resigning his position as chief engineer of the Milwaukee & St. Paul, he became interested as a member of the Northwestern Construction Company. Because of his extensive experience as a railroad engineer and his familiarity with the cost of construction, he was made the general manager of the company, which was organized to construct the Northern Pacific across the State of Minnesota. In 1872 the contract for the construction of the Northern Pacific was completed. Mr. Shepard then entered into partnership with R. B. Langdon and A. H. Linton of Minneapolis. During the succeeding twelve years the firm built thousands of miles of railroad. The partnership lasted until 1884, the year the Chicago, Burlington & Northern Railroad was

built. During these years they executed a great many large contracts. The largest single contract was for 675 miles of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, from Oak Lake to Calgary, 450 miles of which was constructed by them in one season, the entire contract being completed in August, 1883. They also built a great many miles of road for railroad corporations in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, as well as in Minnesota and Dakota. In 1881 Mr. Shepard formed a new partnership with Mr. Peter Siems, Winston Brothers and others, of Minneapolis. Every year large contracts were executed for nearly every railroad corporation in the State of Minnesota and many in adjoining States. Among the latter were the Chicago, Burlington & Northern, from St. Paul to Prairie du Chien; several hundred miles for the Milwaukee & St. Paul system in Dakota; part of the Duluth & Iron Range; the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba; Chicago Great Western; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, and others. In 1881 Mr. Shepard began the monumental work of his life—the building of the Great Northern Railway. With his associate partners, he constructed nearly the entire mileage of this great line, including the extension from Minot to the Pacific coast, and the Seattle and Montana division extending up the coast, eighty miles north of Seattle. The extension from Minot to Helena was begun in 1887, and was intrusted to Mr. Shepard and his firm, Messrs. Shepard, Winston & Company. The work that was to be completed in 1887 was to grade five hundred miles of railroad to reach Great Falls, to put in the bridging and mechanical structures on five hundred and thirty miles of continuous railway, and to lay and put in good running condition six hundred and forty-three miles of rail to reach Helena continuously, working from one end only. Track laying began five miles west of Minot, April 1, 1887, and was completed to Helena November 18, 1887. It was May 10, before the entire force was under employment. The average force on the grading was 3,300 teams and about 8,000 men. From June 10, the progress of the grading was very rapid. From the mouth of Milk river to Great Falls, a distance

of two hundred miles, the work of grading was done at an average rate of seven miles a day. Writing of this marvelous achievement, Charles Dudley Warner, in Harper's Magazine for March, 1888, says: "Those who saw this army of men and teams spread over the prairie and casting up this continental highway, think they beheld one of the most striking achievements of civilization." During the month of August, one hundred and fifteen miles of track were laid, October 15, the road was completed to Great Falls, and November 18, the track was laid to Helena, a distance of ninety-eight miles from Great Falls, making a grand total of six hundred and forty-three miles, and an average rate of track laying for each working day of three and one-fourth miles. July 16, seven miles and 1,040 feet, and August 9, eight miles and sixty feet were laid by the regular gang. It is true that no other railroad was constructed as rapidly as this, where the work was carried on from only one end. Moreover, it is very doubtful whether six hundred and forty-three miles of continuous track will ever be laid again in seven and one-half months, at the average rate of three and one-fourth miles per day for each working day, and by one gang of workmen throughout. The last railroad building in which Mr. Shepard engaged was the extension of the Great Northern from Havre, Montana, to the Pacific coast, at Everett, Washington, and from Seattle north to Fairhaven junction. He retired from active work in 1894. During the twenty-four years of his active life as a railway contractor, the several firms of which he was a member built 7,026 miles of railroad, or an average of nearly three hundred miles a year. Besides, they executed a great number of other contracts, for the construction of docks, bridges, culverts, sidetracks, depot grounds, lowering and changing grades, etc. The miles of railroad built in each State or British province were as follows: In Ohio, 40; Indiana, 42; Illinois, 217; Iowa, 859; Missouri, 61; Nebraska, 43; Wisconsin, 236; Minnesota, 1,452; South Dakota, 950; North Dakota, 984; Montana, 898; Idaho, 80; Washington, 439; Canada, Northwest Territory and Manitoba, 725; total, 7,026. It is re-



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markable, also, that all of his operations have been successful and profitable. Upon this feature of his work, he has said:

"I attribute my success as a contractor directly to the knowledge of railroad construction, which I acquired during my long experience as a civil engineer. In this capacity, from the year 1847 to 1871, I learned what it cost to construct railroads, and how to economically employ labor and material. I may add to that reason, industry and diligence; and perhaps a reputation for promptly performing my obligations had something to do with my success. I have never taken but one losing job, and I did that for good reasons, expecting to lose money."

Mr. Shepard was married, December 24, 1850, to Frances Amelia Parsons, a foster daughter of Chamney and Wealthy Parsons, of Geneseo, New York. No other citizen has ever been more interested in the welfare of Minnesota than Mr. Shepard. He has been not only active and enterprising, but public-spirited, liberal, and patriotic, to an eminent degree. It ought not to be in bad taste to say that he is charitable and sympathetic towards the unfortunate, and his benefactions in this regard have been numerous and large in the aggregate. His subscription to the New Richmond cyclone sufferers in 1899 was \$1,000. He is plain, frank, and unassuming in manner, an entertaining, intelligent talker, and altogether an admirable personality. As indicative of the career of the man, and especially what he has lived to witness here in the Northwest, the following extract from a paper written by himself some years since, is of interest:

"I well remember, when a boy at school, reading of the explorations of Hennepin and Nicollet and the discovery of the Falls of St. Anthony, then 1,200 miles away from me, and speculating as to whether I should live to penetrate that then wilderness. At twenty-nine years of age I came to reside and remain almost within sound of the falls, and I have witnessed their transformation from a wasted force into a mighty aggregation of power, driving the machinery of the greatest milling center in the world.

Again, when in May, 1858, I was lifting that first shovelful of sod ever turned on a

railroad in Minnesota, who could have foretold that that little shovelful of dirt was to fructify until in forty years Minnesota would have 6,100 miles of railroad in full operation, and a population of 1,800,000. When we seek the causes which rendered this great growth possible, we find that the railroad graders' outfit, the steel rail, and the locomotive, as applied and directed by the energy of man, are foremost among the moving influences, without which the wilderness might yet be unbroken.

My generation has seen wonders in all lines of invention and in their application to the comfort, happiness, and well-being of mankind. Steam, electricity, and the very air we breathe have been harnessed and made to do the bidding of man in my time. I doubt if anyone coming after me can ever witness in his generation, the application of so many and such wonderful discoveries for the quick transmission of matter, power, intelligence, and sound, as I have had the good fortune and happiness to witness and enjoy in mine."

JOHN M. GILMAN.

Hon. John M. Gilman, a prominent attorney of St. Paul, has been closely identified with the history of Minnesota ever since it became a State. He was born, September 7, 1824, at Calais, Vermont, the son of Dr. John Gilman and Ruth (Curtis) Gilman. Both parents were natives of New England and of old Puritan stock. The father died when his son John M. was only five months old. He was reared on a farm and attended the common school in his boyhood, and graduated from Montpelier Academy in 1843. After reading law under Heaton & Reed, of Montpelier, he was admitted to the bar in 1846. In the same year he removed to New Lisbon, Ohio, where he practiced law for eleven years, also representing Columbiana county in the Legislature of Ohio during 1849-50. In 1857 he married Miss Anna Cornwell, a native of New Lisbon, and removed to St. Paul. Here he was first associated with James Smith, Jr., and later with W. P. Clough. The latter partnership, which was formed in 1872, was dissolved when Mr. Clough entered the railroad world, and since then Mr. Gilman has been practicing alone. As a lawyer he was for many years considered by bench and

bar as one of the ablest in the State. He argued his cases on purely logical grounds, clear, cogent and concise. He would never urge a cause that he did not consider just and right, and never resorted to any pettifogging practices. Strictly honest and upright, he is a profound student, thoroughly devoted to his profession, quiet and undemonstrative, yet always earnest in whatever he does. In political life Mr. Gilman was, for many years, a conspicuous figure. In 1860 he was nominated by the Democratic party for Congress, and made a remarkable stumping tour with his opponent, Hon. William Windom. In 1864 he ran against Hon. Ignatius Donnelly for the same high position. Although defeated in both instances, his canvass was of a character which left its impress upon the people, and he was repeatedly elected to the Legislature, in 1865, 1867, 1869, and again in 1876. In the campaign of 1870 he was chosen chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee. There are many interesting incidents in the life of Mr. Gilman, no doubt well remembered by those who are still living, who were in St. Paul in early days. When the Civil war broke out, in 1861, and President Lincoln sent out a call for volunteers, one regiment was asked from Minnesota. Public sentiment was pulsating, tremulous, and uncertain, and the great question of the day was, what the Northern Democrats would do or what attitude they would assume. In order to test the sentiment of the people in St. Paul, a meeting was called at the capitol grounds to consider the raising of a regiment. But the real purpose was to test the sentiments of the Democrats. Mr. Gilman, together with Earl S. Goodrich, then editor of the Pioneer, were the first to put their names to the call, and Mr. Gilman made a speech in support of President Lincoln and for the prosecution of the war, which he predicted would be continued until the last slave had been liberated. His remarks at the time were considered extravagant. Many now living will remember the speech well. Thereafter he made many more speeches in support of the prosecution of the war and the abolishing of slavery. But Mr. Gilman became dissatisfied with the ideas ad-

vanced by the Republican party in the prosecution of the war, and accused the party of trying to further its own interest. He therefore returned to the fold of the Democratic party, and has maintained his allegiance to the same to the present day. He is very pronounced in his views, and especially on what he terms to be the true Jeffersonian Democracy. Perhaps the most important event in Mr. Gilman's life was his argument before the Supreme Court, in 1881, in favor of the constitutionality of the Legislative act providing for the adjustment of the old Minnesota State railroad bonds. His argument in that important case has always been regarded by lawyers as one of the best ever presented in any court. Of late years, Mr. Gilman has not taken any active part in the political battles of the State, county or city. In April, 1877, he lost his two sons, aged eighteen and seventeen respectively, by drowning in the Mississippi river, and this calamity has heavily weighed upon him, as a result of which he has sought retirement from professional life. It was years before he fully recovered from this shock, but he steadfastly declined after that time to enter public life, limiting his activity to his law practice. Mrs. Gilman died in October, 1895. Two daughters, both married and residing in St. Paul, are still living, one being married to L. P. Ordway and the other to J. P. Elmer, with the latter of whom he resides.

BENJAMIN H. OGDEN.

Benjamin Harvey Ogden, M. D., of St. Paul, was born at Three Rivers, Michigan, February 11, 1860, the son of Benjamin and Arletta J. (Skinner) Ogden. Benjamin Ogden, a native of New Jersey, came to Michigan with his parents in an early day, married and settled at Three Rivers, where he became a prosperous farmer. In 1863 he removed with his family to Minnesota, locating on a farm near Northfield, in Rice county. Here he remained until his retirement, late in life, when he removed to the village of Northfield, and died there in 1898. The grandfather of Dr. Ogden was Rev.

Benjamin Ogden, a distinguished Presbyterian divine, a graduate of Princeton College, who came to Michigan as a missionary in an early day. After several years of faithful service in that State, he died there in 1853. The Ogdens are of English origin, the first representatives in this country being John Ogden and three brothers, who came to America about the middle of the Eighteenth Century, and settled in Connecticut. John Ogden afterwards removed to New Jersey, where he served in the war of the Revolution as a private in the State troops of New Jersey. It is a matter of record in the Ogden genealogy, that John Ogden received the coat of arms, called the "Ogden Arms," from Charles II, in recognition of faithful service in the protection of his father, Charles I., from his enemies. Another scion of this family and a lineal descendant of John Ogden settled in Philadelphia, where he attained prominence, as is attested by his name being perpetuated in "Ogden street" and "Ogden square" in that city. Dr. Ogden's mother, Arletta Jane Skinner, was born in Canada, but being left an orphan when quite young, she came to the United States and made her home with a brother, John Skinner, who was among the early settlers of Valparaiso, Indiana. The Skinners have been a prominent family in Indiana, and several members are still residents of Valparaiso. Mrs. Ogden died in the fall of 1864, soon after the family removed to Minnesota. Dr. Ogden was reared on the home farm, where he acquired those habits of industry and economy, which have been the solid foundation for the majority of our successful business and professional men since the Republic was formed. He attended the public schools of Northfield, and then took a course at Carleton College, located in that place. He graduated in 1881 with the degree of A. B., and was chosen valedictorian of his class. The year following, as a means to an end—that of obtaining a thorough medical education—he accepted the principalship of a graded school, at Stacyville, Iowa. Having completed this year's engagement, he went to Philadelphia and took a three years' course at Hahnemann Medical College. Graduating,

in 1885, at the head of the class, numbering seventy-five, he then served one year as interne in the hospital, connected with the same institution. In the spring of 1886, he returned to Minnesota, and located for practice at Northfield. He had been practicing but six months, when his office was destroyed by fire; but what was then regarded as a serious disaster seems to have been but the appearance of his "lucky star." Not being satisfied with the limitations of a country town for the exercise of his abilities, he determined to cast his lot with the leaders in his profession in the capital city. He accordingly removed to St. Paul, and opened an office there in the fall of 1886. Here he has since remained, and though still a young man—not yet forty—Dr. Ogden has attained a prominence and standing in his profession that usually requires a lifetime of patient endeavor. Though his practice is general, he gives special attention to obstetrics, including the surgical cases incident to this branch of practice. Dr. Ogden is Professor of Obstetrics in the Medical Department of the University of Minnesota. In 1896 he was elected president of the Minnesota State Homeopathic Institute, and has been an active member since he began practice. He has been several times elected president of the city and county medical societies, and is now a member of the medical staff of St. Luke's Hospital, also the City and County Hospital. Though a Republican, Dr. Ogden has never taken an active part in politics, and is not a member of any secret society. The Doctor and Mrs. Ogden are very much interested in church and Sunday school work, and are both members of the Plymouth Congregational church. A prominent member of the profession, who has known Dr. Ogden intimately since he came to St. Paul, says of him:

"An acquaintance with Dr. Ogden that dates back to his boyhood enables me to know and appreciate his personal characteristics. The traits prominent in his character are singleness and tenacity of purpose and business integrity; these with industry and thrift have conspired to make him successful in life. Naturally reserved, he has to be known somewhat intimately in order to have his best

traits recognized, and in consequence of this, his later years have been crowned with a degree of success that was not acquired so early as by some of a more aggressive disposition. His early years were marked with the struggle for an education that so often we find to have been the lot of the best men in our land. Of a modest and genial disposition, Dr. Ogden has acquired a social and professional standing that commands admiration."

In 1889 Dr. Ogden was married to Miss Alice E. Warner, daughter of Mr. Lucien Warner, a well-known business man of St. Paul. To them has been born one son, Warner Ogden, aged five.

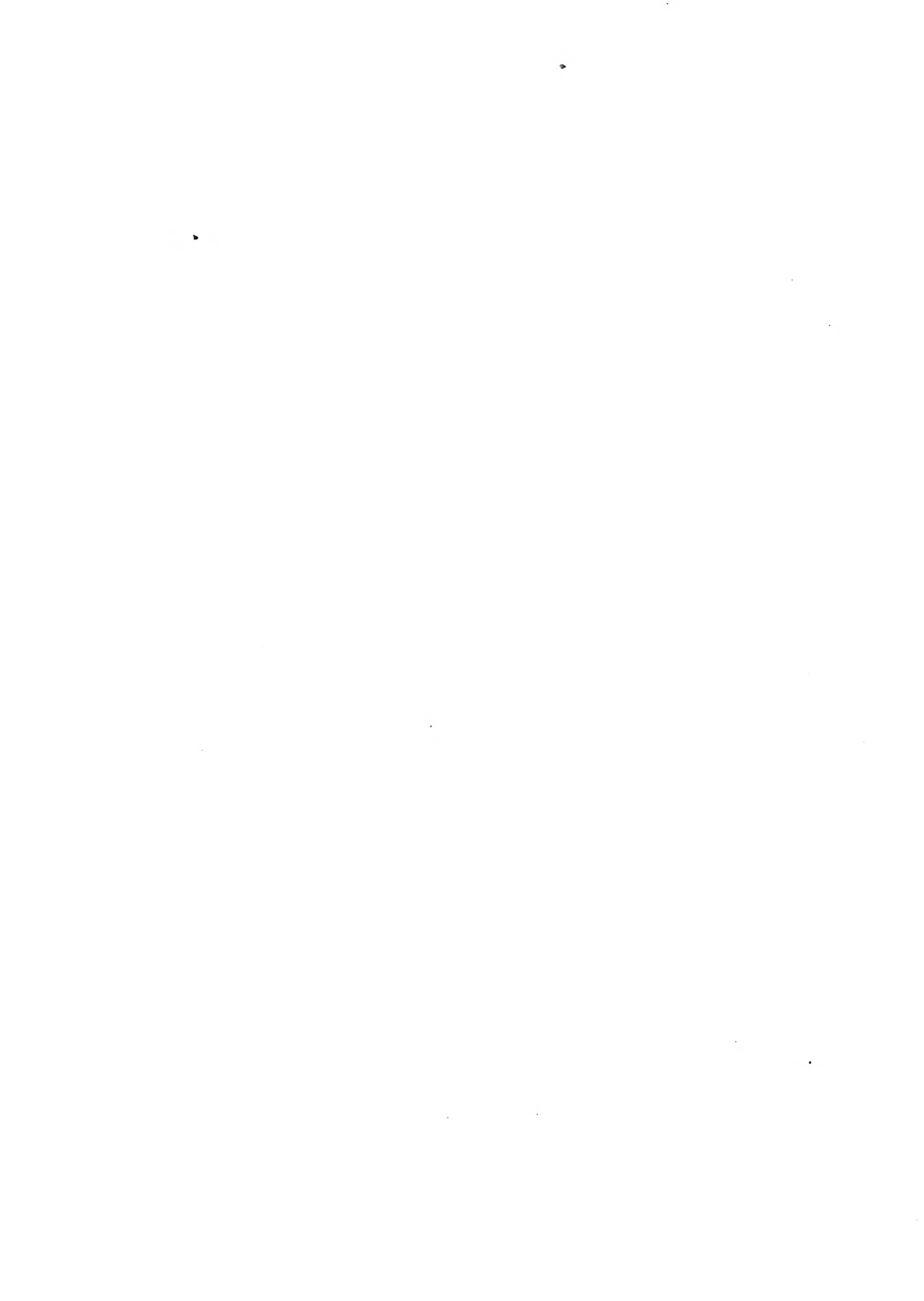
WILLIAM H. MAGIE.

William H. Magie, M. D., of Duluth, was born at Madison, New Jersey, of Scotch ancestry on the paternal side and of German ancestry on the side of his mother. His father, William H. Magie, Sr., was also a native of New Jersey, but in 1857 removed to Henderson county, Illinois, and from thence to Chicago, and finally settled at State of Kansas, where he died in 1883. The senior W. H. Magie was by occupation, for the greater part of his life, a farmer. He was a worthy and respected gentleman, active and somewhat prominent as a citizen; took an earnest interest in political matters, as a strong Republican, and served one term in the Kansas Legislature. The son was reared to maturity in the States of Illinois and Kansas, about half of the time on his father's farm. His early education was received in the public schools of Chicago, which he attended until he was about fifteen years of age, and completed by an academic course at Abington College, Illinois. In 1882 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, and graduated from that well-known institution with the degree of M. D. in 1884. For a short time he engaged in the practice of his profession in Pittsburg, Kansas. September 10, 1884, he located in Duluth, where he has since remained. Dr. Magie has become very successful in his profession, to which he has always

been assiduously devoted. He has been a close student of medical science and kept himself fully informed in its advancement and development; has had large experience in clinics and hospital treatments in the prominent institutions of the country; and these influences, added to his natural adaptation, account for the uniform success which has attended his efforts during the fifteen years of his professional life in the Northwest. He is especially noted as a surgeon, but is well known to the medical fraternity and the public, as a superior "all-round" practitioner. He is a member of several medical associations—the American, the International Association of Railway Surgeons, the St. Louis County, and the Minnesota State Medical Societies, and he is surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital, Duluth. His professional abilities and his personal qualities have secured for him a legion of warm, influential friends throughout the entire field of his labors. Dr. Magie was married at Pittsburg, Kansas, January 2, 1876, to Miss Josephine Shawger, a daughter of Philip Shawger, Esq. To the Doctor and Mrs. Magie were born four children, two of whom are now living. Mrs. Magie died January 12, 1899.

WILLIAM C. SHERWOOD.

William C. Sherwood, a well-known business man of Duluth and Northeastern Minnesota, was born at Dartford, Greenlake county, Wisconsin, October 1, 1853. His father, Hon. John C. Sherwood, was a prominent and honored citizen of the State for many years. He was born in the State of New York, but in 1846 removed to Greenlake county, where he resided until his death, more than forty years later, or in 1887. He was a graduate of Hamilton College, New York, an intelligent Christian gentleman, a public-spirited citizen, and a man of many worthy and noble qualities. Largely owing to his individual efforts, the county seat of Greenlake county was located at Dartford. At an early day he was a member of the State board of insane commissioners, and his personal influence and efforts were most potent





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in accomplishing a great reform in the care of the incurably insane, and in the creation of the extensive system of charitable institutions in Wisconsin. For a long time he conducted a large flouring mill, and a woolen factory in Greenlake county. He acquired a respectable competence, from which he contributed freely and liberally to schemes for the benefit of his fellow-men. In fact he became noted, if not renowned, for the considerable sums he expended upon worthy charities and in the promotion of laudable enterprises. The subject hereof was educated in the public schools of Wisconsin, and by a partial course in the Rochester (New York) University. After leaving school he was for several years bookkeeper and teller in the National State Bank of La Fayette, Indiana. In 1882 he came to Duluth and engaged in the real estate and loan business, with which he has been most prominently identified and is still connected. Mr. Sherwood has also been connected with other business interests. He was one of the promoters of the Merchants' National Bank and one of its directors from the time of its organization until it was absorbed by the First National. He has also been connected with the iron interests of Northeastern Minnesota. He was president of the Monarch Iron Company during its existence. He was one of the founders of the town of Virginia, and mainly through his influence the town was laid out. At present he is vice-president of the Virginia Improvement Company. He is a leading member of the Presbyterian church, has served on the board of trustees of the Dubuque (Iowa) Theological Seminary, and for several years was a trustee of McAllister College of St. Paul. In Duluth he has been a trustee and secretary of the board of the First Presbyterian church, and clerk of the church session for many years. Mr. Sherwood was married, May 12, 1880, to Miss Amelia Jacoby, of Springfield, Illinois. Her father, Henry Jacoby, Esq., erected the first packing house in Springfield, and had one of the finest stock farms in the State of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood have had three children, only one of whom is now living, a daughter, Mary R. Sherwood. The family home is a

beautiful residence, located in Glen Avon, which stands on a large and ample site, artistically and attractively improved, and which, with its fine lawns, finished terraces and other improvements, constitutes one of the most admired residences of Duluth.

JOSEPH SELWOOD.

As general superintendent of the American Mining Company, of Duluth, the subject of this sketch is prominently identified with one of the important industries of the State of Minnesota. And he has well earned whatever of honor attaches to his position, for he has worked his way up, literally, from the bottom of the mine, in whose gloomy depths he toiled during many years of his earlier life, to his present influential standing. Although educated, for the most part, in this country, and Americanized by many years of earnest citizenship and productive activity, Joseph Selwood is an Englishman, born in Cornwall December 5, 1816. He emigrated to the newer country at a time when the status of our mining industries was a very flourishing and hopeful one; and, though a mere boy, he fearlessly entered upon the miner's career, with all its possible perils and inevitable hardships. His earliest experience in the business of his choice was gained in the mines at Ontonagon, Michigan, where he was employed for five years. He then removed to Ishpeming, in the same State, where he continued similarly to follow the mining industry for some fifteen years. During the year 1885 he opened the Colby mine at Bessemer. He first came to Minnesota in July, 1888, having by this time the mining business well in hand. He located in Duluth, and opened up the Chandler mine, which he operated for a period of five years. In 1892, Mr. Selwood retired from the active operation of mines and accepted the appointment of vice-president of the Duluth & Iron Railway. Subsequently he resigned this post, and in the month of April, 1899, he entered upon the duties of his present office as general superintendent of the American Mining Com-

pany, the business of which company he conducts at its headquarters in the American Exchange Building at Duluth. Mr. Selwood is recognized as a business man whose energy, good judgment and general efficiency have given a powerful impetus to the development of the iron mining industry in this State. Nor is he appreciated only in his relation to mining interests. His genial and kindly disposition attaches to him many friends, and as a citizen he is held in esteem for the practical interest he takes in whatever effects the welfare of his city and State. In politics, as in other interests, his characteristic energy and enthusiasm make themselves felt, and he is very loyal to the principles of the Republican party, being particularly fervent in his advocacy of a sound currency. July 31, 1867, at Ontonagon, Michigan, Mr. Selwood was married to Miss Ophelia Mathews. To them have been born seven children, five of whom are living. Financially, Mr. Selwood possesses a comfortable competency while still in his prime, and although the hardships incident to the miner's life have left something of their marks upon him, he is in the main well preserved, and may reasonably count upon many years of active labor and enjoyment of the fruits thereof.

EDWARD P. TOWNE.

Edward Penfield Towne, of the law firm of Towne & Merchant, of Duluth, was born June 16, 1867, at Canandaigua, New York. He is the son of Edward P. and Eliza H. (Eddy) Towne, his mother being a daughter of Ansell D. Eddy, of Newark, New Jersey. Edward P. Towne, senior, for whom the subject of this sketch was named, was a native of New Hampshire, who, in 1834, came west with his father, locating at Batavia, Illinois, where his boyhood days were passed. He was privileged with opportunities for a thorough education, and, deciding upon the legal profession as a life pursuit, he became a student of law, and in due time a practitioner at Chicago. He was a member of the whilom prominent firm of

Waite, Towne & Clarke, whose headquarters were in Chicago, but whose reputation and services were extended throughout the State. Mr. Towne died in 1866, and of the four children born to him all are now deceased except his namesake, Edward P., of this sketch. Edward P. Towne, junior, inherited not only his father's name, but many of the characteristics through which the elder man had achieved success, and he accepted, as if by inheritance, the profession of paternal choice. Like his father, too, he was blessed with excellent educational advantages, which he appreciated and turned to good account. As a youth, however, he could not have been classified as belonging to the "book-worm" type. He went in for athletics and out-of-door sports, and has, at one time or another, been an enthusiastic member of various athletic clubs. His education was obtained in the Empire State, the elementary portion of it in his native town and at Troy, after which he prepared for college at the Mohegan Lake Academy, at Peekskill. Upon the completion of his academic course, in 1884, he entered Union College, at Schenectady, from which latter institution he graduated in 1888, receiving the degree of A. B. Three years later his Alma Mater conferred upon him, also, the degree of A. M. His profession he acquired at the Albany Law School, graduating there in 1890 with the degree of LL. B. In the same year he was admitted to the bar at Albany, then came west, locating in the city of his father's old home. For two years he was associated, as managing clerk, with John P. Wilson, Esq., an attorney of National reputation. In 1892 Mr. Towne left Chicago to come to Duluth, where he entered into partnership with C. S. Davis, forming the firm of Towne & Davis. Five years later this firm was dissolved, and subsequently Mr. Towne united his business interests with those of H. W. Merchant, the style of which present partnership is Towne & Merchant. The location of their commodious offices is in the Trust Company Building, where they are conducting a lucrative and growing practice. Mr. Towne is vice-president, a director and general counsel of the Duluth Trust Company. He belongs to the







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ancient order of Masons, being a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, and Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Delta Phi Greek letter fraternity and the Society of Colonial Wars of Minnesota, and the several clubs of Duluth. Mr. Towne was married, in October, 1895, to Miss Adaline H. Hunter, daughter of the late John C. Hunter, of Duluth. Mrs. Towne died in July, 1896, leaving an infant son, who was christened Hunter A. Mr. Towne is a Republican, but, although he feels an active interest in political matters, he has been too much absorbed by his profession to cultivate any aspirations towards public office. A specialty of his business is corporation law; but whether in special or general practice, he gives the same careful attention to all details of the matters intrusted to him; and the financial success and the reputation for fineness of legal judgment which he enjoys, while still on the morning side of life's meridian, have come to him as the natural results of thorough and conscientious work.

WILLIAM L. WINDOM.

William Lincoln Windom, a prominent attorney of Duluth, was born at Sterling, Illinois, June 1, 1860. On the paternal side he is extracted from Quaker stock, which is traceable to a remote English ancestry, while his mother, whose maiden name was Ruth H. Lumm, was descended from a distinguished Virginia family. His father, Jonas Windom, was a native of Ohio, and removed, in 1845, to Sterling, Illinois, where he died in the year 1887. In his lifetime he was an energetic and prosperous business man, and was an enthusiastic Abolitionist during the times of our Civil strife, although never identifying himself with politics. His son, William Lincoln, of whose life this sketch will now treat, was reared in his native town of Sterling, from whose public schools he graduated at the age of eighteen. He then studied law under Col. William M. Kilgore and Frederick K. Sackett, and at the age of twenty-one was admitted to practice at the bar of Illinois. But

he was compelled, by a derangement of the eyesight, to postpone the pursuit of his profession, and, going west, he led an active out-of-door life until 1887, in which year he located, in a professional capacity, at Ashland, Wisconsin, where he enjoyed prompt and abundant success. The last case tried by him in that State was the noted one of Pool vs. Thirty-one Separate Insurance Companies, which was pending for two years. Mr. Windom handled the case in a masterly manner, securing one of the largest verdicts ever obtained in an insurance cause in Wisconsin. In 1896 Mr. Windom came to Duluth, where he formed a partnership, which still continues, with M. H. McMahon; and during the last four years his firm has built up a very lucrative practice, and become conspicuous in its connection with many distinguished cases. On the criminal side may be mentioned the case of the State vs. Ferguson, into which the services of Mr. Windom were called after the death sentence had been pronounced upon the defendant, and the day of execution set by the Governor. Desperate as the situation appeared, Mr. Windom did not despair, and his efforts resulted in the reprieve of the condemned man. On the civil calendar, our subject has been successful in numerous cases involving large sums of money, and on the occasion of the application before the State board for the division of St. Louis county he stood as the sole attorney for the opposition, winning the case against heavy odds. October 3, 1893, at St. Paul, Mr. Windom was married to Lotta Cornelia Gardner, daughter of John E. Gardner. The Hon. William Windom, deceased, late Secretary of the United States Treasury, was an uncle of William L., and the nephew has given ample evidence of abilities which qualify him, also, for high official duties. Heretofore, however, he has not permitted his name to be proposed as candidate for any office whatsoever, though from present indications it seems probable that, in the approaching campaign, he may be made Republican nominee for Congress from the Sixth District. Whether or not he will accept the compliment, he alone is in a position to determine. Mr. Windom is much in favor

with the Republican State Central Committee, in whose service he has done most effective work since 1892. Previously—in 1894-5—as chairman of the Ashland County Central Committee of Wisconsin, he endeared himself to his constituency by his sagacious and irreproachable conduct of the campaign to a complete victory, the general approbation finding ardent expression through the press. As a stump speaker Mr. Windom has few equals in the State, and his eloquence has been felt on occasions other than political. In a speech delivered at Duluth on Decoration Day, 1898, he paid a fervent tribute to the sleeping patriots of our Civil War, according honor and reverence alike to all, regardless of whether their resting places are marked with imposing monuments or wooden slabs, or are the unmarked, common trenches. He dwelt with touching eloquence upon the part played by the women of our Nation in the great sacrifice, pronouncing them patriots no less than the brave soldiers themselves. He strengthened in his hearers the realization of their blessings as citizens of the United States—blessings purchased at the awful price of seven hundred and fifty thousand lives—and impressed upon them the magnitude of their debt to that martyred multitude and to our veterans. Continuing, he said in part:

“When President Lincoln called upon them they responded, from all political parties, from all walks in life—one grand blue line! They knew only one thing: the Government was in danger; ‘Old Glory’ had been fired upon. Home was nothing, associations were nothing, life was nothing. The Union was in danger, which had been established by their fathers; and asking God’s blessing upon their cause, their parents, their wives, their children, they left all, and, amidst the smoke of battle, the shrieks of bursting shell and the diseases of the camps, hundreds of thousands of men laid down their lives, until finally Providence smiled upon our arms, the last shot was fired, Appomattox was reached and the Union was saved. The Union was saved because the fires of patriotism had been kept lighted; it was saved because the spirit of liberty which animated the Revolutionary sire still burned within the bosom of the son. And the same spirit

is manifest to-day, when our boys in blue again go forth for freedom and humanity, not in the spirit of conquest, but in the same old cause, liberty, not for themselves—they have that now—but for others who have never enjoyed liberty, and want it. Their time for our honor and praise will soon come; perhaps some of their graves will be included in the decorations on next Memorial Day. But ‘sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.’ The old Veterans now deserve our undivided attention. All honor in the past, now and forever, to the dead soldier martyrs, and the living soldier heroes of the Union army!”

HENRY H. HAWKINS.

Henry Hastings Hawkins is a leading citizen and lawyer of the village of Carlton, and county attorney of Carlton county, Minnesota. He is the son of the late Hon. L. R. Hawkins, who for many years was a resident of this State, and a complete biographical sketch of whom is contained in Major T. M. Newson’s book, entitled “Old Settlers of Minnesota.” Judge Hawkins, whose remote ancestry was English, was a native of Connecticut, but spent many years of his early life in Pennsylvania, in the meantime being married to Mary Vose, of Massachusetts, and it was at Smithport, Pennsylvania, that Henry H., the subject of this sketch, was born, on the 30th of January, 1846. In 1855 the boy came, with his parents, to Minnesota, settling upon a farm in Scott county. Here he remained to the age of seventeen, attending the public schools of his home locality. He was fifteen when the Civil War broke out, and two years later he enlisted as a private in Company L, Second Minnesota Cavalry, and served with his regiment until honorably discharged in 1866. In 1877 he located in the village of Thomson, in the township of the same name, Carlton county, Minnesota. He was at this time engaged in railroad construction, having first given his attention to that line of business upon his return from the war. In 1878 he was elected auditor of Carlton county, and gave up railroad construc-



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tion to attend to the duties of this office. During his residence in Carlton, Mr. Hawkins has been an almost continuous servant of the public in one capacity or another. Shortly after taking up his residence in the village of Thomson, the community selected him as its chief official, and he continued to administer its affairs for ten years. For an equal space of time he served as district school clerk; for six years presided as chairman of the board of supervisors; was for five years a justice of the peace, and for eight years served in the office of town clerk. In fact, he has filled nearly every office of importance in Carlton county. Four times he was nominated as a candidate for the State Legislature, twice for the Senate and twice for the Lower House, but he being a Democrat in a district largely Republican, was defeated by small majorities. Mr. Hawkins' career as a lawyer dates from 1880, in which year he was admitted to the bar. He has, since 1878, been county attorney of his county eleven years; county auditor six years; county superintendent of schools two years; county treasurer two years; deputy clerk of the District Court six years; and register of deeds six years, having at one time held five of said county offices by election, and in a county strongly Republican. Mr. Hawkins was unanimously nominated by his party August 7, 1892, as their candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and made a gallant run. In 1893 he was an applicant under President Cleveland for the appointment of Governor of Alaska, and was indorsed by all political parties of his State. In all these positions that he has held his service has been disinterested and pure. Throughout his history as a voter, Mr. Hawkins has been a loyal Democrat, entering with such interest and energy into the campaigns of his party that he has won for himself the name of "stalwart"; and he has long been prominently known in all parts of the State as an able and eloquent campaign speaker. He is a man, too, with many personal friends, who honor him much for the abilities of which he has given abundant proof, and more for his high integrity of character. His services are always freely given to the laborer, and he is

known throughout northern Minnesota as the "poor man's friend." Mr. Hawkins' legal practice has grown to proportions sufficient to absorb his undivided attention; but whether he will be allowed to devote himself exclusively to professional work remains to be proven. Possessing so many active political friends, it seems more than probable that his services will in the future, as in the past, be solicited for positions of trust and honor. He is at present an aide-de-camp, with rank of colonel, on the staff of Governor John Lind. Mr. Hawkins belongs to the Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the mutual insurance organization known as Woodman of the World. He is a family man, having been married, September 22, 1878, at Duluth, Minnesota, to Miss Emma E. Ruby. A son, Valentine H. Hawkins, is their only child.

MELVIN J. FORBES.

Melvin Jackson Forbes, president of the Consolidated Elevator Company, of Duluth, Minnesota, was born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, December 31, 1848. He is the son of Andrew J. and Betsey (Fuller) Forbes, and is descended through many generations from one of two brothers, who, in the year 1635, emigrated from England and became the founders of the Forbes family on this side the Atlantic. The father of Melvin J., who was by trade a shoemaker, was also a native of Massachusetts, and died in that State in 1862. The subject of this sketch was the eldest of three children, and as the financial circumstances of his parents were very modest, he early began to feel the responsibility of making his own way in the world. He had acquired the rudiments of an English education in the district school in proximity to which he lived, but was ambitious for higher study; and it was his good fortune to have been born in the vicinity of an excellent educational institution—the old Bridgewater academy. This he managed to attend, from thirteen to seventeen years of age, by spending the summer vacations, not in recrea-

tion, but in hard work. In his business career he began at the foot of the ladder, as errand boy for a publishing house in Boston. From this humble situation he climbed, step by step, until, four years after he entered the employ of the house, he had become intrusted with the full management of both the wholesale and retail departments of the business. By this time he was of age, and during the year 1870 he came west and located in Duluth, Minnesota. His first venture in this city was an independent one in the book and stationery business, which he pursued for about four years. At the end of this time he made a radical change in his business arrangements, but one which led, more or less directly, to his present responsible and enviable position. He engaged as bookkeeper with the Union Improvement & Elevator Company, and continued in the service of that firm for four years, or thereabouts, then resigning his position to become a member of the grain commission house of George Spencer & Company. In 1889, however, this latter firm went out of business; but in 1893 Mr. Forbes was appointed receiver of two elevator companies, viz.: the Northern Pacific and the Red Valley, in the settlement of whose affairs he was for some months engaged. About this time the old Union Improvement & Elevator Company, whose service Mr. Forbes had entered as bookkeeper nearly twenty years before, effected a consolidation with the Lake Superior Elevator Company, and of the result of this fusion, which was styled the Consolidated Elevator Company, Mr. Forbes was elected president. This was in 1894, and he is still presiding officer of the company, the business of which is in a very healthy and flourishing condition. Eight capacious elevators, in active operation, for the terminal equipment of the Consolidated Company, at Duluth, while it owns some seventy other elevators and warehouses distributed along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. During the year of 1899 alone it handled over forty million bushels of grain. In political faith Mr. Forbes is an unswerving Republican, but he has never been ambitious to hold public office. In connection with institutions other than political, however,

he has done good work. In 1885 he was elected president of the Duluth Board of Trade, which post he filled for two years, and he is at the present time vice-president of the American Exchange Bank, of Duluth, having been elected to that office in 1899. On January 6, 1885, Mr. Forbes was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Raymond, a daughter of S. H. Raymond, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, the wedding ceremony being performed at Duluth. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes have no children.

JOHN H. KOOP.

John Henry Koop, mayor of Brainerd, Minnesota, is of German birth, Hanover being the city of his nativity, and the date February 8, 1857. His father was William Koop, a prominent educator of Germany, and the first few years of the son's residence in this country, to which he came at the age of eleven, were spent in study in American institutions of learning. He was first, for a short time, a pupil at St. Vincent College, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Then, in 1869, he came to Minnesota and entered St. John's University, in Stearns county, which he continued to attend for about five years. In 1874 he went to work as clerk in a drug store at St. Paul; but he abandoned this line of business in a comparatively short time and taught school for two years in Dakota county, of this State. In 1877 he accepted a position as manager of the D. H. Valentine Elevator Company, in St. Joseph, Minnesota, and was for the next two years engaged in buying grain for the Minneapolis Millers' Association, under the supervision of General Andrews. He first came to Brainerd in 1879, where, with the exception of three years, he has since resided. Here he devoted his time to the general mercantile business until his services were enlisted in public affairs. During the year 1884-5 he served on the board of city aldermen, and in 1886, under the Cleveland administration, he received the appointment of postmaster of Brainerd, the duties of which office occupied him for four years. Upon



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the expiration of his term as postmaster he moved to Staples, Minnesota, and re-engaged in mercantile pursuits, which he continued to follow after his return, in 1893, to Brainerd. In 1896 he was nominated for the State Legislature, his election being defeated by a small majority; and in 1898 he became Democratic candidate for mayor of Brainerd, and was elected by a majority which all the wards of the city concurred in swelling to overwhelming proportions, notwithstanding the fact that Brainerd was then strongly Republican. Mr. Koop has taken an active part in many political contests, his power as a speaker making his campaign work especially valued by his party. Of late, however, his Democracy has become somewhat modified. He endorses the policy of President McKinley, as pursued in both the Spanish-American war and the present struggle in the Philippines. Mr. Koop is a man of unusual executive ability, which enables him to successfully conduct a variety of enterprises at the same time. He is vice-president of the Northwestern Hardwood Lumber Company, at Nary, Minnesota, which concern was the recent purchaser from the Pillsbury and Walker companies of all their oak timber for the purpose of manufacturing into railroad lumber; and he operates a hardwood mill of his own on his farm, which is located on the Brainerd & Northern Minnesota Railway, near Island Lake. In the city of Brainerd, also, he has under his personal management and control extensive interests in the dry-goods industry. But with a volume of private business which might distract the mind of a man of less balance, he administers the affairs of his office as mayor with unvarying dignity and repose. October 3, 1879, Mr. Koop was married to Miss Lena Linneman, a daughter of Hon. John H. Linneman, of St. Joseph, Minnesota. Three children have been born to them, viz.: Rosa, Lillian and Grover. Mr. Koop belongs to the order of Knights of Pythias and to the Modern Woodmen of America. In religious faith he is Catholic. Between Gov. John Lind, of Minnesota, and Mayor Koop exist terms of mutual courtesy and friendship; and in his early prime the latter has attained to a position, not only

of financial security, but of political prestige, which paints his future bright with promise.

SUMNER T. McKNIGHT.

The family of Sumner T. McKnight, of Minneapolis, is descended from Scottish ancestry through a line of American progenitors beginning in early colonial times. The name was originally McNaughton, and New Jersey the point at which it took root in America. Just how and when the transformation from McNaughton to McKnight occurred, however, belongs to the interesting mystery which envelopes the evolution of many of our modern names. Sumner Thomas McKnight was born in the year 1836, at Truxton, Cortland county, New York. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native town. His father was a merchant of Truxton, and the boy promptly developed an aptitude and preference for an active business life. He was but sixteen when he came to Wisconsin and procured a clerical position in a general store at Ripon. Here he remained for two years, then secured a position of larger opportunities at Wausau, in the same State, in the store of George N. Lyman, the business of the establishment being conducted in conjunction with the lumber trade, in which Mr. Lyman was also engaged. Before he had been two years in this position his commercial capabilities had become so evident that he was made general manager of both the store and the lumber manufactory. He continued in charge of this dual enterprise for about three years, at the end of which time Mr. Lyman disposed of his lumber mills and store. During his managership Mr. McKnight acquired an experience and technical understanding of business matters which was later to prove invaluable to him in his own commercial operations. In 1859 he came to Minnesota and established himself at Blue Earth city in a general store, which he conducted until 1862. He then removed to Hannibal, Missouri, and formed a partnership with J. B. Price in the wholesale and retail lumber business. He was associated

with Mr. Price for six years, and to this partnership Mr. McKnight was indebted for his connection, formed in 1870, with the firm of Porter, Moon & Company, lumber manufacturers at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The material turned out by the mills at Eau Claire was transferred to Hannibal for distribution, which function was operated under the style of S. T. McKnight & Company. The enterprise flourished, and in 1873 the business was incorporated under the name of the Northwestern Lumber Company, Mr. McKnight being made secretary and treasurer. This position he still holds, and the history of his business career is inseparably identified with the development and achievements of this company. In 1883 Mr. McKnight assisted in organizing two lumber companies, viz.: the Barronette and Shell Lake, for the erecting and operating of mills at those two points in Wisconsin; and in 1886 the Northwestern Lumber Company bought the saw-mill at Sterling, Wisconsin, with an adjacent block of timber, which they worked until the supply was exhausted—a period of about six years. They then purchased the extensive plant of the Eau Claire Company, which comprised not only a broad area of timber land and two mills, but valuable property in the city of Eau Claire. In the meantime, in 1890, the company had also acquired a controlling interest in the Montreal River Lumber Company, located at Gile, Wisconsin; and in 1892, the year of their investment in the Eau Claire property, the Northwestern Company built a mill at Stanley, Chippewa county, whose cutting capacity was 150,000 feet per day, of ten hours. Since 1895 Mr. McKnight has been associated, as one of its vice-presidents and directors, with the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association, and in 1896, when lumbermen from all parts of the country convened at Cincinnati and organized themselves to the end of protecting their industry in the matter of tariff legislation, he was one of the twenty-two appointed to go to Washington and present the interests of their organization to the Congressional committee. In 1899 he was elected president of the Northwestern Lumber Company of Eau Claire, Wis-

consin, and the Montreal River Lumber Company of Gile, Wisconsin. Mr. McKnight has served as director in several banking houses, and in the province of financial business no less than in his lumber operations, he has been highly esteemed as an able and honorable business man. In politics he is a loyal Republican, but his busy career has included no effort towards political prominence. In 1868 Mr. McKnight was united in marriage to Eugenie Manville, of Ripon, Wisconsin. Four children were born to them, of whom the three living are: Harriet E., Caroline E., now Mrs. George C. Christian, of Minneapolis, and Sumner T., Junior.

CONRAD GOTZIAN.

The late Conrad Gotzian, of St. Paul, was born August 15, 1835, at Berke an die Werra, a village about fifty miles from Leipsic, in Saxe-Wiemar, Prussia. His early education was rather elementary, owing to the restricted means of the family, not at all to the fault of the boy, who was naturally ambitious, industrious and persevering. In 1852 he came to seek his fortune in America. He was only sixteen, but he was blessed with a splendid physique, and a sanguine and genial temperament, which enlisted the kindly interest of all with whom he came in contact. His ship landed at Philadelphia, where, after seeking a while for work, he became apprenticed to a boot and shoe manufacturer. In three years' time he had become thoroughly skilled in the trade, and in the spring of 1855 he came to Minnesota, secured employment at St. Paul in the line of his experience, and, after two years of close application to work and frugal living, was able, with the help of friends who had become interested in him, to establish himself as a retail dealer in boots and shoes. His location was on Jackson street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. His venture prospered from the first, and his business gradually expanded. After a few years he became engaged, to a limited extent, in jobbing sales, and by 1865 the retail side of his business had been entirely abandoned in favor of jobbing and manufac-



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turing, which he conducted on a scale requiring the employment of thirty-five operatives. During a few years his brother, Adam Gotzian, also a well and honorably known citizen of St. Paul, was associated with him in business. In the seventies he took into partnership George W. Freeman, one of his employes, under the style of C. Gotzian & Company. The firm located on Third street, and its establishment, large at the start, was later on increased to its present extensive proportions. The annual sales of the firm, beginning with \$65,000, increased until they were reckoned by millions, while nearly five hundred persons were employed in manufacturing the goods. Mr. Gotzian was a thorough business man in the best sense of the word. To his nature the innumerable tricks of trade by which the "sharp" man gains advantage over his duller competitors were wholly foreign and intolerable; and each one of his employes perfectly understood that all meanness and deceit, in whatever guise, were under the severest ban. His success was won on the basis of absolute integrity, and his business patrons became his faithful friends. His custom was widely sought, and no citizen of St. Paul enjoyed a higher commercial rating than he, both at home and in the East. Outside of business hours, Mr. Gotzian devoted much of his time to reading and educational research. He had always felt the lack of early school privileges, and resolved to supply the deficiency by systematic self-culture. He was a lover of books, and a substantial library grew up in his home, while his fund of general knowledge expanded proportionately. Men sought his advice on matters of moment, and his cooperation in schemes for the improvement and advancement of the city. His position in the community became even more prominent and influential. He was for many years a director of the German-American National Bank of St. Paul, and rendered most valuable service in establishing its policy. As an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade and the Jobbers' Union, he labored effectively. He was a Mason of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, and a member of the Minnesota Club. In society he was con-

genial and entertaining. A child's clearness of conscience made possible his child-like effervescence of spirits and humor and hearty good-fellowship. Occasionally he afforded himself an interval of complete recreation, making hunting or fishing excursions to the prairies and lakes, his usual good fortune attending him, even in his sports. Mr. Gotzian had no aspirations for political preferment, and the only office he ever held—that of member of the State Legislature—he consented to accept for the gratification of certain friends, and to aid them in carrying into effect measures looking toward the betterment of municipal conditions. On January 13, 1859, Mr. Gotzian was married to Miss Caroline Busse, of Cincinnati, Ohio. A family of nine children came to augment the felicity of their union, six of whom, now living, are: Mrs. T. L. Schurmeier, Mrs. A. B. Driscoll, Paul H. Gotzian, Mrs. Ambrose Tighe, Vallie C. Gotzian and Jessie R. V. Gotzian. In 1877 Mr. Gotzian built his beautiful residence, under whose roof the family led a united and happy life. Mr. Gotzian was strongly domestic in his tastes, and was a most devoted husband and father, while Mrs. Gotzian possessed the womanly and social qualities which combine to make a perfect keeper of the home and dispenser of its hospitalities. Added to his other blessings, was the superb physical health of Mr. Gotzian. He had scarcely, in his whole life, known sickness until late in the year 1886, when he was attacked by the affection of the head and brain which, in a few short months, resulted fatally. A change of climate was recommended, and he spent the early winter months in southern California. To no avail, however, and as he felt his end approaching he turned his face homeward, and died in the bosom of his bereaved family on the 21st of February, 1887. The estate of Mr. Gotzian was valued at \$1,000,000; yet he had been a man to spend freely for the comforts of life, and a generous contributor to many charities and progressive enterprises. Mr. Gotzian was a member of the Methodist-Episcopal church of St. Paul, with which he had become united in the early days of his residence in the city. He was an earnest

and consistent Christian gentleman, practicing the golden rule so effectively that at his death he had a host of mourning friends, and not one enemy.

GEORGE M. PALMER.

George M. Palmer, of Mankato, was born in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, November 17, 1853. His parents were John and Cordelia (Morrison) Palmer, both natives of Fayette, Maine. They moved to Wisconsin, in 1848, and located the farm where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father died in 1867 and the mother in 1880. On the paternal side, his ancestors were early settlers of New Hampshire, of English extraction, locating in Maine about 1809. His mother was of Scotch descent, and the Morrisons were also early settlers of New England. They reared a family of ten children, three of whom are now deceased. George M., the subject of this sketch, went to live with an uncle, when eight years of age, who, with his family, removed to the State of Maine. He attended the common school, and later the Monmouth Academy, at Monmouth, Maine, where his uncle resided. In 1868 he returned to Minnesota and settled in Garden City, Blue Earth county, where he attended the village school for a time, and then found employment as a clerk in the general store of T. M. Boynton & Company. Here he remained until the business was closed out, in 1872, when he went to St. Paul and attended a business college, taking the full course. Returning to Garden City, he immediately engaged as book-keeper with the Mankato Linseed Oil Company, of which Mr. R. D. Hubbard was the manager and treasurer. He remained with them from the summer of 1873 until the fall of 1879, when he resigned, and joined Mr. Hubbard in the building of the Mankato Flouring Mills; since its incorporation Mr. Palmer has been manager of the mill, having entire charge of the office business. In 1888 he formed a partnership with Mr. S. H. Grannis, in the elevator business, the firm being Grannis & Palmer, and built elevators along the line of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway. In

1892 Mr. R. D. Hubbard bought Mr. Grannis' interest, and the firm was changed to Hubbard & Palmer. In 1897 the business was incorporated as Hubbard & Palmer Company. Mr. Palmer has been the manager since the business was first organized, and has been president of the company since its incorporation. They have about forty elevators at different points along the line of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway, in Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa, through which they handle about three million bushels of grain annually, most of the wheat being for the supply of the Mankato Mills. They also handle a large amount of coal, in which they carry on both a retail and wholesale business. Mr. Palmer has been so much occupied with the details of his extensive business that he has had but little time to give to public affairs. In politics he is a Republican, and, much against his wishes, he was elected mayor of Mankato in 1885. He has also served on the school board, and is a member of the board of trade, and a Blue Lodge Mason. Mr. Palmer was married, in 1881, to Olivia M. Roberts, a native of Mankato, daughter of William R. Roberts, of Welsh and English descent. They have two children—Earl M. and Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer are members of the Baptist church. As a citizen Mr. Palmer enjoys an enviable reputation. Intelligent, clear headed and possessed of excellent judgment, strong and vigorous and of good habits, his capacity for work is very great. The steadiness and persistency with which he has followed his favorite pursuits testify to his great physical endurance. In public affairs he is liberal and progressive, giving to those duties the same painstaking attention that is given to his private affairs. As a business man he ranks among the most successful in the State.

HORATIO D. BROWN.

Horatio D. Brown, a prominent banker of Albert Lea, and one of the early settlers of Freeborn county, was born in the town of Fabius, Onondaga county, New York, April 15, 1835. He is the son of Abner Brown, a native







H. W. Brown

of Hartford, Connecticut, whose father emigrated to New York and settled in Onondaga county in the latter part of the Seventeenth Century, when the country was a great wilderness. He served in the War of 1812 against the "mother country," and some of his ancestors were soldiers in the War of the Revolution. The mother of our subject, Lovina Cadwell, was also of old New England stock. Abner Brown was a farmer, and he reared a large family of children, only three of whom are living. The subject of this biography was raised on the home farm, attended the common school and later prepared for college at the De Ruyter and Cazenovia seminaries, and, in 1852, entered Union College at Schenectady, New York, from which he graduated, in 1855. He came west the same year, and spent about one year teaching in Illinois and Iowa. In 1856 he removed to Minnesota, and located a claim in the town of Hayward, Freeborn county, about six miles southeast of Albert Lea, when there were only about half a dozen families living in the county. He had brought with him a compass, and was soon engaged in surveying. In 1857 he was elected the first county surveyor of Freeborn county, and removed to Albert Lea. He was soon after appointed deputy clerk of the District Court, and in 1861 was elected to that office, and held it for ten years. Mr. Brown enlisted, March 9, 1862, in Company C, Fifth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry; was mustered in as second lieutenant, August 31, 1862. His company was ordered South in December following, and joined the regiment at La Grange, Tennessee. He was engaged, with his regiment, under the command of General Grant, in the action at Jackson, Mississippi, May 14, 1863; at Vicksburg, May 22; at Mechanicsburg, Mississippi, June 3; at Richmond, Louisiana, June 15; and participated in the siege of Vicksburg from May 19 until July 4, 1863, when the rebel forces capitulated. His regiment was included in the contingent sent from General Grant's command to the assistance of General Banks in his Red river expedition, and was in the engagement at De Russy, Louisiana, March 4, 1864; at Henderson, April 9;

at Coulerville, Louisiana, April 23; Bayou Roberts, Louisiana, May 8; Mensura, Louisiana, May 15; Yellow Bayou, Louisiana, May 18, 1864. In August, 1864, Mr. Brown was transferred to the Eleventh Minnesota Volunteer Infantry as adjutant, and was with the regiment during its service in and around Nashville, Tennessee. He was mustered out of the service at St. Paul in July, 1865, and returning to Albert Lea, he resumed the duties of the office of clerk of the District Court. In 1871 he resigned that office and organized the private bank of H. D. Brown, and later, with D. R. P. Hibbs, the banking house of H. D. Brown & Company. This firm continued in business until March, 1892, when the Albert Lea National Bank was incorporated, and Mr. Brown elected president, which position he still occupies. In 1871 he was elected to the State Senate and served one term. He has also served his city as mayor, and has been active and prominent in all matters pertaining to the welfare and building up of his city and county. He was president of the Minnesota Bankers' Association in 1899. In politics, Mr. Brown is a Republican. He was married, December 19, 1861, to Miss Mary L. Peck, daughter of Mr. Harris Peck, of Albert Lea. They have a family of three sons, all married and men of prominence, and all residing in Albert Lea. The eldest, Dr. L. A. Brown, a dentist; Harris N. Brown, of Knatvold & Brown, bankers, and Fred C. Brown, in the Albert Lea National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the First Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. He is also one of the trustees and treasurer of Albert Lea College for young women.

BENJAMIN B. SHEFFIELD.

Benjamin B. Sheffield, a prominent business man, miller and banker of Faribault, was born at Aylesford, Nova Scotia, December 23, 1860, the son of Mithidge B. and Rachel Sheffield. Both of his parents were natives of Nova Scotia. His mother, whose maiden name was Rachel Tupper, was a member of a prominent

family in Nova Scotia, and a first cousin of Sir Charles Tupper, now Secretary of the Dominion of Canada. She died in Faribault, October 5, 1870. Millidge B. Sheffield was born at Aylesford May 2, 1830. He came to Faribault in 1865, bringing his wife, his son Benjamin B. and a daughter Fannie (now Mrs. A. Blodgett, Jr., of Faribault). He first settled on what is now the county farm, but later engaged in the grocery business in Faribault. He afterwards purchased an interest in the Walcott Flour Mill, and, in 1880, bought the interest of his partners, and associated with himself his son, who had that year graduated with honors, from the Shattuck Military School. Besides his mill property he had large elevator interests, and was known as a substantial and successful business man. He was a man of spotless character, and whose integrity was the highest. He did much, in an unostentatious way, to benefit his city and its people. He spent a part of each winter in the South, and died in Faribault October 15, 1899. Benjamin B. Sheffield was less than twenty years old when he assumed the management of the Walcott Flour Mills for his father. These mills were at that time four miles from any railroad; carried a large indebtedness and had been a losing investment for all previous owners; but in spite of all obstacles young Sheffield made the project a financial success. Under his management the mill was rebuilt; its capacity enlarged, and after two years he had the satisfaction of seeing the property on a sound financial basis. In succeeding years he developed the business, brought railroads to the mill doors, and increased the capacity of the plant to 1,000 barrels. November 31, 1895, the Walcott Mills were destroyed by fire. Mr. Sheffield immediately sent for contracting agents, and while the mill was still burning, planned for the construction of new mills of greater capacity. He organized and became president of the Sheffield Milling Company, with a paid up capital of \$200,000, and in about six months the new mill was completed and in operation. A little later they acquired the plant of the

Crown Milling Company at Morristown. In addition to their milling interest they became largely interested in elevators. Mr. Sheffield is president of the Crown Elevator Company, which owns and operates a line of forty-five elevators in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, with offices at Minneapolis. Mr. Sheffield has always been closely identified with the progress of Faribault, always ready to encourage public enterprises with his influence and private funds. He was one of the charter members of the Security Bank of Faribault, and has been its president almost from its foundation. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis. In politics he is a Republican. He served two terms as president of the city council, and has been twice mayor of Faribault. He was elected the first term by the largest majority in the history of the city, and upon his second candidacy there was no opposition. During his term of office the city public library was built, and he has been a member of the library board since its organization. Mr. Sheffield is a member of the board of trustees of the Shattuck Military School, and of the Seabury Divinity School. In February, 1900, he was appointed, by Governor Lind, one of the directors of the State Institute for Defectives, including the State School for the Feeble-Minded, the State School for the Blind and the Deaf, and is also treasurer for these institutions. Mr. Sheffield is active and energetic and a ready speaker. He is a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Mason, and is a vestryman in Bishop Whipple's Cathedral Parish. Mr. Sheffield was married July 18, 1889, to Miss Carrie A. Crossette, daughter of H. M. Crossette of Faribault. They are the parents of two children, Blanch and Amy Tupper.

HENRY M. RICE.

Hon. Henry Mower Rice, pioneer and statesman, one of the most remarkable men of the Northwest, and a leader in the founding



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of St. Paul, was, during his life time, probably the most popular man in Minnesota, as he was certainly one of the most useful. Born in Waitsfield, Vermont, November 29, 1816, he spent the larger part of his life in Minnesota, engaged in herculean labors, and died, honored and lamented, January 15, 1891, at San Antonio, Texas, whither he had gone in pursuit of health. Mr. Rice sprang from the old American stock, identified with colonial times and the period of conquest and settlement. His paternal ancestor, Edmund Rice, came to this country in 1639. The blood of colonial pioneers ran in his veins, and the virtues of an energetic and virile ancestry animated his whole career. More than one of his lineage bore arms for their homes and their country in the early days. Jedediah Rice, his grandfather, was a soldier of the American Revolution. The maternal grandfather served in the French and Indian war, and was captured in 1775 at the burning of Royalton, Vermont, and afterwards ransomed; while the paternal great-grandfather of Mr. Rice, who also served in the French and Indian wars, was captured at Marlborough in 1704, and redeemed some years afterwards. The free schools and an academy gave the young man his early tuition; and at Richmond, Vermont, he studied law, a preparation which fitted him for masterly management of affairs, although he saw little active practice of the profession. In 1835 Mr. Rice emigrated to the then frontier town of Detroit, Michigan, and first became known to fame in the location of the Sault Ste. Marie canal and other public works, authorized by the State of Michigan. A daring and enterprising spirit prompted Mr. Rice, two years later, to shoulder a pack, and make his way on foot, a distance of two hundred miles westward, to a country scarcely removed in character from that of an aboriginal wilderness. He traded throughout that region for a time, and, in 1839, settled at Fort Snelling, as an *attache* of the sutler's department of the post. In 1840 he secured appointment as sutler at Fort Atkinson, Iowa, and soon afterward made a highly important connection with the greatest of the fur-trading houses of the

West, that of Pierre Chateau, Jr., & Company, of St. Louis. This brought him in contact with the Chippewa and Winnemago tribes of Indians, and Mr. Rice controlled their trade in the interests of the St. Louis house. A number of trading posts were established and controlled by him throughout the region, in which those tribes hunted the fur-bearing game, and by courage, coolness, fairness and fact, Mr. Rice came in time to exert a remarkable influence, both over the red men themselves and the white hunters and trappers of the region. In 1846 the Winnemagoes exhibited their confidence in Mr. Rice by making him a delegate in lieu of a native chief, to represent them in the sale of their reservation, in Iowa, to the United States. Mr. Rice not only negotiated a useful treaty on this occasion, but secured the sale and opening to settlement of yet another reservation. In fact, during succeeding years, mainly as commissioner, in 1847 and in 1851-4 and 1863, Mr. Rice aided materially to secure accession to the United States of Sioux, Chippewa, and other lands, covering the greater part of the State of Minnesota. The history of the Indian treaties of the Northwest is filled with the story of Mr. Rice's efforts to protect the Indians, and while opening the country to settlement, to initiate a policy toward the Indians, which would enable them to become self-supporting. Until the day of his death, there was no other white man in Minnesota who had the confidence and affection of the Chippewa tribe of Indians, to anything like the same extent as Mr. Rice. He was called by them "Wah-bee-mah-no-min," or "White Rice." On February 26, 1889, he was appointed by President Cleveland one of the commissioners to negotiate on the part of the United States, a treaty with the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota, for the cession of certain of their lands. As chairman of this commission he effected a treaty whereby over three million acres of desirable land were ceded to the Government. A portion thereof, situated on the Red Lake reservation, has recently been thrown open to settlement. The St. Paul Dispatch, in an editorial, said of this treaty:

"For the successful conduct of these negotiations, the chief—if not the entire—credit, is due to the Hon. Henry M. Rice. His selection as one of the commissioners was the wisest possible choice which could have been made. It is a singular coincidence that exactly the same day of the same month, forty-two years ago, August 22, 1847, Mr. Rice succeeded in successfully concluding a treaty with the same band, ceding valuable lands to the people. His courage and experience, combined with his intimate knowledge of Indian character, enabled him to carry through an undertaking attended by difficulty, which amounted to serious danger of bloodshed, so incensed were the Indians by their treatment in connection with the Winnebigoishish dam. The gain which is certain to result in the speedy settlement of northern Minnesota, and the utilization of the vast tract of millions of acres of valuable land, will soon be felt, and what has thus far been practically a wilderness, will soon rival in wealth and resources the more favored sections of the State."

Through his early negotiations, Mr. Rice learned to appreciate the value of land eligibly located, and in 1848 he bought from John R. Irvine, for four hundred dollars, a tract of eighty acres, lying between Seven Corners and St. Peter street, in the city of St. Paul, and fronting on the river, comprising a part of "Rice and Irvine's Addition" to the city. This property is now worth millions. Upon it Mr. Rice began systematic work for the development of a city, and in a large sense, thus became one of the founders of St. Paul. Streets and blocks were laid out, warehouses, a hotel, stores and houses were built, and all other steps were taken necessary for the development of a city. With a liberality which did honor to his heart, as well as credit to his business sagacity, Mr. Rice gave land for sites for churches, schools, hospitals and parks, and in the numberless ways suggested by his native fertility of resource, promoted the welfare of the community which grew into existence around and upon his holdings. To Rice county, named after him, he presented a library of historical and political works relating to the government, and to the city of St. Paul he gave Rice Park. He founded the town of Munising, Michigan, and was also, in 1856, the founder

of Bayfield, Wisconsin, on Lake Superior. The second brick house ever built in Minnesota was erected at the corner of Third and Washington streets, in St. Paul, by Henry M. Rice. As means increased, additional land was bought, and a claim of one hundred and twenty acres, which Mr. Rice called his farm, is now worth at least \$3,000 an acre. Upon a portion of this latter tract is situated the home of Maurice Auerback, Esq., Mr. Rice's son-in-law. Several mansions were built by him upon "The Hill" in St. Paul, and in later life he occupied an especially beautiful site on Summit avenue. Not only did Mr. Rice toil unceasingly for the welfare of St. Paul, but for the benefit of Minnesota. The Democrats of the Territory sent him to Congress in 1853, and re-elected him in 1855; and in Washington he secured much public-spirited legislation in aid of settlers, including the opening of land offices, the sale of military and Indian reservations, and the creation of post-offices and post roads. During that early period, Mr. Rice was the strong working influence at the National capital in behalf of Minnesota. In 1857 the first land grant railroads in the Territory were endowed, and a surveyor general's office was established in St. Paul under acts whose passage Mr. Rice secured. He was also the author of the law extending the right of pre-emption over the unsurveyed lands in the Territory, and procured the passage of an act authorizing the framing of a State Constitution, preparatory to the admission of Minnesota to the Union. The honor of election to the United States Senate, promptly accorded to Mr. Rice by the Legislature of the new State, was no more than a frank recognition of his immense services to Minnesota. In 1865 he became the Democratic candidate for Governor of the State, but was defeated by 3,476 votes. The Civil War broke out while Mr. Rice was in the Senate. John C. Breckinridge, Robert Toombs, Stephen A. Douglas, Clement C. Clay, and other leaders of Southern sentiment, were his intimate friends—his intimacy with Mr. Breckinridge and Mr. Douglas being in part denoted by the fact that with them he built a row of three brick houses,



Henry M. Rice

called "Minnesota Row," on the corner of H street and New Jersey avenue, then a fashionable part of the city, Mr. Rice living in the middle one. Mr. Rice labored to avert the conflict of arms, which drenched the sunny South with blood, and brought sorrow to homes throughout the land; but, when these labors failed, Mr. Rice displayed uncompromising loyalty to the Union, and his kindness to the volunteers will never be forgotten while a Minnesota veteran survives to tell the tale. His house in Washington and his purse were invariably open to Minnesota troops on duty in and near Washington, and personal attentions, more valuable always than money, were unstinted. Mr. Rice served on very important committees of the Senate, including those on finance, post-roads, public lands and military affairs. Hon. Henry Wilson of Massachusetts, who was chairman of the committee on Military affairs, alluded frequently during his lifetime to Mr. Rice's services on that committee in the most flattering manner, saying that at the time when the army was formed Mr. Rice's knowledge of army matters "was of greater service to the country than that of all other members of the committee." The first bill had been introduced, and the first speech made in favor of the "Northern Pacific Railroad" in 1858 by Mr. Rice, and he was one of the four Minnesota incorporators of that road. The unaffected nature of the man was illustrated after retirement from the Senate, by his acceptance for three terms of the position of treasurer of Ramsey county, Minnesota, to which he was elected by handsome majorities. He made many improvements in the methods of the treasurer's office, but resigned during his last term, on account of ill-health. During nearly all his life he had suffered from pulmonary troubles, due to hardships and exposure in early days; and during the closing years of his life was obliged to spend the winter seasons in the South. His vigorous mind triumphed over physical weakness, however, to such an extent, that he lived to the age of seventy-seven. He touched the active life of St. Paul at many points, and was president of the chamber of commerce for

several years, member and president of the board of public works, president of the first Society for Relief of the Poor, president of The Old Settlers' Association, and a regent of the State University. Mr. Rice took an active interest in Masonry, having received the third, or Master Mason's degree, June 2, 1851. The Senate of the State of Minnesota on Tuesday, April 11, 1899, adopted the following resolution, introduced by the Hon. Hiler H. Horton, Senator from the Thirty-sixth District, Ramsey county:

"Whereas, By Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1861, provision was made for placing in the National gallery of statuary, in the Capitol at Washington, by each State, of the statues of two of its deceased citizens, illustrious for their historic renown or for distinguished civic or military services, and whereas, the Hon. Henry M. Rice was, from the year 1846, in which he negotiated a treaty by which a large portion of the territory now comprising the State of Minnesota was acquired from the aborigines, until his death, pre-eminent in its service in the positions of territorial delegate, first United States Senator, and many other distinguished and useful capacities, as to entitle him to the commemoration provided for in said act: Therefore, Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the said Henry M. Rice be, and he is hereby designated as one of the persons to be thus honored, and that a suitable statue to represent him, be placed by the State in said National Gallery, upon the condition that said statue be furnished and placed in position without expense to the State."

Adopted. Concurred in and adopted by the House, April 12, 1899.

On March 29, 1849, Mr. Rice married Miss Matilda Whitall of Richmond, Virginia. To them were born one son and four daughters: Frederick D., a lawyer, practicing in St. Paul; Lizzie (now deceased), who was the wife of Maj. John B. Rodman, U. S. N.; Matilda, wife of Mr. Maurice Auerback, and Rachel, wife of Mr. Luther E. Newport.

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DOLSON B. SEARLE.

The life of Judge Dolson Bush Searle, of St. Cloud, has been replete with honorable achievements, material success and social distinction. It was nurtured in the East, his parents having been well-to-do members of a farming community in western New York, near the village of Franklinville, where the subject of this sketch was born, June 4, 1846. His father, Almond D. Searle, who was of English ancestry, was a man of more than ordinary ability and culture. The family was prominent in the early history of England, the first Mayor of London having been a Searle. The mother of Judge Searle, nee Jane Ann Scott, is of Scottish extraction and a lineal descendant of Sir Walter Scott. She is a highly cultured woman, and is still living, at the advanced age of four score years. The two grandfathers of our subject, both of whom were pioneer settlers in Whitehall, New York, fought in the War of 1812; while the great-grandfathers participated in the Revolutionary and Colonial wars. The boyhood of Judge Searle was passed upon the home farm and in attendance at the district school of the neighborhood. He graduated at the academy of his native town, and, upon the breaking out of the Civil War, enlisted as a private in Company I, Sixty-fourth Regiment, New York Volunteers. During his term of service, which continued for about two years, he was engaged in the following battles, viz.: Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, Gaines Mills, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, the second battle of Bull Run and the battle of Antietam, besides other minor engagements. Soon after his discharge from field service, which was granted by reason of disability, he re-enlisted in the regular army, and was detailed for clerical duty in the War Department at Washington, D. C. Shortly afterwards he was discharged from the military service, by President Lincoln, to accept a civil position in the War Department, which he held for several years. During the period of this service he attended, and graduated at, the Columbian Law College of Washington. In his clerical capacity, Judge

Searle had charge of an important branch of the business of the department, and the performance of his duties brought him into confidential relations with President Lincoln and Secretary Stanton, for whom he came to feel a warm affection. He was one of the audience in Ford's theater the night of the President's assassination; and perhaps no one in the whole assembly was more profoundly impressed with the incidents of that fatality than the young department clerk. Upon resigning his clerkship at Washington he came directly to St. Cloud, which city he has ever since called home. As soon as located here, he associated himself with Hon. E. O. Hamlin as a partner in the firm of Hamlin & Searle. This partnership was dissolved a year later, on the occasion of Judge Hamlin's removal to Pennsylvania, after which Mr. Searle practiced by himself, with constantly increasing success and broadening reputation. For six years he filled the office of city attorney, and gradually his services came into requisition beyond the limits of St. Cloud. In 1880, as Republican candidate for the office of attorney for Stearns county, he was elected by a large majority, in spite of the fact that the county ordinarily went strongly Democratic. Two years later, and before the expiration of his term of service as county attorney, he was appointed United States district attorney for the District of Minnesota. He received his appointment from President Arthur and served until 1885, tendering his resignation in October of that year to President Cleveland. In October, 1887, he was appointed to the bench of the Seventh Judicial District of Minnesota. He still serves in this office, having been repeatedly and without opposition re-elected. In his judicial capacity he is acknowledged to have no superiors in the State. He has won special credit by his decisions in such causes as those brought against the notorious "Pine Land Rings" and the "Avon School Case." His declaration in the latter case was the most direct and emphatic ever issued by any court in this country, prohibiting sectarian prayers and religious instruction in the public schools. During his years of general practice Judge Searle was at-



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torney successively for the Northern Pacific Railway, the Minneapolis & Manitoba, the Great Northern and the "Soo" roads. In politics he figured prominently previous to taking the bench, and always with loyalty to the Republican party. In 1886-7 he was a member of the State Central Republican Committee, and he played an influential part in the National campaign of 1884. In 1892 he was nominated for Congress from the Sixth District, and made a notably brilliant campaign, being defeated, however, by a very small majority. Judge Searle is a Knight Templar of the Columbia Commandery of Washington, D. C.; also a Knight of Pythias; and he belongs to the order of Elks. As a member of the Grand Army of the Republic he is prominent, having been appointed, October 24, 1896, aide-de-camp with the rank of colonel on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief of that fraternity. He is now Department Commander of the Department of Minnesota, and was last year senior vice-commander. On February 16, 1875, Judge Searle was united in marriage to Elizabeth Clarke, of Worcester, Massachusetts. The one child born to them died at the age of five years. Busy as the Judge has been in activities which resulted to his own benefit, his has, nevertheless, been far from a selfish life. His attitude towards his city has been always that of responsible citizenship; and few, indeed, of progressive enterprises have been instituted which have not received his hearty endorsement and substantial support.

CHARLES P. NOYES.

Charles Phelps Noyes was born April 24, 1842, in Lyme, Connecticut, and is descended from wholesome English stock. His paternal line is as follows: Rev. William Noyes, rector of the church of Choulderton, Wiltshire, England, in 1621; his son, Rev. James Noyes, born in 1608, who emigrated to America in 1634, preached first at Medford, Massachusetts, in 1635, removed to Newbury, Massachusetts, and was the first pastor there. His son, Rev. James Noyes, born in Newbury, Massachusetts, in 1640, became the first pastor of the church at Stonington, Connecticut. His son, Capt.

Thomas Noyes, was born in Stonington in 1679, and his son, Col. Joseph Noyes, was also born in Stonington in 1727, and was a colonel in the Revolutionary War. His son, Col. Thomas Noyes, was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, in 1751, and served as a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War in Washington's New Jersey campaign, at the battles of Trenton, Princeton, et al. He was president of the Washington Bank, of Westerly, Rhode Island, served as deputy to the Legislature of Rhode Island, and was Senator for many years. His son, Daniel Rogers Noyes, the father of Charles Phelps Noyes, the subject of this sketch, was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, August 22, 1793. He served as lieutenant in the Third Regiment, Rhode Island Infantry, in the War of 1812, engaged in the defense of the Rhode Island coast. He was a man of good education and wide reading, and the greater part of his life he was engaged in mercantile business at Lyme, Connecticut. He married Miss Phoebe Griffin Lord, a woman of rare ability, whose entire life was marked by a pure Christian character. She had much to do with the intellectual development of her native town, Lyme, and the "Phoebe Griffin Noyes" library, which stands on the site of the house in which Mrs. Noyes was born, was dedicated to her. Charles P. Noyes belongs to the seventh generation of the Noyes family in America. He received his primary education at Lyme, and later was at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Massachusetts. He then went to New York City, and entered the banking house of Gilman, Son & Company, where he remained for some time, when he came west and located in Port Huron, Michigan. Here he engaged in the general mercantile business. In 1868 he came to St. Paul, and in company with his brother, Daniel R. Noyes, bought an established drug business. The firm of Noyes, Pett & Company soon became Noyes Brothers, and, in 1871, Noyes Brothers & Cutler, one of the oldest landmarks of the city of St. Paul and State of Minnesota. Mr. Noyes served a short time in the Civil War as a member of the Twenty-second Regiment, National Guard of New York. During his long and active business

career in St. Paul he has held many positions of trust. At present he is trustee of the State Savings Bank, vice-president of the Capital Bank, and a director of the West Publishing Company. Mr. Noyes is interested in patriotic societies. He was one of the incorporators and the first president of the Minnesota Society of "Sons of the Revolution;" also was one of the incorporators, and is now governor of the Society of Colonial Wars in Minnesota, and is also a member of the Minnesota Historical Society and the Rhode Island Historical Society. He belongs to the Minnesota, the Commercial and the Town and Country Clubs.

Mr. Noyes was married September 1, 1874, to Miss Emily Hoffman Gilman, daughter of Winthrop S. Gilman, of the city of New York. They have living four children, one daughter and three sons.

CHARLES A. SMITH.

Mr. Charles A. Smith, of Minneapolis, although an American by adoption, is Swedish by birth, having first seen the light of day in Östergötland county, Sweden, December 11, 1852. His father was a soldier in the Swedish army, having served in it for thirty-three years, after which he emigrated to America with Charles and an elder sister. He reached Minneapolis on the 28th of June, 1867, where he joined two other sons, older than Charles, who had come there before him. Charles had received a part of his education in a rural school in Sweden, where he was taught the catechism and Bible history by rote, to the neglect of branches of more fundamental importance, such as writing and arithmetic. He took his first lessons in the English language in Wright county, in the old traditional school house, built of logs. Soon after he came to Minneapolis he was "boarded out" on a farm, which is now included within the limits of Minneapolis. His occupation consisted chiefly in herding cattle, for which he was compensated by receiving his board and clothing. While on this farm he showed his instincts of thrift by collecting a large quantity of hazelnuts, selling them for seven dollars, and loaning the money out to his brother at ten per

cent interest. He also showed quite a liking for study, employing all his spare time at his books. He was thus enabled to enter the University of Minnesota in the autumn of 1872, where he studied so hard that his health broke down, and he was compelled to discontinue his collegiate work after he had been there only a year. After leaving the university he was engaged by J. S. Pillsbury & Company, who were in the general hardware business in Minneapolis. He remained with this firm five years, and in 1878 launched out for himself in the grain and lumber business, under the firm name of C. A. Smith & Company. With the aid of ex-Governor Pillsbury he built a grain elevator at Herman, Minnesota. He continued in this business, together with lumber and farm machinery, until July, 1884. He then decided to begin the manufacture of lumber at Minneapolis, and returning there, remained in partnership with ex-Governor Pillsbury until 1893. In that year the C. A. Smith Lumber Company was organized and incorporated, Mr. Smith becoming president and general manager, and so continues. The company, besides its regular business of manufacturing, also operates retail lumber yards in various parts of the State and in the Dakotas. Mr. Smith was early imbued with habits of economy, and to this fact, in great measure, his success is due. Ever since his first commercial venture in hazelnuts, when he was a boy, he has faithfully followed the advice of "Poor Richard," "to take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves." He is a good specimen of the self-made man. He has always had more of "push" than of "pull," and this accounts for his prominence in the commercial life of the Northwest. Mr. Smith's interests are not limited by those of the firm which bears his name; he was one of the founders of the Swedish American National Bank, and other institutions in this city and outside of it. In politics, following the bent of the majority of Swedish Americans, Mr. Smith is a Republican, and he gives as much time to the interests of his party as his commercial activities will allow. He is not an office seeker, however, and has never held an



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office, being content to be a counsellor of his party. He has been a member of the city, county, State and National conventions, and in 1896 was on the ticket as Presidential elector, and was especially honored by being elected to carry the Presidential votes of the State to Washington. In religion he is a Lutheran, and belongs to the English Lutheran Salem Congregation, and is one of its trustees. He was also one of the organizers of that society. Among his other ecclesiastical activities he has a membership in the board of directors of the English Lutheran Seminary of Chicago, and holds the office of treasurer of the Evangelical Synod of the Northwest. He was united in marriage, February 14, 1878, to Miss Johanna Anderson, whose father, Olaf Anderson, served in the Swedish Riksdag for several years, and then came to this country with his family in 1857, locating in Carver county. Five children were born of this union, two boys: Vernon A. and Carroll W., and three girls: Nanna A., Addie J., and Myrtle E. Smith.

BENJAMIN F. NELSON.

Benjamin Franklin Nelson is the head of the Nelson-Tenny Lumber Company, manufacturers and dealers in lumber at Minneapolis. Mr. Nelson is a splendid example of the self-made man, and an instance in which the making has been well done. He was born of humble parents in Greenup county, Kentucky, May 4, 1843. His parents were natives of Somerset county, Maryland. His father lost his health and the support of the family devolved upon the sons. This left Benjamin F. with little opportunity for schooling, and when seventeen years of age he engaged with a partner in the lumber business. This, after two years, was broken up by the war, and an attempt at farming was unsuccessful, for the same reason. Kentucky, although a slave-holding State, and sympathizing for the most part with the Confederacy, was controlled by the strong arm of the Federal power, and such of her sons as saw fit to enter the Southern army did so from a

firm conviction of right and duty, rather than from loyalty to their State. Mr. Nelson was nineteen years of age when he enlisted in Company C, of the Second Kentucky Battalion, and went into active service under the command of the Confederate general, Kirby Smith. He served successfully under Humphrey Marshall, Wheeler, Forrest and Morgan, and participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Meville, Synthiana, Shelbyville, Lookout Mountain, Mount Sterling and Greenville, besides numerous cavalry skirmishes. Mr. Nelson was in the thickest of the fight for over two years. In 1864, while on recruiting duty in Kentucky, he ventured into Federal lines as far as the Ohio river. He had secured a few recruits and was returning with them when he was captured and sent to Lexington. While he was confined in prison there, fourteen men were taken out and shot, two of them being recruits captured with Nelson, and for a time he was in danger of suffering the same fate on suspicion of being a spy. He was, however, sent to Camp Douglas, in Chicago, where he was held until 1865, when he was sent to Richmond and paroled at the close of the war. Mr. Nelson returned to his home in Kentucky, where he was employed in a saw mill for a few months, and then decided to try his fortune in the far West. He arrived at St. Anthony, Minnesota, September 4, 1865, after spending one day in St. Paul. He was much impressed with the magnitude of the water power, and believed the falls would, eventually, be surrounded by a great city. Mr. Nelson went to work at rafting lumber, and when the season was over, took up a claim near Waverly, and built a house; but farming did not suit him, and he again went into the lumbering business. In 1872, Mr. Nelson formed a partnership with Mr. W. C. Stetson in the planing mill business. Their trade increased until they found it necessary to build another mill in order to take care of their orders. At this time they commenced dealing in lumber in a small way, which rapidly increased until 1880, when the partnership was dissolved. In 1881 Mr. Nelson associated with himself William Tenney and H. W. McNair, and later, H. B. Frey was admitted to the part-

nership. Soon afterwards Mr. McNair withdrew and W. E. Brooks entered the firm. The business thus established is now conducted under the name of the Nelson-Tenney Lumber Company. This concern has two large saw mills, with a capacity of seventy-five million feet a year. Mr. Nelson is interested in various other enterprises. In 1887 he bought the Minneapolis Straw Paper Mill, and in 1888 the Red River Paper Mill at Fergus Falls. These were consolidated under the name of the Nelson Paper Company. In 1890, together with T. B. Walker, he bought the print paper mill in Minneapolis, and the old and new companies were merged into the Hennepin Paper Company, operating at Little Falls. Mr. Nelson is also a director of the Metropolitan Bank. He commands the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens of Minneapolis in a marked degree, and has held various important public offices. In 1897 he was elected alderman of the First Ward, and was continued in office until 1885. When the Park Board was organized Mr. Nelson was elected to service in that branch of the municipal government. For seven successive years he served as a member of the school board, and in 1894, when the question of the price of gas was submitted to arbitrators, Mr. Nelson was selected by the city as its representative. In the same year occurred the great strike on the Great Northern railway, and Mr. Nelson was selected as one of the committee of citizens of Minneapolis to arbitrate in that dispute. Mr. Nelson was a member of the original building committee of the Minneapolis Exposition; he gave a great deal of his time to personal supervision of the construction of the building, and has been on the board of directors of the Exposition ever since, and is now one of the owners of the property. Mr. Nelson is a Democrat in politics, but a man of broad and liberal views. He has served his party locally as an active worker on campaign committees, and exerts a large influence in its plans and deliberations. Notwithstanding his extensive business and many public duties, Mr. Nelson has found time to see some of the world, having traveled extensively in Mexico, Europe, Egypt and the Holy Land. His religious con-

nection is with the Methodist church, and his eminent business capacity was recognized in his selection as trustee of the Hamline University. He has been twice married, first in 1869, to Martha Ross, who died five years later, leaving two sons, William E. and Guy H. His present wife was Mary Fredinburg, who has one daughter.

ALBERT A. AMES.

Albert Alonzo Ames, M. D., of Minneapolis, belongs to that city by virtue of many bonds. She claims him, not only as one of her prominent physicians and residents, but as an able participant in her official life, an earnest philanthropic worker, and a leader in various of her social organizations. His profession may, in a sense, be regarded as an inheritance; for his father, Alfred Elisha Ames, M. D., practiced at Minneapolis before it had been christened with that euphonious name, even before its birth as a town at all, the settlement being then indefinitely designated as a part of the Fort Snelling reservation. Albert A. was not born here, but at Garden Prairie, Boone county, Illinois, January 18, 1842. He was the fourth of seven sons, and was ten years of age when his parents removed with their family to Minnesota. In 1874 his father died at Minneapolis; but his mother, Martha A. Ames, although aged, is still counted among the city's residents. From ten to sixteen our subject attended the common and high schools of the place, graduating from the latter, which was at that time a department of the Washington school. Before the completion of his course he began earning money in the humble capacity of "printer's devil" and carrier, for the Northwestern Democrat, the first Minneapolis newspaper issued west of the river. In the summer of the next year, 1858, and soon after his graduation, he began the study of medicine and surgery, with his father for tutor. This initiatory work was followed by two preparatory and two regular courses in Rush Medical College at Chicago, and on February 5, 1862, he received his degree of M. D. In March fol-



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lowing he returned to Minneapolis and entered into practice. But the Civil War was in progress, and, responding to the call of President Lincoln for troops, he assisted in organizing Company B of the Ninth Minnesota Regiment, in which he enlisted. This regiment was allowed a furlough of two weeks after being formed, in order that the men might adjust their home affairs; but serious trouble with the Indians had broken out on the frontier, and it became necessary to recall the Ninth Regiment and despatch it at once to check the advance of the red men upon Minneapolis. Dr. Ames had enlisted as a private, but he was now made orderly sergeant, and directed to assemble his men for active service. Shortly afterward he was commissioned assistant surgeon of the Seventh Regiment, Infantry Volunteers of Minnesota, with orders to report to that regiment, then on its way to relieve Fort Ridgeley, which was being harassed by the Indians. Throughout three years of severe service, the young doctor did duty with his regiment, and attained, in July, 1864, to the rank of surgeon major. Like most veterans, Dr. Ames feels an enthusiastic interest in all reminiscences and relics of his soldier days, and he still cherishes in his possession the musket which was presented to him in the ceremony of his appointment as orderly sergeant. At the close of the war he returned to Minneapolis, but not yet to locate there and await the development of a medical practice. His three years of military adventure had not been calculated to subdue his naturally restless and enterprising spirit; and in 1868 he set out for the Pacific coast, choosing the circuitous Isthmus route. Arrived in California, he engaged in the newspaper business, and in a short time had risen to the dignity of managing editor of what was then the foremost journal of the coast, the *Alta California*. But this enterprise was abandoned in the autumn of 1874, when the death of his father necessitated his return to Minneapolis, in which city he has since made his home. Here his energies were soon enlisted in public affairs. From his earliest manhood he had taken a lively interest in political matters, his general views being such as char-

acterized those styled "War Democrats." As early as 1867, and before his Pacific sojourn, he had been elected as a representative of Hennepin county to the State Legislature on what was known as the "soldiers' ticket;" and, in 1875, after resuming his residence in Minneapolis, he served as a member of the city council, and in the following year was elected "centennial mayor" of Minneapolis. He received two subsequent elections to the office of Mayor, in 1882 and 1886, respectively. In the last-named year the Democrats nominated him for Governor of Minnesota, and a vigorous campaign ensued. By this time he had gained a following which, for size and enthusiasm, has, perhaps, never been equalled by that of any resident of Minneapolis; and, although there had been a previous record of large Republican majorities, the one which now defeated Dr. Ames was so small that the result of the election was doubtful for days. His election to Congress was similarly defeated, as, also, that to the post of Lieutenant Governor. A fortunate result of Dr. Ames' candidacy for Governor, however, was the founding of a soldiers' home in the State. For this he had stipulated with the Democratic party, through its convention, as the condition of his consent to nomination; and although the Republicans won the day, they supported the bill proposed by their opponents, which materialized in a fine establishment for aged and indigent veterans, beautifully situated at the junction of the Minnehaha river with the Mississippi. Dr. Ames was appointed surgeon of the home, and served as such for over five years, resigning only under stress of professional duties, by which his time has since been largely absorbed. His present political stand is independent, yet represents always that best element of Democracy which contemplates greater freedom and equality through the uplifting of the toilers-slaved masses. Dr. Ames belongs to the *G. N. Morgan Post*, No. 4, *G. A. R.*, and as a Mason, Knight Templar and Knight of Pythias has officiated in the following capacities: Master of Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, Order of Masons; High Priest of St. John's Chapter, No. 9; Eminent Commander

of Zion Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar in Minnesota; Chancellor Commander of Minneapolis Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, and Grand Chancellor of Minnesota and Supreme Representative from this jurisdiction to the Supreme Lodge of the World. He has also been on the charter list of No. 14, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and was the first Exalted Ruler of this pioneer lodge of the Northwest. Dr. Ames, together with his wife and their daughter Maurine, resides in Oak Park, a north suburban section of Minneapolis.

WILLIAM H. GRIMSHAW.

William Harrison Grimshaw, of Minneapolis, present United States marshal for the District of Minnesota, was born in Philadelphia, December 6, 1853. His parents were both natives of that city and of English descent. His father, Robert E. Grimshaw, was a prominent contractor and builder. The maiden name of his mother was Mary Page Nicholson, and she was a descendant of an old and prominent Philadelphia family; she died in 1856, when her son William was three years of age. He was the fourth child of a family of two sons and three daughters. In 1855 Robert E. Grimshaw removed with his children to Minneapolis, where he subsequently remarried. His son, William, has therefore been a resident of Minnesota practically since infancy. He was educated in the Minneapolis public schools, graduating from the high school in 1869. Inheriting the taste and disposition of his father, he thoroughly educated himself as an architect, opened an office in Minneapolis and was successful in his profession from the first, becoming one of the best known architects in the Northwest. He designed and superintended the erection of thirteen of the public school buildings and many private houses, store buildings, etc., in Minneapolis and several county court houses in different portions of the State. Meantime he was prominent and influential in the local affairs of the city. He has always

been a staunch Republican and has taken an active working part in politics. In every political campaign for the past twenty-five years his services have been in demand, and he has made speaking tours throughout the State. In 1882 he was elected to the Legislature and was a prominent member of the House during the session of 1883. He was a member of several important committees, and it was he who presented the name of Hon. C. K. Davis to the joint session as a candidate for the United States Senate. Mr. Davis was not elected at this time, however, Hon. D. M. Sabin succeeding to the honor. Mr. Grimshaw was appointed to his present position by President McKinley, March 17, 1899. He has made a most efficient chief constable of the Federal authority, and his administration has been successful and acceptable to an eminent degree. Marshal Grimshaw is a man of versatile talents and accomplishments. He can look after evil doers who break the law, design and build a mammoth building, make a speech, conduct a political campaign, write an essay—all with equal force and facility. He is of a literary turn, a ready and polished writer, and has made many notable contributions to the public press and the leading magazines. For the past seven years he has edited the "Chess Columns" of the Minneapolis Journal. He is, too, of scholastic tastes and has a reputation for his profound knowledge of mathematics. He was married in July, 1879, to Mrs. Marion C. Bliss, of Ionia, Michigan. They have one child, a son, named William Elwood Grimshaw, who is a student in the State University.

CUSHMAN K. DAVIS.

The Honorable Cushman Kellogg Davis is prepared to establish his claim to a Puritan and Pilgrim ancestry unsurpassed by any strain that ever settled in, or founded a New England colony. His lineage through his mother is traced directly to Robert Cushman, the Puritan financial agent, who procured land grants in Massachusetts from King James and fitted out the "Mayflower" and the "Speedwell"

for their historic voyage to the bleak New England coast in search of freedom to worship God. No ship ever landed on an American shore a more famous passenger list than was carried by those primitive vessels, and no voyagers ever exhibited more fortitude on sea or land. Among the passengers of the "Mayflower," and the last survivor of them all, was Mary Allerton, who became the wife of Thomas Cushman, son of Robert the Puritan, and a man of strong and sturdy character. Cushman K. Davis was born in Henderson, Jefferson county, New York, June 16, 1838, the son of Horatio Nelson Davis and Charissa Cushman, who was a lineal descendant of Thomas Cushman and Mary Allerton. Before the close of the year in which he was born, the family removed to the Territory of Wisconsin, so that his entire life, practically, has been passed in the Northwest. His father, a pioneer, and a man of ability, became prominent in the affairs of a State to which he had emigrated while it was still a Territory, serving as Senator several terms in the Legislature of Wisconsin, and also serving nearly four years as captain in the Twenty-eighth Wisconsin Regiment during the Civil War. The early education of Cushman K. was acquired in the frontier schools of the Territory, and the first one which he attended was in a log school house. That was the prevailing style of school house in the Territory of Wisconsin fifty-five years ago, and for some years later. He attended Carroll College in Waukesha until he had completed the studies of the junior year, and then entered the University of Michigan, from whose classical course he was graduated in 1857. Like many eminent men who achieve greatness for themselves, he graduated very young in years, but with the intellectual cultivation and power of mature manhood. Mr. Davis took up the study of law, and prepared himself for practice, but in 1862 enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Wisconsin Infantry, and was elected first lieutenant of Company B. His service was in the Vicksburg campaign, and subsequently in Arkansas. He was a member of the expedition that captured Little Rock, and continued to perform his duty in the field with

a division of the army which had no opportunity for brilliant achievements. His health was much broken by service in the miasmatic climate and exposure in the neighborhood of the pestilential swamps of Arkansas, so that before the close of 1864 he tendered his resignation and returned to his home. Immediately thereafter he settled at St. Paul, Minnesota, which had even then more than local fame as a health resort. A stranger, without prestige or adventitious aids, without even letters of introduction from influential friends, he began the practice of law. He was favored with natural ability, ambition, courage, and the power of strenuous application, and with such faculties he won his way, step by step, holding firmly any ground gained by the force of his will, and that driving, imperious necessity, which is sometimes the best capital to insure rapid and permanent advancement. He mastered the philosophy and principles of the law, and was faithful to his clients, whether the fees received were large or small. Within two years his opportunity to gain distinction at the bar came to him, in his engagement to defend George L. Van Solen, indicted for murder. It was a celebrated case, because of the prominence of the accused, and the strong network of evidence woven around him by skillful prosecution. Even down to the present time members of the bar cite the case, and quote it on account of the interesting and unique features developed during the trial, and the skill displayed by the young lawyer in releasing his client from the net, and securing a verdict of "not guilty." The case won him fame and more clients. He continued in the practice with increasing business and marked success, and won additional renown, in 1878, by his defense of Judge Sherman Page, on trial before the Senate of Minnesota under articles of impeachment. In this case he was associated with other able counsel, but the issue extended and broadened his well-earned fame, especially when the defense was both able and successful. The Judge was acquitted. Mr. Davis has been at all times devoted to the law. He regards it not simply as one of the learned professions, but the greatest of them all in the

opportunity it affords for intellectual growth and the exercise of keen analytical powers. Above all else, he esteems it as the chief instrumentality for securing justice between man and man, as well as between nations. The systems of jurisprudence in the States, the laws of the United States and international law, have engaged his profound admiration and for many years commanded his deepest thought and most strenuous application. That he has not applied himself to the law simply for the purpose of acquiring wealth or gaining professional renown, is evidenced by the fact that he has never accepted a salary from a corporation agreeing to render it exclusive service, although his talents would have commanded an enormous salary at any time during the last twenty years. He has preferred a general practice, with freedom to accept the cause of the client who first applied for his services. He has therefore appeared as frequently against corporations as for them in the courts of his State. The records of the Appellate Courts disclose the history of his connection with the most important litigation carried on in Minnesota for the past thirty years. Notwithstanding his long service in public office, his continuance as the head of the firm of Davis, Kellogg & Severance, shows his strong preference for the practice of law. Mr. Davis, when yet a very young man, attracted attention, both as an advocate in the forum and a political orator, and in 1867 he was elected to the House of Representatives in Minnesota. The following year he was appointed United States district attorney, an office whose duties were in line with his profession, and in harmony with his taste. After serving five years, however, he resigned to accept the nomination for Governor, offered by the Republican party. He took the initiation in securing the enactment of a statute regulating the traffic of railroads, both as to passenger and freight rates. He conceived that the right of such regulation was inherent in the State, and proceeded to realize the conception in law. He declined a renomination for Governor to resume the practice of his profession, which was continued without further

interruption until he was chosen by the Legislature of 1887 to represent his State in the Senate of the United States. He was re-elected in 1893, and again in 1899, so that he still has at least five years as Senator. Before the close of his first term Senator Davis attracted more than average attention as a figure in National politics; and before the close of his second term he had become famous, both for National and international statesmanship. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Invalid Pensions he was largely instrumental in securing the enactment of a pension law, so broad and just in its provisions as to receive grateful acknowledgment from the soldiers, and command the approval of the tax-payers. This alone is an achievement on which the fame of any statesman might rest securely through the coming ages. He was the champion and the most effective instrumentality in securing the improvement of the Government canal at Sault Ste. Marie. It was inadequate to the enormous demands of the commerce of the Great Lakes, unless the lock could be speedily constructed and the channel could be broadened and deepened. The demand was for immediate beginning and early completion. In the emergency Senator Davis conceived the idea of having the work done by contract in advance of an appropriation, thus pledging the Government to make from time to time appropriations sufficient to cover the contract price, so that it might be available as needed, and the public work of so great importance might not be compelled to wait on the humor of Congress for partial appropriations in accordance with the general practice of the Government in constructing its public works. The work on the canal was pushed with amazing celerity, and its completion not only relieved the congestion and gave a new impetus to the agriculture, commerce and manufactures of the Northwest, but was also a tribute to the genius of the Senator, whose conception saved so much time on the work of construction. At the beginning of his second term, Senator Davis was placed on the Senate Committee of Foreign Relations, and in four years became chairman of the committee. His study of international law and

diplomacy was so thorough that he was soon recognized in the Senate as authority on all questions affecting the relations of our Government with other powers, and on the whole subject of international law. An appointment to the chairmanship of that committee not only confers distinction, but in times of contention with foreign nations fixes a responsibility from which a timid or a weak man may well shrink. He opposed the policy of President Cleveland toward Hawaii, in 1896, in a speech of great power, which attracted favorable notice and comment throughout the country. His understanding of the essence of the issue between Great Britain and Venezuela, growing out of the disputed boundary, enabled him to mark the course and establish the lines on which the dispute was settled by arbitration and treaty stipulations. As chairman of the committee he had charge of the treaty providing for the annexation of Hawaii; and when the treaty failed to receive the votes of two-thirds of the Senators, essential to the ratification of a treaty, he boldly prepared and secured the passage of a joint resolution which effected the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands without regard to the treaty as a whole. It was a commendable piece of diplomacy, as the resolution required only a majority of the votes in each House to give it the force of law. During the period immediately preceding the opening of hostilities with Spain, on account of Cuba, Senator Davis was a busy man. He drafted and offered the report of his committee on the strained relations of our Government with Spain, due to the destruction of the battleship "Maine." He reported to the Senate the resolutions demanding the withdrawal of Spain from Cuba and the adjacent waters, and empowering the President to employ the military and naval forces of the United States to effect the removal, if the Spanish government should fail or refuse to comply with the demand. His course throughout the critical period was marked by dignified statesmanship and judicial temper, such as to evidence his high qualification for the weightier and yet more delicate responsibility placed upon him by the President in selecting him as a member of the

High Joint Commission which assembled in Paris during the autumn of 1898 to negotiate a treaty of peace. He was one of the ablest and most patient members of that commission. The conferences were sometimes vexatious and the outlook discouraging; but the Treaty of Paris, signed December 10, 1898, by all of the American and Spanish commissioners, is a grand triumph of brilliant diplomacy and progressive statesmanship on the part of the representatives of the United States. Senator Davis is a many-sided man. He is author, orator, student of history and of the biographies of Shakespeare and Napoleon. He wrote a book on "The Law of Shakespeare," and his library contains a magnificent collection of Napoleon books and portraits. He has discussed in magazine articles the Government's foreign policy, and the construction of a canal around Niagara Falls by the United States, and a deep waterway thence to the Atlantic. He is thoroughly an American in lineage, character, instinct and patriotism. As a public servant, Senator Davis works hard and conscientiously. His committee assignments suggest the versatility of his talents, estimated by the body of which he has been a member for more than a dozen years—on the Judiciary, on Foreign Relations, on Territories, on Pacific Railroads, on the Census, and on Forest Reservations. He is always candid and courageous, never a time-server. He spoke with timely pertinence and unanswerable logic in anticipation of the action of President Cleveland in 1894, in sending United States troops to Chicago to protect the Government's property, and restore public order during the riots incident to the great strike. His patriotism is above the partisan, as his statesmanship is above the politician. He has creative ability and constructive genius, and stands in the fore rank of the men relied upon to formulate the Nation's policy in the treatment of new questions as they arise. He has the incorruptible integrity and historic fortitude which gave to the Puritans character and individuality and success. Mr. Davis is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and worships with the Congregationalists. He was married, in 1880,

to Anna Malcolm Agnew, of St. Paul. A man of prominence in the affairs of the State says of Senator Davis:

"I have lived in the State of Minnesota all my life, and have known personally all the public men of both parties. I do not hesitate to say, that in my opinion, Senator Davis possesses more of the elements of greatness than any other citizen of the State, living or deceased. He is a man of many parts, and in whatever light you view him you are impressed with his versatility of resources. As an advocate before a jury, he ranks with Webster, Pierce and Choate, and as an orator and public speaker he has no rival in the Northwest. He has a marvelous literary style, peculiarly his own and distinctly American. It is a source of wonder to his friends how such a busy man as he has been all his life could acquire such a classical style and literary finish as a writer. He is an omnivorous reader, and seems to have retained and stored away every little point of history, ancient or modern. He is entirely familiar with the writings of Darwin, Spencer, Huxley and Voltaire, and is a close student of Shakespeare. He is, without doubt, the only man in the entire Northwest to-day who ranks equally high as author, orator and statesman."

HARLAN P. ROBERTS.

Harlan P. Roberts, of Minneapolis, is a native of the State of Ohio, having been born in Wayne, Ashtabula county, December 5, 1854. His father, the Rev. George Roberts, was born in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, and was a minister in the Congregational church for many years, continuing in that profession until the year of his death, which occurred in 1857. The first wife of Rev. George Roberts was a Miss Hughes, of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, who died in the year 1825. His second wife was Miss Ann J. Marvin, to whom he was united in 1826. Twelve children were born to them, of whom Harlan was the eleventh. One of the cousins of Rev. George Roberts was Samuel Roberts—"Llanbryn Myr," commonly known in his country as "S. R."—who was quite a famous Welsh writer. Before the Civil War

he founded a Welsh colony in Tennessee, but when the war broke out they were driven away from their adopted State, and a number of them returned to their fatherland. Our subject commenced his education in the county schools of Ashtabula county, Ohio. At the age of nine, he was sent to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and entered Howe's Academy, continuing in his studies there for two years, preparatory to college. At the completion of his course in this academy he returned to his native State and matriculated at Oberlin College. He finished the course here and graduated in 1875. He then entered the theological department of Yale College at New Haven, Connecticut, and completed the prescribed course in three years, graduating in 1878. He lost no time in finding a field for his ministerial work, and in the same year of his graduation went to Silverton, Colorado, where he took charge of the Congregational church. His name is identified in that town with the construction of a fine church building, which was effected to a great extent by his own personal efforts. In 1879 he was chosen county treasurer of San Juan county, Colorado, and held that office until 1881. Upon withdrawing from the ministry he determined to study law, and accordingly entered the office of the Hon. N. E. Slaymaker, who at that time was practicing in Silverton, but who now resides in Detroit, Michigan. After reading law with Mr. Slaymaker for about two years he was admitted to the bar in 1883. He remained in Silverton only a year after engaging in law practice, and from thence removed to Minneapolis, continuing in his chosen profession in that city. He is in legal practice at the present time, and has made a specialty of corporation and real-estate law, having built up a large and remunerative practice in that field. He is at the present time counsel for the receiver of the city bank, and is attorney for other large and important interests. As might be presumed from his theological training, his ecclesiastical interests are with the Congregationalists, and he belongs to the Park Avenue Congregational church of Minneapolis, engaging in the active work of that society. During the season of 1898-9, he



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was honored with the election to the office of president of the Congregational Club of Minnesota. Mr. Roberts was united in marriage to Miss Margaret L. Conklin, of Binghamton, New York, October 3, 1888. Mrs. Roberts is a descendant in the direct line from Governor Bradford, of colonial fame. Two daughters were born of this union: Margaret E. and Leslie May.

HENRY A. CASTLE.

Henry Anson Castle is the son of a New England family, but a native of Illinois, born at Columbus, Adams county, August 22, 1811. His elementary education was supplemented by a course at McKendree College, from which he graduated in 1862, the honorary degree of A. M. being subsequently conferred upon him. Close upon his graduation, the Civil War being in progress, he enlisted as a private in the Seventy-third Illinois Infantry Regiment. Four months later he was promoted to the post of sergeant major. With his regiment, which belonged to Sheridan's division of the Army of the Cumberland, he participated in some stirring service, which included the Perryville campaign, the advance on Bowling Green and Nashville and the battle of Stone River. In the latter encounter he was so seriously wounded as to necessitate his discharge from service. Upon his recovery, however, he proceeded to raise a company for the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Illinois. He was unanimously elected captain of this company, which he commanded throughout its service. As a congenial field of professional activity, Captain Castle adopted the law. He was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Illinois and began practice at Quincy. In connection with his legal studies and practice he also, at intervals, wrote editorially for the Quincy Daily Whig. But his army experience had undermined his health, and the appearance of the serious symptom of lung hemorrhage determined him to give up his professional work and seek the bracing air of Minnesota. In July, 1866, he arrived at St. Paul, where he resolved

eventually to make his home and engage in business. His period of recuperation, however, he spent in Anoka and St. Cloud, during most of which time he was connected, as an editorial writer, with the Anoka Union. It was 1868 when he returned to St. Paul, with arrangements already consummated for opening a wholesale stove depot for the firm of Comstock, Castle & Company, of Quincy, of which he had become a member. His connection with the Anoka Union he retained for three or four years after leaving St. Cloud, and for six years he successfully conducted the stove enterprise. In 1874 he resumed his chosen profession of the law, with his office at St. Paul. In 1876 a stock company was organized which effected a purchase of the St. Paul Dispatch from Mr. H. P. Hall. The Dispatch was a Republican organ, and Captain Castle, having become known as an earnest exponent of that party, was made president of the company and editor of the paper. With the exception of a short time in 1880, he maintained this dual relation to the Dispatch until 1885; indeed, during the last three years of that period he was its sole proprietor as well as its editor-in-chief. Meantime he had become much interested in real estate, and in favor of this line of enterprise he abandoned his journalistic career, in 1886, turning his whole attention to his new interests, which were chiefly in suburban property. Captain Castle has held a large number of public offices. Few men come into touch with their community through more numerous and various avenues. He was a member of the State Legislature of 1873, and figured prominently as the champion of Hon. C. K. Davis in the campaign which resulted in his election as Governor. Two years later Governor Davis appointed Captain Castle Adjutant General of Minnesota. In 1883 he was appointed oil inspector by Governor Hubbard. The latter position he held for four years. In February of 1892 President Harrison appointed him postmaster of St. Paul. Although so desirable and lucrative a position, such was the general recognition of his party claims that no other candidates opposed themselves to him. He held this office until Novem-

ber 1, 1896, although this date was several months later than the expiration of his four-years' term. His able and devoted service as postmaster paved the way to his appointment, on May 17, 1897, as auditor for the Post Office Department. He removed to Washington, where he still resides and performs the functions of his high position. Apart from remunerative offices, Captain Castle has been an honorary member of many public organizations, and in many has done gratuitous service. He has officiated as president of the Library Association of St. Paul, of the Minnesota Editorial Association, and of the Chamber of Commerce. He has been commander of the Loyal Legion of Minnesota, Department Commander of the G. A. R., secretary of the State Home for Soldiers' Orphans, and was for twelve years president of the board of trustees of the Minnesota Soldiers' Home. In politics Captain Castle has long been a recognized and respected force throughout the State. His executive ability makes him a fine organizer, and for nearly ten consecutive years he was the most active agent of the Republican State Central Committee, on which he served as chairman in 1884, during the memorable Blaine and Logan campaign. His vigorous and aggressive work, both on the stump and in the press, has been a potent influence, determining for good or ill the fortunes of many men. Although he enjoys a wide personal acquaintance with the newspaper fraternity, it is not too much to say that he is universally regarded by its members with esteem and affection. Of the G. A. R. and Loyal Legion, also, he is a cherished comrade. In 1897 Captain Castle published "The Army Mule and Other War Sketches"—a series of humorous papers which he had written some time previously, and which had been read at meetings of the Loyal Legion. This book has been highly approved by literary critics and has proven a financial success. On April 18, 1865, at Quincy, Illinois, Captain Castle was married to Miss Margaret W. Jaquess. Seven children were born of this union. Of the three sons, the eldest, Charles W., now first lieutenant of the Sixteenth Infantry, U. S. A., graduated in 1894 from the

West Point Military Academy, and rendered efficient service as aide-de-camp to Major General Brooke during his terms of duty as Governor General of Porto Rico and Cuba.

JESSE M. HODGMAN.

The native place of the late Jesse Monroe Hodgman, of Red Wing, Minnesota, was Hartland, Windsor county, Vermont; the date of his birth, February 17, 1818. He was reared in Hartland, and, after acquiring an elementary education in the public schools of his home county, he went to New Hampshire to attend the Meriden Seminary. After completing his studies at that institution, he returned to Vermont and took a course of training in the military school at Norwich, which was conducted under the auspices of the State. In the fall of 1854 he came west, visited Red Wing and resolved eventually to locate there. His affairs in the East, however, he had left in an unsettled condition, which necessitated his return for their adjustment; and it was not until 1856 that he became a permanent resident of Red Wing. For about four years after settling in this city he was engaged in commercial pursuits, then, in 1860, he entered into a partnership with T. B. Sheldon in the forwarding and commission business. As a member of the firm thus formed Mr. Hodgman was actively engaged for about seven years; but in 1867, the state of his health having become inconsistent with the exactions of business life, he retired. In 1868, however, and again in 1878, he was elected mayor of the city of Red Wing; and the manner in which he met the contingencies and fulfilled the trusts of that high office throughout the years of his incumbency was a perpetual proof of the sound judgment and untainted conscience which characterized him in all the affairs of life. Mr. Hodgman was a married man, having been united to Miss Harriet Kellogg, at Red Wing, May 13, 1862. Leonard W. Hodgman, of Red Wing, is the only son of this union. Mr. Hodgman identified himself with Christ church parish. In 1862 he was elected a member of its vestry and was annually re-elected until Easter, 1885, when fail-



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ing health compelled him to decline a reelection. His death took place at his home in Red Wing on the 11th day of April, 1887, severing him from many warm friends in the community in which for so many years he had been a beneficent and cherished factor.

ERASTUS S. EDGERTON.

The late Erastus Smith Edgerton, one of the earliest and most prominent bankers of St. Paul, was born at Franklin, Delaware county, New York, December 9, 1816. His grandfather, Nathan Edgerton, was one of the pioneers, and the most prominent man in that then newly settled section of the country. He came from Franklin, Connecticut, in 1793, after which place he named the town of Franklin, New York. The father of our subject, Erastus Edgerton, was the first white child born in the township in which the village of Franklin is situated. His great-grandfather on his mother's side was Col. Solomon Willis, a man of mark in old Colonial days, having served both in the French and Indian War and the War of the Revolution, in the latter as commander of a Connecticut regiment. His grandfather on his maternal side, Dr. Azariah Willis, also settled at Franklin at a time when almost the entire country between the headwaters of the Delaware and Susquehanna rivers was still an unbroken wilderness, he being one of the first associate judges of Delaware county. His father dying in 1837, the management of a considerable estate devolved upon Erastus S., while he was still a minor, from which early period dates the commencement of his active business life. In the spring of 1850 he went west, going first to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and then, in 1852, to Rockford, Illinois. In June, 1853, he first visited Minnesota, finding a village of about three thousand population at St. Paul, and one of about one thousand at St. Anthony, the west side of the river being still occupied by the Sioux Indians, and the only development of the water power at Minneapolis being an old government saw-mill. Locating at St. Paul, and engaging in the banking business with the late Charles N. Mackubin, he

soon became recognized as a financier of more than ordinary ability, and the firm of Edgerton & Mackubin soon took rank as one of the leading and most responsible houses in the West. In 1858 the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Edgerton continuing the business on his own account. During the troublous and exciting times following the great financial crash of 1857, he exhibited in a marked degree that promptness of decision, energy of action, and unswerving integrity which were prominent traits in his character. Disposing of real estate at almost nominal prices, which has since become worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, he hesitated at no sacrifice necessary to enable him to meet every obligation and to maintain the credit of his bank. As a result he passed through the ordeal in safety, redeeming fully the issues of the State Bank, of which he was the owner, meeting promptly the demands of every depositor, and preserving intact the credit which afterwards became the foundation of the large fortune which he subsequently accumulated. Naturally conservative in disposition, but sagacious and of a sound and independent judgment, his opinions on financial subjects, although frequently opposed to popular ideas, were usually found justified by results. Believing that the loan of State credit to the Minnesota land grant railroads, in 1858, as provided for in the so-called "five million loan bill," would be disastrous to the State credit, he was one of the very few who vigorously opposed that measure. After the bill had been passed by the Legislature, and confirmed by an almost unanimous vote of the people, the event was celebrated by a parade of a number of its most zealous advocates through the streets of St. Paul, who, when they arrived in front of Mr. Edgerton's bank, halted and caused their band to play the "dead march" for his benefit. He came to the door, thanked the crowd for their "polite attention," and told them that while he had opposed the passage of the act which they so unanimously favored, he expected to live to vote for the payment of the bonds to be issued under it, and to see them just as unanimously voting for their redemption, which prediction was eventually

fulfilled to the letter. In 1864 Mr. Edgerton organized the Second National Bank of St. Paul, of which he became the president and largest stockholder, and which, under his able management, soon became widely known as an exceptionally safe and successfully managed institution. He also subsequently became interested as a stockholder in banks located in New York City, Chicago, Virginia, Montana, several in Minnesota outside of St. Paul, and several in the Dakotas. Many of these he helped to organize, and in a considerable number was a director. In addition to these enterprises and investments in the line of his special vocation as a banker, he was, during the active portion of his life, not infrequently engaged in other business operations of a different character and on an extended scale. For several years he was one of the principal proprietors of the important mail and stage route running from Catskill on the Hudson to Delhi on the Delaware, which, previous to the building of the New York and Erie Railroad, was the main line of travel between New York City and the entire portion of New York State embraced by the Delaware, Susquehanna and Chenango valleys. In 1863 he became interested in the fur trading and outfitting business in that portion of the Hudson Bay Company's territory which now constitutes the Province of Manitoba. The operations of the company of which he was a member and the chief financial manager, eventually assumed very considerable proportions, and embraced in the direct importation from England of large quantities of goods, as well as the exchange of goods with the Indians and the half-breeds for furs and buffalo robes, and the shipment of the latter to the United States and Europe. While in no sense a politician in the ordinary meaning of the term, and during his residence in Minnesota taking no active part in public affairs, his opinion and advice were not infrequently sought by those in official positions, and especially in regard to financial questions affecting the public credit, and upon several occasions he, although not a member of that body, was invited to address the Legislature upon questions of that character. Like most men of

originality of thought, Mr. Edgerton's individuality was so strongly marked as to leave a lasting impression upon those with whom he was brought in contact, and there were few among the pioneer business men of St. Paul who will be longer or more vividly remembered. By his kindly assistance a considerable number of young men were helped to educational and business advantages which enabled them to attain to positions which, but for his timely aid, it is improbable that they would ever have been able to reach. His charities, which were unostentatious and thoroughly practical, were numerous and liberal to an extent probably in excess of those of any other person who ever lived in St. Paul, especially in the direction of provision and care for the aged and infirm, while his generosity to his relatives was as exceptional in degree as such liberality is unusual in ordinary experience. In 1844, Mr. Edgerton was married at Cammonsville, New York, to Miss Eliza Cannon, of that place. Their only child, a daughter, died at Saint Paul while yet an infant. Mrs. Edgerton was a most estimable lady and greatly beloved by all those with whom she was brought into intimate relations. After his retirement from active business Mr. Edgerton resided in the city of New York, although much time was spent in travel, entirely in this country, however, with the exception of one trip to Europe. He was fond of equestrian exercise, and was an accomplished horseman, and his erect and commanding figure and beautiful and spirited Kentucky horse became familiar objects to the frequenters of New York Central Park. He died at his old family home at Franklin, New York, April 13, 1893. Mrs. Edgerton survived her husband only about one year.

THOMAS H. SHEVLIN.

Thomas H. Shevlin, a prominent lumber manufacturer of Minneapolis, and an extensive owner of pine lands and saw-mills, is a native of the State of New York, and was born January 3, 1852, in Albany. His parents were of the sturdy Scotch-Irish stock. In June, 1867,





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when he was only fifteen years of age, he entered the employ of Messrs. Sage, McGraw & Company, and while connected with this firm he acquired a good knowledge of the lumber business. Twelve years later, in 1879, he came west to Muskegon, Michigan, and entered the employ of Mr. T. W. Harvey, a well-known lumber dealer of Chicago. He remained with Mr. Harvey only a short time, however, and on January 1, 1880, was engaged by S. C. Hall. About a year later, in 1881, while carrying on the business for Mr. Hall, in addition thereto he went into business on his own account, associating with himself Mr. Davies and others as partners, under the firm name of Shevlin, Davies & Company. In 1882, he was chosen treasurer and manager of the S. C. Hall Lumber Company of Muskegon, Michigan, which had just been formed. He was successively chosen treasurer of the Hall & Ducey Lumber Company of Minneapolis, in 1886; manager of the Hall & Shevlin Company (incorporated), in 1887; and president of the Shevlin-Carpenter Company, in 1892. This latter concern was formed by the consolidation of the Hall & Ducey Company and the Hall & Shevlin Company, occasioned by the death of Mr. Hall in 1888. January 1, 1895, Mr. Shevlin established the J. Neils Lumber Company of Sank Rapids, Minnesota, and was elected its president. In 1896 he became president of the St. Hilaire Lumber Company (incorporated). Mr. Shevlin has confined himself closely to his chosen business all through life, and this concentration of energy is one secret of his success. Although he takes an interest in political affairs, he has never sought or held any office of a political nature. Mr. Shevlin was united in marriage, in 1882, to Miss Alice A. Hall, of Muskegon, Michigan. Three children have been born to them, one boy, Thomas Leonard, and two girls, Florence and Helen.

ALPHEUS B. STICKNEY.

Alpheus Beede Stickney, virtually the founder and now president of the Chicago-Great Western Railway, was born in the village of Wilton, Franklin county, Maine, June

27, 1840. He is a member of one of the oldest New England families, and belongs to the ninth generation of the descendants of William Stickney, of Frampton, Lincolnshire, England, who settled at Holly, Massachusetts, in the latter part of the Seventeenth Century. His father was Daniel Stickney, who was born at Hallowell, Maine, in 1801. He was in early manhood a mechanic, and subsequently in succession a school teacher, a Universalist clergyman, and the editor and publisher of the "Loyal Sunrise," a newspaper of Presque Isle, Maine, which acquired considerable prominence and influence at the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion. The maiden name of his wife, the mother of A. B. Stickney, was Ursula Maria Beede, born at Sandwich, New Hampshire, in 1813. Mr. Stickney's early life and surroundings were plain and simple. His education was obtained and completed in the New Hampshire common schools and academies of half a century ago. He was a poor boy and all the circumstances prevented his obtaining a college training. He had to help himself even through the district school, and the money with which he purchased his algebra (price 75 cents) he earned by picking up and drying "wind-fall" apples from his grandfather's orchard, and selling them for two and a half cents a pound, while at intervals he worked at shoemaking. But he was unusually industrious and persevering, and he acquired very rapidly the rudiments of a good scholastic education. When he was but seventeen years of age he began teaching and was thus engaged for two years. In the second year of his experience as a pedagogue, he began the study of law under the instruction of Hon. Josiah Crosby, of Dexter, Maine, and was so engaged for nearly three years. In 1861 Mr. Stickney came to Minnesota and the same year was admitted to the bar, in Stillwater. He was not able to at once enter upon the practice, however, and for about two years was employed in his former vocation of school teaching, reading his law books and studying his chosen profession as best he could in the meanwhile. In 1863 he engaged in active practice at Stillwater and

so continued for six years, or until 1869, when he removed to St. Paul. Not long after his location in St. Paul, Mr. Stickney entered upon the work of building and operating railroads. His experience in this work has been so long and so large that the details cannot here be given and not even well summarized. He first built the line from Hudson to New Richmond and later to River Falls, which has since been incorporated into the Omaha or Northwestern system. In 1872 he took the management of a little road called the "St. Paul, Stillwater & Taylor's Falls," between St. Paul and Cumberland, Wisconsin, and Stillwater in connection with the line from Hudson to Clayton, and this road was also, in time, absorbed by the Omaha. In 1880 he was superintendent of construction for the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba, now the Great Northern. In 1882 he built the Cannon Valley line—eighty miles in length—in Minnesota, which was owned and operated as a part of the Rock Island system until June, 1899, when it was purchased by Mr. Stickney, its builder, and became a part of the Chicago-Great Western. In 1883 he began the monumental work of his life, the construction of the great American railway system now called the Chicago-Great Western. Of the magnitude and importance of this magnificent enterprise, to the country, this is not the place to speak. Some of the results may be mentioned, however, although they are well known and appreciated. The first passenger trains on this road between Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago, started from their respective terminals on the evening of August 1, 1887, and ran through in thirteen hours and thirty minutes. This was the inauguration of the present fast train service in the Northwest. Mr. Stickney's new departure shortened the time of the round trip to Chicago to two nights and one day—the one day being spent in Chicago—and the other roads had to follow suit. The Great Western, under Mr. Stickney's management, made other important innovations, which in time were adopted and became established features in railway operating. The reorganization of the Chicago-Great Western was an original plan of Mr. Stickney's devising,

by which the bondholders, having a mortgage lien of about twenty million dollars upon the entire property of the railroad company, exchanged their securities for its capital stock, leaving the corporation without a dollar of bonded debt or mortgage. This condition is unique in the entire history of railroading. In 1886 Mr. Stickney organized in Chicago a railroad enterprise of inestimable value to transportation interests. He purchased nearly 4,000 acres of land, known as "the Stickney tract," near the city, with the design of concentrating thereon the interchange of freight traffic between the railways. This property he conveyed to the Chicago Union Transfer Company, at net cost plus six per cent interest. Mr. Stickney was also the originator and projector, in 1886, of the St. Paul Union Stock Yards, at South St. Paul. He is a man of ideas and has an apt capacity for putting them on paper. His published work on "The Railway Problem" is a standard on the subject and is in use as a text-book in the department of political economy in many American colleges. His fifty-page pamphlet on the financial question, published in 1896, went through three editions and obtained a circulation of 20,000 copies. His services as a public speaker are more often demanded than they can be given. While most of Mr. Stickney's time is absorbed in the business enterprises with which he is identified, he finds ample time for the enjoyment of his home and the society of his intimate friends. He has a large library, and when fatigued and overworked he finds relief and relaxation in reading. Mr. Stickney was married in 1864 to Miss Kate W. Hall, daughter of Dr. Samuel Hall, of Collinsville, Illinois. Of this marriage there are seven children—Samuel C., Katherine, Lucile, Ruth, Charles A., Emily and Jean. Mrs. Stickney died at St. Paul, December 2, 1899.

CHARLES A. ZIMMERMAN.

Charles Alfred Zimmerman, pioneer, prominent business man, artist and photographer of St. Paul, was born in Strasbourg, France, June



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21, 1844, the son of Edward and Barbara (Schoettel) Zimmerman. His father was a native of Strasbourg, where he was educated and trained as an expert accountant. During the French Revolution, in 1848, he left his native land and came with his family to New York, where he resided for a time. He then went to Elizabeth, New Jersey, and remained until 1854, when he removed to Chicago, Illinois. In 1856 he came with his family to St. Paul. He was in the employ of Auerbach, Finch & Schefter for several years, served as city school inspector, and was well known and respected as an upright and worthy citizen. He died in July, 1867. His wife, the mother of our subject, survived until October, 1872. Their son, Charles A., was educated in the public schools of New York and a private school at Elizabeth, New Jersey, and as a boy, when eleven years of age, living in Chicago, he took down in writing the dictations of Rev. J. V. Watson, a noted pulpit orator, and editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate. After coming to St. Paul he attended the public schools. In 1857, with the aid of Comstock's Philosophy, and a treatise on chemistry, he constructed a camera obscura, with which he made his first experiments in picture making. Shortly after this he entered the employ of J. E. Whitney, the pioneer daguerreotypist and photographer, where he remained until the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion. The moment he reached the age of eighteen he enlisted in Company G, Sixth Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and was with his company in the marches, skirmishes and battles against the Sioux Indians in Minnesota and Dakota. He went south with his regiment in June, 1864, to Arkansas, and later to Alabama, participating in the siege and capture of Mobile. He was mustered out of the service with his regiment at Fort Snelling, August, 1865. He then returned to the photographic business in St. Paul, and in 1867 married Miss Ida Fromban, who was at that time teaching in the Baldwin School, located on the present site of the new custom house. He became the owner of the Whitney Photo Studio in 1868, and in 1872 located at No. 9 West Third street, remaining there until

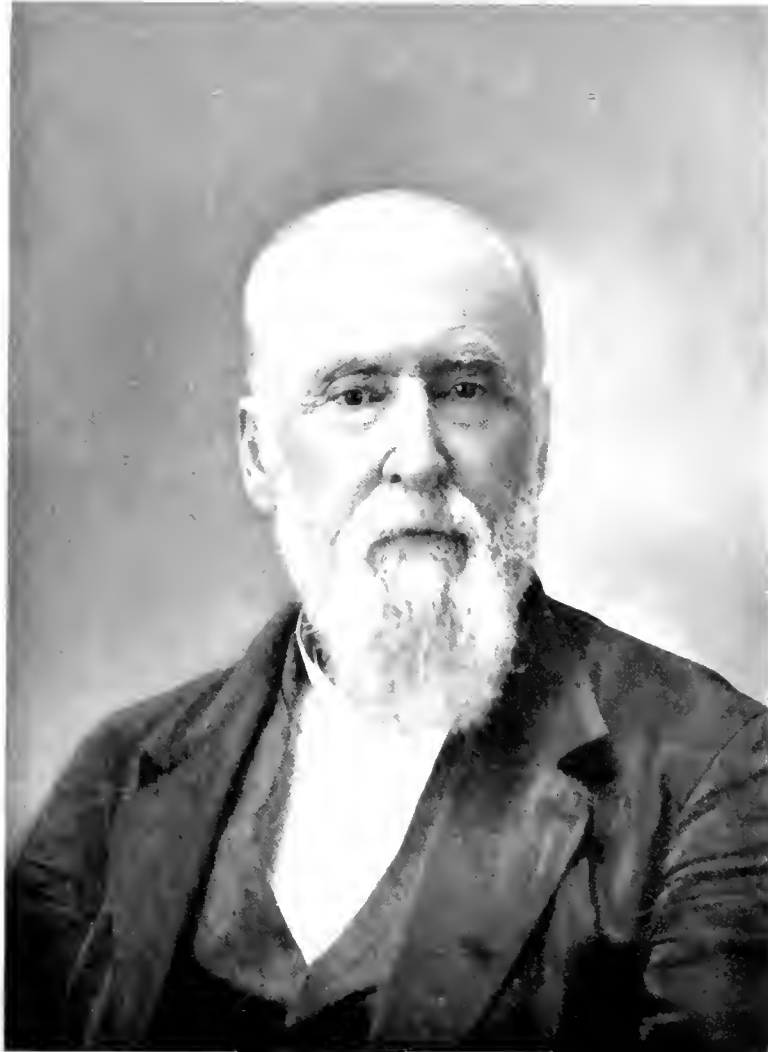
1894, and building up one of the largest enterprises of its kind in the country. He also carried on the sale of photographic materials in a small way until 1873, when he admitted his brother, E. O. Zimmerman, into the latter business, which they enlarged, and conducted under the firm name of Zimmerman Brothers, which is to-day one of the largest houses of the kind in the Northwest. In 1880 Mr. Zimmerman went into the transportation business on Lake Minnetonka, where he placed the steamer "Nautilus" in the passenger line, following it in 1881 with "The Lotus," "Hattie May," "Minneapolis" and "Sancy Kate." In 1882 he formed a partnership with Hon. W. D. Washburn, who added his large steamer "City of St. Louis" to the fleet. In 1883 he incorporated the Lake Minnetonka Navigation Company, the stockholders being J. J. Hill, Peyton S. Davidson of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and himself, adding to the fleet the "Mammoth Belle" of Minnetonka, Mr. Zimmerman being general manager of the company. After operating for eighteen years in the passenger and excursion traffic on Lake Minnetonka, during which time not a single passenger met with injury, the company liquidated in 1897. During all these years Mr. Zimmerman conducted his photographic business, and found time to do much literary work as well, contributing many technical essays and papers to the photographic journals. He also became well known as an able writer and illustrator for the magazines of the day. His outdoor sports with gun and dog, published in Scribner's Magazine, Forest and Stream, and Chicago Field, and papers to children, published in St. Nicholas, were happily written and widely read. The writer remembers well the pleasure with which he first read, over twenty years ago (October, 1879), an article in Scribner's monthly magazine—"Field Sports in Minnesota"—written and illustrated by Mr. Zimmerman. He has also become favorably known as an artist in water color painting, having produced numerous hunting scenes which have become celebrated, among which "The Tight Shell," and "Trying for a Double," published in chromo lithograph some years since, are known

and admired wherever the true sportsman exists. In his profession, his ability has been fully recognized, and he has kept well to the front in the development of the photographic science. He is a true lover of his art, and gives strict personal attention to the details of his profession. His studio at No. 101 East Sixth street is a repository of priceless historical value, drawn upon largely by newspapers and periodicals for portrait illustration. In 1900 Mr. Zimmerman sold the copyright of his water color illustrations to Longfellow's "Hiawatha" to The Taber Prang Company, who publish it as a Christmas book and panel. Pleasant and cordial in manner, progressive in his ideas, pre-eminent in photography, he is able alike with camera, brush and pen.

JACOB BEAN.

This well known old citizen and prominent lumberman of Stillwater, was born in Upper Stillwater, Maine, January 19, 1837. His native town was quite a lumber center, and in early life he engaged with his brother in logging operations for about three years. He then went to California, where he remained a year. Returning to Maine, he was associated in partnership with his brother and General Hersey for five years. His first business experience, however, was in a store, in which he was first a clerk, and afterwards one of the proprietors. Mr. Bean located in Stillwater, Minnesota, in 1863. Almost immediately he became identified with the extensive lumbering firm of Hersey, Staples & Bean, at that time one of the largest logging, manufacturing and general merchandise corporations in the Northwest, owning mills and factories and a vast area of standing pine in the country tributary to the River St. Croix. Upon the death of the senior partner, Mr. Samuel F. Hersey, in 1875, a division of the property of Hersey and Staples resulted in these large interests becoming the property of Hersey and Bean, and Mr. Bean became their general manager and director. Under his judicious care they have vastly increased in value, and, making additional pur-

chases of standing timber from time to time and turning the same into money, constituted a portion of the work to which Mr. Bean devoted his time for several years. Mr. Bean has made other investments in the Northwest. He has large and valuable mining interests in Montana. Recently he has acquired large interests in pine timber in what was formerly the Mille Laes Indian reservation in Minnesota, and in company with Samuel McClare, of Stillwater, and the firm of Foley Brothers & Guthrie, he was one of the incorporators of the Foley-Bean Lumber Company. Among the many enterprises with which Mr. Bean is connected, no other gives him more satisfaction than his big lumber plant at Milaca, Minnesota, which consists of a saw-mill with a capacity of 40,000,000 feet per season, a planing mill turning out 200,000 feet of lumber daily—both mills being lighted by electricity and running day and night—a large general store, lumber yards, shops, etc. In its mills and pineries the Foley-Bean Lumber Company furnishes steady employment to three hundred men. The past logging season it operated six big camps. Its logs are landed on upper and lower Rice lakes, and towed by the company's steamboat from the lake to a point in the flowage, where they are sluiced through the dam. All the necessary improvements in connection with the dams, the rivers, and the lakes in the company's district have recently been made, and are in excellent condition for log driving, etc. It is estimated that the company owns sufficient timber to supply its needs for the next six years at least. The Hersey & Bean Company of Stillwater, Minnesota, is one of the largest and strongest lumber companies in the Northwest. It cuts about 25,000,000 feet of logs annually, and manufactures an equal amount of lumber at the mills. It employs two hundred and fifty men the year round, has a river frontage on the St. Croix of more than a mile and a quarter, with complete facilities for handling its logs and lumber products. Besides his elegant home in Stillwater, Mr. Bean has a magnificent residence at "Alhambra," near Los Angeles, California, where his family usually resides during the winter sea-



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sons, returning to their Minnesota home at the approach of summer. Of Mr. Bean's personal characteristics, a friend who has known him long and intimately writes:

"Mr. Bean's life has been one of unceasing activity and productive of most satisfactory results. In his declining years, surrounded by a charming family and all the agreeable necessities of wealth, he can look back with pleasure and pardonable pride upon his record of a stainless life, the imperative duties and obligations of which he has never neglected. His benefactions to every public and private enterprise, which required and deserved material aid, are well known; but never has he desired to stir a little dust of praise. The entire course of Mr. Bean exemplifies, in all his life work, what can be done by any other youth with ambition to rise above his native environment, and whose aims and desires lie in the direction of rounding out and shaping a noble manhood."

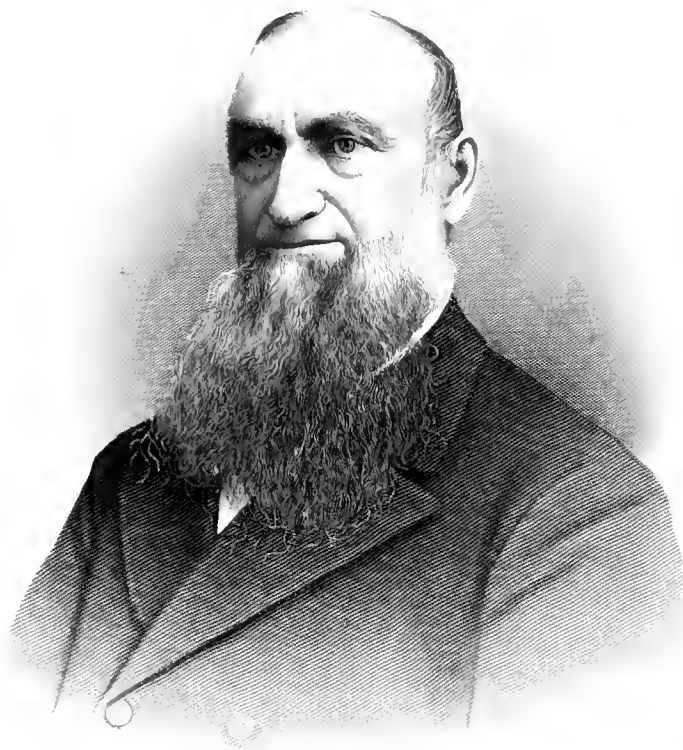
HORACE B. WILSON.

Of the many men who came to the Territory of Minnesota in its earliest days, and, by their energy, push and hard work, have done so much towards developing its resources, and laying broad its foundations, resulting in its present greatness and prosperity in all that goes to make up what is destined, at no remote period, to become one of the first States in our Union, is Horace B. Wilson, of Red Wing. He descended from a good old Puritan ancestry, was born in Bingham, Maine, March 30, 1821. His father, Rev. Obed Wilson, was a leading and influential citizen of that State during its early history, and intimately associated, for many years, with its civil and religious affairs, having been a member of the Territorial convention of 1820 and 1821 that framed the Constitution of the State, and a Representative to the first Legislature that convened after its adoption. Subsequently, he was repeatedly a member of both House and Senate. Consecrated to the ministry in his youth, he became a zealous and successful clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, laboring early and late for nearly forty years, never sparing

himself, but promptly responsive to every call of human need and Christian charity. He was a ready, effective and eloquent speaker, a wise and judicious counselor, and an active and earnest worker in various fields of usefulness; a good man, and a devout Christian. He gave his sons as favorable opportunities for securing a liberal education as his circumstances and the character of the educational institutions of the State, at that time, would allow. One son died at Waterville College, and three were educated at Maine Wesleyan College. Horace B. graduated from that institution in 1840, and came west, to Ohio, the next year, where he was engaged in teaching in the Cincinnati graded schools for a time, subsequently removing to New Albany, Indiana, where he organized the first graded schools ever taught in that city. He continued to reside there, teaching and practicing civil engineering until the spring of 1858, when he removed to Red Wing, Minnesota, having accepted the position of Professor of Mathematics and Civil Engineering in Hamline University, then located at Red Wing. He continued to discharge the duties of that position with signal efficiency until the close of the collegiate year, in June, 1862. Conscientiously believing it his duty to assist in suppressing the Rebellion then raging in the southern portion of the Union, he resigned his professorship and enlisted in Company F, Sixth Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, was elected captain, and served as such till the close of the war. During these three years he rendered distinguished service in the suppression of the Indian outbreak in Minnesota in 1862, and afterwards in the campaign which resulted in the capture of Mobile, and the occupancy of Montgomery, the capital of Alabama. At the close of the war he returned to his educational work in the State, serving as county superintendent of schools in Goodhue county for four years, and as State Superintendent of Public Instruction for five years. To this latter office he brought the rich experience and the administrative ability which he had gained in his former positions. With this equipment, and directed by a spirit of strictest integrity and

persistent application to his duties, he was selected by Gov. Horace Austin to take charge of the undeveloped school system of the growing State, and entered upon his duties August 1, 1870. It is not easy to comprehend the difficulties that beset the superintendent of those early days, in a State covering 83,000 square miles, with few railroads, with towns scattered and no transportation except by stage. Those were days when the normal schools were fighting for a foothold, when high schools were limited to a few of the larger towns; when there were few libraries, and where teachers' institutes, recently introduced, had yet to be established and made efficient. It was to this condition of affairs that Mr. Wilson applied himself without stint. Those who have had no acquaintance with the life of a new State need to be reminded that all pioneer life is a life of conquest, in some of its forms, and that only men of courage, endurance and intellectual vigor, figure with effect, in the result. In full accordance with this law Mr. Wilson associated with himself men like Prof. W. W. Payne, Supt. Sanford Niles, Judge Harwood, Allen J. Greer, and many others of equal fame, and whose life work has become an honorable part of the subsequent history of the State. These were Mr. Wilson's support in planting the teachers' institutes in remotest hamlets, and, by means of them, gave the teachers of the State the only available preparation for their duties. To illustrate what that work was in those early days the following incident is well worthy of record: In the spring of 1872 an institute had been appointed at Fairmount. Mr. Wilson and his associate, Superintendent Niles, were to attend and conduct it. They left the railroad at Madelia to travel the remaining forty miles by team. The Watonwan river had overflowed its banks, and was without a bridge. They did the only thing that men who never turn back could do, they hired a large skiff, took the buggy apart, ferried the wheels over, then the body, and came back again to swim the horses across. They then crossed the prairie, to find Plum creek so swollen that they were obliged to stop over night and wait for the stream to fall. Such

trips by stage and team were common in those days. Mr. Wilson was noted for giving his personal supervision to every department of the educational service; he visited and lectured at all his institutes, and gave instruction in nearly all. He, also, first established the four weeks' training schools, and the legislation which he secured in the interests of education is still upon the statute books. It may be said, in brief, that the active interest which Mr. Wilson expressed in the common schools of the people, he also showed towards all higher departments. He was, ex-officio, secretary of the State Normal Board, and, during his administration, was closely and intelligently associated with its advancement. He was, also, ex-officio, a regent of the State University of Minnesota, and always, from principle, and through his sympathetic interest, assumed his share of responsibility in the conduct of its affairs. He will be remembered for the work he has done, and as a man representative of the sterling virtues of sincere devotion to public interests, and for his perfect integrity in all his personal relations. In politics Mr. Wilson has always been a Republican, but never an active partisan. An outspoken advocate of the principle of excluding National questions from the domain of purely State and local politics, he has never failed, whenever he has been a candidate for any elective office, to receive the warm support of a no inconsiderable portion of those whose views upon National questions were antagonistic to his own. On the other hand, his sturdy independence and fearless opposition to men and measures of his own political party, has forever kept him outside and above the schemes and machinations of political managers. In 1876 he was elected to the House of Representatives of Minnesota from the Red Wing District. His familiarity with the condition and needs of the educational interests of the State naturally gave him a foremost place among the friends of popular education in the House. Two important measures, prepared and successfully championed by him, still remain upon the statute books of the State, viz.: the law authorizing towns and cities to establish public libraries, and the



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"compulsory education" law, requiring parents to send their children to school for a minimum term at least. The wisdom and efficiency of these measures have been demonstrated by long experience, and, although amended in unimportant details, the existing laws in substance remain as they were prepared by their author. In 1878 Mr. Wilson was elected State Senator from the Red Wing District, and served in that capacity in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Legislatures—including the extra session of 1881. At the close of the first session he was unanimously elected president pro tem. of the Senate, and served in that capacity during the remainder of his official term. The extra session of 1881 is memorable in the history of Minnesota as being the session at which the measures adjusting the repudiated State railway bonds were successfully carried through. It is needless to add that these measures found in Senator Wilson an earnest and able advocate, and their success was due much to his tactical skill as a parliamentarian, and to the strength of his personal influence. It was at the close of this extra session that articles of impeachment against Hon. E. St. Julien Cox, Judge of the Ninth Judicial District, were presented to the Senate. The impeachment trial was held during the winter of 1882, and, owing to the absence of Lieutenant-Governor Gilman, Senator Wilson presided, almost continuously, over the sessions of the Senate. The trial lasted fifty-five days, and involved many intricate questions of law and evidence, which tested the skill and knowledge of the presiding officer. Senator Wilson, however, was equal to the occasion, and discharged the arduous duties of his position with an ability and impartiality which evoked much commendation at the time. The extra session of 1881 and the impeachment trial were held in the Market House in St. Paul, the capitol building having been destroyed by fire while the Legislature was in session in November, 1881. Senator Wilson and other Senators barely escaped from the burning building. Mr. Wilson has been twice married. His first wife and the mother of his children was Miss Mary J. Chandler, to whom

he was married in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, in 1844. She died at Red Wing in 1887, and in 1892 he was married to Miss Flora J. Sargent, of Chicago. Four of his seven children are living, and are all worthy of their honorable parentage. The eldest, Frank M., a prominent lawyer of Red Wing, has been a member of the State Legislature of Minnesota, and is well known in the politics of the day. Miss Mattie F. is a teacher of the highest reputation in the public schools of Minneapolis; Alice L. is the wife of Hiram Howe, county treasurer of Goodhue county, Minnesota; and Oliver O. occupies the responsible position of receiving teller of one of the largest banks in the West, the Security Bank of Minneapolis. Mr. Wilson is now living a life of well-earned ease and retirement, among his books and his friends, in the city of Red Wing.

NATHAN MYRICK.

Among the very earliest and most prominent settlers of Minnesota and the Northwest, who are yet living, is Nathan Myrick, of St. Paul. He came to the Northwest nearly sixty years ago, and he has been a resident of St. Paul since 1848. His tall, stalwart, and commanding form, unbent and apparently unimpaired by half a century of activity and energy, is a familiar figure, and it is commonly said that of all the early pioneers he is by far the best preserved and has the widest acquaintance. Nathan Myrick was born at Westport, Essex county, New York, July 7, 1822. His father, Barnabas Myrick, was a leading citizen of his community, engaged in various lines of business and somewhat prominent in public affairs, being at one time a member of the New York Legislature, and at another State loan commissioner, etc. His paternal grandfather was Barzilla Myrick, who was born in Massachusetts, and was a Revolutionary soldier. The maiden name of his mother was Lavina Bigelow. He was reared in his native village to the age of eighteen, and was educated in the district schools and at an academy. In young

manhood he was set to work in his father's store and tannery. The work in the tannery was very distasteful to him, but there seemed no prospect of release from it until he should become of age and be his own master. In the winter of 1841, before he was nineteen, he quit his father's service and prepared to come to the Northwest, then an almost unknown and practically an unexplored region. His school-mate, the late Maj. E. A. C. Hatch, who became a well-known Minnesota citizen and soldier, intended accompanying him, but was detained at the moment of young Myrick's setting out. About the 1st of May, 1841, he left his New York home, and on the 5th of June arrived at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Prairie du Chien was then little more than a remote frontier military post, and Wisconsin was a newly organized Territory. The ensuing summer and early fall were spent by the young adventurer under various forms and conditions of hard luck. His little capital became exhausted, he could obtain no employment, and he had a spell of severe illness. At last, late in the fall, in association with a Mr. Eben Weld, he obtained a small stock of goods suited to the Indian trade of the country, and by means of a keel boat loaned him by General Brooke, the commander of the post of Fort Crawford, at Prairie du Chien, conveyed them up the Mississippi to an island opposite the broad, flat prairie then called "Prairie La Crosse." The name was originally given to the prairie by the French from the circumstance that the Indians were wont to assemble there and indulge in the ball game of la crosse. Young Myrick arrived at the island November 9, and as soon as possible built a double-log cabin for his "store." When he was ready for business the amount of cash in his treasury was a single dollar. But he was quite successful from the first. The Indians of the country (Winnebagoes) patronized him liberally, paying cash for all they bought, and he well nigh closed out his stock in a month. He had numerous adventures, some of them thrilling and perilous. On one occasion he and his partner, Mr. Weld, were attacked by some Indians in their store, and the red rascals fired through

the windows and well nigh riddled the door with bullets. At another time an Indian had stealthily drawn his knife and suddenly raised his arm to stab Mr. Myrick, but the young trader caught the savage by the wrist just in time to prevent the deadly thrust. In time, however, Mr. Myrick became very popular with the Indians. He was tall, stalwart, and brave, and these were qualities the Winnebagoes admired. He dealt honestly with them, and this they liked. He was a fine rifle shot, and when he beat the fastest runner of their tribe in a celebrated foot race, in the summer of 1842, he was fully established in their general esteem. The thriving city of La Crosse, Wisconsin, stands—and will ever stand—as a monument to the genius, sagacity, and enterprise of Nathan Myrick. For he was its founder, its designer, its original proprietor. In the spring of 1842 he abandoned his cabin trading house on the island and built and occupied another, on the main land, on the Wisconsin side of the river, where the city now stands. In the previous March the partnership between him and Mr. Weld had been concluded, and Mr. Weld left that section and went up to Fort Snelling. It was during this season, the spring of 1842, when Mr. Myrick laid out the town of La Crosse. The project was his own. He thought there should be a town there and he founded it. The site was his "claim," which he had regularly pre-empted and on which he had built the first cabin, and was the first white settler. Nathan Myrick and Auguste Chouteau are the two youngest city founders in American history, although Myrick has the greater distinction. Chouteau laid out St. Louis, Missouri, when he was only sixteen years of age, but he did so under the directions of his step-father, Laclède. Myrick laid out and established La Crosse at the age of twenty, and the enterprise was his own conception and execution. Ira B. Brunson, who subsequently surveyed the original site of St. Paul, was employed by Mr. Myrick to survey his town of La Crosse. In the summer of 1842 Mr. Myrick made a brief visit to Fort Snelling and the Falls of St. Anthony, becoming acquainted with the country by personal obser-

vation. The following summer (1843) he visited his old home in New York State, and on the 17th of August was married to Miss Rebecca E. Ison, at Charlotte, Vermont. On their return to La Crosse, Mrs. Myrick and her companion—a Miss Pearson, who became the wife of Mr. Myrick's partner, H. J. B. Miller—were the first white women in the place. The first death in La Crosse was that of the first-born child of Mr. and Mrs. Myrick, in 1845. Mr. Myrick was the first postmaster, in 1843, and it was at his suggestion that the word "Prairie" was dropped from the name of the town and the postoffice, and the town called simply La Crosse. In 1846 he was elected one of the county commissioners of Crawford county, Wisconsin—the county seat being Prairie du Chien—and served on the board until he left the country. Mr. Myrick continued in the Indian trade and was engaged in lumbering in Wisconsin for some years. In the winter of 1842-43 he disposed of a considerable stock of Indian goods at Fort Snelling. In January, 1844, his friend, E. A. C. Hatch, joined him at La Crosse and clerked for him until 1848, when Mr. Myrick came to St. Paul. On the whole his operations were quite successful. He sustained some losses, as was to be expected, but they were caused by influences which he could not control. In June, 1848—the year before the town was incorporated—Mr. Myrick left La Crosse and came with his family to St. Paul. He has ever since been a resident of this city and State, except at intervals, when temporarily called away by business demands. He first came to Minnesota under a business engagement with the late Hon. Henry M. Rice, and for many years was largely engaged in the Indian trade in this Territory and State, and also in what is now North Dakota. He had trading houses and stores at Sauk Rapids, Sauk Center, Itasca, Traverse des Sioux, St. Peter, Winnebago Agency, Yellow Medicine, Redwood, Big Stone Lake, Fort Ransom, Fort Seward (now Jamestown, North Dakota), Big Bend, and Pembina (North Dakota), and at other points. In the great Sioux outbreak of 1862 all his stores then in operation were destroyed by the Indians, and his brother, An-

drew J. Myrick, who was in charge of the store at the Redwood Agency, was one of the first victims of the massacre on the morning of August 18. On that day Mr. Myrick himself was above St. Peter, on his way to the agency, and came near falling a victim to the sudden and terrible outbreak. He saw the mangled bodies of some of the murdered settlers, and warned some of the living and unsuspecting to flee for their lives. One man did not heed the warning and perished under the gun and tomahawk. As soon as possible Mr. Myrick went to the Redwood Agency, recovered the body of his brother and buried that of Hon. J. W. Lynde. Mr. Myrick's total loss by the outbreak was fairly estimated at \$100,000. A considerable portion of this sum was subsequently paid him by the Government out of the confiscated annuities of the Indians, but thereafter he abandoned the Indian trade in Minnesota. His operations in Dakota were, however, continued until 1876, when he retired from the business. He had been engaged in mining enterprises in various parts of the country and largely in real estate transactions. He still owns valuable realty in St. Paul, La Crosse, at San Diego, California, and elsewhere. Altogether he has been fairly successful and is comfortably situated in the evening of his long, active, and busy life. His present residence, at the foot of Wilkin street, St. Paul, stands immediately on the bluff of the Mississippi, and overlooks the great river which has been the scene of so many of the owner's operations and triumphs. In 1843, as has been stated, Mr. Myrick married Rebecca E. Ison, a native of New York. Mrs. Myrick, who has always faithfully borne her part in the life work of her husband since she joined him, and has been his efficient helpmeet in every respect, is still with him. Her life and that of her husband has, at times, been one of hardship and privation in certain respects, but it has always been of rare congeniality and domestic felicity. Their golden wedding, in St. Paul, in 1893, was a local event which will long be remembered. They have now three children, who have attained to maturity and honorable stations in life, viz.: Matilda M., the wife of J. W. Shep-

ard, of St. Paul; Fanny Watson, the wife of Champion Brown, of Minneapolis, and William Myrick, Esq., of St. Paul.

CHARLES W. BUNN.

Charles W. Bunn, of St. Paul, was born in Trempeleau county, Wisconsin, May 21, 1855. He is the son of Romanzo and Sarah (Purdy) Bunn, natives of New York, and residents of Wisconsin since 1854. His father has been for over thirty years one of the most prominent jurists of the Northwest, and for twenty-two years he has served as United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, which position he still occupies. Charles W. passed his early boyhood in Sparta, Monroe county, Wisconsin, where he attended the public schools until he was prepared to enter the University of Wisconsin, in 1870. He completed the full college course, and received his degree from that institution in 1874, and immediately afterwards commenced the study of the law in the office of J. H. Carpenter at Madison, Wisconsin. He afterwards entered the Law Department of the University of Wisconsin, and received the degree of LL. B. from that institution in 1875. He immediately afterwards entered the office of Cameron & Losey, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, as a clerk, and in January, 1876, became a partner in that firm under the firm name of Cameron, Losey & Bunn. His connection with this firm, one of the most prominent in the State of Wisconsin, continued until 1885, when he removed to St. Paul, and there continued the practice of the law as a member of the firm of Lusk & Bunn, his associate being Mr. James W. Lusk. The business of this firm soon assumed large proportions, and in 1890, Mr. Emerson Hadley was admitted, the firm name becoming Lusk, Bunn & Hadley. In 1892 Mr. Lusk retired from the firm, which continued business under the name of Bunn & Hadley until 1895, when Mr. Bunn gave up general practice and became counsel for the reorganization managers and receivers of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company; and upon the completion of the reorganization, became

the general counsel for the new organization, the Northern Pacific Railway Company, which position he now holds. The firms of Lusk, Bunn & Hadley and Bunn & Hadley, in addition to a large general practice, were the general counsel—the former firm of the Minnesota & Northwestern, and the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railway companies, now the Chicago-Great Western Railway Company—and the latter of the St. Paul & Duluth Railroad Company. This concentrated a large and varied practice, embracing a large number of important litigated cases, many of them involving corporate rights, powers and duties which often took Mr. Bunn into the highest State and Federal courts, where he is always listened to with attention and respect. Mr. Bunn possesses in a high degree those qualifications, qualities and powers, physical, mental and moral, which lead to professional eminence. He has a sound and powerful physique—not one of the least essentials of growth in power—that high degree of honesty, fidelity and integrity of character, without which no man can become eminent in the profession; and constantly increasing mental scope and strength, enriched by much experience for so young a man. He has that acuteness of mental vision and readiness of diction which enables him to state a case clearly, the analytic or discriminating faculty which enables him to separate the vital questions upon which the case turns, from the debris which gets more or less into every lawsuit, and the strongly developed logical or reasoning faculty, which enables him to bring to bear tersely and forcibly the considerations which bear upon the solution of those questions. The same qualities and powers make him a wise counselor and useful and efficient in office work and the preparation of the important papers and documents which are constantly required by large railroad corporations in connection with its financing, securities, leases and trackage, traffic and other contracts. One of the leading lawyers and jurists of this State, who is thoroughly conversant with the bench and bar of the Northwest, says of Mr. Bunn:

“I have known him ever since he entered upon the practice. It is no exaggeration to say that



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he is generally, and I think uniformly, among the people professionally, recognized as one of the ablest attorneys in this State and in the Northwest, and his personal character is above discussion or question. He is a man of unquestioned ability, and I believe if the question was asked to-day of the members of the bar in the State of Minnesota, who is the most promising young lawyer in this State, a large majority would say, Charles W. Bunn."

These statements are careful and considerate, like their author. Mr. Bunn is a young man, not yet arrived at the maturity of his powers, and it is quite safe to say that among the younger members of the bar there is no one more likely to be the leader of the future bar of Minnesota than he. In 1877, Mr. Bunn married Mary Anderson, daughter of Mons Anderson, a prominent citizen of La Crosse, Wisconsin. They are the parents of four children, Helen, Samuel A., Donald C. and Charles.

CHARLES S. CRANDALL.

No doubt there are other citizens of Owatonna who figure as conspicuously in the public affairs of their community as does the subject of this sketch; but none are more vitally connected with its development from the crudeness of a frontier town to its present flourishing maturity than this pioneer settler. Charles Scheretz Crandall was born in Erie county, Ohio, January 18, 1840, the son of Dr. Charles Chapin and Caroline (Scheretz) Crandall. His father, who was a physician, was a native of New York State, as were the more immediate antecedents of Dr. Crandall, though earlier ones hailed hither from England. The Scheretz family was, as the name indicates, of German origin, but the father of Caroline, John Scheretz, fought as an American citizen in the War of 1812. To the age of seventeen years, Charles S. Crandall lived in the Buckeye State, absorbing such knowledge and general culture as its common schools afforded. Then, in 1857, yielding to the desire prevalent among young men of his time to seek larger opportunities in the newer West, he came to Steele county, Minnesota, where, with his mother and two brothers, he engaged in farming. Afterwards he went to Faribault, and was engaged in the printing business at that place for two years. Removing to Owatonna, he was given the position of deputy county auditor and register of deeds, and later attained to the higher dignity of register of deeds. For the first sixteen months he held the office by virtue of appointment, and for two subsequent terms by election. Mr. Crandall is a Republican in politics, but not of the partisan type. His interest in political matters is identical with his solicitude for the common weal; and in the various public offices to which he has been called he has acquitted himself with much credit to both his executive ability and his moral purpose. Mr. Crandall has served as postmaster of Owatonna for eight years; has also filled the office of city recorder and done duty on the school board. He has served during three terms in the State Legislature—in the House in 1874, and in the Senate some years subsequently, being re-elected for a second term in the Upper House. For a period of eight years Mr. Crandall was editor of the Owatonna Journal, and as such, powerfully stimulated public enterprise, both in his city and other sections of the State. Some of the leading institutions of southern Minnesota are, to a great extent, outgrowths of his journalistic and official work. He was a member of the board that located and built the inebriate asylum—now the State Hospital for the Insane—at Rochester, and he served for eight years on the board of managers of the Reformatory at St. Cloud. He was also among the strongest promoters of the State Public School at Owatonna, which is devoted to the care and education of dependent children, and was for ten years president of the board of managers of the latter institution. To revert now from his public achievements to his more personal career as a business man, we find that Mr. Crandall has for eighteen years been identified with the hardware trade of Owatonna as head of the firm of Crandall & Nelson. Recently, however, he has sold out his interest in the business to Mr. Nelson, and now devotes most of his time to the cultivation of his farming land. Mr. Crandall has been

twice married: first, in February, 1864, to Mary Elizabeth Allen, of Owatonna, who died in 1892; and the second time to Mrs. Irene A. Luers, of Owatonna. Mr. Crandall has two daughters, born of the former marriage, viz.: Mary E., now Mrs. Atwood, of St. Cloud, and Georgia Caroline.

ASA G. BRIGGS.

Among the younger of Minnesota's enterprising business and professional men, few have by their own unaided efforts won so clear a title to a permanent record of their achievements as has Asa Gilbert Briggs, of the law firm of Briggs & Morrison, of St. Paul. Mr. Briggs is of remote Welsh extraction, early ancestors having crossed from Wales to Massachusetts, where they settled, and from whence branches of the family took root in other New England States and in New York. The father of Asa G., Dr. Isaac A. Briggs, is a native of Vermont, but came, when a young man, to Michigan, where he was married to Miss Elizabeth Briggs (also born in Vermont, at Northfield). In 1858 they removed to Wisconsin. After thirty years of active practice of medicine he retired, in 1881, and three years later removed to St. Paul, where he has since resided. Both he and his wife are " hale and hearty," the Doctor at the age of eighty-three and Mrs. Briggs at that of eighty-one. Asa G. Briggs was born December 20, 1862, at Arcadia, Trempealeau county, Wisconsin. Here he was reared, and here acquired the basis of his education, beginning with the district schools, then continuing his studies in the graded school of Arcadia, from which he graduated with the high school class of 1879. During the next two years he employed himself variously, to the end of procuring the means to complete his education. He taught a district school, took contracts for the moving of buildings, even turned his hand to the arduous labor of farming. In the fall of 1881 he was able to enter college, and matriculated at the University of Wisconsin, at Madison. He took the general science course, with additional studies

in modern classics, graduating in the class of 1885. At college young Briggs was not only an ambitious student, but entered with enthusiasm into the social and literary functions of the university, becoming a prominent member of its various organizations. He belonged to the Hesperia literary society, and during his sophomore year was elected to the joint debate team of that organization, which was then considered the greatest honor that the students could confer upon a class-mate. He was also a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and of other debating and athletic societies. For a year and a half he was managing editor of the University Press, was business manager of the first college annual ever published there, and he was elected by the faculty as one of the orators of the graduating class. Numerous and effective as were his activities in connection with the university, however, he found some time to turn to immediate practical account. He was for one session employed in the engrossing clerk's department of the State Legislature, also for another session in the transcribing department. Immediately after his graduation he began reading law in St. Paul, where his parents were now settled, and his brother—Dr. Warren S. Briggs—located in medical practice. In 1886 he returned to Madison, Wisconsin, and entered the law department of the university, and, by doing two years' work in one year, graduated with the class of 1887. He then returned to St. Paul without means, but well equipped with both natural and acquired abilities to assure success. For four months he filled a position in the abstract department of the St. Paul Title Insurance Company, and, with the small capital thus earned, established himself in a modest way in his profession. His office was mere desk room in the Chamber of Commerce building, and his law library consisted of the Minnesota Reports and Statutes and a few college text books. Within two years, however, he had secured a very lucrative practice. So prompt and abundant a patronage was, of course, gratifying, but brought upon him too great a strain of work. In 1890 his health gave way, and he was compelled to relax for a little.



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He was for a short time associated with Hon. George L. Bunn, Judge of the District Court, in the firm of Briggs & Bunn. By the spring of 1894, Mr. Briggs was able to resume his court practice, and has since been closely devoted to his professional work, attaining to a position which is almost phenomenal for a man of his years. In January, 1894, the firm of Briggs & Countryman was formed, M. L. Countryman being junior partner. This partnership was, for reasons of expediency, dissolved in 1896, Mr. Briggs and Mr. Countryman continuing to share the same offices. After about two years of individual practice, Mr. Briggs associated himself, in July, 1898, with J. L. D. Morrison, in the present firm of Briggs & Morrison. Mr. Briggs has always cast his vote with the Republicans, and during 1896 and 1897, he served as president of the Young Men's Republican Club of Ramsey county; but he has never been a candidate for any political office. Legal work, in which he has had such signal success, is his delight. Mr. Briggs is a member of the Minnesota Club, the Commercial Club, Masonic Fraternity, and the Royal Arcanum. He has a large circle of friends, who speak with unstinted admiration of his abilities and achievements. The following is given as the consensus of opinion of several prominent attorneys who are personally acquainted with the subject of this sketch:

"Mr. Briggs has been in active practice as a lawyer in all the courts of the State of Minnesota for about a dozen years, and is one of the most careful and painstaking attorneys that we have at the St. Paul bar. He has acquired a large and varied practice, and represents many important interests. He is in no sense an office lawyer. He has always had an active court practice, and has been successful in a remarkably large number of contested cases. As a trial lawyer he is vigorous and able; but where he particularly excels is as counselor, and in the preparation of his cases. Personally, Mr. Briggs is a gentleman of excellent habits. He is quiet, dignified, courteous, popular, and is recognized as a loyal friend. He has the respect of the community and is bound to make his mark in his chosen profession."

In 1891 Mr. Briggs was married to Miss Jessica E. Pierce, daughter of Squier L. Pierce,

a prominent attorney of St. Paul. Of this union have been born two sons and a daughter—Allan, born August 7, 1892; Paul Austin, born October 13, 1894, and Mary Elizabeth, born December 5, 1899.

ARCHIBALD W. MCKINSTRY.

Archibald Winthrop McKinstry, of Faribault, was born in Chicopee, Hampden county, Massachusetts, in March, 1828, the son of Persens and Grace (Williams) McKinstry. His ancestors on the paternal side were Scotch-Irish, and on the maternal side he is of English descent. His grandfather, Rev. John McKinstry, was pastor of the First Congregational church in Springfield (now Chicopee), Massachusetts. His father, Persens McKinstry, was a tanner and shoemaker. Archibald received the rudiments of his education in the common schools, which he attended in the winter, working on the farm during the summer, until sixteen years of age. He subsequently attended Fredonia Academy. In 1844 he secured a position as apprentice to the printing business, in the office of his brother, who published the *Fredonia Censor*, at Fredonia, Chautauque county, New York. After serving an apprenticeship of four years, he worked for a time as journeyman in eastern cities, and then formed a co-partnership with his brother in the publication of the *Censor*. In 1865 he disposed of his interests in the paper, removed to Faribault, Minnesota, and purchased the *Faribault Republican*—then known as the *Central Republican*—of O. Brown, Esq. The first number after the purchase was issued on December 27, 1866, and from that time to the present Mr. McKinstry has continued the publication of the paper. In 1877 he served one term in the Minnesota House of Representatives. He has been a director in the First National Bank of Faribault since its organization, and was the second president of the Minnesota State Horticultural Association. He was also, for fifteen years, secretary and treasurer of the Faribault Gas Light Company. Mr. McKinstry is one of the leading and public spirited

men of Faribault. Any subject that arises involving action in the interest of the community is sure to be presented to him for advice, and great reliance is always placed upon his judgment. He is a man who commands and retains the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens to a marked degree. Mr. McKinstry was married, September 3, 1857, to Ellen E. Putnam, daughter of Nathan B. Putnam, of Fredonia, New York. Mr. and Mrs. McKinstry have two children. The daughter, Grace E., is an accomplished artist, who has traveled and studied abroad, and has produced many works of art, in figure and portrait painting, that have made her name famous. The son, Linn H., is at the head of the Minneapolis Engraving Company of Minneapolis. Mr. McKinstry, with his family, attends the Congregational church.

GEORGE W. BATCHELDER.

Hon. George Washington Batchelder, pioneer and prominent lawyer of Faribault, was born at Danville, Caledonia county, Vermont, February 18, 1826. He is of Puritan extraction, the son of John and Alice (Kittridge) Batchelder, both parents being natives of New England of Colonial ancestry. His grandfather, Jethro Batchelder, was a Revolutionary soldier who resided at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in early life, and settled in Danville, Vermont, in 1797. He was one of the pioneers in that town, where he died at the age of ninety-three years. His wife, who was Dorothy Mighals, died two years later, at the same age. This branch of the Batchelder family descended from Rev. Stephen Batchelder, who settled in New Hampshire in early Colonial times. Among his descendants were many illustrious men, as is evidenced by the following quotation from the Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican of February 4, 1876:

"The Rev. Stephen Batchelder came with his family from Surrey, England, and settled in Hampton, New Hampshire, as early as 1638, and was the founder and first minister of that town. The elder Whittiers, Husseys and

Batchelders may be compared with the small Scotch lords, not rich in money, but in lands and the respect of their neighbors. They were the founders of towns and the ancestors of thousands of people now living. * * * Daniel Webster, John G. Whittier and Col. V. B. Green (of Boston) were related by Batchelder blood. Susannah Batchelder was the grandmother of Daniel Webster, from whom he inherited his dark Batchelder complexion. One of the daughters of Rev. Stephen Batchelder married a man named Sanborn, and is the ancestor of all of that name in this country."

John Batchelder, the father of our subject, died in Danville, Vermont, in 1845, and Mrs. Batchelder died May 11, 1879, at the age of ninety-five years. George W. Batchelder, in early life, attended the common schools near his home, and prepared for college at Phillips' Academy at Danville. He entered the University of Vermont in 1847 and graduated in 1851, receiving the degree of A. B. and afterwards that of A. M. During his college course he taught school vacations to defray his expenses, and upon graduation took charge of the graded schools at Windsor, Vermont. After one year at Windsor he went south, and taught for one year in the Academy at Tazewell, East Tennessee, and for another year he taught the McMinn Academy at Rogersville, East Tennessee. During all this time Mr. Batchelder was reading law, and in 1854 was admitted to the bar of Hawkins county, Tennessee, and soon after returned to Vermont. The following year he came west and located first at Janesville, Wisconsin, where he practiced law for about one year. He then removed to the Territory of Minnesota, and in May, 1855, settled at Faribault. Since then he has been in the constant practice of his profession. His first law partner was the Hon. John M. Berry, late Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota. In the autumn of 1857, when Mr. Berry took his seat on the bench, the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Batchelder became a partner of Hon. Thomas S. Buckham, now Judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Minnesota, which partnership continued until 1880. He now has associated with him in the practice his



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son, Charles S., under the firm name of Batchelder & Batchelder. Mr. Batchelder has been frequently honored by his fellow citizens with nomination and election to public office. He was the Democratic candidate for Congress in 1868 for the Southern District of the State, but was defeated with his party. In 1871 and in 1872 he served as State Senator; was mayor of the city of Faribault in 1880 and 1881, and in 1888 was the nominee of his party for Justice of the Supreme Court. Mr. Batchelder was for fifteen years chairman of the city board of education, and has been for upwards of fifteen years president of the Rice County Bar Association, and has always taken a prominent and active part in public affairs. He has been a director of the First National Bank of Faribault for seventeen years, and was for many years a director of the Austin National Bank. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and when in college was a member of the Sigma Phi society, and afterwards became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society of the University of Vermont, and with his family attends the Congregational church. Mr. Batchelder was married, July 12, 1858, to Miss Kate E. Davis, daughter of Cornelius Davis, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. They have three children: a daughter, Georgia L., and two sons: Charles S., in business with his father, and John D., who was admitted to the bar, but who is now pursuing a post-graduate course at the Johns Hopkins University.

NATHAN C. KINGSLEY.

Hon. Nathan Curtis Kingsley, of Austin, Minnesota, was born September 10, 1850, at Sharon, New Milford county, Connecticut. The Kingsleys are an old New England family, traceable back to John Kingsley, who, as early as the year 1636, settled in Dorchester, Massachusetts—now one of the beautiful southern suburbs of Boston—and was one of the founders of the first Congregational church of that old town. The more remote ancestry is English. The branch of this family tree with which our sketch is most directly concerned took

root in Scotland township, Connecticut, early in the Eighteenth Century, from whence the great-great-grandfather of our subject migrated to Pennsylvania and became one of those pioneer settlers in Bradford county who, in 1778, were severely harassed by the Indians near the location of the present Wilkesbarre. This ancestor built a house on the frontier which is the oldest structure now standing within the above-named county. In the course of time the family returned to Connecticut, from which State Alonzo and Marilla (Pierson) Kingsley—parents of the subject of this sketch—removed, in the year 1857, to LaSalle, Illinois, Nathan C. being seven years of age at the time of their migration. The elder Kingsley followed the double vocation of farming and carpentry; but on the outbreak of the Civil War he laid down his tools and enlisted in the Fifteenth Illinois Cavalry, from which he was transferred to the Tenth Cavalry, his service with the two regiments extending throughout the war. The son received a common school education and was ambitious for higher study; but the circumstances of the family were such that he was obliged to become self-supporting at a very early age. At thirteen he began working as a farm hand, and continued as such until he was eighteen, at which age he came to Minnesota. In this State he found employment of the same kind, which he followed for a year, hiring out by the day or month, as his services were required. He then, in 1870, engaged to learn the miller's trade in a custom mill at Orion, in Olmsted county, and this latter business he followed until 1877. In the meantime, in 1875, he had begun the study of law, and in the autumn of 1876 he was admitted to the bar in Fillmore county, having previously moved to Rushford, in that county. In February, 1877, he became associated with C. N. Enos in the firm of Enos & Kingsley. This partnership was, however, dissolved in 1878, in which year Mr. Kingsley removed to Chatfield, Minnesota, to form a new firm with Rollin A. Case, in connection with whom he continued to practice until 1881. After the dissolution of the latter partnership Mr. Kingsley practiced by himself for two

years, then became associated with Russell E. Shepherd. In the spring of 1887, Mr. Kingsley and Mr. Shepherd moved, with their families, to Austin, where they resumed practice, continuing as partners until Mr. Kingsley's appointment, on November 26, 1898, to the District Bench. Judge Kingsley's political sympathies are on the Republican side, and during his professional career he has rendered efficient service in various public capacities. He was president of the school board of Chatfield throughout his residence in that town, and during the two years prior to his appointment as District Judge he served on the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners. In 1880 he was made county attorney for Fillmore county, which office he filled for four years. Judge Kingsley is a Mason, also a Knight of Pythias, an Elk and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In the Masonic order he has been Grand High Priest of the State, and at present holds an office in the general Grand Chapter of the United States. In the year 1873 Mr. Kingsley was married to Miss Clara Smith, a native of New York State. Cora Marilla Kingsley is their only child. The Judge, together with his family, is a regular attendant at the Episcopal church. Judge Kingsley began life low enough in the business scale, and the success he now enjoys he has earned by faithful and persevering endeavor. Both at the bar and on the bench he has won the general esteem, and is counted among the leaders in the legal profession of the State of Minnesota.

HUDSON WILSON.

Hon. Hudson Wilson, banker of Faribault, Minnesota, was born in the town of Concord, Lake county, Ohio, November 10, 1830, the son of Orrin and Harriet (Winchell) Wilson. Both his parents were from old Connecticut families, who migrated to Ohio in the early settlement of that State. Orrin Wilson was a farmer, and his son Hudson spent his early life as a farmer's boy. At the age of sixteen he entered the Kirtland Academy, and after completing his education he went to Painesville,

the county seat, and engaged in mercantile business. In 1855 he removed to Madison, Wisconsin, where for two years he engaged in the hardware trade. Early in February, 1857, he came to Minnesota and settled in Faribault. Here, in company with a cousin, Hiram Wilson, he opened a private bank, the firm name being H. Wilson & Company, which continued for seven years without change. In 1864, Hiram Wilson withdrew, and Zenus S. Wilson, a younger brother of our subject, took his place, and the business continued under the same name for another seven years. In 1871, the Citizen's National Bank of Faribault was incorporated, with Hudson Wilson president and Z. S. Wilson cashier, Mr. Hudson Wilson still retaining the presidency. For forty-three years Mr. Wilson has been continuously engaged in banking in Faribault, and has the distinction of being longer in the business than any other banker in the State, and his bank has always been regarded as one of the most solid financial institutions of the State. Mr. Wilson was for thirty-three years a trustee and the treasurer of the State School for Defectives, and was chairman of the board of county commissioners for nine years. In politics he is a strong Republican, but is not a politician. He was elected a member of the House of Representatives in 1888 and served one term, but he never sought public office. He is a man who commands the respect and confidence of the community, a thoroughly reliable and trustworthy citizen. He is a member of the Congregational church and a trustee of that society. Mr. Wilson was married, January 10, 1855, to Miss Sarah B. Pease, of Painesville, Ohio. To them were born three daughters: Lizzie L. (Mrs. I. A. Barnes, of Minneapolis), Hattie (Mrs. W. E. Blodgett, of Faribault), and Carrie S., who died in childhood.

ELIJAH H. BLODGETT.

Elijah Haskell Blodgett, of Red Wing, like most of the pioneers of Minnesota, sprang from the sturdy yeomanry of New England. He was born February 16, 1832, at Mathersfield, Windsor county, Vermont. His father



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was Ashly Blodgett, a farmer in moderate circumstances. His mother's maiden name was Orel Haskell, the daughter of John Haskell, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War until taken prisoner by the British forces. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools of Montpelier, Vermont. After leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade, and soon developed into a patternmaker, which occupation he followed for ten years. Mr. Blodgett did not serve as a soldier during the War of the Rebellion, but rendered effectual aid in supplying the "sinews of war," working in a gun-shop and factory where all sorts of fire-arms were manufactured. He came to Minnesota in 1866, and located at Red Wing. He went into the grain business, and, with T. B. Sheldon, built the first grain elevator there. This business has been continued ever since. While Mr. Blodgett has devoted most of his time to his large business interests, he has always been a public spirited citizen, and has had the welfare of the city of Red Wing at heart. He has been called upon repeatedly to share in the burden of administration, having served as president of the school board, and has been a member of the water board. He has also been a member of the council, and is now mayor of the city, having been elected on the Republican ticket, of which party he is a stalwart member. Mr. Blodgett is president of the Red Wing Sewer Pipe Company, and vice-president of the Minnesota Stone Ware Company. He is also a member of the Transit Company that operates the highway that crosses the Mississippi at Red Wing, and consists of the bridges that span the two channels, together with the roads between. Mr. Blodgett is not a member of any secret organization, nor does he claim any church connection. He was married, September 17, 1855, to Sarah P. Sturtevant, of Hartland, Vermont. They have no children.

THOMAS C. CLARK.

Dr. Thomas Chalmers Clark, of Stillwater, traces the arrival of his ancestors in America from the landing of the ship, "Mary and John,"

from England at Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1630. The first of his paternal family in this country, William Clark, was one of the company which was led by Rev. Thomas Hooker, and which settled on the Connecticut river. The descendants of William Clark lived for several generations at North Hampton, Massachusetts. On the maternal side the Doctor's family line is traced directly to Anne Dudley, daughter of Thomas Dudley, one of the early Colonial Governors of Massachusetts. She married Silas Bradstreet, another Governor of the colony in its early existence, and her name is very prominent and celebrated in Colonial history. Dr. Clark's father, Rev. Nelson Clark, was born at Brookfield, Vermont, in 1813. For thirty-five years he was pastor of Congregational churches in Vermont and Massachusetts. He removed to Minnesota in 1874, and died in this State in 1880. His wife, Elizabeth Gilman Clark, was a granddaughter of Rev. Samuel Hidden, who for forty-five years was pastor of the Congregational church at Tamworth, New Hampshire. She died at Stillwater, June 16, 1899. Dr. Clark was born at Quincy, Massachusetts, April 22, 1853. He began his education in the common schools and was graduated from Bristol Academy at Taunton, Massachusetts, in 1870. In the fall of that year he removed to Stillwater, Minnesota, where he engaged in teaching, and was thus employed until the spring of 1877. About this time he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. W. H. Pratt, of Stillwater, and he served as hospital steward of the State prison, from the spring of 1877, to the fall of 1879. He graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1881, with the highest honors, and was the valedictorian of a class of one hundred and seventy-two members. After his graduation he located for the practice of his profession in Stillwater, where he has remained almost continuously up to the present time. His standing in his profession is eminent, and he has far more than a local reputation. He is a member of the county, State and National medical societies, and of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. The Doctor has always taken an active interest in military

affairs, and has spent much of his life in the military service of his adopted State and of his country. As early as 1883, at the time of its organization, he enlisted as a private in Company K, First Regiment Minnesota National Guard. He was promoted to first lieutenant and assistant surgeon in 1886, was made captain and assistant surgeon in 1894, and became major and surgeon in 1895. He was an efficient surgeon, and a good practical soldier, too, and he could handle a rifle as well as he could wield a scalpel. He was a member of the First Regiment rifle team, and also of the State rifle team from 1885 to 1890. He qualified as a sharpshooter at every encampment of the National Guard held from 1884 to 1897, and was decorated as a distinguished rifleman in 1890. Soon after the breaking out of the late war with Spain, Dr. Clark entered the United States military service. He was mustered in, May 4, 1898, as first assistant surgeon of the Thirteenth Minnesota Volunteers, but two days later was promoted to surgeon of the Twelfth Minnesota. May 29, following, he was detailed as acting chief surgeon of the Third Division of the First Army Corps at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga Park, Georgia, and June 10, he was detailed as surgeon in charge of the Third Division Hospital of the First Army Corps. He returned home, sick with typhoid fever, September 10, and was finally mustered out with his regiment, November 6, 1898. Dr. Clark is a member of the board of managers of the Minnesota Society of the Sons of the Revolution. He is also prominent and active as a member of the Masonic order, and is past master of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, past high priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 17, and past eminent commander of Bayard Commandery, No. 11, of Knights Templar. He is interested in Christian work, and is a member and elder of the First Presbyterian church of Stillwater. In politics the Doctor is an ardent Republican. He was chairman of the Republican county committee of Washington county in 1890, and an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention at Minneapolis in 1892. With the exception of that of coroner, he has never held any

political office, nor has he desired any. He was married, in June, 1882, to Miss Sarah A. Stephens, of New York City; she died February 1, 1899, leaving three children.

SAMUEL L. CAMPBELL.

Samuel Louis Campbell, of Wabasha, one of the oldest living members of the bar of Minnesota, was born August 16, 1824, at Columbus, Chenango county, New York. He is of Scottish descent, tracing his paternal ancestry in a direct line back to that famous clan, of Argyle, the clan Campbells of Scotland. His grandfather, Ephraim Campbell, was the founder of the American branch of the family, having settled at Stonington, Connecticut, about the year 1872. During the Revolutionary War his home and personal effects were destroyed by the British soldiers, and he fled, with his family, to New York State. His son, Samuel—father of the subject of this sketch—was at that time seven years of age, and he was reared in Otsego county, New York, which was then a frontier locality. His early education was meagre and his mode of life primitive; but he was full of wholesome ambition, and he resolved to acquire a knowledge of the law sufficient to equip him for legal practice. This he accomplished by himself, in nightly vigils, the page over which he pored being illumined only by the fire on his hearth. With the same determined perseverance he worked his way up to an acknowledged place among the foremost lawyers of the State of New York, and he attained to still greater distinction in the realm of statesmanship. During a period of twenty-seven years he was a member of the State Assembly and Senate, and was colonel of militia in the War of 1812; administered justice from the bench of the Circuit Court for a term of years, and was eventually elected to Congress. His wife, and the mother of our subject, was Maria (Queen) Campbell, a distant relative of Lord Baltimore, the famous early settler at Queensboro. Blessed with an inheritance of firm and energetic character, and fortified in his early years by the high precepts and ex-



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ample of his parents. Samuel Louis Campbell grew to manhood. His studies in the common schools of his native county were supplemented by a two-years' course in the Clinton Institute, in the Empire State, after which he taught school for several years. Attracted by the larger business opportunities afforded young men in the West, he came to Minnesota, locating at Red Wing in October, 1855. He at first took up a pre-emption claim, with the intention of cultivating it; but he soon abandoned the agricultural idea in favor of legal study. He removed to Wabasha, which has since been his place of residence, becoming associated about this time with Judge Welch, who was then Chief Justice of the Territory. Under Judge Welch, Mr. Campbell received the appointment as clerk of the District Court, in which office he served until the admission of the Territory as a State. While acting as clerk of court, he began the practice of law, and has ever since followed the profession. Mr. Campbell was the second mayor elected in the town of Wabasha, and he has served as county attorney of Wabasha county. He has been in the State Legislature for several years, his term of service being divided between the House and Senate, and in spite of his Democratic principles was made chairman of the Judiciary committee. Since 1879 Mr. Campbell's practice has been confined to railroad litigation. For a time his services were shared by two construction companies, viz.: the Iron Range and the Minnesota Southern. Afterwards he was retained by the Great Northern Railroad Company, first as assistant solicitor, and later in connection with the land department. Mr. Campbell belongs to the order of Masons, having been made first master of the local lodge, in which office he served for seven years. On March 4, 1848, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage to Octavia H. Hayward, daughter of Dr. Levi Hayward, of Chenango county, New York. The three children born of their union are: Clarence, Ina C.—now the widow of Solon Huff, late of Dubuque, Iowa—and Darwin H. Mrs. Campbell, though in her eightieth year, is still "hale and hearty as a girl." Her high character and attainments have made her

a worthy companion and helpmeet of her honored husband. Mr. Campbell is now, at the age of seventy-six, relaxing his hold upon the more arduous professional duties; but his name is inseparably associated, not only with the history of the bar of Minnesota, through his connection with some of the State's most important litigation, but also with the political and social life of his community, the welfare of which he has had at heart throughout his forty-five years of active and earnest labor in its midst.

JOHN Q. ADAMS.

In the well-filled library of his picturesque home on Crocus Hill, in St. Paul, whose windows overlook a broad expanse of the beautiful Mississippi valley, may be found, evening after evening throughout the year, a quiet man, absorbed and content among his books; and this retired student is no other than J. Q. Adams, one of the most practical and enterprising business men of the Northwest. A glance over his history will show how these diverse tastes and capacities have been developed side by side. Mr. Adams was born, on April 19, 1837, at Canaan, Litchfield county, Connecticut, the eldest child of Dr. L. S. and Eliza (Prentice) Adams. Both the Adams and Prentice families were typical New England stock, energetic, thrifty, from which stood out in relief here and there some more richly endowed personality. A paternal ancestor was an officer of the Revolution, especially admired and trusted by General Washington, and who became one of the founders of the Society of the Cincinnati; while the maternal grandfather was a clergyman and associate of Dr. Beecher and Dr. Field. In 1839 the parents of Mr. Adams settled in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, which place was, even at that early date, a noted resort for people of artistic and literary tastes and acquirements; and in this atmosphere of culture the boy grew up. Gaining a liberal education at Williams Academy, he next engaged himself as amanuensis to the distinguished English author and litterateur, G. P.

A. James, Esq., who at that time resided at Stockbridge; and while earning a salary, he was incidentally adding to his general knowledge and culture. At the age of fifteen he accepted a clerkship in the Housatonic Bank at Stockbridge, which he shortly left to become a teller in the Pittsfield Bank, of which institution J. D. Adams, his uncle, was for many years manager. In 1858 he gave up this position to go abroad, and for nearly a year he traveled in Europe. Upon his return he entered upon the duties of a position as cashier under Mr. C. S. Gzowski and Sir David Macpherson, who at that time had extensive iron interests in Toronto, Canada. In 1865 Mr. Adams went to New York City, where he was engaged in the banking business for about eight years. He came from New York to Minnesota in 1873, and for the following period of about fourteen years, first at Duluth and then at St. Paul, represented the old New York firm of David Dows & Company. Meantime he was acquiring a firm and firmer grasp of commercial and financial affairs in the Northwest; and, in 1887, was made president of the Northern Pacific Elevator Company, with headquarters at Minneapolis. This corporation owns and operates grain elevators extending along the line of the Northern Pacific Railway to Puget Sound, and Mr. Adams had been more or less identified with the development of this great industry ever since the early days, when the Mississippi river was the main outlet in the spring for the wheat raised in Minnesota. Mr. Adams continued at the head of the Northern Pacific Elevator Company until 1891, when he resigned. From that time to the present he has been engaged in the grain commission business in Minneapolis, with his son J. W. Adams as a partner, under the firm name of J. Q. Adams & Company. Mr. Adams is a familiar figure in the "Twin Cities," as he goes hither and thither attending to his numerous interests; and he is the pioneer resident of Crocus Hill, in St. Paul, a point of that city marked by its natural attractions and destined to become a highly developed and popular locality. On May 17, 1865, at Toronto, Mr. Adams was married to Ada Walker,

daughter of Artemus B. and Adeline E. Walker. Their children are, a son, John Walker, born in New York, August 30, 1866, and married in 1888 to Miss Priscilla F. Horn, of St. Paul; and an adopted daughter, Charlotte Belle, since 1888 the wife of Samuel C. Stickney, also of St. Paul.

EDWARD P. BARNUM.

Edward Phelps Barnum, of St. Cloud, was born at Stonington, Connecticut, June 16, 1831. His father, John S. Barnum, was a native of Vermont, born in the town of Shoreham, in 1804. He followed a sea-faring life, and was for many years captain of a ship. He died July 7, 1852. His wife, the mother of Edward P., was Hannah (Hobart) Barnum, a native of Connecticut. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools and academy of his native town, and four years at Troy Conference Academy at West Poughkeepsie, Vermont. In early youth he entered into a mercantile and milling business, in partnership with John B. Folsom, of Folsomdale, Wyoming county, New York, grandfather of Frances Folsom, who later graced the White House as the popular wife of President Cleveland. Mr. Folsom's wife was an own cousin of Mr. Barnum's. In 1855 Mr. Barnum moved to Iowa, and for about a year ran a hotel at Des Moines with good success. While living at Des Moines he lost his only children, a boy of three years and a girl of eighteen months. In 1856 he removed to Hastings, Minnesota, erected a saw-mill, forming a partnership with his brother-in-law, C. W. Nash, and for eight years was actively engaged in the lumber business. In 1864 he was appointed by Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, post sutler of Fort Abercrombie. He served in that post for three years, then for an equal period of time, was proprietor of a hotel at Sauk Centre, known as the Sauk Centre House. Subsequently he was for a short time engaged in the furniture business in the same town, after which he assisted in forming, and occupied a responsible position in, the Bank of Sauk Centre, which he held for some-



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thing like ten years. In 1890 he purchased the Sauk Centre *Avalanche*, a Democratic organ, in the interest of his son, F. E. Barnum. The son edited it during the first year after its purchase, then Mr. Barnum himself took up the editorial work for a year. The *Avalanche* is still flourishing, and is now under the management of the junior Barnum. Mr. Barnum's political principles are well known as loyally Democratic. He has been twice complimented by his constituency in Minnesota with a nomination for the position of Lieutenant Governor, the first time on the ticket with Edmund Rice for Governor, and the second with Gen. R. W. Johnson. He was also his party's candidate for Congress from what was known as the "bloody Sixth" district, during the famous "Kindred-Nelson" campaign. In 1876 Mr. Barnum was elected a member of the board of county commissioners for Stearns county for three years, and served one year as chairman of that body. In 1891 he was elected enrolling clerk of the State Senate. In the following year, on the resignation of A. L. Cramb, he received an appointment to the office of clerk of court, Seventh Judicial District of Stearns county; and in the fall of 1894 he was duly elected to that post for the regular period of four years by a large majority, and in 1898 was re-elected without opposition. Mr. Barnum has belonged to the order of Masons for well on to half a century, and the main events of his history in Masonry are as follows: In February of 1857, at Hastings, Minnesota, he was made a Master Mason; in 1860, a Royal Arch Mason; in 1863, Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery of St. Paul; in 1894, a member of the Mystic Shrine in Osman Temple, St. Paul. In 1868 he received from the Grand Lodge the appointment of district deputy, in which capacity he assisted in the dissemination throughout the State of the present ritual work; and in the following year he was elected grand junior warden. In 1893 he was appointed to the board of custodians of the work over which he now presides as chairman. Mr. Barnum was married April 15, 1852, to Miss Irene E. Barnum, a native of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Her

parents were J. Wesley Barnum, of Shoreham, Vermont, and Harriet Z., daughter of Col. William Frost of Michigan, formerly of Genesee county, New York. One son, Francis E. Barnum, above referred to in connection with the *Sauk Centre Avalanche*, is the only remaining issue of their union. Mr. Barnum enjoys a wide popularity. His career has been one of varied enterprises, and in each he has made a host of friends and acquaintances. Among the newspaper fraternity he is held in especial esteem. His attendance is always counted upon at the conventions and excursions of Minnesota editors, and although he is older than most members of the present editorial staff, his youthful and genial temperament make him equally companionable to all. In their annual excursion of September last, which included a visit to Denver, Colorado Springs and the Omaha Exposition, he contributed a conspicuous share towards the success and enlivenment of the trip. Mrs. Barnum, also, is gifted with many social qualities, a fact well appreciated by the numerous friends who have enjoyed the hospitality of the Barnum home circle.

WILLIAM P. CLOUGH.

William Pitt Clough, of St. Paul, was born March 20, 1845, at Freetown, Cortland county, New York. He is the son of William Parks and Sabrina (Yunk) Clough, both of whom, also, were natives of the Empire State. The Yunks were a Dutch family that settled early in this country, while on the paternal side he was descended from John Clough, who, in the year 1835, crossed from England to Massachusetts, in the ship "Elizabeth," and settled at Watertown, which has since been annexed to Boston. John Clough was one of the founders of Salisbury, a town in the northeastern part of Massachusetts, and his numerous descendants are now scattered throughout New York, New England and other portions of the East. The great-grandfather of our subject, Benjamin Clough, was a soldier of the Revolution, who served in the New York division

of the Continental army, from 1776 to the end of the war. His home was in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, near the New York line. When William Pitt Clough was three years of age, his father, who had been a merchant in the village of Freetown, took his family to Pennsylvania and settled in Erie county, where the child grew up and obtained his early education. As soon as ready for collegiate work, he entered the Northwestern State Normal School, at Edinboro, Pennsylvania, where he completed the collegiate course in 1862. During the next three years he was chiefly occupied in teaching in Pennsylvania and in his native State. Then for a couple of years he was employed in business enterprises on Oil Creek, in Venango county, Pennsylvania, meantime filling intervals of leisure with law reading at Edinboro, in the office of Henry R. Terry, Esq. By the spring of 1867 he was nearly prepared for admission to the bar. But it was the bar of Minnesota that was to enroll him among its members; for favorable opportunities opened to him which involved his hasty removal to this State, where he arrived on the first day of June of that year. He entered the law office of ex-Judge E. A. McMahon, at Rochester, in the joint capacity of assistant and student, and, on July 3, 1868, was there admitted to the bar. He then united with Judge McMahon in a partnership, which continued for four years. Since the summer of 1872 Mr. Clough has been a resident of St. Paul. During his first few years after locating there he was associated with Hon. John M. Gilman, one of the city's oldest and best known counselors. In this connection Mr. Clough gained prominence, and in 1880 he received appointment as general western counsel for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. For nearly seven years he remained in this service, resigning it May 31, 1887. On June 1, he entered the service of the Saint Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company, assuming the position of assistant to President James J. Hill, of that company, and on December 20, of the same year, he was appointed second vice-president. On February 1, 1890, when the Great Northern Railway

Company was organized, Mr. Clough was elected to his present position as vice president of this company. Mr. Clough's western life and married life are co-extensive, he having wedded Miss Dacia Alatheia Green, a young lady of exceptional attainments, on the day of his departure from the East. The parents of Miss Green were, by birth, representatives of New York and New England, though the father, Alfred Green, became a contractor and builder of Erie county, Pennsylvania, where his daughter was born. Mrs. Clough died at St. Paul in 1892, and is well remembered, as she was well known for the virtues and graces of her character. Mr. and Mrs. Clough had two daughters, Margaret S. and Blanche M., the former being now the wife of Charles L. Spencer, clerk of the United States District Court at St. Paul.

CHARLES C. WILLSON.

Charles Cudworth Willson, of Rochester, was born October 27, 1829, at Mansfield, Cattaraugus county, New York. His father, Gideon Hovey Willson, and his mother, Lydia Manley, were both born at Newfane, near Brattleboro, Vermont. His grandparents were all born at Rehobeth, Massachusetts, about thirty-five miles southwest of Plymouth Rock. Farming was the sole occupation of all these ancestors. The subject of this sketch was educated at an academy in Springville, Erie county, New York. When eighteen years old he went to Geneseo, Livingston county, New York, and there studied law in the office of Gen. James Wood, Jr. He was admitted to the bar September 3, 1851, at Rochester, New York. Soon after he formed a partnership with William A. Collins, and practiced his profession at Geneseo until July, 1856. At that time he sold his interest in the business and removed to Rochester, Minnesota, then a mere hamlet. He at that time bought forty town lots in the original plat of the town. He went back and opened a law office in Rochester, New York, but as his investments in Ohsted county required much of his time, he removed there in June, 1858, and there he has



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ever since resided. Mr. Willson was for many years interested in farming. He pursued it as a recreation from the labors of his law practice. From 1875 to 1891 he owned and cultivated a farm of fourteen hundred acres two miles northeast of the city. In 1878 he had one thousand acres of wheat in one field. This was the largest farm ever held by one man in that county. In 1891 he sold his farm in parcels, and has since devoted his entire attention to the practice of the law. His professional library includes the reports of nearly all the Northern States, the Federal reports and all the English reports of the last fifty years and many prior volumes. He edited twelve volumes of Minnesota Reports, viz.: Vols. 48 to 59, inclusive. Many young men have studied law in his office; among them are Hon. John Allen, United States Senator from Washington, and Hon. Porter J. McCumber, United States Senator from North Dakota. He has had no partner in business since he came to Minnesota. In 1878-9, he built and still occupies, on College Hill, the most expensive dwelling house in Olmsted county. The grounds cover twenty acres of elevated land in the western part of the city. In politics he was a Democrat, until the Chicago platform of 1896 estranged him. He has not since allied himself with either party. He has always refused to be a candidate for office, believing politics to be a disappointing and unpromising vocation. For forty years Mr. Willson has attended the services of the Episcopal church. His wife and eight children are all members. He was married, in February, 1862, to Miss Annie Rosebrugh, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He is of light complexion, over five feet ten inches in height, stands erect, weighs one hundred and ninety pounds, and has been in such health as to be up and about his business every day in the last forty years. He has never joined any church or secret society. He is often in the courts in the southern part of the State and in St. Paul. He has been engaged in much of the important litigation in his vicinity and has several times received a fee of five thousand dollars or more in a single case.

CHARLES D'AUTREMONT.

Hon. Charles d'Autremont, of Duluth, was born at Angelica, New York, June 2, 1851. To be well born, to come of honorable and distinguished ancestry, is of advantage to any man. On the paternal side Mr. d'Autremont is descended from an ancient and distinguished French family. His great-grandfather was Hubert d'Autremont, a Frenchman who died prior to the French Revolution, leaving a widow, Madame Marie Jeanne d'Obet d'Autremont, and their sons, named Louis Paul, Alexander Hubert, and Auguste Francois Cecile. The family were prominent Royalists, and upon the outbreak of the French Revolution, when so many crimes were perpetrated in the name of liberty, they were in extreme peril. In 1792 Mme. d'Autremont contrived to escape from France, and with her three sons came to America, and settled on a tract of land—previously secured—on the Chenango river, in the State of New York. In a short time, however, they removed to Asylum, the site of a colony established by French Royalists on the Susquehanna river, near the present town of Towanda, Pennsylvania. A few years later the oldest son, Louis, returned to France as secretary to the great statesman and diplomat, the inimitable Talleyrand; subsequently he was sent to England and Portugal as the representative of the French Government at the respective courts. In 1800, when the first Napoleon had granted amnesty to all those who had left France during the "reign of terror," the colony of Asylum was broken up, nearly all of its members returning to their native country. Mme. d'Autremont, however, with her two sons, went back to their first American home on the Chenango. In 1806 she purchased a tract of land on the Genesee river, and removed with her family to Angelica, New York, where very many of their descendants have since lived. Charles d'Autremont, the subject hereof, is directly descended from Alexander Hubert d'Autremont, who was his grandfather, and whose son Charles retired from active business pursuits in early life, but continued to reside at Angelica until his death, in 1891.

The son was named for the father. Mr. d'Autremont's mother was a daughter of Judge John Collins, of Angelica, a native of Connecticut, and of Ann Gregory Collins, an English lady. Judge Collins was an officer of the American army during the War of 1812, and after the close of the war he, with others, purchased a large tract of land in Alleghany county, New York, and settled thereon with a view of practicing his profession as a lawyer and of disposing of his land. He began his scholastic education at Angelica Academy, and in 1868 entered Cornell University. By reason of continued ill-health he was compelled to leave college at the end of his junior year, and went to Lausanne, Switzerland, where he spent some time in attendance at the academy in that historic old town. Upon his return to America in 1872, he began the study of law in the office of his uncle, Judge John G. Collins, at Angelica, and so continued for a year. He then entered Columbia Law School, from which institution he graduated in the spring of 1875. After a summer in Europe he entered the law office of Hart & McGuire, at Elmira, New York, but two years later opened an office of his own. In 1879 he again made a visit to Europe. In the fall of 1882, Mr. d'Autremont was stopping temporarily in Duluth on his return home from a hunting trip out on the little Missouri, in Montana. Missing the lake steamer, he was compelled to remain over for several days. This delay enabled him to become acquainted with the town and many of its people, and he became so favorably impressed with the place that immediately upon reaching his home at Elmira he closed up his affairs there and returned with his family to the "Zenith City of the unsalted sea." The people took kindly to him, and two years later, or in 1884, he was elected county attorney of St. Louis county. Here he has since remained in the active and successful practice of his profession and in exploring for and developing iron mines, in which he is largely interested. Mr. d'Autremont has always been a Democrat in politics, steadfastly and consistently "without variableness or shadow of turning." When he was but twenty-one he took an active part

in the Greeley campaign in New York. In the Tilden and Hendricks canvass of 1876, he was president of the Elmira Democratic Club, and helped carry the State for the great statesmen who were the standard bearers of his party. In the Hancock campaign of 1880 he was again president of the Democratic Club, and made speaking tours through New York and Pennsylvania in behalf of the ticket. While residing in Elmira he was a member of the board of supervisors of Chemung county. As mentioned, he was elected county attorney of St. Louis county, Minnesota, in 1884. In 1888, when there was no possibility of an election in the face of the great Republican majority, he was the Democratic candidate for Attorney General of Minnesota, but with his associates on the ticket, was defeated. In 1896 he was a candidate for presidential elector on the regular Democratic or Bryan and Sewall ticket. He has made repeated public canvasses for his party in this State, and his services as a speaker are often demanded. In 1892, he was elected mayor of Duluth, and served one term. His election was really a tribute of his fellow citizens to him, and as much of a personal triumph as a party success. His administration justified the expectations of his friends, and was a valuable one for the city and its interests. Of social tastes and in full fellowship with his brother man, Mr. d'Autremont is well known in certain circles. He is charter member of Kitchie Gammi Club of Duluth, a Sir Knight of St. Omar's Commandery of Elmira, New York, a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, etc. Mr. d'Autremont was married, April 21, 1880, to Miss Hattie H. Hart, a daughter of E. P. Hart, Esq., long an eminent lawyer of Elmira, New York. They have five promising children, named Antoinette, Louis Paul, Charles Maurice, Hubert Hart and Marie Genevieve.

CHARLES A. TOWNE.

Charles Arnette Towne, ex-Congressman from the Sixth District of Minnesota and a prominent citizen of Duluth, is a native of the State of Michigan, born on a farm in Rose



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township, Oakland county, November 21, 1858. He is the son of Charles Judson and Laura (Fargo) Towne, both parents being extracted from Puritan stock. On the paternal side, the original settlers in America were John William and Joanna (Blessing) Towne, who, in 1636, came from the west of England to Salem, Massachusetts. Our subject is directly descended from these emigrating ancestors, and in the intermediate generations have appeared, here and there, men of distinct ability and achievement. Among these may be mentioned Gen. Salem Towne, famous for his generalship in the War of 1812; also a literary Salem Towne, author of a series of text books. The grandfather of Charles A.—Levi Towne—was a native of New Hampshire who early removed with his parents to Wyoming county, New York. Glancing now at the history of the maternal side of the house, we find that Laura Fargo—the mother of Mr. Towne—was connected through the Mason family with George Washington, and was a descendant, on her mother's side, of the old New England family of Lawrence, to which belonged Amos and Abbott Lawrence, famous respectively as philanthropist and minister to England. Mr. Towne's parents were married in the year 1857, in Wyoming county, New York, and settled prior to his birth in Michigan. The boy was educated in his native State, graduating from the University at Ann Arbor in 1881. In college he showed decided oratorical power, and was made class orator for his senior year. Subsequently he was offered the English professorship at the Ann Arbor preparatory school. This he declined, as also the chair of Latin and Modern Languages at the Orchard Lake Military Academy, being attracted to a legal rather than a pedagogic career. Soon after leaving college, he accepted the position of chief clerk in the Department of Public Instruction at Lansing, Michigan, beginning about the same time the study of law, which he ambitiously pursued at night, after completing his day's work. In April, 1885, he was admitted to the bar in the Supreme Court of Michigan, and in March of the following year, commenced practice at Marquette, in partnership with W. S.

Hill. From his youth Mr. Towne has been much interested in politics, and as early as 1881 his name was brought into prominence by the Lansing Republican as a candidate for Congress from that district. In 1888, in consequence of the death of Seth C. Moffat, Congressman from the Eleventh District of Michigan, a special election was held to secure his successor. Mr. Towne was offered a nomination, but declined to run for the position, to which Hon. Henry W. Seymour, of Sault Ste. Marie, was duly elected. In the spring of 1889 Mr. Towne moved to Chicago, where he practiced his profession until June, 1890. In the following August he came to Minnesota, locating in Duluth, where he formed a partnership with S. L. Smith. At the beginning of 1892, the former connection having been dissolved, he became a member of the firm of Moer, Towne & Harris, which, during the following year, was modified by the withdrawal of Mr. Moer, upon his election to the District Bench, Mr. Towne thus becoming senior member of the present firm of Towne & Harris. Mr. Towne first appeared as a stump speaker in 1876, and since that year he has been generally active in politics; but he never accepted a candidacy for any public office until the campaign in which he was elected, by a majority of over three thousand votes over two competitors, to the Fifty-fourth Congress. He has been brought into special prominence by the attitude which he took, and has consistently sustained, in regard to that very vital issue in our National politics comprehended in the term bi-metallism. In the fall of 1893 he began a systematic study of the money question, and as the result of his investigations he came out strongly in favor of re-opening the mints of our country to the free coinage of silver as well as of gold. The Republican platforms of both 1888 and 1892 had been explicitly in favor of restoring to silver its full dignity as standard money; but in the campaign for Congress, in 1894, Mr. Towne was even more emphatic in this direction than the preceding Republican platforms. After his election to Congress, he stumped various parts of his district in the cause of bi-metallism, and after taking his seat

at Washington he became prominent in the Republican rebellion against a measure introduced by Speaker Reed and other leaders of the party, which provided for the issuance of \$500,000,000 of bonds and the practical withdrawal of greenbacks from circulation. Mr. Towne was quick to recognize the significance of this movement, and was one of the first to inform the public of the tendency of Republican leaders towards the gold standard. The decided stand which he took at this juncture began the divergence between him and the party leaders, which resulted in his severance from the Republican organization in June, 1896, when, in its National Convention at St. Louis, it adopted a platform virtually renouncing bi-metallism and looking clearly towards an absolute gold standard. Something of what it cost him thus to break away from the party of his early choice and faith will be understood by those who have read his famous speech delivered in the House of Representatives on February 8, 1896, in the course of which he said:

"The Republican party is dear to me. My ancestors were Federalists and Whigs of New England. My father followed the standard of Fremont and Dayton to the glorious defeat of 1856. The infancy of the Republican party rocked my own cradle. Since my youth I have treasured the deathless fame of its great leaders, studied and professed its doctrines, benefited by its policies, and wielded ceaselessly what little strength was mine in its strenuous contests for the confidence of the people. My anxiety that it shall now rise level with the emergency that meets us is greater than I can express."

This speech, which was a most forceful presentation of the claims of bi-metallism and appeal for its adoption, produced a profound impression throughout the country. It was begun upon a time allowance of half an hour, but was granted repeated extensions, and finally time limit was waived altogether. For nearly three hours he held his audience by his earnest eloquence; and this speech, which was subsequently printed, is said to have been more widely circulated as a campaign document than any other ever delivered in Congress. Mr. Towne loved his party; but when he came to

the point where he felt he must choose between party allegiance and principle, he followed the course which the brave, strong men of all ages have taken, even though it led him, for a time, at least, away from political success and prestige. He announced that he could not accept a re-nomination for Congress on the Republican ticket. With an unanimous impulse, however, the Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans of his district adopted him as their candidate, and he consented to run in opposition to the Republican platform. In the ensuing campaign—the most notable in the history of the country for the intensity, both of the struggle itself and the general interest it awakened—although the normal Republican majority in Mr. Towne's district was several thousands, the returns showed the meagre margin of 712 votes against him; and two years later he was supported by the same combination of forces, which this time failed of electing him by a plurality of only 441 votes. In the month of February, 1897, together with Senators Henry M. Teller, of Colorado; Richard F. Pettigrew, of South Dakota; Fred T. Dubois, of Idaho; Frank J. Cannon, of Utah, and Congressman Charles S. Hartman, of Montana, Mr. Towne initiated the organization of the Silver Republican party, and became chairman of the Provisional National Committee. In the following June the National Committee was regularly constituted by representatives of thirty-one States, and Mr. Towne was made chairman, which post he still fills. Although a very busy man, Mr. Towne has clung to his student habits ever since his college days. He realizes that only study—deep, earnest, comprehensive mental toil—can qualify a man to deal with the questions, so complex in their nature, which involve the welfare of State and Nation; and he has responded to his call to public duty with the sincerest conviction and clearest inspiration. Within the last four years he has delivered addresses in nearly all the important cities of the United States, his range of subject matter including finance, imperialism, trusts, and general political, literary and miscellaneous topics. On February 22, 1899, before the faculty and students of the Univer-



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sity of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, he made an address from the theme "Lest We Forget" which was a most logical and fervent plea for the spirit of universal democracy and brotherhood. He said in part:

"The attempt is made to fire the imagination of the people with much talk of the opportunity now presented to us of becoming a 'world power.' Why, my friends, what is it to be a world power? Is it not to be a power in the world? and if so, where is there a greater world power than the United States, or than she has been for more than a hundred years? During all that time America has carried the torch that has lighted the pathway of liberty for the nations of the earth. Our reaction upon Europe has crumbled dynasties to dust, and above the graves of privilege has reared republics and parliaments. Within that century nearly five hundred constitutions have been born, none of which would have been possible but for ours. The South American republics, not coddled into perpetual infancy, but defended in natural, self-taught, and therefore sure, progress, have risen up and called us blessed. Wherever representative government has been planted, wherever new guaranties of personal security and political rights have been won, wherever religious liberty has widened and the freedom of the press increased, there has been witnessed the force of American example, which, though gentle as the 'sweet influence of the Pleiades,' speaks louder than the thunder of our guns and moves with more resistless might than armies. And what can empire offer us for this? A rivalry with swaggering kingdoms, seeking loot and license of their weaker neighbors, snatching our share of plunder that we do not need, marching back three centuries over the fallen and shattered idols of our storied progress; earning the fear of every victim and the jealous hatred of every rival, where we might have retained the love of the one and, at least, the respect of the other. One of the last of the sage observations of the great Bismarck was elicited by the prospect of the Spanish war. He said: 'The result of the war cannot be wholesome to Europe or America. The United States will be forced to adopt an intermeddling policy leading to unavoidable friction. * * * * The American change of front means retrogression, in the high sense, of civilization. This is the main regrettable fact about the war.' If, my friends, we do not resist and conquer the forces that are now setting toward an American empire in the eastern tropics, with its inevitable resultant imperial-

istic modification of our domestic institutions, the prophecy of Bismarck will surely become the judgment of history. It will be ours eternally to bear the odium of having stopped the car of progress and turned it backward. From so melancholy a reproach as that, it is, in my judgment, the duty of every true American to strive to the uttermost to save his country. To such high resolves, what time could give so deep and strong a sanction as the birthday of Washington? He was an American in every fibre of his being, devoted absolutely to his country, hopeful of her future, and profoundly attached to the Union under the Constitution. He believed in the legitimate growth of the United States, gave much time to the study of routes and waterways to the westward, along which he knew the tide of civilization was sure to set, and his prophetic vision foresaw the gradual assimilation of the continent by the spreading settlements from the earlier centers of population. Has the movement yet reached its limit? Is congested humanity crowding us into the sea? Why, my friends, opportunities greater than all the Orient, richer than 'barbaric pearl and gold,' await our enterprise, when it shall be disenthralled, within the present limits of the Republic. And when that shall have been subdued, the rest of this vast continent is ours by a law as certain in its result as it will be peaceable in its accomplishment. Were Washington alive to-day, he would be to that extent an 'expansionist'; but we may be sure that he who left to posterity the priceless political testament of the 'Farewell Address' would as certainly and steadily have opposed imperialism in the form of a distant colonial dependency, as he turned his back upon the offer of kingly power and 'put away the crown.' Ages and ages ago, from the plains of Asia our Aryan forefathers turned their faces westward and entered upon that world-march whose record is the story of human progress. Their institutions grew as their journey lengthened, until at last we, their descendants, standing by the great sea from beyond whose farther shore their earth-round course began, are dowered with priceless constitutional liberties won by the struggles and sacrifices, the strenuous strife of muscle and brain and spirit, of six thousand years. My friends, as we cross that ocean returning toward our ancestral home, what shall be our message to the peoples that were left behind? Shall it be peace or war, the cruelty and bondage of the empire or the friendship and freedom of the Republic?"

On April 20, 1887, Mr. Towne was married

to Maude Irene Wiley, of Lansing, Michigan, a daughter of Washington G. and Mary (Green) Wiley, both natives of Cooperstown, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Towne have no children. Like every man who takes a fearless stand for advanced ideals and radical measures, Mr. Towne makes some enemies, but he wins many loyal friends who, like himself, represent the vanguard of political and social reformers. The following sincere words of commendation are from George Fred Williams, a prominent legal counsellor of Boston, Massachusetts:

"I regard Mr. Towne as one of the ablest of the political leaders in the United States, and make no exception whatever in the whole country in saying that his opportunities for usefulness to the people are not excelled by any other man. He is very prompt and incisive in action, alert in thought, careful in judgment, and wonderfully gifted with the power of speech. There is no orator in the country who makes a more marked impression upon me, and that, perhaps, is the only test which anyone can apply in forming a judgment of a public speaker. But above all his qualities, I consider Mr. Towne's independence in thought and sincere regard for truth and right to be his most distinguishing qualities. While he is a good tactician, it is the tremendous energy with which his sincerity and enthusiasm endow him that makes him the power he is among men. Grant him long life and he will surely be one of the marked figures in American history. The above practically contains my estimate of Mr. Towne's strong points as a political leader, not to mention the one which I treasure most as a friend, viz., his personal charm and magnetism. I think there are few men with such force of character who can at the same time retain the affectionate regard of those with whom they associate."

Col. William J. Bryan, writing from Austin, Texas, March 14, 1900, aptly sums up Mr. Towne's characteristics as follows: "You can quote me as saying that, 'as a citizen, orator and patriot, Charles A. Towne has no superior in the United States.'"

CORDENIO A. SEVERANCE.

The ancestors of Cordenio Arnold Severance, of St. Paul, were of old New England stock, his mother's family residing in Connecticut and

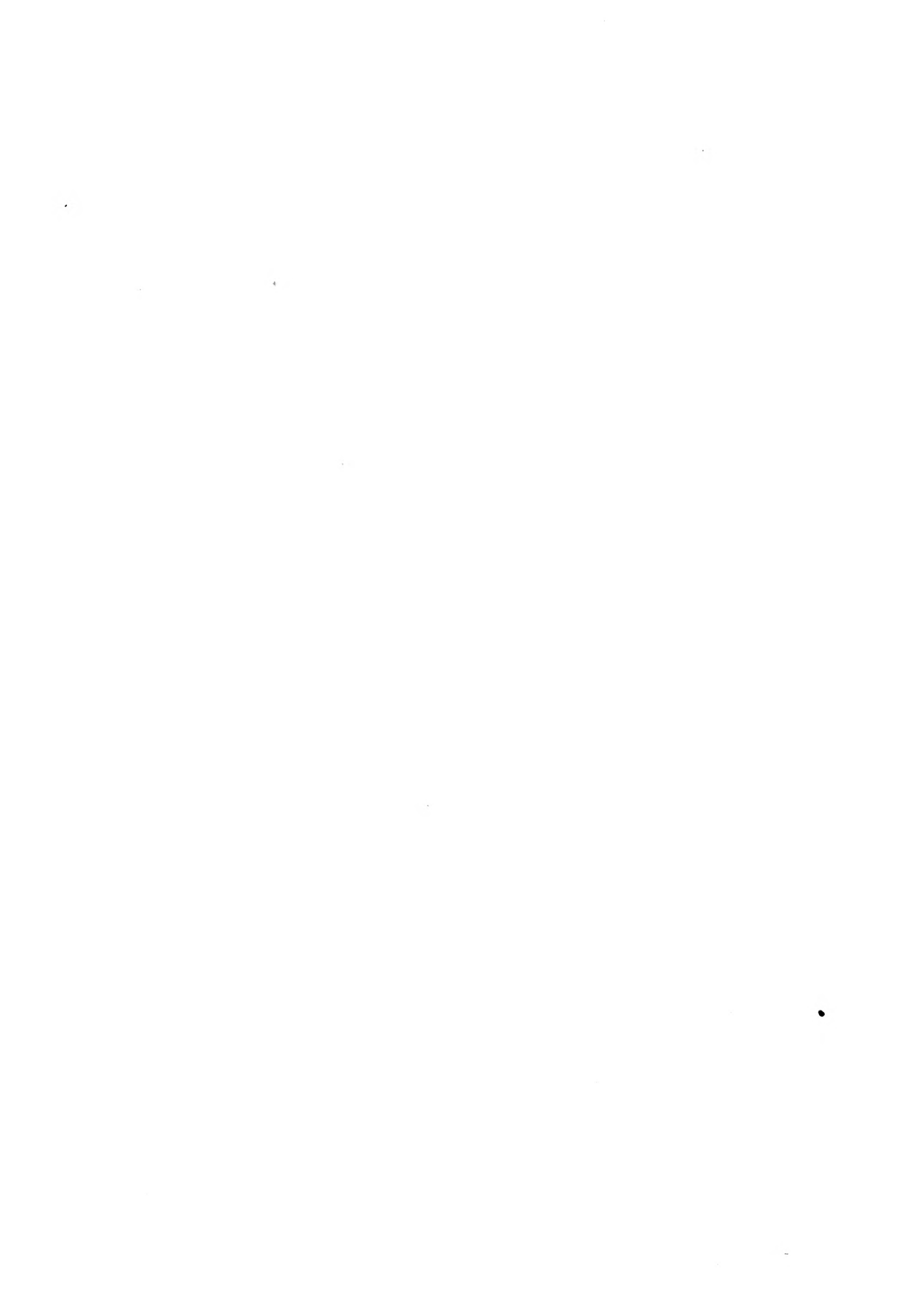
Rhode Island for several generations. His father's family came to Boston from Ipswich, England, in 1637, and lived in Massachusetts continuously from that time down to the early part of this century, when the grandfather of Cordenio moved to Pennsylvania. Some of the family were officers in the colonial wars prior to the Revolution, and the great-grandfather of Mr. Severance, although an old man, served for a short time in the Revolutionary War. Mr. E. C. Severance, father of our subject, was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, and engaged in the mercantile business, lumbering and farming in Pennsylvania and Minnesota. He came to Minnesota in 1855, and has resided here ever since. He was county auditor of Dodge county, in this State, for six years, and was, about fifteen years ago, State Senator from that county. His wife, Amanda J. (Arnold) Severance, was born in Connecticut and reared in Michigan. She died March 6, 1894, sincerely mourned by her family and by every one who knew her. She had lived an earnest Christian life. Cordenio Arnold was born at Mantorville, Dodge county, Minnesota, June 30, 1862. He attended the public and high schools in that village, and was for about three years at Carleton College, Northfield. For one year while attending Carleton he was president of his class. After leaving college he studied law for a time with Hon. Robert Taylor, of Kasson, Minnesota, and was admitted to the bar on the day he was twenty-one years of age. He was examined for admission two or three months previously, the court making an order that he should be admitted as soon as he was old enough to take the oath. Mr. Severance entered the office of Senator Davis, in St. Paul, in the summer of 1885, and in January, 1887, became his partner. The firm of Davis, Kellogg & Severance was formed the first of October, 1887. This firm enjoys a very large practice, and has handled a large number of important cases in this State. Mr. Severance is a Republican in politics. He has never filled any official position, however, and has never been a candidate for any. He is a member of the Kitchi Gaumi Club of Duluth, the Minnesota



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Club and the Town and Country Club of St. Paul. He has been one of the board of governors of the Ramsey County Bar Association. June 26, 1889, Mr. Severance was married to Miss Mary Frances Harriman, a daughter of Gen. Samuel Harriman, of Wisconsin. To them one daughter, Alexandra, was born in 1894 and died in 1895. Mr. Severance is not a member of any church, but usually attends the House of Hope Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Severance is a member. Mr. and Mrs. Severance reside at 589 Summit avenue, St. Paul.

JOHN A. MATHEWS.

Hon. John Arnot Mathews, one of the earliest settlers of Winona, Minnesota, and for forty-five years a prominent resident and business man of that city, was born in Elmira, New York, April 6, 1824. He was the oldest of a family of nine children, six of whom became citizens of Minnesota. His father, Henry H. Mathews, who was born in Chemung county, New York, was a son of Col. Selah Mathews, who with several brothers removed from Orange county to Chemung about 1790. Colonel Mathews was for many years a prominent and well-known citizen of the latter county—then called Tioga. His brother, Gen. Vincent Mathews, was United States district attorney for the Western District of New York, for many years served in both branches of the Legislature, and was a member of Congress. He was a prominent lawyer, and for forty years was at the head of the Elmira bar. General Mathews died at Rochester, New York, in 1847. In 1819, when a young man, Henry H. Mathews entered the store of John Arnot, at Elmira. In 1823 he married Isabella M. Arnot, a sister of his employer, and a native of Perthshire, Scotland, who came to America with the family about 1803. He then engaged in merchandising with Mr. Arnot at Painted Post, New York, and later, upon the retirement of his brother-in-law, took entire charge of the business. While at Painted Post, where he resided for more than twenty years, he became

a leading citizen, and held many responsible positions. In 1843 he returned to Elmira, and, in 1849, was appointed by President Taylor postmaster of the city, which position he held for several years. The original paternal ancestor of the Mathews family in America came to this country from England with Benjamin Fletcher, who was appointed Colonial Governor of New York in 1692, and to whom he was closely related by marriage. The boyhood days of John A. Mathews were passed in his native town and at Painted Post, New York. He became familiar with business methods in his father's store at the latter town. When he was nineteen years of age, he returned to Elmira, where he attended school and worked on his father's farm for two years. Then, in 1845, having reached the age of twenty-one, he went to Tioga, Pennsylvania, where he was a clerk in the store of B. C. Wickham & Company for about two years. The junior partner was T. L. Baldwin, and later Mr. Mathews purchased the interest of Wickham, and the firm became T. L. Baldwin & Company. This firm conducted an extensive and successful business, until 1853, when he sold his interest to his partner, T. L. Baldwin. In 1854 Mr. Mathews came to the Northwest in search of a permanent home. He first inspected the situation at McGregor, Iowa; later he explored the pine woods of Wisconsin, with a view to engaging in the lumber business. At that time there was a United States land office at Steven's Point, Wisconsin, which he visited, and he was at once attracted by the opportunities presented for dealing in land warrants and locating them on credit to actual settlers. There was also a land office at Brownsville, in Houston county, Minnesota. Returning to McGregor to make certain necessary preparations, Mr. Mathews came up the river again, and set out from Brownsville on an exploring tour through Southeastern Minnesota. From a small stern-wheel steamboat in July, 1854, he landed at Winona, then a small frontier village recently established as a county seat. He was not favorably impressed with the appearance and surroundings of the place at the time, and continued his trip. From Red Wing he journeyed on foot throughout the

southeastern part of the then Territory, as far west as Faribault. After this thorough and careful inspection of the country, and having made several selections from which to choose, he returned to his native State, and October 9, 1855, he was married to Miss Ellen B. Bush, a native of Tioga, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of A. C. Bush of that place. Their wedding took place at Tioga, and they at once started for Winona, where a United States land office had been located in the spring of that year, arriving in time for the first land sales—a great event in the history of the city. Mr. Mathews began at once to deal in land warrants, to locate lands, and to loan money. His first business was done in the office of Berry & Waterman, attorneys, on Front street, where the Winona Mill Company mill was afterwards built; then in Dr. Sheardown's drug store, also on Front street, opposite the land office. In 1856 Mr. Mathews built an office near by, which was burned in 1862. He was again burned out on the east side of Center street, between Front and Second streets, and removed to Hilbert Block. In 1887 he fitted up offices in his own building on West Third street, where he has since remained. For about a year, half his time was spent in the land office. He did a good business in these lines until the land office was removed to Faribault, in January, 1857. Mr. Mathews has now been engaged in the loan business for forty-five years, making a specialty of farm loans, and has been fairly successful. He has always taken an active and practical part in the advancement and the general welfare of his adopted city, with whose interests he has been identified for nearly half a century. He was one of the five incorporators and the first president of the Winona Street Railway Company, which was organized in 1883. For four terms he was mayor of the city—in 1868-9, 1869-70, 1873-4 and in 1887-8. His official services were highly satisfactory to his fellow-citizens. He was true to his convictions of duty, and was always decidedly opposed to the issue of bonds by the city in aid of railroads, regardless of the fact that he was a stockholder and one of the directors in the Winona & Southwestern Railroad Company,

at the time such bonds were voted to it. In politics he has always been a Democrat. He has never cared to become prominent in the councils of his party, but is a firm believer in the righteousness of its principles, and uniformly votes its ticket. No other citizen in Winona stands higher in the public esteem than John A. Mathews. Considerably more than "three score years and ten," he is still active and well-preserved, and his situation generally is one to be envied in view of his public and private record and the history of his long and useful life. The happy home of Mr. and Mrs. Mathews has always been one of the centers of hospitality of the city. They have no children. They have, however, reared to maturity two daughters of his brother, Henry E. Mathews, Jennie C., now Mrs. E. S. Gregory, of Winona, Minnesota, and Isabella A., now Mrs. E. J. Chamberlain, of Devil's Lake, North Dakota.

WILLIAM LINDEKE.

The late William Lindeke, of St. Paul, was well and widely known in connection with the great milling industry of Minnesota. Mr. Lindeke was born at Seehausen, near Berlin, Prussia, October 1, 1835. The first eighteen years of his life were spent in his native country, where he obtained a common school education and was afterwards employed by his father. But he early felt the need of larger opportunities than presented themselves to him at home, and resolved to try his fortunes in America. He arrived at Montreal in June, 1854, and made his way directly to Wisconsin, in different towns of which State he was employed for about three years. In the summer of 1857 he went to St. Paul, where he found employment in the saw-mill of Pierre Chouteau, Jr., & Company, then located at the lower levee. At the end of a year he secured a transfer to the neighboring grist-mill, also owned by Chouteau & Company, thus becoming initiated into the industry in which he was to play so important a part. As soon as master of the trade, he accepted a position as miller



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with the firm of Gibbons & Marshall, in the old Winslow Mills in the lower town; and upon the erection by Mr. Marshall of his extensive City Mills, Mr. Lindeke was engaged as his head miller. In 1863 Mr. Marshall retired from business, and Mr. Lindeke rented the mill and continued to operate it as his own enterprise. A year later he built his fine Union Mill on East Fourth street, and from this time on successfully conducted the two establishments. Meantime, with acute foresight, he was securing, lot by lot, a neighboring tract of land, which by 1886 became surrounded by railroads, its value in consequence being greatly enhanced. After rejecting numerous offers of the Northern Pacific, he finally sold to that company a portion of his property for \$150,000. This sale included the Union Mills, which he reserved the privilege of running until the completion of his new steam flouring mill on East Seventh and Brook streets. This mill, the erection of which was another instance of his business acumen, is one of the finest and most completely equipped flour manufactories in the Northwest. Mr. Lindeke was also prominently identified with the dry-goods business of St. Paul. In 1871 he stocked a retail establishment in one of his buildings on Third street, and conducted it in partnership with his brother, Albert H. Lindeke, who was already an expert in the dry-goods trade. The firm name adopted by them was A. H. Lindeke & Brother, and they carried on the enterprise until 1880, then disposed of the business. In the meantime—in 1878—Mr. Lindeke had engaged in the wholesale dry-goods and notion business, together with his brother—Albert H.—Reuben Warner and Theodore L. Schurmeier, under the style of Lindekes, Warner & Schurmeier. Although the enterprise was inaugurated during a period of business depression, it has developed into one of the most extensive and flourishing establishments of the kind, not only in St. Paul, but in the entire West, its annual sales amounting to five million dollars. Mr. Lindeke was vice-president and a heavy stockholder of the National German American Bank of St. Paul. He was also a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and

served on the water-works board of the city. He was for three terms a member of the board of county commissioners, being chairman of the committee on roads and bridges, the committee on county hospital and committee on the poor; and he performed the duties of this office with an energy and earnestness possible only to the public-spirited and philanthropic citizen. February 8, 1861, Mr. Lindeke married Miss Rose Braebec, daughter of Simon Braebec, of Prague, Austria. Six children were born to them, of whom four are now living. Mr. Lindeke was a prominent member of the German Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Congregation of St. Paul, and was one of those consistent Christians whose religion finds a constant practical application outside the church. He remembered that he was once a poor boy, struggling to get a start in the world, and he felt a sincere sympathy with honest poverty everywhere. Making the less prosperous of his relatives his first care, his bounty overflowed beyond their needs to the relief of many whose sole claim upon him was that of common humanity; and his image is indelibly impressed upon the memories and affections of all classes of his surviving fellow-citizens. In his wife Mr. Lindeke had a sympathetic assistant in the dispensing of charities; and since his death—which occurred March 9, 1892—Mrs. Lindeke has continued the good work, and is a familiar figure in the poorer districts of the city, bearing succor to the sick and the destitute.

EDWARD W. DAVIES.

Productive and interesting has been the career of Edward W. Davies, president of the Pipestone County Bank, of Minnesota. Mr. Davies was born in Shropshire, England, but is a thorough American by education and experience. His father, John Davies, is a native of Wales, born in the year 1830. At the age of twenty-two he was married to Elizabeth Owens, who, also, was of Welsh birth, and three years later, on April 5, 1855, the subject of this sketch was born. When he was about two years old, his parents came with their

family to America, making the voyage from England to New York City in a sailing vessel. From the coast they made their way to London, Canada, where they tarried for a short time, then crossed to the United States and located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For about a year they lived in Milwaukee, then removed to the village of Afton, in Rock county, of the same State. He remained in Rock county for something like ten years, then, in May, 1869, he removed to Minnesota, and located on a farm of 160 acres in Jackson county. In 1886 he erected a snug little dwelling in the village of Jackson, into which he and his wife moved and where they still reside. Of the five children born to them, Edward W., the subject of this sketch, is the only one living. Edward remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, and then accepted a clerkship in the general store of J. W. Cowing, of Jackson. At the expiration of the year for which he had engaged with Mr. Cowing, he secured occupation in the county service, and after some two years of deputy work in the treasurer's and auditor's offices, he entered a position as manager of one of C. L. Coleman's lumber yards. In August, 1879, Mr. Davies opened up the Lakefield lumber yard on the line of the Milwaukee Railroad, the first in that locality, which, in consequence, became the site of Lakefield; and it is to him that this town owes its name, as well as its first building. In the following November Mr. Davies was transferred to Pipestone, to represent Mr. Coleman's interests in that city, and became one of the pioneer lumber operators of this place, also. He opened a lumber yard, erected storage buildings, and in the seven years during which he conducted the business at Pipestone he developed a trade of enormous proportions. In 1886, together with S. S. King and T. A. Black, he established the Jasper Journal, a newspaper whose object was to promote the interests and welfare of the village of Jasper and the environing country. It was a Republican organ, although Mr. Davies has, for the most part, affiliated with the Democratic party. His attitude in politics is but little affected by partisan sentiment, as was

evidenced during the last Presidential campaign, when he declined to support the Democratic ballot because of his disapproval of the free silver plank in the platform of his party. Since 1887 Mr. Davies has been connected with the Pipestone County Bank, as cashier during the first four years, and as president for the ensuing nine years. He is president, also, of the State Bank of Jasper, vice-president of the State Bank of Woodstock, Minnesota, and his business relations with various strong financial institutions of the country have resulted with marked profit to himself, as well as to others connected with these institutions. Mr. Davies was married in January, 1881, to Nellie G. King, a daughter of W. V. King, of Jackson county, Minnesota. Of the children born to them, four are now living, viz.: Kittie A., Burr E., Frank E. and Bonnie.

GEORGE S. RUBLE.

George S. Ruble, the founder of Albert Lea, Freeborn county, Minnesota, was born in Kishacoquillas valley, Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1822. He was the son of Henry and Mary E. (Simonds) Ruble, both parents being natives of Pennsylvania, called "Pennsylvania Dutch." Peter Ruble, who emigrated from Hanover, Germany, in about 1730 and settled in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, was the original ancestor of the Ruble family in America. He had four sons, viz.: Christian, Peter, Abraham and Mathias; the latter settled in the east end of Kishacoquillas valley several years prior to the Revolution, and he also had four sons, viz.: Peter, Michael, John and Henry. The latter married Mary E. Simonds, of York county, Pennsylvania, and to them were born four sons—Simon, George S., the subject of this sketch; Henry and John—all natives of the above-named valley. The family removed to Wayne county, Ohio, in 1829, settling on a farm in Green township, where the father died a few years later, and where the subject of this sketch grew to manhood. He received only a few months schooling, and picked up his education as best he



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could. February 1, 1849, he married Elethea Humphrey, and removed to Rock county, Wisconsin, settling on a farm three miles west of the city of Beloit, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1855 he sold out his interests in Wisconsin, and, accompanied by his brother John, removed to Freeborn county, Minnesota, where he pre-empted land, put up a double log house and prepared to receive his family. He then returned to Wisconsin and brought out his family in the fall of the same year. He built the dam across the Shell Rock river, which formed the body of water now known as Fountain lake. He commenced the building of a saw-mill, which was put in operation in the spring of 1857. To this, the following year, he added a grist mill. He laid out the village and named it Albert Lea, after Lake Albert Lea, near which it is situated. The first plat was recorded October 29, 1856, in Dodge county, of which it then formed a part. On February 24, 1859, it was duly recorded in the register's office of Freeborn county. Mr. Ruble then put up a small building, which was used by Swineforth & Gray for a printing office, the first in that region, and where they published the first newspaper, called the "Southern Minnesota Star." Its first issue was July 11, 1857; it was a Democratic weekly paper, encouraged by the Democratic Central Committee, through the influence of Mr. Ruble and by the credit which he gave it. It was afterwards changed to the "Freeborn County Eagle," and became a Republican organ under Isaac Botsford; and still later it became the "Freeborn County Standard," under the management of Mr. Ruble, associated with Joseph Hooker. In the spring of 1860, there came a great flood which destroyed the mill property, but it was afterwards rebuilt and used for milling purposes for many years. Mr. Ruble cultivated a part of his land as a farm; he sold city lots at a small price, or gave them away to encourage settlers to locate, and he was always active, energetic and persevering in the building up of Albert Lea. When the Civil War broke out he was among the first to respond to his country's call. He raised and became captain of Company H, of the First Minnesota Mounted

Rangers; was mustered in December 5, 1862; spent the winter with his company in barracks at Fort Ridgely, and accompanied General Sibley in his expedition against the Indians across the plains of Dakota in the summer following. He was mustered out at the expiration of his term of service, November 24, 1863. In 1864 he re-entered the army as senior first lieutenant of Company C, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, and went South with that organization. He was commander of the fort, on Cameron Hill, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and from there was transferred to Charleston, Tennessee, and placed in command of Fort Bishop. He was mustered out of the service July 5, 1865, at the close of the war, after which he returned to Albert Lea. While in the South he had become impressed with the opportunity for business development at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and decided to locate there, which he did in 1866. He opened business in the agricultural implement line, and continued for a period of twelve years. He moved his family there in 1868, and built a house on Lookout Mountain, called "Ruble's Cottage Home." This he ran as a hotel for twelve years, and it became a famous resort well known all over the South for good fare and genial hospitality. In 1871 his warehouse, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of over \$50,000.00. The "Cottage Home" was sold in 1881, Captain Ruble having returned to Albert Lea in 1880. His health began to fail on account of disease contracted from exposure while in the army, and he died July 2, 1886, and was buried in the family burying ground at Beloit, Wisconsin, where his wife, who died February 6, 1892, is also buried. In many respects Captain Ruble was a remarkable man; of large and powerful physique, with a fine and commanding figure; he was a man of great force of will, of indomitable energy and perseverance. He stood six feet two and one-half inches in height, and his weight was 275 pounds, and all his brothers were like him—large men. The combined weight of the four brothers, before the war, was 1,265 pounds, and their combined height was twenty-four feet and ten inches.

In politics Captain Ruble was a Republican, but was not an active partisan. He was appointed the first sheriff of Freeborn county. He was a charter member of the Western Star Lodge of Masons, and was one of the first Knights Templar in the State. He left two children—Charles N. Ruble, who now occupies the old place in Albert Lea, and Lannetta M., now the wife of T. P. Green, of Shelbyville, Tennessee. Another child, Simon, died in infancy.

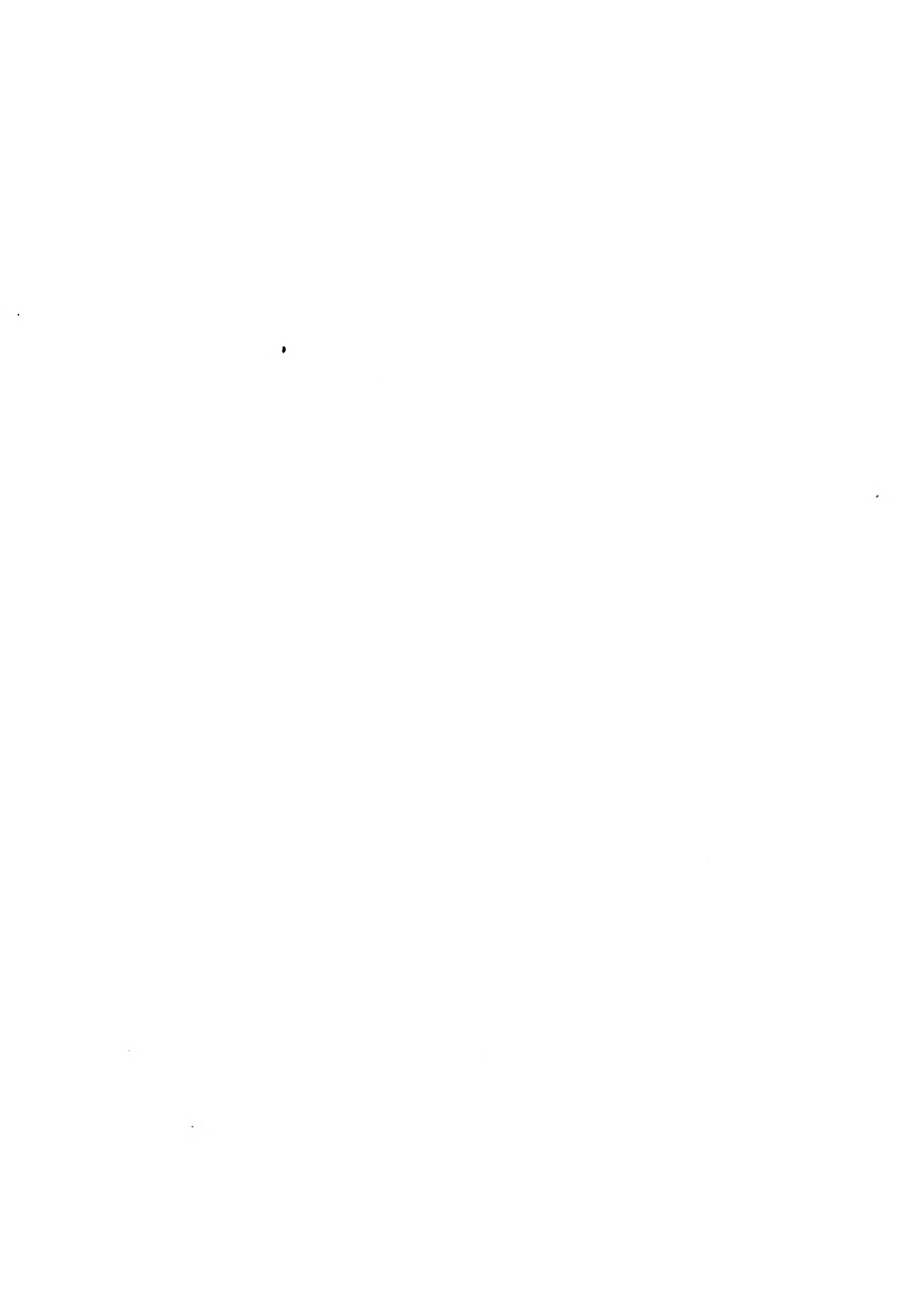
CLARENCE D. ALLEN.

Clarence Duane Allen, of the law firm of Allen & Pattridge, of Spring Valley, and representative of the Fifth District in the Legislature of Minnesota, is a native of this State, born in Fillmore county, January 11, 1864. He is a son of Alonzo B. and Laura M. (Farmer) Allen, his maternal grandfather, Hiram F. Farmer, having been one of Minnesota's early pioneers, who, in 1858, came to settle in this State from Lake county, Ohio. The Allen family is of English extraction, and traces its descent directly from Ethan Allen—one of the most conspicuous figures of our Revolution. Alonzo B. Allen—father of this subject—was a Union soldier of the Civil War, having served with Company C of the Third Regiment of Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and surrendered up his life for his country while in action at Little Rock, Arkansas. Clarence D. Allen obtained his general education in the public schools of Spring Valley, then took a special course in the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, graduating from the Law Department of that institution with the class of 1887. During the same year he was admitted to the bar in the United States Circuit Courts, after which he entered upon his career as a legal practitioner in the town which has since been his home. Here he associated himself with J. D. Farmer, his uncle on the mother's side; but the partnership was ended in 1892 by the death of Mr. Farmer, after which Mr. Allen practiced by himself for some six years. It was in 1898 that he formed the present firm of Allen & Pattridge, of which S. C. Pattridge is junior

member. The son of a soldier, and born in war times, Mr. Allen has, very naturally, felt a lively interest in the military affairs of the country. In 1889 he organized the Allen Guards—a reserve company of militia—assuming command as captain. After a time the Allen Guards became Company E, Third Regiment, N. G. M., which, upon the breaking out of our late war with Spain, was enrolled as Company F, Second Regiment, and despatched to the front for active service. Mr. Allen retained his captaincy for a period of ten years, his term of service having expired in January, 1898. Mr. Allen belongs to a number of secret orders, being a Mason, a Knight of Pythias, a member of the order of Modern Woodmen, and also of the United Workmen of America, and is a Good Samaritan. On the 26th of June, 1890, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Florence B. Shutte, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Four children have been born of their union, viz.: Bernice, Beatrice, Daniel and Marie, all of whom are living. Through his natural abilities, supplemented by thrift and perseverance, Mr. Allen has attained, while still a young man, to a substantial and honorable position, and his future is bright with possibilities of even greater achievement. Throughout his voting years he has been an interested and active member of the Republican party; and besides his political office as a member of the State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1898, he has done good service during a term of five years as city attorney for Spring Valley.

WILLIAM CONSTANS.

William Constans, of St. Paul, was born in Diemeringen, Alsace Lorraine, France, June 12, 1829. His parents were Christian and Catherine (Becker) Constans, both natives of France. William's early life was spent on his father's farm, and in the common schools of his native place. There he was taught both the French and German languages, which was the custom in that province. When William was eighteen years of age, he came with a cousin, to the United States, stopping first in





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New Orleans, where his cousin settled permanently. He secured a situation as clerk in a hardware store, and remained there until the following July, when he went to Cincinnati, and there found employment in a toy store. In the spring of 1850 he left Cincinnati and came by boat to St. Paul, where he entered the employ of Slosson & Douglas, who conducted a grocery store, and also a merchant tailor shop, the first and only tailoring establishment in St. Paul at that time. He remained with this firm for two years, and then rented a warehouse near by and started in business for himself, receiving, storing and forwarding goods. This was the first business of the kind established in St. Paul, and from small beginnings it soon developed into a general forwarding and commission business, large quantities of goods being left with him for sale on commission. In the fall of 1853 J. C. Burbank joined him in the business, and the firm became Constans & Burbank, forwarding and commission. They remained together for one year, when Mr. Burbank withdrew from the firm, and Mr. Constans continued in the same line alone. His business soon became very extensive and was profitable up to the time when railroads were built; then freighting by water and mule or ox teams ceased, and the forwarding business declined. He then added wholesale groceries, which also developed into a business of large extent. During the years of 1872 and 1873 he put up a brick building at 272 Jackson street, which was the first substantial brick building erected in that locality. About this time he closed out his other business and opened up another line in the new building, that of brewers' supplies, the first of the kind in the State. This business he conducted until 1890, when he sold out to Hauser & Sons, who still continue in the same line. Mr. Constans retired from all active mercantile business and gave his time to his private affairs. For many years he has made investments in real estate in St. Paul and vicinity, and the improvement and handling of this property occupied most of his time. Mr. Constans was one of the incorporators of the National German American Bank, and was also one of the incorporators of

the State Savings Bank of St. Paul, and has been one of the trustees of that bank since its formation. He was also one of the directors of the Peoples Bank of St. Paul. Mr. Constans was one of the charter members of the Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Commercial Club. He has always been a Democrat, but has never taken an active part in local politics or sought or held public office. Mr. Constans was married April 13, 1867, to Bertha Von Frankenberg, a native of Germany. They are the parents of seven children: Annie B., William F., Edmond H., Bertha C. (Mrs. W. A. Merriam), Ernie, Otto E., and Elsie.

WILLIAM HODGSON.

The subject of this sketch is senior partner in the law firm of Hodgson, Crosby & Lowell, of Hastings, Minnesota. He is of English parentage, his father, Thomas Hodgson, and his mother (whose maiden name was Charlotte Currin, and who was a descendant of John Philpot Currin, of England), having both emigrated in early life to this country and settled in the State of Illinois. William Hodgson was born May 29, 1847, in Jo Daviess county, Illinois. His father followed the farmer's vocation, and his financial circumstances were those of the ordinary farmer of the middle West. William grew up upon the home farm, and acquired his elementary education in the public schools of Weston, Illinois. In 1855, when eight years of age, he removed with his parents to Minnesota, the family locating upon a farm in Greenvale, in the southern part of Dakota county. Here the boy assisted his father in the fields during the summer time, continuing his education in the schools of that locality in winter. When advanced far enough for collegiate work, he entered Hamline University, then situated at Red Wing, Minnesota, and continued as a student in that institution until it was removed to its present location. In the fall of 1867 Mr. Hodgson began reading law in the office and under the direction of Judge Phelps, of Red Wing. In July, 1870, he gained his admission to the bar of Minnesota,

and in the following autumn entered upon the practice of his profession in the town of Farmington. His residence in Hastings dates from 1874, in the fall of which year he came hither in search of a permanent location. During the years of his practice in this city he has been a member in several partnerships, the first being with Captain Parliman, formed in 1876. This one was of short duration, and was succeeded by a partnership with W. H. Adams, entered into, in 1878, and continuing until 1883. Subsequently Mr. Hodgson was for several years associated in practice with Albert Shaller, their relation being dissolved in 1898, when the present firm of Hodgson, Crosby & Lowell was organized. Mr. Hodgson is a Republican, appreciated by his party for his fidelity and active influence, and in the public offices to which he has been elected he has done efficient service. He was mayor of Hastings during the years 1882 and 1883, and is now serving for the third time in the capacity of attorney for Dakota county. Mr. Hodgson is a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted as a private in the Union army on December 2, 1862. He was mustered out December 2, 1865, and, although he had devoted three full years to his country, it chanced that he had seen but little active service. Besides being a member of the G. A. R., Mr. Hodgson is a Royal Arch Mason and an Odd Fellow, and belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters. He is not a member of any church society. Mr. Hodgson has been twice married; the first time in 1870, to Miss Drucilla Hutchinson, who was a daughter of English parents. After a few years she was separated from him by death, and in 1885 he was united to Belle M. Powner. Mr. Hodgson is the father of four children, viz.: Lawrence C., by his first marriage, and Chester P., Raymond and Charles E., sons of the present Mrs. Hodgson.

JOHN K. WEST.

John Kingsbury West, of Detroit, Minnesota, is a native of Massachusetts, and was born on the 27th of January, 1847. He was reared in the place of his birth—Pittsfield—in

the heart of the Berkshire Hills. His father, John Chapman West, also a native of the Old Bay State, was a man of most admirable character and ability. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Pittsfield, in one location, for fifty-four years. He became intimately identified with the public affairs of his town during twenty years of continuous service as chairman of the board of selectmen. This term included the years of the Civil War, when the duties of the office were very arduous. His politics were pure and liberal, he being a Democrat of the old Jeffersonian type. He was also an active member of the choir of the historic First Church of Christ of Pittsfield for a full half century. The maiden name of his wife—mother of the subject of this biography—was Maria L., daughter of Butler Goodrich, of Pittsfield. John Kingsbury West attended the schools of his native town until his fifteenth year, after which he pursued a higher course of study at a boarding school in Lanesboro, Massachusetts. In 1863 he entered the middle class of Williston Seminary at East Hampton, Massachusetts. After leaving this institution he entered the freshman class of Williams College, and taking a four-years' course, graduated in 1868. He then went into business as a manufacturer of woolen goods, which industry he followed for a period of twelve years, operating factories in the three Massachusetts towns of Pittsfield, Dalton and Chester. Upon coming west he located in the then diminutive village of Detroit, which by his labor and enterprise he has helped develop to its present status. During the first three years or so of his residence in the place, he followed the lumber business, but since 1884 he has been continuously operating in real estate, insurance and loans on real securities. In politics he at present affiliates with the Republican party. On October 20, 1875, he was married to Miss Jessie, daughter of George Campbell, of Pittsfield. An interesting fact in the family history of Mr. West is, that his two great-grandfathers were arrayed against each other in the Revolutionary War, the maternal ancestor serving as a British soldier, and the paternal ancestor as an American patriot.



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EDWARD W. RICHTER.

Edward Willard Richter, a prominent attorney and citizen of Owatonna, is of German-Irish parentage, his father, Ferdinand Richter, having been a native and professor of languages of Hamburg, Germany, while his mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Reilly, was born and spent her early years in the city of Dublin, Ireland. They emigrated to this country in the year 1849, and became pioneer settlers in Waushara county, Wisconsin, the survey of that State not having been completed by the Government at the time Professor Richter took up his claim. Here, on the virgin soil of his father's farm, Edward W. was born and reared, the date of his birth having been March 31, 1851. He was the oldest son in a large family of children, and responsibility early devolved upon him as such, which curtailed somewhat the education ambitiously planned. As a boy he assisted his father with the farm work in summer, attending the school of his home district in winter. At sixteen he became a student at Ripon College, and continued his studies there for a year, though during a portion of the time he found it necessary to walk to and from the college—a matter of eight miles a day. Later on he pursued his studies at St. Francis' Seminary, near Milwaukee; but was compelled by lack of funds to abandon his course uncompleted at the end of two years. The mental training he had acquired, however, proved immediately valuable, and for some years, in the alternating capacities of school teacher and farmer, he aided in the support of the family at home. Eventually his father decided to leave the Wisconsin farm and locate anew in Minnesota; but he was scarcely more than settled in the new home in Dodge county when he met his death by an accident while employed in a lumber camp in the northern part of that State. This was in 1872, when Edward W. was twenty-one years of age; and with his majority there came to him, also, the full responsibility of the head of the family. He settled up his father's affairs, and for five years devoted himself to the maintenance of the home. By this time others of

the children had grown sufficiently mature and competent to relieve him, and, deciding upon the law for his future career, he associated himself as a student with the Hon. C. C. Willson, of Rochester. Subsequently he continued his studies with the firm of Start & Gove, of the same city. Upon the completion of his preparation for practical work, he located in Owatonna, where he has since resided and practiced his profession. Mr. Richter has been a member of one law partnership only, which he formed, early in the eighties, with Hon. Amos Coggswell, and which continued for about one year. Politically, Mr. Richter is a Republican, and has always shown much interest in public affairs. For three years he filled the office of city attorney of Owatonna; also served as county attorney during the two terms included in the years 1895-99. In religion he has been a life-long adherent to the Roman Catholic faith. In the month of September, 1891, Mr. Richter was married to Miss J. O'Connor, of Owatonna. Four children—two sons and two daughters—have been born to them, of whom the three now living are named, respectively, Edward M., Mary and Nellie.

 ODIN HALDEN.

Odin Halden, auditor of St. Louis county, and for nearly twenty years a resident of Duluth, was born in Norway on the 6th of May, 1862. His father was also a native Norwegian, and the father of six children, all of whom are living. The subject of this biography was reared in the rugged home country, and educated in its public schools. Ambitious, however, for larger business opportunities than were open to him in the fatherland, he came, at the age of nineteen, to this country, locating in Grove City, Minnesota. Possessing but small means, and no influence, he was obliged to work his way up from humble beginnings. He soon secured occupation on a farm in the outskirts of the town, for which he was paid eighteen dollars per month. After about a year—in 1882—he

left Grove City for Wilmar, Minnesota, where he procured another farming position. In this one his duties included the care of the stock — milking the cows, caring for the horses, etc. He stayed but a short time on the Wilmar farm, for it was in the spring of 1882 that he came to Duluth, which city he decided to make his permanent location. Here his farming experience could serve him but little, and he was compelled still for awhile to content himself with undesirable work and small wages. First finding employment at the docks, he later engaged with a force of lumbermen and worked for a short time in the woods, and after this became a sub-contractor and employe of the Duluth & Iron Railroad. In the fall of 1883 Mr. Halden entered upon what proved to be a somewhat lengthy career in a line of business quite different from any of his former occupations. He accepted a clerical position in one of the grocery stores of Duluth, in which he worked as an employe for about a year and a half, laying by in the meantime a sufficient amount of money to venture into business for himself. Finding his employer willing to dispose of the business, he purchased it, and during the next seven years was the proprietor of this retail grocery store. In politics Mr. Halden is loyally Republican, having cast his first vote for President Garfield, and he enters with enthusiasm into all the interests of his party. Mr. Halden was first made deputy auditor of St. Louis county, and after doing duty in that secondary capacity for something like six years, he was elected to the office of Auditor, in which he has now completed his third term of service. In 1891, Mr. Halden was married to Miss Jennie Hanson, of La Crosse, Wisconsin. After a very short period of wedded happiness, however, he was bereft of his wife by death, and he has since remained single. Mr. Halden is a member of the Lutheran church.

HARLOW H. BONNIVILLE.

Harlow Horace Bonniville, Esq., of Hutchison, Minnesota, was born at Nequon, Ozaukee county, Wisconsin, May 13, 1860. He is a son

and the only surviving child of William T. Bonniville, who in the spring of 1866 settled with his family in Hutchison, and followed the joint industry of farming and milling in this State until compelled by failing health to retire from strenuous business pursuits. The senior Bonniville was a man whose strict rectitude of character made him cherished as a citizen, and his loss by death in 1891 was deeply regretted in the community. The subject of this sketch was fundamentally educated in the public schools of Hutchison. At the age of eighteen he became a student in the University of Minnesota, and, taking a three-years' course, graduated with the class of 1881. In connection with his first year of college work he read law in the office of Gilfillan & Lochren, at Minneapolis, and he subsequently continued his legal studies under the direction of Hon. C. J. Smith, of the same city, with whom he was associated for a year and a half. In the fall of 1881 he entered the Law Department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and two years later received his degree at that institution. In the year 1887 he opened an office at Hutchison for the practice of his profession, in which he has since been continuously occupied. He has been very successful, particularly in the department of criminal law, which he has to some extent made a specialty. In conducting a case, he marshals his forces of facts and arguments with the skill and effectiveness of an able general in battle, and to those who witness these legal contests it is no marvel that he is so frequently the victor. Mr. Bonniville has been a life-long Democrat, and is counted a stalwart of his party, in whose political campaigns he has been a zealous participant. He is the present Democratic chairman of the Third Congressional District of Minnesota, and in his early prime enjoys a reputation, both professional and political, which extends throughout McLeod county, and, indeed, the entire State. He has not sought political preferment, being well content with his legal work, in which he has maintained an unswerving integrity. He has given his services to many an impecunious client, whose gratitude was his only reward; and in



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the more favored circles of society he has many friends who are indebted to him for the pleasures afforded by his rare social qualities. He is a member of the Masonic order, and belongs, also, to the United Workmen of America. On April 25, 1884, Mr. Bonniville was married to Miss Mary Frankinsid, of Henderson, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Bonniville have two children.

FRANK M. NYE.

Frank Mellen Nye, of Minneapolis, was born March 7, 1852, at Shirley, Maine. His parents—Franklin and Eliza M. (Loring) Nye—were also natives of the "Pine-tree State," where his father followed the lumber industry until 1853. In that year the family removed to Wisconsin, settling upon a farm near the town of River Falls. Here Frank M. Nye spent his early years, attending the common schools, and subsequently the academy, of River Falls. Choosing the legal profession as a congenial field of labor, he promptly set about acquiring it. Like many other ambitious young men, he found himself handicapped by insufficient means, and earned his way to the bar by teaching school during several terms. He was admitted to the bar at Hudson, Wisconsin, in the year 1878, but decided to locate in Polk county, whither he went and opened an office for professional practice. He remained in Polk county for five or six years, meantime being drawn to some extent into public functions. He served as district attorney for two terms, and in the fall of 1884 was elected as a Representative from the county to the State Legislature. Early in 1886 he changed his location to Minneapolis, where he has since resided, and in which larger field his abilities won prompt recognition. He entered into political affairs with an enthusiasm which was made doubly effective by his natural gift for public speaking; and upon the election of Robert Jamison to the position of county attorney, Mr. Nye received from him the appointment as assistant. In 1892 Mr. Nye was himself elected county attorney, and two years later was re-

elected to the same office. Mr. Nye's professional career has been one of marked success, particularly in the line of criminal law, which department has claimed the greater share of his attention; and his reputation has been extended beyond the limits of his own State by his skill in conducting the prosecution of important cases. In the celebrated Hayward case, also in that of the Harris murderers, he was prosecuting attorney and secured conviction of the defendants, in the latter case under extraordinary difficulties. Mr. Nye's services have been called into requisition in distant courts, the trial of Myron Kent for wife murder in North Dakota being an instance in which he was retained by that State with successful result. In the civil causes of his home county, also, he has done important and appreciated work, and has been solicited to accept advancement in the public service; but he remains contentedly absorbed in his professional work, seemingly indifferent to preferment. In 1876 Mr. Nye was married to Carrie M. Wilson, of River Falls, Wisconsin. Six children have been born to them, of whom four are now living, as follows: Belle Agnes, wife of A. B. Carter; Iva Dell, Edgar W. and Frances Marie. In politics Mr. Nye has always been a Republican, and in late campaigns has done very effective work upon the stump in his own and neighboring States.

WILLIAM W. PENDERGAST.

William Wirt Pendergast, of Hutchinson, president of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and ex-superintendent of Public Instruction of this State, was born January 31, 1833, at Packers Falls, Durham, New Hampshire. His parents were Solomon and Lydia (Wiggin) Pendergast, and he is descended, through three intervening generations, of New Englanders, from Stephen Pendergast, who, in 1673, came from Wexford, Ireland, to the then infant settlement of Durham. He built a garri-son house at Packers Falls, which became the birthplace of the line of Pendergasts above

referred to, including the subject of this sketch. The wife of the pioneer ancestor was, before marriage, Jane Cotton, and was related to John Cotton, of historic fame; and Edmond Pendergast, Jr., grandfather of William W., was a soldier of the Revolution who participated in the capture of Burgoyne. William grew up on the home farm, attending the nearest district school. He was one of a large family of children, and although his father was a man of academic education, his financial resources were restricted, which made it necessary for William to earn the means for his preparatory and collegiate courses. This he accomplished by intervals of school teaching. He graduated from the academy at Durham in 1850, and in the same year entered Bowdoin College, where he was a classmate of ex-Senator W. D. Washburn, of Minnesota. Like most students who pay their way through college, young Pendergast studied hard and to good purpose; but outside the prescribed routine, his superabundant vitality sometimes found expression in activities which are as certainly a part of the collegiate programme, although conducted under the auspices of frisky students and but sparingly appreciated by the more sedate faculty. His period of college life was followed by three years of teaching in Massachusetts graded schools—one year in Amesbury and two in Essex—during which time he gained good experience as an educator, and an enviable reputation as well. In the spring of 1856, Mr. Pendergast came to Minnesota, took up a claim in McLeod county, and, together with the Hutchinson family, whom he had dissuaded from their contemplated location in Kansas, became a pioneer of the now thrifty town of Hutchinson. Mr. Pendergast built the first school house in Hutchinson, and taught the young people of the little village until his building was destroyed by the Indians in the Sioux massacre of 1862. During this outbreak many of the inhabitants of Hutchinson suffered heavy losses of property. Their lives were rendered secure, however, by Mr. Pendergast's foresight in organizing a military company of the men, who built a fort and thus defended themselves and their families without help

from the United States army. Shortly after this crucial experience our subject moved back to New England, and remained East for three years, during which he filled the position of principal of the high school at Amesbury, Massachusetts. In 1866, after his return to Hutchinson, he became principal of its new public school, and labored as such for some fifteen years, meantime serving for eight years as county superintendent of schools. In 1881 he was appointed assistant superintendent of public instruction, which position he filled for seven years. Upon the organization, in 1888, of a School of Agriculture as a department of the State University, Mr. Pendergast was appointed principal. This post he resigned in September, 1893, to accept that of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. After five years and more of efficient work as the educational head of the State, and feeling the need of the retirement of home life, Superintendent Pendergast announced his disinclination for further appointment, upon which he was almost immediately elected to his present position as president of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Professor Pendergast affiliates with the Republican party, but his politics are not of the partisan type. He is an educator in the best sense of the word—not merely by profession, but by instinct and principle. He feels a profound concern for the intellectual growth of the people, and, as such an educator, he has developed a universality of sympathy wholly inconsistent with the partisan spirit, which, whether in the political or other realms, is always allied to narrowness of vision and bias of judgment. He is a Mason, having, in 1866, become the First Worshipful Master of Temple No. 49, in Hutchinson. On the 9th of August, 1857, Mr. Pendergast was married to Abbie L. Cogswell, of Essex, Massachusetts, with whom he had become acquainted during his early teaching days. The wedding was celebrated at Essex, in the home of the bride, which was also her birthplace. Nine children have been born to Professor and Mrs. Pendergast, the six of whom now living are: Elizabeth C., Edmond K., Mary A., Perley P., Sophie M., and Ellen M.



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HENRY W. BREWSTER.

Henry Webb Brewster, Principal of the School of Agriculture and Professor of Mathematics in the College of Agriculture, of the University of Minnesota, was born on a farm near New Lisbon, Wisconsin, June 19, 1853. His father was John Brewster, a descendant of the Brewsters of early New England history. He emigrated to Wisconsin in 1852, and became a prosperous farmer and a prominent man of local affairs. The mother of our subject was Charlotte Rhines, a native of Scholharie county, New York. Her ancestors were also early settlers of New England. Members of the family on both the father and mother's side were patriot soldiers in the War of Independence. Henry was the fifth of a family of six children. His oldest brother died a soldier in the Civil War. All the rest have been school teachers, and all are living except one sister. His early education was procured at the district school while living on the farm, working summers and teaching school winters. When Henry was twenty years old the home farm was sold and the family moved into the village of New Lisbon. He then attended the State Normal School at Whitewater, Wisconsin, and graduated from the elementary course in 1875. After this he taught graded schools in Wisconsin and Minnesota until 1885, when he entered the University of Minnesota as a student, and graduated from the classical course with the degree of A. B. in the summer of 1887. He then taught the high school at Little Falls, Minnesota, for one year. October 18, 1888, the State School of Agriculture was opened and Mr. Brewster was made assistant principal, which position he held for five years, when the principal, Professor Pendergast, resigned and Mr. Brewster was made principal. This position he has ably filled since that time. Mr. Brewster is a man of broad practical ideas, original and thorough in his work. He keeps himself in close touch with the student and the farmer, and this trait has contributed much to the success of the school. He has made a careful study of what would benefit and be helpful to the student. He makes himself the

student's friend, and knows them all individually. Besides his professional duties he has found time to write many essays on educational subjects, some of which have been published and have attracted marked attention. In 1893 he wrote a thesis for the degree of Ph. D., which was conferred on him the previous year. This thesis was published by the University, entitled "Sensation and Intellection: their character and their functions in the cognition of the Real and the Ideal." In 1891 Dr. Brewster was chairman of the committee on spelling reform at the meeting of the National Educational Association at Toronto, Canada. Dr. Brewster was married September 11, 1880, to Florence A. Leach, daughter of C. E. Leach, a prominent business man of New Lisbon, Wisconsin. She has been of great help to her husband in his work; acting for some years as matron of the School of Agriculture, her hand has done much to shape the home life of the institution. She made a special subject of cheering and helping the sick student, acting often in the capacity of nurse and mother. She resigned as matron in 1892, and since that time has been librarian, but the students still look up to and appeal to her as a mother and friend. Together Dr. and Mrs. Brewster have followed the practice of giving each class in the school a reception at the beginning of the school year, and have also encouraged and assisted them to give, later in the year, receptions of their own. The social value of these gatherings, together with Mrs. Brewster's constant personal work, have made her influence and value of great weight to the entire student body.

 KNUTE NELSON.

Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator from Minnesota, and ex-Governor of the State, was born at Voss, Norway, February 2, 1843. His life has been an exceptionally eventful one, and furnishes material worthy of more comprehensive and dramatic treatment than the scope of this work permits. We can but sketch it in outline, leaving it to be filled in

by the imagination of the reader. The home of his birth and earliest years was located in a rugged, picturesque spot on the western coast of Norway, near the city of Bergen. Here his ancestors, a thrifty agricultural people, had dwelt and toiled for generations. Of this home, however, our subject can have retained but a shadowy remembrance, his mother having brought him to this country when he was only six years of age. His father had died three years earlier, happily for the child before he had come to realize and depend upon the paternal love and guidance, of which he would be henceforth bereft. Crossing to America, mother and son made their way to Chicago, arriving, as it chanced, at a most unfortunate time. It was mid-summer of the year 1849, when the epidemic of cholera was devastating the city. Little Knute fell a victim to the dread disease, but his constitution, hardy with the invigorating breezes of his native hills, withstood its ravages. In the autumn of 1850 his mother removed with him to Walworth county, Wisconsin, and thence in a short time to Dane county, where she made her home and where Knute grew up. The restricted means of Mrs. Nelson made the education of her boy a problem—a problem, however, which was half solved by his aptness and ambition. There are few boys who have an earnest desire and determination to become educated but will find the means to that end; and often their education is a better one, containing a larger element of the practical knowledge which results from broad thought and observation, than that of the more pecunious and thoroughly schooled youth. After wrestling with many obstacles, Knute was able, at the age of fifteen, to enter Albion Academy; but three years later, and before the end of his course, the Rebellion came on, and young Nelson, together with several of his fellow-students, abandoned his books and took up arms for his country, enlisting in the Fourth Wisconsin Infantry. This was in May, 1861, and he served with his regiment, as a private and non-commissioned officer, until the autumn of 1861, and during those years saw all the hardships, perils and

horrors of civil warfare. He assisted at the capture of New Orleans, participated in the siege of Vicksburg, fought at Baton Rouge and Camp Bisland; was also one of the besieging force at Port Hudson, Louisiana, in 1863, and in the famous charge of June 14, he was wounded, captured and retained as a prisoner, being released June 9, on which date the fort surrendered. When the war was over, Mr. Nelson returned to Wisconsin and completed his academic course at Albion. Soon after graduating he began reading law in the office of Senator William F. Vilas, at Madison, Wisconsin, and in the spring of 1867 was admitted to the bar. He commenced practice without delay, and soon gained a foothold in the profession, as also in public affairs. He served as a member of the State Assembly during the terms of 1868 and 1869, being honored with a re-election to that body. Upon the expiration of his second term he came to Minnesota, locating in Douglas county. In this region he naturally felt a home atmosphere, for the population of Douglas county, and, indeed, of the whole northwestern section of the State contained a large constituency of Norwegian and Swedish people. He selected a tract of land within a United States homestead, and in the outskirts of Alexandria, and, laying out a farm, entered upon the double role of farmer and attorney-at-law. Nature had designed him for a leader, and he soon found his place in the vanguard of local affairs. He was inspired by a double patriotism, and labored at once to promote the welfare of his fellow-countrymen and that of the State where he and they had cast their lot. From 1872 to 1874, inclusive, he served as county attorney for Douglas county, and from 1875 to 1878, inclusive, as State Senator from the Thirty-ninth Legislative District. His influence and popularity grew apace, and in the Presidential campaign of 1880 his name appeared on the Garfield electoral ticket. From February 1, 1882, to January 1, 1893, he served the State University as a member of its board of regents. In 1882 the Republicans of the then Fifth Congressional District of Minnesota nominated Mr. Nelson for Congress, and after an exceedingly fierce contest his election



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was secured by a plurality of 4,500 votes. In 1884 he was re-elected, this time by a plurality of above 10,000 votes, and in 1886 ran successfully for a third term, receiving a ballot of 43,937, as against 1,239 votes cast for his single antagonist, a Prohibition candidate. In Congress, Mr. Nelson's attitude was aggressive and self-reliant, and made him respected as a strong and progressive member, even by those whose views differed from his. Largely through his instrumentality, bills were passed to open up reservations, which definitely solved the Indian problem in Minnesota. As an enthusiastic advocate of tariff reform, he was the author of a measure which contemplated the complete abolition of the tariff on various articles; and he even exerted his influence to secure the passage of the Mills bill. Radical though he was, however, he inspired the general confidence, and his re-nomination in 1888 was regarded as a foregone conclusion. But he declined to run for a fourth term, and on the expiration of his duties at Washington he returned to Alexandria and resumed his private legal practice and his farming. So retired a life was not long to be permitted him, however. The public had tested his official work and demanded its continuance. In 1892, his party unanimously nominated him for Governor of Minnesota, and his election duly followed, by a plurality of 14,620 votes. Two years later, a plurality of 60,000 emphasized his re-election, but a still higher honor awaited him. His second term as Governor had scarcely begun when he was elected United States Senator, and he resigned the lesser office to enter the greater, in which he is still serving in a manner which redounds to his credit and the good of his country. His term of office will expire in March, 1901. Mr. Nelson's experience corroborates the familiar saying, that "there is always room at the top." He is made of the stuff that is needed in the high places of the earth, and is drawn as by unseen forces, even from the depths of poverty and obscurity, to fill such places. There is not only an opportunity in America for young men of the stamina of Knute Nelson—there is an imperative demand for them. Mr. Nelson is married and has two children—one son and

one daughter. His mother is still living in Wisconsin. His public successes enable him to choose his friends from among the foremost, and give him free entré to the most select social circles.

MABLON N. GILBERT.

(BY REV. C. A. POOLE.)

Bishop Mahlon Norris Gilbert was the younger son of Norris Gilbert and Lucy Todd. The Gilbert family were of Connecticut stock, and were represented in the Continental Army during the war of the American Revolution. Norris Gilbert removed to New York and settled first at Laurens, in Otsego county. There, in the year 1848, on the 23rd of March, was born the subject of this sketch. Six years later the family removed to Morris, in the same county, and on a beautifully located farm in the Butternut valley, took up their permanent abode. Here the boy, Mahlon, grew up under most wholesome influences of family, school and church. His father was for many years warden of Zion Episcopal church. His grandfather and grandmother had been church folk, and were confirmed by Bishop Griswold, of Connecticut. When Mahlon was fourteen, the Rev. Daniel Sylvester Tuttle became the rector of Zion church. And it is probable that this event had much to do with shaping the future career of young Gilbert. He was educated in the school house near his father's farm, and at Fairfield Seminary, entering Hobart College in the class of 1870. At college he was distinguished for his warm comradeship. Ill health compelled him to abandon his college course and seek a milder clime, after the conclusion of his sophomore year. He decided to go south, and passed the next two years as a private tutor in Florida. The writer of this first saw Gilbert after his Florida experience; from which time began an acquaintance which ripened later, in seminary days, and in the work of the ministry, into the warmest friendship, and it is a pleasure to bear record that his loyalty and devotion to his friends was unwavering and steadfast. Gilbert was then about to

take a position under his old rector, who had become Bishop of Utah, Montana and Idaho, at Ogden, as principal of the second Gentile school established in Utah. Thus a remark of Mr. Tuttle, when he was made Bishop, "You will come out and work with me some day," was fulfilled. And here were renewed the cordial and fraternal relations between Bishop Tuttle and Mahlon Gilbert which bound them to each other till death came to terminate one part of the compact. In the autumn of 1872, Mr. Gilbert became a student at Seabury Divinity School, Faribault—his health being so much restored that he felt equal to the work, if he could remain in the West where the climate left him free from his old complaint, weakness of the lungs. He was graduated from the Divinity School in 1875, and after a visit to his parents in Morris, returned to take charge of a mission at Deer Lodge, Montana. Bishop Tuttle said to him, "I have put you in the hardest field I have." The life here was a lonely one, and yet it had its pleasant features. It was a mining town, and the hall in which services were held was within earshot of the noise and revelry of the dance hall and the gambling house, which paid no regard to the functions of the church. Yet these same rough miners opened their "jackpots" to contribute one hundred dollars for the parson's vacation. In Deer Lodge the Rev. Mr. Gilbert erected a stone church at a cost of \$5,000, the money being raised partly by subscription from the miners and partly by a genuine sale of articles contributed by the ladies. The last \$2,000 not being in sight, the church completed, and the treasury empty, in order that the workmen might be promptly paid, Mr. Gilbert went to the bank and asked for a loan of \$2,000 on his personal note, and without endorsement. The banker thought a moment and said, "You can have it." "How much interest will you charge me?" said Gilbert. "Not a cent," said the banker. "A man who has the grit to ask for \$2,000 without an endorser, and for an indefinite period, can have it without interest." In less than a year the note was paid. After three years' residence in Deer Lodge, Rev. Mr. Gilbert was called to Helena, and he accepted

the rectorship of St. Peter's church at that place. There, also, he erected a new stone church, at a cost of \$1,200. Part of the church people lived on the east side, and part on the west side of the gulch which ran through the town. They could not decide on which side to put the church. Mr. Gilbert made it a condition of accepting the call that they should settle where the church was to be. The east side was fixed upon, and the westerners gave nothing to building the church, but paid towards the salary of the rector. While Rev. Mr. Gilbert was rector of the church at Helena he was married to Miss Fanny Pierpont Carvill, a charming young lady of Faribault, Minnesota, whom he had met and courted while a student at the seminary. Her father was George G. Carvill, of English descent, and a native of New York. He was a man of sterling integrity. Retiring from active business, he moved to Faribault at an early day and died there. Her mother was Ann Augusta Brown, a lineal descendant of Major Hackabiah Brown, of Westchester, who took an active part in the Colonial wars, and was himself descended from Sir Anthony Brown, who was knighted at the coronation of Richard II. Miss Carvill completed her school days at St. Mary's Hall, under the regime of Miss Sarah Darlington. Her father and mother were both dead, and she was living with an aunt in Philadelphia when her marriage to Rev. Mr. Gilbert was celebrated. The ceremony took place in Holy Divinity church, Philadelphia, and was performed by Rev. C. A. Poole, an old friend of both bride and groom, now professor in Seabury Divinity School. The Rev. Mr. Gilbert became rector of the church in Helena in July, 1878. He received an invitation to the rectorship of St. Mark's, Minneapolis, two years later, but felt obliged to decline the honor, as his work in Helena was not done. In November, 1880, another call from Minnesota came, this time from the vestry of Christ church, St. Paul. This invitation he felt he could accept without harm to the work of building in Helena, and in January, 1881, Rev. Mr. Gilbert and his wife took up their residence in St. Paul. Christ church needed just the vigorous and inspiring

leadership of such a rector as the congregation soon found in Mr. Gilbert. Full of zeal for all good works, and wise in his leading, he very soon won the confidence and warm friendship of the people of his flock. Here, in 1883, he built a rectory next the church, costing \$7,500. In 1885, a mission church was erected, corner of View and Randolph streets, at a cost of \$2,500. About this time Mr. Gilbert was given an assistant to aid in carrying on the rapidly growing work of the parish. He was fortunate in securing the Rev. S. G. Jeffords, a graduate of Seabury. A mission was started at Merriam Park, and in 1886 the corner stone of a church at that place was laid. On the 10th of June, 1886, in Gethsemane church, Minneapolis, the successful rector of Christ church, St. Paul, was elected as assistant Bishop of the church in the Diocese of Minnesota. Up to this time he had taken a leading part in the church council and in the missionary work of the diocese. The Council made no mistake in its selection of one to ease the increasing burdens of the senior Bishop, as fourteen years of arduous labor in the Episcopal office have abundantly shown. The Bishop-elect was consecrated in St. James' church, Chicago, October 17, 1886, the eleventh anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, which took place at Deer Lodge, at the hands of Bishop Tuttle. He had been made deacon in June, 1875, by Bishop Whipple, whom he was now to assist in the more responsible work of the Episcopate. Nine bishops of the church took part in the consecration, viz.: Iowa, Minnesota, Western New York, Albany, Missouri, Montana, Indiana, New York, Central Pennsylvania; or to give the names of the bishops: Lee, Whipple, Coxe, Doane, Tuttle, Potter, Knickerbocker, Rabison and Brewer. In 1888, a number of Bishop Gilbert's friends and admirers in St. Paul presented him the handsome sum of \$10,000, with the purpose of providing him a home. He became permanently a resident of St. Paul, at No. 18 Summit court. During the nearly fourteen years of his Episcopal labors, Bishop Gilbert maintained his record as the foremost missionary in his diocese. Among the Indians, in the sparsely settled counties of the State, he

gave new impetus to the work of the church. To him belongs very largely the credit of promoting and fostering the effort to save from hopeless division the very large number of Swedish Episcopalians who have settled in Minnesota, by affiliating them with the church of the English people, an effort which has been eminently successful. Bishop Gilbert's life and energies have been entwined with all the important interests of the Diocese of Minnesota. No part of its work but has felt the power of his courage, the inspiration of his hopefulness, the sympathy of his large-hearted and watchful interest. The church schools at Fairbault, founded by the great Bishop Whipple, have been cherished and strengthened by the loving care and counsel of Bishop Gilbert. At the same time he has shown an interest, and often from the help of his attractive eloquence, to the promotion of manifold works of charity and beneficence. He was an eloquent preacher, and fearless in maintaining any cause which he advocated. While standing for the principles of his church, he was no narrow ecclesiastic, but commended his gospel to people of other folds by the breadth of his sympathy and the largeness of his charity. Bishop Gilbert was a born leader, and yet modest in his self estimate. Almost his last public utterance was an expression of his native humility—"I know my limitations," he said, "but I think I can do this much: I can go out to some despondent church or mission and recharge the batteries." He was the president of the Sons of the American Revolution at the time of his death; a member of the Society of Colonial Wars; a member, also, of the Masonic order. Bishop Gilbert twice visited Europe, the last occasion being the meeting of the Lambeth conference, in the same year as the Queen's Jubilee. His death occurred after a brief illness from pneumonia, on March 2, 1900, at his residence in St. Paul. His life-long friend, Bishop Tuttle, officiated at his burial, assisted by Bishops Edsall, of North Dakota, and Millspaugh, of Kansas. The body lay in state in Christ church for several hours, on Tuesday, March 6th, and was buried in the family lot in Oakland cemetery, St. Paul. Bishop Gilbert had two children: Frances Carvill

and Lucy Pierpont, aged at the time of his death fourteen and eight years. Memorial services were held and addresses made in many of the churches of the diocese in commemoration of his noble life and example as a bishop in the Church of God. Perhaps no event rivals so emphatically the widespread sorrow felt at his death, and the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him as a man, a citizen, and a bishop, as the gathering in St. Paul, at the People's church, on Tuesday, March 20, 1900. The call was issued by twenty-five representative men of the State, including Governor John Lind, Archbishop Ireland, and many of the prominent members of St. Paul and leading business men. Addresses were made by Rev. C. D. Andrews, rector of Christ church, Archbishop Ireland, and others of note. Bishop Gilbert received from Hobart College his Alma Mater in 1873, the honorary degree of A. M., and from the same institution, after he was made bishop, the degree of S. T. D. and LL. D. Seabury Divinity School conferred upon him the degree of D. D., and he received the same degree from Racine College.

JARED W. DANIELS.

Jared Waldo Daniels, M. D., was born at Stratford, Coos county, New Hampshire, June 15, 1827, the son of Joseph and Roxana (Hatch) Daniels. His paternal grandfather came from Mendon, Massachusetts, and settled in Stratford, New Hampshire, where he followed farming. He also owned and operated lumber and flour mills. He was a man of prominence in local affairs, and served as a private soldier in the War for American Independence. Joseph Daniels, the father of our subject, was also a farmer. He had two sons and one daughter. One of the sons, Dr. A. W. Daniels, has been for many years a prominent physician in St. Peter, Minnesota; the other son is the subject of this sketch. Jared W. Daniels was "bound out" to a farmer when he was seven years of age, his father having died when he was four years old. His mother lived to the good old age of eighty-four years, and died at St. Peter,

Minnesota. When Jared was eleven years of age he left the farm and learned the trade of cabinet-making. He attended the common school and spent six years in an academy, working at his trade to pay his way. After leaving the academy, he went to Boston and studied medicine with his uncle, Dr. B. F. Hatch. He then attended medical lectures, and afterwards graduated at the Bellevue Medical College, in New York City. In March, 1855, he came to Minnesota, and while visiting his brother, who was a physician at the lower Sioux agency, was appointed to the upper Sioux agency at Yellow Medicine, Minnesota. He was the first physician to the Sioux Indians at that agency, and to the United States troops who were afterwards stationed there, and he remained at this agency about seven years. In 1862 he was appointed assistant surgeon in the Sixth Minnesota Infantry, and was with that regiment under General Sibley in the campaign of that year. He was the only physician in the command of Col. Joseph R. Brown at the battle of Birch Coulee, where over one-third of the command was killed or wounded before re-enforcements came to their relief. He was also in the battle of Wood Lake. Hon. Charles W. Johnson, who was present at the battle of Birch Coulee, made the following statement, which appears in the official record of that engagement:

"Assistant Surgeon, Jared W. Daniels, had accompanied Company A to Birch Coulee, and no man on any battle-field displayed more heroism. On the morning of that fateful 2nd of September he is remembered as going about, bare-headed, examining and binding up the wounds of the men. He was in great personal danger, but seemingly unheedful of it all, he never flinched for a moment, and for thirty-six hours he never ate a morsel of food nor closed his eyes for sleep, so great was the demand upon him."

In 1863 Dr. Daniels crossed the plains with General Sibley to the Missouri, and participated in the battles of Big Mounds, Buffalo Lake and Stony Lake. On his return he was promoted to surgeon in the Second Minnesota Cavalry, and again crossed the plains in 1864.



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joining General Sully on the Missouri river, and was with him on the march to the Yellowstone. He was present at the battles of Kill Deer Mountain and Bad Lands. On his return he was stationed at Fort Snelling until he was mustered out in the fall of 1865. Soon after, he located at Faribault for the practice of his profession. In 1868 Bishop Whipple had money placed in his hands by an act of Congress for the benefit of the Indians at Fort Wadsworth. Dr. Daniels being well acquainted with these Indians, was selected by Bishop Whipple to go to Fort Wadsworth and take charge of the distribution, and to look after the relief of the Indians. At that time the Indians were scattered and very poor—having very little clothing except breech-clouts and leggings—and they had to be gathered together at the agency and cared for. In 1869, Dr. Daniels was appointed, by the President, as Indian agent at Sisseton. Under his charge they were required to work for themselves, or at the agency, for everything they received from the Government, so that when he left them, in 1871, they all had land under cultivation, were dressed like white people, and many of them living in houses of their own building; schools were established and they were in the way of becoming self-supporting. Dr. Daniels provided a code of laws, and established the first police force, composed of Indians, in the history of the Government, to patrol the reservation and the frontier, and to suppress the importation and the sale of whiskey. He remained in charge of the Sisseton agency until December, 1871. He was then transferred by General Grant to the Red Cloud agency, in Wyoming, to pacify the Sioux and other hostile tribes. Here he found about 5,000 Indians, consisting of Sioux, Cheyennes and Arapahoes, the greater portion of them being in a turbulent state and hostile to the Government. Under the influence of the Doctor's generous treatment, the number increased, by others coming in from the north and the south, until there was something over 8,000 Indians at the agency. There were no white people at the agency except those in Dr. Daniel's employ. He remained at the Red Cloud agency until the fall of 1873, when he

was appointed inspector of agencies, in which capacity he traveled all over the western country, visiting the different Indian agencies in Montana, Idaho, Washington, New Mexico and Arizona. In July, 1875, he was sent alone to make a treaty with the Sioux, after the Indian Department with a delegation of Indians in Washington had failed, by which they were to give up their hunting rights south of the Platte river, when it was the only place where the buffalo could be found. He not only made the treaty but dictated to the Indians what they should receive, giving them wagons, harnesses and cattle instead of guns and ammunition, which they most urgently demanded. In September of the same year, he was appointed as a commissioner to treat with the Indians for the cession of the Black Hills. In 1876 he was appointed on another commission to treat with the same Indians, and effected the treaty by which the Black Hills was ceded to the United States. In 1886 he was again appointed on a commission to make a treaty with the Indians in North Dakota, and with all the tribes in Montana, northern Idaho and eastern Washington, and they effected treaties with all these tribes. In 1887 he left the Government service and returned to Faribault, where he has since resided, having retired from the active practice of his profession. Dr. Daniels had formed an acquaintance with nearly all the Indian tribes in the Northwest, and could speak the Sioux language. He had known them intimately in peace and in war, in plenty and in poverty, in time of sorrow and in time of joy. He had sympathized with their troubles, healed their sick and taken part in their festivities, until he was loved as one of their own people, owing to his just treatment of them under all circumstances. This was the secret of his success with them. He could go in safety where no other white man dared, and though he had many narrow escapes, he received no injury, and he never carried arms to protect himself. His influence was greater among the Indians than that of any other white man, and his life was safe when that of another would be in jeopardy. Within a few months after taking charge of the Red Cloud agency,

Dr. Daniels was ordered by the Indian Department to take a delegation of Indians to Washington. In complying he selected Red Cloud—the great war chief who had fought the United States troops for three years without being conquered—and twenty-eight of his leading braves. He took them to the Capital, New York and Philadelphia, that they might more fully appreciate the power of the Government. When the Milwaukee railroad desired to extend its line through South Dakota the Indians would not permit the surveyors to cross their reservation. Dr. Daniels was employed to get their consent, which they readily granted when he explained to them the benefits to be derived from it. From the Pioneer Press (1872) we quote the following:

“Dr. J. W. Daniels, recently in charge of the Indian agency at Lake Traverse, paid a visit to his wards in that region prior to his departure for the Fort Laramie agency, to which he had been appointed. The second night after his departure for St. Paul, he was overtaken by one of the scouts or messengers, who handed him the following curious ‘certificate of good character,’ which is an exact copy of the original drawn up in the handwriting of Gabriel Renville: ‘Dr. J. W. Daniels has been our agent for three winters, and in all his business with us he has always been honest and upright. We are very much attached to him, and regret very much that he is going to leave us. We seldom praise a white man; we always have some fault to find with him; but we know that this man is an honest and a very good man, and we want the wise men at Washington to know this, and that when we say this, we speak nothing but the truth. We, the chiefs and head men of the Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Sioux Indians, write this.

Signed,

Gabriel Renville,
Yacandupatofanka,
Ecauapleka,
Wakanto,
Waxicannaza,

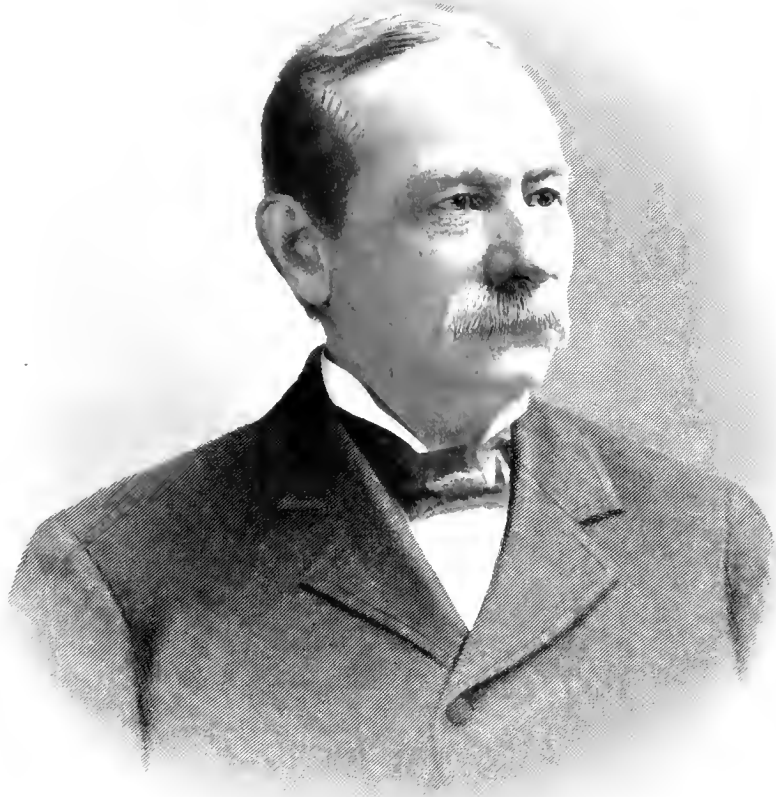
Wicaurpinonfra,
Hokxedanwaxte,
Cantelyapa,
Akieitanapie.”

In politics, Dr. Daniels has always been a Republican. He belongs to the G. A. R. and the Loyal Legion, and is a member of the Episcopal church. He was married, June 23, 1856, to Miss Hortense Eugenie Beardsley, of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. They had four children,

of whom two are living: Hortense V. (Mrs. H. B. Hill, of Faribault), and Asa Wilder Daniels, living at Placerville, California. Mrs. Daniels died in 1869, in St. Peter. Dr. Daniels was again married, October 11, 1882, to Mrs. Ella Winslow (nee Norcross), of Faribault.

MORTIMER H. STANFORD.

Mortimer Hira Stanford, a leading member of the bar of Duluth and northeastern Minnesota, was born at Ogden, near Brockport, Monroe county, New York, January 7, 1848. His ancestors were English, but have lived in this country since Colonial times. His father's family were among the early settlers of the eastern part of the State of New York. His mother's family, the Richmonds, were the original settlers of Chittenden county, Vermont. From the proper age until his fourteenth year Mr. Stanford attended the public schools of Fenton, Michigan. In 1864, during the War of the Rebellion, he attempted to enlist in the Union service as a member of the band in General Custer's cavalry brigade, but was rejected because he was two years under the required age. A second attempt the same season was more successful, and he became a regularly enlisted member of the brigade band of General Tilson's Fourth Division, Twenty-third Army Corps, Department of the Cumberland, then on duty in Tennessee. From the summer of 1864 until March, 1865, this was the post band at Knoxville, Tennessee. When General Stoneman arrived at Knoxville, in the early spring of 1865, on his famous expedition against the Confederates in eastern Tennessee and North Carolina, he ordered the organization to accompany him. The band was with General Stoneman on his noted raid, and was thereafter in his division until the close of the war. In 1865, upon his discharge from the army, Mr. Stanford returned to his home in Fenton, Michigan, and attended the high school of that town, and at Ann Arbor, preparatory to entering college. In September, 1866, he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, but during his sophomore year left college, returned to



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Fenton and began the study of law. He continued his private studies until the fall of 1869, when he entered the Law Department of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated after a two years' course, in 1871. In April, 1871, he was admitted to the bar in the Supreme Court of Michigan at Detroit, and for a year thereafter was engaged in the practice at Fenton. In the fall of 1872 he removed to Midland, Michigan, and remained in the practice for twenty years. During this period he was for three years city attorney of the town of Midland, and was prosecuting attorney of Midland county for one term. Mr. Stanford removed to Duluth in 1892. A large number of his Michigan clients had transferred their interests and operations to Duluth and vicinity, necessitating his removal. He still represents this clientele and has acquired much other business. He has been a successful lawyer and practitioner from the first, and now has a large and lucrative practice. He is regarded as an able counsellor and of sound judicial qualities and attainments as well. From time to time he has conducted successfully many large and important cases. His business is now confined largely to matters incident to lumbering operations, iron mines and corporations, including litigation involving titles to pine and mineral lands. Mr. Stanford's family consists of a wife and two children. He has attained to the Knight Templar's degree in Free Masonry. He was formerly a Cleveland Democrat, but at present is conservative and independent in his political views.

DANIEL A. ROBERTSON.

Col. Daniel A. Robertson, a pioneer newspaper man of St. Paul, and at one time a prominent journalist of Ohio, a leading politician and one of the strongest characters of the NorthStar State, was born at Picton, Nova Scotia, May 13, 1812. He was of Highland-Scotch ancestry, with many of the characteristics of that sturdy race. When he was eighteen years of age he removed to New York City, where his education was completed and

where he grew to mature manhood. He studied law, was admitted to the bar, and for a time engaged in the practice, but eventually abandoned the legal profession for literary pursuits. Going to the State of Ohio, he entered upon a journalistic career as a Democratic newspaper man, and became the editor and proprietor of the Mount Vernon Banner, Ohio Eagle of Lancaster, the Guernsey County News and one of the editors of the Cincinnati Enquirer. In 1844 he was appointed United States marshal for the Federal District of Ohio, and served four years. In 1850 he was elected, from Fairfield county, a member of the State Constitutional Convention, but resigned after three months to come to the Northwest. Late in the fall of 1850, Colonel Robertson came to Minnesota, and in December of that year established, at St. Paul, the historic old pioneer newspaper, the Minnesota Democrat. He conducted the paper until June, 1853, when he sold it to David Olmsted, and it was finally merged with the Pioneer. Under the regime of its accomplished editor, the Democrat was a potent factor in the growth and development of the frontier town. It received but little official patronage and attained its success and influence because of its high, pure tone, its able editorials and its general character as a reliable and well made up journal. Retiring from the editorial profession, Colonel Robertson engaged in other pursuits, and soon became thoroughly identified and prominent in the general affairs of St. Paul and the State. In the spring of 1859, he was elected mayor of St. Paul, and the following October was elected to the Legislature, serving in the session of 1859-60. In 1862 he was elected sheriff of Ramsey county, and by re-election, served four terms. For several years he was a member of the city board of education, and performed much valuable service for the public schools. He was for many years a director of the public library, and was a well known member of the State Historical Society, with whose work he always had great and active sympathy. He was colonel of a State militia regiment before the Civil War, of which the famous Pioneer Guards and the Shield Guards were companies. Col-

onel Robertson was a man of enlarged views and of great strength of mind and character. He was a discriminative and close reader—indeed, he was a persistent and untiring student—and his generous nature made him desirous of accomplishing something for the benefit of society and his fellow men. Greatly and practically interested in agricultural matters, he did very much by his writings and his other efforts for the promotion and welfare of the farming interests, not alone of the State of Minnesota, but of the whole country. He was one of the founders of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and its first president. Perhaps his greatest distinction in connection with his labors for the bettering of the farmers' interests was his prominent identification with the farmers' secret order of the Patrons of Husbandry, or the "grange movement," as it was often called. He organized the very first grange of the order in the United States, and subsequently presented it with a valuable library. He always retained his earnest interest for the welfare of the order, and continued to work for it even after his retirement from active life. He devoted much time to scientific investigation, and for many years was a prominent member of the National Scientific Association, and of the American Geographical Society of New York City. As before stated, Colonel Robertson was a great reader, and he was a great thinker. He had traveled extensively through the United States and Europe, and he acquired a very large and valuable library, whose contents he fairly mastered. Moreover, he had an apt faculty for putting his knowledge and his thoughts on paper. At intervals in his later life he wrote a number of works the manuscripts of which have never been published, but are in the custody of the State Historical Society. Engaging in business, chiefly in real estate operations, he acquired a considerable competence, a liberal portion of which he expended in the purchase of his books and in the pursuit of knowledge generally. A portion of his library is now in the possession of the State University, and a part in the library of the State Historical Society, and are among their most valuable and best appre-

ciated treasures. In person, Colonel Robertson had a splendid physique. He was erect and dignified, with a military bearing, and altogether was of commanding and striking presence. He was of correct social tastes, personally popular, public spirited and patriotic, and in every respect a good citizen, neighbor and friend. In politics he was always a Democrat, and in his younger life and during maturity, took an active interest in the affairs of his party. As a political writer he was strong and terse and a most dangerous antagonist in a controversy. His style was clear, scholarly, and pleasing, at the same time vigorous and forcible. Colonel Robertson died in St. Paul, March 16, 1895, in the eighty-third year of his life, leaving, besides a widow, three sons: William G., Victor and McIntosh Robertson, and three daughters: now Mrs. E. R. Langford and Mrs. L. B. Stevenson, of St. Paul, and Mrs. Howard Morris, of Milwaukee. Colonel Robertson was married, May 28, 1841, to Julia Annie Bell, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and, in 1894, the golden wedding of this always felicitous and congenial union was an incident long to be remembered in the social circles of St. Paul.

WILLIAM S. KING.

Unique in the history of the Northwest was the place filled for over forty years by this pioneer Minneapolitan, whose decease, even at an age surpassing that allotted as the natural limit of man's life, is felt as an irreparable loss. William Smith King was born at Malone, Franklin county, New York, December 16, 1828. His childhood was better acquainted with work than play, and his opportunities for schooling were meager. At eight he was set to work, with his brothers, to help clear a tract of farm land upon which the family had settled. Four years later his mother died, the home was broken up, and William, at the tender age of twelve, set out to seek his fortune. For six years he worked at farming and teaming in the vicinity of the home place, then, at eighteen, went to Otsego county and secured a position as solicitor for insurance companies of



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the mutual order, which was then just springing into popularity in the rural East. But he had energies and aspirations which could not long be commanded by so limited and servile a sphere of action. He became an eager reader of the newspapers, and speedily there developed in him that public ideal which actuated the powerful achievements of his later years. The anti-slavery movement was just beginning to engage general attention. In 1852 the forlorn little Free Soil party nominated John P. Hale for President and George W. Julian for Vice-President; and young King, who by both natural sentiment and early training, leaned toward radical reform, instituted, in Coopers-town, a campaign paper styled the Free Democrat, to support this Abolition ticket. The following year he organized a Young Men's Republican Club at Cherry Valley—the first organization known to assume the name "Republican"—which nominated a local ticket, and, to the amazement of conservative constituencies, elected some of its candidates. During these days our youthful editor mingled with radical political leaders who habitually assembled at Albany, where his force as a speaker and worker made itself felt; and he acquired the title of "Colonel," which ever afterward clung to him, through his appointment on the staff of General Burnside of the State militia. When Colonel King came to Minneapolis, in 1858, the political affairs of the State were in a condition affording ample scope for the exercise of his journalistic powers. He procured a printing press and, early in 1859, began issuing the State Atlas, a weekly newspaper in whose columns his caustic pen mercilessly branded the political forces from which emanated, among other doubtful measures, one for the issuance to certain railroads, without sufficient security, of State bonds to the amount of \$5,000,000. His editorials, which predicted the repudiation of the bonds and held the Democratic party responsible for a colossal swindle of the people, produced an impression which was felt even in eastern markets, and the agitation culminated in the total collapse of the deal. Meantime the antagonism to slavery was becoming more and more intense,

inflamed by the arrogant aggression of its exponents in the South and its political supporters elsewhere. On this question, also, the Atlas took an extremely radical position, denouncing the system and its abettors in the most scathing terms. Indeed, Colonel King's title to the "palm" for power of verbal chastisement was unquestioned in Minnesota. And from these two issues resulted such a revulsion of political sentiment that in the election of November, 1859, the State government, which had been conducted on a Democratic basis, became Republican in all its departments. Apart from his role of editor, the Colonel, as one of the enthusiastic "Wide Awakes," played also a prominent personal part in the Republican campaigning. Wherever Colonel King saw injustice looming before him, he threw himself against it, absolutely fearless of consequences to himself. On one occasion, so fierce a stand did he take in defending the rights of a slave, who was serving a Mississippi family on the anti-slavery territory of Minnesota, that his friends found it expedient to constitute a guard, which was stationed all night behind the barricaded doors of the Atlas office. The sweeping victory of the Republicans was recognized as largely resulting from the work of Colonel King, which invested him with the prestige and authority of a great party leader. On the breaking out of the war Colonel King went to Washington, where—together with William Windom and Colonel Abdrich—he unsparingly devoted both money and personal service in ministrations to the needs of the Minnesota soldiers encamped there, awaiting orders to the front. Upon the organization, in July, 1861, of the first "War Congress," Colonel King was chosen postmaster of the House of Representatives, in which position, with the exception of a single Congress, he served for twelve consecutive years, passing the intervals between the sessions in Minneapolis. During his residence in Washington, his acquaintance with public men, which had been large since his early journalistic experience in New York, became extended to include practically everybody prominent in the public affairs of the country. Although called to the duties of a

National post, however, and possessing a prestige and natural gifts which seemed to proclaim for him a brilliant political career, the welfare of his home city was an ever-cherished and powerfully promoted cause. Among the many institutions for which Minneapolis is largely indebted to his influence or substantial support are, its street railway, Lakewood cemetery and the Harvester works. The enterprise of the Mechanical and Agricultural Association, also, beginning under the control of a corporation, was later conducted by Colonel King individually. His extensively exploited fairs, with their choice exhibits and original and striking devices for entertainment—which earned for him the sobriquet of “Old Thammurgus”—drew people from all parts of the country to Minneapolis, where not a few took up their permanent abode, did more than any other thing to advertise the city and facilitate its growth. Colonel King exerted his influence effectively toward the establishment of the public park system of Minneapolis, and extended it by generous donations of valuable land. The first section of the Northern Pacific Railroad, extending across Minnesota between the St. Louis and Red rivers, was constructed under a contract assumed by Colonel King and other residents of the Twin Cities. But probably of all his work, that in connection with the press effected the deepest and most far-reaching results. He furthered the establishment of the Minneapolis Tribune and was a heavy stockholder in the Pioneer Press, whose Minneapolis side he conducted for a number of years with his characteristic zeal for justice and progress. Upon the expiration of his service as postmaster in the House of Representatives, he was elected to Congress from the Fourth District of Minnesota. He entered this office with the most auspicious outlook; but the tranquillity of his course was interrupted by the action of political enemies, who incriminated him in connection with the passage of a certain subsidy measure. He was exonerated, however, by the investigating committee, and by the unanimous vote of both House and Senate. In his later days, Colonel King served as secretary of the Minneapolis Board of Trade;

and he had at a previous period filled for several years the office of Surveyor General of logs and lumber for the Second District of Minnesota. The Colonel delighted in everything pertaining to rural life; and while still in Washington he began to acquire lands about lakes Calhoun and Harriet, where he established the famous Lyndale stock farm. Eventually, this property becoming involved, he transferred it to his friend, Philo Remington, of New York, who undertook to clear it of claims. Later, complications arose which led to the noted King-Remington equity suit, in the settlement of which, properties to the amount of \$2,000,000 reverted to Colonel King. But he was too generous hearted in public enterprise and private friendship to continue rich in worldly goods. Colonel King was twice married: the first time to Mary Elizabeth Stevens, of Hion, New York. The second Mrs. King, who survives her husband, was Caroline M. Arnold, also of Hion. The two children of Colonel King are: a daughter, who, with her family, lives in the King residence on Nicollet island, and a son, Preston King, of Minneapolis. Colonel King's was a remarkable personality. His boundless energy seemed to infect with vitality all men and enterprises with which he came in contact. Such magnetism is a tremendous force for good or evil, and his determined for good. A pronounced individuality, he was no egotist. It was ever the righteous, unpopular cause which he espoused, forgetful of personal advantage or even security. He was reckoned a poor business man; but with the power he wielded there is no doubt that, had he made it his life purpose, he could have become a great capitalist. The amassing of wealth, however, would have seemed to him a petty and unworthy end for which to strive. He had his faults; but they were of that vigorous and open type, easy to condone. He was a good hater, but he never played foul; and it seems something incongruous, even, that the death angel should have come to reckon with him in the darkness of the night. It was some hours before dawn on February 24, 1900, that Colonel King put off mortality and followed the grim messenger



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hence; and the discarded earthly garb fittingly rests in Lakewood, from which fair spot stretches in all directions portions of the noble park system which was first fostered as one of many ideals in his great soul.

JAMES M. BOWLER.

Maj. James Madison Bowler was born January 10, 1838, at Lee, Maine. He comes of old New England stock on both sides, his ancestors having been among the early pilgrims, and several of them served in the Revolution and the War of 1812. Edward Bowler, the father of our subject, was born at Palermo, Maine, September 3, 1811. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits, the lumber business and farming, and was a member of the Maine Legislature. He married Clara Augusta Smith, of Litchfield, Maine. James M. received his early education in the common schools and the Normal Academy of his native town, and later attended Westbrook Seminary at Stevens Plains, Maine. He began life as a school teacher in his own State, and in 1857 came west and located at Hale's Corners, Milwaukee county, Wisconsin, where he again taught school for one year. In 1858 he removed to Minnesota and located at St. Anthony, where he remained for about one year. He then went to Nininger, Minnesota, and once more resumed his old vocation, school teaching. In 1871 Mr. Bowler took up a homestead claim at Bird Island, Minnesota, where he has since resided. He followed farming almost exclusively until 1878; about three years later he was engaged as traveling collector for the N. W. Mfg. & Car Co., also subsequently the Minneapolis Harvester Company. He was also identified with the purchasing of the right of way for the M. & N. W. R. R. Since 1887, he has been engaged in the real estate and loan business. With the business and local affairs of the State, Major Bowler has long been prominently identified. Eminently public spirited, he has taken part in the public improvements, and contributed his share to the success of every enterprise having for its object the good of the community;

and has been conspicuous in the public service of his adopted State. He was a member of the Legislature in 1878, and ran for Congress on the Populist ticket in 1891; was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Fusion ticket in 1896 and in 1898. He has filled several public offices and educational positions in both Nininger and at Bird Island, his present home. The Major is well informed in all agricultural matters, and has given the subject much investigation, thought and attention. His appointment to the office of State Dairy and Food Commissioner, January 6th, 1899, was not only a recognition of his fitness for the place, but a compliment to his enterprise, liberality, and general worth as a citizen and a man. A fellow citizen of high standing, who has known Major Bowler long and intimately, says of him:

"He is a man of keen perceptions, quick action and strong will; very decided in his ways in all business matters. He can be very stern when the occasion demands, and yet his disposition is naturally mild. He is a man of remarkable tact and will power, and as a father, husband, and friend he is kind, gentle and loving."

Major Bowler served four years and eight months in the Rebellion and the Indian War. He enlisted first in Company E, First Minnesota, in April, 1861. September 1, of the same year, he enlisted in Company F, Third Minnesota, as a private. He was promoted to corporal, sergeant, second lieutenant, and was appointed captain December 1, 1862, at the age of twenty-three. He was taken prisoner at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 16, 1862, and paroled at McMinnville, from which place under a Confederate officer he was marched back to Murfreesboro, and later sent to Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained until called for service in the Indian campaign. He was a company commander at the battle of Wood Lake, of which the Third Regiment and Renville Rangers bore the brunt. Though this battle did not terminate the Indian War, it was very important in its results, and in some respects it was decisive. It effected the release of about three hundred captives which the Indians held, and of whom one hundred

and fifty were white women and children—many of them refined and educated women and teachers, who were being subjected to barbarous treatment. It also effected the surrender of 1,500 Indians, including four hundred warriors, among whom were those afterward convicted and executed for having perpetrated some of the massacres. Of the other battles in which the Major took part, the siege of Vicksburg is perhaps the most important. April 1, 1865, he was commissioned major of the 113th U. S. C. I., and was mustered out of the service April 9, 1866. Major Bowler is a member of the G. A. R. and Loyal Legion, and of his military service he says: "Of no part of my life am I prouder than of that portion which I gave to my country to aid in the preservation of its existence." Although Major Bowler is not a member of any religious denomination, he is a patron of churches, and well known as a gentleman of strict morality and rectitude. He is a member of the Eastern Star Lodge and is a Free Mason; he is regarded not only as a worthy member of that ancient and honorable craft, but as an exemplary member of society, and of the community in which he lives. November 1, 1862, Major Bowler was married to Lizzie S. Caleff, of Pentfield, New Brunswick, who is a descendant of Dr. Caleff, a noted surgeon in the English Army. They have had ten children, eight of whom are still living, and two deceased. Those living are Victoria A. (now Mrs. W. T. Law, of Northfield, Minnesota), Burton H., Amy G., Kate C., Madison C., Frank L., Josie A., and Edna B., all residents of Bird Island, Minnesota.

ROBERT A. SMITH.

Robert Armstrong Smith, of St. Paul, was born in Booneville, Warrick county, Indiana, June 13, 1827. His father, William Smith, was a native of England, and his mother, whose name was Elizabeth Graham, was a member of an old and prominent Virginia family. Mr. Smith was reared to manhood in his native State, and completed his education at the University of Indiana, graduating from the Law

Department of that institution in 1850. He was married, in 1851, to Miss Mary E. Stone, of Bloomington, Indiana, and in 1853 came west to the Territory of Minnesota, and located at St. Paul. Mr. Smith is known to everyone as a prince among men. He has been through as much, perhaps, of the exciting and disagreeable experiences of political life as any man in the State; but when the battle has been fought, no matter how severe or unwarranted might be the things said of him personally or politically, they were all forgotten, and the same genial, generous smile and handshake which are so entirely part of the man, were given to friend and foe alike. A more surprising career of popularity and public favor than that of Robert A. Smith it would be hard to find in the entire political history of the country. A brief resume of that career, so far as it relates to public affairs, will easily establish this proposition. He began his public service before he was fairly out of college, having graduated at twenty-three. He was elected auditor of Warrick county, Indiana, and had served four years before he resigned and set his face toward the west, landing in St. Paul May 1, 1853. Mr. Smith started out in life with no capital to speak of, except his education and his determination to advance himself in every legitimate way within his reach. Shortly after his arrival in St. Paul, he was appointed secretary to Governor Gorman, and acted as Territorial librarian up to 1856. He was in that year elected treasurer of Ramsey county, and held that office for twelve consecutive years, till 1868, when he was elected alderman of the city of St. Paul. He was elected president of the common council and presided over that body for a period of three years. He was then elected as a member of the Lower House of the Legislature and served for a term of two years. This was followed by his election as mayor and State Senator, and served in both offices together. For seven and one-half years he officiated as mayor of the city, and four years as State Senator. Since the organization of the State Reformatory board Mr. Smith has served as president of that body. He was never defeated for public office but once, and he re-



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trieved himself the next election by being once more elected to act as the city's chief magistrate. His selection as postmaster of St. Paul completes the term of forty-eight years, during which he has been engaged in official life, most of the time serving the public in one or another capacity, and all the time at serious loss and inconvenience to himself and his business relations. In 1866 Mr. Smith engaged in the banking business in St. Paul, as a member of the firm of Dawson, Smith & Reed, and was one of the incorporators of the Bank of Minnesota, and is now one of its vice-presidents. He is rated as a financier of great ability. There never was a more generous man in his natural impulses than Robert A. Smith. His sympathies have ever been enlisted in behalf of distress and sorrow, and as his sympathies have gone forth so, too, have the more substantial expressions of regard been frequent with him. Through his kindly nature he has often been imposed upon by the undeserving, but to his credit, be it said, there has been no lessening of his faith in human nature or of his deep sympathy with human distress. No citizen of St. Paul has a higher standing in all that makes for manhood, integrity, ability and social attractions. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, three survive, two daughters and one son.

ALEXANDER T. BIGELOW.

Alexander Thompson Bigelow, D. D. S., of St. Paul, was born April 5, 1841, at Ryegate, Vermont. His parents were John and Mary C. (Thompson) Bigelow, both natives of Vermont, and of New England parentage, whose ancestors figured prominently in early Colonial history and in the War for Independence. Dr. Bigelow is a son of the Revolution on the paternal side, through Maj. Jabez Bigelow and Capt. Ebenezer McIntosh. The latter was conspicuous in pre-revolutionary times, and was one of the immortal "tea party." Alexander, the subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood on his father's farm among the hills of Vermont. Here he attended the common school

and the Academy at Melndoe. He afterwards went to Dover, New Hampshire, where he found employment as a clerk in a book and drug store. He remained in this employment until 1862, when he enlisted in the Fifteenth Vermont Infantry, under Col. Redfield Proctor, and went with his regiment to the front. At the organization of the company he was made sergeant and was afterwards promoted to lieutenant. His regiment participated in the battle of Gettysburg and gallantly performed its duty during the term of service. In August, 1863, he was mustered out, and went to Boston in a clerical capacity, and continuing his interest in military matters, after a competitive examination, was commissioned captain of Company H, Second Massachusetts Militia, by Gov. John A. Andrew. He commenced the study of dentistry, in 1865, with Doctors Fisk and Ingalls at Clinton, Massachusetts, and at the end of two years went into partnership with Dr. Ingalls, one of his preceptors. He practiced his profession for several years and attended lectures at the Boston Dental College, where he graduated in 1873 as valedictorian of his class, and was elected secretary of his Alma Mater. After his graduation he opened an office in Boston, where he practiced for about four years. On account of too close application he was obliged to take a rest and seek a change of climate. In July, 1876, he gave up his Boston office and located at Bismarek, Dakota, where he had a large and remunerative practice, mostly among the officers of the frontier posts and their families. He left there in October, 1884, and removed to St. Paul, where he opened dental rooms, and where he has continued in practice ever since. That Dr. Bigelow stands at the head of his profession is evidenced by his clientele, which includes many of the most prominent people of the State. He is of a literary turn of mind; has written a number of pleasing sketches of travel, and many able articles on subjects pertaining to his vocation, some of which have been published in magazines and attracted marked attention, while others have been read before meetings of Dental Associations. The Doctor is an ardent and skillful microscopist. He is a

member of the State Dental Association, of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, a Son of the American Revolution, a high Mason, being P. H. P. of R. A. Chapter and P. E. C. of Knights Templar; is a charter member of the St. Paul Chess and Whist Club, and an expert player. Was one of its early presidents, also one of the originators and the first president of the State Chess Association. He is a man of fine physique, a lover of athletic sports, and fond of hunting and fishing. Dr. Bigelow was married, November 26, 1883, to Edna A. Kelley, a native of Marshall, Wisconsin.

HENRY P. UPHAM.

Henry Pratt Upham, president of the First National Bank of St. Paul, comes of a family probably as ancient as any in England. The name is found recorded in the Domes-day book, prior to the Norman conquest. The first of the Upham family who settled in America was John Upham, who landed at Weymouth, Massachusetts, in 1635. His descendants took a prominent part in the stirring events of the Colonial period, participating in the various wars from that of King Philip to the Revolution. Mr. Upham is ninth in the line from the original John, the emigrant. His father, Joel W. Upham, was a native of Brookfield, Massachusetts. He married Miss Seraphine Howe, also of an old Colonial family, who died in 1839. Mr. Upham, who was one of the pioneer manufacturers of the famous turbine water wheels, died at Worcester in 1879. Their son, Henry P. Upham, was born in Milbury, Massachusetts, on January 26, 1837. He was educated at the public schools of Worcester, Massachusetts, and in 1856, after quitting school, came west to seek his fortune in the then almost unknown Territory of Minnesota. Mr. Upham reached St. Paul on March 19, 1857. It was then a straggling village, with little about it to indicate its future importance. Though not yet of age, Mr. Upham confidently embarked in business, forming a partnership with Chauncy W. Griggs. The firm engaged in the lumber trade and continued for some years with

success. In 1863 Mr. Upham became teller in the bank of Thompson Brothers, then the leading institution of its class in the city. When these gentlemen organized the First National Bank of St. Paul, Mr. Upham became its teller and later its assistant cashier. In 1869 he took part in the organization of the City Bank of St. Paul, of which he was cashier. Four years later it was deemed advantageous to merge that bank with the First National, and Mr. Upham became cashier of the consolidated institution, and in 1880, upon the death of Horace Thompson, he was elected president. As the head of one of the leading financial institutions of St. Paul, Mr. Upham has been a conspicuous figure in the commercial life of that city for a score of years. On September 23, 1868, Mr. Upham married Miss Evelyn G. Burbank, daughter of the late Col. Simeon Burbank. They have three children, Gertrude, Grace and John Phineas. The fondness for books and reading, which Mr. Upham has indulged to the extent of collecting a large private library, has also been recognized by his election to various societies of a literary, historical and genealogical character. He is regarded as one of the most thorough genealogical scholars in the United States. For several years he was director of the St. Paul Public Library. Mr. Upham is a valued member of the American Antiquarian Society and the Society of Antiquity of Worcester, Massachusetts, of the Minnesota Historical Society, of the Minnesota Club, of the Ramsey County Pioneer Association, of St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, and of the Masonic and Knights Templar orders.

KENNETH CLARK.

Kenneth Clark, president of the Merchants' National Bank of St. Paul, was born in Fort Plain, New York, August 18, 1847, the son of William and Anna M. (Neukereck) Clark. William Clark was prominent in local affairs and served in the House of Representatives and State Senate of New York. Kenneth Clark received his education first at Russell's school in New Haven and later attended Union Col-



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lege, at Schenectady, New York, being a member of the class of 1869. Mr. Clark came to St. Paul in 1870, and at once began a business career which has been marked by continual success. He first entered the law office of W. P. Warner, with whom he remained two years. In 1872 he, with Mr. De Coster, established the well-known furniture house of De Coster & Clark, on Jackson street, and remained actively connected with the firm until 1892, a period of twenty years. In the latter year, Mr. Clark retired from this firm as an active member. In 1890 Mr. Clark was chosen vice-president of the Capital Bank of St. Paul; in January, 1897, he resigned to accept the vice presidency of the Merchants' National Bank of St. Paul, and in February was elected its president. He is also a trustee of the St. Paul Gas Light Company; is president of the Edison Electric Light Company; a trustee of the State Savings Bank, and a special partner in the firm of Sharood & Crooks, manufacturers of and dealers in boots and shoes. These many enterprises fully occupy his time and talents, but he is able to cope with all the requirements which these varied interests place upon his shoulders. For several years Mr. Clark has taken time from his business to act as a member of the board of fire commissioners, in which capacity he has also served with ability and with an eye to the interests of the city, and is now president of the fire board. One of the important posts which he has filled was as treasurer of the Hinckley fire relief committee, having been appointed to the committee by Governor Nelson when the well-remembered calamity fell upon the State. In this capacity Mr. Clark had the distribution of \$200,000 in money, not to speak of the large amount of stores and supplies, and the excellent manner in which this great trust was performed is best shown by the final report made by the relief committee, after the sufferers had all been taken care of in proper manner and given a new start in life. Mr. Clark is also president of the St. Paul Bethel, a worthy charity, which is doing much good along its own lines. He is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the Loyal Legion by inheritance. Mr. Clark is always in the fore-

most ranks of those who have the welfare of the city at heart, and ever ready to further such movements as tend to the advancement of St. Paul. Withal, he is a man who dislikes notoriety, being content to work along those lines which he has laid out for himself, and has never sought political preferment or office of any kind. In 1872, Mr. Clark married Alice Gilchrist, of Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES DOBBIN.

To those who are well acquainted with the work and ideals of the Shattuck school, at Faribault, the biography of its rector—the Rev. James Dobbin, D. D.—will be of especial interest; for during the last third of a century he has been the responsible head and manager of that highly-reputed institution. Dr. Dobbin is a native of New York State, born in Salem, Washington county, June 29, 1833. He is of Scotch-Irish extraction, his two grandfathers, William and John Dobbin, having come from the north of Ireland to our shores soon after the Revolutionary War and established the family here. Joseph Dobbin—son of William and father of our subject—was a boy at the time of this migration. He later became engaged in agriculture, following that industry for many years in the Empire State. He married Martha Dobbin, daughter of John—the other original settler—and reared a family of six children, James, of our sketch, being the second in order of birth. James grew up on his father's farm, assisting with its work and attending the country schools to the age of seventeen years. He then entered the Washington Academy, in his native town of Salem, from which he passed to the Argyle Academy, in this latter institution finishing his preparation for collegiate work. Before proceeding to college, however, he spent two years—1855 to 1857—in charge of the school at Argyle. He then became a student at Union College with an advanced standing; and at the end of two years graduated with the degree of A. B. It was in 1859—his graduation year—that Mr. Dobbin first came to Minnesota. Locating at

Faribault, he taught for a year in the Mission school established a few months previously by Rev. J. Lloyd Breck, D. D. In 1860 he returned to New York and to his old position in the Argyle Academy, in which he officiated for another year, then went to Greenwich, New York, to assume charge of the academy at that place. This he conducted until 1864, then returned to Faribault and entered Seabury Divinity School as a student of theology, at the same time resuming his duties as assistant to Dr. Breck. At Easter, 1867, he succeeded Dr. Breck as resident head of Seabury Hall and rector of the Grammar department, which was afterward named Shattuck School, and entered upon his long and useful career, throughout which his fitness for the duties of his responsible post has been abundantly attested by the continuously flourishing condition of the school. He was ordained to the diaconate Trinity Sunday 1867, and advanced to the priesthood Trinity Sunday 1868 by Bishop Whipple. A man of marked executive ability and keen foresight, he has succeeded where many fail, in beginning with no resources and laying a strong, permanent foundation of a high class institution for the training and education of boys. His incessant labor for the past thirty-three years has been inspired and stimulated by an enthusiastic appreciation of the value of the school, assembling, as it does, from all parts of the country, boys at the critical, formative age when thorough and wholesome intellectual and personal training may make all the difference between a noble manhood and a weak or vicious one. Although wholly dependent for support on its earnings from its inception, Shattuck has such superb natural advantages and has been so wisely administered, that it is to-day one of the best of church training schools, and may be favorably compared with many an institution of extensive independent resources. Feeling, however, the pressure of the ever-increasing demand for such training as it affords, it is now taking measures with a view to greatly extending its capacity and facilities, confident that it but awaits a suitable endowment to permanently establish its place as the foremost preparatory

school of the great West, and make it an assured boon to an indefinite succession of generations to come. And one of its strongest guarantees of future greatness is realized in the personality of its rector. It is written of Dr. Dobbin by one who is in a position to estimate his character authoritatively: "The rector of Shattuck School has especial fitness for his work. To a varied scholarship, with an inherited tenacity of purpose, and a refined taste, are added a demeanor that is dignified yet not stiff, and a firmness of discipline which is unbending, yet coupled with ease of manner and a cordiality which wins all hearts. His influence on the students is refining and elevating. He is a Christian gentleman of the noblest class." He received his degree of D. D., in the year 1888, from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut. Dr. Dobbin is a family man, having been first married on December 12, 1860, to Fannie L. Leigh, daughter of Jesse S. Leigh, of Argyle, New York. Five years later his wife died, leaving one daughter—Jessie. On April 9, 1874, he married Elizabeth L. Ames, of Niles, Michigan. Of the second union was born a son, Edward S. Dobbin, a recent graduate of Trinity College.

JARED HOW.

Jared How, senior member of the well-known law firm, How & Taylor, of St. Paul, was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, December 9, 1857, the son of Phideas Berkeley How and Abby (Clark) How. He is descended on his father's side from a family well known in the commercial and legal life of Massachusetts, which settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts, probably in about 1630; and on his mother's side from a family of which Judge Greenleaf Clark is a member. He was educated at private and public schools until 1874, when he entered Highland Military Academy of Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1876. In October, 1877, he started to prepare for Harvard College, and completed his preparation in a period of eight months. He was graduated from Harvard with a degree of



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A. B. in 1881, and in December of the same year entered the Harvard Law School as a special student. His work in the first year was sufficient to qualify him as a regular student for the second year, but he left at the end of the second year without applying for a degree, and came to St. Paul in August, 1883. He studied law in the office of Bigelow, Flandrau & Squires until 1885, when the firm of Clark, Eller & How, consisting of Greenleaf Clark, the late Homer C. Eller and himself, was formed. This firm was dissolved January 1, 1888, by the withdrawal of Judge Clark from active practice, and the firm of Eller & How continued until 1896, when Pierce Butler was added to it, the firm name being Eller, How & Butler. Upon the decease of Mr. Eller, soon after, the firm became How & Butler, and so continued until the first of September, 1899, when it was dissolved by the withdrawal of Mr. Butler from general practice, and the new firm of How & Taylor, consisting of the subject of this sketch and Carl Taylor—then first assistant corporation counsel of the city of St. Paul—was formed, and still continues the general practice of law. This is the bare outline of the life and professional career of Mr. How. For those who are acquainted with the character and professional attainments of his former and present associates, this is sufficient. To have been so intimately associated with Greenleaf Clark and Homer C. Eller speaks more convincingly of Mr. How's character and standing at the bar than any words we could write; not that he has shone by their reflected light, but that such connections are a sure index of his own high character and ability. Mr. How undoubtedly possesses all of the qualities thus indicated. He is universally regarded as one of the leaders of the bar of St. Paul, a learned lawyer, safe counselor, forcible and convincing advocate. His mind is clear and discriminating, and his power of applying the law to the facts of the particular case singularly unerring. He has been employed in very many of the most important cases in the courts of this State, and enjoys the respect and confidence of the judges to an unusual extent. His present firm has an extensive practice. But

the distinguishing feature of Mr. How's character may be said to be his strict sense of professional as well as personal integrity. He is himself honest beyond suspicion, both in his private life and in the practice of his profession, and is intolerant of deceit in others and a foe to dishonesty or meanness wherever he sees or suspects it. He measures others by his own high standard, and this occasionally leads him to be over severe and critical. Mr. How has never married. He lives in comfortable bachelor apartments, is fond of books and of club life. His library is his pride and the envy of his friends. He is a member of the Minnesota Club, Town and Country Club of St. Paul, and the University Club of New York.

THEODORE L. SCHURMEIER.

Theodore Leopold Schurmeier, of the firm of Lindeke, Warner & Schurmeier, wholesale dry goods dealers, St. Paul, was born at St. Louis, Missouri, March 14, 1852, the son of Casper H. and Caroline Schurmeier. His parents emigrated to America from Germany, their native land, and settled first in St. Louis. In 1855 Casper Schurmeier removed with his family to St. Paul, where he made considerable investments, and became a well-known business man and a universally esteemed citizen. Theodore L. was educated in the St. Paul public schools and at Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio. In 1870, under the patronage of J. J. Hill, he entered the service of the old Manitoba (now the Great Northern) Railway Company, where he remained for three years. He then entered the First National Bank as a bookkeeper; later he was made teller, and held that position until 1878. The original firm of Lindeke, Warner & Schurmeier was organized July 1, 1878, and Theodore Schurmeier was one of the constituent members. He has been in charge of the finances and credits of the firm from the first. He is held in high esteem by his business associates for his sound judgment and his careful and conservative handling of the firm's vital interests, and its high character and prosperity are very largely due to his intelligent

methods, his sagacious conduct, and his fidelity to his duties. His rare personal qualities make him universally popular among the firm's patrons. He is always accessible and courteous, frank and fair, and as faithful to a business obligation as to a sworn oath. Mr. Schurmeier has grown with the city of St. Paul and the State of Minnesota from their immaturity to their present development, and has always been interested in their affairs and active in their advancement. He has been connected with very many public enterprises. In recent years he has been much interested in the work of inducing immigration into Minnesota and the Northwest. From the inception of the organized movement to that end, he has been prominently identified with it, has spent his time and money for it, and aided it in every way. In the summer of 1895 he was practically given charge of the project. He has been president of the Minnesota Immigration Association, and for several years has been president of the Northwestern Immigration Association—the latter organization including the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, and the Province of Manitoba. In the discharge of his duties he has visited various portions of the States named, presiding over meetings, conventions, etc., incidentally doing a great deal of hard work, incurring large personal expenses, but accomplishing great and lasting good for the country. He is thoroughly identified with the interests of St. Paul. He is a director in the First National Bank and in the St. Paul Trust Company; is president of the Schurmeier Land and Improvement Company, and vice-president of the C. Gotzian & Company corporation; is a trustee of St. Luke's Hospital and of the Oakland Cemetery, and holds memberships in the Minnesota, the Commercial, and the Town and Country Clubs of St. Paul, and in the Chicago Club. He combines social and refined tastes with business qualities and public spirit to a happy degree. Though he depreciates and half conceals his generous disposition, those who are informed on the subject know that Mr. Schurmeier is a liberal and substantial friend and patron of works of charity

and benevolence, and that the deserving poor have no better friend. He has been a member of the Republican party ever since he could vote. Always refusing to be a candidate for any office, although often solicited, he has performed a great deal of valuable service for his party, asking no other reward than the triumph of its principles. In the Presidential campaign of 1896 he was chairman of the Ramsey County Republican Committee, and so organized the sound money forces and conducted the campaign as to win a Republican victory unprecedented in the history of the county and the city of St. Paul. The previous spring he led the party to a most complete triumph in the municipal campaign. In November, 1882, Mr. Schurmeier married Miss Caroline Gotzian, a daughter of Conrad Gotzian, deceased, whose biography appears elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Schurmeier was born and reared in St. Paul. To Mr. and Mrs. Schurmeier have been born three daughters, whose Christian names are Conradine, Theodora, and Hildegarde. The imposing and beautiful family residence on Crocus Hill, St. Paul, is a model of architectural elegance and the home of a refined and intelligent household.

HASCAL R. BRILL.

There are many able, fearless and conscientious men in the judiciary of the State of Minnesota, but there is none who is held in higher esteem by the people of his district, than Judge Hascal R. Brill, who has occupied the District Bench of St. Paul for over a score of years. Judge Brill's ancestors were Holland Dutch, who settled in Dutchess county, New York. His grandparents removed to Canada, just over the Vermont line, shortly after the Revolutionary War, and took up land and opened farms on which some of their descendants still live. Hascal R. was born at Phillipsburg, in the Province of Quebec, August 10, 1846; the son of Thomas Russel (who was a farmer by occupation) and Sarah Sagar Brill. When thirteen years of age he came to Minnesota with his parents, who settled on a farm near Kenyon,



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in Goodhue county. Here young Brill lived until he was twenty-one years of age, working on the farm, attending school in the winter, and sometimes teaching. His early education he received in the district school, and prepared for college in Hamline University, which he attended irregularly for four years. He then entered the University of Michigan, but remained only one year. In December, 1867, he went to St. Paul for the purpose of taking up the study of law, and entered the office of Judge Palmer and Morris Lamprey. He was admitted to practice, December 31, 1869, and formed a partnership with Staunford Newel. After a practice of about three years, he was elected Probate Judge for Ramsey county, which office he held in 1873 and 1874. On the demise of William S. Hall, first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Minnesota, Governor Davis appointed Judge Brill, March 1, 1875, to fill the vacancy. A few months later he was elected to the same office for a term of seven years. At the first session of the Legislature in 1876, the Court of Common Pleas was merged into that of the District Court for the Second Judicial District, Judge Brill occupying the bench, and he has held that office ever since. To place Judge Brill ahead of his associates on the bench is not making any invidious comparisons, for he had earned his pre-eminence by years of hard judicial service. The fact that Judge Brill received his re-nominations to the bench at the hands of both the great political parties is significant of the esteem in which he is held. Although a Republican in principle, Judge Brill has not taken any active part in politics since his elevation to the bench. The Judge has held numerous church offices, and at present is chairman of the board of trustees of the First M. E. Church of St. Paul, of which church he has been an influential member ever since he located in that city. He was a member of the last two general conferences of the Methodist church, and served as chairman of the judiciary committee. In the quiet of his own home, freed from the vexations of his judicial duties, Judge Brill seeks to satisfy his taste for literature; occasionally he has delivered a lecture or an

address on literary and historical subjects, and also on topics of current public interest. He has been trustee of Hamline University for many years, and was president of the board for some time. He was married, August 11, 1873, to Cora A. Gray, of Suspension Bridge, New York. Of this marriage have been born six children.

LEONARD A. ROSING.

Leonard August Rosing, a prominent business man of Cannon Falls, now serving as private secretary to Governor Lind, was born in Malmo, Sweden, August 29, 1861. He is the son of August G. and Marie Charlotte (Flintberg) Rosing. His mother, who died in 1894, was also a native of Sweden, her birthplace being the capital city of Stockholm. August G. Rosing left his native country to seek his fortune in the new world in 1868. He settled on a farm in Goodhue county, Minnesota, and the family followed a year later. About twelve years ago he retired from farming, and removed to Red Wing. Though seventy-seven years of age, he is still in active business, being secretary of the Scandinavian Relief Association of Red Wing. Leonard A. was a lad of seven when the family settled in Minnesota, and this has been his residence ever since. His only educational advantages were the district schools of Goodhue county, which he attended during the winter months. He was employed on his father's farm until twenty years of age, when, becoming tired of the incessant toil with the uncertainty of fair returns for his labor, he determined to give up farming and fit himself for mercantile business. He took a position as clerk in a general store at Cannon Falls, which position he held until 1888. Though his compensation was very small at first, he was active and energetic, winning promotion and increase in salary from year to year. Naturally genial and courteous in manner, he seemed to be a natural salesman. He was ambitious and saving, and after seven years' service as a clerk, he was able to engage in business for himself. He formed a partner-

ship with H. A. Van Campen and opened a boot and shoe store in Cannon Falls, the firm name being Van Campen & Rosing. In 1893 Mr. Van Campen sold his interest to Samuel Kraft, and the firm became Rosing & Kraft, which still continues. In politics Mr. Rosing was a Republican until 1888, but in the campaign of 1890, he gave his support to the Democratic candidates, as being more in accord with his principles on important National questions. Since 1890 he has been an active participant in every campaign, and his popularity was shown by his election as chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee for the campaign of 1896. He managed this campaign with such skill and aggressiveness that Hon. John Lind came within 3,300 votes of being elected Governor. By unanimous consent he was retained as chairman for the notable campaign of 1898, which has passed into history as the first instance in which the regular Republican candidate for Governor of Minnesota has been defeated. In speaking of Mr. Rosing's ability as a political leader, one high in the councils of the party says:

"After the Chicago convention in 1896 most of the old leaders of the Democratic party in Minnesota refused to accept the platform that party adopted, and younger and newer leaders became necessary. Mr. Rosing was chosen chairman of the State Central Committee, and immediately entered upon the work of organizing the Democratic party of Minnesota on as broad lines as possible. This work of organization it was impossible to complete during the campaign of 1896, and the party was again defeated in Minnesota, as it had been during the previous thirty-eight years. Notwithstanding that fact, Mr. Rosing continued the work of organization with unabated vigor, and notwithstanding the lack of funds and a great many other obstacles, succeeded so well that in 1898 the Democratic and People's parties succeeded in electing their joint candidate as Governor, and the fusion element in the Legislature was largely increased. Mr. Rosing is peculiarly well qualified for the leading position he occupies in politics. He is an indefatigable worker, and an enthusiastic believer in the principles he advocates. He has a wide knowledge of public affairs, is an excellent judge of human nature, a man of unimpeachable integrity, and while full of kindly instincts, has the ability to

say "no," and is inexorable where a question of principle is involved. He possesses also the faculty of being absolutely loyal to his friends, a quality very desirable in a political leader. In his private and domestic life, Mr. Rosing is peculiarly happy, his pronounced integrity and domestic virtues making this necessarily true."

When Mr. Lind was inaugurated Governor, his appreciation of Mr. Rosing's ability was shown by his selection as private secretary to the Governor. Coming to the State Capitol, a comparative stranger to the people of St. Paul, he has, by his ability, tact and good judgment, won the confidence and esteem of business men, regardless of party. Mr. Rosing has taken an active part in masonry since 1885. This is the only secret society of which he is a member. In 1886 Mr. Rosing was married to Miss May Belle Season, daughter of Mr. John Season, an early settler of Minnesota, and a resident of Cannon Falls since 1855. To Mr. and Mrs. Rosing have been born three children—George Leonard, aged twelve; Marguerite, nine, and Willis Season, three.

GEORGE M. SMITH.

George M. Smith, general agent for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad at Duluth, was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, August 25, 1850. His father, J. Tatman Smith, a native of Ohio, was a merchant by occupation. He is descended on the paternal side from Pocahontas, the Virginia Indian princess of historic renown, and his maternal ancestors were from Canada. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Superior, Wisconsin, which he attended up to his seventeenth year. Mr. Smith began his business career when quite young as a clerk at very small wages in a general store at Superior, where he was employed for about three years. In the fall of 1869 he came to Duluth and remained a year. Returning to West Superior, he engaged in business for himself in a grocery and provision store, which he conducted for about five years. In the fall of



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1874, he returned to Duluth and continued in the grocery trade until in the winter of 1881, when he engaged to supply the Chicago, Portage and Superior Railroad and Constructing Company with all of their supplies and the equipment of the road in the construction department. The company failed, and all of Mr. Smith's accumulations for twelve years or more were swept away. He then engaged in railroading with the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, and was appointed general agent for that company, his present position. He has discharged his duties efficiently and has come to be one of the best known railroad men in the Northwest. An incident in Mr. Smith's life which he well remembers was the bringing of the great capitalist and speculator, Jay Cooke, from Superior to Duluth on the occasion of Mr. Cooke's first visit to the cities at the head of the lakes. The same year Mr. Smith took the first corps of engineers from Superior that made the preparatory survey around the Falls of St. Louis for the old Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad—which is now the St. Paul and Duluth. When George B. Sargent—whose biography appears elsewhere in this volume—came to Duluth to begin his extensive and valuable operations in the city, Mr. Smith was his guide and advisor. For about three months he accompanied Mr. Sargent, the greater part of the time in a row boat on the lake, on his tour of investigation in and about the city. He gave the great investor much valuable information concerning important building sites and helped him in other ways when he began his work of building up Duluth. Mr. Smith witnessed the location of the two big hotels constructed by Mr. Sargent, the first of the kind built in Duluth. Mr. Smith has always had a liking for and faith in his adopted city. He has done what he could and has been willing to do more in promoting its interests. He is and has always been a staunch Republican in politics, is a member of the Masonic order, and is a worthy and popular citizen. He was married at Norwalk, Ohio, September 28, 1875, to Miss Fannie B. Brown, a daughter of Edwin H. Brown, Esq. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith—

two sons and a daughter, all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are communicants of the First Presbyterian Church of Duluth.

ANSEL L. HILL.

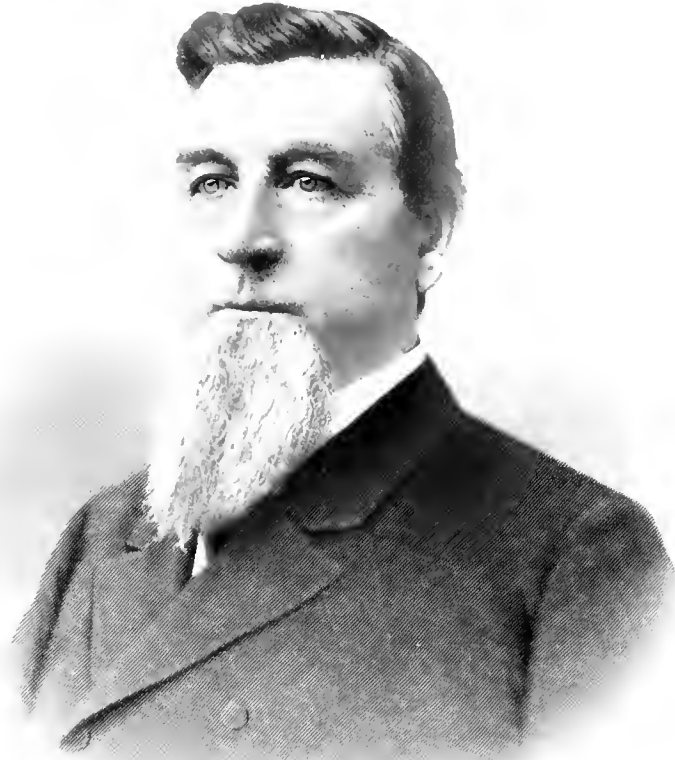
The late Ansel L. Hill, of Faribault, Minnesota, was born of English parents in Williamsburgh, Hampden county, Massachusetts, on the 2nd of April, 1830. Fourteen months after his birth his father died, and his mother (whose maiden name was Magdalene Simason) reared the boy in his native town, sending him to the neighboring common schools. At sixteen he began to learn the machinist's trade at Haydenville, Massachusetts, and was afterwards employed for a short time in the Ames establishment at Chicopee. When about eighteen years of age—in 1848—he came west to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he started the pioneer machine shop of the place, operated by horse power. Early in 1852 he went to California, where he sojourned for some two years, making the round trip by water. Upon his return to Fond du Lac, he followed the lumber trade for about a year, then, in 1855, came to Minnesota and established himself in the manufacture of furniture, in which business he continued in Faribault during the remainder of his life, and was sole proprietor of the A. L. Hill Manufactory. He began on an humble scale, on Willow street, his motor being a single blind horse on a tread wheel, and but one mechanic being employed. In 1868 he transferred his plant to a larger building on the corner of Willow and Third streets, introduced steam power and facilities for over twenty operatives. In 1872 this property was completely destroyed by fire; but, undismayed, Mr. Hill rebuilt almost immediately, the ill-fated establishment being in six months succeeded by a much larger one, substantially built of brick and furnished with a greatly improved equipment. Again, on December 30, 1889, his premises were devastated, the engine house alone being preserved intact. The loss involved in the second fire was about \$35,000, and sixty men were thrown out of employment. But,

still undaunted, Mr. Hill proceeded to erect the present works, which stand as a stalwart testimonial to his business energy and courage and his faith in the future. It would be impossible to estimate the benefit which Faribault has realized from the citizenship of A. L. Hill. His loyalty to the city of his adoption was proverbial, and his enthusiasm for her future contagious. Although harassed by the fire fiend, his indomitable perseverance and business sagacity were rewarded by a handsome fortune; but he was deaf to every overture of speculative venture outside of his beloved city, investing all his surplus funds in enterprises contemplating her advancement. He was probably a larger owner of city real estate than any other resident of Faribault. Among the noblest monuments to his enterprise may be mentioned his fine business block on Main street, of which the third story was finished as an opera house, and for years furnished the citizens with a superbly-equipped place of entertainment; also the three-story Union block, with its spacious auditorium, erected by Mr. Hill and W. D. Fox, jointly. Mr. Hill was a staunch Republican, but he had no aspirations for public life, being wholly devoted to business achievement. He was economical and provident, and possessed a determination that no ordinary calamity could thwart. During the three or four years of business depression following the panic of 1893, at some period of which nearly every furniture factory in the country was suspended, Mr. Hill's establishment was not shut down for a single week day, and his employes invariably received their pay on Saturday night. Apart from his principal business, Mr. Hill also conducted an undertaker's establishment during nearly his entire residence in Faribault, this being for many years the only one in the place. Mr. Hill was twice married. The first wife, Betsey Miller, whom he married in 1860 at Springfield, Massachusetts, died nine years later; and in 1872 he was united to Cornelia J. Gifford, daughter of Ezra D. and Lydia Ann Gifford, pioneer settlers of Faribault. Mr. Hill's death occurred on February 21, 1897, and, after impressive services, the

body was laid at rest in Maple Low cemetery, of the corporation controlling which the deceased had for many years been treasurer and an active manager. He leaves no children, but Mrs. Hill survives him, also two sisters, viz.: Mrs. A. Root, of Northampton, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Leach, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Hill attended the Episcopal church, and were among its most substantial supporters, contributing, also, generously but with discrimination, to many other institutions and enterprises. Mr. Hill's loss is the regret of a wide circle of friends in Rice county, who remember him as a leader in the progress of Faribault, and a man whose character, commercial and private, was beyond reproach. He was a man of thoroughly domestic habits, and his memory abides in the lives of those who knew him most intimately as a true and gracious presence.

JOSEPH B. COTTER.

Rt. Rev. Joseph Bernard Cotter, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Winona, Minnesota, was born in Liverpool, England, November 19, 1844. He is the son of Lawrence P. and Anne Mary (Perrin) Cotter. The family came to America in 1850, and located at Cleveland, Ohio, where they remained for about five years. In the autumn of 1855 they removed to St. Paul, Minnesota. The father of Bishop Cotter was a journalist by profession, and during his residence in St. Paul served for several terms as city clerk. He was the incumbent of that office at the time of his death in 1862. The fundamental education of Bishop Cotter was obtained in private academies in the cities of Cleveland and Fremont, Ohio, and after the removal to St. Paul he continued his studies in the Cathedral school of that city. Later on he went to Pennsylvania and entered St. Vincent's College, and on completing the work for which he had gone thither, he returned to Minnesota and was for a time a student at St. John's College. The latter two institutions he attended for classical, philosophical and theological courses. On May 21, 1871, in the Cath-



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dral of St. Paul, our subject was ordained priest by Rt. Rev. Thomas Langdon Grace, D. D., and on June 9th following he assumed charge, by virtue of official appointment, of St. Thomas' church, in Winona, Minnesota, of which city he in that month became, and has since remained, a resident. From his church in Winona as center, he attended the missions of St. Charles, Lewiston, Ridgway and Hart, up to the year 1882. In 1872 he founded the Father Mathew Society of Winona; and subsequently was for several years president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, for which organization, in 1887, he did duty in the capacity of lecturer, visiting for this purpose some of the leading cities of the States of New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and securing, as a gratifying result of his labors, about sixty thousand pledges of total abstinence. In 1889 he was elected Bishop of Winona; and, December 27, of the same year, in the Cathedral of St. Paul, he was consecrated first Bishop of Winona by Archbishop John Ireland, assisted by Archbishop Grace and Bishop Marty. The diocese over which Bishop Cotter presides embraces the two southern tiers of counties of Minnesota, together with Wabasha county on the third tier. This diocese, which on the date of its erection, in the year 1889, comprised forty-five priests, eighty churches, two academies for girls, twelve parochial schools, one industrial school for boys and two hospitals, has had a rapid growth, and shows a present status of seventy priests, one hundred and twenty churches, and fifteen chapels, three academies for young ladies, twenty parochial schools—furnishing education to about four thousand children—three hospitals and an orphan asylum; and its total membership exceeds forty-five thousand souls.

DONALD GRANT.

Donald Grant, of Faribault, president of the Orinoco Company, and for many years well known for his conspicuous part in the railroad

construction of the Northwest, was born December 10, 1837, in Glengary county, Ontario. He is the son of Alexander B. and Catherine (Cameron) Grant, both Scotch Highlanders, and his father served for thirty years as sheriff of Glengary county. Donald grew up on the home farm, surrounded by some of the most picturesque of Canadian scenery, and attended the neighboring school to the age of nineteen. In 1857 he came over to the United States and engaged as a farm hand in Ohio. He worked industriously and proved the truth of the old adage: "Take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves." In due time he returned to his home in Ontario with several hundred dollars of his earnings, but discovered too late that the money was the issue of "wild-cat" banks which had already failed. But undaunted, he returned to Ohio, after a two-months' visit at home, and resumed his rural occupations, gradually working into the business of stock-trading. In 1863, his health having become undermined, he sought the invigorating air of Minnesota, securing employment on a farm in the outskirts of Faribault. Here his health improved rapidly, and in 1864 he entered upon his remarkable career in railroad construction. His first contract was for applying ties on the Minnesota Central—now the Iowa & Minnesota division of the Milwaukee road; and for twelve years he was employed upon some part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system, this lengthy period being followed by a shorter one on the Wisconsin Central. In 1881, in company with Langdon, Shepard & Company, he began the Canadian Pacific, constructing the first 1,066 miles of continuous line westward from Winnipeg to the summit of the Rocky mountains. This strenuous task accomplished, he worked upon minor lines until April, 1887, between which date and the 27th of November following, together with Shepard, Winston & Company, he extended the line of the Great Northern from Minot, North Dakota, to Helena, Montana, a distance of about seven hundred miles—the most rapid construction on record. In 1890 he organized a company for an English syndicate and ran a line of 210 miles from

Montana to Lethbridge, in the British northwest territory. The Duluth & Winnipeg and the Missabe, also, besides numerous other lines, he has assisted in constructing. For over thirty years Mr. Grant has been engaged in this work, the first half of this time with varying, the last half with unvarying and remarkable success. Many of his lines he has threaded through vast forests, making openings into which civilization has quickly pressed. The wilderness and the frontier are familiar scenes to him, and he knows well the meaning of the phrase "roughing it." The thrift and economy which he found so necessary at the outset he has practiced all along the way, and these habits, combined with his rare business sagacity have enabled him to accumulate a large fortune. This fortune he has invested freely in a variety of enterprises, not a few of which have contemplated the advancement of his home city. The opera house of Faribault, the canning works, driving park and the boot and shoe manufactory, are among the enterprises which he has substantially promoted. He is a director of the Citizens' National Bank of Faribault, and is president, also, of two banking institutions in South Dakota. Mr. Grant belongs to the Republican party, but he has been too much absorbed in his chosen industry of railroading to feel strongly the attractions of public life. Although never seeking office, he has, however, served two terms—1892 and 1893—as mayor of Faribault, being the unanimous choice of the citizens without reference to party sympathy; and this general confidence, which he inspires also in the business world, has been one of the factors determining his success. Although so prosperous in the main, Mr. Grant's career has not been wholly without vicissitudes. He was at one time heavily interested in a flouring establishment, which himself and a partner had built, but owing to the excessive expenditure necessitated by the introduction of the roller system, which was at that time replacing more primitive methods of milling, the enterprise proved a failure, Mr. Grant's share of the loss amounting to one hundred thousand dollars. Soon after his return to railroad construction, however, he was able

to cancel all liabilities incurred in the hapless venture. Mr. Grant is the most prominent figure connected with the splendid Venezuelan concession to the Orinoco Company, Limited, being not only president of the company, but principal proprietor in the concession. He is also president of the Rio Verde Canal Company of Arizona, in which, likewise, he holds a large proprietary interest. The Orinoco Company is capitalized at \$30,000,000; the Rio Verde Company at \$3,600,000. The latter enterprise contemplates the building of a dam to reservoir water from the mountains sufficient to irrigate the greater portion of the 450,000 acres of land acquired by the company. December 25, 1860, Mr. Grant was married to Mary Cameron, daughter of Samuel Cameron, of Kingston, Ontario. Seven children have been born to them, of whom two daughters, Mary and Margaret Jane, are deceased. The only son, Samuel, has for years assisted his father in railroad construction, and is a prominent business man of Faribault. There are four living daughters, viz.: Ella (Mrs. N. S. Erb, of Faribault), Isabella (Mrs. H. H. Batcheler, of New York City), Catherine and Emma, who reside at home.

JOHN H. NILES.

John H. Niles, one of the most successful lawyers of Anoka, Minnesota, was born in Albany county, New York, November 22, 1857. His father, John H. Niles, senior, of whom he is the namesake, was also a native of the Empire State, who died when the subject of this sketch was a child of four years. John H., junior, was reared in the State of his birth, attended the common schools, and later the high school, of the city of Albany, then went to New Hampshire and became a student at Dartmouth College. He took a classical course, and graduated from the institution in 1880. Upon leaving college, he returned to Albany and read law for two years in the office of Hand, Hole & Bradley, a prominent legal firm of that city. Soon after he came west, and took a course of instruction in the Law De-



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partment of the University of Iowa. After obtaining his degree at the university, he came to Minneapolis and practiced his profession for a short time. During the summer of 1883 he located in Anoka, announced his professional capacity, was immediately recognized as an enterprising and thorough young lawyer, and soon found himself established in a lucrative and growing practice. In connection with the regular duties of his profession, he adopted, as a side issue, the specialty of abstracting titles; and the demand for his services in this line increased until his work as an abstract attorney formed an important and profitable department of his business. Indeed, for many years he has had the exclusive control of the abstracting for Anoka county. The political views of Mr. Niles are Democratic, in the larger sense of the word—he is a Democrat in principle rather than in party prejudice. He has entertained no aspirations towards public office, but he is always ambitious to see the high places of the land filled with men of high ability and character. Mr. Niles is a thorough-going business man, and in the prime of life possesses a handsome competency; but he is also a man of kindly impulses and deeds, and while traveling the road of financial success he has made warm friends all along the way. Mr. Niles was married, on November 22, 1887, at Anoka, to Miss Zole Ticknor, a daughter of H. L. Ticknor, of that city. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Niles.

WILLIAM E. TODD.

Hon. William Elmir Todd, of Albert Lea, a well known public man of southern Minnesota, was born at Geneva, Kane county, Illinois, August 14, 1853, and died at Mankato, Minnesota, November 11, 1899. His sudden and untimely death was a great shock to his legion of friends, and a great loss to the community and the State. Mr. Todd was in the prime of his manhood and his usefulness, and he was, withal, a man of strong parts and rare accomplishments, a brilliant lawyer, a faithful public official and a knightly gentleman. His father,

Rev. Miles G. Todd, was a Universalist minister, born at Homer, New York, and descended from Scotch-Irish ancestors who were early settlers of New York State. Before her marriage, his mother was Helen M. Parker, and she was also a native of New York State. Reverend and Mrs. Todd were married in Illinois, in September, 1852. In 1855 they moved to Wisconsin, first locating at Merrimac, and two years later at Lodi. On his removal to Lodi, Mr. Todd began teaching, but later was called to the pastorate of the Universalist church. While in the ministry at Mazomanie, he entered the army as chaplain, and served until the close of the war. After his discharge he returned to Mazomanie, and for the next twenty years was in charge of the Universalist church, successively at Columbus, Oshkosh, Columbus again, and Lodi. He died suddenly of hemorrhage of the brain at Mason City, Iowa, in 1888. William E. Todd was naturally a student and of scholarly tastes. After attending the high school at Columbus, Wisconsin, he, in 1869, entered the Jefferson Liberal Institute, a Universalist school at Jefferson, Wisconsin, where he remained two years, paying his way through school by outside work. He taught country schools in 1871 and 1872, and in the spring of the latter year entered the Wisconsin State University. The next fall, however, he left the university, returned to the Jefferson Institute, and taught Latin and mathematics in that institution; the following year he taught in the town of York. In the fall of 1874 he again entered the University of Wisconsin, taking a modern classical course, and graduated with honors in 1877. While in college he was noted for his proficiency in Latin and history, and a portion of the time he was assistant instructor in chemistry. A few months after his graduation Mr. Todd assumed the principalship of the public schools at Lodi, Wisconsin, and in connection with his school work began the study of law. February 22, 1880, he married Miss Alice I. Coapman, who was at the time a teacher in the Lodi schools. The following summer he entered the law office of A. J. Cook, Esq., of Columbus, Wisconsin,

and continuing his legal studies for a year, was then admitted to the bar at Portage. In the fall of 1881 Mr. Todd removed to Albert Lea and formed a law partnership with the late Judge E. C. Stacy. His total income the first year was only about four hundred dollars, but his ability and application to business were recognized and appreciated, and his business increased in due time. He continued in partnership with Judge Stacy for about two years, when he became associated with the late Judge John Whytock. This association was dissolved in a comparatively short time, and thereafter Mr. Todd engaged in the practice on his own account, until 1897, when he formed a partnership with Henry C. Carlson, under the firm name of Todd & Carlson. Mr. Todd early became prominently identified with the interests of Albert Lea. He had not been in the city very long when he became a member of the school board, and was its clerk for fifteen years, retiring in 1897, after positively declining a re-election. Though this position was not at all remunerative or distinguished, he regarded it as a place of high responsibility and one of great honor and trust. He would not have exchanged it for any other position within the bestowal of his fellow citizens, and he did not retire from it until, largely by his efforts and influence, the schools were running under a perfect system, and his increasing personal duties made it imperative upon him to resign the routine work to others. In 1886, after serving two terms as city attorney of Albert Lea, he was elected county attorney of Freeborn county; he was re-elected in 1888, holding the office for two terms. It is needless to say that his service in both positions was most faithful and of the highest proficiency. He was not an office seeker, or he might have become distinguished in public positions. For he was an enthusiastic Republican and took an active interest in the affairs of his party, which during his residence in Minnesota was dominant in Freeborn county and the State. He was frequently a delegate to his party's conventions, often took part in political campaigns, was a noted public speaker, and at the time of his death was an executive member

of the Republican State Committee. But Mr. Todd's chief ambition was to excel in his chosen profession of the law. As he grew in it, its governing principles fascinated him, and he was a student until the hour of his death. He literally "died in the harness," being stricken down by apoplexy while in the Federal court room at Mankato, engaged in the trial of a case. Mr. Todd had secured a large clientage and a lucrative practice; was the attorney for numerous business firms and associations, a number of railroad corporations, and had an extensive general practice as well. He was a prominent member of the State Bar Association, and for three successive years this organization sent him as a delegate to annual conventions of the National Bar Association. A brother lawyer thus describes Mr. Todd's professional character:

"His knowledge of the law was reinforced by an almost intuitive understanding of human nature, and these qualifications were the real foundation of his success as a practitioner in the District and Supreme Courts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota. His analytic mind rarely failed to discover the flaws in the testimony of a witness or the weakness in the argument of an opposing counsel, and his earnest manner and persuasive voice impressed the logic of his case upon the hearer with convincing force. The office of county attorney made him acquaintances, and his practice grew rapidly until he not only represented almost every important business interest in Freeborn county, but was often called to far distant points to conduct important cases. He always tried his cases promptly and fairly. Despite his liberal donations to charity and public enterprises, his expenditures in the purchase of a large and valuable law and private library, etc., his accumulations were considerable, and he left a comfortable estate."

The personal qualities of William Elmir Todd were most striking. He was a man of attractive presence, bright, spirited and debonaire. His large warm heart matched his active, intelligent brain. From his boyhood his character was pure and noble. As has been stated, Mr. Todd was married February 22, 1880, to Miss Alice I. Coapman. Mrs. Todd and her daughter, Liela, are living in Albert Lea. Other

surviving members of Mr. Todd's family are his mother, Mrs. Helen M. Todd; two sisters, Mrs. Eugene C. Christer, of Albert Lea, and Mrs. Henry Mead, of Shell Lake, Wisconsin; also four brothers—Charles, Lewellyn and Willard Todd, of Merrimac, Wisconsin, and Miles Todd, of Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

CLARENDON D. BELDEN.

In this cosmopolitan age, few of our citizens are able to trace so extended and so honorable an American lineage as is Mr. C. D. Belden, of Austin, Minnesota. He is a Yankee of the most thoroughbred type, the family stock on both sides being a distinctively New England production, and the paternal and maternal genealogies together including four Revolutionary soldiers and three of the Mayflower pilgrims, viz.: John Alden, George Soule and Richard Warren. The parents of Clarendon D. were Stanton and Antoinette (Manchester) Belden, and his paternal grandmother—Prudence Ann Sholes, of Groton, Connecticut, was the daughter of Nathan Sholes, a patriot of the Revolution who was killed while defending Fort Griswold. Stanton Belden was a native of Massachusetts, born and reared in Sandisfield. He graduated from Yale College with the class of 1833, and was for thirty-five years principal of the Fruit Hill Classical Seminary near Providence, Rhode Island. Antoinette Percival Manchester was, also, a native of the Old Bay State, Fall River being her early home; and the Manchester lineage is directly traceable to Benjamin Church, distinguished in King Philip's war as commander of the little force by which the chief was slain. Clarendon Dwight Belden was born on May 3, 1848, at Fruit Hill, above referred to as the location of his father's academy, and aptly named, since the hill comprised a fine fruit farm of some ten acres. Here the boy grew up, acquiring the rudiments of his education in the home institute and at Lyons University Grammar School, Providence, Rhode Island. In 1864 he matriculated for a classical course at Brown University, from which institution he graduated with

the degree of B. A. in 1868, the higher degree of M. A. being subsequently conferred upon him by his Alma Mater. In college he became a member of each of the Greek letter fraternities—Delta Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa. Young Belden inherited his father's taste and aptitude for pedagogy, and on leaving college he accepted a position as principal of a New England graded village school, which he filled for three years. He then became a student at the Crozer Theological Seminary at Upland, Pennsylvania. He graduated here in 1871, and in May of the same year was ordained by a council assembled by the Memorial Baptist church of Philadelphia. In the following autumn he came to Minnesota, locating as pastor at Austin. For seven and a half years he labored in this field, and with gratifying results; but in the spring of 1882, he resigned his pastorate to assume new duties as superintendent of schools of Mower county, having been elected in the preceding November. This post he filled until the beginning of 1891, and during the nine years of his incumbency he developed a complete graded system in the district schools of the county, meantime serving for one year as president of the Minnesota County Superintendents' Association. In October, 1891, Mr. Belden responded to a summons to the Baptist church in Windom, Minnesota, and during the year that he officiated as pastor of the congregation its new meeting-house was finished and dedicated and a heavy debt liquidated. The fall of 1892 found him again in Austin, to enter upon his duties as associate editor of the Mower County Transcript, in which he purchased a half interest a year later. In December, 1898, he acquired full proprietorship of the paper, to the management of which he now devotes the greater part of his time. The Transcript is one of the leading Republican newspapers of Southern Minnesota, but Mr. Belden is a man of very broad and liberal views, and is an earnest worker in the cause of non-partisan municipal reform and the kindred one of improved citizenship. Mr. Belden has done much to promote the editorial associational movement, having been for a number of years the

Minnesota member of the executive committee of the National Editorial Association. Mr. Belden has also written much for religious publications. In fact, during the past twenty years he has contributed frequently and richly to both the secular and the religious press. Mr. Belden is a man of many sided capability. He was one of those who, in 1893, organized the Austin Co-operative Creamery Association, of which he became and still continues general manager. Along this same line he did duty in 1898 as president of the Minneapolis Dairy Board of Trade, and in the present year of 1900 he has been elected vice-president for Minnesota of the National Buttermakers' Association. And Mr. Belden has everywhere and always been deeply interested in educational work. As clerk of the Austin board of education he has done good service, and he has, for a number of years, acted on the examining board. With all his other interests he has kept in close touch with the activities of the Baptist denomination, laboring in his office of clergyman as opportunity has permitted. Indeed, in his capacities of educator, progressive journalist and spiritual guide, he has been a three-fold blessing to his community. On June 27, 1877, Mr. Belden was married to Mrs. Francis L. Crandall, of Austin. They have a daughter, born to them on June 24, 1882, named Antoinette Griffith Belden. Our subject is a Royal Arch Mason, and much devoted to the order. He is also past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias.

ROBERT REED.

This family of Reed is easily traceable to a Scotch-English ancestry, although the immediate progenitors of our subject were born in this country, his great-grandfather having served under the American flag in the War of 1812. His father devoted the greater part of his life to agriculture, and died in Iowa in the year 1855. Robert Reed, who is a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, was barely ten years of age at the time of his father's decease, the date of his birth having been March 2, 1845;

and thus early orphaned, he was constrained to put aside childish things and look out upon life through the serious eyes of responsible years. Previous to his father's death, and for a year or two afterwards, he attended the district schools of Iowa. He then obtained employment, at five dollars a week, which occupied him for a year. When the Rebellion broke out, he enlisted, although but fifteen years of age, in the Fourteenth Iowa Regiment of Infantry, from which he was subsequently transferred to the Forty-second Iowa Regiment. Upon the expiration of his term of service he re-enlisted in the Seventh Iowa Cavalry, with which he did duty on the western plains in protecting the lives and property of the frontier settlers against the Indians. Thus at a time of life when so many youths, within the shelter of the parental roof, are amusing themselves with thrilling tales of Indian warfare, young Reed was experiencing its actual perils and strife. He took part in many hard skirmishes, and in numerous instances accomplished the rescue of men or women who had been taken captive by the redmen. At length he was made assistant quartermaster, in which capacity he displayed such ability that he was promoted to a clerkship in the paymaster's department of the Northwest. This post he retained until June 4, 1866, when he was honorably discharged by the Government, after five years of loyal service. He returned to his home in Iowa City, Iowa, and in August of the following year he removed to Minneapolis and engaged in the jewelry business, which he conducted for many years. Later on he established the wholesale jewelry firm of Reed & Daily, which was subsequently modified, by the admittance of a new partner, to Reed, Daily & Betman. After five years of successful operation the firm was incorporated as the Reed-Deman Jewelry Manufacturing Company. Eventually Mr. Reed withdrew from this corporation and established a new wholesale house—the Reed-Bennett Company—which does a flourishing business, and is well known throughout the Northwest. Mr. Reed is a prominent member of the G. A. R., being present commander of



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the Butler Post, No. 73. In politics he is a Democrat. On October 18, 1873, Mr. Reed was married to Miss Julia A. Enke. Of the four children born to them, two sons and a daughter are living. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ALBERT SCHALLER.

Hon. Albert Schaller, of Hastings, present State Senator from the Thirtieth District of Minnesota, and a well-known lawyer of the State, was born in Cook county, Illinois, May 20, 1856. He is a son of Michael and Barbara (Klein) Schaller, and his immediate family is of French origin, his father having been born at Mittelwihr, in the former French province of Alsace. At the time of the French Revolution Senator Schaller's grandfather was eighteen years of age. He enlisted in the French army and saw his first active service under Napoleon in the "Army of Italy" when the young commander made the memorable campaign against the Austrians which first established his military fame and reputation. Mr. Schaller accompanied the great conqueror into the principal capitals of central Europe, served with him through the Russian campaign, and finally fought under him at the battle of Waterloo. Subsequently one of his sons enlisted in the French navy, in which he served several years, making several long voyages and cruises, on one of which his ship visited the West Indies. Michael Schaller would have been made a soldier had he not, under the French law, been exempt from military duty by reason of the fact that his brother was in the navy. When at the close of his naval service the sailor brother returned to his Alsatian home, he induced the remainder of his family to emigrate to America. In 1848 the senior Mr. Schaller, with his family of three sons and a daughter, came to the United States and settled in Cook county, Illinois. Michael Schaller, the father of the subject hereof, had served an apprenticeship in Strasburg as a brewer and cooper, but did not engage in his vocation at once on coming to this country. The year following his arrival, news of the

discovery of gold in California reached "the States," and he caught the gold fever. In 1849 he started from New York City on a steamship for California, by way of Cape Horn. But on reaching Savannah, Georgia, certain legal proceedings caused the steamer's return to New York. Here he embarked on a sailing vessel, and after a long and tedious voyage around "the Horn," landed in San Francisco. He went at once to the gold diggings, and after some years' experience in mining and life on the golden coast, acquired considerable wealth. He returned to Chicago by way of Panama, and in July, 1856, when his son Albert was but a few months old, he came to Minnesota and located at Hastings. Here he established a brewery, the first in the town, and became a leading and respected citizen. Michael Schaller died at Hastings in 1864. Albert Schaller has lived in Hastings since his father came to the place in 1856. His early education was received in the Hastings public schools. Subsequently he attended St. Vincent's College, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, from which institution he graduated in 1870. In 1871, during the last months of the Franco-Prussian war, and in 1872-73, he was a student at St. Hypolite, in France. In 1873 he returned to Hastings, and for two years was engaged in his stepfather's store. For a short time he was engaged in the newspaper business. He then began the study of law in the office of Claggett & Searles. In 1877 he went to the St. Louis Law School, from which he was graduated in 1879. The same year he was admitted to the bar at Hastings. At the ensuing fall election he was elected county attorney of Dakota county, and held the office for two years, or until January, 1891; thereafter, until 1899, he was city attorney of Hastings; from 1895 to 1899 he was also city attorney of South St. Paul. It is remarkable that while holding his first official position, that of county attorney of Dakota county, Mr. Schaller, although fresh from school, and without much practical experience as a lawyer, made an unusually good record. One of his official duties was the prosecution of criminal cases, and of thirteen such cases tried in Janu-

ary, 1880, he secured convictions in eleven, and in the two other cases the accused pleaded guilty. In 1894 he was elected to the State Senate from the Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, and was re-elected in 1898, still holding the position. Although a Democrat, as he has always been since he became a voter, and the Legislatures in which he served were very largely Republican, no other member had more influence in them, or made a better record generally, than Senator Schaller. He was the leading and master spirit in securing the location of the Hospital for the Insane at Hastings. He was the author of the bill providing for normal instruction in the public schools, and an influential champion of the school teachers' certificate bill. He was invariably on the side of the people, as against the corporations, and was largely instrumental in putting through the Senate the pine lands bill and the present insurance code, including the valued policy act. Senator Schaller is an able lawyer, well versed in the principles and practice of the law, and effective as an advocate. He is an accomplished speaker at the bar or on the hustings, with a large fund of humor and a pleasing style generally. He is of decided views and opinions, and a positive character throughout. He was married May 24, 1881, to Miss Kate E. Meloy, a daughter of John C. Meloy, who was a prominent early settler of Hastings. Mr. and Mrs. Schaller have four living children, named Rose Marie, Carl A., Josephine M., and Marion E.

ALEXANDER FARIBAULT.

The late Alexander Faribault, founder of the town of Faribault, Minnesota, was born in Prairie du Chien, Crawford county, Wisconsin, June, 1806, but as his certificate of baptism bears the same date, and as during life he distinctly remembered the latter event, we conclude he must have been born as early as 1802 or 1803. His grandfather, Bartholomew Faribault, came over from Paris, France, to Canada, in 1757, as secretary of the French army. He was the son of Bernard Faribault and Magdalena Hamou, the former of whom

filled an honorable position at the Court Royal, and an officer in the Royal Huissiers, and died in Paris May 8, 1741. Bernard Faribault was a highly esteemed gentleman, and his son, Bartholomew, was born in Paris, where he was notary public. Two years after his arrival in Canada, after the defeat of the Canadians by the French, in 1759, he went to Berthier, where he continued his profession as notary public. He was married to a lady by the name of Veroneau. He died in Berthier, June 20, 1801, and his wife survived him but ten days. They left nine children, the seventh, Jean Baptiste, being the father of Alexander Faribault. He was born at Berthier on the 19th of October, 1775, married Pelagie Haines, and died on the 26th of August, 1860, in Torab. When a child Alexander was very fond of hunting, and remembered that while on a pigeon hunt, the British troops and Indian allies attacked the place. This must have been during the War of 1812. In the spring of 1821, he in company with the old trader, P. La Blan, came up the Mississippi to the Minnesota river, and the latter established a trading post where Le Sueur now is. In the fall Mr. Faribault was given the escort of two Frenchmen, and returned to the Mississippi at the present site of Hastings and traded during the winter. The following spring they went to Fort Snelling, which Mr. Faribault had visited on his previous trip. His father soon after became established on Big Island, at Mendota, as a trader, and when the Indian chief, Wanata, or Cut Head, living where Fort Abercrombie was subsequently built, was wanted at Washington, he was dispatched for him, having for companions Jo Snelling, son of the Colonel, and two French guides. They took a pack horse and made the journey on foot, but when arriving there, purchased of the Indians a pony, which Jo Snelling and Mr. Faribault took turns in riding back. The latter was appointed by Major Taliaferro, United States agent at Fort Snelling, and held the office until 1825. He was married in the latter year to Miss Elizabeth Graham. Her father, Duncan Graham, was an ex-army officer, of the Graham and Duncan families of Scotland, and her mother, a half-



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breed, was a descendant of the earliest explorers of Minnesota. The same year of his marriage, Mr. Faribault established a trading post directly opposite the present city of St. Peter, on the Minnesota river bottom, and the locality became known as We-we, or Wet Land. He lived there in a log house during the winter of 1825-6. As the southern Indians desired a nearer trading post, he, with a guide, in July, 1826, crossed the Cannon river at the present site of Northfield, and encamped where the city of Faribault now stands. He continued his journey through the present site of Waterville, and about nine miles southeast, to a place now known as Okamau, Waseca county, where he concluded to locate. He marked the place by putting up three stacks of hay and returned to Mendota. In the fall of 1827, with seven ox carts and seven French assistants, he made his way back through the wilderness to the post he had selected. He remained at the post three winters, living at Mendota during the summers. In the fall of 1830, Mr. Faribault erected a trading post at Lake Sakata, near where Waterville now is. The following fall he moved to the east end of the lake in the present town of Morristown, Rice county. In 1833, Mr. Faribault followed the Indians south to their hunting grounds, locating in the present county of Faribault. The place had an Indian name, signifying Chained Lakes. He then traded in what is now Steele county, where St. Mary's is now located. In 1835, he came to the present site of Faribault and put up a log house, fifteen by twenty-five feet, located on the east side of Straight river. Ever since he first encamped there, in 1826, it had been his intention to secure the location if the land came into the market. He remained at this post during the winter months, and lived with his family in Mendota during the summer, employing two Frenchmen to look after the stock of goods at the post. The flat on the west side of the river had previously been cultivated by the Indians, and Mr. Faribault plowed most of the land lying between what is now Willow street and the river north of Third street, and planted wheat and corn, the Indians receiving the

benefit, as they would take the wheat from the stacks and thresh it in their blankets, to all of which they were welcome. Mr. Faribault then owned about thirty horses, one hundred head of cattle, and from twenty to forty hogs. In the spring of 1853 he employed twelve men in cutting timber in the woods and hauling lumber from St. Paul. He, during the summer, erected a commodious frame residence, which was the first frame building erected in the county. Mr. Faribault was a member of the Second Legislature in 1851, from the Seventh District. After that he would not enter into politics, with the exception of helping his old friends, General Sibley and Hon. William Windom, in their campaigns. He was at one time called on by a delegation at Faribault, urging him to become a candidate for Representative, but he positively declined, saying his experience had demonstrated that political office was not to his taste. Mr. Faribault was considered a wealthy man for those days, but his generosity ruined him financially. The panic through the country in 1857 caused him heavy losses by the failure of Borup & Oakes in St. Paul, in which he, General Sibley and General Dana were the principal stockholders. All his investments in St. Louis, Missouri, and the depreciation in land values, of which he held considerable, alarmed him, and attempting to retrieve himself financially, he entered into the milling business. He built the Straight River stone mills, in Faribault, and later two others, all of which he operated. Mr. Faribault was the father of ten children, of whom only three are living, viz.: Daniel, William R. and Alexander Leon. His wife, Elizabeth Faribault, died in Elizabethtown, near Fergus Falls, in 1875. Mr. Faribault served in the battle of Birch Coulee in 1862. He died in Faribault, December 28, 1882.

JOSEPH B. COTTON.

Mr. Joseph Bell Cotton, of Duluth, Minnesota, is a native of Indiana, born on a farm near Albion, in Noble county, January 6, 1865. He is the son of Dr. John and Elizabeth J. (Riddle) Cotton. His parents (who are now

deceased) were both natives of Ohio, and Dr. Cotton was a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago. On his father's side Joseph B. is related to the late Rev. Phillips Brooks, D. D., long the distinguished pastor of Trinity church, Boston, Massachusetts. The subject of this sketch was reared upon the home farm in Indiana, in the work of which he participated until sixteen, since which age he has made his own way in the world. His education was begun in the school of the district in which he grew up, and continued in the high school at Albion. He next became a student in the Michigan Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Lansing; and during his college course he distinguished himself by his oratorical gift, being chosen class orator for both his junior and senior years, and being, also, one of the eight commencement orators selected by the faculty from the graduating class with reference to scholarship and general rank. He graduated from this institution, with the degree of B. S., in the class of 1886; but being offered by his alma mater a position as tutor in mathematics, he remained in Lansing for two years longer, meantime reading law under the direction of Hon. Edwin Willits, then president of the college and a former member of Congress from Michigan. June 13, 1888, before the Supreme Court of Michigan, Mr. Cotton was admitted to the bar; and shortly afterwards came to Duluth and located for professional practice. It was during the heat of the Harrison campaign that he arrived in Duluth, and, catching the spirit of the occasion, he plunged at once into politics, soon becoming very popular with the Republican constituency. In the fall of 1892 he was nominated by acclamation for Representative from St. Louis, Lake and Cook counties, to the State Legislature, and was duly elected, receiving the heaviest ballot of any candidate from that district. A strong incentive for entering the Legislature was his interest in securing a third judge for the Eleventh Judicial District. He accordingly introduced the desired measure, and was chiefly instrumental in its passage. He also took an effectual part in putting through the bill which secured the new State capitol, and

participated with equal force in the defeat of the proposed terminal elevator bill. While in the House he served on numerous committees, including those on the judiciary, municipal corporation, grain, warehouse, tax and tax laws. His power as an orator was brought into full play in a fervent and eloquent speech which nominated Senator C. K. Davis for reelection, and won new laurels for himself. In 1891 Mr. Cotton became a member of the law firm of Cotton & Dibbel, recently changed by the admission of a new member to Cotton, Dibbel & Reynolds; and upon the completion of his term of office in the State Legislature, he accepted the position, which he still holds, of attorney for the Duluth, Missabe & Northern Railway Company, and for the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron Mines. He is also vice president and managing owner of the Bessemer Steamship Company, besides being vice president of several companies operating mines on the Missabe range. For the last three years Mr. Cotton's practice has been exclusively in the department of corporation law, and he has been connected with much important litigation, both in this State and in Wisconsin. In the case, brought in the United States Circuit Court, of McKinley vs. Lake Superior Consolidated Iron Mines, which involved the McKinley mine on the Missabe range, he was one of the counsel for the defense, as also in the celebrated case of Merritt vs. Rockefeller, which developed from mining transactions on the Missabe and Gogebic ranges immediately preceding and during the financial crisis of 1893, and is still pending in the United States courts. Mr. Cotton is a Knight Templar and member of the Mystic Shrine, having attained to the thirty-second degree in Masonry. He also belongs to the order of Elks, and to that of the Red Cross of Constantine. Mr. Cotton has been married, but has no children.

SHELDON L. FRAZER.

Sheldon Lord Frazer, of Duluth, was born at Steubenville, Jefferson county, Ohio, October 8, 1845. His early education was received





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in the Cincinnati public schools, which he attended until he was fifteen years of age. Afterwards he was sent to a military school in New Jersey. During the War of the Rebellion some of the members of this school were received by the Government in the military service and performed much valuable work without pay. Mr. Frazer was one of these patriotic young students. Although but a mere youth he served his country, during his school vacations, in several responsible positions. For a time he was a member of the military staff of Major General Irvin McDowell. Under Colonel Weisell, of Ohio, he served with the Union forces during General Kirby Smith's raid into Kentucky, in 1862, when southern Ohio was seriously threatened with Confederate invasion, and in the summer of 1863 he participated in the pursuit of General John Morgan, when that bold rebel raider and his rough riders and fierce fighters made their raid through Ohio. He was also in the second battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, under General Sedgwick. In 1865, the year the war closed, he was engaged with his father in the wholesale grocery trade in Cincinnati and in 1868 became a member of the firm. In 1883 he engaged in the grain business at Toledo, Ohio; subsequently he represented the interests of his firm at Kansas City, Missouri. In the spring of 1857, Mr. Frazer located in Duluth as the general agent in the Northwest for the Diebold Safe and Lock Company, manufacturers of fire and burglar proof safes. In 1890 he left this position to become receiver of the United States land office at Duluth, serving until 1895. Subsequently he engaged in his present vocation, that of land attorney, in which he has been most successful. He has participated in the litigation of some of the most important land cases ever adjudicated in the State, and in his professional specialty has attained a reputation that is well nigh invaluable. Mr. Frazer is a well and popularly known citizen of Duluth. He has been a member of the city public school board for two years, and takes a prominent part in the active affairs of the municipality generally. During his residence in Cincinnati he was for two years

a member of the board of commissioners of the Cincinnati Exposition. Mr. Frazer is prominent in the affairs of various secret orders, notably in Free Masonry. In 1866, when he had reached his majority, he became a member of Magnolia Lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F., at Cincinnati, and held certain minor offices in the lodge. In 1869 he was one of the charter members and the first K. of R. and S., of Crescent Lodge, No. 42, of the Knights of Pythias, Ohio. In symbolic masonry, he was made a Master Mason in Vattier Lodge, No. 386, Cincinnati, May 24, 1871. Upon locating in Duluth he joined Palestine Lodge, No. 79, in 1888. In 1889 he organized Ionic Lodge, No. 186, Duluth, and served as secretary until in December, 1892, when he was elected S. W. In December, 1893, he was elected master, and for the past five years has been a trustee, and for three years chaplain of the lodge. He has been a member of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota since January 12, 1893. In 1889, when the Scottish Rite bodies were organized in Duluth, he took the degrees and was one of the charter members of the organization. When Zenith Council, No. 3, was instituted—January 23, 1890,—he was elected Second Lieutenant, and in 1893 became First Lieutenant. October 18, 1893, he was made, by the Supreme Council, a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, and October 20, 1899, the Council in session at Washington, D. C., made him an Inspector General honorary of the thirty-third degree, and an honorary member of the Council. He has held various other offices in the several bodies of the Rite and has taken an active part in its work. Upon the organization of the Masonic Library Association, in 1899, he was made a member of the board of control, secretary and librarian. In January, 1893, he became a member of Osman Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at St. Paul, and since, in January, 1897, has been District Deputy Grand Master. Mr. Frazer was married October 29, 1874, to Miss Elise McDowell Backus, of Toledo, Ohio, and they have one child, a daughter, named Elisabeth Frazer. Mr. and Mrs. Frazer are members of St. Paul's Episcopal church at Duluth.

Mr. Frazer's father, Abner Lord Frazer, is still living. His remote ancestors came to America early in the Seventeenth Century and he is a descendant of the distinguished English general of his family name. He was born at Columbus, Ohio, January 21, 1821. His mother's maiden name was Betsy Lord. He was reared by his step-father, Hon. Benjamin Tappan, who was at one time United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Ohio and subsequently represented the State in the United States Senate. He was educated at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. Adopting the profession of civil engineer, he located the canals and certain railroad lines in Northwestern Ohio, and a division of the Steubenville & Indiana Railroad from Newark, Ohio, to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, now a part of the Pennsylvania system, completing his work in railroad surveying on a line now a portion of the Chesapeake & Ohio. In 1856, he removed to Cincinnati, and became associated with his brother in the wholesale grocery trade, continuing until 1887, when he retired from active business. His life record is an enviable one. He has been a useful, honorable citizen and a "doer of good works" all his days. He has been a member of the Episcopal church since boyhood and was a senior warden of the church for thirty years. For many years he was the superintendent of the Sunday school of St. John's church, Cincinnati. A humanitarian by nature, he has done his part for the fallen and unfortunate and every worthy charitable enterprise has always found in him a promoter and a liberal friend. He was president of the Humane Society of Cincinnati for a long time. A sincere and devout Christian, he has always taken a deep interest and an active part in religious matters. He has been public spirited to an eminent extent and offered the original resolution in the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce for the establishing of the city's famed exposition; he was the first secretary of the exposition board of commissioners. Always a close student, his mind is well stored and is yet clear and active. He is an able and effective writer and a recent article from his pen on "The Christian Observance of the Opening

of the Twentieth Century" attracted much favorable attention and admiring comment. Mr. Frazer is spending the evening of life at his long-time home in Cincinnati. In many personal characteristics his son, Sheldon L., resembles him very closely.

ALLEN F. FERRIS.

Allen Frank Ferris, president of the First National Bank of Brainerd, Minnesota, is a native of New York, born at Perrysburg, Cattaraugus county, July 22, 1865. His father, William Ferris, was born in Otto, New York, August 1, 1827, and secured work in a store at Gowanda, New York, when only fifteen years old. While living at Gowanda he was married to Miss Buelah A. Allen, a native of that place, and daughter of Judge Daniel Allen, of the District Court. Judge Allen was a prominent man in his State, and was once nominated for the Governorship, but declined to run. He was a native of Massachusetts, and his wife was Esther Manley, daughter of Capt. John Manley, of Connecticut. William Ferris was for fifteen years agent of the Erie Railroad at Perrysburg, New York, and it was at that place that his son, Allen, was born, July 22, 1865. In 1872, Mr. Ferris moved to Minnesota and established himself at Brainerd as agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad and of the United States Express Company. In 1881 he organized the First National Bank of Brainerd and was president of the bank at the time of his death in 1882. Young Allen was only seven years old when his parents removed to Minnesota. He attended the common schools at Brainerd and took two years at Carleton College at Northfield. In 1885, when twenty years of age, he entered the First National Bank as teller and during the following year was elected cashier. In 1892 he was made president and still occupies that position. Mr. Ferris has taken a prominent part in the public affairs of his city. He was elected an alderman in 1891, and was made vice president of the city council. In 1892 and 1893 he was re-elected. In 1894 he was elected as a member



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of the Lower House of the State Legislature. He took a very active part in the legislation of the ensuing Legislative term, and as chairman of the railroad committee of the House of Representatives, was influential in shaping important legislation. He was the author of the seed bill, which formulated a plan for aiding the farmers who lost everything by the forest fires of 1894, and needed seed for sowing in the spring, in order that they might get a fresh start. The work of Mr. Ferris in the House was rewarded by a re-election in 1896. During his third term in the Legislature, he was chairman of the joint reapportionment committee in the House and Senate, and during his last term he was chairman of the railroad committee. Governor Merriam appointed Mr. Ferris to the Game and Fish Commission in 1891, and for five years he was secretary of that body. Mr. Ferris is president of the Chenuquatana Club of Brainerd, vice president of the Board of Trade, captain of the Brainerd division, No. 7, U. R. K. P., a member of the Masonic body, of the Knights of Pythias and of the Improved Order of Red Men. On June 8, 1888, he was married to Miss Annie M. Stegee. They have one child, Frank W. Ferris, born June 12, 1889.

JONATHAN L. NOYES.

Jonathan Lovejoy Noyes, A. M., of Fairbault, is from a sturdy stock of New Englanders whose ancestry may be traced back through the mother country to a remote Norman origin, the present name of Noyes being a modification of the Norman Noyé. The family was introduced into this country in 1634, in the persons of two brothers—Rev. James and Nicholas Noyes, sons of a clergyman of Choulderton, Wiltshire county, England. Rev. James Noyes, the elder brother, had been an English teacher, educated at Oxford, and pursued his profession in Newbury, Massachusetts, where he located. The subject of this sketch is a lineal descendant of Rev. James, and a grandson of Moses Noyes, who was a soldier of the French and Indian and the Revo-

lutionary wars, having served in the latter as orderly sergeant and participated in the famous conflict at Concord. In 1781 he settled in Windham, Rockingham county, New Hampshire, removing thither from Massachusetts; and here, nearly half a century later—on June 13, 1827—Jonathan L., of our sketch, was born, the son of James and Abigail (Lovejoy) Noyes. He was reared upon the home farm, and at the age of fourteen was sent to Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. His father paid his way for one year, but felt unable to continue, owing to the numerous other demands upon him. Besides Jonathan, there were seven other children to be provided for, and he had been the mainstay of his parents in their declining years, paying off a heavy debt which had long burdened the old homestead. So Jonathan, with a thrift that paralleled his sire's, assumed his own support and education. Connecting himself with the teachers' seminary at Andover, he arranged for an opportunity to teach during three winter terms, spending his summers as a farm toiler. Furnished thus with funds, he returned to Phillips Academy, where he pursued his studies for three years longer. His academic course completed, he taught for one year in Andover, then, in 1848, entered Yale College. He graduated in 1852 and entered at once upon an engagement to teach at Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. It was his intention later to study for the ministry; but he had been forced to incur indebtedness while in college, and accepted this position with a view to canceling same. His work among the unfortunates in this institute, however, so enlisted his interest and sympathies that he resolved to make their instruction and culture his life work. For six years he taught in Philadelphia, then for two years—1858 to 1860—in a similar institution at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Meantime the anti-slavery protest was stirring up a feeling in the South which made more and more uncomfortable and incongruous the position of a resident, with the broad humanitarian sympathies and frank, free New England spirit of Prof. Noyes. Returning North, he engaged to fill a position as instructor in the American

Asylum at Hartford, Connecticut, where he faithfully labored for six years. In 1866 he came to Faribault, in response to his appointment as superintendent of the Minnesota School for the Deaf and the Blind. He had been comfortably established at Hartford, and the new field of labor opened to him on the borderland of civilization was a crude if not a perilous one, offering strenuous toil as its chief attraction. But in the veins of Prof. Noyes flowed an inheritance from pioneer ancestors which well adapted him to cope with the conditions of the frontier. Under his efficient superintendency, the Minnesota institution has been developed from a primitive establishment conducted in a wooden structure which, in its prime, had done duty as a store, to the present spacious and magnificently equipped institute. The building, like the enterprise it houses, was a gradual growth, the north wing being founded during the first year of Prof. Noyes' management, the south wing five years later, and the main structure completed in 1878. The conveniences and beauties of its interior are expressions of the solicitude and taste of Prof. Noyes. Its entire cost was some \$175,000, and it is conceded to be the finest State building in Minnesota. Another philanthropic institution—the Minnesota School for Imbeciles at Faribault—lived as a project in the fertile brain and devoted heart of Prof. Noyes years before it became a material fact. Prof. Noyes presided over the activities of the School for the Deaf for thirty years continuously, maintaining throughout a single-hearted view to the interests of his pupils. He was held ever in a progressive attitude of mind by his sympathetic desire to discover every possible improvement of method for the development of the boys and girls in his charge. At length the constant drain upon his vital energies made such inroads upon his general health as to render imperative his resignation, which was even then accepted with reluctance by the board. Since 1867 Prof. Noyes has been a trustee of Carleton College, at Northfield, Minnesota, having for twenty-five years served as president of the board. On July 21, 1862, Prof. Noyes was

married to Eliza H. Wadsworth, of Hartford, a descendant of Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth, to whom the "Charter Oak" owes its fame, it having been he who concealed the historic document within its protecting bosom. Mrs. Noyes is a highly refined and cultivated woman, and a most admirable character. Always fully in sympathy with her husband's noble ideals and work, she possesses abilities which have qualified her to co-operate with him. She was for seven years an instructor in the American Asylum, a position to which she was peculiarly adapted by her skill in reading human nature and her profound sympathy for misfortune. Prof. and Mrs. Noyes are the parents of one daughter, named Alice Wadsworth. Like her illustrious father, Mrs. Alice Noyes-Smith has shown marked ability as a teacher and has been engaged in that profession for the past ten years in the Faribault Institution. She is a member of the Daughters of the Revolution, through both her parents' ancestry. The family attend service at the Congregational church of Faribault, in which the Professor is a deacon. The Minnesota School for the Deaf stands as a perpetual testimonial to the noble ideals and achievements of its long-time Superintendent; but the true depths of a soul like his can be sounded, and the boundaries of its influence fixed, only by the Infinite mind.

THOMAS S. BUCKHAM.

Thomas Scott Buckham, LL. D., for over twenty years Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, was born in Chelsea, Orange county, Vermont, January 7, 1837. He is the son of Rev. James and Margaret (Barnby) Buckham. His father, a native of Kelso, Scotland, was educated to the ministry in the old Calvinistic school. He lived and preached in England for several years; came to America in 1836, and settled at Chelsea, Vermont. He later removed to Burlington, Vermont, where he continued to preach until he was seventy-five years of age. He was a fine classical scholar, a man of strong mind and a true Christian. He died in Burlington, in 1885, at the good old age of ninety-four years. His wife, Margaret Barn-



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by, was a native of Hull, Yorkshire county, England. She died in Burlington, Vermont, at the age of seventy-six. They were the parents of ten children, of whom three sons and one daughter are yet living. One of the sons has been for twenty five years president of the University of Vermont, at Burlington. Another son is principal of the State Normal School at Monmouth, Oregon, which position he has occupied for the last five years. Previous to that time he was for many years president of the State Normal School at Buffalo, New York. The daughter is Mrs. Martha B. Benedict, wife of B. L. Benedict, Clerk of the United States District Court and Circuit Court for the Eastern District of New York, residing in Brooklyn. The other son is the subject of this sketch. Thomas Scott Buckham received his preparatory education from his father and entered the University of Vermont, where he graduated from the classical course in 1855. Since then the University has conferred on him the degree of LL. D. After graduation he taught Latin and Greek for one year in the seminary at Mexico, Oswego county, New York. In the summer of 1856 he came to Minnesota and settled in Faribault, where he has ever since resided. He had read law while in college and while teaching. As soon as he was settled in Faribault he was admitted to the bar of all the courts. He first commenced the practice with George W. Batchelder, which partnership continued until he was appointed to the bench in 1880, by Gov. John S. Pillsbury, as Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, which office he has continued to hold by re-election without opposition, until the present time. He is now serving his fourth term. Before he was appointed to the bench he served as county attorney for two years and was county superintendent of schools for six years. He was also mayor of Faribault for one term, and was for twelve years on the board of regents of the State University. He served as State Senator in 1873-74, and was chairman of the judiciary committee both terms, and a member of the railroad committee. It was he who drew up the first bill that became a law, for the regulation of railroads in Minnesota. Judge Buck-

ham was married in Brooklyn, New York, November 25, 1866, to Anna M. Mallary, a native of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Buckham attend the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Buckham is a member. They have no children.

ALBERT W. STOCKTON.

Albert William Stockton, State Senator from the Twentieth District of Minnesota, a prominent business man and manufacturer of Faribault, was born March 30, 1841, in Kosciusko county, Indiana. He is the son of John C. and Martha E. (Sippy) Stockton. His father was of English descent and his mother of French extraction. His parents removed to Richland county, Wisconsin, in the fall of 1854, where his father was engaged in farming and where he passed a quiet, uneventful life, in comfortable circumstances, honored and respected by his neighbors. He died at Richland Center, Wisconsin, in July, 1886. Albert W. was reared on his father's farm and received a common school education. August 22, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, going into camp at La Crosse, Wisconsin. In September, the regiment was ordered to Fort Snelling to participate in the Indian War. The regiment was divided, and the company in which Mr. Stockton was serving, was stationed at Alexandria, Minnesota. In December it was ordered to report at Fort Snelling, and from there went to Camp Randall, Madison, Wisconsin. In February the following year his company went South to Columbus, Kentucky, and afterwards participated in all the marches and engagements of the regiment. Mr. Stockton served with his company continuously, and was in all the battles in which the company was engaged until June 11, 1864, when he received a severe gunshot wound in the right thigh, while engaged in the battle of Peach Tree Orchard, in front of Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia. Like thousands of others he experienced serious trouble in the healing of his wound and was confined in various hospitals, where he was an invalid for nearly a year. In June, 1865, he was discharged with his regiment at Madison,

Wisconsin. Returning home he was for several years engaged as a clerk in a general store. In August, 1872, he removed to Faribault, Minnesota, where he has since resided. He served as deputy county auditor of Rice county for twelve years, after which he was assistant cashier of the First National Bank for two years. In 1886 he formed a partnership with John Hutchinson, purchased the Faribault Roller Mills and built the Faribault Furniture Factory, both located at Faribault, and has since been largely engaged in the manufacture of flour and furniture. Mr. Stockton has always taken an active interest in every enterprise tending to build up and promote the best interests of his city and county. For ten years he has served as chairman of the board of county commissioners of Rice county. In 1890 he was honored by the citizens of his district with an election to the State Senate, and was re-elected in 1894 and again in 1898. He is now serving his twelfth year in the State Senate, of which body he was elected president pro tem. in the session of 1899. He has been an active and influential member of the Legislature, having served on various important committees. In 1895 he was chairman of the railroad committee each term. Senator Stockton is a staunch Republican in politics, is a Knight Templar and a member of several other fraternal societies. He was married in Faribault, November 10, 1868, to Miss Belle Frink, daughter of Calvin Frink, late of Faribault. She died May 8, 1876. He was again married, September 10, 1878, to Miss Julia Andrews, of Faribault. They are the parents of one daughter, Glen B. Stockton, a student in the State University, and a son, Charles Murray Stockton, now attending the Shattuck School. Mr. and Mrs. Stockton attend the Congregational church.

RENSSELAER R. NELSON.

The occupation of a Federal District Bench for a period of thirty-nine years is an honor which few men are privileged to point to as their record in the public service. Minnesota,

since its admission to Statehood, has had as its representative on the United States District Bench, Judge Rensselaer Russell Nelson, who exercised jurisdiction over his district until 1896, when he resigned. But Judge Nelson is not the only member of his family who has been prominent in the judiciary of the United States. His father, Samuel Nelson, was for many years and until his death, an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, while Judge Nelson, of Brooklyn, who tried the famous Tilton-Beecher trial in 1875, was a second cousin, this branch of the family spelling their name Neilson. Rensselaer Russell Nelson, of St. Paul, was born in Cooperstown, Otsego county, New York, May 12, 1826. He is of Irish descent on his father's side and of English and Irish on his mother's side. His paternal great-grandfather, John Nelson, came from Ballibay, Ireland, in 1764, when his grandfather, John Rogers Nelson, was a child, and settled in Washington county, New York. Here Samuel Nelson, father of Rensselaer, was born, November 10, 1792, and died at Cooperstown, New York, in December 1873. He served in the War of 1812, and the land warrant given him for his services to his country at that time was located by his son, Rensselaer, on the lands in Minnesota. Young Nelson prepared for college in his native town. When but sixteen years old he entered Yale College, and was graduated from that institution in 1846. He had decided to follow in the footsteps of his father, and at once began reading law in the office of James R. Whiting, of New York City—who sat at one time on the Supreme Bench of the State of New York—and was admitted to the bar in his native town in 1849. He began practice there, but within a short time removed to Minnesota, locating at St. Paul in 1850. He continued his practice in that city for three or four years, then removed to West Superior, Wisconsin. While there, from 1854 to 1856, he served as district attorney of Douglas county. In 1857 he returned to St. Paul and was appointed a Territorial Judge for Minnesota by President Buchanan. Minnesota was admitted to the Union the following year and Judge Nelson was appointed United



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States District Judge, the circuit over which he had jurisdiction taking in the whole of the State of Minnesota. By reason of the great extent of this circuit, he having to preside alone at many terms of court, and also the fact that for many years the criminal laws of the United States were almost exclusively administered by the District Court, Judge Nelson's duties have been of a very laborious and complex character. But he was a hard worker and seldom took leave of his chambers. His long judicial experience on the District Bench, and his early and complete training in the doctrines of the common law, have made him one of the leading expounders of the statutory laws in the United States. He made law and jurisprudence his life study, hence his high standing as a jurist. His decisions were always marked by the strictest impartiality, his judgment in his charges to juries exhibiting a rare judicial instinct to quickly wade through immaterial details to the essential points, and were so finely balanced that his court was seldom brought into conflict with other courts. After a service on the bench of thirty-nine years, Judge Nelson, in 1896, resigned the office which he had so honorably filled, to pass the balance of his days freed from the onerous duties and worries of judicial life and to enjoy well-earned retirement. He carries with him the knowledge that during his term of office he had the unqualified confidence and respect of both the bar and the people of the State. In politics Judge Nelson has been a life-long Democrat, but he has never been a strong partisan. The 3d of November, 1858, he was married to Mrs. Emma F. Wright, nee Beebee, of New York. To them were born two children, Emma Beebee and Kate Russell. The latter died when eight years old.

WILLIAM MORIN.

The late William Morin, of Albert Lea, was born in the year 1827, at Maryborough, Ireland. He grew up in his native country, where he acquired a fair common school education, which was supplemented by the special train-

ing of a civil engineer. He was about twenty years of age when he came to America, and his first five years in this country were spent in New York. He secured the position of chief engineer on the Niagara Gorge Railway, and was engaged upon this and other lines of railroad until 1856, the year in which he came west. After some time spent in deciding upon a favorable location, Mr. Morin eventually settled in Freeborn county, Minnesota, where he invested in large tracts of land and became one of the founders of the town of Albert Lea. He owned about one-half of the present town site, and at the time of his death, which occurred March 17, 1887, was the largest land owner in Freeborn county. He was an energetic and public-spirited man, and played a prominent part in developing the material interests of his city and county. He was a member of the first city council of Albert Lea, and served continuously up to the time of his decease. He was the first county auditor and the first register of deeds of Freeborn county. He was also a member of the board of county commissioners, being one of those appointed by the Governor to locate the State School for Indigent Children. During the Civil War, Mr. Morin served as deputy United States assessor and deputy United States marshal. In 1860 Mr. Morin was married to Margaret E. Wedge, sister of Dr. A. C. Wedge, of Ohio. Two children were born to them, viz.: William A. and Margaret Bell (now the wife of M. D. Purdy, of Minneapolis, assistant United States district attorney). Mr. Morin was a Knight Templar, and as a staunch Republican exerted an active influence in politics. He was never a "place-hunter," but his prominent characteristics of quick perception, common sense and sound judgment and integrity, made him in demand for public office, and he accepted the proffered honors out of loyalty to the State and particularly to the city of Albert Lea. In his latter days, Mr. Morin bought a fine winter residence in Los Angeles, California, and it was here that he passed away. At the news of his death a great wave of regret swept through his home community, and the following is quoted from the local press of that time:

"Mr. Morin was a commissioner of the State Indigent School, at Owatonna, a member of the county board and the city council, and for over twenty-five years he was a leading, if not the most prominent factor in the prosperity and progress of Albert Lea and Freeborn county. He was a man of remarkable executive ability, and in the business world few with his opportunities have been more capable or successful. He was an upright man, and in his habits and example a model man and citizen. Honest, honorable, charitable, kind and true, the ending of his career in the prime of his manhood was a public sorrow."

William A. Morin, only son of the deceased, was born at Albert Lea on July 29, 1864. He obtained his fundamental education in the public schools, and at fifteen entered Pillsbury Academy at Owatonna, Minnesota, from which he graduated with the class of 1884. Upon leaving school he became associated with his father in his extensive real estate operations in Albert Lea, and soon became prominent in business and public affairs. For several years he served as county surveyor, and at a later period as county commissioner; and he succeeded his father on the board of city aldermen. Mr. Morin is a director in numerous institutions, as follows: The Albert Lea National Bank, Albert Lea Milling Company, Duluth, Red Wing & Southern and the Albert Lea & Southern Railroad companies (both in process of construction), and the Consolidated Fire & Marine Insurance Company of Albert Lea. Mr. Morin is president of the Albert Lea Hotel Company, which was organized by him, and is the projector of the new Hotel Albert—a splendid, three-story brick structure erected at a cost of \$50,000, and furnished at \$10,000, being equipped with all the modern improved accommodations. The junior Morin is, also, a Republican, and like his father, takes his share as a responsible citizen in the local politics, without personal ambition for publicity. He, too, is a Knight Templar and member of the Mystic Shrine. On the 16th of August, 1893, at Waverly, Iowa, Mr. Morin was married to Katherine Truesdell, a native of the above

State. Mr. and Mrs. Morin are the parents of a son—William T.—now six years of age.

HENRY H. SIBLEY.

One of the men most prominently and most honorably identified with the early history of Minnesota was he whose name heads this brief and imperfect sketch. Only the most concise account possible of his life career may be given within the present limits, since his personal history is already well known. His fame is a part of that of the commonwealth he did so much to establish, and his name is a household word within its borders. Henry Hastings Sibley was born at Detroit, Michigan, February 20, 1811. He was a son of Judge Solomon Sibley, a native of Massachusetts, who became a distinguished citizen of the Northwest, and died in 1846. His mother was Sarah W. Sproat, a daughter of Col. Ebenezer Sproat, who was an officer in the Patriot army in the War of the Revolution, and her maternal grandfather was Commodore Abraham Whipple, of the American navy. General Sibley was educated in a private school and at an academy in Detroit. At one time in his youth it was designed that he should be sent as a cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point and educated to the profession of a soldier, and he undertook a course of study preparatory therefor; but at last he resigned this prospect in favor of an elder brother, Ebenezer S. Sibley, who graduated at West Point and in time became a colonel in the regular army. His father then wished him to become a lawyer, and he began reading Blackstone at the age of fifteen. In about two years, however, he gave up his legal studies, and when but seventeen years of age went to the military post at Saull Ste. Marie, where he engaged as clerk in the sutler store of one John Hulbert. The next year he engaged as a clerk with the American Fur Company's establishment at Mackinaw. He was at Mackinaw in this capacity about five years. From 1832 to 1834 he was purchasing agent of the company at the Mackinaw station. In 1834 he formed a partnership with Hercules

L. Donsman and Joseph Rolette, in the "American Fur Company of New York," of which corporation Ramsay Crooks was president. By the terms of the agreement Donsman and Rolette were to continue in charge of the company's station at Prairie du Chien, and Sibley was given control of the country above Lake Pepin, to the headwaters of the streams flowing into the Missouri and north to the British line, with his headquarters at "St. Peters," as the locality at the mouth of the Minnesota was then called. He at once set out for his new field and arrived at Fort Snelling November 7, 1834. The trip from Prairie du Chien to the fort, three hundred miles, was made on horseback with Alexis Bailly and two French Canadian employees. He lived at Mendota for twenty-eight years, or until 1862, and during this period was, by territorial changes, without a change of residence, successively a citizen of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa Territories, and of the Territory and State of Minnesota. In his isolated situation, for many years his companions and associates were the members of the garrison at Fort Snelling, the traders and clerks of the fur company, and the Indians. From time to time, however, came travelers and prominent personages—as Schoolcraft, Nicollet, Featherstonhaugh, Marryat, Catlin, Fremont, et id genus omne—and these were always his guests. He became the chief factor of the fur trade, thoroughly informed in the general character of the country, and an authority upon its geography, its occupants, and its resources. With the Indians he became thoroughly acquainted. He not only traded with them, but he learned their language, exchanged visits with them, ate with them, slept in their lodges, hunted with them, and was given by them an Indian name, "Wah-ze-o-man-nee" (Walker in the Pines), in addition to his general designation, "Wah-pecton-honska" (The Tall Trader). He spoke and wrote the Sioux and French languages as fluently as the English. From the date of his advent into it, until Minnesota became a Territory, he was by all odds the most prominent and influential character in the country. From the first he became connected with its public

affairs. He was appointed by Governor Chambers, of Iowa Territory, in 1838, the first justice of the peace west of the Mississippi in the present Minnesota, his jurisdiction extending over what now forms the whole of the State west of the river, a portion of Iowa, and the greater portion of the two Dakotas. He was the first foreman of a grand jury within the same limits. In 1842, Governor Chambers commissioned him a captain in the Iowa militia, and he raised and drilled a company of seventy-five mounted riflemen. In 1848 he was elected a delegate to Congress from the country left over from the former Wisconsin Territory upon the admission of the State, and after some delay was admitted to a seat. During his first session he introduced and secured the passage of the act organizing Minnesota Territory. In the fall of 1849 he was elected to represent the new Territory and re-elected in 1851. His services in Congress were invaluable to his constituents and their Territory. In 1857 he was elected president of the Democratic branch of the Constitutional Convention, and in 1858 was elected the first Governor of the State. He served a term in the Legislature in 1871, was one of the original board of regents of the State University, was president of the board for several years, and still a member at his death. For two years he was president of the State Normal School board. His military services during the Indian wars, from 1862 to 1865, gained for him a reputation and renown which will never perish, though perhaps never be fully appreciated. The next day after the sudden and disastrous uprising of the Sioux of Minnesota, August 18, 1862, he was commissioned colonel, commanding the expeditionary force ordered against them. That evening he planned his campaign, and afterwards carried it out with hardly an unimportant deviation from the original designs. How well he executed his mission history tells, and nearly everybody who will read these pages knows. His little force, hastily organized and insufficiently equipped, was not only an army of offensive invasion, but an army of liberation and salvation. Finally, at Wood lake, September 23, it assaulted the savages at their

most formidable stand, defeated them completely and drove them, howling in terror and dismay, from the country. Then it made prisoners of nearly two thousand of the fugitive redskins, and won the crowning feature of its work in the rescue from a bondage nearly as terrible as death of two hundred captives, nearly all women and children. Six days after the battle of Wood lake the President commissioned Sibley a brigadier general. He continued in service until April, 1866, retiring with the rank of brevet major general. During this period he led the so-called "Sibley Expedition" of 1863 against the Sioux of Dakota, defeated them in three battles and drove them across the upper Missouri. In 1864-5 he was in command of the military district of Minnesota, from which he was relieved in August, 1865, and detailed on a commission with General Curtis and others to conclude treaties with the hostile Indians of the Missouri. Meantime, in 1862, he removed from Mendota to St. Paul, where he ever after resided. His connection with the business interests of the city and State became very intimate and prominent. At various periods he was president of the Chamber of Commerce, director in the First National Bank, and in the St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad, president of the St. Paul Gas Company, of the board of regents of the State University, of the State Historical Society, of the Oakland Cemetery Association, etc. In 1888-9 he was commander of the Minnesota Commandery of the Loyal Legion. The county of Sibley, the city of Hastings, Sibley street, and the Sibley school were named for him, circumstances which indicate his prominent connection with public affairs and his high regard in the public estimation. He was, by nature, kind-hearted, generous and liberal, even to prodigality, and he probably gave as much to public and private charity as any other citizen of the State. Naturally he was intellectual, and was a good writer and speaker. His literary tastes were quite marked. After his death his papers were turned over to the Historical Society, examined, selected, and filed. It was found that he had preserved, with scrupulous care, probably every letter and every other pa-

per that he had received from the age of sixteen to within a few months of his death. Over three thousand of his letters and papers of historic character are now on file in the vaults of the society. After a long life of usefulness, prominence, honor and distinction, General Sibley died, at his residence on Woodward avenue, St. Paul, February 18, 1891, within two days of his eightieth birthday. His death was an event in the history of the city, and all proper public and private honors were paid to his memory. He left many sincere friends who admired him almost to reverence for his noble qualities, his many generous actions, and his pure and exalted character. General Sibley married, May 2, 1843, Miss Sarah J. Steele, daughter of Gen. James Steele, of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Sibley was a lady of very superior traits of character and general worth, a most befitting companion for her gallant and distinguished husband, and beloved by all who knew her. She died, after twenty-six years of unusually felicitous domestic life, in May, 1869, leaving four children—Augusta, now Mrs. Augusta A. Pope, relict of Captain Douglas Pope, U. S. A.; Sarah, now Mrs. E. A. Young, of St. Paul; Charles Frederic, of Washington, D. C., and Alfred Brush Sibley, of St. Paul.

JOHN B. WHEELER.

John Brown Wheeler, of Faribault, is a native of Massachusetts, born at Northbridge, Worcester county, on the 8th of May, 1822. His parents, Benjamin and Rhoda (Aldrich) Wheeler, were both Quakers of old New England stock, who followed an agricultural life, and the subject of this sketch was reared amid rural scenes. He was educated at the Friends' school in Providence, Rhode Island, where, as well as in his home, he was imbued with the virtues of simplicity, honesty and thrift. He taught school during a few winter terms, and, responding to an early demand for his service in the public affairs of his native town, officiated as assessor and on the school board for several years. In 1850, Mr. Wheeler visited Illinois, in which State he remained for about a year, occupied with teaching, in a school



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near Chicago during the winter season, and the following summer at a point further west, after which he returned to his home in Massachusetts. Three years later, his health being in an unsettled state, he was induced to try the climate of Minnesota, and again coming west, he located, in May, 1856, at Faribault, which has ever since been his place of residence and business. He opened a drug store on the corner of Main and Second streets, and proceeded to erect the store building where his business was located for forty-two years. His stock at first consisted of a fine assortment of drugs and fancy goods, to which he afterwards added a large supply of groceries, crockery, etc. He conducted both a wholesale and a retail trade; and being a pioneer merchant of the town, with a widely various stock of goods, he commanded an extensive patronage and realized good success. In 1899 Mr. Wheeler sold out his mercantile business, and is now living in retirement from active affairs. Side by side with his individual interests, Mr. Wheeler has performed the part of a wide-awake citizen in public activities, having filled many local offices, besides serving for a number of years on the board of county commissioners. He was one of the builders of the Brunswick Hotel, and for a term of years was a director of the Citizens' National Bank, of Faribault. Mr. Wheeler is a man of exemplary habits and perfect integrity of character. Throughout his lengthy business career and in his capacity of public official he has proven thoroughly reliable, and his standing has always been high in the estimation of the people of his home city and the larger community of the county. In the year 1853 Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage to Miss Clara L. Slocomb, daughter of Horatio Slocomb, of Sutton, Worcester county, Massachusetts. Three children were born of their union, one of whom—John Franklin—died in 1864, at the age of four years. The two now living are: William Henry, a resident and grain operator of Minneapolis, and Mary S., now the wife of Edmond K. Clements, D. D. S., of Faribault. A new generation has at present four promising representatives—a son and daughter of

William Henry Wheeler and two daughters of Mrs. Clements—who add fresh interest to the declining years of our subject. In 1871 Mr. Wheeler built a fine house in Faribault, which is still the family residence; and within its comfortable shelter he enjoys the society of relatives and friends and the serene consciousness of having lived an honorable and useful life.

RODNEY A. MOTT.

Hon. Rodney Alonzo Mott, ex-mayor of Faribault, was born in Warsaw, New York, December 6, 1825, the son of Daniel Mott, who died when his son Rodney was only about two years old. His mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Frank, was of a family who were prominent in the early history of New York, her father being Col. Nathaniel Frank, who served with distinction in the War of 1812. In April, 1835, our subject removed with his mother to Chicago, and took a preparatory course in Baker Academy, at Lockport, Illinois. In 1846 he entered Knox College, at Galesburg, where he remained until 1848. He commenced the study of law in Chicago, in the office of Judge James H. Collins. He had supported himself through his literary and legal studies by teaching school and by work in the harvest field. In 1850 he went overland to California, and returned, by the water route, in the summer of 1852. In October of the same year he married Miss Mary Ripley, daughter of Rev. David Bradford Ripley, of Pomfret, Connecticut. Soon after this he established what was known as the "Crete Normal Academy," a training school for teachers, which he conducted for several years. In the spring of 1856 he came to Minnesota and taught the first public school at Faribault. In December, following, he took charge of the first newspaper published in Faribault, called the "Rice County Herald," changing its name to the "Faribault Herald" (now the Faribault Republican). In 1858 he sold the paper to Mr. O. Brown, was admitted to the bar, and immediately began practicing law. He was elected county attorney the same year and served two terms.

He was also appointed county superintendent of schools, and served in that capacity for several years. In 1880, he was elected to the State Legislature. He served as chairman of the committee on education; helped to prepare, drew up and presented the report for the amendment of the high school act, which became a law in 1881. Mr. Mott was also on other important committees during the time he served in the Legislature, and he took an active and influential part in the deliberations of the house. Mr. Mott has been connected with the State institutions at Faribault, as director and secretary of the board of managers since they were founded. In 1888 he was elected Judge of Probate for Rice county, and held that office until 1898. He has also been a member of the library board since its first organization. He was elected mayor of Faribault in April, 1899. To Mr. and Mrs. Mott were born five children, all daughters, of whom two are now living. Millie, who became the wife of Prof. W. M. West, of the Minnesota State University, died December 6, 1897. Mary E. and Martha C. are also deceased. Those living are Alice J. and Louise. Mr. Mott and his family are members of the Congregational church, take an active part in Sunday-school work and take more than an ordinary interest in literary pursuits.

CHARLES A. POOLE.

The Rev. Charles Augustus Poole, S. T. D., was born on the 12th of December, 1849, at Cape Vincent, Jefferson county, New York. His father, Calvin Keith Poole, counted among his American ancestors Lieut. Samuel Poole, who played a patriot's part in the struggle for independence, and traced his lineage farther back to Edward Poole, of Weymouth, England, who, together with other residents of the same place, crossed the Atlantic to Massachusetts Bay in the year 1635 and founded the town of Weymouth, Massachusetts. The maiden name of Calvin Poole's wife—mother of the subject of this sketch—was Jane Susan Williams, and she was descended from Capt. Judah Williams,

of Massachusetts, commander of a company in the Revolutionary War. Dr. Poole obtained a preliminary education in the public schools of his native county. Then, at the age of ten years, he became a pupil in a private school. Five years later he took up his residence at Oswego, New York, with a view to securing the greater advantages there afforded for advanced study. He graduated from the high school at Oswego in 1868, and in the following autumn entered Hobart College. During his college days he distinguished himself by his proficiency in the languages and for his oratorical powers, winning prizes for the excellence of his essays in Greek, Latin and English, and being selected as the salutatorian of his class at commencement. After the completion of his collegiate course, he accepted a position to teach in Oxford Academy, at Oxford, New York, where he remained for a year, at the head of the departments of natural science and ancient languages. He resigned his post in this institution to become a student of theology in the Seabury Divinity School, at Faribault, Minnesota, where he graduated in the year 1876. He was ordained deacon and priest by Bishop Huntington, and promptly entered upon the duties of his high vocation. During seven years he was engaged in ministerial labor in New York State, presiding over three successive parishes in the respective towns of Camden, Turin and New Berlin. In November, 1883, he returned to Minnesota in response to a call to the rectorate of St. Paul's church at Duluth. While in charge of the Duluth parish, in addition to his regular duties as rector, he was very active in introducing needed improvements and instigating noble enterprises. A fine rectory was built and the church building enlarged, and the first pipe organ in the city was constructed under his rectorship. He was also the projector and founder of a mission near Rice's Point, in the western part of the city, from which St. Luke's church has since been evolved. In 1888 Dr. Poole was elected to the chair of Systematic Theology in Seabury Divinity School, his professorship being an associate one to that of the Rev. Dr. J. S. Kedney. On October 23,



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1878, Dr. Poole was united in marriage to Maria Edna Kedney, daughter of Rev. J. S. and Elizabeth (Cooke) Kedney, her mother being issued from the Cooke family of Catskill, New York. Dr. Kedney, who himself belongs to a New York family, has been a professor in Seabury Hall for the past twenty-nine years. Four children, all of them daughters, have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Poole. The degrees of A. B. in course, A. M. and S. T. D., were all conferred upon our subject by Hobart College, his alma mater. Dr. Poole is still connected with Seabury Divinity School, where he has passed twelve years of happy usefulness.

HENRY B. WHIPPLE.

The Right Rev. Henry Benjamin Whipple, D. D., LL. D., Protestant Episcopal Bishop of the diocese of Minnesota, was born in Adams, Jefferson county, New York, February 15, 1822. Of his family history and early life, we cannot do better than quote the following from his book, "Lights and Shadows of a Long Episcopate" (1899), published by the MacMillan Company, New York and London: "I have paid very little attention to the subject of genealogy. I know that in the history of my family it has numbered a goodly line of God-fearing men and women, who have been loyal and useful in their devotion to church and State. Sixteen of my kinsfolk were officers in the Colonial and Revolutionary wars. Brigadier-General Whipple was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The mother of Stephen Hopkins, another signer of the Declaration, was a Whipple. My grandfather, Benjamin Whipple, was in the navy of the American Revolution, which was then in its infancy, but honored by the heroic bravery of Paul Jones and his associates. He was taken prisoner and confined in the prison-ship 'Jersey,' and came out of it a paralytic. My father, John H. Whipple, was born in Albany, New York. He married Elizabeth, daughter of the Hon. Henry Wager, one of the electors of Thomas Jefferson. My childhood was as happy as a tender mother and a

blessed home could make it. I owe much to my holy mother, from whom I learned the blessedness of God's word, and whose unfaltering voice, in speaking of divine truth, saved me from scepticism. I received my education in private schools of New York. At ten years of age I was sent to the boarding school of the late Professor Avery, in Clinton, and next, to the school under the charge of the Rev. Dr. Boyd and the Rev. John Covert. When a student at Oberlin I resided with my uncle, the Rev. George Whipple, Professor of Mathematics. While pursuing my studies my health failed, and by the advice of my physician, I accepted an offer from my father and for a time was connected with him in business. From earliest youth I had been deeply interested in political affairs. My father belonged to the old Whig party, but I became a Democrat of the conservative school. Through the influence of Governor Dix, I was appointed by Governor Marcy, division inspector with the rank of colonel on the staff of Major-General Corse, having been previously appointed Major by Gov. William L. Bouck. It afforded many pleasant hours of recreation with the fuss and feathers of military equipage. My last service in the political field was as secretary of a State convention. Thurlow Weed and Edwin Croswell said, when they heard that Mr. Whipple had become a candidate for Holy Orders, that they 'hoped a good politician had not been spoiled to make a poor preacher.'" During an attack of illness, when confined to his room, Mr. Whipple decided to prepare himself for Holy Orders, receiving from his father and Bishop De Lancey their hearty sympathy. He received his theological training under the eminent scholar, the Rev. Dr. W. D. Wilson, Professor in Cornell University. In August, 1849, he was ordered deacon by Bishop De Lancey, in Trinity church, Geneva, New York. He was ordained priest by Bishop De Lancey in Christ church, Sackett's Harbor, the following February. He was immediately called to Zion church, Rome, New York, and during his rectorship there he became an advocate of the free church system—a fact which afterwards influenced his election as Bishop of

Minnesota. He married the eldest daughter of the Hon. Benjamin Wright, of Jefferson county, New York. Although Mr. Whipple, after building up a fine parish and erecting a stone church in Rome, received five or six calls to flourishing city churches, he did not feel that he had received a call in its true sense until he was asked to go to Chicago, where there was no free church, but hundreds of clerks and railway men waiting for a shepherd. Giving up a devoted parish, a pleasant rectory and a good salary, he went to Chicago, with Bishop De Lancey's assurance that he "would starve if he went," and plunged at once into his work by visiting the railroad shops and saloons and inviting the men to attend his church. His congregation rapidly grew, and he showed the tact which he possessed in reaching the hearts of the people. The remarkable success which attended his work attracted attention. Men like Generals Burnside and Banks became members of his congregation and his devoted friends. In the year 1859 he was elected to the episcopate with a unanimous vote by the convention of the Diocese of Minnesota, which met at St. Paul. He was consecrated first Bishop of Minnesota, October 13, of the same year, at the session of the General Convention at Richmond, Virginia. Soon after the close of the convention he visited Minnesota in the discharge of the duties of his office. The following spring he made Faribault his home, believing it to be the best center for the building up of his schools. At this time the Rev. J. L. Brock had a small parish school in Faribault. The Bishop laid the cornerstone of the Cathedral, at Faribault, on the 16th of July, 1862. This was the first Protestant Cathedral erected in the United States. The Bishop laid the cornerstone of Seabury Divinity School the following day, the 17th of July. The Bishop Seabury Mission was incorporated May, 1860, with a board of trustees, of which the Bishop of the diocese is ex-officio president. There were at that time twenty thousand Indians in Minnesota, and with the determination that the heathen close at hand should not be neglected, the Bishop became the spiritual father of the Red Men. In addition to the

work among the Chippewas, a new mission was established in the fall of the same year among the lower Sioux on the Minnesota river. On the breaking out of the Civil War, in 1861, the Bishop interested himself in the welfare of the soldiers, and was elected chaplain of the First Regiment of Minnesota Volunteers—an honor which he necessarily declined. He often visited them in camp, and actively promoted the labors of the sanitary commission in behalf of the sick and wounded. Subsequently he aided in many ways in the relief of the widows and orphans of those who had fallen in the war. When he came to Minnesota there was not a mile of railroad in the State. His journeys were all made by stage, canoe or with his own horses, and during the first year, besides his visits to the Indian country, he preached from one to three times in every hamlet of the State. In 1862 occurred the Indian outbreak of which the Bishop had already given warning. He was among the foremost to care for the wounded and mutilated, many of whom had been known to him and whose hospitality he had enjoyed in his missionary journeys on the frontier. At great personal hazard he raised his voice against the cry for indiscriminate extermination, and visited Washington in behalf of the innocent members of this deeply injured and long suffering race. He began his pleas with the government for Indian rights in 1859, and has not ceased even to the present time. His efforts were not without success, and, in 1863, he was appointed a commissioner with Bishop Grace of St. Paul and Dr. Williamson of the Presbyterian mission to visit the several Indian tribes with a view to improving their condition. In the fall of 1864 ill-health from over-work compelled Bishop Whipple to seek rest. He accordingly visited England, where he made warm friends, among whom were Bishop Wilberforce, Dr. Longley, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Dr. Tait, Bishop of London. From the two latter, who had been headmasters at Harrow and Rugby, the Bishop received valuable counsel concerning the organization of his schools. He extended his journey to the continent and the Holy Land.

To supply a long-felt need in his educational scheme, Bishop Whipple decided to open a school for girls. Mrs. Whipple entered into this plan, and, in 1866, the school was opened in the Bishop's own house, which was remodeled—the Bishop undertaking the entire expense. The number of pupils was at first limited to thirty. For several years Mrs. Whipple discharged the office of house mother, until St. Mary's Hall had secured by its excellent management the entire confidence of the public. In the summer of 1867 the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior was completed and, by the Bishop's invitation, was consecrated by Bishop Kemper. Phelps Library was also built in this year, afterwards remodeled and used as a cottage for the cadets, and later in the year Shattuck Hall was completed. Shattuck School was named in honor of George C. Shattuck, M. D., of Boston, a dear friend and a liberal contributor to the Bishop's work. Dr. Shattuck was the founder of St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire. When Congress authorized the detail of army officers to schools of a certain grade, Bishop Whipple was first to apply for a detail for Shattuck, believing it a better means of discipline than flogging, and it was through his influence at Washington that Shattuck has been so favored in its military instructors. Mrs. Augusta M. Shumway, afterwards Mrs. Huntington, another of the Bishop's friends who became interested in his work, gave him the money with which to erect the Shumway Memorial chapel for the use of Shattuck School, seating two hundred and fifty persons. This chapel was ready for consecration in 1873. At her death it was found that Mrs. Huntington had left a legacy to the school of about \$300,000, with a part of which Shumway Hall was erected for general school purposes, and also Johnson Hall, which contains a fire-proof library for the Seabury Divinity School. In February, 1871, the foreign committee of the Board of Missions requested Bishop Whipple to visit their mission at Hayti. He was detained in Havana, where, in spite of the coldness existing between Spain and the United States, he held the first public Protestant

service ever held in Cuba, holding confirmations and celebrating Holy Communion. The same year he was offered by the Archbishop of Canterbury the bishopric of the Sandwich Islands, as the King had asked for a bishop of the Anglican church. This offer was declined in the interest of his schools and because he believed that it might imperil the work in the white and Indian fields. No brief sketch can describe the character of Bishop Whipple. Dr. Lyman Abbott spoke truly when he said, "Bishop Whipple is a genuine statesman in his grasp of fundamental principles and his readiness of application to special circumstances. Substantially all the conclusions which modern statesmanship has reached respecting the true solution of the Indian problem were distinctly formulated by Bishop Whipple forty years ago." Whether in his churchmanship, in his dealing with the Indian question, or in the handling of educational work—and in a marked degree his action in regard to the Swedish church question in his diocese—his statesmanlike methods have ever been exhibited, and it is to these high qualities that the diocese of Minnesota owes its proud position. Bishop Whipple's noble type of face, which in youth was of singular beauty, is clear-cut and ecclesiastical, and with his commanding figure, over six feet and two inches in height, he is regarded as the most picturesque figure in the Anglican church. He is a born orator, his action graceful and impressive, his voice melodious and impassioned, and with a keen sense of humor his personality is fascinating. He has the faculty of ready extemporaneous discourse, while his composition has oftentimes a rhythmic flow. His power of remembering names even after an interval of many years is rare. With a ready tact he is eminently fitted to preside over a deliberative body, and his power in this regard has been exercised on many delicate occasions. His presentation of a question to a deliberative body is clear and judicious, and he has served on many important committees. But the greatest of all these gifts is the charity which has so signally marked his life and work. In the administration of

his diocese he has brought together men of diverse schools of theological thought, who have been of one mind in the household of good works. Moreover, he has been active in the effort to promote church unity. His interest in the McCall mission in Paris was open and hearty. The Society of Friends has given him its aid and confidence; while the moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Scotland sent him assurances of sympathy in the darkest period of his Indian missions, and he was invited, in 1890 (by the moderator of the Presbyterian church in Scotland), to address their General Assembly. His life has been too busy for much literary work so-called. This has been confined to sermons and addresses, to newspaper articles upon the Indian policy, and to his valuable and charming "Lights and Shadows of a Long Episcopate." Even his vacations have few leisure moments, and much of his useful work has been accomplished in these seasons of so-called leisure. In 1886 the election of an assistant bishop brought him help in the care of his large diocese, with its constantly increasing population, but his activity in the interest of his schools and diocesan work is unabated. Bishop Whipple has had a wide acquaintance and friendship with famous men of the last half century, both in England and America. He has been brought in contact with all sorts and conditions of men, but in the fifty years of his priestly and episcopal career he has borne himself with equal ease and dignity in the wigwam, the lumber camps of the frontier, and in the courts of Europe—always an American gentleman. Love of God and love of man has been the burden of his cry. In 1888 he attended the Pan-Anglican council in London, and preached the opening sermon in Lambeth Palace. He is a leading member of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal church in the United States. He is a recognized authority on all questions relating to the Indian problem. He has been a member of several important Indian commissions sent by the Government to make treaties, and, in 1868, without his knowledge, Congress appropriated forty-five thousand dollars for the Sisseton and

Wahpeton Indians on the condition that the money should be expended by him. His fearless report on the condition and treatment of the Indians, delivered at the request of Mr. Cooper, in Cooper's Institute, and in Calvary church, New York, led to the organization of the Indian Peace Commission. In 1873 Bishop Whipple was elected a trustee of the Peabody Fund for Education in the South, whose first president, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, was succeeded by Hon. William M. Evarts. Bishop Whipple and Chief Justice Fuller are the two vice-presidents of this brilliant body of men. Bishop Whipple was the acting presiding bishop of the American church in England at the Lambeth Conferences of 1888 and 1897. He has preached on several occasions the special sermons before the Universities of Cambridge, Oxford, and Durham, having received the honorary degrees of LL. D. and D. D. from these universities. In 1899 he was asked by the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society of England, and also by the Board of Missions, to attend the centenary of the former society and deliver addresses, as the representative of the Episcopal church in America. Bishop Whipple is Chaplain-General of the Societies of the Sons of the Revolution and the Colonial Wars of the United States. He was fittingly selected at the first patriotic celebration of Washington's birthday in Puerto Rico, February 22, 1900, to deliver the address before an audience of several thousand, on "Our Country." Bishop Whipple's second marriage was most blessed. In a beautiful but brief tribute to his wife, in his recently published work, he says: It was the loving Providence of God which made one who is now my helper in all His work my parishioner. Her love and sympathy for the sorrowful and heavy-laden, and her deep interest in the brown and black races who have so long held a place in my heart, drew us together. And in this gift my Heavenly Father has overpaid me for the burdens which I have carried for His children." At the request of the Board of Missions, Bishop Whipple visited Puerto Rico, February, 1900, to examine the field for church work. The first Protestant



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American bishop to set foot on this new possession of the United States, he was received everywhere in his journey through the island with great warmth and enthusiasm. The name of the first great Bishop of Minnesota is one that will ever stand for all that is highest and best. His grand life and work are inwrought in the history of the noble State of Minnesota.

JEAN B. FARIBAULT.

Jean Baptiste Faribault was born October 19, 1775, at Berthier, Canada. His grandfather was an officer in the Royal Huisiers. His father was Bathelemi Faribault, who was born in Paris, and came to Canada as secretary of the French army in 1757. Jean Baptiste Faribault received an excellent education and early in life began business in the employ of a merchant by the name of Thurseau, at Quebec. After two years he entered the service of Messrs. McNides & Company, importers. Of an adventurous disposition, he chafed under such close confinement, and was about to go to sea, wishing in that way to see more of life and of the world. His family so strongly opposed this resolution that he finally gave it up. About this time the Duke of Kent, the father of Queen Victoria, was stationed in Canada, with his regiment of Fusiliers, of which he was in command. Young Mr. Faribault, being much impressed with the brilliant military display of the Duke's command, though never having taken lessons in art, drew a cartoon which was much commented upon for its excellent representation, and praised for the exhibition of his talent. The officers of the regiment communicated this to the Prince, and wishing to judge for himself, he sent for young Faribault. This led to an acquaintance and friendship, and in time the Prince offered him a commission as an officer in his regiment. His family again interposed against his desire to enter the life of an army officer, a fact to which he often referred in his later days as regretting the opportunity he lost through his devotion to his parents. The Prince, however, permitted young Faribault

to select one of his young friends to whom he would like the commission to be given. The Northwest Company having announced that they needed three or four active young men to trade with the Indians, Faribault offered his services. His parents now pleaded with him in vain not to leave the parental roof. Fascinated with the prospects of a life of adventure in the wilds of the far West, he was this time insensible to their remonstrances. Faribault left Montreal in the month of June, 1796, in company with three others and two agents of the Northwest Company, their destination being Mackinac. They were two weeks on their journey, and encountered many hardships and difficulties. They met with no travelers on their route, and were obliged to make many portages on numerous rapids—that is to say, they carried on their shoulders their canoes, baggage and provisions. On their arrival at Mackinac, Faribault was commissioned to open a post to trade at Kankakee, on the river of that name not far from the present site of Chicago. Faribault, accompanied by a Pottowatomi Indian guide, set out for Port Vincent, on the Wabash river, where lived Governor Harrison, acting superintendent of Indian affairs in order to obtain license to trade. Governor Harrison received him cordially, entertained him with kind hospitality, and acceded favorably to his request. Returning to his post, Faribault had calculated on meeting at the mouth of the St. Joseph river, four Canadian voyageurs, who were to pass the winter at Kankakee; however, he found only three, the other having unhappily perished during the voyage. After a careful survey, Faribault decided to build his post at the mouth of the Kankakee. His merchandise being delayed on the way, he and his companions occupied their time in erecting their winter quarters, and soon commenced an active trade with the Pottawatomes. Faribault remained at this post during four years in almost complete solitude. Though he felt a strong attachment and kindly feeling towards the Indians, he was often at the risk of his life at their hands, and on one occasion was nearly

assassinated by a half-breed. This region abounded with wild animals, such as otter, beaver, wolves, bear and other fur-bearing animals, and inhabited by the Sioux, Sacs and Foxes, Iowas, and other tribes. His term of contract expiring, he decided to continue with the Northwest Company, and went to open a new post on the St. Peter's river (now Minnesota river), which he named the "Little Rapids," where he was rewarded with a lucrative business with the Sioux. A few years after opening up the post and establishing successful trade with the Indians, he was married to Mrs. Pelagie Haines. In 1805 Faribault met and made the acquaintance of Lieutenant Pike, who visited his post. After ten years with the Northwest Company, Faribault decided to go into the same business on his own account, and accordingly located at Prairie du Chien. At this post he was attacked and seriously wounded by a Winnebago, to whom he had refused to give liquor. When the War of 1812 was declared, the English authorities, knowing the influence some of the Canadians held over the Indians, offered them commissions as officers to induce the Indians to take sides with them. Many accepted, but among those who refused these offers were Faribault and Louis Provencal, one of his associates, who declared themselves in sympathy with the United States. The British Colonel, McCall, hearing of the refusal of Faribault to serve under the English flag, had him put under arrest and brought on board the gunboat commanded by Captain Anderson. On the attempt to force Faribault to row, he positively refused to obey the order, claiming that, being brought up as a gentleman, he would under no consideration serve as a common oarsman. Captain Anderson reported to Colonel McCall this positive declaration of their prisoner. The latter, instead of punishing Faribault, expressed his admiration of such pluck and firmness, sent for him to be brought before him, and treated him with much hospitality. During this time, Mrs. Faribault, not knowing her husband was a captive in the hands of the English, left Prairie du Chien for what is now Winona, fearing the place would be attacked by the

English. The Indians, in the meantime, destroyed their home and sacked all their wealth and merchandise, valued at \$15,000. They also carried away all the lead he had stored at what is now Dubuque. Shortly afterward Mr. Faribault, being an ardent admirer of American institutions, was naturalized as an American citizen, helped to organize a company and was made first lieutenant. The Northwest Company, being unable to obtain license to continue operations in American territory, sold out the American branch of their company, and Joseph Rollette was made agent, and Faribault made arrangements with him for a supply of merchandise to carry on his trade. He remained at Prairie du Chien for three years more, trading with the Indians. About this time Colonel Leavenworth was on his way to what is now Fort Snelling with troops. Meeting Faribault at his post, and being struck with the knowledge he possessed of the vicinity of the proposed new fort, and his extensive acquaintance with the Sioux nations and his influence over them, he solicited Faribault to remove his post to the junction of the Minnesota and the Mississippi rivers. As there were more Indians at the latter place than about Prairie du Chien, he immediately decided to accompany Colonel Leavenworth. In 1820 Colonel Leavenworth assembled all the principal chiefs, and concluded a treaty in which the Indians stipulated on certain conditions, that the island called Pike's island—and sometimes known as Faribault island—containing some 300 acres, should be ceded to Faribault's wife, Pelagie Faribault, and her heirs. Faribault located on this island, and later the high water in the spring carried off all his belongings, and he was rescued with difficulty by Colonel Snelling's soldiers. Faribault then established himself with his family at Mendota, where he built a stone house and stone powder house, but did his trading with the Indians at Little Rapids on the Minnesota river.

[Note.—It is claimed that General Sibley was the first one to build a stone house in the then Territory of Minnesota, but this must be an error of his biographer. The older



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grandsons of Jean B. Faribault claim that the Sibley house was put up later—which fact is borne out by a letter recently received from Monseigneur Ravoux, of St. Paul, in which he writes that it was his impression that Mr. Faribault's house was the older. Sibley's biographer is certainly mistaken in his statement that Alexander Faribault built a stone house similar to Sibley's two years later. The fact is, Alexander Faribault never built a stone house in Mendota. He erected a large white frame house further down the river, which was later torn down by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, as it stood near their line when being graded.]

Mr. Faribault went through many dangerous adventures at the hands of the wild Sioux, and was severely wounded several times; but of vigorous constitution and temperate life, on each occasion he soon recovered. He was a devout Catholic, and was of considerable assistance in later years to the missionaries who braved the dangers of life among the Sioux by the influence which he obtained over the savages, through his honesty in his dealings with them and by his bravery. The L'Abbe Ravoux, in one of his contributions to the Minnesota Historical Society, mentioned Faribault and his son Alexander in complimentary terms and with gratitude for their friendship and hospitality. Jean Baptiste Faribault died at Faribault, Minnesota, August 20, 1860.

[The above biography is taken from "Les Canadiens de L'Onest," by Joseph Tasse, translated from the French, condensed and revised by Mr. W. R. Faribault, of St. Louis, Missouri, a grandson of the subject.]

WILLIAM F. DAVIDSON.

William Fuson Davidson, better known and remembered throughout the Mississippi valley as "Commodore" Davidson, was born in Lawrence county, Ohio, February 1, 1825, and died in St. Paul May 26, 1887. His father, Rev. William Davidson, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and whose parents were among the early settlers of Ohio, was a local Baptist

preacher, but also engaged in flat-boating on the Ohio river; his wife, the mother of Commodore Davidson, was Sara Short. Mr. Davidson was reared a pioneer boy and had little opportunity to acquire a scholastic education. Very early he exhibited a fondness for life on the river and an adaptation to the vocation of a boatman. He assisted his father in his voyages on the Ohio, which were chiefly between the port of Ironton, in his native county, and Cincinnati, and soon became very proficient. About the year 1840 Lawrence county, Ohio, became prominent in the production of pig iron, and nearly all of this product was sent to Cincinnati in flat-boats or keel-boats, which were sometimes towed by steamboats, but more commonly were propelled by the oars and sweeps of the crew. The work of a flat-boatman was toilsome, but it was adventurous and often exciting, and had a certain charm for the young men of the country. Davidson was not only an accomplished boatman, but he possessed rare natural business qualities. He advanced steadily in his vocation, and at a comparatively early age he was the owner of several steamboats and other river craft on the Ohio. In 1854 he came to St. Paul, bringing with him the "Frank Steele," a staunch steamboat named for Hon. Franklin Steele, the well-known pioneer business man of Minnesota. Davidson at once began the work of navigating the Minnesota river, being chiefly engaged in transporting the supplies and productions of the Indian trading posts on that stream. Later he added other river craft to his force and organized a steamboat company to run boats on the upper Mississippi, and this resulted, in 1860, in the formation of the La Crosse & Minnesota Packet Company, which he controlled. The line was extended to Dubuque. Subsequently he organized the Northern Union Packet Company, and he then had under his control a fleet of fifteen boats on the upper Mississippi, of which he was virtually the commodore. During the boating seasons of 1868-69 other river transportation lines became important competitors of the Northern Union. After due negotiation between the re-

spective interests a consolidation of the several lines was effected under the corporate name of the St. Louis & St. Paul Packet Company, of which Commodore Davidson was the president and leading spirit. An immense business was done by this company for several years, and it practically controlled the traffic of the upper river. In the spring of 1870 Mr. Davidson, in the interest of the better execution of his duties, removed to St. Louis, where he remained about ten years. He then returned to St. Paul, where he continued to reside up to the time of his death. Meanwhile he had become engaged in other interests. At the close of the Civil War his attention had been attracted to the probabilities of profitable results from investments in St. Paul realty. From time to time thereafter he purchased a great deal of city property, which he retained and which in 1876 he commenced to improve. Among the many important structures he erected in the city—beginning in 1876—were the brick block on the corner of Fourth and Jackson streets, which still bears his name, although it was once burned and was subsequently rebuilt; the Union Block, at Fourth and Cedar; the Grand Opera House Block, on Wabasha, between Third and Fourth; the Court Block, on Fourth, between Wabasha and Cedar, and a block on the corner of Sixth and Jackson. He was interested with others in the old Music Hall Association, and built the first opera house proper in St. Paul. During the later years of his life Mr. Davidson paid but little attention to the river traffic, owing to his large real estate interests, which demanded so much of his time and personal oversight. At the time of his death he was one of the largest real estate holders in St. Paul. He had other important interests to care for besides his landed property. He was one of the original and prominent stockholders in the old St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad, and was connected with its successor corporation, now known as the "Omaha." He was largely interested in the First National Bank of St. Paul, and in the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and was a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Davidson was

never an aspirant for public office. In politics he was a Republican. All through the War of the Rebellion he rendered valuable service to the Union cause by the use of his steamboats, which were always at the service of the Government whenever wanted. He was emphatically a plain, matter-of-fact man, accustomed from his youth to hard work and constant exertion. His tastes were simple, and he was altogether void of ostentation or a desire for vain glory. Although he made a reputation for his business enterprises in St. Paul, Mr. Davidson's chief distinction will rest for all time upon the history of his prominent connection with the navigation interests of the upper Mississippi between St. Louis and St. Paul. His large operations in this traffic contributed to an important extent to the upbuilding of St. Paul, and gave the city its first real commercial prosperity. At the age of fifty years Mr. Davidson was converted to a belief in the truths of revealed religion, and united with the Baptist church. Thereafter his conduct was consistent with his professions. By his orders, which he caused to be rigidly enforced, the sale of liquor and all forms of gambling were abolished on every steamboat he controlled. By precept and example he encouraged moral and religious reform in every manner possible in his adopted city and among his fellow-men generally, although he never paraded his virtues or did his good deeds purposely that they might "be seen of men." He was practically public-spirited in the best sense of the term. From his first advent into the country he believed in the future of St. Paul, and proved his faith by his works. Perhaps a million dollars would not fairly cover the sums he expended from first to last in the construction of his various business blocks. He was a pioneer in this great work of developing and improving the city at a time when other men of means hesitated and were apprehensive. After he had demonstrated the wisdom of his confidence and opened the way, it was easy for others to emulate his example. Commodore Davidson was married in 1856 to Sarah A. Johnston, a daughter of Judge Benjamin Johnston, a well-



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known citizen of Southern Ohio. His widow is still living, and there are two surviving children of the marriage, Edward E. Davidson and Sarah M., the latter now Mrs. Watson P. Davidson, of St. Paul.

JOSHUA B. CULVER.

The late Col. Joshua B. Culver was an old and honored resident of the city of Duluth. He was born on the 12th of September, 1830, in the quiet old town of Armenia, New York. His father, John C. Culver, was also a native of the Empire State, and for many years one of the more prominent citizens of Armenia. Joshua B. Culver, passed his childhood in the place of his birth, attending the public schools of the vicinity. At the early age of thirteen years he left his home in quest of the opportunities afforded by newer sections of the country. His first location in the West was at Fort Atkinson, Iowa, and he subsequently lived in a number of different places, and tried his hand, now with greater, now with less success, at various enterprises. It was not until after the Civil War, in which he did duty from beginning to end, that he took up his permanent abode in Duluth. In 1854 he became associated with the American Fur Trading Company, at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and two years later he engaged in the mercantile business in the two cities of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin. In 1858 he received the appointment of Receiver in the land office at Buchanan, Minnesota, and upon the expiration of his term of service in that capacity, he located at Duluth, and followed the lumber business temporarily at that point, removing hence to Kalamazoo, Michigan. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in the Union army, and soon after entering the service was appointed first lieutenant and adjutant of the Thirteenth Michigan Infantry. Later, in the year 1862, he was advanced to the rank of major, and in the following year received two promotions, to the respective ranks of lieutenant colonel and colonel. During the course of the Rebellion Colonel Culver had

thorough experience of the hardships of warfare, and the excitements and dangers of active service. The numerous engagements in which he participated are given below in the order in which they occurred. During the year 1862 he fought in the battle of Shiloh, Tennessee; those of Farmington, Owl Creek and Corinth, Mississippi, helping, also, to sustain the famous siege of Corinth from May 10th to 31st; Stevenson, Alabama; Mumfordsville, Perryville and Danville, Kentucky; Gallatin, Mill Creek, Lavergne, Stewart's Creek and two engagements at Stone River, Tennessee. In the year 1863: two more battles at Stone River, and one each at Eaglesville, Pelham, Lookout Valley and Lookout Mountain, Tennessee; the three days of hard fighting at Chickamauga, Georgia; Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge, Tennessee. In 1864: Florence, Alabama, and four days of conflict at Savannah, Georgia. In 1865: Catawba River, South Carolina; Averysboro and Bentonville, North Carolina. Colonel Culver was mustered out with his regiment and honorably discharged from the service on the 25th of July, 1865. Two days later the Thirteenth Michigan arrived at Jackson, in the State it represented, where it was paid off and disbanded. Colonel Culver had been married, in the year 1852, at Prairie du Chien, to Miss S. V. Woodman. Eight children were born of their union, all of whom are living. Colonel Culver was the first mayor of the city of Duluth, and so wisely did he administer the municipal affairs as to win the general esteem and affection of the community. He felt much justifiable pride in the city which he had chosen for his home and field of labor, and is remembered by its residents as a loyal veteran of the Grand Army and a true-hearted citizen and official of Duluth.

GEORGE W. FREEMAN.

George W. Freeman, president of the C. Gotzian & Company boot and shoe manufactory, of St. Paul, is an Englishman by birth, the time and place of his nativity having been May 24, 1815, and St. Ives in Huntingtongshire.

The first eight years of his life were passed in his native country, at the close of which he emigrated to the United States with his parents, Joseph and Sarah (Kingston) Freeman. The first location of the family was Cleveland, Ohio, where they remained for two years; but the father's pioneer spirit was attracted by the possibilities of the great north-western frontier region, and, in 1855, he pushed on to Minnesota. He purchased and settled upon a large section of land in Ramsey county, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself for the remainder of his life. His death occurred in the year 1862. The early education of George W. Freeman, which had been begun in the mother country and continued in Ohio, was completed in the public schools of St. Paul. Ambitious to enter upon his business career, he laid aside his text books at the age of sixteen in favor of practical work. His youthful energies were not, as is too frequently the case, dissipated by years of discouraging endeavor to adapt himself to incongenial or impracticable lines of business. Hitting at the start upon an industry which he was satisfied to follow as a life work, he began at once to accumulate the experience which has enabled him in later years to become so successful a manager of business interests on a large scale. His first position, which he entered in 1861, was in connection with Lewis Semper, a boot and shoe dealer on Third street, St. Paul. He remained with Mr. Semper for nine years, leaving him at the end of that period to avail himself of the larger opportunities offered him by the Conrad Gotzian boot and shoe manufacturing establishment. This latter house he represented upon the road for some eight years, and was then taken into partnership by Mr. Gotzian. Upon the death of the senior member of the firm, in 1887, Mr. Freeman was made president and general manager of the C. Gotzian Company, which position he has filled to the present time. No better idea of the abilities of Mr. Freeman can be conveyed than that revealed by the development of the business over which he has presided. It was already in a flourishing condition at the time he left the road to become a member of the

concern, its sales amounting to about \$65,000 a year; but this seems a very modest status when compared with the present one, which is computed in millions, while to meet this enormous demand for the goods of the C. Gotzian Company, whose reputation is established as the most progressive boot and shoe houses in the Northwest. Nearly six hundred persons are regularly employed in its factories. Mr. Freeman has devoted himself assiduously to the management of the business, his attention not having been diverted by other enterprises of magnitude or by political aspirations. He has, however, been a member of the fire board for quite a number of years, having for five years served as its active president; and he has found time, inclination and means to materially promote numerous public projects looking toward the advancement of the city of St. Paul. Mr. Freeman was married on September 24, 1868, to Mary I. Doney, of St. Paul. Seven children were born to them, whose names, in the order of their birth, are as follows: Stella M., George J., Olive L., Maud V., Charlie D., Clarence K. and Harold C. Mr. Freeman is a Mason of the thirty-second degree, and is also a member of the order of Elks.

WILLIAM D. LOWRY.

Although he who bore this name has been deceased since the year 1863, it is still a familiar and honored one to those older citizens who are acquainted with the early history of the city of Rochester, Minnesota; for the subject of this sketch was to a large degree identified with that history, and with the very foundation of the frontier settlement from which has been developed the present flourishing municipality. William Dundas Lowry was born in 1819 at Watson's Run, Crawford county, Pennsylvania. His paternal ancestors a few generations back, escaping from the terrors of religious persecution, had emigrated to the State of his nativity from their home in the north of Ireland. His great-grandfather had been beheaded for loyalty to his convictions, and the wife of this martyr, being a



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woman of means and determination, fitted out a ship and, together with her eleven sons, crossed to our shores, settling on a large tract of land in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania, which had been ceded to her. But a family of Hollanders, as it appears, had secured a claim to this same property at a previous time, and there ensued a struggle over its proprietorship, which was still rife in the boyhood of our subject's father, Morrow Lowry, who, at the climax of the trouble endeavored to escape down a hill, concealed in a rolling barrel. This migrating barrel was captured on suspicion, however, and its hapless contents taken in custody to Philadelphia. A bolder and more successful plan of escape was adopted by the mother of Morrow, who, leaving her baby behind, swam across the Monongahela river and made her way to Philadelphia, where she laid the facts before President Jefferson and won the release of her family. This episode enhanced the prominence of the Lowrys in Pennsylvania, and Jefferson Lowry, one of the sons of Morrow, was for many years a man of public affairs, holding the office of judge up to the time of his death, while other members of the family were figures of about equal importance in the State. William D. Lowry, however, did not remain at home to take advantage of historic prestige, but set out to shift for himself at the age of twelve years, and worked for a number of years on boats that plied back and forth on the great lakes. As early as 1819—when about thirty years of age—he located in Wisconsin, after which he returned to the East. But he had acquired a taste for Western life, and in the year 1854 came to Minnesota. He settled in Olmstead county, of which the city of Orinoco was then the county seat, and purchased a tract of land, which was a portion of the site of the present city of Rochester. There was then no suggestion of the city of to-day at this point, some three or four houses being the sum total of human habitations, constituting the nucleus of a village. Mr. Lowry was speedily drawn into the public affairs of Minnesota, and accepted a nomination for the Legislature. His

seat was contested, on the ground that he was not qualified by a sufficiently long residence within the State; but this objection was overruled, and in the following autumn he was declared elected State Representative. While in the House he introduced a bill for the transfer of the county seat from Orinoco to Rochester, a proviso of which, was that the Winona & St. Peter Railroad should run through the latter town. Mr. Lowry took a deep and many-sided interest in the place of his residence, and freely expended both money and personal effort in promoting its development to a place among the most thrifty and progressive towns of the State. Another town site in which Mr. Lowry took an active interest was that of St. Peter, and he was instrumental, also, in securing the passage of a bill for the location of the capitol at that place, which bill after its passage was stolen by Joe Ronlette of historic fame. Mrs. Lowry—wife of William D.—was formerly Miss Elmira Cora Cutler, a native of Pennsylvania. Five children were born of their marriage, as follows: Milnor R., Stewart R., Ella S., William D., Jr., and George B. Of these all are residents of Minnesota with the exception of Stewart R., who lives at Spokane, Washington. The homes of Milnor R., George B. and Ella S. (now Mrs. Allen) are at Fergus Falls, while the namesake of our subject resides in Minneapolis.

WILLIAM G. WARD.

The Hon. William Grosvenor Ward, who for more than a quarter of a century was a prominent citizen of Southern Minnesota, was born in Oneida county, New York, December 26, 1827, and died at his home in Waseca, Minnesota, September 21, 1892. His early years were passed on a farm. He was educated mainly in a select school at Booneville, New York, completing an advanced course by the aid of the salary which he received as a tutor in the primary departments of the school. From boyhood he was of scholarly tastes, and he spent eight years in the study of the Greek

and Latin classics, although his favorite study was mathematics, in which science he was notably proficient. When he was a mere boy, or at the age of seventeen, he commenced his career in civil engineering with S. B. Williams on the Black River Canal, in New York, and remained with Mr. Williams and his successor, D. C. Genney, for five years and three months, engaged in canal work. At that period the canals of New York were under the control of the State government, and the engineers on these public improvements were political appointees. Young Ward was a Whig, and when the State administration became Democratic he was discharged. A great part of his after life was spent in railroad building. Soon after leaving canal work he became chief engineer and roadmaster of the Long Island Railroad, and held these positions for several years, during which time he built the Hempstead and the Hicksville branches. For two years he was superintendent of car and engine repairing for the entire system, with his office at Brooklyn, while the shops were at Jamaica Plains. Leaving the Long Island he engaged with the Lake Ontario & Auburn road, and was first assistant engineer to his former superior in the canal service, Mr. S. B. Williams. A year later he went to the Utica & Black River road as first assistant engineer to another former chief, Mr. D. C. Genney. In 1856 Mr. Ward resigned from the Utica & Black River on account of protracted ill-health, and went to Wisconsin. The same year he became chief engineer of the old Watertown & Madison Railroad, now a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system. Subsequently he had charge of the construction of the Oconomowoc & Columbia road, but in 1858, owing to the financial panic of the previous year, all railroad building in the Northwest was suspended. Mr. Ward now began the study of law. After six months of reading with a law firm at Madison he continued his studies under such accomplished instructors as Judge George B. Smith and Senator Matt. H. Carpenter, and was finally admitted to the bar by Judge Harlow S. Orton; the clerk of the court when he was admitted was Lucius Fairchild, afterwards a general in

the army, Governor of the State, etc. Immediately upon his admission Mr. Ward began the practice. He was engaged in defending a man charged with murder when the news came that Sumter had been fired on. Amid the excitement occasioned by the war news the court adjourned, and the trial was never fairly finished. Mr. Ward, however, secured the pardon of his client, as the story is told, although it is more probable that the case against him was dismissed, and this ended Mr. Ward's experience as a lawyer in Wisconsin. Later, in 1861, he was appointed chief clerk of the Madison postoffice, under Hon. E. W. Keys, and held the place for three years. He was exempt from military duty, but he did good work for the Union cause by securing volunteers for nearly every regiment and battery that went to the front from Wisconsin. In 1864 he, in company with Maj. John W. Blake, built and for fourteen months operated a saw-mill on the Little Wolf river in Wisconsin, finally selling the mill to the Wisconsin Manufacturing Company. Mr. Ward came to Minnesota late in the year 1865, and took charge, as chief engineer, of the construction of the Winona & St. Peter Railroad, which work he pushed to its completion in 1868. He located at Waseca, and from the laying out of the town this was ever after his home. He was one of the original proprietors of the town, became identified with it and invested largely in its realty and its other material interests. He was one of the organizers of the People's Bank and its president from its organization until his death. He was also among the first stockholders of the First National Bank of St. Paul, and an intimate friend of its president, the late Horace Thompson; was one of the first to engage in manufacturing in Waseca, and built the first flouring mill and operated it for some years. For a time he edited the Waseca Radical. His ability and general worth were appreciated and recognized by his fellow-citizens, and in due time he was called to public positions. For a long time he was a member of the city council of Waseca. In 1872 he was elected to the State Senate for a term of four years. In 1886 he was again



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elected and served another term, which expired in 1890. While in his Legislative position he was prominent and influential and did excellent service for his constituents and his State. In 1880 he was the Republican candidate for Congress from his district, but owing to dissension in his party he failed of election, although he carried his home county, Waseca, by a good majority. He was popular with all parties, and at one time was solicited by the Democrats to become their candidate for an important State office, although he was always a pronounced Republican. He was active in politics, and a frequent and effective speaker in political campaigns. Mr. Ward was an enterprising citizen, and managed his personal affairs intelligently and successfully. At his death he was one of the largest real estate owners in Waseca county. His large farm of 700 acres, west of the city of Waseca, is still owned by his family. He took great interest in agricultural affairs, and was proud to call himself a farmer. He had a large acquaintance, and few men were as well known throughout the State. Personally, Senator Ward was of striking presence. He was about six feet in height, of symmetrical build, and his average weight was about 180 pounds. His complexion was fair, his eyes blue, and his hair dark brown. He was a ripe scholar, a man of large information, and was a fluent conversationalist and a forcible public speaker. Of his characteristics as a man no better description may be made than that given by his friend, Maj. John W. Blake, now of Dalton, Georgia, who knew him personally for more than thirty years. Major Blake writes:

"I believe that no man of more noble and generous impulses, or more kindly heart, or greater sympathy for the unfortunate, or charity for the erring, ever lived; and these were not merely sentimental traits, for whenever a good cause sought his aid his heart always made generous drafts upon his pocket. He will long live in the memory of many of the poor and unfortunate, who will ever count him as the kindest friend of their lives. He was straightforward, plain-spoken, resolute and brave in every sense of the word; he hated all shame, meanness and hypocrisy, and resorted

to no devious ways to accomplish his purposes, but always acted the manly part. His friends were legion; his enemies few, and those few he fought in the open and fought fair, striking straight from the shoulder and full in the face. He possessed a good classical and scientific education, and throughout an active and busy life remained an ardent student, especially in those lines relating to his profession, that of a civil engineer, in which he ranked high. He read widely, and was intelligent upon all important matters of his time. He was patriotic, public-spirited, a steadfast friend through sunshine and darkest storm. He was an honest man. Could words give greater praise I could truthfully add them."

Mr. Ward was twice married. His first marriage was in December, 1852, to Miss Martha E. Dodge. She died at Jefferson, Wisconsin, in November, 1865, leaving two children, named Clarence T., now of Redwood Falls, Minnesota, and Annie L., now Mrs. E. A. Hendrickson, of St. Paul. On December 14, 1867, he married Miss Ella C. Trowbridge, daughter of Hon. I. C. Trowbridge. Surviving this marriage are the widow and four children. The names of the latter are Mattie E., now Mrs. D. S. Cummings, of Waseca; Roscoe Percy Ward, cashier of the People's Bank of Waseca; Florence T., now Mrs. C. H. Watson, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, and Earl W. Ward, of Waseca.

PIERCE BUTLER.

While still in his early prime, the subject of this sketch has attained to a prestige in the legal circles of the Northwest which makes his brief history well worthy of permanent record. Pierce Butler, Esq., is a native of Minnesota, born in Dakota county on the 17th of March, 1866. He is the son of Patrick and Mary (Gaffney) Butler, both of whom were natives of Ireland, but who came to this country about the middle of the passing century and located in Minnesota, the elder Butler being one of the pioneer farmers of this State. Pierce acquired a fundamental education in the public schools of his home county, and in due time became a student at Carleton College.

He graduated from this institution in June, 1887, and in the month of October of the following year was admitted to the bar in the State of Minnesota. Early in 1891 Mr. Butler was appointed assistant county attorney for Ramsey county by T. D. O'Brien, of St. Paul. He did duty in this capacity for two years, then, in November, 1892, he was elected to the more responsible post of county attorney, and two years later was re-elected to the same office; and during this double term he distinguished himself for the efficiency of his service. In the year 1896, Mr. Butler entered into a partnership with Homer C. Eller and Jared How, under the style of Eller, How & Butler. After the senior partner died, the firm, as How & Butler, continued and flourished until September 1, 1899, being dissolved on that date in consequence of Mr. Butler's appointment to the position of general attorney for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway, which he holds at the present time. Mr. Butler is a family man, having been married, on the 25th of August, 1891, to Miss Annie M. Cronin, of St. Paul. Six children—four sons and two daughters—have come to add to the joys and responsibilities of our subject, whose names in the order of their birth are as follows: Pierce, William, Mary, Leo, Margaret and Francis. The enviable position and reputation which Pierce Butler enjoys to-day have been to a very large degree won through his own earnest efforts to make the most of his natural abilities, and the following commendatory words of Judge Brill, of St. Paul, but voice the general estimate of his capacities and achievements: "Mr. Butler is considered by the bar and members of the profession as one of the ablest young attorneys of the Northwest, and as the most efficient county attorney that Ramsey county has ever had. He is a good trial lawyer, before either judge or jury."

WILLIAM L. KELLY.

William Louis Kelly, one of the judges of the District Court of Minnesota for the Second District, was born August 27, 1837, at Spring-

field, Washington county, Kentucky. He comes of a long line of distinguished jurists. His father, Col. Charles C. Kelly, of that profession, was clerk of the Circuit Court of his county, and in 1849 sat in the Constitutional Convention of Kentucky. His grandfather, Hon. William Louis Kelly, an Irish exile of 1787, settled in Kentucky in 1802, and two years thereafter was elevated to the Circuit Bench, where he presided for thirty-three years. His grandmother was a sister of the Hon. John Rowan, of Louisville, one of Kentucky's most distinguished jurists, and some time a Senator in Congress from that State. On his mother's side he is descended, through Major George Bourne, from an old Maryland family, settled there in the days of Lord Baltimore. Judge Kelly received a good education, literary and classic, primarily at home from his father and mother, seconded by the advantages of an excellent village school. In 1851 his father's early death called him to the head of the family. Removing to Louisville in 1855, he found employment in the Chancery Court and soon after in the post-office. In the fall of 1855, he was made assistant postmaster, which position he held until 1864, when he resigned to enter the postal military service. Meanwhile he managed to read law, and in 1859 was graduated from the Law Department of the University of Louisville. In 1864, Mr. Kelly was commissioned a special agent of the post-office department and placed in sole charge of the mail service in the military division of the Mississippi. In this capacity he was with General Sherman on the Atlanta campaign, and saw constant service in the field until the close of the war. His duties called him into and through the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, and, after the war closed, Texas. As the Judge puts it, he was with the army but not of it—and, though without military rank, had under his command nearly a regiment of men. Having married Rosi Warren, a Kentucky girl (still beside him, an honored wife and mother), in 1865 he settled in Minnesota. For three years he lived on and cultivated a farm upon Lake Harriet.

In 1869 he removed to St. Paul, where he was engaged, for the most part, in literary pursuits, among other things as editor of the *North-western Chronicle*. In 1878 he began to practice law as an exclusive occupation. In 1887 he was appointed by Governor McGill, to a vacancy upon the Ramsey county District Bench and has been twice re-elected by the people. He is known as a conscientious and fearless judge as well as a persistent and careful worker. He has a good record for number and importance and usual correctness of his decisions. Like all men he makes some mistakes, but is always glad to have his rulings and decisions reviewed, and errors, if any, corrected by the Supreme Court. His decisions have embraced every branch of the law. Some of them have attracted more than ordinary attention—notably in this respect his judgment (approved by the United States Supreme Court) enjoining and forbidding the proposed consolidation and absorption of the Northern Pacific Railway with and by the Great Northern, in the case wherein the State of Minnesota was the plaintiff and the latter corporation the defendant. Among the trials of more than local public interest at which he has presided may be mentioned those of the so-called bank robbers, Fleury and others, in 1893, and recently of Rose, the notorious forger and directory swindler operating in the Twin Cities. These and other criminal cases tried by him show him to be merciful and tender with the simply erring, but prepared to handle the professional rascal without gloves.

THOMAS D. O'BRIEN.

Thomas Dillon O'Brien, of St. Paul, was born at La Point, Madeline Island, Lake Superior, Wisconsin, February 14, 1859, the son of Dillon and Elizabeth (Kelly) O'Brien. His ancestors on both his father's and mother's side were Irish, people of education, refinement and good standing. In 1863 his parents, with their family, moved to St. Anthony, Minnesota, and after a residence there of two years, removed to St. Paul. Thomas attended the

public schools and also received instructions from his parents, and in April, 1877, began the study of law with Young & Newell at St. Paul, and was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the State April 17, 1880. Shortly afterwards he became a member of the firm of O'Brien, Eller & O'Brien, composed of John D. O'Brien, Homer C. Eller and T. D. O'Brien. Subsequently he withdrew from the firm and formed a co-partnership with his brother, C. D. O'Brien, under the firm name of C. D. & Thos. D. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien was assistant city attorney of St. Paul for several years, while W. P. Murray held the office of city attorney. He was elected county attorney of Ramsey county in 1890, and served from January 1, 1891, to January 1, 1893, when he returned to his private practice, having declined a re-election. Mr. O'Brien has taken an active interest in the militia of the State, and was for two years captain of Battery A, of the Minnesota National Guard. In politics he is a Democrat and an active participant in the promotion of the interests of his party. A prominent citizen who has known Mr. O'Brien intimately for many years says:

"As a lawyer, Mr. O'Brien is careful and prudent in the direction of his client's affairs, as well as adroit, persuasive and forcible in the trial of their cases. A high sense of justice enables him to know and to state the law with accuracy and directness. The fairness of his concessions readily and cheerfully made to his opponents on all points not in serious controversy, frequently wins favor for him with judge and jury. He has conducted many trials of importance which have attracted great public attention and has on many occasions displayed unusual powers as an advocate. He is always candid with the court and courteous in his intercourse with other members of the bar and is held in high esteem by both. He is active in politics, but is not a place-seeker or spoilsman. He seeks the public welfare by the best methods. He tries to persuade and convince the voters that his party's cause is right and best for the country, but never attempts to cheat or deceive them. His toleration of the views of those who disagree with him, as to men or measures, enables him to judge accurately of the tendency and strength of public opinion. His advice, therefore, is valuable and

is often sought by politicians and public men. More against his will than otherwise, he consented to become the Minnesota member of the National Democratic Committee in 1896, and as such directed a clean and vigorous contest in the campaign of that year, and his efforts and advice contributed much to make the success of his party in the State election of 1898. Personally he is genial and attractive. His fondness for his friends and his hospitality are well known. No man has a kindlier heart or a higher sense of honor."

Mr. O'Brien was married April 24, 1888, at Philadelphia, to Miss Mary Cruice, daughter of Dr. W. R. Cruice, of that city. They have four children, Eleanor, Dillon, Louise and William R. They are members of the Roman Catholic church.

JOHN H. STEVENS.

The first settler on the west bank of the Mississippi, on the site of the city of Minneapolis, was Col. John H. Stevens. Since he came to Minnesota and took up his farm overlooking the Falls of St. Anthony, in 1849, he has been one of the most conspicuous and interesting figures in Minneapolis affairs. Few men have the privilege of seeing great cities built up on the sites of their modest frontier homesteads. Colonel Stevens has not only seen this, but he has been an active participant in the upbuilding process. Colonel Stevens is a native of Canada, though his parents and ancestors for generations were New England people. He traces his line back to Captain Stevens, who served with honor in King Philip's war during the early Colonial times. Gardner Stevens, Colonel Stevens' father, was a native and a citizen of Vermont. He married Deborah Harrington, also of Vermont, who was the only daughter of Dr. John Harrington, who was a surgeon in the Colonial army during the Revolution. John was their second son. He was born on June 13, 1820. The boy was educated at the common schools in the East, and in the public schools in Wisconsin and Illinois, in which latter State he cast his first vote, in 1842. During his early manhood the Mexican War broke out, and

Colonel Stevens enlisted and served throughout the war. For a year or so after the close of the war he remained in Wisconsin and Illinois, and in 1849 came to Minnesota. Upon arriving at the Falls of St. Anthony, Colonel Stevens formed a business partnership with Franklin Steele, who had a store at the little hamlet on the east bank of the river. But the young man saw clearly the advantages of a site on the west bank. This ground was then a military reservation, and repeated attempts to secure permission to settle upon it had been unsuccessful. Colonel Stevens, however, finally secured official leave, and at once took up a farm on the site now covered by the heavy business portion of Minneapolis and the great flour milling district. The following year he brought a young wife from Illinois to this new farm and established the first home in Minneapolis proper, or the original Minneapolis. For a time Colonel Stevens worked this riverside farm, but it soon became evident that the ground was needed for a town. He was a practical surveyor, and with generous public spirit he platted the land to which he had already become attached, laid out city lots and blocks, and subsequently gave away many of them to people who would occupy them. From that time on Colonel Stevens was for many years foremost in furthering the interests of the city and State. He took a lively interest in the promotion of immigration and the exploration and settling of the country west of Minneapolis, in those days an almost unbroken wilderness. Many incidents in his long life in the State are of absorbing interest. For several years after he built his house on the river bank it was the center of the life of the young community. A liberal hospitality was dispensed. Immigrants, neighbors, hunters and explorers, and often the Indians themselves, were entertained at that old house. In it churches, societies, lodges and boards were organized. The old building, after being moved from place to place as the city developed, has at last found a resting place, appropriately, near the Falls of Mincelaha, in the beautiful park now belonging to the city, whither it was moved by the school children of Minneap-



Mr B Sheffield

olis in the spring of 1896. Colonel Stevens' love for agriculture and everything pertaining to the farm, was of enormous benefit to the young farming community of Minnesota. His influence was felt in the establishment of the agricultural and horticultural associations, and in the promotion of good methods of farming and stock raising. He was the first man to bring thoroughbred stock into the State. After his farm at the Falls was made a city site, he carried on farming at other places, at one time having a large establishment at Glencoe, Minnesota. His lifelong devotion to agriculture was honored by his election to the office of president of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society. Though never seeking office, Colonel Stevens was in earlier times called to serve the public in several official capacities. He was the first register of deeds of Hennepin county, and served for several terms in both branches of the State Legislature. During the Indian uprising, as brigadier general of the militia, he commanded troops and volunteers sent to the front. With all his cares and duties he has, during his busy life, found time to do a great deal of writing, and has owned a number of papers. Among those which he has conducted or edited were the St. Anthony Express, The Chronicle, Glencoe Register, Farmer and Gardener, Farmers' Tribune, and Farm, Stock and Home. In 1890 he published a book entitled "Personal Recollections of Minnesota and Its People, and Early History of Minneapolis." He also contributed several chapters to the publication known as "Atwater's History of Minneapolis." Colonel Stevens was married, on May 1, 1850, to Miss Frances Hellen Miller, a daughter of Abner Miller, of Westmoreland, New York. They were married at Rockford, Illinois. They have had six children. Mary Elizabeth, the first white child born in Minneapolis, died in her seventeenth year. Catherine D., the second child, is the wife of P. B. Winston. The third daughter, Sarah, is deceased. Gardner, the fourth child, and only son, is a civil engineer. Orma, the fifth, is now Mrs. Wm. L. Peck. The sixth, Frances Helen, is married to Isaac H. Chase,

of Rapid City, South Dakota. It is characteristic of Colonel Stevens that, though comfortably off at the present time, he has never made his wonderful opportunities for personal profit a means of amassing wealth. The public spirit and broad generosity of the man have made such a course practically impossible for him.

MILLEDGE B. SHEFFIELD.

The late Milledge Benjamin Sheffield, of Faribault, president of the Sheffield Milling Company, was born in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, on the 2nd of May, 1830. He was extracted from sturdy stock—mingled English and Scotch on each ancestral line—and his physical inheritance, to start with, was a magnificent one. The Sheffield family, of which there were numerous representatives in the little Northeastern peninsula, was distinguished for its tall and nobly developed specimens of manhood; and the subject of this sketch was no exception to the rule. Measuring over six feet in height, finely proportioned, dignified in carriage and manners, and wearing his dark, ruddy beard full and flowing, the keen glance of his grey eye completed the effect of an unusually commanding presence, causing him to be frequently referred to as "a gentleman of the old school." His parents, Benjamin B. and Fanny (Steadman) Sheffield, were also natives of Nova Scotia; and the father was a man of consequence in the home community. He was well-to-do, being the owner of a variety of properties, including mills, foundry, machine shops and farm lands. His ambitions were modest, however, and he never sought nor filled public office; but he was held in highest esteem for his native ability and absolute rectitude of character. Blessed in such a father, and surrounded by elevating and refining home influences, Milledge B. Sheffield grew to manhood. His school training was but mediocre, being limited to the common-school course of his native town; but, all things considered, he had a far safer and surer equipment for a successful life battle than has the average college-bred man. In June, 1865, Mr.

Sheffield, who had now been married for some years, came, with his family, to Minnesota to join his brother, Sumner A. Sheffield, who some two years prior to this time had located upon a tract of land (now the county poor farm) near Faribault. Milledge B. remained with his brother but a short time, however, soon moving into the city and establishing there a retail grocery business. In Faribault he quickly gained a reputation as a thorough-going, honorable and generous business man, and his honesty proved a very good policy indeed. The small capital which he had brought to the West expanded until he was able to purchase an interest in the Walcott Flour Mills, located about four miles from Faribault. A little later he bought out his partners, took his son into partnership and enlarged and improved the mills, which were operated for a number of years. November 31, 1895, the Walcott mills were destroyed by fire, and were not rebuilt on the old site; but Mr. Sheffield erected at another point a large mill, and with his son organized the Sheffield Milling Company, of which he became president, and of whose stock he was nearly exclusive owner. These mills, which were equipped with thoroughly modern machinery, had a daily capacity of one thousand barrels of flour, and furnished employment to a small army of men; and they speedily became the nucleus of a village, called Sheffield Mills, which sprang up to furnish convenient homes for the employes and their families. Nor was this the extent of Mr. Sheffield's enterprise in the flour industry. He acquired from the Crown Milling Company their plant at Morristown, becoming interested, also, in the construction of grain elevators along railroad lines through southern Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. Mr. Sheffield was a man of large interests and successful achievement; but business did not absorb the whole man, or even the best of him. He had a deep, loving nature, most perfectly enshrined in the home sanctuary. To many men marriage is a mere incident among others; but marriage and the founding of home was to him the golden event of his life. That event was consummated on the 8th of March, 1860,

the woman of his choice being Rachel Tupper, own cousin of Sir Charles Tupper, secretary of the Dominion of Canada. The Tupper family was then, as now, very prominent in Canada, and the culture and refinements of Rachel, which had graced the position in which she had been reared, shone no less brightly in her wedded home. Three children—Benjamin B., Frances and Harold—came to bless this union, but dark wings soon hovered over the happy family. Shortly after their removal to Faribault Harold died, and upon the 5th of October, 1870, Mrs. Sheffield was taken, at the age of thirty-three, leaving her fond husband mateless, for her sake, to the end of his life. Mr. Sheffield took but slight interest in politics, and none whatever from the standpoint of personal ambition; but he read much and possessed a large fund of general information. He was fond of travel, too, and indulged this taste to a considerable extent after the loss of his wife. He first took his children back to the old home in Nova Scotia, where they remained at school for a couple of years, then returned with them to Faribault, and after keeping them in school here for two years he took them to California for a sojourn of equal length. Again returning with them to Faribault, he made this city his abiding place to the end, with the exception of a few winters spent in the South. He died on October 15, 1899, in his seventieth year, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alson Blodgett, of Faribault. He had lived in retirement from active business during the last few years, his son, ex-Mayor B. B. Sheffield, taking charge of his milling interests. He had never ceased to mourn for his wife, but his children, to whom he was passionately devoted, tempered his sorrow, which brooded over his spirits as a gentle melancholy without embittering or estranging him from his fellow-men. The following extract is from an editorial in the local press at the time of his death:

"Mr. Sheffield was a man for whom every acquaintance had the highest respect, every friend the most abiding friendship, and every member of his household the most sincere affection. Faribault has had many citizens more



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pretentious, many whose passing created more stir in the waves that surge about us; but it never had a more useful citizen—one who did more in a solid, unostentatious way to benefit the city and its people than Milledge B. Sheffield.”

FRANK A. BLACKMER.

Among the medical pioneers of Albert Lea, Minnesota, Frank Amos Blackmer, M. D., is one of the most prominent, enjoying also a high standing in the profession as a present practitioner. He is a native of Ohio, born at Amherst, January 16, 1847. The Blackmers are of English descent, emigrating ancestors having settled in New York State at an early period; and three uncles of Dr. Blackmer were soldiers in the War of 1812. His parents were Franklin and Minerva (Wilkins) Blackmer, his father having been a physician of wide reputation who was in active practice for over forty years. In 1856, Dr. Franklin Blackmer took up a claim of Government land in Freeborn county, Minnesota, and in the following year moved his family hither. His farm lay about a mile from the city of Albert Lea, which has since expanded to such an extent that it now covers a portion of the original Blackmer claim. After settling in Albert Lea, Dr. Blackmer, the elder, followed his profession only during the Civil War, when Dr. Wedge—then the sole practicing physician in that section of the State—temporarily transferred to him the business and enlisted as surgeon in the army. Dr. Franklin Blackmer and his wife both died at Albert Lea, each at the age of about seventy-five years, and the farm homestead is now the property of the junior Dr. Blackmer. The subject of this sketch obtained first a common-school education in the public institutions of Albert Lea, then—in 1863—entered Oberlin College, where he pursued a five-years' course of study. Upon leaving college, he became a student in the medical school at Cleveland, Ohio, now known as the Cleveland Medical College, from which institution he graduated in February, 1868, having but just attained his majority. Returning to Albert Lea, our youthful doctor of medicine en-

tered, a month later, upon his professional career, which has been continuous both in time and in prosperity with the exception of one year, when he was incapacitated for active work by the effects of a wound received during a short term of service in the Civil War. He had enlisted on February 14, 1862, in Company C, Fifth Minnesota Infantry, was mustered in as sergeant, and, with his company, stationed at Fort Ripley. During the following summer he was present at the payment of the Indians at Yellow Medicine, and, August 22, participated in the battle of Fort Ridgely, receiving a severe gun-shot wound through the face, jaw and tongue. In consequence of being thus disabled, he received his discharge from the service in October of the same year. On the 15th of October, 1872, Dr. Blackmer was married to France E. Wedge, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; and on November 11, 1873, a son—their only child—was born to them. This son, Roy C. Blackmer, was deprived of his eyesight by an accident at the age of fourteen, and was for a time an attendant at the State school for the blind at Faribault. He is, however, a high school graduate, and is well known in Albert Lea as the founder, proprietor and editor of the Freeborn County Times. Dr. Blackmer, with his family, attends the Presbyterian church, to the support of which he contributes in proportion to his means. The Doctor is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for political honors. His professional duties are exacting. One of the first physicians to locate in Albert Lea, he has built up a visiting practice which covers an extensive area of the country, in the widely dispersed homes of which his patients listen for the sound of his horse's feet, heralding the auspicious event of their weary day.

WILLIS E. DODGE.

Willis Edward Dodge, of Minneapolis, is of English descent, his ancestors having come to this country from England in 1670. Three brothers emigrated together, and their descendants took an active part in the Revolu-

tion, in which they were known as "the Manchester men." Andrew Jackson Dodge, grandfather of Willis Edward, settled in Montpelier, Vermont, in 1812. The subject of this sketch was born at Lowell, Vermont, May 11, 1857, the son of William Baxter Dodge and Harriett (Baldwin) Dodge. William B. Dodge was a farmer in ordinary circumstances. Willis E. began his education in the public schools of Vermont, and later attended St. Johnsbury Academy, where he took the classical course, preparatory for Dartmouth College. He did not, however, take a college course, but began the study of law with Hon. W. W. Grout, a member of Congress from the Second Vermont District, and also read law with Hon. F. W. Baldwin, of Barton, Vermont, in 1879 and 1880. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1880, in Orleans county, Vermont. In October of that year he came west in search of better opportunities and settled at Fargo, North Dakota. Subsequently he removed to Jamestown, North Dakota, where he was appointed attorney for the Northern Pacific Railroad, and held that office until July, 1887. He was then appointed attorney for the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company for Dakota, and returned to Fargo, where he lived for some time. "Colonel" Dodge, as he is familiarly known, has become distinguished for those strong personal and intellectual qualities inherited from his ancestors, who have been for a long time representative of the sturdy and brainy Green Mountain type. He is a man of extraordinary physical and mental energy, of intense powers of application, and one whose intellect is distinguished for its natural keenness and powers of discrimination. These natural qualities, together with his experience in both the political and judicial arenas in the conflicts which resulted in the building up of the great States of North and South Dakota, brought him to the front, even at an early age, as one of the ablest lawyers of the Northwest. From the front rank of the lawyers of the then new State of North Dakota, he came, in 1890, to the "Twin Cities" and took up his residence in Minneapolis, where his abilities at once received deserved recognition from both the

courts and legal fraternity. He continued to act as attorney for the Great Northern Railway Company, formerly the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company, in Minneapolis until January 1, 1900, when he was promoted to the position of general attorney for the company, and removed to the general office buildings of the company in St. Paul. While chiefly engaged in railroad litigation, his practice has covered a large field and has involved all the varied work which is imposed upon a general practitioner. In the defense and prosecution of cases of immense importance, few lawyers of the State have had an experience which equals his, either in extent or variety. Mr. Dodge has always been a Republican, and while a resident of North Dakota was made a member of the State Senate in 1886 and 1887. During his residence in Jamestown he served that city as its corporation counsel for eight years. March 27, 1882, Mr. Dodge married Hattie M. Crist, of Vinton, Iowa. They have two children, Dora Mae and William E.

JOHN BLANCHARD.

The late John Blanchard, of Minneapolis, was born at Sandusky, Ohio, March 31, 1842. He was descended from Huguenot stock. His father, Rev. Benjamin Waite Blanchard, was for twenty years a Methodist circuit rider. In 1844, he removed to Canada, and finally settled at Brockville, where John was educated, graduating from Albert College at a very early age. In 1862, when but twenty years old, he made his first visit to Minnesota. It was during the war, and D. C. Shepard, of St. Paul, who was constructing the Iowa and Minnesota division of the Milwaukee railroad, had trouble in securing men. They advertised for men in the Canadian papers, and Mr. Blanchard undertook to secure a force of two hundred. He accompanied them to Minnesota, and was about to return to Canada. When those he had conducted to the wilds of Minnesota saw him preparing to depart they too made ready to accompany him. They reasoned that the war was on, and that they might be impressed

into the army. At this point Mr. Shepard told him that he could not go, as the men would not stay unless he remained. In order that the contractor might have the services of the men imported, Mr. Blanchard consented to remain nominally in charge of the men, but really with little to do beyond amusing himself. It was at this time that he was offered a farm in the vicinity of Nicollet avenue and Seventeenth street for a month's salary, but after looking the field over he concluded that he would rather have the money. It was while engaged in this work that he did his first writing for the newspapers, and his letters to the Ottawa papers, relative to the Northwest, had much to do toward directing Canadian immigration in this direction. In the fall of the year, much against Mr. Shepard's wishes, he returned to Canada. While there he received several communications urging him to return to Minnesota, but he declined the tempting offers. He married Miss Sarah Young at Norham, December 24, 1862. Soon after this he went to New York and connected himself with a firm of publishers. His duties required him to visit every part of the country, and he kept up a continuous correspondence with the Canadian papers, particularly those at Ottawa. It was this work that created in him a desire to engage permanently in newspaper work. The opportunity soon came. In 1871 he spent some time with Mrs. Blanchard's relatives at Monticello, Iowa. He was a total stranger, but it was not long before he became quite well known. In some manner he was drawn into a controversy in the columns of the Monticello Express with a most orthodox theologian. The Bible was under discussion, and the strong articles from his pen soon attracted State wide attention, and his authorship was acknowledged. As soon as this became known he was besieged by leading men of Monticello to purchase the Express. Capitalists supported him in the enterprise and he soon became owner of the paper. From that time his reputation as a writer increased, and the Monticello Express became known as one of the strongest papers in the State of Iowa. It was while at Monticello that

he was made postmaster, by President Hayes. After publishing the Express for thirteen years, he removed to Dubuque in 1881 and accepted the position of editor of the Dubuque Times, and in a short time became part owner of that paper. At the time of his arrival Dubuque was a great Democratic stronghold, and General D. B. Henderson, now Speaker of the National House of Representatives, was a candidate for Congress. The fight was a hot one—perhaps the hottest the State of Iowa has ever seen, and the credit of General Henderson's victory, for he was elected, was given to the Dubuque Times' editorials. Mr. Blanchard was intimately acquainted with all the great politicians and other prominent men in the State, and partly as a reward for his great services in the Republican party, with which he was then allied, he was made State oil inspector by Governor Larrabee. In the spring of 1889 he disposed of his interest in the Dubuque Times and came to Minneapolis, where he engaged in some business ventures; but the old liking for newspaper work was too strong to be withstood, and in the fall of the year he became a member of the staff of the Minneapolis Times. At first he occupied a subordinate position as editorial writer, but it was not long before he became editor of the Times, which position he filled to the time of his death. It is doubtful if there was ever a harder working newspaper man in Minneapolis. Mr. Blanchard was a glutton for work. He never knew when to stop, and from early in the day until late at night he was to be found at his desk. He had the courage of his convictions. What he thought was right he upheld, and what he thought was wrong he never hesitated to oppose. It is true that he made enemies, but his enemies admitted that his position was honestly taken. Generous to a fault, a "hard-luck story" always moved him, and there were many recipients of his generosity who will sorely miss him. Every newspaper man was his friend, and among his associates on The Times, as well as his intimates employed on the other Minneapolis papers, he was affectionately known as "Uncle John." Courteous to all, this virtue was

sometimes taken advantage of by well-meaning friends, but if they called when he was crowded with work he always found time to chat with the caller if it was a friendly visit, or to give aid and counsel if one was in trouble. All this he did, and the caller never knew that frequently he was delaying pressing work or interrupting the thread of an important editorial. Mr. Blanchard died at his home in Minneapolis, September 12, 1899. He is survived by his wife, a son, Clarence A. Blanchard, a daughter, Miss Evangelin Blanchard, and an adopted son, Shelley Blanchard, and three brothers. Of the many loving tributes paid to his memory by the press and prominent men of the State, we have space for only one—that of Mayor James Gray, of Minneapolis—which seems to voice the universal sentiment of those who knew him best:

"John Blanchard was a man whom his friends loved. No man had in larger degree that fine faculty of making men attach themselves to him with bonds nearer and dearer than friendship. So his death is an inexpressible grief to those who knew him and had made themselves part of him. It is hard to say anything in the presence of such a sorrow. It would be better to nurse it in the heart, there to do good, for a vivid remembrance of John Blanchard can be nothing less than an incentive to a hearty intellectual independence. He loved his friends so ardently that his monument should be an intangible but altogether real uplifting of all those who ever came under his influence.

As an editor, Mr. Blanchard was moved always by a high sense of justice. He was an editor of the Greeley and Sam Battles type and, frankly, I do not believe he was inferior to either in professional gifts. It may be pointed out that Greeley was more prominent in the profession, but it does not argue that he was necessarily greater. It can be said of both that they rose to their opportunities and discharged their duties without fear. Mr. Blanchard had a wider sympathy than any modern editor. He wrote powerfully on politics, entertainingly on aesthetics, sympathetically on religion. He touched no subject that he did not adorn with dignified thought and felicitous expression. He lived to see his paper discussing the high topics of life and always believed that the people were thinking of the

good, the true, the beautiful, as well as upon the great enterprises and the violent struggles of the world.

His editorials would fill many volumes, but they would be found directed always to one end—freedom of thought and independence of action. Like all men of genius and earnest life, Mr. Blanchard occasionally permitted himself to be playful, and when he wrote to be amusing, he touched a vein of humor that bubbled like a pure spring out of a mountain.

He is gone, perhaps he will be forgotten. Newspaper work is not conducive to immortality. It is not intended to be permanent, except as it is based on truth, and truth often forgets to name the individual who was its servant. But who of those who knew him would exchange his smile, his greeting, his human interest for the privilege of gazing on a marble column. Sweet, kind soul; pure and guileless heart, it cannot, it should not have gone."

JOSEPH A. WHEELOCK.

The name, Joseph A. Wheelock, editor-in-chief of the Pioneer Press of St. Paul, is familiar to every one conversant, to any degree, with the personnel of American journalism. Associated with the newspapers of Minnesota, during the latter half of the century, he has given to Northwestern journalism, through the paper of his creation, a standard which has been and continues to be invaluable. The main position taken by a prominent newspaper, which speaks at once to and for the people, is vastly important; and an adequate study of the development of any given section must necessarily include a review of the attitude maintained by its leading newspaper. Therefore, although not conspicuously identified by name and office in public affairs of the Northwest, Mr. Wheelock is nevertheless bound by the closest and finest ties to its history. The pioneer among Western editors, he is to be rated among the makers of the State as truly as the men who did their work in the Legislature or the more conspicuous field of the administrative government. Joseph A. Wheelock was born at Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, February 8, 1831. He was educated at Sackville Academy, and came to Minnesota in 1850, at the age of nineteen. He began his business

life as a clerk in a suttler's store at Fort Snelling, then a lively trading post. In 1856, he became editor of the Real Estate and Financial Advertiser, published in St. Paul, and in 1858 he was attached to the editorial staff of the St. Paul Pioneer, where he remained for two years. In 1861 he was appointed commissioner of statistics for Minnesota, being the first to occupy that position. The report compiled by him during his two years' service in this capacity was the first important collection of Minnesota statistics ever published, and is still a valuable work of reference, containing, as it does, an analysis of Minnesota's position in the plan of continental development, a careful outline of its physical characteristics and comparative geography and an exhaustive statement of its resources as ascertainable at that time. The character of this book is something more than statistical, for it reveals the discrimination and far-seeing judgment of the man, who saw Minnesota's greatest possibilities and from them augured her mighty future. In 1861 Mr. Wheelock was married to Miss Kate French, daughter of Theodore French, of Concord, New Hampshire. At about the same period, he, in association with Hon. William R. Marshall, founded the St. Paul Press, and thus began his actual editorial career. He continued editor-in-chief of the Press up to the time and after its union with the Pioneer, and his work in this capacity established his reputation in journalism and gave the Northwest its first great newspaper. The stanch Republican position adopted and maintained by the Press at the beginning of the war was the key-note of its future. From 1871 to 1875, Mr. Wheelock held the office of postmaster at St. Paul. Although, with the exception of this term and the appointment as commissioner of statistics, he has not held office in the State of his adoption, he nevertheless figured actively in some of the exciting crises of St. Paul's early history. In those days, which test the mettle of a community and frequently decide whether brute force or intelligence shall rule, the young Nova Scotian stood with his associates for the finer element in public affairs. The force of his personality proved in-

cisive and indomitable and made a lasting impression upon his contemporaries. Although he enjoyed the advantages of education and a favorable environment in youth, he is yet to be regarded as a self-made man in the best sense, namely, through native ability, integrity and force. Among the important services Mr. Wheelock has rendered to St. Paul outside his profession, is his work on the park board of the city, in which he has been an active member for years. To his untiring and judicious interest St. Paul owes some of the most important improvements in its admirable park system. Into the paper whose fortunes he has moulded, however, Mr. Wheelock has put his life-work. In its history we read the character of the man. The qualities which have made him a marked figure in the history of this city and State, are honesty, fearlessness, confidence—honesty of mind, fearlessness of conviction, confidence in the cause of right. These attributes, backed by a remarkable intellectual equipment and combined with literary discernment and independence, are the essentials of creative journalism. As a thinker, Mr. Wheelock is logical, clear and incisive. As a writer he has a trenchant polished style, rising to eloquence at times and touched not infrequently with needful sarcasm. He is as fearless a fighter of shams as he is a supporter of the truth. Stanchly Republican in his convictions he is as an editor broad in his sympathies and candid in his appreciation of his opponent's claim. Both as an editor and citizen his labors in the community have had an indelible influence for progress and enlightenment. The history of the Pioneer Press involves the history of its predecessors and progenitors. The Pioneer, of Democratic traditions, was founded in 1849 and had James M. Goodhue and Earl S. Goodrich as its successive editors. The Press, a few months after its birth, January, 1861, absorbed the Minnesotian, which was founded in 1852. The consolidation with the Pioneer was effected in 1875, the first number appearing April 11. The political history of the paper is identical with that of the Republican party in the Northwest. It has given the dominant note to Northwestern Republicanism, as well

as Northwestern journalism. Its political tone has been high and clean; its policy broad and candid. As a teacher of sound finance, it is not too much to say that the Pioneer Press has stood abreast with the oldest and ablest papers in the United States. It has done more than any one agency in the Northwest to combat erratic and superficial financial doctrines. It is equally sound on sociological questions, and in all religious and philanthropic issues it has maintained a dignified and tolerant position. Locally it has been a powerful agent in the development of the city, and has been constant in its advocacy of municipal reforms and public improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Wheelock have three children, Katrine, Mary Ellen and Webster.

CHARLES D. GILFILLAN.

Hon. Charles Duncan Gilfillan, of St. Paul, was born at New Hartford, Oneida county, New York, July 4, 1831. His parents, James and Agnes Gilfillan, were both natives of Bannockburn, Scotland. They emigrated to America in 1830, and their son Charles, the subject hereof, was the only member of their family born in the United States. He was left an orphan at a tender age, and when he was eleven years old went to Chenango county, New York, where he spent about five years in attendance at district schools in the winter seasons and working on a farm and in a sawmill the remainder of the time. His education was finished at Homer Academy and at Hamilton College. He entered the latter institution in 1848, and remained about two years. In 1850 he came to Missouri, and taught school the ensuing fall and winter at Potosi, in the iron region, south of St. Louis. In the spring of 1851, Mr. Gilfillan came to the then new Territory of Minnesota and located at Stillwater. Here, for the ensuing eighteen months, he engaged in teaching, spending his spare time in the study of law under the instruction of Hon. Michael E. Ames. He was admitted to the bar in 1853, and soon after formed a law partnership with Mr. Gold T. Curtis. In the spring of

1854, at the first municipal election in Stillwater, he was elected town recorder, but in the succeeding fall resigned and moved to St. Paul. In 1857, he formed a partnership in the practice with his brother the late Hon. James Gilfillan, a former eminent Justice of the State Supreme Court, and this association continued until 1863, when Mr. Gilfillan retired and practically abandoned the practice of his profession. Mr. Gilfillan has been connected with the varied interests of St. Paul during his residence here, to a prominent degree. He was the founder and practical projector of the water works system of the city. After due study and investigation he commenced, in 1868, practically single-handed, although associated with some others, to construct the system, and with what money he had of his own and what he could borrow, pushed the enterprise to successful completion, and on August 23, 1869, the water was introduced and began to flow. The old St. Paul Water Company was chartered in 1857, but nothing was done under the franchise until Mr. Gilfillan secured it. He was the president and secretary of the company and its leading and master spirit from the time he assumed its control until the sale of the system to the city, in 1882, and was for several years thereafter a member of the board of water commissioners. In 1882 he built the well-known block which bears his name—at Fourth and Jackson streets—the pioneer building of its proportions and character in the city. He has operated largely in city real estate, has been connected with the banking interests, and has held many positions of public and private trust and responsibility. His private interests are large and somewhat varied, and have required much of his time and attention. He owns and operates a splendid farm at Morgan, Redwood county, which is pronounced the best and largest stock farm in the State. His farm house has been his residence a great portion of the time for several years. Though so busily engaged with material affairs, he has found time for attention to other matters. He has traveled extensively, and at intervals and for considerable periods has resided abroad, where the education of his

children has been completed. Mr. Gilfillan has always been a Republican since the founding of that party. He participated in its formal organization in Minnesota, in 1855, and was the first chairman of the Territorial central committee, holding the position for four years. In 1860 he was the Republican candidate for mayor of St. Paul, but was defeated by the late Hon. John S. Prince, by fifteen votes. He has served in both houses of the State Legislature, altogether for a period of thirteen years. From 1878 to 1885, inclusive, he was a member of the State Senate. No other citizen in the State has taken more interest in the preservation of its history or in its general welfare. He was chairman of the Birch Coulee Monument Commission, that built the shaft at Morton, which commemorates the notable incident of the Indian battle, and he is president of the Minnesota Valley Historical Society, which has already done much and promises to do more along the same lines. His public spirit and generous disposition have been of great value, not only to this society, but to other societies and organizations with which he has been connected. Mr. Gilfillan has been twice married. His first wife—whom he married in 1859—was Miss Emma C. Waage, daughter of Rev. Fred Waage, a Lutheran clergyman. She died in 1863, and in 1865 he married her sister, Miss Fanny S. Waage. By the latter marriage there are four children, whose Christian names are Emma C., Fannie W., Charles O. and Frederick J.

WILLIAM H. LAIRD.

William H. Laird, of Winona, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, in 1833. His father, Robert Hayes Laird, was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and his mother, Maria Nevins, of Holland Dutch descent. In early manhood William H. came to Minnesota, and having canvassed the opportunities to his satisfaction, settled in Winona in 1855. On June 1, of that year, he associated himself with his brothers, J. C. and M. J. Laird, in the lumber business, the firm name being

Laird Brothers. In the fall of 1856 Messrs. James L. and M. G. Norton became partners in the business and the style of the firm was changed to Laird, Norton & Company. This was the origin of what is perhaps the oldest and most successful business house in the city of Winona, long since incorporated as the Laird, Norton Company. Mr. Laird's life in Winona, now about forty-four years in duration, has been crowded with activity, and his interest in all the affairs of the city has been constant and fruitful. At the present time, he is president of the Laird, Norton Lumber Company, one of the largest lumbering concerns in the State; president of the Winona Lumber Company, also of the Second National Bank, and one of the leading officers of the First Congregational church; of Woodlawn Cemetery Association, and of several other public societies. The new Winona Library building, which has recently been built at a cost of \$50,000, was the gift of Mr. Laird to the city. This building is the first direct personal gift which Mr. Laird has made to the community, but his contributions to all worthy causes have been numerous and large for many years. He has for a long time been one of the trustees of Carlton College at Northfield, the Congregational school of the State, and a liberal contributor to its finances. For the First Congregational Society of Winona he built, in 1890, the parsonage building adjoining the church, it being presented as a memorial to his deceased wife, Mary Watson Laird.

CHARLOTTE O. VAN CLEVE.

Mrs. Charlotte Onisconsin (Clark) Van Cleve, widow of the distinguished soldier, the late Maj. Gen. H. P. Van Cleve, was born July 1, 1819, at old Fort Crawford, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin (then spelled Onisconsin). The original Indian name was perpetuated in naming their infant child. Her father, Nathan Clark, was then a lieutenant in the Fifth Regiment of Infantry, U. S. A., which was on its way to build a fort at the mouth of the St. Peters

river (now Minnesota). As soon as proper preparations were made, the troops ascended the Onisconsin river to that point, and in the spring of 1820 a post called Fort St. Anthony was located. In August of the same year, Col. Joshua Snelling arrived, and changed the site and the name to Fort Snelling. Of her early life, Mrs. Van Cleve says: "As the child of a soldier, I have lived in many places, and in Nashville, Tennessee, our family boarded in the same house with General Jackson at the time of his election as President." However, nearly all of her eighty years of useful and worthy life has been spent in Minnesota, and she is the oldest living settler in the State. From a characteristic sketch of Mrs. Van Cleve, by Mary D. McFadden, published in the Minneapolis Times, we quote the following: "The venerable lady is living at her home in southeast Minneapolis. A sweet motherly old face is crowned by a silken aureola of snowy hair. The dear old lady uses an ear-trumpet now, but when one speaks of the old days at Fort Snelling, she is eager to listen to all questions, and is ever an eloquent talker. She has written for the State Historical Society her memoirs in a charming book, 'Three Score Years and Ten.' * * * * Mrs. Van Cleve was but a few weeks old when her father, Major Clarke, arrived at the fort with Colonel Leavenworth's command. She was born en route to the fort, one hour after the party had stopped to rest at the half-breed village of Prairie du Chien, in July, 1819. She remembers her mother's stories of her baby days at the fort. How she was 'borrowed' by friendly Indians and fondled, always under the watchful eyes of a guard, and returned to the arms of her parents, loaded with exquisite Indian ornaments, the consummate art of the bead embroiderer. With her beloved brother Malcolm (who was afterwards treacherously murdered by Indians in Montana), the Snelling children and other little ones, she studied in the little stone school house which was located to the left of the entrance of the old fort. Her eyes grow dim as she tells of those happy days, three-quarters of a century ago. She remembers Minnehaha falls as described in im-

mortal verse by Longfellow, and she sighs over the desecration brought upon it by the vandal, civilization. Even the old walls surrounding the fort have been ruthlessly torn down, and much of its picturesque beauty destroyed by their loss. And the clinging ivy has been torn from the ancient round tower. Mother Van Cleve is known and loved by the Fort Snelling soldiers as the 'Mother of the Regiment,' just as she was known by the Seventh in early days, as the 'Daughter of the Regiment.' * * * The evening gun booms solemnly across the plains just as of old. The brave flag is raised and lowered, saluted and cheered as it was in the long ago; reveille wakes the tired soldier and ushers in the morning in the same old way, but only one is there who listens to the evening gun and watches with tear-dimmed eyes the old flag rise and fall, who saw the first flag raised and heard the first salute fired into the twilight. She is happy and beloved, and bids fair to prolong the sunset time of life, and amid the memories of her youth, and the evidences of wonderful progress made by her beloved State. The eighty winters which have silvered the golden hair of the baby of the regiment have mellowed with age the old stone buildings. Many new ones have been added since the days of Colonel Snelling, but the school house and the old wall will not greet the eyes of the next generation, and will soon pass from memory into history. Fort Snelling in history is a relic of the past, a reality of the present and a promise of the future."

JAMES J. HILL.

James Joseph Hill, of St. Paul, president of the Great Northern Railway, is a native of the province of Ontario, Canada, the son of Scotch-Irish parents. His mother was a member of the famous Dunbar family of Scotland, whose lineage is traced to the Stuarts, and his father emigrated from the north of Ireland with his grandfather's family while still a lad. The family settled on lands of the Canada Company well to the frontier, early in the present

century—lands subsequently included within the boundaries of Wellington county. James J. Hill was born on this frontier farm, near Rockwood, September 16, 1838. In boyhood he attended the academy at Rockwood, where he acquired a good English education, some knowledge of Latin and excelled in mathematics. In his early youth his father died, and, obliged thenceforward to rely upon his own resources, he engaged as clerk in a general store, where he remained two years, continuing his reading and study meanwhile. At eighteen he was well enough informed to appreciate the more favorable conditions in the United States for the advancement of a young man of uncommon energy and industry. He therefore left Canada for St. Paul, where he located in July, 1856. For the first four years young Hill was employed chiefly as shipping clerk by several river transportation firms, and for the second period of four years by a St. Paul agency for the Galena Packet Company and the Davidson line of steamers. Here he gained the first insight and practical knowledge of a business which has made him famous—the business of carrying the products of agriculture and manufactures and the articles of commerce from the producer to the consumer and the tradesman. His first experience was on the water routes, but he learned the principles of transportation business and familiarized himself with all the details of management, so that it was easy subsequently to apply his knowledge to other systems on a larger scale. In 1865 he was appointed agent of the Northwestern Packet Company, and managed its business for two years, at the end of which he engaged on his own account in a general transportation and fuel supply business, which was continued after two years by the firm of Hill, Briggs & Company, of which he was the head. Mr. Hill had become possessed of large interests on the Red river, which in 1871 were combined with those of Norman W. Kittson, St. Paul agent of the Hudson Bay Company, of which Donald A. Smith, the Canadian diplomat and statesman, was the managing commissioner. The association proved most fortunate for both

parties, as it united diversified interests in the development of an enterprise of vast importance and value to all of them, increasing the credit and commanding capital essential to the success of the undertaking. Mr. Hill's penetration foresaw the incalculable advantage of being first to occupy the immense and fertile valley of the Red river with a line of railroad, which would aid in opening for settlement millions of acres of untilled lands, whose products would supply profitable business for a transportation system. The opportunity was opened to him by the failure of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company to meet the interest on its bonds in 1873. He aspired to the possession of this company's indebtedness, amounting to \$33,000,000, in order to gain control of the franchise and real property, so as to complete the work of construction and reap the benefits. The foreign holders of the bonds, alarmed by the seemingly hopeless outlook for the property, were glad to sell them at a large discount. Sir Donald Smith was a formidable ally of Mr. Hill, and George Stephen, president of the Bank of Montreal, also interested in the Hudson Bay Company, was an important factor in effecting the purchase of the bonds. The defaulting company was in a receiver's hands, who took charge of the unfinished road, and under direction of the court, extended the main line to St. Vincent. The bondholders finally foreclosed their mortgages in 1879 and secured possession of all the property. A reorganization was at once effected under the name of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Company, with George Stephen of Montreal as president, and James J. Hill of St. Paul as general manager. In 1882 Mr. Hill was elected vice-president and in 1883 was elected president. From that time to the present he has had the executive control and management. Mr. Hill was one of the originators of the scheme to construct the Canadian Pacific Railway and one of the incorporators of the company, in connection with his associates, George Stephen and Sir Donald Smith, and some London capitalists, including E. B. Angus and Morton, Bliss & Company. On his election to the presidency of the St. P., M. & M.

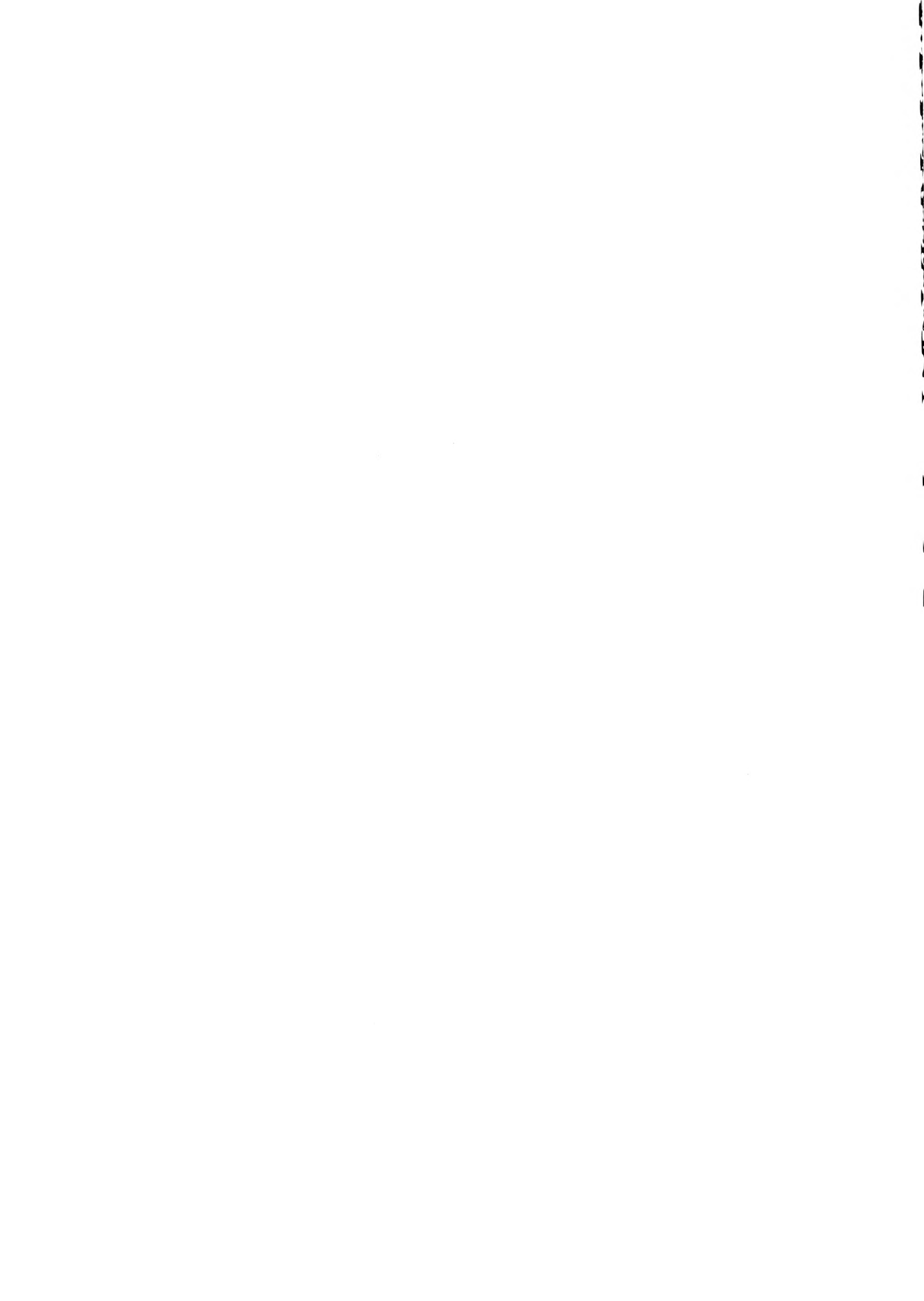
road, which is now commonly known as the Great Northern, Mr. Hill disposed of his interest in the Canadian Pacific, and, having previously sold his interests in the Northwestern Fuel Company and the Red River Navigation Company, he was free to concentrate his creative genius and powerful energies in the enlargement of the Great Northern system and its executive management. The results wrought by this concentration are unparalleled in the history of railroad construction in any part of the world. Out of the single line from St. Paul to St. Vincent has grown a great system embracing 5,000 miles, extending from Duluth to Yankton, South Dakota, and from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Puget Sound, with numerous connecting links and short lines traversing the rich farming districts. The achievement is all the more marvelous when it is understood that every mile of the vast system, except about six hundred miles of the original line in Minnesota, was constructed without a land grant or bonus of any kind—built and equipped without over-capitalization or excessive bonding—the entire capitalization in stock and bonds not exceeding \$28,000 per mile. Having by his railroad connected the tide water of the Pacific with the head waters of the great lakes, Mr. Hill has extended his transportation system eastward a thousand miles by establishing on the chain of lakes a line of magnificent steamers for freight and passengers, running on a regular schedule between Duluth and Buffalo during the period of navigation. Two of these, the "Northland" and the "Northwest," are the most superb steamships ever constructed for inland waters. The ability of Mr. Hill as an economist, and his success as a financier, have established his credit in the commercial centers and financial markets of the world, so that his request for a hundred millions to be expended in the development of any undertaking approved by his judgment and managed by himself would readily be honored. He was consulted by the secretary of the United States treasury and by President Cleveland, when the National credit was threatened and the advice of the wisest financiers was needed. The strongest man un-

der the stress of perplexing cares and enormous responsibilities would break and fail in a few years, if his labors were unremitting. He must have diversion and seasons of rest, during which he may throw off care as a garment, and have his mental and physical powers recreated. Mr. Hill appreciated this necessity and provided for it. Long ago he purchased and improved a fine stock farm, situated a few miles from St. Paul, which, while serving him as a means of recreation, has also furnished the farmers of the State with the seed for improving their live-stock. On this farm are bred some of the choicest strains of stock, from which selected animals have been given without charge to progressive farmers, and in this way hundreds of domestic herds have been improved. Another method of recreation, in favor of Mr. Hill, is the gratification of a natural and cultivated taste for art. He has collected in his private gallery from the best studios and most renowned galleries of Europe the rarest works of old and modern masters, so that his collection is not excelled in value or variety by that of any private citizen's gallery in the country.

Mr. Hill's public spirit has shown itself in many ways. His contributions for the building of churches and schools and for the foundation of charities have been very large. For the endowment of one institution and the erection of its buildings his gifts have aggregated half a million. This institution is for the professional training of candidates for the priesthood in a great religious sect to which Mr. Hill does not himself belong. This school will preserve the good American citizenship of its students, while making them good theologians. In all countries the clergy is the largest single force for the molding of public opinion and the controlling of public action. Hence a monarchy cannot be the best place for training the clergy of a republic. The men who give their money to provide American schools for training American clergymen are benefactors of the American people. Mr. Hill may be classed distinctly with the optimists—the progressive men of to-day who affirm that the present is

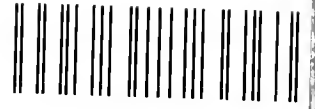
better than any past age, but the highest excellence has not yet been reached. He believes the opportunities of the future in the United States for young men who are ambitious, capable, honest and industrious, are just as inviting and promising as they have been at any time. The country is new; its resources are only partially developed. The problems of architecture, engineering and invention, and the practical application of occult forces to the vastly multiplied operations of industry and transportation afford ample scope for productive genius. It is only necessary that the young man having other essential qualifications shall aspire; that he shall have constantly in view the main chance, and then work while he waits. It is among Mr. Hill's

greatest pleasures to advance capable and deserving young men. He also takes a thoughtful interest in public affairs and questions of National policy, in which his sympathy has generally been with the Democratic party. He was happily married early in life, and he is the head of a family comprising three sons and six daughters, who have been carefully educated. The sons have been trained to the business in which the father has achieved greatness; James N. has the supervision of the operating and engineering departments of the Great Northern; Lewis W. is the vice-president of the Eastern Railway of Minnesota. One daughter married Samuel Hill, president of one of the branches of the Great Northern.





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