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*"It is a thing of no small importance to possess the relics of our ancestors, to practice the same sacred rites, and to be buried by their side."—CICERO.*

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## Genealogical and Family History.

### OTIS LEROY FOWLER.

Otis LeRoy Fowler, one of the representative business men of West Farms, borough of Bronx, New York, proprietor of an extensive and select grocery establishment, is a native of the section in which he resides. His birth occurred September 2, 1864, the sixth child and second son of Lawrence and Jane Ann (Thompson) Fowler, natives of West Farms, and grandson of Benajmin and Ann Fowler, residents of the same place.

Lawrence Glover Fowler (father) was born in West Farms, Westchester county, New York, October 9, 1814. He was educated in the schools of the neighborhood, and was reared to manhood in the parental homestead. Upon assuming the practical duties of life, he engaged in the hotel business, and was for many years the proprietor and owner of the Pelham Bridge Hotel, one of the leading hostelries of that day and place, and thus became favorably known to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He was regarded by the patrons of the house as a most excellent host, his main thought and desire being to provide his guests with everything requisite for their comfort and entertainment. Mr. Fowler married (first) Hannah Hoyt, who bore him the following children: Sarah Jane, married Theodore Noxon, for many years the editor of the *Rhinebeck Gazette*. Josephine, married Alfred Pettit, now deceased. Libbie, married Rudolph Berrian, of Williamsbridge. Law-

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rence G., Jr., who died at the age of twenty-one years. The mother of these children died February 14, 1848. Mr. Fowler married (second) Jane Ann Thompson, born December 22, 1829, daughter of Wade Hampton and Hannah Thompson, both natives of West Farms, and the issue of this union was eight children: Catharine Ann, born October 22, 1852, married John Simpson. Emma Grace, born June 26, 1855, married John Pierce, and after his decease became the wife of Frank Decker. John Pierce, born October 19, 1858, died April 27, 1903. Henrietta, born January 14, 1860, became the wife of Samuel Pierce. Florence Edith, born December 9, 1862, married James L. Wells, a representative citizen of the borough of Bronx, an ex-tax commissioner, and also president of the tax board. Otis LeRoy, referred to hereinafter. William Edgar, born July 1, 1868. Lillian Edna, born July 28, 1871, became the wife of William Nixon. Lawrence Glover Fowler died March 13, 1889.

Otis LeRoy Fowler was reared and educated in West Farms, attending the public schools adjacent to his home. He served an apprenticeship at the tinsmith's trade, and thereafter for a number of years worked as journeyman at the same. He then engaged in the real estate business in the employ of F. A. Fanning and Company, with whom he remained for a number of years, and subsequently was engaged for a short period of time in a clerical capacity with R. A. Havenor and Company. In 1888 he entered into partnership with his brother, John Pierce Fowler, under the style of Fowler and Brother, in the grocery trade at West Farms, having purchased the store and stock of William A. Mapes. In this line of enterprise the two brothers met with immediate success, this being credited to the facts that they were courteous to their patrons, prompt in the execution of their orders, and that their store was thoroughly stocked with a full line of desirable goods at all seasons of the

year. Upon the death of his brother, John Pierce Fowler, April 27, 1903, Mr. Fowler assumed the entire charge of the establishment, which he has since conducted in a highly creditable manner, thus testifying to his capabilities as a man of business integrity and ability. Since attaining his majority Mr. Fowler has taken an active interest in the local affairs of West Farms, and is an ardent supporter of all measures calculated to promote the welfare of the community. He is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and serves as a member of the county committee of the Thirty-fifth Assembly District, president of West Farms Republican Club and also treasurer of Claremont Council No. 1655, Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Fowler married, June 11, 1890, Lena B. Lureh, born February 17, 1868, daughter of Edward and Lena Lureh, and their children are: Jane M., born March 24, 1891; Ruth LeRoy, born July 29, 1896; and Byron Otis, born September 14, 1905. Mr. Fowler and his family attend the Episcopal Church at West Farms, in which body he has served as vestryman for a period of almost fifteen years.

#### JOHN F. MONKS.

John F. Monks, deceased, for many years a highly esteemed resident of New York city, also one of its progressive and successful business men, a member of the firm of Monks & Campbell, manufacturers of high grade carriages and coaches, was a native of England, born in 1822, a son of George and Eleanor F. (Lucas) Monck, this being the early form of spelling the name.

John F. Monks was reared, educated, and learned the trade of carriage building, presumably under the tuition of his father, in his native land, where he remained up to the year 1848, when

he decided to come to the United States in order to find a better field for his skill and labor, and during his residence of over half a century here proved himself to be a most loyal and patriotic citizen, conforming in every way to the rules and regulations of his adopted country. Shortly after his arrival he secured employment with J. B. Brewster, who was for many years known as the leading carriage manufacturer in New York city, and after serving as journeyman several years, by means of perseverance, industry and economy, he succeeded in saving sufficient capital to enable him to begin business on his own account. He formed a partnership with James Campbell, and under the style of Monks & Campbell they established themselves on Fifty-fourth street, New York, where they engaged in the manufacture of high grade carriages, coaches, etc. In due course of time the products of their establishment, being of superior style and workmanship, became well and favorably known to the trade, also to private individuals, they having among their patrons many members of the best families in the city of New York, and this enterprise was conducted for many years, during which time they achieved a large degree of success. Beginning life humbly, without capital, and unaided by influential friends, Mr. Monks attained to a position of honor and usefulness solely through his own ability and the exercise of energy and unconquerable determination. He was a man of unimpeachable integrity, and that sentence "his word is as good as his bond" can with propriety be used in characterizing him.

Mr. Monks married, in 1848, Mary C. Reardon, a native of Limerick, Ireland. Their five children, all of whom attained years of maturity, are as follows: Georgina, deceased, was the wife of John Dunphy, of New York city; Eleanor F., referred to hereinafter; Mary C., deceased, was a graduate of the New

York Normal College, and for fourteen years served in the capacity of teacher in New York city; Jennie, deceased, was also a graduate of the same institution, and also engaged at teaching in New York city; Sara, died December 5, 1891; she sacrificed a college education to devote herself to her parents. Mr. Monks died December 16, 1899, and his wife, Mary C. (Reardon) Monks, passed away February 16, 1888.

Eleanor F. (Monks) O'Connell, second daughter and only surviving child of John F. and Mary C. (Reardon) Monks, was born in New York city, November 29, 1854. She was educated in public school No. 37, and in the Normal College, from which institution she was graduated, and for several years thereafter taught school in the city of New York. On May 3, 1877, she became the wife of William O'Connell, who was born in Ireland, son of Maurice and Mary (McCabe) O'Connell, natives of the Emerald Isle, and with his brother John and sister Julia emigrated to the United States about 1863, settling in the city of New York. Here William O'Connell learned the art of decorating and painting, in which line of enterprise he later became engaged with his brother, John O'Connell, under the firm name of O'Connell Brothers, and they made for themselves a name among the leading firms in that line, numbering among their patrons many of the best business houses in the city. William O'Connell died April 2, 1905. He left, besides his widow, six children, two of whom, John F., born June 18, 1878, and Daniel, born January 19, 1885, are successful business men today. The four daughters are as follows: Emma, born June 19, 1882; Eleanor F., born August 7, 1886; Sadie, born August 19, 1889; and Julia, born December 16, 1891. The faithful wife and mother resides in Wakefield, where she maintains a pleasant and comfortable home with her children, and enjoys the estate of her worthy father, she having been his residuary legatee.

## VALENTINE KILIAN.

Valentine Kilian deceased, was a worthy representative of the German-American citizens, who, by their characteristics, thrift, industry and perseverance, make themselves valued members of whatever community they become a part of, and whose loyalty and devotion to the interests of their adopted country is beyond question. Family tradition states that the name Kilian is of Irish origin, the first ancestor of the family having emigrated from Ireland to Germany at an early period.

Valentine Kilian was born in the village of Viernheim, district of Hesse Darmstadt, province of Hessian Germany. Being left an orphan at the tender age of eighteen months, he was reared under the guidance of a guardian as were also three other children of his parents. He received his education in the schools of the fatherland, and later gave his attention to farming. He was united in marriage to Anna Maria Huber, who was born in the village of Viernheim, 1810, daughter of Peter Huber, a native of the same place. Their children were: Francis, an infant who died in early life; George, see forward; Eva; Apolonia; Elizabeth; Sybilla; Mary; Lena, who died at the age of two years. In 1852, Valentine Kilian, his wife, and seven surviving children crossed the Atlantic ocean, landing in New York city, August 13, and they took up their residence on Thirty-second street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. Mr. Kilian was an industrious and energetic man, straightforward and upright in all his affairs, and he and his wife were devout Christian people, communicants of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Kilian, after an active and useful life, died January 15, 1859. He was survived by his wife, who passed away April 12, 1888, esteemed and beloved by all for the many noble traits of character displayed in her daily walk and conversation.



George Kilian



"Big Boy" Arlinne





George Kilian, third child of the late Valentine and Anna Maria (Huber) Kilian, was born in the village of Viernheim, Germany, May 12, 1838. He received a practical education in the schools of his native land, and in 1852 accompanied his parents to the United States. He remained under the parental roof until the age of twenty-one and subsequently went to Jefferson county, New York, where he engaged in the manufacture of cheese and continued along that line until 1862, when he returned to New York city. He pursued various occupations up to 1866, when he engaged in the grocery trade, and by his industry and practical economy achieved a fair degree of success. In 1887, being desirous of improving his opportunities, he removed to Williamsbridge, borough of the Bronx, and there engaged in the same line of trade, building his present store and residence in 1896-97. He has not only established a profitable business, the result of industry and perseverance, but by his enterprise, progressiveness and good business judgment has contributed materially to the growth and development of the neighborhood wherein he resides.

Mr. Kilian married, in New York city, June 17, 1866, Elizabeth Rauch, born December 26, 1842, daughter of Christian and Magdalena (Leib) Rauch, and their children are: George, Jr., born April 19, 1867, married Catharine Brandenstein and has children: Elizabeth and Walter Kilian; Henry Frederick C., born May 30, 1872, married Emma Brandt, and has one child, Helen Catharine Kilian; Frederick William, born May 6, 1876; Magdalena, born March 25, 1878, died December 27, 1884. Mr. Kilian and his family attend St. Valentine's Roman Catholic Church.

## GEORGE REISS.

George Reiss, a progressive and enterprising German-American citizen of Bronxdale, borough of the Bronx, New York, in which community he has contributed materially toward its progress and development, is a native of the city of Oldenburg, in the province of Oldenburg, Germany, his birth occurring August 13, 1846.

Nicholas Reiss, grandfather of George Reiss, was a native and resident of the city of Preuss Minden, in the province of Hanover, where he was engaged in the manufacture of tin ware. He married a Miss Van Schlanbaum, a descendant of a family of nobility, and five children—two sons and three daughters—were the issue: Fritz, see forward; Bernhard, born 1824, came to the United States, enlisted in the Union army and has never been heard of since by his family, the supposition being that he was killed while in service; Louisa; Doris; an infant who died in early life.

Fritz Reiss, father of George Reiss, was born in the city of Oldenburg, Germany, October 18, 1820. Upon attaining to man's estate he took up art study and fresco painting, which line of pursuit he followed in the principal large cities of central European states, and became well known and recognized as a skillful artist in his profession. He served military duty in the German army, rising from the ranks to a commissioned officer, this fact attesting to his efficiency and faithful performance of duty. Hoping to find better opportunities for his profession in the new world, he accordingly emigrated thither, arriving in New York city May 19, 1853. He enlisted in the Union army, New York Volunteers, in 1863, but shortly after entering upon his duties was taken sick and therefore was incapacitated for active service. He returned to his home, where his

death occurred a few years later. Mr. Reiss married Katrina Schoenert, born July 30, 1823. Her mother attained the extreme old age of one hundred and four years and seven months. The issue of this marriage was as follows: George, see forward; Wilhelmina, wife of Augustus Miller of New York city; William, married Amelia Bauer; Matilda, wife of D. H. Doscher, of New York city; Magdalina, wife of Edward Plenge, of New York city; August, married Mary Kahn; Lonisa, wife of Henry Doesch, of New York city. The mother of these children passed away October 31, 1905, having attained the venerable age of more than four score years. Mrs. Reiss was an adherent of the Lutheran faith, in which her husband was also reared and the tenets of which he followed throughout the active years of his life.

George Reiss, whose name appears at the head of this brief memoir, was educated in the old Christie street school in New York city, and at the age of fifteen took up the practical duties of life on his own account. His first employment was in the grocery trade; later he was employed in a wholesale liquor store, where he was engaged in testing and compounding liquors, remaining until 1868, in which year he turned his attention to the express and trucking business in New York city, his office being located at Reade and Church streets. In this line of enterprise he met with a marked degree of success, this being the logical result of his punctuality and careful attention to the management of his business affairs. He has become well and favorably known in business and social circles, and is highly respected and honored by all who know him. In 1888 Mr. Reiss located in his present home in Bronxdale, and in 1890 purchased a tract of land in that section comprising about five acres, which he has since had surveyed and laid out into city lots, the value of which has been considerably enhanced by the

many improvements added thereto in the past few years. Mr. Reiss is an active member of the United States Council No. 639, Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Reiss married (first), in New York city, June 13, 1867, Augusta Sandman, born August 16, 1846, daughter of Herman Sandman, a native of the city of Hamburg, Germany, and their children are: 1. George, Jr., born February 16, 1869, married Annie Becker and has children: George and Henry. 2. Lulu, born July 4, 1870, married Rudolph Schaeffer and has one son, George Schaeffer. 3. Herman, born March 2, 1872, married Kate Obarshimer and has children: Henrietta and Henry Reiss. 4. William, born October 30, 1879, married Lulu Goodenough and has one child, Lillian Reiss. Augusta (Sandman) Reiss, the mother of these children, died December 26, 1878. Mr. Reiss married (second), April 4, 1880, Anna Meyer, born July 19, 1852, daughter of Henry and Lucy (Schwitje) Meyer, of the town of Lesum, province of Hanover, Germany, and their children are: Frank, born January 29, 1881, died September 11, 1884; Arthur, born August 19, 1882; Lucy, born December 25, 1883, died February 13, 1884; Emilie, born February 9, 1885; August, born August 9, 1887; Clara, born April 29, 1895.

#### GEORGE HERMANN SUNDERMANN.

George Hermann Sundermann, a worthy and representative citizen of Wakefield borough of Bronx, where he has become well and favorably known, was born in the town of Hambargen, which is located near the city of Bremen, in the province of Hanover, Germany, February 20, 1853, and is the son of Hermann and Meta (Hencken) Sundermann.

Herman Sundermann, the father of George H. Sundermann, was a miller by trade and occupation, and pursued the same line throughout the active years of his life. He died in his



*George Herman Sundermann.*



native land April 10, 1887, and his wife passed away in the fatherland July 2, 1904, aged over fourscore years. They were both of the Lutheran faith, and were highly respected by all their friends and acquaintances. By their union in marriage they had born to them a family of ten children, as follows: Adelleid, Frederick, Henry, George Hermann, Rebecca, Martin, Annie, and three who died in early life, two having been twins. The first five of the above mentioned children came to the United States and took up their residence here. Frederick came to Wakefield, Westchester county, New York, in 1874, and there purchased the establishment on the White Plains road known as the "Half Way House." In 1877 he sold the same to his brother, George Hermann, and then returned to the fatherland, where he died July 19, 1887.

George Hermann Sundermann received his educational training in the schools of his native place, which he left at the age of thirteen, after being confirmed under special examination, and then came to the United States with his brother-in-law, Hermann Voos. He settled in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York, where he became engaged in the grocery and provision trade, continuing in this employment up to 1877, when he engaged in the bottling business. May 1, 1877, he became proprietor of the "Half Way House," on the White Plains road, Wakefield, town of Eastchester, and in 1885 he purchased the property where he has continued to reside to the present time (1905). During this period of over a quarter of a century Mr. Sundermann has done much in a material way for the progress and advancement of the neighborhood wherein he resides. He has at all times taken an active interest in such local enterprises as had for their object the good and welfare of the neighborhood. Fraternally, Mr. Sundermann is an active member of Hebron Lodge, No. 813, Free and Accepted Masons. He was

a member of the Fifth Regiment National Guard of New York, under Colonel Spencer, until 1880, when he was honorably discharged. He has served as volunteer fireman in Nereid Engine Company, No. 1, up till the time of annexation. He is now an active member of Einheits Lodge, No. 461, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Mt. Vernon, New York. He has taken an active interest in local public affairs and has served as a member of the Board of Village Trustees of Wakefield for two years, up to the time of annexation.

On May 3, 1877, he was married at his present residence to Adelheid Wellbrock, born July 28, 1854, daughter of Martin and Catharine Wellbrock, both of whom were natives of the province of Hanover, Germany, and of this marriage have been born the following children: 1. Matilda, born May 7, 1880. 2. George Hermann, born February 16, 1882, died in infancy. 3. H. Frederick, born April 29, 1883. 4. George Hermann (2d), born April 8, 1886. 5. Meta C., born June 25, 1888. 6. Herman, born June 25, 1890. Mr. Sundermann and his family attend the Lutheran church at Mt. Vernon, Westchester county, New York.

#### FREDERICK WILLIAM SCHWIERS.

Frederick William Schwiers, a highly respected and enterprising German-American citizen, is engaged in the coal trade in Woodlawn, borough of the Bronx, New York.

Frederick Henry Ludwig Schwiers, father of Frederick William Schwiers, was born in the city of Bremen, Germany, and was for many years engaged as a sampler of tobacco, at which he was an expert, by some of the leading merchants of Bremen. The latter years of his life were spent in cultivating a garden farm. He was a just man, conscientious in all his dealings, and was highly respected by all his friends and acquaintances. He married Anna Tillman and their children



were: Johan Frederick, unmarried. 2. Amia, married Augustus Hollman and resides in the province of Oldenburg, Germany. 3. Frederick William see forward. 4. Frederick Henry Louis, married and resides in the city of Bremen. 5. Arndt, unmarried. 6. Fredericka, married Carl Jantzen, of the province of Hanover, Germany. 7. Adelheit, married Henry Kuhlman, of Goetheburg, Sweden. 8. Henry, came to the United States and settled at Greenville, South Carolina; he married and has a family of sons and daughters. 9. Harmonie, who married twice and resides in the city of Bremen. Of the above mentioned children, John Frederick, Frederick, Arndt and Henry Frederick, came to the United States. Arndt did not marry and took up his residence in Lake county, California, where he owns and cultivates a large fruit ranch. Frederick Henry Ludwig Schwiers died 1899, aged ninety-two years, and his faithful wife passed away in 1901.

Frederick William Schwiers, son of Frederick Henry Ludwig and Anna (Tillman) Schwiers, was born in the city of Bremen, Germany, March 28, 1842. He was educated in the schools of his native city and, after finishing his education, he commenced the practical duties of his life as assistant to his father in his garden farm. When Mr. Schwiers had attained his twenty-second year he decided to come to America, hoping to find here better opportunities for his skill and labor. Upon his arrival in this country, in 1865, he took up his residence in New York city and for some time his occupation was a varied one. In 1868 he engaged in the milk business, in which undertaking he met with immediate success as the direct result of his straightforward and reliable methods of doing business. In 1888 he commenced a coal business with offices on Forty-eighth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues. In 1890-91 he went to the Pacific coast and spent some time in Lake county,

California. While there he purchased a large tract of land upon which has been planted a great number and variety of fruit trees. Upon his return he took up his residence in Union county, New Jersey, where he lived for about three years, and in 1896 removed to Williamsbridge, where he has become extensively engaged in the coal trade, with yards and offices at Bedford Park and at Woodlawn. In this line of enterprise he has met with a remarkable degree of success. Mr. Schwiers is a member of several German organizations, and since taking up his residence at Williamsbridge has always contributed to charitable and worthy enterprises.

Mr. Schwiers married (first), in 1870, Christiana Dwyer, born November 7, 1841, and by this marriage there were born to him the following children: 1. Frederick W., who is a graduate of the Technical Institute of Saxony, Germany, and is at present a civil engineer. He married Margaret Ranhofer and his children are: William and Rose. 2. Anna, unmarried. 3. James Frederick, married Sophia Haagen and has one child, Clara. 4. Adelheit, married James Sweeny and has one child, Winifred. 5. Louis Frederick. 6. Clara, married John Kinney and has one child, John. Mrs. Schwiers died July 1, 1886. Mr. Schwiers married (second), May 4, 1887, Aurelia Dvinger, born in Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, daughter of Louis Dvinger, and by this marriage there were three children: Christiana, Margaret, Aurelia. Mrs. Schwiers and her children are communicants of the Roman Catholic church.

#### ALEXANDER THOMPSON.

Alexander Thompson, an enterprising and highly respected citizen of Wakefield, borough of the Bronx, New York, where he has resided for over half a century, was born in Kingsbridge, Westchester county, New York, March 11, 1832, son of James

S. and Elizabeth (Seals) Thompson, both of whom were natives of Westchester county.

Alexander Thompson was one of a family of twelve children. He received but limited educational advantages. He was endowed with a native ability and a strong desire to succeed in life, and at the age of sixteen began to earn his own livelihood. After some years of industry and careful economy he succeeded in saving sufficient capital to begin business on his own account. The first enterprise in which he engaged was in the rigging and stone setting business at Woodlawn cemetery. In this undertaking he met immediate success, it being the direct result of his punctuality and painstaking care in the performance of his work, in addition to his straightforward and just methods of transacting his business. During the many years he pursued this line of work he has been employed by many of New York's representative and most prominent families. In 1853 he purchased about twenty-one acres of land in the town of Wakefield, Westchester county, whereon he built his present home and where he has continued to reside up to the present time.

Alexander Thompson married, January 22, 1853, Mary Elizabeth Shannon, born December 25, 1833, daughter of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Gleason) Shannon, both of whom were natives of Tipperary county, Ireland, and of this marriage the following children have been born: 1. Mary Cecelia, born November 2, 1856. 2. Alexander, Jr., born September 19, 1858, married Mary Lee and has four children: Florence, Violet, Ethel and May Thompson. 3. Emma Louise, born October 26, 1860. 4. Cornelia Frances, born January 14, 1862, married Peter Briggs and has two children: William Thompson and Walter Alexander Briggs. 5. William J., born January 30, 1864, married Mary McNamara and has two children: Alexan-

der and James Thompson. 6. Edith T., born July 7, 1866, married Wilfred S. Willis and has two children: Edithe and Milfred Willis. 7. Charles E., born July 10, 1868, married Rose A. Thum, and has two children: Charles E. and Regenia A. Thompson. 8. Anna Eliza, born October 3, 1870, died March 1, 1895. She married William Branigan and had one child: Lida Thompson Branigan. 9. Adaline, born April 14, 1873, married James F. Paskett. 10. Florence T., born October 7, 1875, married Clarence E. Willis, and has four children: Marguerite, Everett, Ellsworth, and Muriel Willis. 11. Clara Gracie, born May 31, 1877, died May 31, ——. 12. Elsie Marguerite, born September 19, 1879, died March 11, 1883. Elizabeth (Shannon) Thompson, the mother of the aforementioned children, is a most estimable lady and by her fidelity to duty and the scrupulous care in the rearing and educating of her children, has fully exemplified the kindness and love of an indulgent and generous parent. Mrs. Thompson and her children are devout members of the Roman Catholic church.

#### FERDINAND KRAUSE.

Ferdinand Krause, an enterprising and leading German citizen of Bulls Head, town of Northfield, now the third ward, borough of Richmond, was born in the city of Hamburg, Germany, November 28, 1853, a son of Carl and Augusta (Krull) Krause. Both of the latter were natives of the city of Hamburg, and of their union had born to them a family of five children: 1. Emma, who came to the United States in 1881. She married Carl Bock, and resides at Port Richmond, borough of Richmond. 2. Mary, who came to the United States in 1884 and took up her residence at Port Richmond. 3. Herman, who married in the fatherland and resides in the city of Hamburg. 4. Ferdinand, whose name introduces this review. 5. Gustave,

who came to the United States in 1881, married and took up his residence at Yonkers, Westchester county, New York. He has children: Carl, Mabel, May and Harry Krause. The father of the aforementioned children was a sea captain, and for many years was engaged in this line of pursuit, having sailed his vessel to various large cities of civilized countries. He died in the city of Hamburg in 1878, and his widow came to the United States in 1884, and took up her residence with her son Ferdinand, with whom she resided until her death, which occurred March 17, 1901.

Ferdinand Krause received his educational training in his native city, and at an early age took up the practical duties of life. He engaged in the produce and fruit trade, which line of enterprise he conducted with a marked degree of success until 1884, in which year he came to the United States, arriving here May 29, the same year. Upon his arrival he spent much time at Northport, Long Island, and in 1886 came to Richmond county, where he took up his residence at West New Brighton, and became engaged in the oil distributing business, having been the first to introduce this method of supplying oil directly to the consumers. After continuing in this line of enterprise for a period of eight years, and having met with a well merited degree of success, he sold out his interest and in 1891 purchased the John Decker homestead at the village of Bulls Head, and here he made extensive improvements and resided up to November 19, 1905, when the place was destroyed by fire. He is a veteran fireman, having been for a number of years an active member of the Oceanic Fire Company at Port Richmond. He is a member of Staten Island Lodge No. 346, Knights of Pythias, and also of Richmond Lodge No. 543, Order of Eagles.

Mr. Krause married, at Hamburg, June 17, 1877, Drakhea Bothman, who was born in Hamburg, November, 1853.

## THE WHITTEN FAMILY.

William Whitten, deceased, for many years an eminently worthy and highly respected citizen of Fordham, New York, was born in the university town of Birr, Kings county, West Ireland, in 1822, the son of Thomas and Helen (Brown) Whitten, whose family consisted of three sons and four daughters, one of whom died in childhood and the remainder all attained years of maturity and emigrated to the United States, where they settled, married and in due course of time reared families who became useful and active members of society. Thomas Whitten (father) was a successful experimental and scientific agriculturist, and for many years served in the capacity of superintendent of the estate of Lord Ross.

William Whitten was educated in the schools of his native town, and was there reared to manhood. At the age of twenty-two, being desirous of improving his financial condition and hoping to secure larger opportunities in the new world, he emigrated thither and upon his arrival in the city of New York found employment as a practical farmer on the Ogden estate, where he remained for a period of time and later took up his residence in Fordham. About the year 1850 he assumed charge of the Murray family estate, and for a number of years proved an efficient and capable superintendent thereof, performing the duties assigned him with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. His next undertaking was in the express business at Fordham, he being the pioneer in that line north of the Harlem Bridge, and as the logical result of his straightforward methods of conducting business met with a large degree of success and also gained an enviable reputation in business circles. He was just and conscientious in all the affairs of life, was a staunch adherent of the tenets of the Episcopal

church, and his death on October 20, 1874, which was caused by an accident on the New York and Harlem railroad in the vicinity of his home, caused universal sorrow among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who estimated him at his true worth.

In 1852 Mr. Whitten was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bell, born September 15, 1829, daughter of James and Mary (Anderson) Bell. Their children are: 1. Minnie F., born April 19, 1853, an assistant to the principal of public school No. 5 in the borough of the Bronx. 2. Elizabeth Ellen, born January 1, 1855, became the wife of Reuben F. Bouton and they are the parents of four children: Clarence W., born January 30, 1879, died February 4, 1880; Arthur G., born September 8, 1880; Herbert and Elizabeth Edna (twins), born October 9, 1883. 3. William Thomas Bell, born November 22, 1858, married (first) Julia Kolb, and (second) Josephine (Zimmermann) Frank, widow of William Frank, no issue. 4. Robert J. Anderson, born September 13, 1860. 5. Anna Jane, born July 10, 1865. 6. Joseph Alexander, born June 25, 1870. The family attend the Dutch Reformed church at Fordham. The mother of these children is a native of Rathfriland, county Down, Ireland. Mrs. Whitten is a most estimable lady of the old school type and is possessed of many excellencies of character.

#### JOB DERICKSON.

The first of this family of whom we have any authentic information was Handy Derickson. He was of Scotch extraction, and was born in Sussex county, Delaware, where he spent the whole of his life's career. He was a farmer by occupation, and died at the age of eighty-two years. Handy Derickson married Sarah Bennett, who bore him a family of six children: 1. Levin, who married and spent his life's career in Sussex county.

2. Job, who became the father of Captain Job Derickson, whose name introduces this review. 3. James, who became a seafaring man, married a Miss Bennett, and also resided in Sussex county, Delaware. 4. Nancy, who married a Mr. West, of Sussex county. 5. Sally, who married Philip Short of the same county. 6. Jehn, who married and spent his life's career in his native county. The mother of the aforementioned children, Sarah (Bennett) Derickson, died in Sussex county, Delaware, aged four score years.

Job Derickson, second child of these parents, was educated in the schools of his native county, and was reared to manhood on his father's plantation. When about thirty years of age he entered upon a seafaring life, and while voyaging from a southern port to New York city, with the vessel of which he was captain, he was afflicted with a malignant fever, and it is supposed while in a delirious state that he fell overboard from his ship while nearing the port of New York. His body was later recovered, and was buried in Trinity churchyard. Captain Derickson had become well known in marine circles of New York city, and had won many staunch friends in both New York and southern ports.

Captain Job Derickson married Katie Waples, daughter of Smith and Nancy Waples, of Sussex county, Delaware. Of this marriage were born two children, a daughter who died in infancy, and Job Derickson, whose name introduces this review. Upon the death of Captain Derickson, his widow married (secondly) Philip Short, and of this marriage were born a family of five children: Sarah, William, Mary, Rachel, Peter Short. The mother of these children, Katie (Waples) (Derickson) Short, died about 1842, and her husband, Philip Short, married Sallie Derickson, as mentioned above.

Job Derickson, only son of Captain Job and Katie (Waples)



Derickson, born November 19, 1826, received his educational training in the schools of Sussex county, Delaware, and was reared under the parental roof to the age of seventeen, at which time he began life on his own account. Being in delicate health he took up seafaring and for a number of years was engaged before the mast. Having regained his energy and health, he continued thus employed and by his fidelity to duty soon won the confidence of the master of the vessel, by whose recommendation the young sailor was advanced to more responsible positions and finally became master of his own vessel which he had built according to his own special design by the well known shipbuilder, Jacob S. Ellis, of Tottenville. After making several trips to European ports, Captain Derickson became engaged in the coastwise trade of this country, sailing his own vessel for a number of years, and which was finally wrecked while on a voyage to one of the southern ports within twelve miles of the Hole in the Wall, off the Bahamas. In 1877 Captain Derickson and his crew were safely landed, and the vessel was finally a total loss. Upon his return home to Tottenville, Captain Derickson engaged in the mercantile trade, in which line of enterprise he met with a marked degree of success, which was the logical result of his straightforward and honorable methods of transacting his business. Since taking up his residence in Tottenville, Captain Derickson has become prominently associated with the fraternal and social interests of the neighborhood. He is an active member of Huguenot Lodge, No. 381, F. and A. M., of Tottenville.

Captain Job Derickson married Mary Wentze, daughter of William F. Wentze, who bore him a family of four children: 1. Katie, married Gabriel Dissosway, of Tottenville. 2. Edward F., who married Elizabeth Joline. 3. Mamie. 4. William, married Lena Thrall, and has one child, Helen Derickson, born

December 5, 1900. The mother of the aforementioned children, Mary (Wentze) Derickson, died April 5, 1904. She was a consistent member of St. Paul's Methodist Church at Tottenville, and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew her best in life.

### JOHN J. MERSEREAU.

John J. Mersereau, for many years a venerable and highly esteemed citizen of Princess Bay, borough of Richmond, where he resided for more than six decades, was a representative of a family that was among the early settlers of Richmond county.

Jacob Mersereau, grandfather of John J. Mersereau, was for many years a resident of Woodrow, in the town of Westfield, Richmond county; he was a tiller of the soil, and among his neighbors was regarded as an industrious and useful citizen. By his first marriage he had a family of seven children, among whom were the following: Peter, unmarried; Jacob, of whom later; John, married Nancy Pell, no issue; Kitty, married Cornelius Guyon; Jane, married Louis Androvette. By his second marriage he had born to him two sons, Cornelius and Daniel, who married and took up their residence in Newark, New Jersey. Jacob Mersereau, the father of these children, died and his remains were buried in the family plot in Woodrow cemetery.

Jacob Mersereau, second son of Jacob Mersereau, and father of John J. Mersereau, was educated in the common schools adjacent to his home and reared to manhood under the parental roof. He served an apprenticeship at the trade of cooper, which he pursued in addition to his farm interests in the town of Westfield for many years. He was a man of great energy, industrious, prudent and straightforward, fulfilling to the best of his ability all the duties of life, and was a worthy

representative of worthy ancestors. He married Sarah Marshall, who was descended from an old family of Richmond county. Their children were: Rebecca, married Joseph Sprague; Mary, married Samuel Jackson; Ann, married Daniel Drake; John J., of whom later; Jane, married William Morgan, who later became renowned for his services during the civil war, attaining the rank of general; Abigail, died in childhood. Jacob Mersereau died about the year 1824, his death being caused by an accident, and his remains were interred in the old Androvette family plot. His widow married (second) Moses Winant, by whom she had three children: Zed, Letitia, married Thomas Moore; Jacob, married Emline Lewis. Mrs. Winant died and was buried in the graveyard of the Bethel Methodist Church at Tottenville.

John J. Mersereau was born April 16, 1819. He attended the schools of the neighborhood of his home, and at the age of fourteen took up a seafaring life. By industry, perseverance and fidelity to duty he was advanced to the responsible position of captain, and for many years sailed his vessel in the coastwise trade, continuing thus employed until about the year 1895. During this period he became known as a skillful and reliable navigator, and in marine circles was held in high esteem by all who came in contact with him. He was a man of integrity and honor, conscientious and faithful in the performance of all duties and obligations, and therefore won and retained the respect and confidence of his friends and neighbors.

Captain Mersereau married, January 12, 1841, Emline Bedell, born April 28, 1825, daughter of Joseph and Esther (La Forge) Bedell. Their children were: Harriet, born April 26, 1843, married Wynant S. Androvette; Jacob W., born June 12, 1846, died in infancy; Jane Rebecca, born July 14, 1847, married John L. La Forge; Castilla, born February 11, 1852, married

Nelson Jacklin; Alfred A., born January 25, 1854, married Laura Androvette; Charlotte, born March 19, 1857, married Edgar Storer; John William, born May 11, 1864, married Carrie Androvette, who bore him one child, Louis, born March 27, 1885. Mrs. Carrie (Androvette) Mersereau died January 4, 1891. John W. Mersereau married (second), April 4, 1896, Lucinda E. Hamilton, born July 11, 1876, daughter of William and Jane M. (Totten) Hamilton, and of this marriage there was one child, Everard C., born March 15, 1900. Emeline (Bedell) Mersereau, mother of the aforementioned children, died February 26, 1900. She was an active member of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, a devoted wife and a loving and affectionate mother. Captain John J. Mersereau died August 3, 1906.

#### CHRISTIAN MICHAEL KESNER.

Christian Michael Kesner, an enterprising and highly respected citizen of Huguenot Park, borough of Richmond, is of German extraction, his parents, Michael and Sarah (Fulmer) Kesner, natives of Germany, having emigrated to this country from the fatherland, taking up their abode in the city of New York. They were the parents of four children: Christian Michael, born February 18, 1823, of whom later; Sarah, married David Graham, of New York city, no issue; both are now deceased; Margaret, married Dennis Hagan, of New York city, issue, Sarah and Christian F. Hagan; Mr. and Mrs. Hagan are now deceased; Dorothea, died in childhood; Michael Kesner, the father of these children, died in New York city, and his remains were interred in the old Varick street cemetery. His widow married (second) Anthony Engemann, by whom she had four children: John, who served during the Mexican and Civil wars; he married, has a family of three children and, at present

(1906), resides in Flatbush, borough of Kings. George, married Mary Ann Cusick. Mary, married Henry Tyson, of Brooklyn. William A., married Eunice Ford, a member of a southern family, and their son, William A. Engemann, a resident of Brooklyn, is the owner of the Brighton Beach Race Course. Sarah (Fulmer) (Kesner) Engemann, mother of the aforementioned children, is buried in Cypress Hill cemetery, borough of Kings.

Christian Michael Kesner was educated in the schools of New York city, and later learned the trade of a ship joiner in the same city, which occupation he pursued for a number of years. In 1852 he removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in contract work for a period of about five years, after which he returned to New York city and there engaged in the grocery business. In 1860 he removed to the town of Westfield, borough of Richmond, and purchased the old Pryor homestead, which he later disposed of. In 1870 he purchased the property at Huguenot Park, borough of Richmond, comprising about fifty acres, which is situated west of the Rapid Transit railroad, and at the present time (1906) is living retired, enjoying to the full the consciousness of a life well spent in honorable toil. All his transactions have been characterized by the utmost fidelity and conscientiousness, and therefore he gained an enviable reputation in business circles. Throughout his long residence in Huguenot Park, Mr. Kesner has aided materially by his enterprise, business ability and acumen in developing the material interests of the neighborhood, has won the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, and is regarded as one of the foremost and most influential residents of the community.

Mr. Kesner married Fanny Singleton, a native of the north of Ireland. She was a faithful and loving wife and de-

voted mother, and her death was mourned not only by her immediate family, but also by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who highly estimated her good qualities. Their children were: Henry, married Isabelle Parkhurst; Ida, married Gulo Gulowsen, and has children: Margaret, Creeta and Kenute Gulowsen; Caroline, married David Spragne, and had children: Mabel, Malvern, Ruth; Christian Michael, Jr.; Elizabeth, died at the age of thirteen years; George.

#### HOWARD A. COMFORT.

Howard A. Comfort, sexton of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, is an important member of the well known and old established firm of E. S. Fern & Comfort, undertakers and embalmers, whose funeral chapel is located at 307 West Forty-seventh street.

Timothy Comfort, father of Howard H. Comfort, was born in Orange county, New York, about 1832. His death occurred March, 1899. He was by trade a painter, but spent a large portion of the active years of his life in agricultural pursuits. He married Patience Pelton, daughter of Luther and Ruth (Decker) Pelton, and related to the Blauvaults and Rev. Samuel Pelton. She resides in Sullivan county, New York. The children of Timothy and Patience (Pelton) Comfort were: Alonzo H. and Howard A.

Howard A. Comfort, second and youngest son and child of Timothy and Patience (Pelton) Comfort, was born in Monticello, Sullivan county, New York, November 22, 1868. His education was acquired in the common schools of Sullivan county, and his early years were spent upon the farm of his father. His first business occupation was as salesman in a general store. He came to the city of New York in 1890, and for a short time held a position in the Bloomingdale Asylum for the Insane. He

severed his connection with this institution and for the following seven years was engaged in the dairy business very successfully, giving it up, however, to accept a position with the New York and Brooklyn Caskey Company. He retained this for two years and then established himself, January 4, 1904, in the undertaking business at 1843 Broadway, and on April 1, of the same year, became associated as a partner with the E. S. Fern Company. He served as sexton of the Jane Street Methodist Episcopal Church for fourteen months, and upon the opening of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was offered and accepted the position of sexton. The duties connected with that position he has performed efficiently and conscientiously. He is a graduate of the Stephen Merritt Embalming Company, and a consistent member of the church with which he is officially connected. He is thoroughly familiar with all the duties, details and responsibilities of the work in which he is engaged, and the careful manner in which all orders are carried out has won for him the highest commendation. He has gained many friends by his straightforward business dealings and his many sterling qualities.

Mr. Comfort married, June 20, 1906, Charlotte Lohmyer, a native of New York, daughter of Herman and Helena Lohmyer, the former of whom died June, 1901, the latter surviving.

#### IMMANUEL GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The Immanuel German Evangelical Lutheran Church, at the corner of Eighty-eighth street and Lexington avenue, New York city, is one of the best attended houses of worship in that section of the city. The corner-stone of the new church was laid October 31, 1885, and the church was dedicated Thanksgiving, 1886. Rev. Louis Halfmann was then the pastor, and he remained

in charge until his death, November 4, 1897, when he was succeeded by Rev. W. F. Schoenfeld, the present incumbent, who was installed February 13, 1898. The church edifice is an imposing stone structure of inviting exterior, and the interior is fitted up in excellent taste and harmony. In fact, it is considered one of the most beautiful churches in the city. The altar is one of the finest examples of Gothic design. Besides a beautiful painting representing the Transfiguration, some of the significant embellishments of the church are the coat of arms of Luther and Melancthon and the signers of the unaltered Augsburg Confession painted in the spandrels of the dome-like ceiling. It has a seating capacity of about one thousand persons. There are both English and German Sunday schools connected with the church, and they have an average attendance of seven hundred. The parochial school, also English and German, has an average attendance of about one hundred and eighty, E. H. Engelbrecht, principal. There is a choir composed of twenty male and twenty female voices, which is under the direction of Edward Rechlin, who is also the organist, and is undoubtedly one of the most talented musicians and organists in Greater New York.

Rev. William F. Schoenfeld was born in Niles, Cook county, Illinois, May 11, 1869. His preliminary education was acquired in Bethlehem Lutheran parochial school, Chicago, Illinois, and he then became a student at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1887. He pursued his theological studies at the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, and was graduated from this institution in 1890. He was ordained at Astoria, Long Island, August 24, 1890, and immediately became the first regular pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Astoria, Long Island. Here he labored faithfully for the spiritual welfare of his parish until April 1896.



when he was called pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in New York city, where he ministered to the needs of the parish until February, 1898, when he was installed in his present charge. Since taking charge of this parish he has greatly decreased the debt of the church, and it is now in a most flourishing condition. He is greatly beloved by his congregation, and his sermons are listened to with both pleasure and profit. He is always ready to sacrifice his own interests, if necessary, to the needs of his parishioners, and there is perfect unity between them.

Since he has become pastor of this church English services have been introduced for the benefit both of the young members of the church and such as are not able to understand the German language. English services are now being regularly held every Sunday evening. Both Pastor Schoenfeld and his assistant, Pastor C. H. Franke, preach in both languages, German and English.

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**ST JAMES' EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

This church is located at Seventy-third street and Madison avenue, New York city, and the present incumbent is Rev. Junius B. Remensnyder, D. D., LL. D. The history of this church is that of the first English Lutheran Church in the city of New York. It was originally an outcome of the old Dutch "Swamp" Church, organized by Rev. Strebeck, July 16, 1797. A church was erected at the corner of Mott and Cross streets, and consecrated October 11, 1801. The name of the congregation at that time was Zion's English Lutheran Church. About 1810 the pastor of this congregation, with a majority of the members, entered the Episcopal Church, and for eleven years services were held intermittently. These remnants of the congregation were reorganized in 1821 as St. Matthew's English Lu-

theran Church, and a building was erected in Walker street, near Broadway, which was consecrated December 22, 1822. Here services were conducted until 1827, and on February 20 of that year this edifice was sold and the congregation was again reorganized, this time as St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Church, the present name. Pierre Lorillard presented an edifice on Orange street, and this was consecrated May 13, 1827. A new building was consecrated May 10, 1846, on Mulberry street, near Grand street, and on November 11, 1851, a much larger and more commodious edifice was consecrated on Fifteenth street, opposite Stuyvesant Square. This edifice was sold in 1889, and the congregation removed to the present site on the southwest corner of Madison avenue and Seventy-third street, where the present structure was consecrated October 12, 1890. The building is of pinkish-gray granite with red sandstone trimmings, and was erected at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars, including the price of the land. It is one of the most imposing works of ecclesiastical architecture in the city. The interior decorations are by Tiffany. The magnificent windows represent "Christ in Glory," "The Angel and the Shepherds," "The Angel Baptismal Font", and "The Angel of the Resurrection" was recently placed on the left side of the chancel. The pulpit, lecterns, etc., are all admirable works of art. From St. James as the mother church have sprung almost all of the English Lutheran churches of New York city. It has had in its seventy-three years of existence but seven pastors: Rev. C. F. Schaeffer, D. D., from 1827 to 1831; Rev. W. D. Strobel, D. D., 1831 to 1841; Rev. C. Martin, D. D., 1841 to 1851; Rev. J. L. Schoek, D. D., 1851 to 1864; Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., 1865 to 1879; Rev. A. S. Ort, D. D., 1879 to 1880; and Rev. Junius B. Remensnyder, appointed February 1, 1881.

Rev. Junius B. Remensnyder, D. D., LL. D., was born near

Staunton, Virginia, February 24, 1843. His grandfather, Rev. G. H. Remensnyder, a graduate of the University of Goettingen, Germany, came to this country in his youth and was one of the founders of the Virginia Synod. His father, John Junius Remensnyder, was a Lutheran minister, and was distinguished for his scholarly style as a writer.

Descended from a line of clergymen, it was but natural that Junius B. should select the clerical profession as his life work. While his father was pastor in Milton, Pennsylvania, young Junius was sent to the Pennsylvania College, and during his collegiate studies he enjoyed a reputation as an orator and a leader of the students. Having been graduated in his twentieth year, he began the study of the law. This was about at the outbreak of the Civil war. Carried away by patriotic enthusiasm, he enlisted and served in the United States army one year, and was present at the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. For his daring rescue of the regimental colors at Fredericksburg he was thanked in a personal letter by the brigade commander. Upon his return home he abandoned the study of law and took up that of theology, and in 1865 was graduated from the Gettysburg Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and was appointed pastor at Lewistown, Pennsylvania, where he labored from 1865 to 1867, and was then appointed pastor of St. Luke's, Philadelphia, remaining there from 1867 until 1874. He was then appointed pastor of the Lutheran Church, in Savannah, Georgia, was there for six years, when he was called to St. James' Evangelical Church, his present pulpit.

He is the author of a number of pamphlets, chief among which may be mentioned the following: "Work and Personality of Luther," 1883. He is also the author of a number of volumes: "Heavenward," Philadelphia, 1874; "Doom Eternal, or The

Bible and Church Doctrine of Everlasting Punishment," New York, 1880, and Philadelphia, 1886; "The Six Days of Creation," an attempt to illuminate the truth of the creation story by the discoveries of science; "The Lutheran Manual," New York, 1892; "The Atonement and Modern Thought," New York, 1905. He is a frequent contributor to the papers and reviews of his own church, and also writes occasionally for other religious publications. He has decided convictions and opinions, and displays great energy in advancing his theories. He is frequently heard in the field of controversy, both in the synods and also in the journals of the church. He is a conspicuous advocate of the common service, holding it to be one of the most effective levers in forwarding the progress and influence of the Lutheran church.

#### SECOND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Second Avenue Baptist Church of New York city was organized by Rev. James A. Francis, April 6, 1898. He served as pastor for three years, and was then succeeded by Rev. Charles J. Keevil. The congregation was organized with forty-five members, and since that time more than five hundred have united with it, and the present (1906) membership is about three hundred and fifty. Services are conducted in a suitable and commodious edifice in Second avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, and it has a seating capacity of eight hundred in the body of the building and three hundred in the chapel. The religious work is carried on very efficiently among five nationalities: Hungarian, Italian, Greek, Chinese and English. There is an average of forty services each week, and it is estimated that not less than one thousand persons are reached each week through the various departments connected with the church. The officers at the present time are as follows: Rev. Arthur

Howard, assistant pastor; Mrs. Mary Forsyth, church missionary; Miss R. Cignarole, Italian missionary; Antonio Savarese, Italian missionary; Miss M. M. Mare, superintendent of children's work; E. W. Vary, church clerk; Thomas E. Schulte, organist. The deacons are: William Horseman, William B. Hand, J. Philips, J. S. Jacobs and C. M. Reiffennacht.

Rev. Dr. Charles James Keevil, until March, 1906, pastor of the Second Avenue Baptist Church of New York city, now in charge of the First Baptist Church of Trenton, New Jersey, is a descendant of an old and well known family of England, who came originally from Keevil, England, a town which was named in their honor.

John Keevil, grandfather of Rev. Charles J. Keevil, was born in Westbury, England, and moved to Marston, where he was a farmer by occupation. He was a member of the Baptist church, in which he was an earnest worker, and was a highly esteemed citizen of the community. He married Mariah Coleman, daughter of Farmer Coleman, of Great Cheverell.

Joseph Keevil, son of John Keevil, mentioned above, was born in Great Cheverell, England, and was a flour miller by trade. He lived first in Great Cheverell, then in various other places, and emigrated to America in 1885 with his family. He settled in Brooklyn, New York, where he died March 17, 1900, and is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Long Island. He married Mary Ann Nash, of Great Cheverell, England, daughter of Thomas and Mary A. (Potter) Nash, the former a farmer. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Keevil were: 1. Thomas H., deceased, married Etta Terhune, also deceased, and they were the parents of three children. 2. Charles James, see forward. 3. Joseph, married Martha Ingram, of Paris, Kentucky, and has two children. 4. George, married Jennie Arnaud, daughter of John Arnaud, now deceased, who is a member of the Grand

Army of the Republic, and is chaplain of the Soldiers' Home in Bath, New York. 5. Arthur W., married Alice Haslam and has two children. 6. Mary A., married Charles Sexton, and has four children.

Rev. Dr. Charles James Keevil, second son and child of Joseph and Mary Ann (Nash) Keevil, was born in Kings Mead, Wiltshire, England, March 18, 1871. His early education was acquired in schools in England, and this was supplemented upon his arrival in this country by a classical course in the Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Master of Arts in 1895. He then pursued his theological studies at the Eastern Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church of Providence, Rhode Island, and was ordained in 1897. His first appointment was as pastor of the Primitive Methodist Church of Quincy, Massachusetts, where he remained in charge for one year. During the next three years he served in Lowell, Massachusetts, after which he returned to Brooklyn, New York, and became pastor of the Monroe Street Primitive Methodist Episcopal Church. Later he affiliated with the Baptist denomination and was appointed pastor of the Baptist Church at Woodside, Long Island. He was made assistant pastor of the Second Avenue Baptist Church of New York in November, 1901, under Rev. James A. Francis, and upon the resignation of the latter, at the expiration of six months, Rev. Keevil was chosen to take his place, the date of his appointment being May, 1902. Rev. Keevil had the degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him in 1903 by Gale College, Wisconsin. He removed from New York to Trenton, New Jersey, having accepted a call as pastor to the First Baptist Church of Trenton, and commenced his ministrations March 18, 1906. He was at one time a member of Court Shamrock, Order of Foresters. He is a devoted, conscientious minister, an elo-

quent, forceful preacher, and has the interests of his congregation at heart. He is ever ready to sacrifice his personal comfort, if by so doing he can conduce to the welfare of the congregation, or be of assistance to any individual member of it. In consequence of this whole-souled devotion he is greatly beloved by his parishioners, and his work is productive of much good.

He married Paulina M. Harrer, born in the state of New York, died June 20, 1905, daughter of John and Elizabeth Harrer, both natives of Germany, the former a furniture manufacturer in the city of New York. Rev. and Mrs. Keevil have had two children: Samuel, born October 3, 1899; and Laura, born May 2, 1903.

#### ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 37 Adams street, New York city, whose pastor is Rev. Walther Eickmann, is one of the best attended churches of its size in the city. This parish was organized June 22, 1898, by a committee of the first conference of the New York Ministerium, composed of Pastors Beiderheede, Behrens, G. H. Tappert and Reumann. The first regular pastor was Rev. Paul Besig, who remained in charge until November 1, 1898, when he was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Walther Eickmann.

For a few months after the organization of the parish, services were held in a hall on Commonwealth avenue. The cornerstone of the new building was laid December 4, 1898, and the church was dedicated December 25 of the same year. It is a frame structure of pleasing exterior, and has a seating capacity of about one hundred and fifty persons. There are about forty regular members, and the Sunday school connected with it, which was organized March 20, 1892, has an average

attendance of one hundred and twenty-five children. The associations connected with the church are: The Ladies' Aid Society, founded March 7, 1889, and the Young People's Society. A parsonage was erected in 1900.

Rev. Walther Eickmann was born in Altena, province of Westphalia, Germany, February 24, 1872. He acquired his preliminary and classical education in the schools of his native town, and then took up his theological studies in Brecklum, Germany. He came to America in 1893, and was ordained at Chicago, Illinois, September 17, 1893. During the next year he was the pastor of the Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church of that city, and at the same time was professor of Church History, the New Testament and Theology in the Lutheran Seminary. He became pastor of St. Paul's Church, in Laramie, Wyoming, in April, 1896, and remained in charge until June, 1898. The next few months he spent in Europe, and upon his return, in 1898, he entered upon his duties as pastor of St. Luke's Evangelical Church. Under his able and conscientious care the parish is in a most flourishing condition; the membership is increasing, and the spirit of unity seems to pervade the parish. Rev. Eickmann is a forceful and convincing preacher, being thoroughly imbued with the truth of the principles he endeavors to impress on the minds of his parishioners. His delivery is quiet and impressive. His congregation is with him, heart and soul, and he is greatly beloved throughout the parish.

#### BETHANY SWEDISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This congregation was organized March 28, 1891, and for some time the services were held in a carpenter shop. Later the Calvary Baptist Church was purchased by the members under the supervision of the pastor of Immanuel Church, Rev. A. J. Anderson. Class No. 8 and other members met in this build-



ing, March 8, 1891, at the request of the presiding elder, Benjamin M. Adams, for the purpose of organizing a second Swedish Methodist Episcopal Society in Brooklyn, New York. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. J. Anderson, pastor of Immanuel Church; Benjamin M. Adams presided and C. F. Thornblade was elected secretary for the evening. The society was organized with seventy-eight members in full connection, and thirty on approbation, and a resolution was passed that the name of the society be "The Swedish Bethany Methodist Episcopal Church," and that the society be incorporated under the state law of New York. The following persons were elected trustees: Alfred Bredenberg, August Daleen, Charles G. Soderholm, Albin Lundquist, Oscar Wigren, Charles Lagergren, John Toreen, Charles Johnson and Andrew Forsstrum. The local preacher, Alfred Briedenberg, was elected superintendent of the Sunday school; August Anderson was elected steward, and the board of trustees was appointed a committee on church music.

Rev. C. F. Thornblade was appointed pastor by conference, and preached his first sermon on September 1, 1889, while the society was still a mission. The church grew and prospered from its earliest inception until the present time, and today has two hundred and sixteen members in full connection, and twenty-two on probation. It has also a flourishing Sunday school with two hundred enrolled members. The societies are: Epworth League, with about eighty members; Dorcas Society, about forty members; Wesley Brotherhood; Young Ladies' Society; Woman's Missionary Society and a Sick and Benefit Society, which has done good work for many years. Rev. C. F. Thornblade was succeeded by Rev. C. A. Cederberg, who remained in charge of the church for five years, and was followed by Rev. H. W.

Eklund, who ministered four years, and, April 1, 1904, was succeeded by the present pastor.

Rev. Frank E. Broman was born near Woodhull, Henry county, Illinois, October 30, 1871. He is the son of Carl J. and Gustava (Peterson) Broman, both natives of Sweden, the former deceased, the latter residing near Andover, Illinois. Rev. Frank E. Broman pursued his early studies in public schools, and later was a student at the Swedish Theological Seminary connected with the Northwest University, Evanston, Illinois, from which he was graduated in June, 1896. He continued his studies at the University, however, until 1897, in which year he was ordained deacon at St. John's Church, Brooklyn, New York, by Bishop John M. Walden, and, April 14, 1901, was ordained elder at Hanson Place Methodist Episcopal Church by Bishop James N. Fitzgerald. While still in deacon's orders, he was appointed to pastorates in New Haven and Ansonia, Connecticut, where he remained one year, and was then called to the church at Hartford, Connecticut, where he bought a property, built the present church and remained four years. He spent the next two years at Arlington and Jersey City, New Jersey; at the latter place he organized the church, and from there was called to Bethany. He is very earnest and active in all he undertakes, is a good and forceful speaker, makes his congregation feel that he is heart and soul with them, and by the excellent example he furnishes has done a great deal to further the interests of the church. He is very popular among all the members of the congregation, and his advice is very generally sought.

PORT AND IMMIGRANT MISSION OF THE SWEDISH  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This mission was started with but five members, who were gathered in from Battery Park, New York, by Rev. Charles Samuelson, the present pastor. The object of this mission is to further the spiritual and temporal welfare of the poor and unemployed immigrants who come from Sweden to this country. It is not only of service in preventing them from falling into the snares of a great and populous city, but assists them to become helpful and industrious citizens. Services are held in the mission every evening, and every Sunday at three o'clock in the afternoon, with the exception of the months of July and August. Statistics show that the work of this organization has been of vast benefit in keeping down the percentage of crime which always exists, to a greater or less extent, in a large city.

Rev. Charles Samuelson, pastor of the above mentioned mission, was born in Linköping, Sweden, January 27, 1853. His entire education was acquired in his native land. He was graduated from a business college in 1875, and after completing his studies to fit himself for the ministry, was a local preacher in Sweden for about two years. He emigrated to America in 1880, arriving in New York April 27 of that year, and became assistant pastor to Rev. A. G. Johnson, in the Eleventh Street (now Fifty-second Street) Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church. He had full charge of the church for a period of six months, during which time the present property on Fifty-second street was purchased. He was appointed Swedish pastor of the Port and Immigrant Mission in 1888, and in that year organized the Battery Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, and for eight years devoted his entire time and attention to this mission. He was then transferred to Bridgeport, Connecticut, as pastor of

the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, where he labored faithfully for three years. His next pastorate was in the Immanuel Swedish Church, Brockton, Massachusetts, of which he took charge in 1899, and where he remained two years. He was appointed pastor of the Yonkers and Bethel Missions, in New York, in April, 1901, and worked earnestly in them until 1903, when he was re-appointed to his former position with the Port and Immigrant Mission, a position he holds at the present time. His work has been very successful in all these different fields, as he brings to bear upon it not only great energy and perseverance, but also a keen insight into and understanding of human nature and the motives which actuate humanity. His charity and kindness of heart have been the means of saving many from following the downward path.

#### SWEDISH ELIM METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This flourishing parish, now located in Forty-seventh street, between Third and Fourth avenues, Brooklyn, New York, was organized in 1897. Rev. H. W. Elkund organized a class of seven members in that locality, then belonging to his church, the Swedish Immanuel, Dean street, Brooklyn, and he preached the first sermon in the present church, November 12, 1893. Rev. Ben. Nelson, who was the first stationed pastor, labored very faithfully and successfully for nearly six years; he was succeeded by Rev. C. F. Thornblade, who ministered to the needs of the congregation for five years, and was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Eric N. Hedeén.

The church edifice is an attractive frame structure, with a seating capacity of about two hundred. The membership roll consists of one hundred and thirty names, and the average Sunday school attendance is more than one hundred. The parish is in a very prosperous condition. Lots have been pur-

chased at the corner of Fourth avenue and Fiftieth street, and it is proposed to erect a new church building at a very early date, as the congregation is growing in numbers very rapidly. The societies connected with the church are: Ladies' Aid Society, Epworth League, Women's Foreign Mission Society.

Rev. Eric N. Hedeem was born in Karlskoga, Bergslag, Vermland, Sweden, December 4, 1876. His early education was obtained in the schools of his native land, and at the age of sixteen years he emigrated to America. Here he began his studies for the ministry, becoming a student in the Swedish Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1902. He was ordained deacon in Providence, Rhode Island, April 26, 1903, and admitted to full connection in the conference at Boston, Massachusetts, May 31, 1905. His first appointment was to the Swedish church in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he worked zealously for one and a half years. He was then transferred to Ansonia, Connecticut, for one year, and from thence to his present parish, the Swedish Elim Methodist Episcopal Church, where his ministrations are considered very favorably by those who appointed him to this charge, and where he has made himself beloved by all the members of his congregation.

#### NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN TRINITY CHURCH.

This flourishing Norwegian Lutheran Church, at present under the ministration of Rev. Jakob Tanner, is located in Twenty-seventh street, Brooklyn, New York. It was organized July 29, 1890, by Rev. M. H. Hegge, and its first services were held in a hall on Twenty-second street and Third avenue. The congregation at that time consisted of but fifty-four confirmed members, and of eighty-one souls in all. It prospered and gained in reputation and membership, and ground was broken

for the present church. The cornerstone was laid in 1893, and the church was dedicated in April, 1894. It is a neat and attractive frame building with a seating capacity of four hundred and fifty. The membership is now over four hundred, and the average Sunday school attendance is about three hundred. In connection with this church there is a mission, located at Sixtieth street and Twelfth avenue, for the convenience of the Norwegians living in that vicinity. This is well attended, and the average attendance at the Sunday school is about seventy. The congregation is growing rapidly in wealth and the number of its members. During the past fifteen years this church has expended forty-four thousand dollars in church work, has contributed twenty-four hundred dollars to seamen and foreign missions, and twenty-five hundred dollars for general charitable purposes. The societies connected with the church are: The Ladies' Sewing Circle and the Young People's Society. There is a fine mixed choir and an excellent male chorus. Rev. M. H. Hegge remained in charge until 1903, when he was succeeded by Rev. Jakob Tanner, the present incumbent.

Rev. Jakob Tanner was born in the town of Molde, Norway, October 15, 1865. His education, which was an excellent one, was acquired in the land of his birth, and April 19, 1893, he was ordained to the ministry in the cathedral of Trondhjem, Norway. Immediately after his ordination, he emigrated to America to take charge of St. Peter's Norwegian Lutheran Church in Story City, Iowa. Here he labored indefatigably for five years and then removed to Clayton county, in the same state, and took charge of parishes which were afterward apportioned to two clergymen, as the amount of work in them warranted such a proceeding. He spent another five years in this work, and was then appointed pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran Trinity Church in Brooklyn, with an assistant, Rev.

O. E. Eide. Under the able and conscientious ministrations of Rev. Jakob Tanner, this church has gained ground rapidly and is in a very flourishing condition. Rev. Tanner is very popular with his congregation and is heart and soul devoted to his work.

#### GRACE REFORMED CHURCH.

Grace Reformed Church of New York city, Rev. Joseph R. Duryee, D. D., minister, has a history which really began in 1866. February 4th of that year a Sunday school was formed with fifteen scholars by a few of the members of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church on Broadway. Three years later the Collegiate Church consistory purchased property on Seventh avenue and Forty-fourth street, on which they erected a building for the school, that had been increased ten fold, and determined to organize with it a chapel and the Collegiate Church. The Rev. William H. Clark was called as its first pastor. He remained four years and was followed by Rev. Vernon B. Carroll, who remained until 1877. Under these men over one hundred communicants were gathered in, and it was believed that an independent church might be organized. Then followed a season of depression and there was no settled pastor for several years, but June 1, 1879, Joseph R. Duryee, D. D., became minister of the Seventh Avenue Chapel of the Collegiate Church, and during the year 1880 the congregation more than doubled. The building, which they had many a struggle to pay for, was finally dedicated May 15, 1881. Up to this date the church was but a wing of another, but it wanted to be independent, hence November 10, 1885, it was incorporated as an independent organization and has since been known as "Grace Reformed Church of New York city." Dr. Duryee has been the pastor from the first. The church observed its twenty-fifth anniversary, June 5, 1904, at which time the church was in a highly

flourishing condition, with three hundred and fifty communicant members. Among the societies connected with this church may be mentioned: King's Daughters, the various missionary societies, the Sewing Circle, the Coral Workers, the Junior King's Daughters, the Boys' Brigade and a large association of men.

#### UNION BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Union Baptist Church, located at Nos. 204 and 206 West Sixty-third street, New York city, whose present pastor is Rev. George H. Sims, D. D., was organized in 1889 by Rev. J. H. Watkins, the first services being held in a store in West Sixtieth street. After a short time they removed to Broadway and Sixty-fifth street, then to Sixty-seventh street and Eighth avenue, to No. 224 West Sixty-third street in a building known at that time as the "Soldiers' Home," and from that place to the German Baptist Church in West Sixty-seventh street. At this latter place the church could not meet her indebtedness and was disorganized.

Rev. George H. Sims opened a mission at No. 211 West Sixty-third street, November 6, 1898, which two weeks later was removed to a room in Sixty-sixth street, under the skating rink. They removed to the German Baptist Church, April 1, 1899, where divine services were held for one year, removing at the end of that time to No. 144 Sixty-eighth street, and from there to Sixty-eighth street and West End avenue. While in this location a church building was erected for them on the site of the present church. It had a seating capacity of three hundred persons, but at the time of the first services it was conclusively proved that the premises were not capacious enough, as the congregation had increased largely in numbers. They worshiped in this building for two years, and then were successful in purchasing two adjoining lots, and on this the present



church building was erected, the original chapel being converted to parsonage uses. The church is a very attractive edifice of brick with limestone front, and the interior decorations are harmonious. It has a seating capacity of one thousand persons, and was dedicated September 24, 1905, with appropriate ceremonies. A sermon suitable to the occasion was delivered by Rev. Granville Hunt, president of the Baptist State Convention. The present membership roll contains more than nine hundred names, and the average attendance in the Sunday school connected with the church is upward of three hundred. This large number of scholars necessitates the employment of a staff consisting of a superintendent, his assistants and fourteen teachers. The societies connected with the church are: Home and Foreign Missions, Baptist Young People's Union and a literary society. The congregation is constantly gaining in numbers.

Rev. George H. Sims, the present incumbent of the Union Baptist Church, was born in Cumberland county, Virginia, April 8, 1871. He there obtained a good education in the public schools. He learned the trade of stationary engineering upon his arrival in New York, in 1889; he commenced working at this occupation and while thus employed took private lessons in theological studies. He was ordained to the ministry in Nyack, New York, August 25, 1898, and was then pastor of the Baptist church in that town, where he labored zealously and efficiently until he began his pastorate in New York city. He received the degree of D. D. from the Guadalupe College, Sequin, Texas, June, 1895. His work in this city has been characterized by unselfish devotion, executive ability and eloquence of no mean order. It is entirely due to his efforts that the present church has been brought to its flourishing condition,

and his popularity among his parishioners is in a measure due to his ready sympathy.

He married, September 25, 1895, in New York, Mary Davis. They had one child, Ethel, who died at the age of two years, two months and seventeen days.

#### SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH.

Shiloh Baptist Church is located at No. 424 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, New York city, and its present pastor is Rev. Edward Wainright. This congregation, organized in 1885 with a small number of members, has been steadily growing in popularity, and is now in a very flourishing and satisfactory condition. The services are still being held as at first in a spacious and commodious hall, but it is the intention of the pastor and the congregation to erect a church building to meet the growing needs of the parish in the near future. The present membership roll contains more than one hundred names, and there is an average Sunday school attendance of about sixty. The services are well attended.

Rev. Edward Wainright, the present incumbent of the above mentioned pastorate, was born in Oxford, North Carolina, February 16, 1873. The main and greater part of his education was obtained in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he resided for a number of years. He was ordained to the ministry in Long Branch, New Jersey, and for four years after his ordination was the popular and well-beloved pastor of St. Paul's Baptist church at Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. He was appointed to his present pastorate, September 15, 1903, and his labors in his present field have been productive of the greatest possible amount of good. He is indefatigable in his efforts for the improvement and advancement of his parish and his congregation in every direction, and his parishioners feel convinced that he

has their welfare close at heart. He engaged in the undertaking business in connection with Rev. Robert Mont, at No. 6 Lawrence street, New York city, April 15, 1905, and their undertaking establishment is of the highest order in every respect. The reliability of their work and their careful attention to all the necessary details have gained for them a large and growing patronage, both Rev. Mont and Rev. Wainright being exceptionally proficient in every branch of their chosen line of business.

Rev. Wainright married, May 30, 1900, at Camden, New Jersey, Ethel Pettiford.

#### REV. ROBERT R. MONT.

Rev. Robert R. Mont, who has for some years been successfully engaged in the undertaking and embalming business in the city of New York, is in the fullest sense of the word a self-made man, as the following history of his career will show:

He was born in Louisa county, Virginia, February 5, 1861, and at the age of three years removed with his parents to Caroline county, Virginia, where he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm, as soon as his strength permitted such work. He became a convert to his present religious faith when he was but eight years of age, and even in early boyhood felt that he was destined to the vocation of preaching. He never had the opportunity of attending school in his early life, but later, when he was a resident of New York city, he was a pupil at Amity School for four years, making a special study of Greek and Bible history. He remained on his father's farm until he had attained the age of nineteen years, and then found a position for himself with the American Union Telegraph Company. While in the employ of this company he came to New York, in 1880, and subsequently worked in the Western Union

Hotel. During the fall of the same year he went to Orange, Connecticut, with Mr. Leverite Treat, working on a farm for one year, then to New Haven, where he was in the employ of the Candee Rubber Company for three years. During a part of this time he held the position of fireman and of foreman of the works, running nine steam pumps and an electric engine by five hundred horse power. He was then in the employ of Rhilander Armstrong for three years as coachman; G. W. Hazel, two years; Peck & Bishop Company and several others until 1890, when he returned to New York, and has since that time resided in that city. He was ordained to the ministry in New Waterford, Ohio, was immediately appointed a mission preacher, and was engaged in mission work for a period of six years. He was then appointed pastor of Shiloh Baptist church, in Newburg, New York, resigned after one year and again engaged in mission work. Has been actively engaged in mission work in New York. He established himself in the undertaking and embalming business at 548 West Thirty-ninth street, in 1902, and in November of the same year removed to his present place of business at No. 209 West Sixty-third street. He is regularly licensed and pays personal attention to all the details of his business, adopting all new and practical improvements that are called to his attention. He is connected with the following organizations: Oriental Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, of New Haven, Connecticut; Lodge No. 900, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of New York; Knights of Pythias; Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 191; Good Hope Lodge, Order of Good Hope; Temple House, No. 3, Order of Moses; Grand Ancient Supreme Host of Israel, No. 1; and the Undertakers' Association of New York. He is a man of great energy, force of character and executive ability.

His wife is a French woman, from Paris, is well educated and possesses great business ability. She is a watchmaker by

trade. Through her attentiveness to their present business she has rendered her husband great assistance, practically making the business what it is today.

#### REV. WILLIAM T. ANTHONY.

Sharon Baptist church, situated in East Ninety-fifth street, New York city, is under the able and conscientious guidance of Rev. William T. Anthony.

The congregation was organized May 12, 1892, by the Mount Olivet Baptist church, and Rev. J. B. Coleman was the first pastor. The services at that time were held in a hall in Ninety-seventh street. Rev. John Coleman was succeeded by Rev. Johnson, and he, two years later, by Rev. G. W. Bailey, who remained in charge until 1901, Rev. M. J. Haskins taking his place until December, 1904, when the present pastor, Rev. William T. Anthony, took charge. The congregation numbers fifty-five members, and there is an average Sunday school attendance of twenty-five. The organizations connected with the church are: Women's Missionary Society, Sewing School Society and Literary Society.

Rev. William T. Anthony was born in Richmond, Virginia, November 6, 1879. His preliminary education was acquired in the public and normal schools of Richmond, Virginia, and his studies in theology were pursued under private tuition in the same city. He was converted May 22, 1884, and baptized in the Fourth Baptist church, Richmond, Virginia, by Rev. Dr. Evan Payne. He has served as president of the Church Hill Young Men's Christian Association of Richmond, Virginia, and was its organizer. He was also superintendent of the Sharon Baptist Sunday school for a number of years. He was ordained December 14, 1905, at Sharon Baptist church, by some of the leading ministers of New York city and vicinity, and passed a creditable

examination; the council was composed of Revs. N. S. Epps, moderator; P. J. Wallace, catechizer, and H. G. Jones, clerk. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. D. Chandler, D. D., charge made by Rev. R. C. Wynn, D. D. When he took charge of his present parish it was in a most unsatisfactory condition financially, and it was only by strenuous and untiring effort that he succeeded in placing it on its present sound basis. He is sparing neither time nor labor in the effort to build, in the near future, a more suitable and commodious place of worship. Rev. Anthony is a practical man of business as well as an excellent preacher, and under his able administration the parish is gaining strength in every direction.

#### BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Bethany Baptist Church, located in Clermont avenue near Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, New York, has for its present pastor Rev. J. Francis Blair, D. D. This congregation was organized in 1887 by Rev. Ebenezer Bird, the first services being held in Cumberland Street hall for about one year then in the True Reformers' hall in Waverly avenue for a few months, then in a hall at Atlantic and Vanderbilt avenues, where they worshiped for eighteen years. The Duryea Presbyterian Church, where they now worship, was purchased January 9, 1905. This church is a brick structure, sixty-five by one hundred and ten feet in size, with a seating capacity of eight hundred persons. Rev. Bird was succeeded by Rev. R. I. Gains, who worked for the welfare of the congregation for twelve years, and was succeeded by the present pastor January 1, 1902. Since taking charge of this parish, Rev. Blair's popularity has done much to place the church in its present flourishing and satisfactory condition. One hundred and seventy-five names have been added to the membership roll, and it now numbers over three hundred.

He was also the chief instrument in raising a sum of nine thousand five hundred and sixty-six dollars, which was utilized in purchasing the present church, the entire cost being sixteen thousand dollars. The missionary Bible band is doing some excellent work in its field of endeavor. It is now educating a young man in the Virginia Theological College and Seminary, at Lynchburg, Virginia. There is also a Baptist Young People's Union. The average Sunday school attendance is eighty.

Rev. J. Francis Blair, D. D., pastor of the above mentioned church, was born in Augusta, Georgia, December 17, 1873. He was educated in the public and high schools of Georgia, then spent four years in the State Industrial College, located at College, Georgia. During two years of this time he was post-master of the town of College. He then taught school for two years, serving as principal of the Pollard Academy, at Harlem, Georgia, for one year, and one year as instructor in mathematics in the Bettis Academy at Vauluse, South Carolina. He entered Lincoln University, Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1895, and was graduated from that institution with the degree of A. B. at the end of three years. He was ordained to the ministry, January 25, 1900, at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia, and his first appointment was at the Bethel Baptist Church at White Plains, New York, where he labored until called to his present pastorate. He has very acceptably filled the office of corresponding secretary of the New England Baptist Missionary Convention for four years, and is trustee of the Walker Normal and Industrial Institute, Augusta, Georgia. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him in 1904 by the Virginia Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia, and he is a yearly lecturer on theology in the latter institution. Lincoln University, his Alma Mater, conferred A. M. on him June, 1906. Rev. Blair is naturally a gifted or-

ator; his easy flow of language and elegant diction make it remarkably pleasant and instructive to listen to his teachings, whether in the pulpit or from the chair of the professor.

He married, December 23, 1903, Annie L. Connelly, of New York city, and they have one child, James Walker, born in Brooklyn, New York, October 18, 1904.

#### HOLY TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Holy Trinity Baptist Church, located in Classon avenue, Brooklyn, New York, has risen from small beginnings to an enviable position among the churches of Brooklyn, under the able ministrations of its pastor, Rev. S. W. Timms. The congregation was organized July 14, 1898, by the Rev. Drs. Dixon and Brown. Rev. S. W. Timms, who was then a licensed preacher, was the first and up to the present time the only incumbent. Services were conducted for a period of five years in a church in Ormond place at the corner of Jefferson avenue, and in 1903 the present building was purchased and occupied as a place of worship. At the time of its organization the congregation numbered but eight members, and it is owing to the untiring efforts of Rev. Timms that a remarkable increase in membership has been brought about, so that the roll now contains three hundred and twenty names. The seating capacity of the church now is four hundred and fifty, and there is an average Sunday school attendance of about one hundred. The Unitarian church in Classon avenue was purchased in the fall of 1905 for the sum of eight thousand dollars, was then opened for public worship by this congregation, and has been occupied by them up to the present time. The organizations connected with the church are: King's Daughters, Ladies' Missionary Society, Baptist Young People's Union, Lyceum for Young People, and Junior Baptist Young People's Union.



Rev. S. W. Timms was born in Sussex county, Virginia, June 12, 1864. His early education was received in the public schools, and that in the classics and theology was acquired under private tuition. He was licensed to preach in 1893, and six years later was ordained by Rev. Dr. Dixon, and has been pastor of Holy Trinity Baptist church continuously since its organization. He is heart and soul in his work, and is ever ready, frequently at great personal sacrifice, to further the welfare of his parishioners. He is a fluent, eloquent preacher, and his sermons carry conviction with them. He is exceedingly popular in the parish, and his friends are to be found in every class of society.

#### ST. AUGUSTINE'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

St. Augustine's Protestant Episcopal Church, which is located in St. Edward street, Brooklyn, New York, and which was consecrated Sunday, October 21, 1906, has for its present rector Rev. George F. Miller, M. A., and as his assistant Owen M. Waller, M. D. The wardens are: Charles A. Dorsey and Charles H. Lansing. The vestrymen are: Emory Jones, Richard S. Fleming, Louis A. Jeppe, Oscar W. Fulcher, Charles E. Moore, James Phillips, Edward F. Hall.

This parish, which is now in a very flourishing condition, commenced as a small mission under the supervision of Rev. Prince T. Rogers in 1875, and was organized as a parish in 1890. The early history of the parish relates that divine services were held in private houses, rented halls and chapels, and that the force of circumstance caused frequent removals. The church was incorporated May 19, 1890, and the congregation acquired, by loan, the brick church on St. Edward street, the use of which was given gratuitously by Holy Trinity parish, as a result of the zealous efforts of Rev. Charles H. Hall, rector

of Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, New York; and services were held in that building until July 24, 1904. They were then obliged to vacate the premises owing to its being condemned by the building department. They then worshiped in St. Luke's Chapel, Grand avenue and Prospect place, until Thanksgiving day of that year, after which time their services were held in St. Phoebe's Mission, De Kalb avenue, until October 14, 1906. During the incumbency of Rev. W. V. Tunnell, a rectory was purchased in North Oxford street for three thousand eight hundred dollars, and since Rev. Miller has been in charge a building fund has been inaugurated, and through the efforts of the parishioners and their friends more than eight thousand dollars have been raised up to the present time (1906). Mr. George Foster Peabody, who became the owner of the St. Edwards street church, promised to deed the property to the Long Island diocese for the benefit of the St. Augustine's parish, on condition that the church increase the building fund to the amount to which it was raised—eight thousand dollars. On January 9, 1906, the last deposit was made in fulfilment of the conditions imposed by Mr. Peabody for the transfer of the property. The deed was delivered to Mr. Wilhelmus Mynderse, attorney for the church, on the 30th day of March. Immediately the renovation of the building was begun by the congregation, and on October 21 the congregation entered it the second time, this time their own by legal title, with the service of consecration.

The rectors who have ministered to the needs of the parish at various periods are as follows: Rev. Prince T. Rogers, Rev. Peter A. Morgan, Rev. Mr. Edgerton, Rev. William Holden, Rev. W. V. Tunnell, who served first as a lay reader and then as rector from 1884 until 1891. He was succeeded by Rev. J. Pelham Williams, who served as rector from 1892 until 1895.

Rev. J. A. Denniston was the next incumbent, remaining in charge for one year and being succeeded by the present rector, who entered upon his duties March 1, 1896. Through his indefatigable efforts the church membership has largely increased in numbers and the affairs of the parish have been placed upon a sound financial basis. He has officiated at one hundred and sixty baptisms, one hundred and thirty-seven confirmations, and more than one hundred marriages. The present membership roll contains four hundred and twenty names, and there is an average Sunday school attendance of seventy-five.

Rev. George F. Miller was born in Aiken, South Carolina, November 28, 1864. His preliminary education was acquired in the public and some of the private schools of Charleston, South Carolina, and he then entered the Howard University, Washington, District of Columbia, from which he was graduated in 1888 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the fall of the same year he entered the General Theological Seminary of New York, being graduated from this institution in the class of 1891. He was ordained deacon in St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal church, Charleston, South Carolina, May 24, 1891, by Right Rev. W. B. W. Howe, and ordained priest June 24, 1892, in Calvary Church, Charleston, South Carolina, by Right Rev. C. K. Nelson, bishop of Georgia. Dating from the time of his ordination as deacon he was the minister in charge of Calvary Church, Charleston, South Carolina, until April, 1894, when he was appointed rector of St. Cyprian's Church, Newbern, North Carolina, where he labored zealously until March, 1896. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him in 1893, the thesis at the time being a philosophical discourse upon the subject, "The Evidential Value of the Moral Argument of Theism." In 1901 he entered the Graduate School of Philosophy of the University of New York, taking a post-

graduate course and devoting especial attention and time to the philosophy of religion and logical science. He has just completed a work entitled "Adventism Answered," which treats of Christian liberty in the observance of days, and the answer to the ancient Sabbath claims or the duty of Saturday observance. He is also the author of numerous tracts and discourses of considerable merit. He is an eloquent preacher and an earnest, zealous worker, and his efforts are meeting with well-merited success.

#### NEWMAN MEMORIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Newman Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, located in Herkimer street near Schenectady avenue, Brooklyn, New York, whose present pastor is Rev. Joseph H. Jenkins, was organized in 1900 by Rev. Dr. W. S. Brooks, of St. Mark's Church, New York city. This work was started by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hill with seven members at 301 Howard avenue. The first pastor was Rev. M. C. Jennings, and services at that time were held in Emery Methodist Episcopal Church in Schenectady avenue, where they worshiped until November, 1904. At that time they removed to their present location. Rev. Jennings remained in charge two years and was succeeded by Rev. Charles E. Winston, who served for seventeen months and who had as his successor Rev. Joseph H. Jenkins, the present pastor, who took charge August 20, 1904. The membership roll contains forty-two names, and there is an average Sunday school attendance of twenty-five. A plot of land, fifty by one hundred feet, has been purchased, and it is the intention to erect a new church building on the site of the present edifice within a very short time. The new structure will have a seating capacity of four hundred persons to meet the growing needs of the con-

gregation. Since Rev. Jenkins has had charge of the administration he has paid one thousand dollars on the church property, and the membership is growing constantly and rapidly. The organizations connected with the church are: The Epworth League, Jolly Union Progressive Club, Ever Ready Working Club, Women's Independent Club, and the Juvenile Working Club.

Rev. Joseph H. Jenkins was born in Anne Arundel county, Maryland, October 1, 1874. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his native state and he then became a student in Morgan College, Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He pursued his theological studies in Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, being graduated from that institution in 1906 with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He was ordained deacon in Washington, District of Columbia, March, 1902, in the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, by Right Rev. I. B. Joyce, and ordained elder by Bishop Fowler, in Baltimore, Maryland, in Ames Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, March 29, 1904. His first appointment took him to Holly Run, Baltimore county, Maryland, where he remained in charge for one year, being then transferred to the Delaware conference and appointed pastor of Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, on Staten Island, New York. There he served efficiently and conscientiously until appointed to his present pastorate. He is a man who is unusually gifted for the profession he has made his life work, being mild, yet energetic, strong in his convictions, an able preacher, and of a devoted self-sacrificing disposition.

## REV. WILLIAM R. LAWTON.

Rev. William R. Lawton, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, in Englewood, New Jersey, was born in Charleston, South Carolina, May 1, 1860. His early education was acquired in the public schools of St. Louis, Missouri, and he was subsequently a student at Lincoln College, state institution, Jefferson City, Missouri, pursued his classical studies in Lincoln University, Chester county, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1883, and was graduated from the theological department of the same institution in 1886. He was ordained in Lynchburg, Virginia, the same year, and his first pastorate was Central Presbyterian Church, in that city, where he labored zealously for a period of two years. He was then appointed to Beaufort, South Carolina, as principal of the Beaufort Normal and Industrial Academy. He remained there two years, and from thence went to Greensboro, North Carolina, to St. James Presbyterian Church. He taught history and civil polity for two years in Lincoln College, Jefferson City, Missouri, and was then called to Siloam Presbyterian Church, in Brooklyn, New York, in 1892. This church had been organized in 1855, and at the time Rev. Lawton took charge of affairs the condition of the parish was far from encouraging. By his energy and good management, however, the scattered membership was again united, and services were held in a hall at the corner of Willoughby avenue and Bridge streets. The following year he began the erection of the present church building, and as soon as the basement story was completed divine services were held in it, and this is done at the present time and will be continued until the completion of the church building proper. Rev. Lawton was a faithful and conscientious worker in this parish for two and one-half years, during which time he made many improvements

and placed the congregation in a flourishing financial condition. He was then called to the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Englewood, New Jersey, where he is a zealous worker at the present time. He is indefatigable in his efforts to better the condition of those in his charge in every direction, and these efforts have met with their just share of appreciation. He has the affection of all those entrusted to his care, and is looked upon as a true friend as well as a spiritual adviser. His sermons are plain, forceful and convincing, and he has the reputation of having made many converts. He is the first president of the Long Island Clerical Union (colored), organized in May, 1906.

#### ST. PHILIP'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

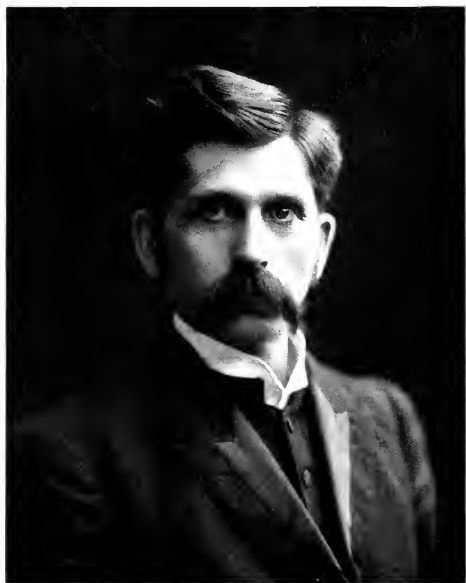
St Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church, located on Dean street, near Schenectady avenue, Brooklyn, New York, having for its rector Rev. N. Peterson Boyd, was organized May 14, 1899, as a mission from St. Timothy's Church, in the same city, the first rector being Rev. Walter I. Stecher. At that time the membership was but thirteen and the average attendance thirty. Services were held in Pacific street, near Utica avenue, until the purchase of the present church, since which time the congregation has worshiped in its present location. The church is now entirely free from debt, the mortgage resting upon it having been burnt December 8, 1904, and it is the intention to erect a large and suitable building in the near future, which will be called St. Philip's Guild Hall and Rectory. It will be twenty-two by fifty feet, with a full cellar which is seven feet in the clear. The ground floor is in one large auditorium, ten feet in the clear, with a platform in the rear, a dressing room on either side and all necessary conveniences for such a meeting room. The next floor is divided in six rooms and bath for the rectory and is nine feet six inches in the clear. The arrangement is

unique, in fact it is specially designed for perfecting the church's mission to its people through St. Philip's. Two hundred camp chairs and a piano will be needed for the Guild Hall. The present membership (communicants) is one hundred and five, and the following is over five hundred. The parish embraces one hundred and twenty-five families, and the average Sunday school attendance is upward of one hundred. The associations connected with the church are: Rector's Aid Society, Girls' Friendly Society, Boys' Club, a military organization; Brotherhood of St. Andrew's; Altar Guild; and the Sewing Class and Cooking Class. Rev. Stecher remained in charge of the parish until 1903, when he was succeeded by the present rector. Rev. N. Peterson Boyd has since his incumbency succeeded by his efforts in raising sufficient money to pay off the indebtedness of the church and another sum of about fifteen hundred and fifty dollars which has been applied to making many much needed improvements in the church property and paying for adjacent property. There is also a surpliced choir of twenty-four voices.

Rev. N. Peterson Boyd was born in Mecklenburg county, Virginia, June 9, 1876. His preparatory education was acquired in St. Mark's Parish School, Bracey, Virginia, and his classical education in St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, Virginia, from which he was graduated in 1898. He studied theology in St. Andrew's Divinity School, Syracuse, New York, under the late Bishop F. D. Huntington, and was graduated in 1902. Was ordained deacon by the above named bishop December 9, 1902, and priest by Right Rev. Frederick Burgess, bishop of Long Island, December 18, 1904. He was the minister in charge of St. Philip's Church in Syracuse, New York, until May, 1903, when he was appointed minister of St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, New York. He is con-







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nected with the following organizations: Carthaginian Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons; King David Consistory, No. 3; president of the alumni of St. Paul's School; and was adjutant of the military organization connected with that institution. He is one of the most popular of the younger generation of preachers in the city of Brooklyn, and his reputation is well deserved and earned. He is indefatigable in working for the welfare and advancement of those in his charge, and is an eloquent preacher.

#### EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, at No. 422 West Forty-fourth street, was founded in 1896, and the congregation worshiped in St. Luke's Church, on Forty-second street, where services were held in the English language. Later they rented a hall on the same street, and still later the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, on Forty-fifth street, was used. In 1903 they moved into their present quarters.

Rev. Ferdinand C. G. Schumm, the present pastor of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, was born in Schumm, Ohio, January 28, 1864. He is the son of the late Frederick and Magdalena (Meyers) Schumm, the former a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, the latter of Strasburg, Germany.

Rev. Ferdinand C. G. Schumm received his early education in the parochial school of Schumm, and then entered Concordia College, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he pursued his classical studies. In the fall of 1886 he matriculated at the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, where he studied theology. He was graduated from this institution in 1889, and was ordained in August of the same year, at Worcester, Massachusetts, and

immediately appointed pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of that city, where he worked faithfully for six years, and while pastor of this church founded another at Webster, purchasing land and in 1895 erecting a handsome church edifice, where he was pastor until 1900. In that year he received a call to St. John's Evangelical Church, at Bayonne, New Jersey. There he found the parish in a very unsatisfactory state, but through his assiduous labors he succeeded in bringing it to a flourishing condition. He also entirely renovated the interior of the church and parsonage, gained the confidence of his parishioners and doubled the membership. After working here zealously for nearly six years he was called to succeed Rev. William Dallman as pastor of the Church of the Redeemer. He is an able preacher, a consistent Christian and a devoted, self-sacrificing friend. He is secretary of the Synod Mission Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

He married, September 3, 1891, at Logansport, Indiana, Minnie F. Brookmeyers, born in Logansport, Indiana, and they have children: Adolf F., born November 7, 1892; Carl H., November 13, 1894; Elsie L., February 8, 1896; Franz Joseph, September 28, 1898, and Benjamin.

#### REV. WILLIAM PROEHL.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which Rev. William Proehl is pastor, is situated in East One Hundred and Eighty-first street, New York city. This parish is a very flourishing one, and the membership of the church is constantly increasing under the able ministrations of the pastor.

Rev. William Proehl was born in Durand, Pepin county, Wisconsin, February 27, 1875, son of Rev. Frederick and Elizabeth (Conrad) Proehl, the former now pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Wisconsin. Rev. Will-

iam Proehl acquired his early education in a parochial school under the tuition of his father. At the age of fourteen years he entered Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and there obtained his classical education. After six years of study in this institution, he entered the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, where he took a three years' course in theology, and was graduated in 1898. He was ordained September 4 of the same year, at Dunkirk, New York, and was at once appointed pastor of St. Peter's Church in that city. He labored there faithfully, and during his incumbency the church and parsonage were purchased and the membership almost doubled. He received a call to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in June of 1905, and on the 25th of the month was installed pastor to succeed Rev. O. H. Restin. He is a logical, forceful and convincing preacher, well liked by the members of his congregation, and as they feel that he has their interest and welfare at heart, he exerts considerable influence over them. He married, June 9, 1903, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Ida Mackensen, who was born in that city. They have one child, Conrad Frederick, born April 11, 1904.

#### BROOME STREET ITALIAN TABERNACLE.

This parish is situated in the heart of the Italian district of the city of New York. It has a seating capacity of about one thousand persons, and the members are devout and regular in their attendance. The membership list has been constantly growing since the work of the parish commenced, and now numbers about one thousand two hundred and forty-six, all these being received into the church by confession of faith. Twelve members of this congregation have been ordained to the Christian ministry, and twenty-two are working as missionaries among their own countrymen. The Sunday school has an average attendance of about four hundred and fifty, being second

in size to the Sunday school which meets in Olivet Memorial Church, and it is within the range of possibility that before long it may be the largest under the care of the City Mission Society. The services are mainly in the Italian language, but a certain number are conducted in English. This church has a well-equipped gymnasium in the basement of the church in Mulberry street, and there is a library stocked with six thousand Italian books, in addition to newspapers and magazines from all parts of Italy and America. All this is entirely free to the Italians of the city of New York. Lessons in the English language are given three times a week, and in connection with the library is the largest sewing school in the city for Italian children. The library and the work in connection with it were organized and are carried on by Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, by whose liberality it is supported. The societies in connection with the church are as follows: Young People's Society, Mothers' Meeting, Band of Hope, various boys' clubs, a working girls' class, in which girls who are employed during the day are taught plain sewing, dressmaking, etc.

Rev. Antonio Arrighi, pastor of the Broome Street Italian Tabernacle, was born in Florence, Italy, September 25, 1837. He volunteered under Garibaldi, in 1849, and was at the siege of Rome, where he was taken prisoner by the allied forces of France and Austria, and after a confinement of five years was exiled to America. He came to this country in 1855, and his first few years in this country were spent in various business occupations. In 1859 he commenced his studies for the ministry by taking a preparatory course of one year in the Iowa Wesleyan University. He volunteered for military service in 1861, and was enrolled in the First Iowa Regiment, under Colonel Bates. Was present at the battle of Wilson Creek, Missouri, and was discharged in the fall of the same year. He then entered the

Wesleyan University of Ohio, but in 1863, on account of failing health, he was transferred to Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he studied for two years. He entered the Boston Theological Seminary in 1866, and was graduated from this institution in 1869. At this time he went to Italy as a missionary, and started a mission in the city of Florence. There he labored zealously until 1880, when he was sent to America as a delegate to the Presbyterian Ecumenical Council of the Presbyterian church, which met in Philadelphia in 1880, and in the following year he was commissioned by the New York City Mission and Tract Society, of which Morris K. Jesup was then active president, to begin work among the Italians in the neighborhood of the Five Points. He preached his first sermon in the Chapel of Five Points House of Industry, June 21, 1881.

Not only has Rev. Mr. Arrighi been able to supervise work among the Italians of New York, but he has also been able to give counsel and advice to other Italian enterprises in our land. The Italian church in Broome Street Tabernacle is practically the mother of fourteen Italian missions and two in Italy. June 10, 1906, Rev. Mr. Arrighi completed his twenty-fifth year of continuous service in the employ of the New York City Mission. The anniversary was celebrated by special services in the Tabernacle, and appropriate addresses were made by Rev. A. F. Schauffler, D. D., who presided; Rev. Paseturo, Peter Agrelli and others.

The first Italian Evangelical Church was organized in 1886, and he was appointed its pastor, and had charge of this church for fourteen years. When the building in which the services were held was torn down, his work was transferred to the Broome Street Tabernacle, in which, at that time, the work was carried on in two distinct branches—English and Italian. The English branch of the work was abandoned in March, 1905, with

the understanding that services were also to be conducted in English. Rev. Arrighi has been very successful in all attempts to further the interests of the parish of which he has charge. His kind heart and ready sympathy have won for him the love and confidence of all in the parish, and he is ever ready to assist them in word and deed. He is a fluent speaker, and his sermons, while the language is elegant, is yet simple enough to be readily comprehended by the most ignorant in the congregation. The parish is in a flourishing condition, and it is to be hoped that Rev. Arrighi will be spared for many years to continue the work he has superintended up to the present time.

#### SECOND GERMAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Second German Methodist Episcopal Church, whose present pastor is Rev. William A. Stark, is located at No. 348 West Fortieth street, New York city. This congregation was organized by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1846, and the first divine services were held in a small, frame church building located on the south side of Thirty-sixth street, now known as No. 347. The first regular pastor was Rev. Adam Mueller, who remained but a short time and was succeeded by Rev. H. Hartman, and he by Rev. William Schwartz, who was sent to Germany in 1850 as a missionary, and in the same year Rev. C. F. Grimm became the regular pastor, remaining in charge for a period of two years. The next in charge was Rev. Christian Afflerbach. During the incumbency of Rev. Christian Blinn, in 1865, the present church building was erected, and dedicated with appropriate ceremonies in the following year. Rev. Louis Wallon was the next incumbent, his successor being Rev. Henry Kastendieck, who was succeeded by Rev. F. H. Rey, and then followed in succession Rev. J. C. Deininger, Rev. John Mueller, and then



Rev. William A. Stark, the present pastor. The church edifice is a handsome brick structure, the interior furnishings being harmonious and entirely in keeping with the character of the building, and it has a seating capacity of three hundred and fifty persons. The present membership roll contains one hundred and fifty names and there is an average attendance at the Sunday school sessions of one hundred. The associations connected with the church are: Ladies' Aid Society; Epworth League; and a branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The present board of trustees is composed of the following members: F. K. Keller, Henry Poppe, Frederick Kochendorfer, Henry Doscher, William Deininger, Ernest Schlenker and H. Schellhom.

Rev. William A. Stark, the present pastor of the Second German Methodist Episcopal Church, was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, August 30, 1858. He is a son of John and Caroline (Epple) Stark, both natives of Switzerland but for many years honored and respected residents of Germany, the former dying in Wuerttemberg in 1879, the latter coming to the United States with her son, Rev. William A., and residing for some time in Boston, Massachusetts, where her death occurred in 1884. Rev. William A. Stark acquired a good preliminary education in the public schools of his native city, and this was supplemented by a course of instruction in a technical school where he studied architectural and mechanical drawing. He decided, however, to devote his life to the cause of religion and at the age of twenty-one years entered the Theological Seminary at Reutlingen, Germany, where he made a thorough study of theology in all its branches and from which institution he was graduated with honor in 1883. He began his ministerial duties as pastor of a mission in the Black Forest, Germany, and labored there zealously for three years. He was then regularly ordained

to the ministry at Stuttgart, Germany, and then came to the United States. His first charge here was the German Evangelical church, at Little Falls, New York. Two years later he was transferred to St. Paul's Church, Buffalo, New York, remained there for three years and then spent two years in charge of the Rhode Island Street Evangelical Church in the same city. He was transferred to Seacliff, Long Island, in 1891, and two years later to the First German Methodist Episcopal Church at Boston, Massachusetts, where he was a conscientious worker for four years, and his labors productive of excellent results. At the end of this period he became pastor of the German Methodist Episcopal Church in Hoboken, New Jersey, remaining there until 1901, and then took charge of the Broadway German Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland, where his faithful work for five years was highly appreciated, and which pastorate he left in order to take charge of his present church. Rev. Stark has a most enviable reputation as an earnest, conscientious worker, deeming no sacrifice too great where the welfare of his parish is concerned. He is an eloquent, forceful and logical preacher, and is greatly beloved by his congregation.

He married, July 12, 1883, in Germany, Louise Kachele, daughter of the late Rev. J. Kachele, and they have had seven children, two of whom died in infancy. Those now living are: Amanda M., Albert O., Florence L., Lillian M., and Edward M.

#### FRENCH EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The French Evangelical Presbyterian Church parish was formed in 1848 by Rev. J. F. Astie, of Nevac, France, and services were first held in Dr. Spring's church in Park Row. In 1853 they moved to a church at the corner of Crosby and Grant streets. November 18, 1866, the church was received into the

regular Presbyterian body, and for nearly twenty years services were held in the chapel of the Union Theological Seminary, No. 9 University place. In 1885 the present church property was purchased from the Catholic Apostolic congregation, and after being thoroughly remodeled was opened for worship, November 19, 1886. The building is a quaint structure with a seating capacity of nearly five hundred; they have an average of about three hundred in attendance, the services being attractive and entirely in French. The number of communicant members is two hundred and thirty-seven. The church societies are: Christian Endeavor, Young Woman's Christian Association, Sewing School Society and Ladies' Aid Society. Concerning the various pastors who have served this parish it may be said that Rev. Astie, the founder, ministered until 1853; he was succeeded by Rev. Julius Bornand, who remained in charge three years; in 1856 he was followed by Rev. M. E. Charier, who only remained a few months; then came Rev. George Du Bois; then Rev. Charles Piquet and Rev. M. M. Fivas. The last named served until 1864, when his ill health compelled his resignation. In October, 1864, Rev. J. B. C. Beaubien was appointed pastor, remaining not quite one year. From 1866 to 1867 Rev. M. Des Islets was the regular pastor; he was succeeded by Rev. Louis Henriod, who remained for six months and was followed by Rev. M. Gory, who came in 1869 and remained until 1872, when he was followed by the present pastor, Rev. Henri L. Grandlienard, who has been the pastor for twenty-three years.

Rev. Grandlienard was born in Switzerland, 1842, and there received his education. In 1867 he came to America, after having first spent three years in the Upper Nile region of Africa. After coming to this country he spent one year in the Mercersburg Reformed Church of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania,

and was ordained at Hagerstown, Maryland, 1868. He was pastor of Christ's (German) Reformed Church at Hagerstown for one year, and in 1869 was appointed pastor of Emmanuel German Reformed Church at Baltimore, Maryland, at which place he remained three years, coming to New York in 1872.

#### THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. PAUL IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The German Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Paul, of the Lutheran Ministerium of state of New York, a flourishing parish, was organized August 22, 1841, by Rev. F. W. Geissenhauer, D. D., in a hall at No. 148 Eighth avenue, and there services were held for some time after the organization. The title taken then was the "German United Evangelical Lutheran Church of the City of New York." January 4, 1842, the congregation purchased four lots one hundred by one hundred feet, on the corner of Sixth avenue and Fifteenth street for eight thousand and five hundred dollars and at once commenced to erect a small church. The cornerstone was laid October 17, 1842, and in December of the same year the church was dedicated. It was a small brick structure about forty by sixty feet, with a burying ground adjoining. Here the congregation worshiped for eighteen years. In 1860 the church was torn down and the erection of a stone church began on the same site, the congregation holding services during its completion in the adjoining chapel of the Scotch Presbyterian Church.

The cornerstone of the second church was laid July 9, 1860, and the church dedicated March 21, 1861. This edifice was erected at a cost of twenty-six thousand dollars, and was used by the congregation until 1897, when fifty by eighty feet of the property was sold for one hundred and ninety thousand dollars, and the site of the present church on Twenty-second street

purchased. The cornerstone of the present church was laid in May, 1897, and the house dedicated February 13, 1898. The title was then changed to the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Paul in the City of New York. It is an imposing structure of limestone, fireproof, and has a seating capacity of about six hundred and fifty. The communicant membership of the church is three hundred and fifty; services are held in the German language. Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer ministered to the congregation until 1879, when he was succeeded by Rev. C. Hennicke, who remained for a few months and for over twenty-five years Rev. Leo Koenig has labored zealously and faithfully for the spiritual welfare of this congregation.

Rev. Koenig was born in Frankford-on-the-Oder, December 12, 1843, and acquired his college education in the Frederics gymnasium. He later studied law at the University of Halle and Berlin. He came to America in 1866, returning four years later to his native land, taking up the study of theology in the University of Erlangen. In 1872 he returned to this country and the same year was ordained to the ministry at Mt. Vernon, New York, and at once took charge of St. John's parish, at Yonkers, New York, then only in its infancy. While in charge there he purchased land and erected a handsome church. He remained there until 1877, when he was called to the pastorate of St. John's of Syracuse, New York, where he labored faithfully for three years, and in 1880 was appointed pastor of St. Paul's.

#### DUTCH REFORMED EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

The Dutch Reformed Evangelical Church, situated in East Houston street, in a neighborhood that is thickly populated by Germans, is one of the old churches of the city. This parish was organized January 3, 1836, by Rev. John Rudy, services

being held in various places until 1841, when the present church was built. The church edifice is built of brick, and has a seating capacity of one thousand persons. The number of church members is about one hundred and thirty, and there is a Sunday school connected with the parish. The services are conducted throughout in the German language, as being that most readily understood by the majority of those attending them. Rev. John Rudy officiated as pastor until his death, which occurred in 1841, when Rev. John C. Guldin was called to the pastorate, and had charge until May, 1863, when he was succeeded by the present minister, Rev. Julius W. Geyer.

Rev. Julius W. Geyer was born in Prussia, Germany, July 7, 1836. He came to America with his parents at the age of ten years. Part of his education was acquired in Germany, and here he attended a preparatory school at New Brunswick, New Jersey; Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey; and studied theology in the seminary of the Dutch Reformed Church. He was ordained July 5, 1863, by the classis of New York, in the church of which he is now the pastor, and has had continuous charge for the past forty-three years. He is one of the oldest pastors still in active service in New York.

He married, June 30, 1868, in New York, Caroline Barth, and had nine children, three of whom are now living: 1. Harold C., a graduate of Columbia College and a practicing physician. 2. Julie, married William G. Houck. 3. Elsa L., wife of Oscar Houck.

#### BETHESDA SWEDISH EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Bethesda Swedish Evangelical Church of New York was organized in 1879 by Rev. A. G. Princell, who at that time was the pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church. The first pastor after the organization was Rev. A. Lidman. Services were held

in a hall in the University building at Washington Square. He was in charge of the parish, assisted by Rev. Holmblad, until 1885, when he was succeeded by Rev. K. Erierson, of Moline, Illinois, who remained until his death in 1900. During his pastorate he was assisted by Rev. J. A. Lindholm and J. A. Axelson. A church was purchased at No. 240 East Forty-fifth street, in which services were held from May, 1891. After the death of Mr. Erierson, Rev. J. A. Axelson became pastor and remained until January, 1903. In 1902 the present edifice, formerly a Jewish synagogue, was purchased for forty-five thousand dollars. It seats between five and six hundred. The membership of this society is about four hundred and thirty. A Young People's Society, organized in 1904 with twenty-five members, has at present date (1906) a membership of one hundred and forty. Among other societies is the Aid Society. The church is now supporting two missionaries, one in China and one in Africa. The church is in a very flourishing condition and its membership is steadily increasing. A branch of this church is located at Corow, Long Island, which has been attended by the same pastor, Rev. Ohlson, since 1903.

Rev. Karl F. Ohlson was born in Sweden, where he studied and prepared for the ministry. He came to America in 1888, was ordained the same year by the Congregational denomination, and made pastor of the Swedish Congregational Church of Worcester, Massachusetts, where he remained for three and a half years. He was then appointed to the church at Brockton, Massachusetts, and labored there five years. His next pastorate was Brooklyn, New York, where for over three years he was the pastor of the Pilgrim Swedish Congregational Church. He next went to Chicago, Illinois, remained three years, and on account of ill health he returned to the east and again took up the work here. Bethesda is an entirely independent church, made up altogether of Swedish people.

## REV. CHARLES J. LAWTON.

Rev. Charles J. Lawton, ex-pastor of Macedonia Methodist Episcopal church, Flushing, Long Island, was born in Charleston, South Carolina, September 1, 1858.

He attended the public schools of his native town and Wallingford Academy. He removed to Missouri, 1872, and in September of that year entered the State Normal School, from the normal department, and graduated therefrom two years later. He matriculated in the Lincoln University in 1883, and was graduated from that institution in 1886 with the degree of S. T. B. Was ordained to the ministry at Lincoln University, Lincoln, Pennsylvania, in the same year, and his first appointment as pastor was at Sumter, South Carolina. While he was in charge in that city, a period of one year, he erected a new church. He then ministered in Greensboro, North Carolina, for one year, then returned to Savannah, Missouri, where he taught in the public schools for two years, and served two years as principal of the high school in Independence, Missouri. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1896, and was appointed pastor of the Pierce City and Neosho circuit, Missouri. This was for one year, and in the following year he was transferred to the Kansas Conference and appointed pastor of Quindaro Church, Quindaro, and at the same time received his appointment as instructor in the Western University in Quindaro, teaching Hebrew and Latin. Here he remained for a period of two years, being then transferred to the Liberian Conference on the west coast of Africa, where he was pastor of the Eliza Turner Memorial Chapel for eighteen months. He then returned to America, joining the New York Conference, and was appointed pastor of Macedonia Methodist Episcopal Church, Flushing, Long Island, where he remained in charge five years, until 1905. During his administration of affairs the



present church was erected. He was greatly beloved and revered by his congregation, for his upright mode of life, his many acts of kindness and devotion to their interests and the excellence of his preaching.

#### CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE.

The Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the only Spanish church in New York, located at No. 229 West Fourteenth street, was founded in 1902, and was dedicated by Monsignor Mooney. This parish was established by the fathers without any funds whatever. During the four years they have been on Fourteenth street the building has been purchased and over \$5,000 has been paid on it. The first mass was sung by Rev. Father Colton, now bishop of Buffalo, and a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the present rector, Rev. Thomas Darbois. Previous to the establishment of this parish the Spanish Catholics heard mass in the basement of the Jesuit Church of St. Francis Xavier, on Sixteenth street, at which the Rev. Father Cardella, who died in 1900, assisted. The priests officiating for this congregation belong to the Augustinians of the Assumption Congregation or to the Assumptionist Fathers. Five masses are said on Sunday, and the attendance is about six hundred persons. The present chapel is in a private residence, but it is their intention to build a church in the near future. During the year 1905-6 an addition of over fifty feet has been made to the building, thereby affording better seating accommodation for the parishioners, and it is the intention of the fathers to make still further improvements from time to time. There are two Spanish speaking assistants: Rev. Adrian Buisson and Rev. Fulgence Morris. The number of Spanish speaking people in New York is between twenty and thirty thousand.

The present rector, Rev. Thomas Darbois, was born in Bur-

gundy, France. He was educated principally in Spain, and studied philosophy and theology in Rome. He was ordained in Versailles, France, 1887, and previous to coming to America his life had been spent as a missionary in South America.

#### EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, located in South Prince street, Flushing, Long Island, has for its present pastor Rev. James C. Brown, D. D. This congregation was organized in 1876 by Rev. Lamb, and for two years divine services were held in a dwelling house in Prince street, and then for nine years in a building known as "Boardman's Hall." They were able to purchase a little property in 1887, consisting of a lot twenty-eight by one hundred and ninety-seven feet, with a dwelling upon it. This building was remodeled for church purposes, and services were held there until Easter Sunday, April 23, 1905, at which time they took possession of the present church. Rev. Lamb was succeeded by Rev. W. R. Bowman, and he by Rev. Noah Abbott, who had as his successor Rev. M. L. Harvey, and then the charge passed into the hands of the present pastor September 6, 1902. Since Rev. Brown has taken charge a mortgage of seventeen years' standing has been paid off, a lot twenty-five by one hundred feet, adjoining the land originally purchased, has been bought, the old church building was removed to the rear of the property, and the present church erected. The new edifice is a frame structure, of attractive exterior and cheerful interior furnishings, forty by sixty-five feet in size, and with a seating capacity of four hundred and eighty-five persons. The membership now numbers two hundred and ten persons, an increase of one hundred and fifty since Rev. Brown became the incumbent. The average Sunday school attendance is about seventy-five, and the following societies are

connected with the church: Willing Workers, Star of Bethlehem, of which the wife of the pastor is president; and Baptist Young People's Union. The parish is in a very flourishing and satisfactory condition. Within three years Rev. Brown raised \$12,245, more than was raised in twenty-eight years by the former pastors.

Rev. James C. Brown was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, where his early education was acquired in the public schools. His classical studies were pursued in the Virginia Seminary, and his theological courses were followed in Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia. The latter institution conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in October, 1905. He was ordained in Bolivar, West Virginia, June 26, 1900, and his first pastorate was in his native city. From thence he was transferred to Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained for one year and a half, and was then sent to Rockville, Maryland, to organize a parish in that city. He was there known as the evangelist of Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia. His labors in this district were productive of much good and his faithful work was continued successfully until he was called to his present incumbency. Here his zeal and activity are as usefully employed as they always have been, and he is greatly beloved by all the members of his congregation. He has their spiritual and worldly welfare at heart, and no sacrifice is seemingly too great to be made to achieve that end. He is an able and fluent speaker and is possessed of remarkable oratorical powers.

#### ST. JOACHIM'S ITALIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

St. Joachim's Italian Roman Catholic Church is the center of one of the largest parishes in the city of New York, embracing as it does about twenty thousand parishioners. The church

has a seating capacity of fifteen hundred but in order to accommodate the large number who attend divine service in this edifice, it is necessary to have six masses said every Sunday, and the average attendance at each of these is about eight thousand. The average Sunday school attendance is one thousand. This church was formerly owned and used as a place of worship by a Protestant congregation, and was purchased by the Congregation of St. Charles Borromeo, an Italian congregation of missionary priests (founded by Bishop J. B. Scalabrini, of Piacenza, Italy, who have used it as their sanctuary since that time.

The founding of this flourishing parish dates back to 1887. The first resident rector, Father Vicentini, faithfully administered to the spiritual welfare of the parishioners in his charge until 1895, and then returned to his native land. He was succeeded by Rev. Father Strumia, who served in this position for two years, to be in his turn succeeded by Rev. O. Olussi, who exercised a beneficial influence in the parish until 1904, and in July of that year was succeeded by the Rev. Giovan Pietro Sinopoli di Giunta, Missionario Apostolico. Rev. Father Sinopoli was a zealous, faithful worker in the cause of religion, and his influence was wide-spread and beneficial, as is attested by the higher moral tone of the community in which he was the guiding spirit.

Following is a list of the societies connected with the church; St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Agnes, St. Anna, St. Vincenzo Martere, Saint Aloysius. There is also a social club called St. Joachim's Lyceum, which is connected with the church and has a membership of about sixty. There are two assistant rectors, Rev. Daniel D. Normo and Rev. Victor Cangiano.





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THE ITALIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR  
LADY OF POMPEII.

This church is an excellent example of what earnest, enthusiastic work in the field of religion can do. The parish was organized in 1891 by Rev. Father Bandini, who was the first rector. At this time mass was offered up in a small chapel in University Place, and this was continued for about four years. They then procured a place at No. 218 Sullivan street, which was the church home for about three years. In 1898 the present church was purchased, the building having been erected in 1836, and since that time it has been occupied as a place of worship by the Italians residing in that section of the city. The church is a very imposing and roomy edifice with a seating capacity of nine hundred. The number of parishioners is about fifteen thousand, and the average Sunday school attendance is over one thousand. The parish is in a very flourishing condition. On Sunday there are five masses, and the average attendance at these is between seven and eight thousand people. In order to accommodate this exceedingly large number, the basement has to be taken into use as well as the main auditorium of the church. Rev. Father Bandini, the first rector of the church, was succeeded by Rev. Francis Zaboglio, who administered to the spiritual welfare of the parishioners for about one year, and was succeeded by the present rector, Rev. Father Demo, in 1899.

Rev. Father Demo, the present rector of the church, is a man of high ideals, and at the same time his ideas are not lacking in practical utility. Since he has undertaken to conduct the parish work there has been a remarkable change in the moral tone of that section of the city, and the number of his parishioners has greatly increased. He has a natural aptitude for making others adopt and further his own high-minded

opinions. He has remodeled the entire interior of the church, erected new altars, put in a new organ, electric lights, steam heat, handsome stained glass windows, new roofing and floors, some beautiful paintings and various other improvements, altogether expending about fifteen thousand dollars to the greatest possible advantage. In October and November, of 1905, the Rev. Father Demo erected a handsome new Vestibule, designed by Mr. Vendrasco and lighted by electricity, thereby adding greatly to the appearance of the church, and to its seating capacity and comfort, at a cost of \$900. The assistant rectors are Rev. Father Parelin and Rev. Joseph Quadranti.

The societies connected with the church are: St. Joseph's, Young Men's Catholic Club, Circolo of Our Lady of Pompeii, Holy Rosary, Children of Mary, Sacred Heart, Pia Union, and St. Louis, a club for boys. There is also connected with the church a sewing school for girls, which is under the charge of two Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

#### ST. ADALBERT'S POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

St. Adalbert's Polish Roman Catholic Church, on East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, New York city, was founded in 1898 by Rev. Joseph Dworzak, D. D. Mass was held in a frame building, formerly used as a Protestant church, on Robins avenue, which was purchased by the parish and in which services were continued for two years. In 1900 the present church was ready for occupancy, when the old building was sold to an Italian congregation. The date of the corner stone laying of the new edifice was early in 1900, and it was dedicated the same year by Archbishop Corrigan. It is a handsome brick building, trimmed in terra cotta; its seating capacity is five hundred and fifty, its style of architecture is Gothic. It was erected under Father S. J. Noovok, who remained until July, 1902, and was



succeeded by the present rector. The auxiliary societies to this church are: St. Joseph's Holy Name; Holy Rosary Society, Children of Mary; St. Cecilia Cadets; Young Men's Society. St. Adalbert's parochial school, in charge of the Felician Sisters, was built by the present pastor and it is the first in the Diocese. It was organized in September, 1904, beginning with an attendance of about eighty. Since he took charge of this parish, Father Kwasniewski has erected three handsome altars and a chime of bells, blessed in February, 1904, by Mgr. Joseph F. Mooney; also put in a new pipe organ, costing \$3,000, besides many lesser improvements to the church property, including the purchase of three lots and houses situated in the rear of the church.

Father Kwasniewski was born in the western part of Prussia, May 26, 1876. He there received his primary education and college course, in part, and completed his course at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, New York. He was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Farley, July 13, 1902, and took charge of the parish he is now serving, the same day. At that time there were but one hundred families, instead of three hundred as the parish now contains. The work he has accomplished for the parish has indeed been greatly blessed.

#### SWEDISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION.

The Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Mission for Emigrants at No. 5 Water street, presided over by Rev. Axel B. Lilja, under the control of the Augustine Synod of the Lutheran Church of America, was first founded in 1873 by the Synod. Rev. P. J. Svard was the first pastor; he remained about three years and was succeeded by Rev. Fagelström, who had charge for about the same period of time and he was followed by Rev. A. Rodell, and in 1882 he was succeeded by the present

pastor, Rev. Axel B. Lilja. At first the mission was located at Twenty-sixth street, and there remained until 1892. The building is a four-story brick structure, the first stories devoted to offices, sitting room and chapel, together with a good dining room. The second floor is for the pastor's office and sleeping rooms; the third and fourth floors for sleeping rooms entirely. The building is modern throughout—heated and lighted and ventilated after the most approved manner.

Rev. Lilja was born in Sweden, 1845, and acquired his education in that country, coming to America in 1870. He engaged in mission work in Philadelphia until 1882, when he was appointed superintendent of New York missions. The same year he was ordained at Rock Island, Illinois, to the ministry. In addition to his mission work in New York, he has organized the Swedish Lutheran Church at Jersey City in 1890; the Swedish Lutheran Church at Dover, New Jersey, in 1893; and the Swedish Lutheran Church at Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1888, besides attending to several other mission points in Connecticut. The seating capacity of this mission is about one hundred and fifty, and services are held morning and evening and every Sunday afternoon.

#### BATTERY SWEDISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL MISSION.

The Battery Swedish Methodist Episcopal Mission at Twenty-fourth street, New York City, originally called Battery Park Mission, was organized in June, 1887. The first services were held at No. 27 State street, and at that date it was entirely an emigrant mission. The first missionaries were Rev. James Mathews and his wife, who held services in English, and they were assisted by Rev. Charles Samuelson, who was appointed to the work in April, 1888. Rev. Mathews remained in

charge until 1891, when he was succeeded by Rev. F. H. Carpenter, but in the fall of 1891 the full charge of this mission was assigned to the Rev. Mr. Samuelson, after which time it became entirely a Swedish Mission. In 1897 Rev. C. Samuelson was succeeded by Rev. F. O. Logren, who conducted the mission until 1902, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Benedict Nilsson. January 1, 1900, the mission was removed to the James Methodist Church on Forty-fourth street, where services were conducted until July 8, 1900, when it was removed to the Twenty-fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church. The original mission was organized for the welfare of emigrants, but it subsequently developed into a regular Swedish congregation with a present communicant membership of about two hundred and seventy-five, with services every Sunday. The societies attached to this church are the Dorcas, with fifty members; Young Men's Club of thirty members. The Sunday school enrollment is one hundred and twenty-five.

Rev. Benedict Nilsson was born in the southern part of Sweden, September 16, 1863, and acquired his primary education in that country. In 1884 he left his native land and came to America, locating in Gardner, Massachusetts, where he resided until 1891, when he moved to Evanston, Illinois, where he entered the Swedish Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1894, then removed to New York and supplied the Lexington Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church for three months. As a student and during the fall of the same year was engaged in missionary work in Brooklyn, which resulted in the formation of the Elin Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church on Forty-seventh street of that borough. He remained in charge of that congregation until the end of five and a half years, when he again engaged in missionary work for a year in Yonkers, New York, and a year in Stamford, Connecticut,

in 1902 being appointed to Battery Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church. He was ordained to a Deaconate, April 7, 1895. at Stamford, Connecticut, by Bishop Warren, and his final ordination took place at Mt. Vernon, New York, April 9, 1899, by Bishop Vincent.

(EMIGRANT MISSION) NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN.

The Emigrant Mission for the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America was begun by Rev. O. Junl, in 1867, who occasionally visited Castle Garden in the interests of the Norwegian emigrants. The first emigrant missionary appointed was Peter B. Larsen. He worked from 1873 to 1877. After him came Rev. Olaf Mandt, who died in September, 1880. Mr. T. K. Skov was then appointed and served three years, during which time the emigration from Norway reached its highest figures. For the fiscal year ending June 1, 1881, there were 22,705 of these people came to our shores; in 1882 there were 29,101; in 1883, 23,398. On account of failing health, Mr. Skov resigned in 1883 and was succeeded by the assistant pastor of Our Saviour's Church of Brooklyn, Rev. K. Seehms, who served until 1886. After a vacancy of three years, Rev. E. Petersen was appointed in April, 1889, and has conducted the mission to the present time (1906). His field of labor has been the landing place at Castle Garden, Barge Office and Ellis Island, where he has distributed tracts and assisted the emigrants in every possible way; he also has aided at the Lutheran Pilgrim house, where the Norwegian emigrants consigned to his care have been hospitably treated and cared for until they have been able to find suitable employment or joined their friends. During these seventeen years he has been in charge

of 23,147 Scandinavians (mostly Norwegians). During the year 1904 he had 2,730.

Rev. Mr. Petersen was born in Rønne Børnholm, Denmark, January 24, 1854, and came to America when fourteen years of age. He acquired his education at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He graduated in 1875, and from the Theological Seminary at St. Louis in 1878. He was ordained in 1879, in Wisconsin, and first appointed as pastor of three Norwegian and two German churches at Kilbourn City, Wisconsin. From 1882 to 1887 he was a teacher in the Lutheran College of Decorah, Iowa. Since April, 1889, he has faithfully served in his present capacity, doing a very commendable and praiseworthy work.

#### JOHN McNIESH.

John McNiesh was for nearly fifty years a resident of Woodrow, borough of Richmond, where his father, John McNiesh, settled with his family, upon leaving New York city.

John McNiesh (father) was a native of Scotland, where he had learned the clock and watchmaking trade, which line of occupation he pursued for a number of years. He married Janet Drisdale, who bore him a family of six children, five of whom attained to years of man and womanhood. John McNiesh came to the United States with his family, wife and five children, and upon his arrival in New York city took up his abode there and engaged at his trade, the watch and clock-making business, which he conducted in the house where he resided on Water street for a number of years. He finally took up his residence at Woodrow, borough of Richmond, where he purchased a farm and homestead and settled there with his family, passing away there in 1846. His wife died at the homestead in 1852. Their remains were interred in the family burying

plot at Woodrow. John and Janet (Drisdale) McNiesh had born of their marriage the following named children: 1. Jane, who died in infancy in Scotland. 2. Jane, married John Phyfe, of New York city. 3. Elizabeth, died at the age of eighty-six years, unmarried. 4. Janet, married John Ferguson, of New York city. 5. John, whose name introduces this review. 6. James, who died at Woodrow, in 1851, unmarried.

John McNiesh, fifth son of John and Janet (Drisdale) McNiesh, received his educational training in the schools of New York city, and learned the clock and watch-making trade under the tuition of his father. Upon attaining to manhood years he began business on his own account, having opened a store in Wall street, corner of William street, where he conducted a successful business up to 1842, in which year he removed to Brooklyn, where he became engaged in the mercantile trade. In 1844 Mr. McNiesh retired from active pursuits and took up his abode at the family homestead at Woodrow, where he spent the remaining years of his life. He died at the McNiesh homestead at Huguenot Park, January 12, 1882.

John McNiesh was married, at Woodrow, October 17, 1843, to Jane E. Morris, born October 4, 1824, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Van Iderstein) Morris. Both the latter are old families of New York city. Of this marriage were born children as follows: 1. John, born August 15, 1844, died in 1851. 2. John (2d), born January 28, 1854, married Sarah Jane Poillion, and had one daughter, Florence, who died in infancy. 3. Janet, born May 4, 1855, married Robert Rogers, and has one daughter, Janet Rogers. 4. Eliza, born July 19, 1861, married Gustave Goebel, and has five children living—Irene, Edgar, Ethel, Morris, Irvin Goebel. 5. James, born July 4, 1864, married Sarah Rose, and has two children—George Phillips and James McNiesh. Jane E. (Morris) McNiesh, mother of the afore-

mentioned children, survives her husband, and resides on the family homestead at Huguenot Park. She is a consistent member of the Dutch Reformed church, at Huguenot Park. She is a most estimable lady of the old school type and is possessed of many excellent qualities of mind and heart.

#### JOHN W. O'MEARA.

John W. O'Meara, a representative citizen of Richmond Valley, borough of Richmond, where he is noted for his progressive and enterprising spirit, was born at West Farms, now borough of the Bronx, October 31, 1858, son of John, a native of Whitehall, New York, and Delia (McGrath) O'Meara, a native of county Clare, Ireland, and grandson of John W. O'Meara, a native of Tipperary county, Ireland, who came to this country during his early manhood, and reared a family of children, all of whom are active and useful citizens of the United States.

John W. O'Meara, whose name heads this article, attended the school at Fourteenth street and First avenue, New York city, and the knowledge thus gained was supplemented by attendance at a private school conducted by Mrs. Peter Ashton, of Connecticut. He began the practical duties of life by serving an apprenticeship at the trade of weaver. In 1873, when fifteen years of age, he accompanied his family to New York city and there entered the employ of Owen Howard Bernard, with whom he remained until the death of the latter, and with his executors up to December 1, 1904, when he assumed the business on his own account and has since successfully conducted the enterprise, it being at the present time (1906) of considerable importance to the neighborhood, giving employment to about fifty skilled operatives, both men and women. The success he has achieved in his career has been the direct result of ambition, energy,

stability, integrity and perseverance, which characterize the highest type of the American citizen. In 1898 Mr. O'Meara went with Company H, Seventy-first Regiment of New York, to Cuba and served in that campaign with honor, having taken an active part in several of the principal engagements. He is a genial gentleman, and is held in the highest esteem by his neighbors and acquaintances.

Mr. O'Meara married, April 12, 1887, Eliza Jane Buckridge, born February 8, 1855, daughter of George W. and Kate (Donovan) Buckridge. Their children are: Julia, born February 27, 1888. John W., Jr., June 15, 1889. George W., November 20, 1890. Eliza, September 18, 1892. Katie Winifred, March 7, 1894. Miles, November 29, 1898. Mr. O'Meara and his family are faithful communicants of the Church of our Lady Help of Christians (Roman Catholic) of Tottenville, Staten Island.

#### HENRY PETER HEITMANN.

Henry Peter Heitmann, a progressive and enterprising German-American citizen of Rossville, borough of Richmond, where he has resided for a period of nearly twenty years, and at present is successfully engaged in the mercantile business, was born in the village of Steinfeldt, in the court district Zeven, province of Hanover, Germany, March 7, 1864, and is one of a family of four children. He is a son of John and Margaret (Behrens) Heitmann. John Heitmann was for many years in the employ of the government in the capacity of keeper of the forests and was a highly respected and useful citizen. He died at Steinfeldt, November 24, 1904. His widow resides on the homestead. They had by their union in marriage the following children: 1. Henry Peter, whose name introduces this review. 2. John, who came to the United States and took up his abode in Richmond county, and at present resides at One Hundred



Forty-ninth street and Third avenue, New York city. He married Gertrude Laught and has one child, Lulu Heitmann. 3. Frederick, who came to the United States and was for some time engaged with his brother Henry Peter at Rossville, borough of Richmond. He again returned to the fatherland, where he is successfully engaged in high grade stock raising. He married and has three children, as follows: Meta, Martha, and John Heitmann. 4. Heinrich, who came to the United States and at present resides in Jersey City Heights, New Jersey, where he is engaged in the confectionery trade. He married Meta Helmers, no issue.

Henry Peter Heitmann, eldest son of John and Margaret (Behrens) Heitmann, received his educational training in the schools of the fatherland and remained under the parental roof until the age of seventeen. In 1881, being desirous to improve his opportunities in life, he decided to come to the United States. Upon his arrival in New York city he at once took up employment in the grocery business, continuing in that line of work up until 1884, in which year he came to Richmond, where he entered the employ of Claus Holterman and was engaged in the baking business, remaining there for about eighteen months, and in 1886 he located at Rossville, where he engaged in the grocery and merchandise trade, and in this undertaking met with immediate success which was the logical result of his straightforward and honorable methods in conducting his business affairs. In this undertaking Mr. Heitmann was assisted by his brother Frederick, who later became associated with him in partnership, which arrangement was continued for about six years. In 1892 Mr. Heitmann purchased the old Wynant store at Rossville, where he established himself in the mercantile trade, and has since erected the commodious and modern new building and storerooms where he now conducts his business.

Mr. Heitmann is a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, having begun business with but limited capital; he has by his indefatigable and persevering energy and practical economy, succeeded in establishing a successful and lucrative trade, and in commercial circles is everywhere regarded as a straightforward and reliable business man.

Henry Peter Heitmann was married at his home in Rossville, March 5, 1893, to Johanna Dorothea Ott, who was a native of Amoenberg, near the city of Mainz on the Rhine, province of Hesse, September 8, 1865, daughter of Johan Philip and Catherine (Seel) Ott, both natives of the village of Orlau in the province of Nassau, Germany, and is the eldest of a family of four children and the only member of the family to come to the United States. Of this marriage Mr. Heitmann has had born to him a son, John, February 19, 1894. Right here it may be stated that Mrs. Heitmann has rendered to her worthy husband important and practical help in his affairs by her industry and good business judgment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Heitmann are consistent members of the German Lutheran Church at Kreischerville, borough of Richmond.

#### STEPHEN J. LAFORGE.

Stephen J. LaForge, a venerable and eminently respected citizen of Valley Forge, borough of Richmond, where he was for many years engaged in the mercantile business, and by his thrift and enterprise did much towards the growth and advancement of the material and social interests of the neighborhood, was born at the family homestead at Valley Forge, January 28, 1818, son of Henry S. and Catherine R. (Parlee) LaForge, both parents being descended from old Staten Island families. They had of their marriage born to them a family of thirteen children: 1. Henry Parlee, born July 31, 1816, married Catherine

A. Sprague, and spent his life on Staten Island. 2. Stephen J., whose name introduces this review, born January 28, 1818. 3. Bornt Parlee, born October 29, 1819, married Gertrude Simonson. 4. John L., born October 31, 1821, died single. 5. Ephraim J., born October 20, 1823, married Jane Segnine, and had two children, Emma and Catharine. He married (second) Johanna Pestel, no issue. Mr. LaForge died July 26, 1893. 6. Harmon B., born February 11, 1826, died in childhood. 7. Harmon B. (2d), born April 7, 1828, married Sarah Dissosway. 8. James A., born May 2, 1830, married Elizabeth Kaner. 9. John Theodore, born June 4, 1832, died April 5, 1838. 10. Catherine Mary, born July 31, 1834, married James Dissosway. 11. Emma Elizabeth, born November 5, 1836, died December 8, 1869; married David Pears. 12. John Leonard, born November 24, 1829, died December 6, 1879; married Sarah Disbrow. 13. Martha Jane, born March 4, 1841, married Philip Benham, and has one child, Clairemont Benham. The father of the aforementioned children, Henry S. LaForge, died August 5, 1887, aged ninety-seven years and four months. His faithful wife and mother of his children died December 30, 1888, aged ninety-three years and two months. Both were consistent Christian people and for many years were members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at Richmond.

Stephen J. LaForge, whose name introduces this sketch, received his elementary educational training in the schools of the neighborhood where he was born. At the age of fourteen years he went to New York city where he became employed in a grocery and ship chandlery establishment. In 1839 the young merchant returned to Valley Forge, where he became engaged in the mercantile trade on his own account. In this line of enterprise he met with a well merited degree of success as the logical result of his straightforward methods of conducting his

business. He retired from active business pursuits in 1889, since which time he has been living in pleasant retirement at his home at Valley Forge.

Stephen J. LaForge married, June 11, 1845, Ann Oakley, born February 28, 1826, daughter of Israel and Mary (Totten) Oakley, and of this marriage had born to him one daughter, Ellen T., June 30, 1846. She died October 5, 1847. The mother, Ann (Oakley) LaForge, died February 28, 1849. Mr. LaForge married (second) Ann E. Hodge, December 18, 1851. She was born May 14, 1834. Of this union there was no issue. Mrs. LaForge is a consistent member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Rossville.

#### HANS M. MADSON.

Hans M. Madson is a progressive and enterprising Danish-American citizen of Richmond Valley, borough of Richmond, where he is successfully engaged in the dairy and milk business. He was born in the village of Oestrup, near the city of Horsen, on the peninsula of Ulang, province of Denmark (Germany), January 3, 1859, son of Maes Hansen and Anna Christina (Grene) Madson, and is one of a family of four sons and seven daughters, of whom five came to the United States, as follows: 1. Hans M., whose name introduces this sketch. 2. Anna, married Jans Thomasen, of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, now deceased. She left a family of six children surviving her. 3. Hans Grene, settled in Tottenville, and at present resides in Perth Amboy, New Jersey; he married and has a family of five children. 4. Johanna, married Peter Michelsen; they removed to the northwest, and have not been heard of lately by the family. 5. Theodore, resided for some time with his brother, Hans Madson. He has not been heard of in recent years by the family.

Hans M. Madson, whose name introduces this review, was

reared and educated in the fatherland. He followed in the footsteps of his ancestors, and took up the tilling of the soil. At the age of seventeen he became apprenticed to learn the carpenter trade in the fatherland. In 1879 he decided to come to the United States, hoping here to find a broader field for his skill and labor. Upon his arrival here, June 28, 1879, he at once found employment at his trade and at ship carpentering work. In 1892 Mr. Madson became engaged in a limited way in the milk and dairy business, which line of enterprise he has successfully conducted up to the present period. He has become well and favorably known for the straightforward and reliable methods employed in the conduct of his business, and is highly respected in the neighborhood where he resides.

Hans M. Madson was married at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, December 18, 1881, to Amelia Petersen, born May 4, 1858, in the city of Laurvig, kingdom of Norway, daughter of Christian and Caroline (Anderson) Petersen. Her parents came to the United States, and upon their arrival here took up their abode at Tottenville, borough of Richmond, from whence they removed to Minnesota, where the father, Christian Petersen, died in 1904. Mr. Madson has had born to him the following children: 1. Christian M., born March 5, 1883. 2. Alfred, born April 6, 1885. 3. Clara Sophia, born July 17, 1887. 4. Agnes, born September 26, 1889. 5. Charles, born March 24, 1891. Mr. Madson and his family are regular attendants of the Lutheran church.

#### CHARLES GOTTLIEB KUNATH.

Charles Gottlieb Kunath was an industrious and highly respected German-American citizen of Rossville, borough of Richmond, where he resided for a period of over forty years. He passed away May 9, 1894.

He was born December 17, 1829, in the village of Ober-

lichtena, near the city of Pulsnitz, in the province of Saxony, Germany, and was the only son of Charles Gottlieb and ————— Kunath. Having been left an orphan at the early age of nine, he was reared among strangers and attended the schools of the fatherland till the age of fourteen. Upon taking up the practical duties of life, he pursued various occupations up to the age of twenty-three years, at which time he decided to come to the United States, hoping here to find better opportunities for his skill and labor. Upon his arrival in New York city, he at once located at Rossville, Richmond county, where he secured employment with the Winant family at farm work, and by his industry and economy was enabled to save sufficient capital to purchase lands in the village of Rossville, where he made improvements and established a comfortable home for himself and family. In 1870 Mr. Kunath engaged in the retail ice business, which he conducted up till the time of his demise, and in this undertaking met with a well merited degree of success. During the many years of his residence at Rossville, Mr. Kunath contributed much by his thrift and enterprise to the material growth and improvement of the neighborhood wherein he resided. In 1852 Mr. Kunath became a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Rossville, and was a regular communicant up till the time of his demise. He was a just and conscientious man in all his business affairs, a good citizen, a devoted and loving husband, and an indulgent parent to his children.

Charles Gottlieb Kunath was married at Rossville, borough of Richmond, to Catherine Russ, and of this marriage had born to him three children, as follows: 1. Charles, married Minnie Thompson, and has children: Catherine, Charles, Jr., Annie and George Kunath. 2. Bertha, married James Gilpins, and has children: James, Agnes, Bertha, Sophie Hester, and

Robert Gilpins. 3. George, who did not marry. Catherine (Russ) Kunath, mother of the aforementioned children, died in 1872. Mr. Kunath married (second), April 5, 1875, Licetta Wild, born December 25, 1850, daughter of John and Maria (Ammen) Wild, both natives of the Canton of St. Gall, Switzerland, and is one of a family of six children, two of whom came to the United States, namely: Licetta, and George, who went to California in 1879 and died there in 1881, at the age of twenty-two years. Of this union with Licetta Wild Mr. Kunath had born to him the following children: 1. Marietta, born February 24, 1879. 2. Edward Charles, born November 18, 1882. 3. Oldwin George, born August 1, 1885. 4. Ivia Ilder, born August 1, 1888. 5. Robert Wallace, born September 30, 1891. The family attend St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Rossville.

#### JAMES PETER COLLINS.

James Peter Collins, an honored and highly respected citizen of the town of Westfield, borough of Richmond, where he had resided for a period of over twenty-one years, during which time he had become prominently identified with the public and material interests of the community, was born in New York city, April 10, 1840, only son of Patrick and Margaret (Scanlan) Collins. There were three daughters, two of whom died in early life. Jane Elizabeth Collins was the third daughter of the aforementioned parents, a teacher in the public schools of New York city for a number of years. She married John Farrel, of New York city, but had no issue. Patrick Collins, father of this family, was for many years engaged in the produce trade in Washington Market, New York city, where he had become well and favorably known as a straightforward and reliable business man. He died at his daughter's home in

Thirty-fourth street, New York, in 1891, aged ninety-six years; his faithful wife and mother of his children passed away many years prior to her husband. They were both consistent Christian people, and were faithful communicants of the Roman Catholic church.

James Peter Collins, whose name introduces this review, received his elementary training in the public and parochial schools of New York city. On taking up the practical duties of life he became engaged with his father in the produce trade, which line of enterprise he continued for some time. He later became engaged in the hotel business at Sixth avenue and Thirteenth street, New York city. In 1875 Mr. Collins removed to Gifford, now known as Great Kills, where he purchased land on the shore of Princess Bay, and here erected a large and commodious house, which he converted into a pleasure and fishing resort. In addition to his varied interests, Mr. Collins took an active interest in local and public affairs. He was an ardent supporter of the principles of Democracy, and served his party as road commissioner and as a member of the board of health. Mr. Collins was elected by his party to the office of justice of the peace, and held that position until the time of his demise. During his official career, Judge Collins always endeavored to harmonize the differences and contentions of the parties concerned and in every way aided in maintaining justice and equity. During his residence in New York city, Mr. Collins was an active member of the Volunteer Fire Department. Fraternally, he was associated with the Free and Accepted Masons of New York city. He passed away at his home at Great Kills, January 9, 1894.

James Peter Collins was married at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, in New York city, December 28, 1872, to Mary Jane Vansten, born April 2, 1845, daughter of Robert and Mary



(Lawler) Vansten. Of this marriage were born two children: 1. Ellen G., born December 7, 1875, married Adolph Barth, and has one son, Robert Collins Barth, born July 20, 1904. 2. James P., born May 10, 1882, a graduate of public school No. 23, borough of Manhattan. The Collins family are faithful communicants of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Richmond.

#### MICHAEL FITZGERALD.

Michael Fitzgerald was for nearly thirty years a resident and leading and representative citizen of Great Kills, borough of Richmond, where he became actively identified with the material and social interests of the community. He was born in the city of Waterford, Ireland, about 1834, and was a son of Maurice and Margaret Fitzgerald, both of whom came from Waterford to the United States and upon their arrival here took up their abode in the then village of Williamsburg, now the Eastern District of Brooklyn, where they spent the remaining years of their life. They had by their marriage the following children: 1. Michael, whose name introduces this review. 2. Patrick, who married and took up his abode in Long Island City. 3. Richard, who took up his abode with his brother Michael; he died in 1896. 4. Catherine. 5. Johannah, married John Hunt, of Long Island City. 6. Bridget, married ——— Mahoney, also of Long Island City.

Michael Fitzgerald, whose name introduces this review, received but limited educational advantages with which to begin life. Being possessed with a laudable ambition and a desire to succeed in the world, he began life on his own account, and by his industry, thrift and economy saved a certain amount of capital, and in 1871 purchased land and shore rights at Great Kills, borough of Richmond, where he later made considerable improvements and established one of the leading pleasure re-

sorts on the shores of Princess Bay. By his skill, enterprise and straightforward methods in all his affairs, he became popularly known as the father of Great Kills. He took an active interest as well in the public and social affairs of the neighborhood, and was a generous contributor to all enterprises that had for their object the good and welfare of the community. Mr. Fitzgerald was a consistent Christian gentleman and a communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church of Richmond.

Michael Fitzgerald was married by the Rev. Father Sylvester Malone, rector of St. Peter and Paul's Church of Williamsburg, borough of Brooklyn, to Margaret ———, and of this marriage were born seven children: 1. Edward, married and resides at Tottenville. 2. Maurice, married Catherine Gillies, daughter of Daniel and Christina (Gillies) Gillies, and has four children: Michael, who died aged two and a half years, Agnes, Maurice, Jr., and Mary. 3. Catherine, married Joseph Gillies. 4. Margaret, married John Barr; she died aged twenty-six years, leaving a family of four children. Margaret Fitzgerald, mother of the aforementioned children, died in 1890. She was a faithful communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church of Richmond.

#### HORACE KENDON HILL.

Horace Kendon Hill, for many years a resident of Westchester county, New York, residing respectively at West Farms and Williamsbridge, is regarded as a progressive and enterprising citizen, and the position of honor and usefulness which he attained was gained solely through his own ability and the exercise of energy and unconquerable determination. He was born in the town of Gilford, Belknap county, New Hampshire, October 27, 1826.

His parents, Abraham and Hoppy (Gilman) Hill, were natives of the state of New Hampshire, and in the community wherein they resided were regarded with respect and esteem. Their family consisted of six children, as follows: Nancy, married Thomas Weeks; Sarah, married William P. Merrill, a resident of New Hampshire; Gilman, married Matilda Clements; he spent the early years of his life in his native state, New Hampshire, and died at Dorchester, Massachusetts, and was a worthy and public-spirited citizen; Mary, married John L. Barnard, of New Hampshire, at present (1905) a resident of Lowell, Massachusetts; William, married Hattie Clements, now deceased; Horace Kendon, see forward. The deaths of Abraham and Hoppy (Gilman) Hill occurred in 1881 and 1871, respectively.

Horace Kendon Hill was educated in the schools of his native town, which he attended until sixteen years of age, when he left home in order to earn his own livelihood. He took up his residence in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, where he was employed at various occupations for a number of years. At the beginning of the Civil war, being prompted by a spirit of patriotism and loyalty to his flag, he enlisted in the nine months' service in Company C, Forty-fourth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers. The regiment was sent to North Carolina and he served honorably to the end of his term of enlistment, being then discharged from the service of the United States government. Upon his return to civil life he once more resumed his residence in Boston, but in 1864, being desirous of acquainting himself with other sections of the great country in which he was born, he went to California by the way of Panama. He spent two years along the Pacific coast, engaged at mining and prospecting, in which occupations he met with a fair degree of success, and at the expiration of this period of time returned east

and once more made his home in Boston. After a short residence in that city he removed to Williamsbridge, Westchester county, New York, and there entered the employ of L. H. Mace, successfully operating his farm for a number of years. His next undertaking was at Westchester, where for thirteen years he successfully operated a farm comprising the lands where the Morris Park race track is now located. In 1886 Mr. Hill returned to Williamsbridge and there engaged in building enterprises, in which line of pursuit he has accomplished much for the development and improvement of this thriving village. He bore a full share in the promotion of community interests, and was a foremost agent in forwarding every material and moral undertaking. He has served a term of three years as road commissioner, served two years as school commissioner, and during this period of time and since then has contributed largely toward the educational interests of Williamsbridge. Mr. Hill is a staunch supporter of the principles of Democracy as laid down by Thomas Jefferson.

Horace Kendon Hill married (first) Mary Leavitt, a native of the state of New Hampshire, and the issue of this union was one child, Clara A., born in 1852, became the wife of Titus K. Adee and their children are: James and Ada. Mr. Hill married (second), February 8, 1857, Hannah D. Clark, born November 26, 1823, at Thornton, New Hampshire, died March 27, 1886, aged sixty-two years, four months, one day, daughter of Joshua Clark. Hannah D. (Clark) Hill was the widow of Andrew Springer and the mother of three sons: George W. Springer, born March 10, 1844, at Boston, Massachusetts, married Sarah P. Morrill; Charles A. Springer, born in New York city June 22, 1847, died April 22, 1866; and Nathaniel B. Springer, born October 22, 1849, married Veronica Dale.

## ADOLPH W. ENGLER.

Adolph W. Engler, a representative of the foreign-born citizen of the city of New York, who has been identified with the financial and commercial interests of his adopted country, is a descendant of an old and honored family of Germany.

William G. L. Engler, father of Adolph W. Engler, was born in the city of Brunswick, Germany, September 9, 1794. He was educated in the high school, and at a suitable age engaged in a mercantile business, with which he was occupied until his death. He was Democratic in his political views, a member of the militia during the revolutionary period in Brunswick in 1830, but never held public office. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He married Wilhelmina Ahrenbeck, born April 7, 1800, daughter of Wilhelm Ahrenbeck, who held the position of merchant tailor and purveyor to the ducal court.

Adolph W. Engler, son of William G. L. and Wilhelmina (Ahrenbeck) Engler, was born in the city of Brunswick, Germany, September 23, 1824. His education was acquired in the Real-Gymnasium, a high school, in his native city, and he served in the capacity of clerk in several large mercantile houses in Germany before coming to this country. He arrived at New York on the steamer "Washington," Captain Crabtree, April 7, 1850, and went to Baltimore, Maryland, where he resided for thirteen years. There he was engaged in business as a foreign exchange and money broker until 1863, in which year he removed to the city of New York and established the firm of Kremelberg & Co., a branch of the firm of F. L. Brauns & Company, exporters of leaf tobacco in Baltimore, Maryland. During the progress of the civil war, New York was the principal market for leaf tobacco, and the new firm soon commanded a leading position in this branch of commerce. This firm estab-

lished another branch about 1875, in the city of Louisville, Kentucky. It was a purchaser of Kentucky tobacco for European markets, and since 1865 has regularly supplied Austria. Mr. Engler accepted the trusteeship for Dutch bondholders of the Jacksonville, Pensacola & Mobile railroad in Florida, which had defaulted. This was in 1876. He also represented a Dutch syndicate which handled many millions of dollars in stocks and bonds in some of the principal railroads in this country, and was a member of the board of directors of three of them. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of the New York Produce Exchange, and of the Deutscher Verein, the latter a social organization. He was one of the organizers of the Cotton Exchange and of the German-American Bank, and for twenty-eight years one of the trustees of the English-Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. He is an independent Democrat in his political views, has never desired or held public office, and is a contributor to charitable and civic organizations. All the members of his family are strict Evangelical Lutherans.

Mr. Engler married (first), November, 1858, Julia E. Spileker, born July, 1839, died March, 1873, daughter of Charles W. Spileker, an importer of lamps and lamp supplies. She left children: 1. William Spileker, born in Baltimore, Maryland, October, 1859. 2. Minna Fredericka, born in Baltimore, Maryland, March, 1861, married, July, 1886, J. W. Lieb, Jr., an electrician, and a protegee of Mr. Edison, who sent him to Milan, Italy, to establish the first electric plant in that country. He was recalled to New York in 1893, and is now (1907) one of the vice-presidents of the New York Edison Company, and associate manager. 3. Julia Elizabeth, born in Baltimore, Maryland, December, 1863, received an education in several private institutions. 4. Adolph, Junior, born March, 1869, in New York city; his earliest instruction was obtained in a German

school, and later he entered the New York College. After one year's attendance in this institution, he left and entered upon his business career. 5. Henry Rocholl, born in New York city, November, 1871, received his preparatory education at a German school, and later at the Columbia School. He is now holding an office position in the Louisville branch of his father's business. Mr. Engler married (second), April 13, 1876, Elizabeth Brauns, born November 8, 1836, died November 15, 1906, daughter of F. L. Brauns, of Baltimore, Maryland. She left one child: Ferdinand Brauns, born in New York city, August 7, 1880. He was educated at the Rugby Military Academy, and upon the completion of his education entered business. At the age of eighteen years he became a member of the New York State Artillery, Second Battery, and was soon advanced to the rank of corporal, and later to that of sergeant.

#### EDWARD WINCHESTER HOWELL.

E. Winchester Howell, sales manager for McEwan Bros., paper-board manufacturers, whose offices are located at No. 277 Broadway, New York city, was born at Highland, Ulster county, New York, March 31, 1879, son of Jesse Conkling and Jennie Margaret (Cookingham) Howell, and grandson of Sylvanus B. Howell, who was a miller by trade, owning and operating a mill at Galeville, New York, where he was a prominent and influential citizen. Sylvanus B. Howell was one of three brothers, one of whom was an officer in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war.

Jesse Conkling Howell (father) was born at Galeville, Orange county, New York, 1852. In early life he learned the trade of miller, then worked at minor positions for several years; was manager for a department of the Gail Borden Milk Company, at Wallkill, New York, later served as bookkeeper in

the city of Newburg, New York, subsequently cashier for department store of Sneekey, Platt & Co., of Poughkeepsie, New York, after which, in order to recuperate his failing health, he went to California. His wife bore him three children: E. Winchester, mentioned hereinafter; Lena S. and Clara Sylvia, who died in infancy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Howell are active and zealous workers in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which body they are members.

E. Winchester Howell was educated in the public schools of Poughkeepsie, New York, prepared for college at Riverview Military Academy of Poughkeepsie, New York, and later attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at Boston, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1900. The following year he was salesman for the firm of H. J. Heinze & Company, the well known manufacturers of the "57" varieties of pickles, after which he served as clerk in a Wall street firm for a short period of time. He then pursued a course of shorthand in the Eastman Business College, graduating therefrom in 1902. He then accepted a position as stenographer with the Chemical Paper Company, and was advanced to that of general sales agent, in which capacity he served nearly four years, resigning in the summer of 1906 to accept the broader work as sales manager for McEwan Bros., which position he now holds. He is a most energetic and enterprising man, always looking for and taking advantage of new methods of making paper. For the past two years, at his own expense, Mr. Howell has had associated with him a practical chemist, who has been experimenting along these lines and who has made some very valuable discoveries. Mr. Howell has recently organized the A. W. Harrington Company, of which he is manager and treasurer.

Mr. Howell married, April 8, 1903, Grace Adams, daughter



of Myer and Mary Ellen Adams. They reside in the borough of Brooklyn, New York. They are members of the Central Congregational Church.

PETER M. GREGORIE.

Peter M. Gregorie, for many years a well known resident of the city of New York, is at present extensively engaged in the real estate business with offices at No. 108 West One Hundred and Fourth street, where his reliability in business is highly appreciated. He is a descendant of an honored family, whose earlier members were among the first settlers of the United States. One of his great-grandmothers attained the advanced age of one hundred and three years and six months.

Richard M. Gregorie, son of Richard and Amelia (Mathews) Gregorie, was a contractor and carpenter by occupation. He was prominent in social and business circles, and held the office of county commissioner in Charleston, South Carolina. He married Sarah E. Mathews, and had children: Peter M., see forward; Mary, deceased; Claudia, deceased; Sarah Ann; Amelia, deceased; Richard D., deceased; and Ann Elizabeth.

Peter M. Gregorie, eldest child of Richard M. and Sarah E. (Mathews) Gregorie, was born in Charlestown, South Carolina, May 22, 1842. His tuition was received in private schools, and upon the completion of his education he was apprenticed to the trade of brick-laying in order to acquire a practical knowledge of the trade of contracting and building. He was engaged in building and contracting in Charleston, South Carolina, until 1896, when he removed to Boston and for five years held the position of engineer in Harvard College. He removed to the city of New York in 1901, and two years later established himself in the real estate business, in which he has been remarkably successful. He has filled a number of public offices, among

them being that of warden of the town of Somerville, South Carolina, and also that of street inspector. He is a member of the following associations: Somerville Lodge, No. 2852, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows; Hayden Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons; Royal Arch Masons; True Reformers, Unity and Friendship Society for forty-eight years, Pine-land Charitable Association, of Somerville, South Carolina. He is a consistent member of the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church. He takes an active and intelligent interest in the affairs of city, state and country, and is a man of considerable influence in the community.

He married (first) Jane Blaney, and had children: Mary M., Peter M., Richard, who died in childhood, and Maude E. He married (second), October 16, 1890, Rebecca M. Bruber; no family by second union.

#### THE FAMILY OF CAMPBELL.

The Campbells are among the most famous and oldest of the clans of Scotland, and represented by the Dukes of Argyle, so famed in song and story. The various branches of this noted race are found in every land, and wherever they have gone they have held a commanding position and their influence has met the recognition so well deserved.

Among the representatives of that family in New York is Frank E. Campbell, whose business reputation, and the great enterprise he has founded, of which he is the head, has made him well known as one of our foremost citizens. Mr. Campbell was born at Campbell Point, Adams county, Illinois, July 4, 1872, a son of George S. and Melvina T. (Frazell) Campbell, the former named having been a son of Alexander and Elizabeth Campbell, followed the occupation of mechanical engineering, and died at Quincy, Illinois, and the latter a descendant of

a French ancestry. George S. and Melvina T. (Frazell) Campbell were the parents of the following children: Catherine, wife of William Lavini, now residing in London, England; Charles C., died at the age of twenty-seven years; Frank E., of whom later; and Flora E.

Frank E. Campbell obtained his preliminary education in the public and high schools of his native town. In early life he became interested in the manufacturing of brick; later for a period of five years was an extensive dealer in building materials, becoming very expert in the grading of lumber, and subsequently became extensively engaged in the coal business. In 1892 he came to New York and since that date has been continuously engaged in the undertaking business, during which time he has been the organizer of four large undertaking institutions, which are today the finest and best equipped in the United States. He is a specialist in various parts of the undertaking business, especially that of embalming, and has also experimented at various times with cremation both by electricity and heated air. Mr. Campbell is the United States government official undertaker and contractor for ambulance service, Port of New York. The magnitude of this contract is readily appreciated considering that he has to care for the sick and wounded among about one million emigrants and thousands of government officials and attachés. His name is displayed from many prominent churches as undertaker, and under this appears: "No deserving poor refused." He is a member of Sagamore Lodge No. 371, Free and Accepted Masons; Union Chapter No. 180, Royal Arch Masons; York Commandery No. 155, and Mecca Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Undertakers' Association of New York and Woodmen of America. He is a member and trustee of the Twenty-fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church. As a citizen Mr. Campbell is public-spirited and

helpful, and in all the relations of life has ever followed a consistent course, which has made him deservedly popular.

Mr. Campbell married, June 15, 1905, Amelia K. Klutz, of Brooklyn, New York. Their wedding, which was one of the events of the season, was celebrated in the Marble Collegiate Church, at Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, New York, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. Burrell, and Rev. Dr. Mascer, "the most excellent Prelate of the New York Commandery."

#### CAMPBELL BURIAL & CREMATION CO.

This institution, located at Nos. 241-243 West Twenty-third street, New York, of which Frank E. Campbell is president, was founded by Mr. Campbell in 1898 and incorporated the same year. Its original purpose, which has been carried out to the fullest extent, was to provide a place for the care of the dead and to lend comfort to the bereaved, as neither of these things had ever been fully provided in New York. It is a modern seven-story fireproof building, especially adapted to undertaking requirements and presenting an impressive appearance. The officials and assistants, in each and every department, are men and women expert in their profession, and carefully schooled burial directors of matured years. Frank E. Campbell, under whose personal supervision are all departments, stands pre-eminent in the profession, possessing extensive experience and broad observation in Europe and America. Associated with Mr. Campbell are Messrs. John Schreyer, the wealthy, retired real estate operator; James R. Floyd, formerly of Herring & Floyd Safe Company, and many years trustee of the Emigrant Savings Bank; Matthew L. Ritchie, prominent in church, Masonic and temperance work, and F. A. Garner. Howard A. Comfort, long identified with the wholesale department,

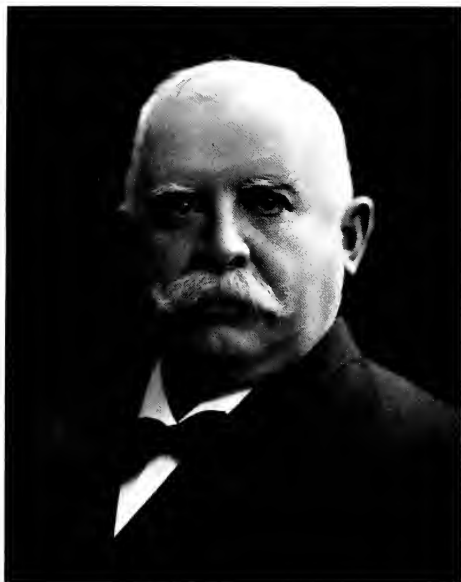
is superintendent of the embalmers' department, and is a man of mature years, and an expert in the art of embalming. A name synonymous with the highest art of funeral directing is that of S. L. Buckingham, F. D., who stands pre-eminently at the head of his profession. The interior decorations of the establishment are white and green, removing all gloom possible and giving the surroundings a cheerful appearance. Business is conducted day and night, there being both a day and night staff.

Prominent features of the establishment are funeral chapels for holding services (minister and music provided if required), parlors, show rooms, retiring rooms, also marble vaults for the retention of the body not yet embalmed or awaiting shipment or burial. The funeral chapel is practically a miniature church; it has stained glass windows, a large pipe organ, mahogany pews seating two hundred and sixty-five, with camp chairs seating nearly two hundred more. It was designed and erected for the benefit of friends of those who die suddenly at sea or in the city of New York. At the dedication of the chapel, November 1, 1905, addresses were made by Rev. Dr. David Burrell, of the Marble Collegiate Church, Rev. Dr. Charles L. Gooddell, of the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. Dr. Cadman, of Brooklyn. Their shipping department is equipped with every facility and is a very necessary adjunct to their establishment, and the correspondence department is also a very large and important one, connecting the establishment with all parts of the world. The telephone equipment is a miniature central office, the various departments, residences of officials and heads of departments being all connected. There is also an operating room equipped with all kinds of surgical instruments for the use of surgeons or coroners who wish to hold post-mortem examinations. The personal service bureau is also a

much appreciated department. It is of great value to those who are suddenly bereaved, especially women, who have no relative or close friend in the city. One of the staff of the bureau skillfully performs all the duties that do not ordinarily come under the charge of the funeral director, such as the purchase of flowers, sending of telegrams and letters and engaging a clergyman. When the remains are to be interred away from New York, a member of the staff, when necessary, secures the grave, has it opened, communicates with friends, purchases railroad tickets, has death notices inserted in the papers and accompanies the body if necessary. Urns of all grades and designs for the ashes of bodies cremated are kept in stock; also caskets, coffins and burial cases of all kinds, ranging in value, so as to meet the requirement of all classes of people.

As an illustration of the magnitude of the business, it may be said that the name of the firm and its business are printed four million times daily in the newspapers and other mediums for advertising. There is not a means or a method for disposing of the mortal remains of those who have passed away which this institution does not possess in the fullest degree. New York has an immense population, which has come from every part of this country and also from all parts of the world. To be buried with one's kindred is the natural desire of all who may possess the slightest claim to sentiment. It is therefore one of the most important features of this establishment to provide means and facilities for transporting the remains of the dead to any point, however distant. In short, everything that is necessary or proper to be done from the time of the last breath till the time when the mourners turn away from the grave, uttering in their hearts if not with their lips the sentiment of the ancient Roman, "*sit tibi terra levis*" (May the earth lie light upon thee), are to be found in this institution.





*Philip Zugner*



## PHILIP ZUGNER.

Philip Zugner, who resides in No. 163 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, is the proprietor of one of the oldest established undertaking concerns in the city of New York. He traces his ancestry to Germany.

Lorenz Zugner, father of Philip Zugner, was born in Bavaria, Germany, June 24, 1818. There he was educated and spent his youth, emigrating to the United States in early manhood. He settled in New York and worked for a time at his trade of cabinet-making. He engaged in the undertaking business, in Morrisania (now borough of the Bronx), in 1854, and was the pioneer undertaker in that section of the city. He opened a branch establishment, in 1874, at 2225 and 2227 First avenue, between One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets, and this was later conducted by his sons—Lewis and Philip. Lorenz Zugner was actively engaged in business until his death, which occurred in 1880.

He married Catherine Hirsimer, and their children were: Joseph, deceased; Lewis, deceased; Philip, see forward; Peter.

Philip Zugner, third son and child of Lorenz and Catherine (Hirsimer) Zugner, was born in Morrisania, New York, January 3, 1853. He acquired his education in the parochial schools of New York city, and at a suitable age was apprenticed to learn the trade of his father. Under the tuition and able supervision of the latter he acquired a very thorough and practical knowledge of this. He has been continuously engaged in this business since that time. He, in association with his brother Lewis, took charge of the business started by his father in First avenue, under the firm name of Lorenz Zugner & Sons, and in 1882, upon the death of his brother, Philip assumed entire control of the business affairs. He remained at that location until 1901, when he removed to his present place of busi-

ness at No. 163 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street. It is not alone one of the oldest, but also one of the most reliable undertaking and embalming establishments in the city. Mr. Zagner is an expert in the business, and gives his personal attention to all details. He is a public spirited citizen, and takes an active interest in the political condition of the country. He is a member of Harlem Council No. 211, Catholic Benefit Legion, and attends Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church.

He married, October 13, 1874, Anna Hattenbrum, and their children are: Bertha, died in early womanhood; Rosa; Philip, died in childhood; Anna, wife of John A. Dahm.

#### GEORGE J. CARAJANES.

It is a strange but true fact that when the natives of the beautiful land of Greece come to this country, they turn as if by instinct to the delightful trade of floriculture. A great number of the floral establishments in the city of New York are thus conducted. Among those who are rapidly building up a prosperous and constantly increasing business may be mentioned the name of the man whose name heads this sketch. George J. Carajanes was born in Vassara, Lacedemonos, Greece, April 23, 1870, son of John and Despina Carajanes, both born in Greece, and still residing in their native land, where the former is engaged in agriculture. They are the parents of children, as follows: George J., Catherina, Areti, Elena, Nicholas, Damianos.

George J. Carajanes was educated in his native land, and at the age of twelve years left his home and went to Athens, where he sought and found employment; he remained four years in Athens as a clerk in the grocery business. He then went to Salonica in Turkey, where he remained for another four years, being employed as a salesman; from thence to Constantinople for one year; then to Alexandria; and from there to Cairo,

Egypt, remaining a few months in each of these cities. He then crossed the Red Sea to Zeda from Suez canal, thence to the island of Sondan Souakim, where he was engaged in supplying provisions to the British and Egyptian armies. From this place he emigrated to the United States in 1892. He located in Boston, but after a short residence in that city, removed to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he lived for a few years, working in a skate manufactory, coming then to New York city, where he has resided continuously since that time. He established himself in the florist business in Eight avenue, near One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and now has another store at One Hundred and Fortieth street and Eighth avenue. He handles cut flowers and potted plants exclusively. His premises are always well stocked with all the choicest blooms that the wholesale trade can supply. He caters to the finest and most select trade in that section of the city, and is rapidly building up a large and remunerative business. Ever since his arrival in the city of New York, Mr. Carajanes has taken the deepest interest in the Hellenic Greek Orthodox Church, and in 1904 was elected a member of the Board of Trustees. In this position he has done much to strengthen the influence of the church over his compatriots in the city.

He married, May 18, 1897, in New York city, Gertrude A. Albrecht, a native of Germany. They have been blessed with three children: Elena, born December 6, 1899; Sophia, August 7, 1901; John, November 24, 1904. The two former speak German, Greek and English fluently.

#### HENRY H. JOHNSON.

Henry H. Johnson, for a number of years a well known caterer of the city of Brooklyn, New York, and at present and for some time previous holding the position of treasurer of the

Union Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, was born in the city of New York, March 20, 1837. He is the son of Henry H. and Charlotte Ann (Jackson) Johnson.

While he was still very young his parents removed to Brooklyn, where his entire life has been spent. He was educated in the public schools of that city, and at a suitable age entered upon his business career. He was in the employ of John I. Snediker for a period of twenty-one years, and then in the hotel conducted by Mrs. Howe for a similar length of time. Later he gave his entire attention to the catering business in which he was eminently successful, the most prominent families of Brooklyn being among his patrons. In the fifties the only drives in this part of New York state was Coney Island and Jamaica Plank roads, which was patronized by the wealthy people of New York and Brooklyn, and Mr. Johnson had the pleasure of serving such men as Commodore Vanderbilt, the Astors, Brooks brothers and numerous others. John I., as Mr. Snediker was called, was noted for his terrapin and asparagus dinners, and at asparagus time the place was not large enough to accommodate the people. He became connected with the Union Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church in 1845, and has filled with satisfaction to the congregation all the offices in the institution, and is at present treasurer, as above mentioned. He is a charter member and past master of Hiram Lodge, No. 23, Free and Accepted Masons, is now chaplain of the lodge and also chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York; he is a member of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 49, Order of Good Samaritans; member of Star of Bethlehem, No. 83, Sons and Daughters of Moses. He is a man of unimpeachable character, noted for his reliability and the accuracy of his business methods, and in the course of a well spent life has earned the esteem and affection of his fellow townsmen.

He married, June 16, 1856, in Brooklyn, New York, Mary E. Smith, and they have had ten children: Charles A., seaman, deceased; Norman D.; Laura, married Jeremiah Thompson; Jeremiah, deceased; James, deceased; Anna, married Charles Bennett; Hiram, deceased; Bertha; and Edward, deceased.

#### GEORGE WILLIAM GLOVER.

George William Glover, proprietor with his father of one of the oldest liquor concerns in the city of New York, traces his ancestors to Dalmatia, Austria, to an old and honored family, said to be connected with royalty.

(I) George Anthony Glover, grandfather of George William Glover, was born in Dalmatia, Austria. He was a very prominent lawyer, and practiced his profession in the very highest courts in the country. Among his children were: 1. Stephen, who, it is supposed, lives in Australia. 2. Andrew, living in San Francisco, California. 3. Frank A., of whom later. 4. Marguerite. 5. Nina Rismonda, married and resides in Europe. 6. Stephania.

(II) Frank A. Glover, third son and child of George Anthony Glover (1), was born in Dalmatia, Austria, in 1827. He emigrated to the United States in 1838, reached New Orleans, and remained there about one year. He went to California in 1849, by way of the Cape, and there conducted a hotel and was also engaged in mining operations. At that time his hotel was the largest in the state of California, and both of these business ventures were exceedingly profitable. He returned east in 1853 and located in New York. He again went to California in 1857, returning in 1859, and engaging in the wholesale liquor business in the building now occupied (1906) by his son and grandson at Peck Slip, who are engaged in the wholesale and imported liquor business under the firm name of Frank

Glover's Sons. This was carried on under the firm name of Cortissis, St. Anna & Company for one year, and was then changed to Glover & St. Anna. Mr. Glover purchased the interest of Mr. St. Anna, in 1876, and operated under the style of Frank A. Glover, until 1872, when he admitted his son, George W., as a partner, and the firm name became Frank Glover & Son. He retired from active business in 1899. The building in which the business is located is one of the oldest in this old section of the city. It was at one time occupied by P. T. Barnum, when the latter was engaged in the flour and feed business. Mr. Glover was a very popular man, and considered one of the ablest salesmen of his time. In earlier life he was interested for a time in shipping, and it is said that he made at least two fortunes during his business career. He was a Master Mason, and a member of Cassia Lodge, No. 445, Brooklyn, New York. He married Ann Whealen, and had one child, George William.

(III) George William Glover, only child of Frank A. (2) and Ann (Whealen) Glover, was born in New York City, October 6, 1855. From his earliest years he studied under the best masters that could be procured, and then became a student at St. John's College, Fordham, New York City. Upon completing his education he entered the business of his father. Since the retirement of his father from business, George W. has conducted it alone, and his progressive methods are keeping it well in the van of its kind. He is a very popular man, both in business and social circles, and is a member of the following organizations: The old Knickerbocker Club, the Manhattan Athletic Club, the New Manhattan Athletic Club, and the New Knickerbocker.

He married, January 10, 1882, Sarah Kane, daughter of Nicholas and Bridget Kane, both deceased. The Kane family was of English descent, and of a very prominent family. The

children of Mr. and Mrs. Glover are: 1. Nicholas, died in infancy. 2. Frank Nicholas, born January 26, 1885, educated under private tuition, supplemented by a course in Columbia College, the De La Salle Institute, graduated in 1899, and since 1900 has been engaged in the business of his father. 3. Marie Nicholina, born September 20, 1886, attending college. 4. Sarah, died in infancy. 5. Anna, born May 26, 1892, attending Normal School.

#### CONSTANTINE S. GALANOPULO.

Constantine S. Galanopulo, one of the many Greek merchants who has made for himself an enviable reputation as a progressive man of business in the new world, was born in Calamato, Greece, October 15, 1868, and was educated and commenced his business career in his native country. For five years previous to his emigration to America he was engaged in the dry goods business with a reasonable amount of success.

In 1895 he emigrated to the United States, landing in New York, and soon after his arrival, established himself in the laundry business. This he conducted successfully for several months and then turned his attention to the manufacture of cigarettes for about half a year, giving this up in favor of his present business of importing. His place of business is located at No. 35 Madison street, and it is in a very flourishing condition. He is practical and methodical, possessed of strict business integrity, is popular with his fellow countrymen, and has their entire confidence.

Since Mr. Galanopulo's arrival in this country he has been connected with the Hellenic Orthodox Church of Holy Trinity, in which he takes a deep and active interest. He has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Twenty-seventh Street Church, and, in March, 1904, was elected presi-

dent of the board of trustees. A few days after his election, with the aid of his board, he bought a new church for the Greek Colony on Seventy-second street, between Third and Lexington avenues for the amount of \$70,000.

He is also president of the Soterea Society, connected with Holy Trinity Church.

#### HERMAN HENSCHEL.

Herman Henschel, a general confectioner, is a native of Prussia, born in the city of Magdeburg, January 2, 1871. His father died when he was but four years old. He obtained the rudiments of an education in his native city, and when eleven years of age, in 1884, came to the United States with his widowed mother, locating in the city of New York. He there learned the trade of confectioner, becoming a skilled workman, and in April, 1897, he entered upon a business of his own at 456 Cherry street. He remained there for seven years, increasing his business to such an extent that larger accommodations became necessary, and in March, 1894, he made removal to his present spacious establishment, and his products are distributed throughout New York and adjoining states, and are held in highest repute for excellence and purity. Mr. Henschel has been for the past ten years a resident of Brooklyn, where his mother also lives. He is an active and contributing member of a German singing society of Brooklyn.

Mr. Henschel married, at Sea Cliff, Long Island, August 16, 1903, Emma Annie Frenz, a native of New York City. To this union has been born one child, Alice Catherine Augusta.

#### JOSEPH E. HOWELL.

Joseph E. Howell, engaged in the dairy and produce business at 445 West Nineteenth street, New York City, is a representative of one of the most famous Long Island families,



which from the early colonial days was active in whaling and shipbuilding, when those were the largest interests of the island. The last of the line of Howell to which Joseph E. Howell belongs, born on Long Island, was his paternal grandfather, Charles Howell, who removed to Blooming Grove, Orange county, New York. Charles Howell was twice married, and by his first marriage had two children, Selah and Clarissa. He married (second) Elizabeth Board, and their children were: Charles B., Edmund S. and Henry, all of whom are deceased.

Edmund S. Howell, son of Charles and Elizabeth (Board) Howell, was born at Blooming Grove, Orange county, New York, September 15, 1804. His boyhood was passed in his native village, where he acquired a fair education. From the age of eighteen to thirty-five he made his home with an uncle, then taking up agricultural pursuits upon his own account, in Orange county, and which he prosecuted successfully during the remainder of his life. He was an upright, honorable citizen, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He married Nancy Bell. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Howell died in February, 1883, her husband surviving her fifteen years, and dying April 28, 1898. Their children were: 1. Mary E., widow of Edward M. Fitzgerald, residing in Binghamton, New York. 2. Clarissa A., widow of the Rev. Arthur Harlow, residing in Blooming Grove, New York. 3. Phoebe E., wife of Benjamin C. Sears, residing in Blooming Grove, New York. 4. Charles H., residing in Blooming Grove. 5. James B., residing in Blooming Grove, married (first) Alice Stuart, and (second) Mary Buchannan. 6. Caroline A., widow of Dr. George H. Sears. 7. Harriet A. 8. Joseph E., to be further referred to. 9. Susan E., wife of Roswell C. Shons, residing in Blooming Grove. 10. Euphemia, died at the age of ten years.

Joseph E. Howell, eighth child and third son of Edmund S. and Nancy (Bell) Howell, was born in Blooming Grove, New York, September 9, 1849. He attended the district school and high school, and was for a year following a student in the academy at New Paltz, Ulster county, New York. His early years were occupied with agricultural pursuits, and in 1880 he engaged in the handling of dairy and farm products, which has been his field of effort to the present time. Locating in the city of New York, he became associated with his brother-in-law, Benjamin C. Sears, in the firm of Sears & Howell, doing business at 445 West Nineteenth street. The firm enjoys splendid reputation for entire honesty in important articles of food, which in far too many cases are unwholesomely and even deleteriously adulterated.

Mr. Howell married, in New York City, May 14, 1885, Sarah Hambrook, daughter of John and Thene Hambrook. No children have been born of this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Howell are members of the Eighteenth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Howell serves as a steward and trustee.

#### EDWARD HETT.

Edward Hett, an enterprising and progressive citizen of New Dorp, borough of Richmond, where he has resided for a number of years, and actively and prominently connected with the material and social interests of the community, is a native of Chicago, Illinois, born April 29, 1869. He is of German extraction, his grandparents having been natives of the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany. His parents, Siebert and Annie (Kegel) Hett, are natives of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Chicago, Illinois, respectively.

Edward Hett, of this review, is one of a family of two sons. He was taken by his parents to Milwaukee, Wisconsin,



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the year after the great Chicago fire, 1871, and there he received his educational training. At the early age of twelve he began to take up the practical duties of life, his first employment being in a printing establishment. After continuing in this line of work for two years, he turned his attention to lithographic work, applying himself assiduously to the study of its various details and becoming thoroughly conversant with the work of the printing department. He then engaged in the study of the art department, in which he finally became thoroughly acquainted with the various devices used in the art of lithography. In 1890 Mr. Hett went to Chicago and there became connected with the official lithographic department of the World's Fair. Possessing a natural bent for mechanics and an artistic mind and temperament, Mr. Hett, after careful study, succeeded in perfecting improved methods, which he patented and which has since been brought into universal use in the lithographic trade. Upon perfecting his devices, Mr. Hett returned east to make arrangements with the view of organizing a corporation for the purpose of manufacturing and introducing upon the market the various systems which he had perfected and patented, comprising in all about fifty-seven different devices. Not meeting with immediate success in organizing a company, Mr. Hett finally disposed of his inventions and patents, and in 1893 took up his residence in New Dorp, where he has purchased considerable real estate, and here his public and private life has uniformly shown the reliance, energy and adaptation peculiar to the better element of American citizens. He was to the development of the lithographic art what Hoe was to the printing and publishing trade of the civilized world and what Gray was to that of photography, these various devices having opened the broadest possible field for the lithog-

rapher, making possible effects previously peculiar to the highest grade of water color work.

Mr. Hett married, May 14, 1891, Louise Roeming, born December 1, 1869, daughter of Charles and Minna (Kann) Roeming, both natives of the kingdom of Prussia, Germany. Their children, all of whom were born in New Dorp, Staten Island, except the eldest, are: Florence Alina, born February 22, 1892, at Chicago, Illinois; Edward Roeming, born February 16, 1894; Allen Frank, born October 13, 1896; Estelle Marie, born November 27, 1897; Howard David, born December 26, 1899; Mabel Gladys, born February 7, 1900; George Arthur, born October 20, 1902; Arthur Hetrick, born November 11, 1903.

#### GEORGE L. GILHAM.

George L. Gilham, sexton of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, has for many years been one of the leading undertakers of the city of New York, and has finely and elegantly equipped funeral parlors at No. 78 Greenwich avenue, in that city. He is a representative of the third generation of his family in this country, they having come from England a number of years ago.

John Gilham, grandfather of George L. Gilham, was born near London, England, and emigrated to America about the year 1833. He at first located with his family on Long Island, after a time removed to New York, and later to Keyport, New Jersey, where they resided for a number of years. He worked at his trade of shoemaking, and finally returned to New York with his family, where he spent the remainder of his days. He married, in England, Ann Richardson, also born near London, and among their children was a son named Samuel W.

Samuel W. Gilham, son of John and Ann (Richardson) Gilham, was born in London, England, in 1832. He was about

one year of age when he came to America with his parents, and from that time was a continuous resident of the United States. He enjoyed but slight educational advantages, and at an early age was apprenticed to learn the trade of painting, which he followed very successfully until 1862. During that year he was appointed sexton of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, in Fourteenth street, and capably and conscientiously performed the duties connected with this position for many years. He subsequently received a similar appointment in the Church of the Holy Saviour, in Twenty-fifth street, and for a period of ten years was the sexton of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church. In the meantime he had established himself in the undertaking business, and was one of the leading undertakers in the city from 1860 until his death, which occurred July, 1895. He married Sarah Maria Dodd, who survived him, and they had children: George L., see forward; William H., died in 1887; Clara Isabella, married Charles H. Magie, and resides in Brooklyn, New York.

George L. Gilham, eldest child and only surviving son of Samuel W. and Sarah Maria (Dodd) Gilham, was born in Macdougall street, New York City, November 28, 1855. He attended the Downing street public school, and also public school No. 35, of this city, and upon the completion of his education entered the employ of his father in the undertaking establishment of the latter. Under the able tuition of his father he soon mastered all the details of this line of business thoroughly, and his enterprise and progress gave matters a new impetus. He became associated as a partner with his father in 1880, and ten years later established a business for himself. In this he has been eminently successful, as he keeps well abreast of the times in every direction, and is always ready to adopt new methods as soon as he has convinced himself of their worth and prac-

ticability. His tact and sympathy have won him many friends in this most trying and difficult line of business. He has also been the sexton of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church for twenty-seven years. He is connected with the following organizations: Secretary of the New York State Undertakers' Association since 1900; secretary of the New York City and County Undertakers' Association; member of Empire City Council, No. 557, Royal Arcanum; and member of Ericson Council, No. 26, Loyal Association.

He was married in Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, New York, August 3, 1881, to Gertrude Hutchinson Combes, daughter of Edward R. and Elizabeth Ann (Snedeker) Combes, and they have had children: Gertrude, who died in childhood; Florence Louise, married Harry Barrington Coolidge; Edith May; and John Russell.

#### GEORGE CRETER.

George Creter, a leading manufacturer of New York city, is a native of Germany, born in the village of Bessingen, province of Hesse-Darmstadt, May 12, 1848. His parents were Philip and Christina Elenora (Geyer) Creter, both natives of the same place. The father was born October 22, 1816, and became an accomplished machinist. In September, 1844, with his wife and four children, he came to the United States, locating in New York city. He worked at his trade until 1872, and in that year removed to Elizabeth, New Jersey, where he entered the employ of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, which he served with fidelity and ability for the long period of forty years. His closing days were passed in a pleasant well earned retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Creter were the parents of nine children, of whom the first-born died in childhood. The other children were: George, to be further referred to; Elizabeth,



wife of George Kling, resides in Elizabethport, New Jersey; Louis, married Hannah Prout, and resides in Elizabethport; Christiana, died at the age of nineteen years; Christina, wife of Henry Ahrens, and resides in Elizabethport; Rosina Henrietta, wife of William Hoff, and resides in Elizabethport; William, married Louisa Prout, and resides in Elizabethport; Henry, died in youth.

George Creter, second child of Philip and Christina (Geyer) Creter, was a lad of six years when the family came to the United States. He had begun his education in Germany, and here he attended the public schools and the Cooper Union night school, acquiring a thorough knowledge of the English language, as well as of other branches necessary for a business career. He learned the trade of machinist with Christian Wuterich, and after completing his apprenticeship worked as a journeyman and foreman for a period of nine years. In 1881 he became associated with Charles Mund, as a member of the firm of Mund & Creter, machinists, and continued until June, 1889, when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Creter continuing the business alone until January 5, 1899, when his son Philip became partner with him in the firm of George Creter & Son, in which form it was successfully continued until July 21, 1902, when it was dissolved. A thoroughly equipped practical machinist, George Creter had, in 1885, while a member of the firm of Mund & Creter, become interested in the manufacture of dress trimming machinery, and in that year he organized the Union Quilting Company, from which he retired two years later. For twenty years past the firm of George Creter has continued business at the present location, 88-90 Walker street, Manhattan.

Mr. Creter is prominent in various social and fraternal organizations: Columbia Lodge, No. 484, Free and Accepted Masons; Hancock Lodge, No. 49, Independent Order of Odd

Fellows, in which he is past noble grand, and Humboldt Encampment, No. 74, of the same order, in which he is past chief patriarch; the Machinists' Association; and Franz Schubert Mannerchor, of which he was the first president, holding that office for four years, and now honorary president.

He married, May 16, 1869, Caroline Ensmenger, daughter of Jacob Ensmenger, and they became the parents of the following named children: 1. Philip, born August 5, 1871; for fifteen years he was associated with his father in business; he is now a member of the Manhattan Perforated Metal Company; he married, February 1, 1905, Katie Ratz, has one child, Alice. 2. Jennie, born February 12, 1873, wife of William O. Schmitt. 3. George, Jr., born July 5, 1875, who is in his father's employ; married Margaret Laffin; one living child, William, born December 23, 1904, two died in childhood. 4. Frank, born July 1, 1877, married Martha Schmidt; one child, Frank, born May 8, 1906. 5. Jacob, died in childhood. 6. Ernst. 7. Martha, born August 11, 1881, wife of Henry Ward Stewart. 8. Wilhelmina, born December 2, 1883, wife of George V. Rasmussen, one child, Jennie, born May 15, 1905. The family attends the Lutheran Church.

#### R. KINDERMAN & SON.

The Kinderman family originated in the province of Saxony, Germany, where, in the town of Zeitz, was born, April 29, 1829, Robert Kinderman, Senior, a son of Joseph and Johanna Kinderman, who were natives of the same village with himself. He learned his trade as a cutler in that place, after the thorough fashion characteristic of his nationality and of that early day, and was known as a most accomplished mechanic. Desiring a broader field for his activities, in 1859, when thirty years of age, he came to the United States, and for about six years

worked as a journeyman in various of the leading cutlery establishments of the city, and then entered upon business for himself, in which he continued during the remainder of his life. His first venture was at 164 (now 509) East Eleventh street, where he continued in business until his death. He married in his native town, Theresa Oehler.

Robert Kinderman, Junior, son of Robert and Theresa (Oehler) Kinderman, was born May 17, 1858, in the same village as were his parents, and was one of nine children, of whom only himself and his brother William, residing in Switzerland, are now living. Robert was two years old when his parents emigrated to the United States. He was educated in the public school in Twelfth street, and in the grammar school in Fourteenth street, receiving an ample training for his business life. He learned his trade under the masterly direction of his father, and became equally thorough and expert in all departments. In 1886 he engaged in business for himself at 143 Center street, subsequently removing to 170, same street, and then to 159 Ludlow street. In 1892 he became a partner with Emil Jacobson, succeeding to the entire business after the death of that gentleman, whose interest he purchased from the estate. In 1902 he sold out this business, and for one year was with the firm of W. H. Sample & Sons, Albany, New York. In 1903 he purchased his present business at 67 Marion street. His establishment is complete in all its branches, and includes a full line of all sorts of tailors' shears, cloth workers' knives, household and pocket cutlery, etc.

Mr. Kinderman is active in various social and fraternal organizations: The Mozart Verein of New York, the Mozart Beneficial Society, and Pyramus Lodge, No. 200, Knights of Pythias. In 1878 he revisited his native land, and in the village where he was born married Selma Wetzel, who was also born

there, the ceremony being performed on Christmas Day of that year. The children born of this marriage were as follows: Martha, wife of George Frondel; Ernest, junior member of the firm of R. Kinderman & Son; Elsie; Anna; and two who died in childhood. The family attend the Evangelical Lutheran church.

#### WILLIAM SCHMACHTENBERG.

William Schmachtenberg, senior member of the firm of Schmachtenberg Brothers, manufacturers of fine pocket cutlery, scissors and razors, offices Nos. 66-68 Reade street, New York, with factories at Solingen, Germany, is a native of Germany.

This business was established in Germany by Frederick Schmachtenberg, father of William Schmachtenberg, near Solingen, 1851, and is still in existence and conducted by William and Ewald Schmachtenberg, the former giving his attention to the New York branch, and the latter, a resident of Solingen, taking entire charge of the factory. Their goods are of the very finest quality, and the business is entirely wholesale, goods being sold to the trade in all parts of the world. The present New York branch was established in 1886 by William Schmachtenberg at No. 143 Chambers street, later removed to No. 8 Warren street, then to No. 98 Chambers street, where business was conducted for ten years, and in 1903 to the present place, Nos. 66-68 Reade street. Frederick Schmachtenberg, the founder, was born near Solingen, Rhine Province, Germany, August 12, 1822. He spent his entire life in his native province, was one of the leading manufacturers of cutlery, and a well known and prominent citizen, held in high esteem. His marriage to Margaret Hugenpot, a native of Rhine province, Germany, now deceased, occurred in the vicinity of Solingen, Germany. Mr. Schmachtenberg died July 26, 1897. The only

surviving members of the family are William and Ewald, who comprise the firm of Schmachtenberg Brothers.

William Schmachtenberg was educated in his native land, learned the trade of cutlery manufacturing with his father, becoming thoroughly proficient in all its branches, and in 1878 he and his brother, above mentioned, succeeded to his father's business. In 1886 William left his native land for a home in the new world, and since that year has been a continuous resident of New York, making his home in the borough of Brooklyn. He was married in Solingen, Germany, May, 1877, to Ida Heter Kullen, a native of Solingen, and their children are: Adele, born April 8, 1878; Matilda; Frederick William; Eugene, and Max Henry. The family attend the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

#### OTTO KUESTER.

Otto Knester, a progressive and enterprising business man of New York city, is the proprietor of an old established cutlery house at No. 48 Center street, in this city. He is not a native of this country, but seems to have adopted for his own the practical business methods of this country.

Otto Knester, father of Otto Knester, was born in Solingen, Prussia, in 1843. Solingen is famous for the manufacture of its fine cutlery, and it was in his native town that Mr. Knester learned his trade of manufacturing cutlery. He followed this occupation in Germany until the year 1875, when he came to the United States and located in the city of New York. Here he worked at his trade until 1880, when he established himself in business at No. 46 Center street, and continued actively engaged in this until the time of his death, which occurred March 5, 1897. He was a member of the Legion of Honor and of the Order of Germania. He married, in Germany, Augusta — —, and they had five children: Otto, of whom a sketch fol-

lows; Paul, resides in Hoboken, New Jersey; Frederick; Louisa Augusta; and Herman.

Otto Kuester, eldest child of Otto and Augusta Kuester, was born in Solingen, Prussia, Germany, March 6, 1869. He came to the United States with his parents when but seven years of age, and was educated in the public schools of New York city. Here, also, he learned the trade of manufacturing fine cutlery under the personal supervision and in the business of his father. The knowledge thus gained was thorough and practical, and at the death of his father he was able to take full charge of the business, and continued to conduct it on its previous successful lines. Later his brothers, Paul, who died October 8, 1905, and Herman, entered the business with him. While Mr. Kuester has developed the business in all directions, he makes a specialty of the polishing and grinding of all kinds of cutlery—bookbinders' and lithographers' tools, machinery, knives, etc. His firm is also the agent for a number of business houses, among which may be mentioned the following: L. & I. J. White Company, machine knives, of Buffalo, New York; J. Jacques Sons, card and paper shears, Worcester, Massachusetts; Robinson & Company, scoring machines, of Hyde Park, Massachusetts. Mr. Kuester is an up-to-date business man, quick to see an opportunity and ready to grasp it. He is a man of great energy and keeps well abreast of the times.

Mr. Kuester married, in Hoboken, New Jersey, March 9, 1896, Elizabeth Spangenberg, born in Hoboken, daughter of Louis and Katherine Spangenberg, and they have had five children: Augusta, Elizabeth, Lina, Otto, Jr., and Louis Walter. Mr. Kuester and his family are members of and regular attendants at the German Evangelical Church of Hoboken, in which Mr. Kuester is a deacon and trustee.

## CHRISTIAN FREDERICK GRUNEWALD.

Christian Frederick Grunewald, for many years in business as sexton and undertaker, with offices at No. 351 Broome street and No. 2134 Eighth avenue, is descended from a respected family of Germany. Frederick Grunewald, father of Christian Frederick Grunewald, was born in Schweinfurth, Bavaria, Germany, died August 21, 1869. He was a son of Frederick N. and Sophia Grunewald. He acquired his education and studied surgery and dentistry in his native land. He practiced his profession there for some time, and then emigrated to America, and landed in New York city. He opened an office on Canal street, and later another on Eighth avenue. He continued the active practice of his profession until a few years previous to his death. He married Eleanora Kurtz, born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, died December 31, 1899. Their children were: Sophia; Eleanora, died in infancy; Frederica, died in girlhood; Frederick N., died September, 1895; he was connected with the banking house of Van Emberg & Atterbury for twenty-seven years; Christian Frederick, see forward.

Christian Frederick Grunewald, only surviving son of Frederick and Eleanora (Kurtz) Grunewald, was born in Canal street, New York city, June 8, 1856. He was educated in the parochial and public schools, and then learned the trade of manufacturing perfumery and novelties. While he was learning this he was also engaged in the study of anatomy. He purchased the New York Burial Company in 1890, and engaged in the undertaking business on Broome street, and nine years later opened his offices and rooms on Eighth avenue. He has been the sexton of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, and served as deacon of that institution for fifteen years. He is also the sexton and undertaker of the Church of the Redeemer, Bethlehem Church of Christian Science, No. 228 West Forty-fifth street, Protestant

Episcopal Church of the Archangel, now All Souls, Lithuanian Society of New York, and the Lithuanian Congregation of New York, and the Norwegian Church, East One Hundred and Twenty-third street. He is a member of the United States Embalming Association, the New York Embalming Association, the United German Society of New York, of which he was a member of the board for three years, and various important social, fraternal and benevolent organizations. For ten years he was connected with the German branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, and held the office of secretary. He was also, by appointment, sexton of the Chapin Home for the Aged and Infirm, on Sixty-sixth street, near Lexington avenue. He is a licensed embalmer. Personally it may be said of Mr. Grunewald that he is a public-spirited citizen and has lent his efforts to many meritorious objects. He is always ready to give any assistance in his power to the furtherance of all laudable undertakings which have as their object the advancement of the general good. He married, November 22, 1880, Eliza Anna Christ, a native of New York, of German descent.

#### CHARLES HENRY GRAVES.

Charles Henry Graves, well known as an undertaker and embalmer, and connected for a number of years with the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, was born in Savannah, Georgia, November 24, 1858. He is a son of Edmund and Lucy (Buckley) Graves, both natives of Georgia, where their lives were spent and where they died. Charles Henry received his education in the public schools of Savannah, and later worked for three years as a machinist. In 1871 he came to New York, and was engaged as a waiter at St. Mark's Hotel, Staten Island, for three seasons, spending the winter in the south, and in 1877 he removed to Utica, where he remained for one year, then to Chicago, Illinois,







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for three years, and finally returned to New York. He was employed with the Pullman Tourist Car Company for many years, eight years of this time in special service. Was with the New York Central railroad in 1895-96, and was then engaged in real estate business for nine years. At the end of this period he established himself in the undertaking and embalming business, in which he is engaged very profitably at the present time. He is a graduate of the Training School for Embalmers, and is connected with the following organizations: Manhattan Lodge, No. 5477, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows; Adelphi Union Lodge, No. 14, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is chaplain; supreme chief ranger of the Ancient Order of Foresters of the United States; past officer of Lees Lodge, No. 108, Good Samaritans; past worthy chief of Henry J. Young Tabernacle, No. 97, Society of Moses.

#### PATRICK HART.

Patrick Hart, deceased, was born in county Kilkenny, Ireland, February 22, 1829. In 1849, just before attaining his majority, he came to the United States, locating in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he completed his apprenticeship and soon afterwards engaged in the blacksmithing business. In 1859 he removed to New York, and engaged in his trade as a journeyman, and in 1873 opened a shop of his own at 589 Washington street, in the old Greenwich village, which he conducted with marked success until his death, and which is now owned and operated by his son, William P. Mr. Hart was an active, energetic man of affairs, in full sympathy with the progress of the city and its people, a substantial supporter of all legitimate business enterprises, as well as of churches and schools, also of various charitable institutions, which he made the objects of his liberal aid, while many personal benefactions to the sick and poor went un-

heralded save by their recipients. It was said of him that no worthy object of charity was ever overlooked by him, and that no appeal for assistance was ever made to him in vain. He was a devout Catholic, first a member of St. Joseph's Church and a communicant of St. Veronica's Church. He was a charter member of St. Vincent de Paul Society, in which he was deeply interested, and he was an active and influential member of the Father Matthew Total Abstinence Society.

He married, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, Margaret Fitzgerald, a native of Waterford, Ireland, and to them were born ten children, of whom six are living: Margaret, wife of Dr. John Burnett, of Scranton, Pennsylvania; William P., to be further referred to; Mary E., wife of James Carroll; Elizabeth T.; Catherine E., wife of Lewis F. O'Connor; and Edward. By a second union of Patrick Hart with Mary Walsh, widow of Patrick Walsh, there was born one daughter, Mary Veronica Hart. Mr. Hart died January 1, 1901.

The *Saint Vincent de Paul Quarterly*, of February, 1902, speaks of Mr. Hart in the following terms: "Mr. Hart was of that type of staunch Catholicity of which every generation produces a few examples. After long years of service in old St. Joseph's Conference, he was one of the first to lend a helping hand to the late Father Fitzharris in forming the new parish of St. Veronica, and, by his wise counsel and pious example, was in a great measure instrumental in making it the successful parish that it is today. Ever ready and alert, he never spared time or means in looking after the poor, and being a true Vincentian, a Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was soon organized in the new parish with Mr. Hart as first president, which office he held until his death. The members of his Conference, young and old, can never forget the kind heart and charitable spirit of this true apostle of Ozanam, and they will often remem-

ber the beautiful verses he used to recite for their edification and his strict conformity to the rules of the society when conducting the business of the meeting. Mr. Hart was a sufferer from paralysis for many years, and he felt that his time would not be long; but, like a good soldier, he never shirked a duty nor absented himself from a meeting when he was able to attend. There were times when, hardly able to walk, he would drag himself to the meeting room of the Conference and show by his zeal and charity that God had given him the grace of final perseverance, an end for which he prayed most fervently. His exemplary life and sterling qualities won for him the esteem and respect of all who knew him, especially the poor, for many a home was made cheerful and many a family was relieved of the burden of a funeral bill by his charity, the greater part of which the world will never know. Mr. Hart approached the Holy Table frequently, and had the consolations of religion at the hour of his death. May he rest in peace."

William P. Hart, son of Patrick and Margaret (Fitzgerald) Hart, was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, November 7, 1855. He received a practical education in the public and parochial schools. He learned his trade under the masterly direction of his father, with whom he constantly labored until the death of the parent, when he entered upon the conduct of the business, in his own interest, and in which he is yet successfully engaged. He has also proven a worthy successor to his estimable father, fully identified with all the best interests of the community, entirely upright in all his business dealings with his fellows, and emulating the example of the parents in his devotion to religion and charity. He and his family are actively identified with St. Veronica's Church, in which he himself was reared.

Mr. Hart was married, in New York, January 29, 1901, to

Mary E. Lamey, daughter of James and Sarah Lamey, and to them have been born two children: Catherine Mary and Margaret M.

#### CHARLES C. ASMUSSEN.

Charles C. Asmussen, well and widely known as an undertaker and embalmer, with a place of business located at No. 355 Bleecker street, New York city, is the proprietor of a business which has descended from father to son. He is a native of this country, but traces his ancestry to Germany, and has inherited their excellent habits of thrift and industry.

John Frederick Asmussen, father of Charles C. Asmussen, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, June 12, 1838, died in Jersey City, New Jersey, December 14, 1905. He was but fourteen years of age, when he emigrated to the United States and settled in Jefferson, Sullivan county, New York, where he worked for some time in a tannery. Later he removed to New York city, where he found employment as a clerk in a grocery store, and subsequently engaged in the undertaking business with Peter Asmussen, and upon the retirement of the latter from active duties, purchased the business and conducted it until 1902, when his son, Charles C., took it in charge. John Frederick also succeeded Peter Asmussen as sexton of St. John's Evangelical Church, and faithfully and efficiently performed the duties connected with that office for twenty years. He was a member of Herman Lodge, No. 268, Free and Accepted Masons, and the State Undertakers' Association. He married, in New York city, Mary Meyn, and had children: Annie, deceased; John F., Jr., deceased; Jacob H.; Albertina; Elizabeth; William F., deceased; Charles C., see forward; and Edward, deceased.

Charles C. Asmussen, fourth son of John Frederick and Mary (Meyn) Asmussen, was born in New York city, March 25, 1876. He received his education in the old Grove street school

house, No. 3, and upon its completion entered the undertaking business of his father, and has followed the same since that time. He worked in association with his father until the latter retired from business in 1902, and since that time he has been the sole manager of the manifold interests connected with it. He is enterprising and progressive in his ideas, and enjoys a great measure of popularity among a large circle of friends. He is a member of the following organizations: Atlas Lodge, No. 316, Free and Accepted Masons; Court Our, Iroquois, No. 239; the Old Tough Club of Ninth ward, and Amt Hegener Club. He married, May 13, 1896, in New York city, Annie Mein, and has one living child: John Frederick.

#### WILLIAM H. BARKLAGE.

William H. Barklage, an extensive dealer in coal and wood at Forty-fifth street and Ninth avenue, New York city, carries into his business transactions the thrifty habits, honesty and industry of his German ancestors.

John H. Barklage, father of William H. Barklage, was born in the province of Hanover, Germany, May 24, 1821. He was the son of ——— and Katherine Burklage, both natives of Germany, who spent their entire lives in the land of their birth. John H. received a good education and at a suitable age was apprenticed to the trade of shoemaking in his native land. In 1846 he emigrated to America, remained in New York, where he landed, and immediately took a position as a clerk in a grocery store. He continued in this business as clerk until he had thoroughly mastered the details of the grocery business in New York, and had obtained a sufficient command of the English language to warrant his undertaking a business venture on his own responsibility, when he commenced for himself, at the corner of King and Varick streets, where he conducted his business until 1862, when

he removed it to Forty-fifth street and Ninth avenue and operated it with much success until 1869, at which time he disposed of it and engaged in the coal and wood business, in which he continued until his death, February 8, 1898. He was possessed of remarkable business qualifications, as was evinced by the success he attained. He was simple and unaffected in his manner, and his kindly disposition won for him a host of friends. He was ever ready to help those not so fortunately situated as himself, and was a liberal contributor to many charitable undertakings. He was connected with St. Luke's German Evangelical Lutheran Church from the time of its organization until his death, and was one of its trustees for many years. He was one of the board of managers of the Northwestern Dispensary, and was a member of the Gehrder Freundschafts Bund. He married, in New York, Wilhelmina Ahaus, a native of the province of Hanover, Germany. Mrs. Barklage resides at 402 West Forty-fifth street, New York city. Their children were: William H., see forward; John D., of whom later; Andrew G., died at the age of twenty-eight; Sophie, married L. B. Knickmann; Wilhelmina, died in infancy.

William H. Barklage, son of John H. and Wilhelmina (Ahaus) Barklage, was born in the City of New York, July 29, 1861. He was educated in the public schools, where he was an attentive and diligent pupil. Upon the completion of his studies he accepted a position as clerk in a stationery business, and held this until 1883, when he entered the business of his father as clerk, and upon the death of his father succeeded to the business in connection with his brother, John D. Since the death of the latter, Mr. Barklage has conducted affairs alone. He is a practical, level-headed man of business, keeps well posted in the changes which are apt to affect his trade, and is ready to adopt new methods where their practical utility has been proved,



keeping well abreast of the times. His business is on a sound financial basis and is constantly increasing. He is a member and one of the trustees of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church; is a member of the board of trustees, North American Dispensary; member of Bund; member of New York Council, No. 348, Royal Arcanum.

He married, November 25, 1890, at Jersey City Heights, Margaret E. Blohm, daughter of John and Margaret Blohm, and their children are: Hilda Wilhelmina, born March 30, 1892; John H., June 24, 1893; Walter W., July 30, 1895; Valeska S., February 1, 1901.

John D. Barklage, son of John H. and Wilhelmina (Ahaus) Barklage, was born in the City of New York, January 24, 1863. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, and acquired an excellent education. He commenced his business career by accepting a position as a clerk in a grocery store and afterward a similar position in the store of his father, in the coal and wood business. Subsequently he became a partner with his brother in the business which his father had founded, and this partnership continued until his death, which occurred April 6, 1902. His death was deplored, not alone by the members of his immediate family, but by many friends and by those whom he had befriended in times of trouble and distress. He was charitable, open-hearted, and well beloved by all who knew him as a man of the highest moral character. He was a consistent member of the St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church. He married Josephine Korzendorfer, and had children, William E. and Mabel.

#### THEODORIC BRINCKERHOFF.

The Brinckerhoff family has been settled in America for a number of generations. John Brinckerhoff, the father of Theodoric Brinckerhoff, was born in Johnsville, Dutchess coun-

ty, New York, and followed agricultural pursuits. He married Caroline Hasbrouck, and they were the parents of five children, as follows: Benjamin, William Edgar, Susan Mary, Theodoric and Abraham J. Brinckerhoff.

Theodoric Brinckerhoff, son of John and Caroline (Hasbrouck) Brinckerhoff, was born July 25, 1825, in Johnsville, Dutchess county, New York. He received his education in the public school near Johnsville, and after leaving school accepted a position in a grocery store in Fishkill, New York. He remained there for some time and then determined to come to the city of New York as offering him a better field for advancement. He entered the feed and wool business and continued in that until 1862, when he removed to New Springville, town of Northfield, Richmond county, Staten Island, and engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued until the time of his death, which occurred February 13, 1896. He was a man prominent in his line of business and highly esteemed for his many good qualities. He served as postmaster of New Springville for a period of about twelve years.

He married, August 30, 1868, Emma Jane Decker, born July 27, 1848, in New Springville, Richmond county, daughter of Daniel C. Decker and his wife, Catharine (Alston) Decker. Daniel C. Decker was born August 10, 1813, and was a carpenter until his death in 1857. Catharine (Alston) Decker was born in New Springville, Richmond county, Staten Island, July 9, 1820. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Decker were the parents of three children: 1. Albert Alston, born July 15, 1841. 2. Charity A., born September 1, 1845. 3. Emma Jane, born July 27, 1848. Mr. Daniel C. Decker's father was James Decker, who was born near New Springville and was a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Theodoric Brinckerhoff have had three children: 1. Maud, born August 22, 1869, in New Springville, Staten Island.

married F. L. Rowe and had one child, Leslie Brinckerhoff Rowe, born July 18, 1889. 2. Jennie B., died in infancy. 3. Anna, died at the age of two years.

#### GERALD DARCEY.

Gerald Darcey was the first of his family to settle in America. His father, Dennis Darcey, was born in Ireland and was a farmer there. He married Mary Lacy, who was also born in Ireland, and they had six children: John J., Dennis, Anne, Maria, Gerald, of whom later; Elizabeth.

Gerald Darcey, fifth child of Dennis and Mary (Lacy) Darcey, was born in county Wicklow, Ireland, August 14, 1868. He received his education in the national schools of Ireland, and when he reached the age of nineteen years came to the conclusion that America offered a better chance to attain prosperity than he would be able to find in his mother country. He accordingly emigrated in 1888 and at once commenced business in the grocery line. He continued this for but six months, when he accepted a position as bar-tender and followed that occupation until 1892. He then removed to Staten Island and went into the dairy business with his sister. He remained with her until May 20, 1901, when he started in business for himself and has continued in that up to the present time. He is industrious and painstaking and has the knack of retaining all customers who come to him. With these qualities he unites good business ability, and it is not remarkable that he has made a success of his undertaking. He is cheerful and pleasant in his intercourse with people and has made a great number of friends.

Mr. Darcey married Margret McGroarty, who was born in the county of Donegal, Ireland, December 17, 1870, daughter of John and Mary (Bradley) McGroarty. Mr. McGroarty was a

farmer and both he and his wife were born in Ireland. They have eight children, as follows: 1. Edward, who came to America at the age of twenty-eight years and died here. 2. John. 3. Charles. 4. Margaret Mary, who came to America when quite young, and married Charles Friel, of Philadelphia, where they now live. 5. Catharine. 6. Marian. 7. Patrick. 8. Margaret, married Gerald Darcey. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Darcey are the parents of one child, Dennis Francis, born September 17, 1903.

#### WILLIAM H. MESIER.

The Mesier family is represented in the present generation by William H. Mesier, a prominent resident of New Springville, borough of Richmond, Staten Island. James W. Mesier, father of William H. Mesier, was born in 1812, in the City of New York. He was a cabinet maker by trade, but when he moved to Staten Island, in 1840, he gave up cabinet making and turned his attention to the meat trade. This he followed very successfully for about twenty years, and then retired, having acquired a snug fortune. He lived to the age of fifty-six years. He married (first) Harriet Conover, born in Cranberry, New Jersey, who died in 1849, aged about thirty-four years. By this wife Mr. Mesier had six children: James, deceased; William H., see forward; Henrietta; Annie; Emma, deceased; Harriet Louise, deceased. Mr. Mesier married (second), in 1855, Gertrude Holmes, by whom he had one child, Sarah E.

William H. Mesier, second son and eldest living child of James W. and Harriet (Conover) Mesier, was born July 13, 1837, in the City of New York. He received a good education in the public schools of Staten Island, whither his father had removed three years after the birth of William H., and at the age of twenty-three he commenced business for himself. Hav-

ing a thorough knowledge of the butcher business, a knowledge which was gained in his father's business, he thought it the best plan to start in the same line. In this he proved his foresight. He soon acquired an excellent trade, and after following this up for forty years, he retired from business in 1900, a very prosperous man. He then turned his attention to enjoying the fortune his thrift and industry had accumulated. He started on a trip to Europe and traveled extensively over England, France and Germany for almost a year. He then returned to America for about a year, at the end of that time again crossing the ocean, this time for an extended trip to the Orient, spending much time at Jerusalem, and in the vicinity of the Black and Red Seas and also the Mediterranean. Mr. Mesier is a man of progressive ideas and a narrator of no mean merit; his accounts of his adventures while abroad are always received with interest by a host of admiring friends. He is an active member of Richmond Lodge, No. 66, F. and A. M., of Port Richmond. He takes an active interest in local affairs and has always given of his time and substance for worthy enterprises.

Mr. Mesier married Charlotte A. Cortelyou, born April 3, 1837, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Winants) Cortelyou. Mr. Jacob Cortelyou was a prominent dealer in horses. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mesier have had the following named children: 1. Lena, born October 13, 1858, now Mrs. James R. Dennis, has one child, Edwin Dennis. 2. Mary A., born October 12, 1866, now Mrs. Henry F. Decker and has children: Clarence D., Ella R., and Charlotte A. Decker. 3. Charles W., born November 13, 1867, married Hannah Hunt, 1892, no issue; he is in the butcher business in New Springville, Staten Island. 4. Harry (twin), died in 1894. 5. Ida (twin), died at the age of about five months.

## RICHARD J. DELANEY.

Richard J. Delaney, a well known, progressive and enterprising undertaker, whose place of business is located at No. 69 Eighth avenue, was born in the old Greenwich village section, now (1906) known as the Ninth ward of New York city, February 2, 1872. He is a son of Martin and Catherine Delaney, both natives of Ireland, still residing in New York city. Martin Delaney has been a resident of the city since 1860, and for more than forty years has lived in the Ninth ward, where he was continuously engaged in the ice business and at one time was on the premises now occupied by his son.

Richard J. Delaney obtained his education in the public schools, one in Horatio and the other in Thirteenth street, and in a school conducted by the Christian Brothers. Upon the completion of his education his business career was a varied one, he holding in succession the following positions: Hoisting boy in the ice business of his father, clerk in a jewelry store, driver of a wagon for tobacco dealers, messenger boy in the stock exchange, driver of a milk wagon, driver of a truck for a hardware firm, and in the livery business. He established himself in the undertaking business August 4, 1898, at No. 115 Eighth avenue, and December 1, of the same year, he removed to his present location. He also conducts another undertaking establishment at No. 130 Greenwich avenue, formerly occupied by Owen Leonard & Son. He also owns and personally manages a livery stable at Nos. 343 and 345 West Fifty-sixth street, well stocked with fine horses and attractive equipages, for pleasure or funeral purposes. He received an appointment as notary public in 1902, and this has been of great benefit to him. He is a Tammany Democrat, takes an active part in the political councils of his party, and is a member of the following

organizations: St. Bernard's Lyceum; treasurer of Greenwich Council, No. 177, Knights of Columbus; Holy Name Society; Court Union, No. 258, Foresters of America; Columbian Assembly; Tammany Hall; general committee of Seventh Assembly District; Jeffersonian Club and various other associations. He is very popular in the circles with which he is connected.

#### GEORGE GLAAB.

George Glaab, a well known wagon builder of Graniteville, Staten Island, is the first of his name to settle there. His father, Adam Glaab, was a native of Germany, and married Lizzie Lippat, by whom he had six children: 1. Joseph, who resides in Germany. 2. George A., who lives in Bavaria, Germany. 3. Eva, who came to America in 1881, and married John Miller, of Staten Island. 4. Adam, who came to America in 1879, and is a salesman. 5. George, see forward. 6. Frank, who came to America in 1890, and is in the beer bottling business.

George Glaab, fourth son and fifth child of Adam and Lizzie (Lippat) Glaab, was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 2, 1870. He received an excellent education in Germany, and learned the trade of wagon building. In 1890, when he was twenty years of age, he decided to emigrate to America. He arrived here in that year, and commenced working at the trade which he had learned in Germany, settling in New York. In 1891 he removed to Staten Island, settling at Graniteville, Richmond, where he established himself in business as a wagon builder, and soon had this in a flourishing condition, and is now engaged in building wagons of every description. He is a thorough master of his trade and his work gives universal satisfaction. Mr. Glaab is regarded as one of the most prominent men in his town, and is always in the foremost ranks when any-

thing concerning the welfare of the community is to be considered.

Mr. Glaab married Caroline Bachmann, born June 10, 1878, in Germany, daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Reis) Bachmann. Mr. Bachmann was born in Germany and died there; his wife was born in Germany, June 28, 1850, and came to America in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Bachmann had three children: 1. Jacob, born March 1, 1873, lives in New York, and is a belt maker. 2. Caroline, born June 10, 1878, married George Glaab. 3. Charles, born July 20, 1888, in New York, lives there and is a wheelwright. Mr. and Mrs. George Glaab are the parents of one child, Lillian C., born May 21, 1900.

#### JAMES A. MORGAN.

The first member of the Morgan family to settle in Staten Island was John Morgan, the great-grandfather of James A. Morgan. John Morgan came to Staten Island from Morgantown when quite a young man, and concluded to make his home there. The family is of Welsh descent.

John Morgan, Jr., son of John Morgan, was born and spent his entire life on Staten Island. He pursued the occupation of farming.

Peter Morgan, son of John Morgan, Jr., was born at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, December 12, 1804. He learned the trade of shoemaking and followed that with success all his life. He married Mary Decker, daughter of James and Betsey (Baltic) Decker, and they were blessed with three children: James A.; Mary E., deceased; and Alice J.

James A. Morgan, oldest child and only son of Peter and Mary (Decker) Morgan, was born on Staten Island, July 14, 1832. He was educated in the common schools of Staten Island, and at the early age of twelve years left school and learned the



basket-making trade. He accepted a position with Henry Miller and worked for him for twenty-five years, at the end of which time he commenced the business of a general contractor. In this he has been very successful, owing to his unremitting attention to his business and the care with which he attends to all details, however trivial. Mr. Morgan is prominent in his line of business in Staten Island, and has an excellent reputation for reliability both in public and private life. He married Anna E. Petit, born in Carteret, New Jersey, October 14, 1836, daughter of William and Eliza (Hannan) Petit, and they have had four children: William H., David, Fremont and Anna E.

#### ROBERT FERGUSON.

Robert Ferguson, a prominent citizen of Linoleumville, Staten Island, is a descendant of sturdy Irish stock. His father, James Ferguson, was born in Ireland, 1801, and was a farmer by occupation. He married Mary McCullough, who bore him ten children: Ann Jane, Martha, Mary, Sarah, James, William, John, Robert, Elizabeth, Matthew, who lives in New York.

Robert Ferguson, fourth son of James and Mary (McCullough) Ferguson, was born April 9, 1842, in county Down, Ireland, and it was there that he received his education. He thought the new world held out better prospects of fortune than the old and so determined to seek it there. In 1870, at the age of twenty-eight, he emigrated to America and settled in Troy, New York. He lived there for two years, but not finding matters altogether to his liking, he removed to New York city, and worked there for another two years. Finally he made up his mind that Staten Island was the best place in which to settle down, and removed to that place in 1874. He found an excellent position in a factory at Linoleumville, as foreman, and remained in that posi-

tion until 1888. He then thought it advisable to take up an occupation that would enable him to spend a great part of the time in the open air, and decided to enter the dairy business. He found this to be just what he had expected and has followed that business with a great deal of success up to the present time. Mr. Ferguson is a wide-awake man, displaying a good deal of interest in all the public questions of the day, and is the center of the social circle in which he moves. He is of a genial and hospitable disposition and makes friends readily wherever he goes.

January 2, 1872, he married Mary J. Speers, born June 19, 1845, in Ireland, daughter of William and Mary Ann (McCullough) Speers. William Speers was born in Ireland, 1819, and his wife was also born in Ireland, 1815. Mr. and Mrs. Speers had four children: Alexander, Mary Jane, Anna. E. and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson have had four children: James, born May 18, 1873, died in 1879. A child, who died in infancy. Mary M., born September 25, 1878, married William B. Minto. William S., born September 11, 1883, died December 11, 1886.

#### JOSEPH BARANOSKI.

Joseph Baranoski is the first member of the Baranoski family to settle in America. He was born in Poland, Russia, Europe, February 8, 1873, and came to America in 1890. He went to Newark, New Jersey, opened a bakery, which he conducted with a great deal of profit, and lived in Newark for several years. Then, having heard that the prospects for business were better on Staten Island than in Newark, he removed there with his family, and settled there permanently in 1900. He established himself in business there as a baker, and by his industry and close attention to business has amassed a con-

siderable fortune. He is considered a shrewd business man, a kind and obliging neighbor, and he has made many friends in the town in which he lives.

He married, August 20, 1897, Anna Taymon, and they have three children: Francis, born February 24, 1899; Joseph, born July 27, 1902; Antonia, born May 26, 1904.

#### W. H. JOHNSON.

W. H. Johnson is well known throughout the length and breadth of Staten Island as a keeper of an excellent livery and boarding stable. His father, William H. Johnson, was born in Mariner Harbor, Staten Island, and carried on an oyster and sea food business on a very large scale. He married Mary Matilda Carson, born in Staten Island, daughter of Captain Abraham and Rebecca (Drake) Carson. Captain Abraham Carson was a native of Staten Island and spent his whole life there. He was engaged in the oyster and waterside business in general. He married Rebecca Drake, born on Staten Island, and they had the following named children: Garrett, John, Vanderbilt, Mary Matilda, married William H. Johnson; Josephine. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Johnson were the parents of five children: A. C., Jennie, Elizabeth, Joshua and W. H.

W. H. Johnson, youngest son and child of William H. and Mary Matilda (Carson) Johnson, was born in Richmond, Gloucester county, Virginia, December 29, 1855. He was but a few years of age when he came to Staten Island with his parents, and he received all his education in the public schools of Staten Island. He was a bright and painstaking pupil and passed through school with great credit to himself and all concerned in his education. After leaving school he worked for his grandfather, who had a livery business and many trucks and moving vans. He remained with him for some time, and then accepted

a position with the Singer Sewing Machine Company at Elizabethport, New Jersey, and continued with them for fifteen years. At the end of this period he removed to Staten Island, and commenced a boarding and livery stable at Port Richmond, a business which he conducted so successfully that he is still continuing it at the present time. Mr. Johnson is very methodical in his business habits, paying the strictest attention to the smallest details, and this he considers the secret of his success. He is broad-minded in his views and takes an active interest in all public affairs, being always ready to lend his assistance to any proposition which will further the interests of the town in which he lives.

Mr. Johnson married, December 29, 1884, Isabella Gillespie, daughter of Matthew, who was born in Scotland, and Maria Gillespie. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie had three children: William, Elizabeth, and Isabell. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson are the parents of four children: Harry S., born October 31, 1885. Edward H., born January 2, 1888. Isabella, born October 31, 1891. Irene, born September 26, 1899.

#### WILLIAM E. HENDRICKSON.

The Hendrickson family have been natives of America for a number of generations. The earliest information of this branch of the family is of Thomas Hendrickson, grandfather of William E. Hendrickson. Thomas Hendrickson, so far as we know, was born on Long Island, and was a farmer at Rockville Centre, Long Island.

Elijah Hendrickson, son of Thomas Hendrickson, was born at Rockville Centre, Long Island, 1795. He was apprenticed to a blacksmith and, after his indentures had expired, followed that trade for himself for several years. He then left it for agricultural pursuits, and was a farmer for the remainder of

his life. His death occurred in 1841. He married Maria Snedeker, born in 1802, at Union Place, daughter of John R. and Elizabeth (Eldred) Snedeker. John R. Snedeker was born on Long Island, 1786, and his wife was also born on Long Island, 1787. They had thirteen children, of whom all but the following died in infancy: Abraham, Benjamin, Maria, John, Caroline, Elizabeth Jane. Elijah Hendrickson and his wife, Maria, had five children: Henry, John, Sarah, William E., Abraham.

William E. Hendrickson, third son and fourth child of Elijah and Maria (Snedeker) Hendrickson, was born in Hempstead, Long Island, February 13, 1834. He received his early education in New Lots, Kings county, Long Island, where he proved himself an apt and studious scholar. After leaving school he opened a hotel at the old Union Road Track, and kept this until about 1897. He then took up his residence at Chelsea, Staten Island, remaining for the next three years, and from there he moved to Somerville, where he has resided ever since, having for a number of years retired from active business life. For five years he was superintendent of Browers House. Although Mr. Hendrickson has retired from business, he has by no means retired from taking an active interest in all that concerns the welfare and progress of the town in which he lives. No movement is set on foot but he is one of the first and most ready helpers to push it along to success.

Mr. Hendrickson married, November 29, 1851, Elizabeth Eldert, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Allen) Eldert, and by this marriage he had four children: Maria L., born July 28, 1858, married William Vollmer. Abraham E., born July 11, 1861. William, born October, 1863. Harry, born November, 1868. Mr. Hendrickson's first wife died in 1865, and he then married Carrie Harrison, born March 27, 1841, daughter of ———— and Jane Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were

natives of England and when they came to America they settled in Williamsburg, Long Island. Mrs. Harrison died during the cholera epidemic of 1849, and Mrs. Hendrickson was but eight years old when she was adopted by Frederick Jones Henn, who lived in Brooklyn. She lived in Brooklyn three years, and then the family moved to New York. William E. Hendrickson and his wife, Carrie (Harrison) Hendrickson, were the parents of four children: Mary C., born July 11, 1872. Joseph C., born July 20, 1875. William E., born April 7, 1879, worked on the steamer "Glen Island," which was burned December 16, 1904. The young man perished with the steamer, leaving a widow and two children, Charles and Mabel. Sarah E., born February 19, 1884.

#### AUGUSTUS SPIES.

America owes much to the industrious German element which forms so large a percentage of its population. Their frugality and thrift set an excellent example to those inclined to extravagance. Augustus Spies, a prosperous gardener and florist of Staten Island, New York, is a notable example of this kind. He is the first of his family to settle in this country.

The family of Mr. Spies is one of the oldest and most prominent in the upper portion of Wuerttemberg, Germany, dating back to the eleventh century. At one period it was very influential in the history of South Germany, especially during the thirty years' war (1618-1648), the name in those days being Spiess von Spiessberg. Even at this day, after the lapse of centuries, the ruins of one of the magnificent castles once belonging to this family never fail to inspire the traveler with wonder and admiration. Joseph Spiess of Spiessberg, the great-grandfather of Augustus Spies, was a conspicuous figure during the supremacy of Napoleon I. When the army of Napoleon

was on its march to Moscow, while passing through that section of Germany in which Joseph Spiess lived, he was one of the staunchest supporters of Napoleon, and fed and housed a large portion of his army during that memorable winter. Finding, however, that this was too severe a drain upon his resources, he obtained an audience, and stated the facts of the case in a simple, straightforward manner. Instead of receiving thanks from that despot, Napoleon was indignant that any discontent should be felt, and in a very high-handed way ordered that all buildings on the estate should be laid waste. This was done, and it was the labor of many years on the part of the son of Mr. Spies to, in a small measure, restore the fallen fortunes of his paternal house.

William Spies, father of Augustus Spies, was a native of Germany and spent his entire life there. He was a farmer and was very successful in the cultivation of his land. He married Elizabeth Fox, also a native of Germany, and they had children: Charles, Augustus, see forward; Joseph, Lawrence, William and Crescentia.

Augustus Spies, second son and child of William and Elizabeth (Fox) Spies, was born near Spiessberg, in the kingdom of Wuerttemberg, Germany, August 23, 1867. He received an excellent education there, attending school until he was sixteen years of age, and then determined to go to America. He arrived here in 1883, and thinking West Hoboken, New Jersey, afforded good chances for advancement, decided to settle there. He commenced business as a florist, but retired from this undertaking some years after that and removed to Staten Island, where he purchased some land. He erected a house and some hot-houses on this property, and was soon the possessor of a flourishing business, which he has continued up to the present time (1906). The knowledge which he gained on his father's farm

in Germany has been of material assistance to him in his present venture, and in addition to this he has excellent business qualities, is thrifty and industrious, and is now well on the road to competence. He takes a great interest in all that concerns the public welfare, and is well liked and respected by his fellow townsmen.

He married, December 4, 1888, Helen Raffael, born in London, England, November 16, 1873, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Barrett) Raffael. Thomas Raffael is a descendant of the world-famous painter, Raphael, and evidently has inherited some of his artistic tendencies. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Spies was named Ebden, and was a well known minister in the Church of England for forty years. Thomas and Sarah (Barrett) Raffael had children: Thomas, who is a captain of an English man-of-war, and served during the war with Egypt; Philip, Florence, Maud, Helen, who married Augustus Spies; William, Bertram, Ernest, Claud, Arthur, Walter, Charles. All of the living members of this family are here with the exception of Thomas. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Spies were: Maud, born August 2, 1890, died April 19, 1892; Augustine T., born March 30, 1893; Arthur M., born October 25, 1900.

#### DAVID S. CRABB.

David S. Crabb, a well known hotel keeper of Linoleumville, Staten Island, is of Scotch descent. His father, David Crabb, was born at Forfarshire, Scotland, and followed the occupation of a flax dresser. He was thrifty and industrious, and succeeded in acquiring a comfortable fortune. He married Sarah Silver, born at Forfarshire, Scotland, daughter of Joseph and Isabella (Allerdace) Silver. Mr. and Mrs. David Crabb have had five children: 1. John. 2. William, married Jane Shaud, born Aberdeenshire, daughter of James and Jane



(Grigg) Shaud, and they have eight children, as follows: James, David, William, Sarah, Jennie, Isabella, Thomas, and Edith, who lives in Dundee, Scotland. 3. Richard. 4. David S., see forward. 5. Sarah Thomas.

David S. Crabb, son of David and Sarah (Silver) Crabb, was born in Dundee, Scotland, January 4, 1878. He received an excellent education in Scotland, and at the age of twenty-one years came to America. He decided on Linoleumville, Staten Island, as a home, finding that he could obtain profitable employment there. He accepted a position in the factory in Linoleumville, and retained it for about five years, when he resigned from it to begin business as hotel keeper. He has continued this up to the present time.

Mr. Crabb is of a cheerful disposition, ready to lend a helping hand to those in need of it, and is popular with his guests. He has a host of friends, and always takes an active interest in all that concerns the public good.

He married, June 24, 1901, Kate McDougall, born January 24, 1871, in Paisley, Scotland, daughter of Hugh and Catharine (Carlin) McDougall. Hugh McDougall was the manager of Clarke's Thread factory. Mr. and Mrs. McDougall had ten children: Catharine, Johanna, Hugh, Alexander, Agnes, Jennie, James, Washington, Alexander, and Emily. Mr. and Mrs. David S. Crabb are the parents of two children: David Hugh, born June 23, 1904; Catherine, born September 18, 1906.

#### GEORGE W. KINSEY.

The Kinsey family had been living for several generations in New Jersey. The first of the name of whom we have any record is Benjamin Brown Kinsey, grandfather of George W. Kinsey, who was born in New Jersey.

John Kinsey, son of Benjamin Brown Kinsey, was born

at Kinsey's Corner, near Wood Bridge, New Jersey, in 1815. He afterwards moved to Staten Island, while yet in his youth. He followed the occupation of an oysterman during his active years. He married Ann Merrell, born in 1816, and they had ten children: John, Mary E., Benjamin B., Sarah Jane, Samuel, George, Zilkie, George W., Anna E., Job.

George W. Kinsey, fourth son and eighth child of John and Ann (Merrell) Kinsey, was born in the town of Northfield, now the Third ward of the borough, September 20, 1856. He received his early education in public schools, where he proved himself an apt and studious pupil. After leaving school he went to the Singer Sewing Machine Company, where he obtained a position in the molding department. He remained there for some time, but upon his father's death was obliged to resign his position in order to return home and settle up his father's estate. He then went into business for himself as a dairyman and, meeting with considerable success as a result of his untiring industry, he has continued in that business up to the present time. Mr. Kinsey is well known in the borough of Richmond as a man whose thrift and earnestness of purpose have enabled him to attain the position which he now occupies. Mr. Kinsey is an active member of Richmond Lodge, No. 66, at Port Richmond; the Independent Order of Foresters, Court Richmond, No. 234; Knights Templars Mutual Aid Association and the Masonic Mutual Aid Association.

Mr. Kinsey married, June 14, 1883, Lillie Decker, born January 29, 1863, in the town of Northfield, Staten Island, daughter of Abraham Decker, born May, 1830. Mr. Decker followed the occupation of oyster planter and farmer. He married Emilie Jane Decker, born in 1832, at Richmond, Staten Island. Mr. and Mrs. Decker had three children: David E.,

Margaret Osborn, and Lillie. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kinsey have two children: Emily Ethel, born November 17, 1884; and Irving A., born June 14, 1886.

#### FREDERICK LOHBAUER.

The death of Frederick Lohbauer, which occurred at his home on Throggs Neck, Westchester county, New York, February 3, 1904, aged fifty-one, only a few years past the prime of life, removed from the community one of its most prominent and influential men, one who in all his business relations was integrity personified, and who at every stage of his effort faithfully met every requirement with entire loyalty and trust-worthy devotion. He was born in the seaport city of Ludwig's Haven, on the river Rhine, kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, August 9, 1853, one of a family of four children born to Caspar and Marie Lohbauer, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of Frankendahl in the kingdom of Bavaria.

Frederick Lohbauer was educated in the schools of his native city, and later served an apprenticeship at the trade of brewer in the city of Muenchen, becoming an expert and proficient workman. He pursued that line of occupation in the Fatherland until 1889, when, having decided to seek larger opportunities and a broader field for his skill and labor in the new world, he set sail and arrived in the City of New York, January 28, 1880. He at once secured employment with John F. Betz, a brewer of New York city, and until 1890, a period of ten years, worked as a journeyman at his trade. He then took up his residence in Westchester, New York, and opened a public house on the Boulevard, near Haskins street, known as "The Fishermen's Home," which was largely patronized. In 1896 Mr. Lohbauer leased the grounds of the Laytin estate, on which he made extensive improvements, comprising all the

appurtenances and requirements of a first-class summer pleasure resort, and thereafter the place was known as Lohbauer's Park, and he was the genial and popular proprietor up to the time of his decease. The park was patronized by the best class of society, and many church and Sunday school organizations used the premises in which to hold their annual picnics and outings, knowing that under the efficient management of Mr. Lohbauer there would be nothing objectional found there. Mr. Lohbauer was a most genial and agreeable host, his chief aim being to supply every comfort and convenience to his patrons. Although leaving no stone unturned in making a success of his park enterprise, he still found time to devote to public affairs, in which he took an active interest, and for a number of years served as a member of the general committee of Tammany Hall. He also manifested a keen interest in fraternal and other organizations which had for their object the good and welfare of the community, and was an active member of City Lodge, No. 408, Free and Accepted Masons, Heimath Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Chippewa Club, and a number of singing societies in New York city. He was a true type of the enterprising German-American citizen, loyal and faithful to his friends, and firm in his convictions, always adhering to the truth, no matter what the consequences were. He was warmly liked by those who knew him and they mourned his loss.

Mr. Lohbauer married, February 15, 1874, Magdalena Herrman, born October 27, 1855, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Doerr) Herrman, both of whom were natives of the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany. Their children were: Elizabeth, born July 21, 1876, died November 3, 1896; Clara Anna, born October 2, 1877, became the wife of Augustus G. Miller, and they are the parents of one child, Madeline Miller; Christopher,

born August 19, 1879, died October 28, 1886; Barbara, born March 25, 1882, died January 11, 1883; Leonora Virginia, born April 2, 1887.

WILLIAM DOHERTY.

William Doherty, for many years a resident of Throggs Neck, Westchester, borough of the Bronx, and where he was highly respected, was born June 27, 1827, at Colerain, county Londonderry, Ireland, son of James and Margaret (Caldwell) Doherty, and was one of a family of five children, as follows: 1. James, who married and had a family of two sons and six daughters; he was a carriage maker by trade, which he had learned in Ireland. He came to the United States in 1846 with his wife and two of his children and settled in New York city. 2. Mary Jane, married John Haldrige and resided in Colerain, county Londonderry, Ireland, and her son, John Haldrige, became prominent in England's diplomatic service, having for some time served as minister to Egypt. 3. Margaret, married William Scott, of county Londonderry, Ireland. He was a pilot and seafaring man by occupation. 4. Sarah, married a Mr. Thompson and spent her life in county Londonderry, Ireland, and had a family of six daughters. 5. William, of this review.

William Doherty received his education in the schools of his native county, and there also learned the carriage builder's trade with his brother-in-law, John Haldrige. After serving the regular period of apprenticeship he traveled throughout the British Isles and worked at his trade as a journeyman. In 1848 he decided to come to the United States, hoping to find better opportunities for his skill and labor, and upon landing in New York city took up his trade, which he pursued up to 1865, in which year he came to Westchester, where he found employment at his trade as a journeyman and continued thus employed

for three years. In 1868 Mr. Doherty began business on his own account, making a speciality of building fine carriages, in which line of pursuit he met with a marked degree of success. He continued in this line of enterprise up to 1900. Mr. Doherty was a member of the Wyoming Lodge, F. and A. M., at Westchester, and a regular attendant at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

He married, March 23, 1852, at Calvary Church, Fourth avenue and Twenty-first street, New York city, Margaret Hanna, born in 1829, on the island of Corfu, a British possession in the Mediterranean sea; she was a daughter of Alexander and Catherine (McClellen) Hanna. Her father, Alexander Hanna, was a commissioned officer in the British army and resided for a number of years with his family on the island of Corfu, from whence he came to New York city about the year 1833. He died in New York city. He had by his marriage a family of ten children, five of whom survived him. William Doherty had by his marriage the following children: 1. Margaret, born January, 1854. 2. Alexander Hanna, born 1856, died 1866. 3. Catherine, born 1858, married Watson Bowne. 4. Sarah, born 1862, married William John Elliott, and has children: David B. and Julian J. Elliott. 5. Mary Rebecca, died in infancy. 6. William James, born 1866, married May A. Ferris, daughter of Charles and Alice Ferris, and has children: Coralie F., Avis M., May Alice, William McKinley and Kathryn L. Doherty. The family attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Westchester.

#### PATRICK LAVIN.

The career of the late Patrick Lavin, who was for almost four decades a worthy and highly respected citizen of West Chester, Westchester county, New York, affords a striking ex-

ample of what can be accomplished by careful and persistent effort, energy and integrity. Beginning life humbly, in a strange land, without capital, and unaided by influential friends, he advanced step by step to a position of comparative affluence. In all his business relations he was straightforward and just, and in his private life was an ideal Christian gentleman.

Patrick Lavin was born in county Roscommon, Ireland, and was one of a family of six children, five of whom came to the United States, namely: Elizabeth (Mrs. James Moore, of New York city), Bridget (Mrs. Bernard Brady, of New York city), John and James, who upon their arrival in this country went to California and there settled, married, and their descendants are among the useful and public-spirited citizens of that state. One son remained with his parents in Ireland. Patrick Lavin settled in East Chester, Westchester county, New York, and there entered the employ of Judge Schiefflin, with whom he remained for a number of years, receiving as compensation the sum of \$6 per month, which in those days was considered fairly good wages. Subsequently he took up his residence in West Chester and there engaged in the embalming and undertaking business in addition to conducting a store and hotel. These enterprises proved highly remunerative, the labors and responsibilities of each being discharged with the greatest efficiency, and Mr. Lavin continued along these lines for a number of years.

Patrick Lavin was united in marriage to Mary McMahon, who was a native of Roscommon county, Ireland, and their children were: John; Bernard J., see forward; Thomas, died aged eight years; Elizabeth, married Edward Flynn, of City Island, borough of Bronx, and has one daughter, Minnie L. Flynn; Edward; William; James; Mary, married John E. Ryan, of Williamsbridge, New York. Mr. Lavin died at his home in West Chester, August, 1879, and his widow passed away in 1891. Both

Mr. and Mrs. Lavin were devout followers of the Roman Catholic faith.

Bernard J. Lavin, second son of Patrick and Mary (McMahon) Lavin, was born in East Chester, Westchester county, New York, September 13, 1852. He received his educational training in the public schools of East Chester and West Chester, and after completing his studies and upon attaining years of discretion learned the embalming and undertaking business under the tuition of his father, who had founded the business at West Chester. He continued thus employed until 1877, assisting in the work and gaining a thorough knowledge of the details, and then began business on his own account, succeeding his father, and soon became known as one of the leading undertakers in the village of West Chester. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen, bears a full share in the promotion of community affairs, and is a foremost agent in forwarding every material and moral interest. Mr. Lavin is an active member of the Holy Name Society of St. Raymond's parish, and of the Knights of Columbus, at West Chester.

Bernard J. Lavin was married at St. Raymond's Roman Catholic Church, West Chester, November 29, 1883, to Margaret J. McGrory, born February 12, 1862, daughter of Patrick and Margaret (Boyle) McGrory. Their children are: Mary T., born October 15, 1884, at present (1905) a student of the Normal College; Margaret J., born December 6, 1885; Elizabeth L., born March 29, 1886; Anna M., born March 30, 1887; Catharine R., born July 2, 1889, died August 2, 1889; Clotilda, born June 3, 1890, died July, 1890; Bernard P., born November 16, 1891; Edward, born March 1, 1892, died November, 1892; John, born May 29, 1894, died June, 1894; Regina M., born July 29, 1895; Raymond, born December 26, 1897, died June, 1898; Edna, born May 1, 1898; Joseph J., born July 31, 1899; Agnes M., born







*Joseph Polchinski,*



Maria Polchinski

April 20, 1903, died August 15, 1903. Mr. Lavin and his family are communicants of St. Raymond's Roman Catholic Church at West Chester.

#### JOSEPH POLCHINSKI.

Joseph Polchinski, a progressive and enterprising German-American citizen of Williamsbridge, borough of Bronx, where he has established a successful granite and marble stone cutting business, was born in one of the western districts of Poland, Prussia, kingdom of Prussia, Germany, August 24, 1852. His parents were Stanislaus and Julia (Gosterwich) Polchinski. Both the aforementioned families were successfully engaged in the distilling trade, in which line of enterprise they became prominently known in the western part of the German Empire.

Joseph Polchinski was educated in the schools of his native town. In 1871, being desirous of finding a broader field for his skill and labor, he decided to come to the United States, and upon his arrival here, June 30, 1871, located in the city of New York, where he at once secured employment in the stone cutting trade at Woodlawn, borough of Bronx. He pursued this line of work until 1883, in the meantime accumulating a considerable amount of capital by means of practical economy and industry, and then began business on his own account at Westchester, borough of Bronx, where he met with a well merited degree of success as the logical result of his straightforward and honorable methods of transacting business. He has become well and favorably known to many leading families of Greater New York, for whom he has executed some of the finest and most skillful work placed in the leading cemeteries of that city and vicinity. Mr. Polchinski has also become identified with the material and social interests of Williamsbridge, where he is highly respected and esteemed. He has been for many years

an active member of the Volunteer Fireman's Association, is at present (1906) a member of the Exempt Fireman's Association, and has served for a number of years as financial secretary of same. He is an active member of Wakefield Council, No. 1944, Royal Arcanum, and of Guiding Star Council, No. 212, Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Polchinski married, August 27, 1876, Maria Hicks, born December 3, 1859, daughter of Matthew and Julia (McCormick) Hicks, both of whom are natives of the Emerald Isle. The children born of this marriage were: Adalaide, died in infancy; Annie C.; Joseph Matthew; Julia; J. William; Arthur; Marie, died in early life; Edward B.; Gladys, and Estelle. Mr. Polchinski and his family are faithful communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at Williamsbridge.

#### HERMAN KUHLE

Herman Kuhl, a substantial business man of Westchester, borough of Bronx, New York, is a representative of the type of progressive and enterprising German-American citizens who, by the exercise of the characteristics of the race, industry, frugality and a determination to succeed, have been such important factors in the growth and development of whatever section they locate in, and who figure prominently in whatever vocation or profession they engage in. He was born February 9, 1851, in the town of Clückstatt, province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. His parents, Hans Henry and Ada Margareta (Wendeldorf) Kuhl, reared a family of six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: John, who was an officer and mate on one of the Hamburg line steamers; Herman, whose name heads this sketch, the only one who came to the United States; Tine, died at the age of eighteen years; Augusta, died at the age of eighteen years; Ernest Henry, died at eighteen years of age; Helena, who mar-

rid a resident of the city of Hamburg, Germany. Hans Henry Kuhl (father) was regarded by all who knew him as a just and conscientious man, his business transactions being noted for honesty and integrity. He was also an abstemious man in all his habits and customs, a loving husband, kind father and considerate friend.

Herman Kuhl obtained his education in the schools of the Fatherland, and at the age of fourteen years began to serve an apprenticeship of three years in the grocery trade. In 1868, upon the completion of his term of apprenticeship, he decided to come to the United States, hoping to find here better and larger opportunities and a broader field for his skill and labor. He arrived in the city of New York, June 10, 1868, and at once went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he became engaged in a baking establishment and remained there about three years. At the expiration of this period of time he returned east, coming directly to the city of New York, and shortly thereafter located in West Chester, Westchester county, where he engaged in the grocery trade on his own account. In this undertaking he met with immediate success, this fact being attributed to various reasons, chief among them being that he aims to please his customers and patrons in every way possible. That he has succeeded in this is fully attested by the large patronage accorded him, his customers being among the best families of the neighborhood. From time to time Mr. Kuhl has added new departments to his establishment, and in 1899 he added to his already constantly increasing trade a grain, hay and feed business, which is highly profitable. He is the ardent supporter of all measures which have for their object the welfare of the people and the interests of the community.

Mr. Kuhl married, June 9, 1878, Johanna Magdalena Struve, born September 3, 1856, daughter of Paul and Meta (Stahl)

Struve, and their children are: Henry Max, born October 28, 1879, married Carrie Glimm, and they are the parents of one child, Arthur Kuhl, born August 6, 1904; Meta, born January 16, 1882; Herman Ernst, born July 27, 1889. Mr. Kuhl and his wife are consistent members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church at West Chester. They are honored in the community in which they reside, and enjoy a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who estimate them at their true value.

#### FREDERICK A. BROHMER.

Frederick A. Brohmer, the first of his family of whom we have any authentic record, was born in the city of Leipsig, province of Saxony, Germany, May 3, 1832. He was educated and reared to manhood in the Fatherland, and also learned there the cabinet-making trade, and upon completing his term of apprenticeship traveled throughout the central European states, visiting the principal cities thereof, where he worked as a journeyman. In 1869 he decided to come to the United States, and upon his arrival here took up his residence in New York City, where he for some time was engaged at his trade and where he died January 1, 1889.

He married Bertha Schmidt, born in 1834, died February 11, 1894. They had a family of five children, two of whom died in infancy, and those who attained years of maturity were: Frederick A., Jr., of whom later; Anna, born July 21, 1869, died February 14, 1889; Charles E., born July 23, 1871, attended the public schools up to the age of sixteen, when he entered the Metropolitan Art School in New York City, where he studied for a period of five years. Mr. and Mrs. Brohmer were consistent members of the Lutheran Church.

Frederick A. Brohmer, Jr., born February 21, 1862, was educated in the public schools of New York City. Upon taking

up the practical duties of life he engaged in the stone cutting trade, which line of industry he pursued for a number of years. Later he engaged in business in partnership with his brother, Charles E. Brohmer, at Unionport, where they have by their industry and enterprise established a successful business in designing and preparing all kinds of cut stone for building purposes. They have built up an extensive business in this line of enterprise and give employment to a large number of skilled operators and workmen. The Brohmer Brothers have become well and favorably known in Unionport, borough of the Bronx, for their straightforward and honorable methods.

Frederick A. Brohmer, Jr., married Mary George, born June 2, 1878, daughter of John and Margaret (Loehr) George, natives of Bavaria, Germany. Of this marriage were born two children: Anna and Marguerite (twins), April 26, 1904.

#### EDWARD COX.

Edward Cox, for many years a venerable and highly respected citizen of Great Kills, borough of Richmond, was a native of Chiselmurst, county Kent, England, where he was born December 6, 1840, and was one of a family of ten children of his parents, who were Steven and Annie (Thomas) Cox, both of whom were natives of county Kent, where the mother died in 1871 and the father in 1877.

Edward Cox, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the schools of his native county and was reared to manhood years under the parental roof. Upon taking up the practical duties of life, he became associated with his father, who was extensively engaged in the care and use of horses, and in this way the young man acquired a thorough knowledge of the care and use of the noble steed. Upon his arrival in the United States in 1879, he took up his abode in New York city,

where he became engaged in the livery business, having his establishment on Thirty-ninth street, between Fifth and Madison avenues. His thorough knowledge of the use and care of horses and the livery business, which he acquired in England, stood him in good stead and he at once met with a marked degree of success in the conduct and operation of his business. He became well and favorably known to a wide circle of business men, and was everywhere regarded as reliable and straightforward in all his affairs. In 1899 he took up his abode at Great Kills, borough of Richmond, where he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred June 14, 1906. Mr. Cox was an active member of Richmond Lodge, No. 791, F. and A. M. He was a good, useful and loving husband and an indulgent father.

Edward Cox married, in New York city, June 1, 1891, Geoid Durant, a native of the city of Montbeliard, in the department of Dubs, France, where she was born March 5, 1865, daughter of Frank and Susan (Laurant) Durant, both of whom were natives of the city of Montbeliard. Of this marriage Mr. Cox had born to him one daughter, Minnie Cox, born in New York city, February 25, 1892. Mrs. Cox is a faithful communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Richmond. Mrs. Cox has been twice married. Her first union was with George Bergnon, a native of the city of Montbeliard, and of this marriage had born one daughter, Marie Louise Bergnon, July 16, 1886. The husband and father died in his native country in 1887, and in 1888 his widow and daughter came to the United States and took up their abode in New York city.

#### ROBERT KNIGHT.

The first of this family of whom we have any authentic information was William Knight, who was a native of England. William Knight was a miller by trade and pursued that line of



work and occupation for a number of years in his native land. He came to the United States with his family about the year 1849 and took up his abode at Springville, Richmond county, married Honora Rumberlow, a native of England, and died at the home of his son Robert in the town of Westfield, aged sixty-two years, and his widow passed away at Springville, borough of Richmond, at the age of seventy-seven years. These parents had of their union in marriage two sons and two daughters, as follows: 1. Robert, whose name introduces this review. 2. Mary Ann, married Abraham Ellis, of Richmond county, New York. 3. Eliza, married Austin Dupuy, of Richmond county, New York. 4. Freeman, died in childhood years. Both the parents of the aforementioned children were consistent Christian people of the Episcopalian faith. William Knight was one of a family of four sons and two daughters. His ancestors were prominent in social and public affairs in England.

Robert Knight, whose name introduces this review, born September 4, 1844, came with his parents to the United States and was educated in the schools in the neighborhood of Springville, Richmond county, New York. At the early age of ten years he became employed on a schooner that sailed to one of the towns along the Virginia coast, later made two trips abroad to England, and after pursuing a seafaring life for about fourteen years, and while on board the schooner *Philander Armstrong*, it was wrecked on a shoal fifteen miles north of Cape May, New Jersey, where he with the remainder of the crew experienced great hardships for three days and two nights, when they were finally rescued. Mr. Knight, upon returning home, relinquished the seafaring life and became engaged in the oyster planting business, which line of enterprise he successfully conducted up to about 1893, since which time he has practically retired from active business pursuits.

Robert Knight married, October 29, 1865, Charity Ann Decker, born September 1, 1847, daughter of Daniel C. and Catherine (Alston) Decker, of Springfield, Richmond county, New York. Of this marriage they had born to them the following children: 1. Robert, Jr., see forward. 2. Emma, married Abraham Androvette and has one child, Edith Androvette. 3. Annie, married Edward C. Sinker, of Great Kills, borough of Richmond, and has one son, Frederick K. Sinker.

Robert Knight, Jr., eldest child and only son of Robert and Charity Ann (Decker) Knight, was born at Springville, borough of Richmond, August 2, 1866. He received his educational training in the schools of New Springville, town of Northfield, and upon taking up the practical duties of life became engaged with his father in the oyster planting business, in which line of work he continued until 1891, when he engaged in the butcher trade at Great Kills, and in that undertaking has met with a marked degree of success, which has been the result of his straightforward and honorable methods in conducting his business. In addition to his commercial interests Mr. Knight has done much for the material growth and development of the neighborhood wherein he resides. He is an active member of Enterprise Lodge, No. 48, Free and Accepted Masons, of Jersey City, New Jersey; and of the Tyrian chapter of the same craft at New Brighton, also of the Empire Commandery at Port Richmond, and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Politically Mr. Knight is an ardent supporter of the principles advocated by the Republican party and takes an active interest in local public affairs. He is a member of Engine Company No. 1 at Great Kills, and is president of the organization.

Robert Knight, Jr., married, June 23, 1894, Margaret Stellenwerf, born April 1, 1860, daughter of Jacob and Helen

(Hegeman) Stellenwerf, of Flatlands, borough of Brooklyn. Of this marriage was born one daughter, Mildred, June 19, 1896, died August 23, 1898.

#### HERBERT HARRISON BROWER.

Herbert Harrison Brower was the first of this family to locate in Richmond county, New York. He was a native of Waterloo, Wayne county, New York, only son of Joseph and Maria (Snedeker) Brower, who also had one daughter, Josephine, who married William Lyman, of Newark, New Jersey. Joseph Brower was a tailor by trade, and spent the latter years of his life at Rochester, New York, where he was for a number of years engaged in business. His widow survived him for a number of years and passed away at Syracuse, New York.

Herbert Harrison Brower was educated in the schools of Syracuse, New York, and was there reared to manhood. He was for a number of years successfully engaged in the shoe trade at Syracuse, where he resided up until 1866, when he removed with his family to Richmond county. In 1886 he removed to Brooklyn, where he engaged in the real estate business, in which undertaking he met with a well merited degree of success, this being the logical result of his honorable and straightforward methods of conducting his business affairs. Mr. Brower died in Brooklyn in March, 1895. The faithful wife and mother passed away June 21, 1906. Both parents were good Christian people and were highly esteemed by all who knew them.

Herbert Harrison Brower married Caroline Salisbury, daughter of Nathaniel and —— (Goodrich) Salisbury. Of this marriage they had born to them a family of nine children: 1. Addie deceased. 2. Jessie, born 1861, did not marry. 3. Herbert S., born October 16, 1863. 4. Marcia, did not marry. 5 and

6. Katie and William (twins). 7. Walter, married Millie Sehorn. 8. Lulu, married ———— Tompkins. 9. Maud, did not marry.

Herbert S. Brower, third child and eldest son of Herbert Harrison and Caroline (Salisbury) Brower, came with his parents to Richmond county, New York, and received his educational training in the schools of the town of Northfield. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the tinsmith trade with Nicholas Le Comte, of the firm of Le Comte & Perkins. After acquiring a practical knowledge of the various details of the trade, he became employed as a journeyman, pursuing this line of work, in addition to acquiring a thorough and practical knowledge of plumbing and steam heating in all its various details, up until 1885, in which year he came to Great Kills, borough of Richmond, and began business on his own account. Having started with but limited capital, Mr. Brower has by his indefatigable and persevering energy built up a successful and lucrative business and has done much for the material growth and development of the neighborhood wherein he resides. In addition to his numerous business interests, Mr. Brower finds time for and takes an active interest in fraternal and social organizations. He is an active member of Tompkins Lodge, No. 471, Free and Accepted Masons.

Herbert S. Brower married, at Great Kills, Carrie Brown, June 17, 1891; she died September 11, 1892. Mr. Brown married (second) Sarah Eleanor Cole, daughter of John Wesley and Mariha (Brown) Cole, and of this marriage had born to him three children, as follows: 1. Emily, born February 21, 1897. 2. Mildred, born November 8, 1899. 3. John Wesley Cole, born September 25, 1900. The faithful wife and mother of the aforementioned children, Sarah Eleanor (Cole) Brown, died January 27, 1902. Mr. Brower married (third), April 6, 1904, Rebecca H. Mills, born January 23, 1879, daughter of William and Rebecca





Rufus C. Morris

H. (Blizzard) Mills, and of this marriage has been born a son, Ralph, March 27, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Brower are consistent members of the Moravian Church at Great Kills, and are highly respected in the community wherein they reside.

#### JOHN MORRIS.

The death of John Morris, which occurred at his home in Westchester, borough of the Bronx, December 28, 1883, removed from that section one of its most useful and highly respected citizens, who had made his home there for over thirty-six years. He was born in Hoboken, Hudson county, New Jersey. His parents, who were of Huguenot extraction, were for many years residents of Middletown, Monmouth county, New Jersey.

After the death of his father, which occurred when John was at an early age, his mother married again, and after her death he was placed in the care of strangers. Upon attaining to years of discretion he learned the trade of painter in the city of New York, which line of work he pursued during the active years of his life. He became a thorough master of his profession and executed a large amount of first-class work among the leading families of New York city, among whom may be named the Morris family of Revolutionary fame.

Mr. Morris married, December 24, 1851, Mary Winham, a native of New York city, her parents settling there upon their arrival from the north of England, where their births occurred. She was left an orphan at the early age of three years. She died at Westchester, April 21, 1898, aged sixty-nine years and eight months. Their children were: Frederick Ryer, born October 6, 1852, died at Westchester, August 29, 1898; he married a Miss Hoffman, and their children were: Maria, Mamie, Bertha, Julia and Frederick Morris. Rufus C., born February 7, 1855, of whom later. Joseph Lee, born August 12, 1857, died May 8,

1894; he married Jennie Hines, and their children were: Alfred, Jennie, Walter and Nettie Morris. Asher Lee, born March 5, 1861, died July 13, 1898. Martha Ann, born June 29, 1863, died September 15, 1865, aged two years and two months. Mary Lee, born August 9, 1865, married Louis Philip Steiniger, and their children were: Louis, Rufus, Elizabeth, Edward, Mary, Catherine and Beatrice Steiniger. Jessie Merrill, born March 28, 1868, married William Wolf, no issue; she died July 19, 1899. Edward Ryer, born July 31, 1871, unmarried. John W., born March 1, 1875, married Annie Longford, and their children were: Lillian May, Mabel Louise and Annie Elizabeth Morris.

Rufus C. Morris, second son of John and Mary (Winham) Morris, was born at Westchester, borough of the Bronx, February 7, 1855. He attended the public schools, and after completing his studies learned the trade of butcher, which he followed for a short period of time. In 1875, desiring to see the country and learn something of the great northwest, he traveled overland to the Pacific coast and spent nearly three years in sight-seeing and engaging in various kinds of employment. Upon his return home he again took up his residence in Westchester, now borough of the Bronx, and after a short period engaged in the oyster planting business in the waters of the East river and Long Island sound. He began with limited capital, but by his indefatigable energy and perseverance succeeded in building up an extensive and profitable business, and has gained a reputation for integrity and moral character. He has been instrumental in aiding the progress and development of the community in which he resides, and ranks among the useful and influential citizens.

Mr. Morris married (first) Mary L. Corliss, born in May, 1851, daughter of Michael and Mary Corliss, natives of the north of Ireland, and their children were as follows: Joseph and John



(twins), born June 26, 1884; Joseph, died July 29, 1884, and John, August 1, 1884. Thomas Edward, born February 2, 1886. William Henry, born September 17, 1887. Alice Elizabeth, born February 25, 1890. Mrs. Morris, who was a faithful wife and loving mother, died April 11, 1893. Mr. Morris married (second), August 29, 1896, Anna Maria Jackson, born February 2, 1870, widow of George Tiffany Jackson, and daughter of John W. and Mary (Robinson) Baxter, both representatives of old families of Westchester. The children of this marriage are: Elsie Waterbury and Ethel Minerva (twins), born October 17, 1897; Carrie Springsteen, born June 21, 1900; Rufus Crawford, born July 15, 1902. Mr. Morris and his family attend the Presbyterian Church at Throggs Neck.

#### CHRISTIAN WERTHMULLER.

Christian Werthmuller, a representative and highly respected French-American citizen of Grant City, borough of Richmond, was born in the province of Alsace, France, now part of the German Empire, son of Christian and Eva (Wolff) Werthmuller.

Christian Werthmuller (father) was for over twenty-five years a resident of Grant City, where he passed away June 19, 1905. He was born in the province of Alsace-Lorraine, at the village of Ohrmingen, June 6, 1816, and was the only son of his parents. His father died while Christian was in early childhood. He was there educated and reared to manhood, and upon attaining to eligible years was drafted in the military service, as was the custom in France, and after serving the regular period became employed in the custom department of the government, remaining thus employed for a period of over thirty-five years. In 1870 Mr. Werthmuller was again drafted in the military service of his country and entered with the French army in the

Franco-Prussian war and rendered loyal service at the siege of Strasburg. In 1874 he decided to come to the United States on a visit. He returned to his native country the same year, residing there until 1880, in which year he again returned to the United States with his wife and youngest daughter, Emily. He took up his abode at Grant City, town of Southfield, now the Fourth ward of the borough of Richmond, where he spent the remaining years of his life.

Christian Werthmuller married, October 7, 1847, Eva Wolff, born at Sessenheim, province of Alsace, France, March 22, 1826, daughter of Jacob and Barbara Wolff, both of whom were natives of the same province. They had a family of fourteen children, of whom eight attained to years of man and womanhood and came to the United States. They are as follows: 1. Henrietta, married Jacques Castel, of Grant City, borough of Richmond. 2. Christian, Jr., whose name introduces this review. 3. Eva, who came to the United States; she married Joseph Sitter and removed to California; she has two children: Theodore and Arthur Sitter; the mother, Eva Sitter, died in Brooklyn, January 14, 1894. 4 and 5. Caroline and Theodore (twins); the former married George Von Buhren; she died May 16, 1883, no issue. Theodore married Mary McCuskey, 1905, and resides at Tompkinsville, borough of Richmond. 6. August, who upon coming to the United States settled in New York city, and at present is a resident of Grant City, borough of Richmond; he did not marry. 7. Madeleine, born May 1, 1862, came to the United States in 1877; she married Edward Marks, born August 31, 1861, son of Adam and Annie (Hertzog) Marks, and has children surviving: Edward Adam, born January 5, 1887, and Caroline Antoinette, born September 12, 1888. 8. Emily, who came with her parents to the United States, took up her abode in New York city; she married Antoine Jean Stefane, and has one child,

Helen Francoise Stefane, born August 18, 1904. The mother of the aforementioned children, Eva (Wolff) Werthmuller, died September 27, 1896; both parents are buried in the family burying plot in the Moravian Cemetery at New Dorp, borough of Richmond.

Christian Werthmuller, whose name introduces this review, came to the United States in 1871. Upon his arrival in New York city he at once took up employment in the baking business, which line of pursuit he followed for some time. He next became engaged with his brother-in-law, Jacques Castel, in the restaurant and hotel business. In 1887 Mr. Werthmuller took up his residence at Grant City, where he became the proprietor of the Villa Cosmopolite. In 1893 he purchased lands comprising over thirty city lots, corner of Richmond road and Washington avenue, and here erected a large and commodious building and hall, known as the Atlantic Inn, and has resided on these premises up to the present time. Mr. Werthmuller has by his progress and enterprise contributed much to the material growth and development of the neighborhood wherein he resides. He takes an active interest in social and charitable enterprises and is a generous contributor to church and other worthy purposes. He is an active member of Tompkins Lodge, No. 471, Free and Accepted Masons, at Stapleton; La Concorde Lodge, No. 43, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of New York city; Staten Island Lodge, No. 841, Elks.

#### CLAUS HOLTERMANN.

Claus Holtermann, a progressive and enterprising German-American citizen of Richmond, borough of Richmond, where he has resided for a period of over twenty-five years, has become prominently associated with the material and social interests of the neighborhood. He was born in the village of

Hepstedt, county of Zeven, province of Hanover, Germany, January 31, 1845. His parents were Cord Henry and Tibke (Haase) Holtermann, both of whom were also natives of the same locality. These parents had by their union in marriage three children: 1. Claus, whose name introduces this review. 2. Margaretta, married Henry Shumacher; she died in 1889 in the Fatherland. 3. Tibke, married William Groban, came with her husband to the United States in 1892 and took up their abode at Stapleton, borough of Richmond. They have three children, namely: Margaretta, Anna and Catherine Groban. The mother of the aforementioned children, Tibke (Haase) Holtermann, passed away at their home in the Fatherland in 1888. Her worthy husband survived her up to 1891, when he too passed away. They were both consistent Christian people, and were highly respected in the neighborhood wherein they resided.

Claus Holtermann, whose name introduces this review, received his educational training in the schools of the Fatherland, and at the age of twenty began to learn the trade of baker in the city of Bremen, and at the age of twenty-two was drafted into the military service of his country, being mustered into a cavalry company and served in active duty during the Franco-Prussian war. He was honorably discharged from military duties in 1872, at which time he decided to come to the United States, hoping here to find better opportunities for his skill and labor. Upon arriving in New York city, he at once sought employment and took up his trade with Mr. Frederick Egler in Bleecker street. After being employed at his trade in New York city, and Jersey City, New Jersey, until 1879, he decided to begin business on his own account, having by his industry, thrift, and economy succeeded in accumulating sufficient capital. He came to Richmond, where he purchased the baking establishment of Garrett Homan, and began busi-

ness, continuing until 1882, in which year he purchased the premises where he now resides. He met with immediate success in this undertaking, has made extensive improvements, and has by his thrift and enterprise done much to advance the material welfare of the neighborhood wherein he resides.

Claus Holtermann was married in New York city by the Rev. Buse, December 15, 1880, to Catherine Moehrmann, born May 28, 1850, in the village of Bothel, county of Rothenberg, province of Hanover, Germany, daughter of John Henry and Mary (Gathmann) Moehrmann. Their seven children are as follows: 1. Claus Henry, born September 19, 1881. 2. Frederick William, born August 13, 1883. 3. William Henry, born August 16, 1885. 4. Catherine Adelheid, born July 29, 1887. 5. Charles Herman, born June 7, 1890. 6. Albert William, born August 7, 1893. 7. Freeda Tibke, born September 28, 1895. Mr. Holtermann and his family are consistent members of the Lutheran Church.

#### GUSTAVE PENET.

Gustave Penet, a progressive and enterprising citizen of Grant City, borough of Richmond, where he has resided for a period of over twenty years, is engaged in building and contracting. He was born in the Canton of Parde Calais, France, March 20, 1857, son of Francois and Albertina (Quillot) Penet, who had a family of six children: 1. Irma, married Alexander Laderiere, resides in France. 2. Mary, married a Mr. Paget. 3. Francois, Jr., married and resides in his native land. 4. Gustave, died in infancy. 5. Gustave, whose name introduces this review. 6. Ashiel, married and had three children; he lost his life while rescuing children from a fire. Francois Penet, father of this family, lost his life by accident in 1860.

His faithful wife and mother of his children passed away in 1891.

Gustave Penet was educated in the schools of his native land and there learned the carpenter trade, which occupation he followed up to 1885, when he decided to come to the United States, hoping here to find a broader field for his skill and labor. Upon his arrival in New York city, he at once found employment with Webber Brothers, builders and contractors, with whom he remained about one year. He next became employed with a Mr. Keen, also a builder and contractor in New York city. In 1890 Mr. Penet began business on his own account at Grant City, borough of Richmond, and in this undertaking met with immediate success, this being the logical result of his ability and skill as well as the straightforward methods pursued in all his transactions. He has erected a number of modern residences and other buildings at Grant City, all of which have been constructed under his supervision and personal management. Mr. Penet was married in his native land in 1879 to Albertine Robbe, daughter of Guilin Robbe, who was a native of the Canton Pardecalias. They have one daughter, Jennie. Mr. Penet has contributed much to the material growth and development of the community where he resides.

#### HERMAN F. TREETZ.

Herman F. Treetz, a leading and highly respected German-American citizen of Richmond, borough of Richmond, where he has resided for a period of thirty years, has by his skill and enterprise done much for the material development of the neighborhood wherein he resides. He was born in the town of Diemen, county of Pommeren, kingdom of Prussia, Germany, April 30, 1853. His parents were Christian and Fredericka (Westfal) Treetz, who had by their union in marriage a family of

fourteen children, seven of whom attained to years of maturity. Christian Treetz was an extensive grain and flour merchant, became well known in the locality wherein he resided and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He died in the Fatherland in 1851, aged fifty-six years. His widow survived him and passed away in 1873, aged sixty-nine years. The children of the aforementioned parents who attained to years of maturity were as follows: 1. Carl, married and resides in the Fatherland. He has children: Ernst, Karl, Wilhelm, Meta, Bertha. 2. Robert, who came to America in 1862 and took up his abode in the borough of Richmond; he married but has no issue. 3. Ernst, married and has one son, Karl. 4. Meta, married William Benzine and has children: Martha, Louisa, Freda, Bertha, William and Ernst Benzine. 5. William, who came to America in 1870; he married and has five children. 6. Herman F., whose name introduces this review. 7. Bertha, deceased; she married William Benzine after the death of her sister Meta and had by her marriage four children.

Herman F. Treetz, whose name introduces this review, received his educational training in the schools of the Fatherland. When he was fifteen years of age he became an apprentice to learn the confectionery trade. Upon completing his apprenticeship, he worked at his trade as journeyman in the various large cities of central Europe until 1872, in which year he decided to come to America, hoping here to find better opportunities for his skill and labor. Upon his arrival in New York city in 1872, he at once found employment at his trade, in which he continued for a period of two years. He next took up a seafaring life, which line of occupation he followed until 1876. In 1878 he engaged in the meat and provision trade in New York city, in which undertaking he met with immediate success as the logical result of his thrift and enterprise. In 1879 he took

up his location in West New Brighton, borough of Richmond, where he engaged in the same line of pursuit, and in 1899 purchased the old Guyon farm in the town of Richmond. In 1902 he engaged in the meat and provision business at his present location in the village of Richmond, where he has successfully continued up to the present time (1906). In that year he engaged in the manufacture of concrete building block, which promises to become universally used for building and foundation purposes. He takes an active interest in fraternal and social affairs, and is a member in good standing of the Order of Independent Foresters, at West New Brighton.

Herman F. Treetz married, in New York city, July 25, 1881, Fredericka Schmitt, born December 24, 1854, in the town of Landau, in the Rhine Pfalz, kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, daughter of Jacob and Louisa (Schermer) Schmitt. Their children are: 1. Herman Franz, Jr., born May 21, 1883. 2. Meta, born September 30, 1889. Mr. Treetz and his family are members of the German Lutheran church.

#### JOHN D. GILLIES.

John D. Gillies, a representative and honored citizen of the town of Southfield, borough of Richmond, where he has resided for over fifteen years, and in 1905 represented the Seventy-second Aldermanic District of the borough of Richmond in the Board of Aldermen of Greater New York, was born at Wingham, province of Ontario, Canada, March 1, 1856, a son of Daniel and Christina (Gillies) Gillies.

John D. Gillies received his educational training in the schools of his native town. At the age of twenty he took up the practical duties of life, turning his attention to farming, which line of work he pursued up to 1884, when he decided to come to the United States. Upon his arrival here he took up



his residence in Brooklyn, where he hoped to find a broader field for his skill and labor. After spending a number of years in the employ of his uncle, John Gillies, who was a successful contractor in the seventeenth ward, borough of Brooklyn, Mr. Gillies removed to the town of Northfield, borough of Richmond, in 1889, and resided there for five years. In 1895 he removed to New Dorp, where he has resided up to the present period (1906). He is engaged in general contracting, in the construction of docks and bridges, foundation work, general repairs, etc., and in this line of undertaking has met with a well merited degree of success, which has been the logical result of his straightforward and honorable methods of conducting all his business affairs.

Mr. Gillies is a progressive and enterprising man, and takes an active interest in the public and civil affairs in the community wherein he resides. Upon the consolidation of the borough of Richmond with Greater New York, Mr. Gillies was appointed one of the electric light inspectors of his district and served in that position up to 1903, in which year he was elected a member of the board of aldermen, representing the seventy-second aldermanic district. In 1905 he was again chosen the nominee of his party for the office, again received a substantial majority, and served in that capacity up to January 1, 1906. Mr. Gillies is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and at the time of his election was the only candidate on his party ticket to receive a majority of votes for office, which is an eloquent testimonial of his popularity. Mr. Gillies has at all times contributed generously to church and charitable enterprises regardless of creed or sect, and has frequently given of his time and substance for the advancement of the educational and material interests of the community.

John D. Gillies married, in the province of Ontario, Canada,

February 15, 1882, Mary Cameron, born November 6, 1860, daughter of Alexander and Catharine (Cameron) Cameron, both natives of Scotland. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Gillies are: Alexander, born November 1, 1882, at Montreal, Canada. Daniel, born May 27, 1884, at Montreal, Canada. Mary, born March 12, 1888, at Brooklyn. John born February 11, 1893, at borough of Richmond. Florence, born October 1, 1894. Francis, born November 6, 1896. Mr. Gillies and his family are faithful communicants of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Richmond.

#### CHARLES M. EGER.

Charles M. Eger is a progressive and enterprising citizen of the borough of Brooklyn, where he has become prominently known as the vice-president of the Hecla Bronze and Iron Works.

Mr. Eger is a native of the "land of the Midnight Sun," his birth having occurred in Christiania, Norway, on the 7th of December, 1843. His family were prominent and influential in public affairs of the kingdom, and his father, Lawrence Eger, served many years in an official capacity as comptroller, and was a highly respected and useful citizen in his community.

Charles M. Eger, of this review, received his educational training in the schools of his native land and in Germany. Upon attaining to his twentieth year, having decided with landable ambition and a desire to improve his opportunities in life, he came to the United States. Soon after his arrival the young man sought employment, being dependent upon his own efforts, and he pursued various occupations in New York and Brooklyn, having been employed in the latter city as a laborer in Prospect Park. In 1870 Mr. Eger secured employment in an architectural iron foundry in New York city, of which Niels Poulson (his

present partner, and president of the Hecla Bronze and Iron Works), was the head draftsman. Mr. Eger continued in the employment of this establishment up to 1876, when the concern failed, and both Mr. Eger and his friend Mr. Poulson found themselves without employment. But the two ambitious and future draughtsmen were not to be dismayed or discouraged. Mr. Poulson having embarked in business on his own account, Mr. Eger entered his employ as a draughtsman. In this undertaking the young architect displayed marked aptitude and genius in his work, and in 1877 Mr. Eger was admitted into partnership. With the united efforts and skill of the two principals, the business of the firm rapidly increased, the products of their establishment having become everywhere recognized for their superiority and originality of design, and the demands for their work becoming so great that the interests of the firm were incorporated under the name of Hecla Bronze and Iron Works, of which organization Mr. Eger was made vice-president, in addition to managing the ornamental department of the institution. During this period of nearly thirty years of uninterrupted activity and usefulness, Mr. Eger has rendered important services to the establishment, and the success he has attained is the result of his indefatigable energy and perseverance.

In 1870 Mr. Eger was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Anderson. While their union has not been blessed with children, they have brought up an adopted daughter, Josephine, who is a niece of Mrs. Eger. Mr. Eger is a man of generous and benevolent spirit, and his contributions to the Norwegian Hospital and other institutions have been liberal, while his many private charities are unknown to the public, as in his giving he is entirely free from ostentation. He deserves his success, and the most envious cannot grudge him his prosperity, so honorably has it been won and so worthily is it used.

## WARREN KELSEY.

Warren Kelsey was for many years a useful and highly respected citizen of Woodrow, borough of Richmond, where he resided for a period of twenty years. He was born in the town of Bristol, Maine, August 23, 1814, and was a son of James and Esther (Wentworth) Kelsey, and was one of a family of thirteen children. (See Wentworth family genealogy, Vol. 1, page 271-2.)

Warren Kelsey was educated and reared to manhood at Bristol, and there also learned the ship carpenter trade, which line of work he pursued for a number of years. Later he came to Woodrow and here purchased land which was formerly a part of the old Eddy farm, upon which he made considerable improvements and spent the remaining years of his life. He died October 16, 1877. Mr. Kelsey became well and favorably known by all his friends and neighbors, and took an active part in the material and social interests of the community where-in he resided.

Warren Kelsey married, in New York city, August, 1843, Magdalene Butler, born November 10, 1823, daughter of Captain Henry and Frances (Swaim) Butler, both of whom were descendants of old Staten Island families. Of this marriage Mr. Kelsey had born to him a family of eight children: 1. Mary Frances, born January 17, 1844, married James Edward Moore and has children: Frederick, Warren Clinton, Jessie and Harry W. Moore. 2. Esther A., born June 16, 1845, not married. 3. Abram Riker, born December 27, 1846, married Antoinette Duff; no issue. 4. Martha Jane, born February 25, 1849, died aged thirteen years. 5. Henrietta, born April 31, 1852, married Richard Lunt, no issue. 6. Helen Augusta, born July 20, 1854, married John Frederick Sickels and has children: Helen

A., Frederick Warren, George Russell, Eloise, John Raymond and Ellsworth Sickels. 7. Ida Virginia, born October 20, 1856, married Norman Brown and has one daughter, Leslie Demarest Brown. 8. Harry Walter, born February 9, 1864, see forward.

Harry Walter Kelsey, eighth child of Warren and Magdalene (Butler) Kelsey, was born at the family homestead at Woodrow, borough of Richmond. His educational training was acquired in the schools at Rossville. At the age of sixteen he began to take up the practical duties of life on his own account. His first employment was with the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company at Princess Bay, where he was for some time engaged in the mechanical department. Mr. Kelsey next engaged in business on his own account, in the oil distributing trade at Woodrow, which line of pursuit he successfully followed for a period of two years, and next spent about nine years in the dairy business. In 1897 he engaged in the coal trade at Green Ridge, in which undertaking he met with immediate success as the logical result of his straightforward and honorable methods of conducting his business. In 1901 he established himself at Great Kills, where he has become engaged in the coal trade in connection with building materials. Since his establishment here Mr. Kelsey has by his thrift and enterprise done much for the material development of the neighborhood, and in other ways has contributed to the public and social good of the community.

Henry W. Kelsey married, December 31, 1889, Lucy Springstead, born October 29, 1864, daughter of William and Margaret (Dolson) Springstead, and of this marriage were born three children: 1. Marguerite, born June 8, 1897. 2. Mildred, born October 8, 1903. Helen Louise, born December 29, 1905. The family attend the Woodrow Methodist Episcopal Church.

## FRANZ WOLFGANG.

Franz Wolfgang, a leading architect of the Bronx, is a native of Saxony, Germany, where were also born his parents, John and Christiana Wolfgang, who there passed their entire lives.

Franz Wolfgang was born November 19, 1860, and came to the United States in 1881, the year in which he attained his majority. He came with ample preparation for the occupation to which he has devoted himself, and in which he has won well deserved approbation. He had obtained his literary education in an academic institution in his native land, where he had also studied in technical schools, his course including thorough training in architectural drawing. He followed his calling industriously for his first nine years in New York city, making for himself a reputation which was of high value when he engaged in business on his own account, in 1900, in the Bronx, with offices in the Bronx Building, No. 787 East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Third avenue. Among the large edifices which he has planned, and of which he has superintended the construction, are the lace factory of Schweizer & Trabors, on Prospect avenue; the ice plants on Ninety-seventh street, between First and Second avenues, Manhattan, and in Brooklyn, a block of seven residences at the southwest corner of Washington avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-first street, Bronx; four houses at the corner of One Hundred and Sixtieth street and Cauldwell avenue; three houses on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Sixtieth street and Trinity avenue; and many other prominent buildings in the Bronx. During 1906 Mr. Wolfgang drew the plans and superintended the building of the apartment house running from Webster to Clay avenues, seven stories on Webster avenue and five stories on Clay avenue, with entrances on both avenues; size of building, sixty by one hun-

dred, with stores on Webster avenue and apartments for six families on floors above.

A thoroughly equipped practical architect, and holding to high standards of professional and personal integrity, giving close personal attention to the task, and a genuine enthusiasm, he has built up a most prosperous business, each product of his brain and hand testifying so highly to his capability and honesty as to prove the means of bringing to him other and more important contracts and commissions, and is recognized as among the foremost of those who have during the past quarter century contributed in largest degree to the upbuilding and beautification of the Bronx and its outlying territory.

Mr. Wolfgang married, in New York city, in 1883, Amelia Kirchner, whose death occurred in 1895, after she had borne to her husband seven children: Waldemar, Marie, Amelia, Gertrude, deceased; Tilly, Clara and Franz. The family are Lutherans in religion, and attend St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, One Hundred and Eighty-first street.

#### JAMES H. HARIGAN.

The Harigan family has been represented on Staten Island for some generations. John Harigan, grandfather of James H. Harigan, was born in Ireland in 1837, and came to America when eighteen years of age. He decided to settle on Staten Island and took up the occupation of farming, which he followed all his life, as well as engaging in dock building. He purchased a large tract of land and cultivated it, and it is even now in the possession of the family. Mr. John Harigan married Catharine Cronin, who was born in 1825, in Ireland, and came to America when a very young girl. They have had two children: James, and Mary, who died in 1899.

James Harigan, son of John and Catharine (Cronin) Har-

igan, was born on Staten Island and still lives there on or near the old homestead.

James H. Harigan, son of James Harigan, was born at Graniteville, Staten Island, May 27, 1857, and received his education in the public schools of Staten Island. He was attentive and studious, and after leaving school was apprenticed to a blacksmith. He worked there for three years, learning the trade in all its branches, and then commenced business for himself in that line. He was very successful in his undertaking, and has followed this occupation up to the present time and has amassed a very comfortable fortune. He is a man well known for his industry, honesty and ability in his trade.

He married, July 2, 1876, Theresa Lonigan, who was born in 1861, in Port Homand. She is the daughter of Richard and Catherine (Rafter) Lonigan. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Harigan have had five children: Jessie, Margaret, Mary, Annie, and John; Jessie is the only one living.

#### JOHN TIETJEN.

John Tietjen, a progressive and enterprising German-American citizen and a member of the firm of Tietjen Brothers, wholesale milk dealers in New York city, was born in the Fatherland, in the village of Lehnstedt, county of Hagen, province of Hanover, Germany, October 15, 1871, son of Henry and Meta (Steilon) Tietjen, both natives of the county of Hagen, province of Hanover.

Henry Tietjen (father) was a farmer by occupation, and both he and his wife were frugal and industrious people. Henry Tietjen died at the family homestead in Lehnstedt, November 6, 1891; his faithful wife survived him and resides on the family homestead with her daughter Matilda. Henry and Meta (Steilen) Tietjen were the parents of eight children, as fol-





John Tietze



lows: 1. Adaline, born December 18, 1864, came to the United States in 1881, became the wife of Christian Von Weiding and resides in Brooklyn, New York. 2. Diedrich, born January 8, 1866, came to the United States in 1883 and settled in New York city; he married Fredericka Havemeyer, born February 20, 1869, daughter of Bernhardt and Hedwig Havemeyer, and they are the parents of three children: Henry, born February 19, 1893; Alfred Bernhardt, born June 27, 1895; and Elizabeth Christine, born October 8, 1898. The mother of these children, Fredericka (Havemeyer) Tietjen, died April 28, 1905. 3. Meta, born November 7, 1869, came to the United States in 1886 and resides in New York city. 4. John, born October 15, 1871, see forward. 5. Katrina, born January 1, 1873, came to the United States in 1892; she married William Fiek and resides in Brooklyn, New York. 6. Henry, born February 16, 1877, came to the United States in 1892; he married Louisa Loddigs and they are the parents of two children: Elizabeth, born November 6, 1899, and Martha, born January 31, 1901. 7. Anna, born May 17, 1879, came to the United States in 1892 and resides in New York city. 8. Matilda, born August 17, 1885, resides with her mother on the family homestead in Lehnstedt.

John Tietjen, of this review, was educated and reared to manhood in the Fatherland. In 1889 he decided to come to the United States, hoping to find here in the land of the free better opportunities for his skill and labor. Soon after his arrival in New York he became employed with his brother Diedrich in the grocery business, continuing in this line of work up to 1898, when he decided to try his fortunes in the gold fields of Alaska. He accordingly left New York city, February 19, 1898, and finally reached his destination in Alaska, April 12, 1898, his robust health and great physical endurance standing him in good stead. Mr. Tietjen soon found profitable employment and made many

friends among those with whom he was brought in contact. In March, 1899, the postoffice department of the United States, recognizing the value of a post road from tidewater to the Yukon river over all American territory, a distance approximating six hundred miles, made the same, and after the route had been established and the contracts let for the carrying of the mail, John Tietjen became one of the ten relay carriers on the route, and to him is given the credit of making the fastest relay on the route, having traveled from Christachina to Tonsina, a distance of ninety miles, in nineteen hours. After continuing in this position for three years and experiencing many hardships and dangers through the rigors of the climate, Mr. Tietjen decided to return to the east and accordingly made his way overland from Seattle to New York city. Upon arriving here he soon took up active pursuits and engaged with his two brothers, Diedrich and Henry, in the wholesale milk business under the firm name of Tietjen Brothers, with offices and storeroom at No. 506 East One Hundred and Eighteenth street, New York. This firm has now become well established, enjoys a large and profitable trade and ranks among the leading concerns of its kind in the city.

#### DORMAN L. ORMSBY.

Dorman L. Ormsby, an enterprising and progressive business man, manufacturer of carbonated waters, with an establishment located at West One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street and Jumel Place, New York city, is a representative of a family which settled in this country a number of generations ago. Four brothers of this family, whose names have not been preserved, emigrated from Ireland and settled in the United States. From one of them this branch of the Ormsby family is descended.

Dorman L. Ormsby, grandfather of Dorman L. Ormsby, was born in Connecticut, 1808. His boyhood days were spent in that state, but in early manhood he removed to the city of New York and was engaged in the grocery business until 1835. In that year he commenced the manufacture of mead, root and ginger beers, which at that time were put up and sold in stone jars, and was one of the pioneers in this line of business. His first establishment was located at the corner of Bleecker and Perry streets, later removed to Sixteenth street, then to One Hundred and Thirty-second street and Eighth avenue, and in 1896 to its present location. Mr. Ormsby retired from active business in 1874, leaving the management in the hands of his son, Leonard D.

Dorman L. Ormsby married Gertrude Roberts, and had children: 1. Sarah Jane, married James Flammaghan, a well known brewer of New York. 2. Josephine, widow of J. H. V. Arnold, late surrogate. 3. Waterman L., born in Hampton, Wyndham county, Connecticut, came to New York at an early age, learned the trade of engraving and was engaged in that business for many years. He married Julia M. Brainard, of Albany, New York, and their children were: Waterman L., Jr., who married (first) Eliza M. Croly and had children—Waterman L., Sydney C. and Senter H. (twins), the latter deceased, and Ella J., wife of Millard B. Guil, of New York. He married (second) Carrie L. Hamilton, widow of the late William L. Hamilton; Josephine, wife of Thomas Harsam. 4. Leonard D., see forward.

Leonard D. Ormsby, son of Dorman L. and Gertrude (Roberts) Ormsby, was born in New York city, Perry and Bleecker streets, 1835. He was educated in the public schools of this city, and upon the completion of his education began his business career as assistant to his father in the mineral water bus-

iness. Learning every detail of the business, as he did, thoroughly, under the practiced eye of his father, he was well fitted to take full charge of affairs when the latter retired from the active management. He personally superintended the manufacturing interests until 1902, when he retired in favor of his son, Dorman L., and is now living in retirement at Keyport, New Jersey. He married Catherine Dall, and their children are: Gertrude, wife of James Dennyly. Lillie, wife of William Boyd. Robina, wife of William A. Ewing. Katie, wife of William Walling. Josephine A., wife of Harry Winterton. Dorman L.

Dorman L. Ormsby, only son of Leonard D. and Catherine (Dall) Ormsby, was born in Seventeenth street, New York city, July 25, 1867. His education was received in the public schools, and at a very early age he entered the business of his father and became practically acquainted with all the details. He keeps well abreast of the times in his special line of manufacture, and is always ready to adopt the newest methods, whether of advertising, machinery or another improvement, as soon as the practical advantages have become apparent to him. His business is one of the most extensive of its kind in the city, and is constantly increasing. He is the sole proprietor of the famous Ormsby "Gotit" ginger ale. He is the only manufacturer of ginger ale in this country that will guarantee that it will keep in any climate for one year. Mr. Ormsby spent years experimenting to get this article perfected. Mr. Ormsby is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, the Hudson Boat Club, the Foresters, and the Eagles.

Mr. Ormsby married, June 26, 1889, in New York, Susie E. Ferris, daughter of John K. and Susan E. (Sherewood) Ferris, both deceased, and sister of Adelaide L. and John Edward. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Ormsby are: Leonard Dorman and Adelaide Elizabeth.

## EDWARD L. WILLIAMS.

Edward L. Williams, manager of the undertaking establishment of Epps & Brothers, was born in Brooklyn, June 22, 1870, and is a son of James E. and Mary E. Williams. He was educated in primary and grammar school No. 4, of New York city, from which he graduated in 1885. He immediately entered upon his business career. He has been constantly in touch with the undertaking business, and has thus acquired a thorough and practical knowledge of it in every branch. His business methods are progressive and founded on common sense, and it is but natural that success should have attended his efforts. He is a member of Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, United Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Mercey Street Baptist Church.

He married, June 15, 1892, in New York, Mannie E. Myers, of Rye, New York, and they have children: Clarence Lorenzo, born October 20, 1895. Elsie May, March 24, 1898.

## GEORGE S. BURGER.

The Burger family has been represented on Staten Island for many generations. The first of the name of whom we have any definite record is David D. Burger, grandfather of George S. Burger, who was a farmer by occupation, but did not hesitate to leave his farm at the call of his country and serve as a soldier in her defense. He had the following named children: Nicholas, David S., Jane, Mary, Samuel, Phoebe, and Elias.

David S. Burger, son of David D. and Jane Burger, and father of George S. Burger, was born on Staten Island, May 4, 1805. He was a dyer by occupation, and a large land owner, owning nearly all that part of Staten Island now known as West Brighton. He married, May 18, 1842, Deborah M. Britton, born on Staten Island, August 12, 1819. They had the following children: George S. and Arrietta.

George S. Burger, son of David S. and Deborah M. (Britton) Burger, was born at Factoryville, Staten Island, June 9, 1844. He received his education in the public schools of that place and after leaving school entered into business. He commenced an ice business and has followed that nearly all his life. Being exceedingly active and energetic, with a good understanding of commercial requirements, he soon made a complete success of his business.

He married (first), in 1864, Ann Maria (Sneder) Decker, widow of Wilson Decker, and they had five children: Deborah V., George D., Portia Viola, Alice M., Orville L. Mrs. Burger died August 24, 1878, and Mr. Burger married (second), February 22, 1887, Harriet A. Fearnon. She was the widow of James Sneder, born March 30, 1848, in New York city. Mrs. Burger had two children by her first husband: Edward and James.

#### C. FRANKLIN CARR.

C. Franklin Carr, proprietor and manager of a well established undertaking and embalming business, located at No. 350 West Fifty-third street, New York city, was born in that city, February 11, 1881, son of Charles A. and Ida (Hockaday) Carr. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, and then commenced the study of the undertaking business. After having mastered this thoroughly, and had a considerable amount of practical experience in all the details connected with it, he took a full course in the United States School for Embalmers, from which he was graduated in 1896. He then established himself in business, and having made a close study of every branch of it, he is familiar with every detail. His courteous manner and strict attention to all possible needs of his patrons have built up for him a remunerative and rapidly increasing business. He is reliable and always on the alert for any im-





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provement or invention which may add to the efficiency of his work. He is a consistent member of St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church. He is connected with the following organizations: Terry Lodge, No. 900, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows; Manhattan Lodge, No. 45, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Marine Benevolent Society; Priscilla Fountain, No. 2119, United Order of True Reformers; Mt. Hope Council, No. 4691, Order of St. Luke's, and St. Mary's Benevolent Society; St. John's Tabernacle, No. 96, S. D. B.; Sons of Moses; Southern Beneficial League.

#### VANDERBILT BRANTINGHAM.

Vanderbilt Brantingham, who has been prominently identified with the manufacturing interests of Staten Island, has passed all his life in that place. Matthias F. Brantingham, the father of Vanderbilt Brantingham, was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1831. For many years he held a position as corresponding clerk. He married Maria L. Vredenburg, born 1826, daughter of Abraham and Maria Louise (Flake) Vredenburg; Mr. and Mrs. Vredenburg had the following children: John, Lafayette, Abraham, Maria Louise, Oliver, Cornelia, Sarah, Mary Ann, and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. Matthias F. Brantingham were the parents of three children: Vanderbilt, see forward; Guy S., and Mary L., wife of George S. McDonald.

Vanderbilt Brantingham, son of Matthias F. and Maria L. (Vredenburg) Brantingham, was born on Staten Island, September 19, 1854. He received an excellent education, attending college on Staten Island, and upon leaving school he entered upon his business career. He commenced the manufacture of fish nets and continued at that for eighteen years, and then retired from business for several years. In 1900 he again engaged in active business, raising fancy poultry. He has been

very successful and is actively engaged in this business at the present time. He has the reputation of being a shrewd man of business, with a keen insight into the needs of the time and the relations of supply and demand. This has caused his business to prosper.

Mr. Brantingham married, April 16, 1879, Minnie L. De Forest, born December 28, 1856, in New York city, daughter of Charles S. and Selina (Crocheron) De Forest. Charles S. De Forest was born in Tompkinsville, Staten Island, in 1826, and was the owner of the De Forest Express Company. His wife was Selina Crocheron, born on Staten Island, in 1826, and they had two children: Minnie L., wife of Vanderbilt Brantingham, and Harry, deceased. Mrs. Brantingham's grandfather was John De Forest, who was a native of New York city. He was the captain and commander of the first steamer that crossed New York Bay. He married Charlotte Vanderbilt, and they had the following children: William, Garrett, John, Phoebe, Charlotte, Julia, Charles S., who married Selina Crocheron. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt Brantingham are the parents of the following named children: Maud De Forest, Addie May, married to W. W. Closson; Reese, deceased; Marie Louise, and Guy Vanderbilt.

#### NICHOLAS RADLEIN.

Prominent among the active and progressive agriculturists of Bronxdale was the late Nicholas Radlein, whose birth occurred in Germany, January 2, 1838. He was one of a family of eleven children born to Nicholas Radlein, who was a native of the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany.

Nicholas Radlein, of whom this review treats, received his educational training in the schools of the Fatherland and was there reared to manhood. In 1854, having decided to test for

himself the business opportunities of the new world, he accordingly emigrated thither. The destination of the vessel in which he set sail was New York city, but owing to some unforeseen circumstances the passengers were finally landed at New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Radlein made his way overland to the city of New York, and subsequently located in the state of New Jersey, where he was employed for a number of years on various farms. By the closest economy he was enabled to save from his earnings a sufficient amount of capital to begin garden farming on his own account, and in 1857 or 1858 he came to New York city and located at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Sixteenth street, which was then a vast farming tract, but which is now used for residential purposes. In 1872, owing to the progress of civilization, Mr. Radlein was compelled to move further away from the heart of the great metropolis, and accordingly he moved to Westchester county and purchased a tract of land near Bronxdale, where the family now reside. A portion of this tract was later converted into the Bronx Park, and the remainder is admirably located for building purposes. In addition to the cultivation of his own land, Mr. Radlein also leased other tracts which he cultivated and tilled, and the greater part of his active career was devoted to vegetable farming, which line of enterprise brought to him a fair reward for the labor expended. He was upright and straightforward in all his transactions, bore a full share in the promotion of community interests, and was regarded with respect and esteem by all with whom he was brought in contact. He was a member of the Lutheran church, in which body his wife also holds membership, and his daily walk and conversation proved him to be a consistent christian.

Mr. Radlein married, May, 1860, Margaret Bayerline, who survives him. She was born March 29, 1837, and her parents

were Conrad and Anna Bayerline, natives of the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Radlein are as follows: Arthur, born August 4, 1861, married Louisa Coble and has children: Arthur, John, Louis and Louisa Radlein; Henry, born March 11, 1863; Caroline, born August 26, 1865; John, born March 3, 1866; Jacob, born February 16, 1868, married a Miss S. Hunt and has one son, William Radlein; Annie, born March 11, 1871; William, born March 12, 1873. Nicholas Radlein, father of these children, died at his home near Bronxdale, New York, June 5, 1904. His death was sincerely mourned by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who estimated him at his true worth. He left to his family an unspotted and exceptional record for strictest integrity and uprightness.

#### DANIEL CASH.

Daniel Cash, deceased, for more than four decades a resident of Wakefield and Williamsbridge, Westchester county, New York, now borough of the Bronx, where he was highly respected by his neighbors and friends, was born in the village of Baleno Clock, county Tipperary, Ireland, May, 1824.

He was a son of Patrick and Winnifred (Bolen) Cash, natives of Ireland, whose family consisted of eleven children, nine of whom emigrated to the United States, and of these the following children—John, Michael, Thomas and Johanna—together settled at Iowa City, Iowa, where they married, reared families, and their descendants are numbered among the useful and patriotic citizens of that state. John, the eldest of the above named children, had born to him of his marriage nineteen children, three of whom are deceased and the others all attained to years of maturity. The five children of Patrick and Winnifred (Bolen) Cash who settled in Westchester county, New





Old Husted Homestead at Williamsbridge, New York,  
of Revolution Fame





*Residence of Daniel Cash, (deceased), Williamsbridge, New York*



York, are as follows: 1. Patrick, married Bridget Hallahan and they were the parents of several children, five of whom still survive; they reside at Mt. Vernon, Westchester county, New York. 2. Mary, married John Maher, of Williamsbridge, and of this union were born a family of six children. 3. Catharine, married John Donovan, of Yonkers, Westchester county, no issue. 4. Matthew, married Norah Kennedy, who bore him seven children, six of whom still survive; they resided at Williamsbridge, Westchester county. 5. Daniel, whose name heads this sketch.

Daniel Cash, of this review, acquired his educational training in the schools of his native land, where he was for some years engaged in the practical duties of life. In 1849, being desirous of finding a better field for his skill and labor and of improving his condition in general, he emigrated to the United States, arriving in New York city. He at once secured employment at Mt. Vernon, Westchester county, New York, where he resided for about four years. He then removed with his family to Williamsbridge and located on the old Hustace homestead, having leased the farm for a period of five years, and at the expiration of that time he purchased a section of the property which is now owned by his children. Mr. Cash conducted farming in addition to the dairying and milk trade, and by his industry and practical economy succeeded in acquiring a substantial competence for himself and family. He took an active interest in local affairs at Williamsbridge, especially along educational lines, serving on the school board, being one of the three school trustees who were instrumental in completing the first school in that thriving village. He was a just and conscientious man in all his dealings, and he left to his family an unsullied and exceptional record for strictest integrity and uprightness.

Mr. Cash was married in 1854 by the Rev. Father Thomas McLaughlin, at New Rochelle, Westchester county, New York, to Miss Ellen Whalen, a native of the parish of Lismore, county of Waterford, Ireland, and a daughter of John and Catharine Whalen, natives of the same place. The issue of this marriage was six children, as follows: Winnifred, died in her eighteenth year; Catharine J., born November, 1857; Patrick J., born March, 1858; Mary Agnes, died at the age of fifteen years; John, died at the age of five years; Ellen, died in the sixth year of her age. Mr. and Mrs. Cash were devout members of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Cash, after a long and useful life, died at his home in Williamsbridge, May 7, 1896. His wife, who was a worthy helpmate in every sense of the word, died October 10, 1867.

#### FREDERICK R. DIERING.

Jacob Diering, grandfather of Frederick R. Diering, was a native of the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, and was by trade a shoemaker, an occupation which he followed throughout the active years of his life. He married Elizabeth Kalt, and by this marriage had three children: 1. Elizabeth, who married and lived in Sultzburg. 2. Lonis, who married and also took up his residence in Sultzburg. 3. Henry J., see forward. Jacob Diering died from the effects of an accident at the age of sixty-five years, and his wife passed away at the age of seventy-three years.

Henry J. Diering, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kalt) Diering, was born October 24, 1828, in the town of Sultzburg, in one of the upper provinces of the Rhine, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, and was the only one of his parents' children to emigrate to America. He received his educational training in the schools of Sultzburg, and at the age of fourteen years

was apprenticed to the profession of landscape gardening. This was in the city of Freiburg, Germany. After completing his apprenticeship, he followed his profession for some time, traveling in connection with it through the central European states. In 1849 he was drafted into the army and did active duty during the revolution of 1848-49, and at the conclusion of hostilities remained in the regular service for a brief period, and in the latter part of 1851 decided to come to the United States, hoping to find here the privileges and freedom for which he and other patriots had valiantly fought in the Fatherland. Upon his arrival in this country he at once commenced work as a landscape gardener in the employ of Dr. Vanderveer, at Flatbush, Long Island. In 1853 Mr. Diering came to Yonkers, Westchester county, New York, where he was employed at his profession until the fall of that year, when he went to New Orleans, Louisiana, and remained in that city for a year and a half. In 1855 Mr. Diering returned to the north and located at Stonington, Connecticut. In 1864 he came to Woodlawn, Westchester county, New York, where he accepted a position with the Woodlawn Cemetery Company, and was assigned the duty of laying out the grounds and plots in that renowned burying ground. Mr. Diering remained in this position for a period of over thirty-seven years, and during this time did almost all the technical work in the surveying and forming of the various roads and walks throughout the grounds of Woodlawn cemetery. In 1901 Mr. Diering retired from active duties and was succeeded in his position as superintendent by his son, Frederick R. Diering, whose name appears at the head of this sketch. During the many years of his residence in and connection with Woodlawn, Mr. Diering has become well and favorably known, and is regarded as one of the leading and enterprising German-American citizens of this locality.

Henry J. Diering married, in New York city, August 1, 1858, Fredericka Huber, a native of the town of Sultzburg, born September 19, 1839, daughter of Jacob Frederick and Anna Maria (Holtermann) Huber, the former of Sultzburg. By this marriage Mr. Diering had born to him a family of four children: 1. Robert H., born May 30, 1859, died February 3, 1863. 2. Emma Flora, born February 16, 1862, died November 24, 1863. 3. Frederick R., see forward. 4. Minnie F., born November 4, 1875, married Charles E. Jones, and has one son, Henry O. Jones, born September 8, 1902.

Frederick R. Diering, son of Henry J. and Fredericka (Huber) Diering, was born February 7, 1865. He received his education in the public schools and this was supplemented by a course at the Lesman Seminary at College Point, Long Island. He commenced learning landscape gardening under the tuition of his father, and after filling various positions with the Woodlawn Cemetery Company, he was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent, and in 1901, when his father retired from the position of superintendent, Mr. Diering was appointed in his place. Mr. Diering, not unlike his father, has taken an active interest in social and public affairs in Woodlawn, and in every way has proven himself a worthy scion of a worthy sire. He is a member of Woodlawn Council, No. 2049, Royal Arcanum, and takes an active interest in all organizations that have for their object the good and welfare of the neighborhood in which he resides.

Frederick R. Diering married, September 1, 1886, Lucy F. Ottignon, born September 9, 1865, daughter of Claudius and Leonora (Sullivan) Ottignon, of New York city, and by this marriage has been born to him one daughter, Florence M., February 7, 1888.

## JOHAN ADOLPH GRAFE.

Johan Adolph Grafe, an enterprising and progressive German-American citizen of Rossville, borough of Richmond, where he has been engaged for a number of years at fruit growing and agricultural pursuits, was born in the village of Oberlichtenau, near the town of Pulsnitz, in the province of Saxony, Germany, March 6, 1845, son of Johan Gottlieb and Johanna Caroline (Wolf) Grafe, both of whom were natives of the aforementioned village. The grandparents of Johan A. Grafe were Johan Gottlieb and Eleanora (Rebbe) Grafe, both of whom were natives of the village of Bischheim, province of Saxony. Johan Gottlieb and Caroline (Wolf) Grafe had by their marriage two sons, Johan Adolph, see forward; Moritz, born July 7, 1848, died November 18, 1900. He married Wilhelmina Boehme, and had three children—Oscar, Paul and Freda Grafe. They all married and settled in the village of Loshwitz, near the city of Dresden, Saxony. Johan Gottlieb Grafe, the father, died September 15, 1865, and his wife, Caroline (Wolf) Grafe, died in March, 1869.

Johan Adolph Grafe received his elementary educational training in the schools of the Fatherland, where he also learned the weaver's trade, which line of occupation he pursued up to 1901, when he came to the United States and upon his arrival here took up his abode with his son, Moritz Emil Grafe. Johan Adolph Grafe was married November 8, 1868, to Amelia Aurora Frendenberg, born July 9, 1843, at the village of Ober Steinau, near the town of Pulsnitz, a daughter of Carl Dudley Gottlieb and Caroline (Kebbler) Frendenberg, and of this marriage were born three children: 1. Emil Moritz, born February 11, 1872. 2. Ida Lina, born July 14, 1877, married Oscar Nagle, no issue. 3. Gustave Irwin, born August 28, 1882, came to the United

States in 1899, and took up his residence with his brother, Emil Moritz, of Rossville, where he is engaged in fruit growing.

Emil Moritz Grafe, eldest child of Johan Adolph and Amelia Aurora (Frendenberg) Grafe, was educated in the schools of the Fatherland, and at the age of fourteen, according to custom, graduated from the district school. He then attended a preparatory school at the city of Pulsnitz for a period of three years. He also served an apprenticeship of three years in the same city, learning the dyeing and printing trade, which line of work he pursued up to the time he came to the United States in 1890. Upon his arrival here he located at Rossville, borough of Richmond, where he engaged in the fruit culture, which line of work he has since pursued, and by his skill and careful study has done much to improve the numerous species of fruit that he has cultivated. Mr. Grafe has become known as the leading fruit grower of Staten Island and is regarded as one of the useful citizens of his neighborhood.

Mr. Grafe was married at Rossville, borough of Richmond, November 9, 1897, to Marie Meyer, born June 22, 1874, daughter of Johan and Genevieve (Meyer) Meyer, both of whom were natives of Utten Hofen, in the court district of Engen, the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, and of this marriage has born to him the following children: 1. William Wolf, born September 2, 1898. 2. Herbert Adolph, born June 28, 1900. 3. Emil Erwin, born March 15, 1902. 4. Freida Amelia, born October 31, 1903. 5. Hilda Marie, born November 15, 1904.

#### CASPER SCHMIEG.

Casper Schmieg, a useful and highly respected German-American citizen of Kreischerville, where he has resided since 1875, a period of thirty-one years, is a native of the village of Windeschbush, county of Bocksberg, in the Grand Duchy of



Baden, Germany, born December 4, 1840, son of Sebastian and Victorie (Weber) Schmieg. Sebastian Schmieg was twice married; his first wife bore him two daughters, and his second wife two sons, namely: Casper and Joseph.

Casper Schmieg, the only member of the family to emigrate to the United States, received his educational training in the schools of the Fatherland, and upon attaining manhood years learned the milling trade, which he pursued for some time in his native land. In 1866, having decided to come to the United States, hoping to find there a broader field for his skill and labor, he left his native land, arriving in the city of New York, November 22. He resided in New York until 1875, a period of nine years, in which year he removed, accompanied by his family, to Kreischerville, where he entered the employ of Balt-hazer Kreischer, continuing thus employed until 1898. Throughout his active and useful life he has displayed the characteristics of thrift and enterprise, and accordingly has accumulated a competence for his declining years, which will enable him to enjoy a well-merited rest from labor. In 1883, his wife, who possesses excellent business ability of a high order, engaged in the milk trade, which line of enterprise she has successfully developed and is conducting at the present time (1906). Among her patrons are many of the leading families of Tottenville and vicinity.

Mr. Schmieg married, August 22, 1866, Caroline Zeigler, born May 6, 1841, daughter of Michael and Johanna (Drefler) Zeigler, natives of the kingdom of Wurtemberg, and residents of the village of Leinrodttten, in the court district of Orlen. Mrs. Schmieg was the youngest of a family of six children, and the only one to come to America. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Schmieg are as follows: Frank, born March 20, 1867, died May 22, 1894; he married Odena Hofstedt, and had children: Henry,

Joseph, deceased. Rose, born January 11, 1868, married Philip Baker, and has children: Caroline and William Baker. Henry, born May 31, 1871. Caroline, born October 28, 1874, married Anton Warnier, and has two children: Agnes and Edith Warnier. Lena, born March 25, 1877, married Ernest Benninghoff; one son, Ernest. Ernest Benninghoff, Sr., died November 2, 1904. Freeda, born September 27, 1878. Edith, born November 30, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Schmieg are consistent members of St. Peter's German Lutheran Church of Kreischerville.

#### HENRY EGBERT.

Henry Egbert, a well known resident of Port Richmond, Staten Island, New York, son of William and Mary Ann (Lake) Egbert, was born in Graniteville, Staten Island. His education was acquired in the public schools of his native town, and at a suitable age he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for a considerable portion of his life. About five years prior to his death he received an appointment in the engineering department of the Sailor's Snug Harbor, Staten Island, and this he filled very efficiently and satisfactorily until his death, which was greatly regretted. He was a man of most exemplary habits, never drinking intoxicating liquors and never using tobacco in any form. He was of a kindly, helpful disposition, and took an intelligent interest in the public affairs of his day. He married Elizabeth A. Blake, a representative of one of the old families on Staten Island.

William Blake, grandfather of Mrs. Henry Egbert, was born on Staten Island, and followed the occupation of farming. He married Ann Corson and they had children: William, John, Elizabeth, Richard, Daniel C., Edward, George, Ann.

Daniel C. Blake, son of William and Ann (Corson) Blake, was born on Staten Island. When quite a young lad he learned

how to manage a steamboat under the personal direction of old Commodore Vanderbilt, and was in command of the first steamboat that made the trip across New York Bay. Subsequently he turned his attention to the trucking business in the city of New York, continuing for a number of years, residing there during that period. He then came to Staten Island and settled on the Simonson farm, which had been handed down to four generations of Simonsons. The dwelling house, which was standing during the Revolutionary war, is still standing, but has been somewhat remodeled. He married Ann B. Simonson, a native of New Springville, Staten Island, daughter of Eseek and Elizabeth (Barnes) Simonson, who had four children: George, Abigail, Dorothy and Ann. Eseek Simonson was a farmer by occupation. Elizabeth (Barnes) Simonson was the daughter of George Barnes, who came to America many years ago, in company with his brother Robert. After a trial residence in this country of six months' duration, they determined to settle here, and decided upon Staten Island as a place of permanent residence. George was prominently identified with the public affairs of the town in which he lived, and was elected probate judge, an office he filled very capably for many years. The children of Daniel C. and Ann B. (Simonson) Blake were: Daniel, see forward; Mahala S.; and Elizabeth A., married Henry Egbert, as previously stated.

Daniel Blake, son of Daniel C. and Ann B. (Simonson) Blake, was born in New York city, April 9, 1841. He is of an active, energetic nature, and is possessed of great force of character. When still quite young he joined the police force, and for earnest attention to the details of his calling he has had very few equals. He rose, step by step, until he had attained the rank of captain, an office which he filled efficiently for several years, then

resigned from the force in 1901, and is now (1906) living in retirement in his home in Staten Island.

He married, 1866, Peninna Jewesson, daughter of George Walter and Emeline (Hewlett) Jewesson, the latter born at Far Rockaway, Long Island, 1810. George Walter and Emeline (Hewlett) Jewesson had children: Virginia M., Milton H., Jennima, and Thomas J. George Walter Jewesson was born in Virginia, March 4, 1805, and was graduated from the College of George, where he had studied medicine. He came to New York city, and then settled on Staten Island, where he pursued the practice of his profession for a period of twenty years. At the end of this time he removed to New York city and continued the practice of medicine in that city. He was the son of George W. Jewesson, who was born in London, England, and came to the United States in 1805. He was a lawyer, with a lucrative practice in the city of New York, and married Mary Ellis, born in London, England, and they had children: George Walter, Thomas, William, Jeremiah and Jane. The children of Daniel and Peninna (Jewesson) Blake were: George W., born May 20, 1867. Virginia A., born October 3, 1876. Alfred, born September 8, 1886. Florence M., born January 31, 1887, died February 15, 1889.

#### JOHN H. NUSSKERN.

John H. Nusskern, sexton of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Christopher street, New York city, is a member of a respected family, who came to this country from Germany.

Jacob F. Nusskern was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, emigrated to the United States in early life, and settled on Long Island. For a period of twenty-seven years he was connected with the cemetery at Middle Village, Long Island. He died November 27, 1899, at Middle Village, where his widow still lives. He married Emma Bailor.





Henry W. Wolf

John H. Nusskern, son of Jacob F. and Emma (Bailer) Nusskern, was born in Middle Village, Long Island, December 15, 1881. His education was acquired in the public schools of the town and in the school connected with the Lutheran church of the place. He has been engaged in the undertaking business for more than eight years, and for the last two years has filled very capably the position of sexton of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, as successor to T. F. Asmussen. He is a man of sterling worth and has won many friends among the members of the congregation.

#### HENRY WILLIAM WOLF.

Henry William Wolf, a venerable and highly respected German-American citizen of Rossville, borough of Richmond, where he has resided for over fifty years, and has become prominently associated in the material and social interests of the community, was born in the village of Oberlichtena, near the city of Pulsnitz, province of Saxony, Germany, February 22, 1827, a son of Gottfried and Johanna (Grafe) Wolf.

His father, Gottfried Wolf, was a farmer by occupation, which line of work he followed throughout the active years of his life. Gottfried and Johanna (Grafe) Wolf had by their marriage born to them a family of ten children: 1. Carl, married and spent his life in the Fatherland. 2. Gottlieb, married and remained in the Fatherland. 3. Johanna, married a Mr. Guhr. 4. Gottloeb, who did not marry, and died in the Fatherland, aged twenty-seven years. 5. Elenora, married a Mr. Mischbach. 6. Gotthelf, who married and spent his life in the Fatherland. 7. Caroline, married Gottlieb Grafe, of whom a sketch appears in this work. 8. Christiana, married a Mr. Loentze. 9. Henry William, whose name introduces this sketch. 10. August, married and spent his life in the Fatherland. The

mother of the aforementioned children, Johanna (Grafe) Wolf, died in the Fatherland in 1833. Her husband married (second) ———— ————, and of this union had born a family of three children: 1. Amelia, married a Mr. Obitz. 2. Henry, who married but has no issue. 3. Ernst, married and spent his life in the Fatherland. John Gottfried Wolf died in 1870.

Henry William Wolf, whose name introduces this review, received his educational training in the schools of the Fatherland. Upon leaving school he became apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade, serving a term of three years, after which he took up his trade as a journeyman, traveling throughout the various states of central Europe and visiting the larger cities thereof, where he worked at his trade. In 1851 Mr. Wolf decided to come to the United States, hoping here to find better opportunities and broader fields for his skill and labor. After working at his trade in New York city for two years, he came to Rossville, in 1853, where he again took up his trade on his own account, continuing the same successfully for a period of twenty years. By his thrift and enterprise, Mr. Wolf has contributed much towards the material growth and development of the neighborhood where he resides. He is a self-made man in the true sense of the word, having begun life without any financial aid, but by his industry, thrift and economy has accumulated an ample competence for himself and family. In addition to the many interests in which he is concerned, Mr. Wolf has given of his time and substance for the advancement of educational and other interests of the community. He has served three years as a member of the school board, during which time he aided materially in advancing the educational interests of the town. He is an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Rossville, and has served for a number of years on the board of trustees of the same.



Henry William Wolf was married at Rossville, borough of Richmond, September 12, 1853, to Christiana Kierschmer, born in 1824, daughter of Carl and Fredericka Kierschmer, who were natives of the town of Plonkenheim, province of Saxony, Germany. Of this marriage there was no issue. Mrs. Wolf died July 3, 1898. She was an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Mr. Wolf married (second), May 20, 1902, Elizabeth Matthies, widow of Henry Matthies, daughter of Edward and Johanna (Apfel) Schunburg. Both of the latter were natives of the city of Hamburg, Germany. Mrs. Wolf is also a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

#### CARL H. KRULL.

Carl H. Krull, a valued and well known citizen of New York city, who for a period of seventeen years was the faithful and efficient sexton of St. Paul's German Evangelical Church, was a native of Germany, but had resided in this country for many years, and died in New York city, December 13, 1904.

He was born in the province of Mecklenburg, Germany, July 25, 1863, and his education was acquired in his native land, where he also learned his trade of baking. He emigrated to the United States in early youth, settling in New York, where he worked at his trade until 1888. He was appointed sexton of St. Paul's Church in March of that year, and filled that office very acceptably until the time of his death. About the same time he established himself in the undertaking business on West Seventeenth street, and later removed to No. 330 West Twenty-second street, where the business is still conducted by his widow. He was an exemplary citizen in every respect and all his actions were honorable. In friendship he was sincere, in his home affectionate and devoted. He was public spirited and helpful in his intercourse with his fellowmen, and his manner was genial,

courteous and refined. He was a member of the New York Undertakers' Association, and United Brothers' Lodge, No. 356, Free and Accepted Masons, and other fraternal organizations. He was married, October 8, 1889, in St. Paul's German Evangelical Church, Rev. Leo Koenig officiating, to Johanna Siebenborn, a native of Rhenish Prussia, daughter of Sebastian and Johanna Siebenborn.

#### JOHN L. DOUGHERTY.

The new world has always had a great attraction for the residents of the old, and this proved to be the case with William L. Dougherty, who was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1818. He emigrated to America and, finding profitable employment, determined to remain here. He married Jane E. Westfall, born in 1820, in Milford, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Clark) Westfall, and granddaughter of Captain William Clark, of the American Revolution. John Westfall was born in New Jersey and was a lumberman; his wife was born in Hampton, Orange county, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. John Westfall had seven children: James, William, who was at various times treasurer, judge, and representative of Pike county, Pennsylvania; Solomon, Gabriel, John, Maria, Catharine. William L. Dougherty and his wife were the parents of five children: John L., see forward; Clark, William, Alva, Solomon.

John L. Dougherty, eldest son and eldest child of William L. and Jane E. (Westfall) Dougherty, was born July 18, 1842, in West Falls, Pennsylvania, and received his early education in the public schools of Lackawaxen township, Pike county, Pennsylvania. He followed the occupation of farming and lumbering. When the Civil war broke out it was his earnest wish to serve his country, and when but twenty years of age he

enlisted. He joined the army October 6, 1862, as a private, and served two years. He was in the Eighteenth Cavalry of Pennsylvania and was wounded during the battle of Hagerstown, Maryland, July 6, 1863. As a result of that wound one of his legs was amputated. He had been taken prisoner at the battle of Hagerstown, Maryland, and was held for seven days; on the 13th of July, 1863, he was recaptured by the Kilpatrick Cavalry. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant, December 26, 1864. While he was in service he showed great bravery and would undoubtedly have made a notable record had his wound not incapacitated him for further service. After his discharge he remained in Philadelphia for the remainder of the winter and pursued a course of study there. In 1865 he went to his home in Pike county, Pennsylvania.

He married, February 10, 1866, in Pike county, Pennsylvania, Margaret Helen Ferguson, daughter of Joseph A. and Mary Agnes (Hall) Ferguson. Joseph A. Ferguson was born April 12, 1827, in the city of Dublin, Ireland. He was a linen weaver by trade, emigrated to America, in 1847, and settled in Forestburg, Sullivan county, New York. He married Mary Agnes Hall, born July 30, 1830. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Ferguson were the parents of five children: Margaret Helen, married John L. Dougherty; Mary E., William, Charles C., and Edwin H. Mrs. John L. Dougherty's grandfather was David Ferguson, who was born in Ireland, and was a noted physician in that country. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dougherty have had seven children born to them: May, born December 14, 1868; Howard H., born January 2, 1871, died April 16, 1883; Inez, born July 20, 1874; Alice, born October 9, 1879; William, born October 22, 1882, died January 12, 1885; Grace, born March 26, 1885, died August 18, 1894; Edwin J., born July 29, 1887.

John L. Dougherty may well be termed one of the prominent

citizens of Castleton Corners, Staten Island. He is always foremost in the ranks of those who work to promote the public welfare. The love for his country which led him as a youth to enter the ranks of her defenders has not left him, and when any matter concerning the public interests of the community in which he lives is to be considered, his voice is ever a deciding one. He is pleasant and genial in his demeanor and has a host of friends.

#### JOHN W. HOUSEMAN.

The family of Houseman has been represented on Staten Island for many generations. The earliest member of the family of whom we have any definite information is John W. Houseman, the grandfather of John W. Houseman. He was born on Staten Island and spent his whole life there. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years. He followed the occupation of a carpenter and general contractor. He married Mary Peterson, and they had the following children: James W., Albert, John Wesley, George W., Willard, Isabella, Ida, Alice, Mary.

John Wesley Houseman, father of John W. Houseman, was the son of John W. and Mary (Peterson) Houseman, and was born at West Brighton, Staten Island, March 31, 1852. He followed in the footsteps of his father as a carpenter and added to this the trade of painting. The combination was attended with a marked degree of success from a business point of view. He married Josephine Cochran, born in the city of New York, October 27, 1851, daughter of James and Josephine Cochran, and they had three children: James Nelson, John W. and Robert Nelson.

John W. Houseman, second son and child of John Wesley and Josephine (Cochran) Houseman, was born at Northfield, Staten Island, October 4, 1874. He was educated in the public

schools in Graniteville, Staten Island, and after leaving school took a position as a driver of teams. He followed this occupation for some time and then determined to learn a trade. He accordingly entered a factory for the manufacture of jewelry boxes, and worked at the above business for eighteen years. He is considered one of the rising young men of his district, and his energy and ambition are carrying him along the high road to prominence and prosperity.

He married, October 29, 1895, Grace Vanbuskirk, born at West Brighton, Staten Island, February 17, 1873, daughter of Benjamin and Phoebe (Mullin) Vanbuskirk. Mr. Vanbuskirk was born on Staten Island and was a painter. Mr. and Mrs. Vanbuskirk have had four children: John B., Archibald W., Thomas M. and Grace H. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Houseman have one child, Leroy Nelson, born March 30, 1900.

#### JOSEPH FRANZ.

Joseph Franz, who has been a resident of Staten Island for more than a dozen years, is of German descent. His father, George A. Franz, born at Carlstadt, Bavaria, Germany, 1815, was a gardener. He married Barbara Overmeyer, born in Stadtelschwarzach, Germany, and they had three children: Michael, who lives in Germany; a child who died in infancy; Joseph, of whom later.

Joseph Franz, youngest child and son of George A. and Barbara (Overmeyer) Franz, was born at Wurzburg, Germany, November 25, 1857. He received his education in Germany and learned the trade of a blacksmith there, which he followed for some years. He came to America in 1893, and settled on Staten Island, where he bought a home in Port Richmond, on Newark avenue, where he resides at the present time. In common with most of the German-Americans, he has retained his habits of

thrift and industry and is considered a prosperous man by his fellow townsmen. He married, June 22, 1894, Sophie Wingefeld, born in Fanerbach, Germany, March 28, 1860, daughter of Peter and Amelia (Wagner) Wingefeld. Peter Wingefeld married (first) Anna Seum, and they had one daughter, Louisa. He married (second) Amelia Wagner, by whom he had two children: Augusta and Sophie. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Franz are the parents of two children: Amelia, born December 11, 1894; Joseph, born September 23, 1895.

#### JAMES LOWE COTTIER.

James Lowe Cottier, who has for many years been a resident of Linoleumville, Staten Island, is a native of Isle of Man, England. His father, Thomas Cottier, was also born in the Isle of Man, England, and was in business as a linen draper and outfitter. He married Harriet Clucas, and they were the parents of four children: Henry, James Lowe, Harriet and Julia.

James Lowe Cottier, second son and child of Thomas and Harriet (Clucas) Cottier, was born in the Isle of Man, England, August 10, 1852. He was educated at Cheltenham, England, where he proved himself an apt and studious pupil. In 1883 he decided to come to America, and upon arriving here he went to Newark, New Jersey, and settled there. He obtained employment as night clerk for the Herald News Delivery Company, and held this position for about four years, when, in 1889, he came to the conclusion that Staten Island was a more desirable place for a residence. He accordingly went there and accepted a position as shipping clerk in the linoleum factory at Linoleumville. He holds this position at the present time, and has decided to make Staten Island his permanent home. His faithful attention to his duties and his accuracy with regard to the details of his business have made him an invaluable person to his employers.

He is ever ready to lend a helping hand to any one in need, and has in consequence made a host of friends.

Mr. Cottier married, November 14, 1875, Mary Agnes Carr, born February 18, 1855, in Hornby, Lancashire, England, daughter of George and Mary (Bainbridge) Carr. Mr. Carr was born in England in 1823, and his wife was born in England in 1825. Their home was at Gowan Hall, Lancashire. Mr. Carr was descended from the famous border family of Carrs. The ancestral home of the Bainbridges was Bainbridge House, at Carnforth, Lancashire, and has been in the family from prior to 1100, and is now occupied by one of its members, Mr. Francis Bainbridge, a cousin of Mrs. James L. Cottier. To Mr. and Mrs. Carr were born three children: Elizabeth A., Sarah E. and Mary Agnes. Mr. and Mrs. James Lowe Cottier have one child, a son, James F., who was born in Liverpool, England, July 5, 1877, and is unmarried. He is an engineer by occupation.

#### PETER CLARIUS.

Peter Clarius, the pioneer member of the Clarins family in America, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. He married Mary Seitz, born in Bavaria. He emigrated to America with his family in 1860. His children were: Philip, Andrew and Peter.

Peter Clarins, son of Peter and Mary (Seitz) Clarius, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, January 28, 1855. When but five years of age he came to America with his parents, and lived in New York. He received an excellent education in the public schools of New York, and upon leaving school followed the occupation of dairyman. He married Barbara Fullner, born in Germany, August 12, 1859, daughter of Casper and Catherine (Fesell) Fullner. Casper Fullner was born in 1837, in Germany, and came to this country in 1871; his wife was born in Germany in 1839. They had five children: Barbara, married Peter

Clarius; Rachel, John, Kate and Matilda. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Clarius are the parents of five children: James B., born December 23, 1884; George C., born October 18, 1887; Peter, born March 1, 1890; John, born August 6, 1892; Mamie, born January 24, 1896.

#### GOTTFRIED SHUTPELL.

Gottfried Shutpell is the first of his family to have come to America in order to make his home here. He was born in Prussia, Germany, October 8, 1834, came to America in the early sixties, and settled upon Staten Island as his future home. In 1862 he joined the army, being enrolled as a member of Company H, Third Artillery of the United States army. He served with great bravery until the close of the war, when he was mustered out. He then returned to his home on Staten Island and engaged in the occupation of oyster dealer.

He married Sarah Murphy, born at Bloomfield, Staten Island, August 31, 1849, daughter of Frank and Mary Murphy. Mr. and Mrs. Shutpell have an only child, a daughter, Mary, born at Bloomfield, October 31, 1871, married Noah Selleck Decker, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Decker are the parents of three children: Sarah Helen, born September 9, 1891; Le Roy Gottfried, born March 29, 1894; Bessie Edith, born February 9, 1898.

#### EDWARD F. TENNYSON.

The first member of the Tennyson family to come to America was Timothy Tennyson, the father of Edward F. Tennyson. Timothy Tennyson was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, 1853, and came to America when but sixteen years of age. He settled on Staten Island and worked as a laborer. He married (first) Susan Lavin, born in Ireland, 1854, and came to America when a very young girl. Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Tennyson had three children: Edward F., see forward; Mary, and Andrew. Timothy



Tennyson married (second), 1888, Jane Bean, born at Willow Brook, Staten Island, daughter of Peter Bean. She died 1906. They had two children: Helen, born March 11, 1889; Joseph, born February 6, 1892.

Edward F. Tennyson, eldest son and eldest child of Timothy and Susan (Lavin) Tennyson, was born at Linoleumville, Staten Island, January 10, 1879. He was educated in the public schools of Staten Island, and upon leaving them accepted a position in the linoleum factory as a presser. He married, February 14, 1903, Delia Hartley, born in the city of Rochester, New York, daughter of Patrick and Theresa (Cunningham) Hartley. Patrick Hartley was born in Canada, but removed to Rochester, New York, where he married Theresa Cunningham, born in Ireland, who came to America with her parents when she was a child. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hartley had four children: Joseph A.; Margaret; Delia, married Edward F. Tennyson; and Ellen.

#### FRANK C. CLANDENING.

Frank C. Clandening, son of William and Jenette (Grennell) Clandening, was born in Albany, New York, 1850. He received his education in the public schools of Albany and in the high school of that city. After leaving school he came to New York and accepted a position in Altman's dry goods store, a position which he held for many years. He was faithful and conscientious in the performance of his duties, and was respected and liked by his employers and his fellow workers.

He married Minnie Decker, born at Mariner Harbor, Staten Island, February 29, 1854 daughter of David D. and Sarah (White) Decker. Mrs. Decker was the daughter of Rev. Samuel White, who was a native of England and came to America many years ago, settling at Graniteville, Staten Island. He was a minister of the Baptist church, and was a man prominent in his

calling and beloved by his congregation. It was due to his efforts that the Baptist church at Graniteville was built, and he was the pastor of that church for twenty-seven years. During this period he gained a reputation for broad-minded charity and kindness. The church is still standing, but there are very few of the original congregation now living. David D. Decker was born on Staten Island, and had his place of business in the Broad Street Exchange, New York, for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Decker had eight children: Samuel, Minnie, David, Fannie, Calvin, William, Myra, who was the wife of Alexander Momfort, and Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Clandening were the parents of two children: Jennette B., and Harold.

#### JOHN M. HUGHES.

The Hughes family has been represented on Staten Island for several generations. Henry Hughes, father of the late John M. Hughes, lived on Staten Island and married, January 8, 1817, Gertrude Marrel, daughter of John and Anna Marrel. Henry Hughes was a farmer.

John M. Hughes, son of Henry and Anna (Marrel) Hughes, was born February 21, 1818, at Richmond, Staten Island. He received his education at the public schools of Staten Island, and when he left school pursued the occupation of farming for about four years. He then gave this up and entered upon the oyster trade, at which he was very successful. Mr. Hughes was industrious and painstaking, and the customers he once acquired never left him for any one else in the same trade. He was good natured, sociable and popular among his friends.

Mr. Hughes married, December 26, 1841, Mary Braisted, daughter of Jacob and Lavinia (Tatter) Braisted. Jacob Braisted was born in 1781, on Staten Island. He was a weaver by trade, but after following that for several years gave it up,

preferring an occupation that would enable him to be out in the air. He then followed the occupation of fishing, etc. His wife, Lavinia Tatter, was the daughter of Johanna Tatter, born at Tottenville, Staten Island, 1779, and they were the parents of seven children: Peter, Thomas, Christian A., Lavinia, Abraham, Mary and Jennie. Mrs. Hughes' grandfather was Peter Braisted, a waterman; her grandfather on the mother's side was Thomas Tatter, who was a farmer and waterman, and lived at Roseville. To Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hughes were born six children: William P., born April 16, 1843; Lavinia, born January 24, 1845, wife of Cornelius Braisted; John E., born June 23, 1847, died September 4, 1847; Jane E., born August 12, 1848, married John H. Boush; Catharine M., born January 27, 1852; Emeline, born August 6, 1855, married Theodore Leven.

#### MRS. ANNA R. SARLES.

The family of the late Mrs. Anna R. Sarles have been dwellers on Staten Island for many generations, some of them having come to America before the war of the Revolution. Mrs. Sarles' maternal great-grandfather, Jacob Van Pelt, was actively engaged in the Revolutionary war. During one of the engagements he was taken prisoner by the British and taken by them into New Jersey. He was in bed, being ill, at the time the enemy made this raid, and they would not even allow him time to dress. His wife, a very clever woman, covered five-dollar gold pieces with cloth and sewed them on his coat in lieu of buttons. She then succeeded in obtaining permission to take the clothes to her husband. She was stopped many times on the way and encountered many difficulties, but at last succeeded in getting the clothes to her husband. By means of the money thus secretly conveyed to him he was soon after enabled to escape and rejoin his family.

Peter Van Pelt, son of Jacob Van Pelt, followed the occupa-

tion of an oysterman. He married Elizabeth Decker, and they had three children: Anna R., and Mary Jane, who was burned to death at the age of five years, and Catharine A.

Simon Post, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Anna R. Sarles, was a farmer by occupation. He married Rebecca Thatcher, and among their children was Peter S., see forward.

Peter S. Post, son of Simon Post and father of Mrs. Anna R. Sarles, married Catharine A. Van Pelt, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Decker) Van Pelt. Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Post had among their children Anna R., see forward.

Anna R. Post, daughter of Peter S. and Catharine A. (Van Pelt) Post, was educated in the public schools. November 20, 1873, she married John W. C. Carson, who was born in 1848. He followed the occupations of farming and dealing in oysters and sea food. They had one son, Clarence B. R., born on Staten Island, August 25, 1879, married October 18, 1904, Lillian Bennett. John W. C. Carson died April 19, 1879. After a time his widow married David Sarles, born March 2, 1827.

#### ALFRED CUTTING.

Alfred Cutting is an enterprising and progressive citizen of Rossville, borough of Richmond, where the family have resided for many years. His father, Robert Cutting, was a native of Suffolk county, England, where he was extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, having there owned a farm of about two hundred acres, which he successfully cultivated up to 1822, when he decided to come to the United States with his family. Consequent upon the depression of business and values, his two sons, Robert and Thomas, preceded him, and upon their arrival in New York city settled on Long Island, in 1823. The same year Robert Cutting, with his wife and family of eight children, embarked at London on the good ship "Arcaster," commanded by



Alfred Cutting



Mary Ann Cutting



Captain Henry Griswold, and set sail for New York city. Robert Cutting, however, was delayed in consequence of a severe storm, and thus was not enabled to board the ship at Gravesend, England, and was compelled to sail upon another vessel, namely, the good ship "Hannibal," two weeks later, commanded by Captain Watkinson. He, however, reached New York city two weeks previous to the arrival of the "Arcaster." The family were finally again reunited and took up their abode in Kings county, Long Island, in what is now Williamsburg, or the eastern district of Brooklyn. After remaining there for some time Mr. Cutting removed to South Brooklyn, where he died during the cholera scourge in 1832. His widow survived him for a number of years. She died, aged eighty-three or eighty-four. Her remains, with those of her husband, are interred at the New Utrecht churchyard, South Brooklyn.

Robert Cutting was twice married. His first wife was Sarah Philpot, who bore him five children: 1. Robert, who married a widow named Titus, of Long Island. 2. Sarah, who died in England, unmarried. 3. John, who came to the United States and died at Williamsburg, Eastern District of Brooklyn. 4. Mary Ann, married Rev. Schargol, and died in England; she had two sons, Edmund and Edgar Schargol. 5. Thomas, who came to the United States, and died near Jamaica, Long Island. Robert Cutting married (second) Anna Maria Ellis, of Ipswich, Suffolk county, England, and of this marriage had children: 1. Henry, who came to the United States and settled in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he married, and died without issue. 2. Amelia, who came to the United States and died at Rossville, borough of Richmond, unmarried. 3. Elizabeth, who married Alfred Brent, and had one daughter, Emily Brent. 4. Louisa, came to the United States, died at Rossville, borough of Richmond, unmarried. 5. Augusta, came to the United States, married Stephen Ryder, of

New Brunswick, New Jersey, and had a family of children, one of whom still survives, namely, Anna Maria, wife of Alexander Conover. 6. Charles, married Ann Harris, no issue. 7. Emma, married William Dixon, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this work. 8. Alfred, born October 27, 1820.

Alfred Cutting, youngest child of his parents, came to the United States with the family, who took up their residence in Brooklyn, where he was educated and reared to manhood. Like his father, he took up the tilling of the soil, which line of work he pursued in Kings county until 1846, in which year he came to Rossville, borough of Richmond, where he has since resided to the present time (1906). In 1873 Mr. Cutting purchased a tract of land near Rossville, upon which he erected a pleasant cottage and made other improvements, and in numerous ways has done much to improve the neighborhood where he resides. He has by his thrift and enterprise become a useful citizen, and is highly respected by all with whom he comes in contact. Mr. Cutting is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Rossville.

Alfred Cutting married, October 11, 1854, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, Mary Ann Pollicutt, born November 4, 1826, daughter of James Pollicutt, who was a native of England. Of this marriage Mr. Cutting had born to him the following children: 1. Robert James, born November 25, 1855, married Mary ———, no issue. 2. William A., born February 5, 1858, married and resides at Kreischerville, borough of Richmond. 3. Stephen Ellis, see forward. 4. Mary Anna, born October 13, 1862, married George Fisher, and has two children: Alfred C. and Adelaide L. Fisher. 5. John G., born April 10, 1865, who has been thrice married. His first union was with Caroline LaForge, and had two children: Stephen L. and Gertrude Elizabeth. Mr. Cutting married (second) Lillian Lunt, and had one child, Mary Lillian, who





Stephens E. Cutting  
Virginia D. Cutting



has been adopted by her uncle, Stephen Ellis Cutting. By his third union there was no issue.

Stephen Ellis Cutting, third child of his parents, born April 13, 1860, married, September 10, 1882, Virginia Pardee Metzger, born May 28, 1865, daughter of Louis and Katherine Metzger, and there were born two children: William Walter, July 8, 1883, and Clarence Eugene Cutting, July 5, 1886. The mother of this family, Mary Ann (Pollicutt) Cutting, died May 26, 1905. She was a woman possessed of many worthy traits of character, and was a consistent member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Rossville. They also had an adopted daughter, Mary Lillian, daughter of John G. Cutting.

#### PHILIP N. KAPPLER.

Philip N. Kappler, a prominent gardener of Port Richmond, Staten Island, is the first representative of the Kappler family in Staten Island. He is of German parentage, his father, Philip Kappler, having been a native of Germany and passed all his life there, where he was a school teacher. He married Catharine Kloekner, born in Bavaria, Germany, 1836, daughter of Michael and —— (Brown) Kloekner. Mr. and Mrs. Kappler had nine children: Regina, Margaret, Kate, Alvina, Louisa, Lena, Jacob, Caroline, and Philip N., see forward. Philip Kappler died March 10, 1885.

Philip N. Kappler, son of Philip and Catharine (Kloekner) Kappler, was born in South Germany, July 23, 1850. He received an excellent education there, and in 1874, at the age of twenty-four, he came to America and settled in New York. He took up the occupation of gardening, for which he had always evinced a decided interest, and by combining practical working with theoretical knowledge soon made an entire success of his venture. Mr. Kappler is a man who keeps apace with the times.

He is always seeking newer and more improved methods, and applies them with good results in his business. His ambition, energy and enterprise are carrying him rapidly along the road to prosperity.

He married, September 10, 1886, Caroline Göergen, who was a widow. She was born at Hanover, North Germany, daughter of William and Anna (Bryamon) Hüls. William Hüls was born in Germany and lived there, following the occupation of farming until 1879, when he came to America. He married Anna Bryamon, also a native of Germany, and they had four children: Clemence, Bernard, Caroline, who was afterwards the wife of Philip Kappler, and Theresa. Mrs. Kappler's first husband was Peter Göergen, who was a gardener by occupation, and they had four children: Katie, Rose, William and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Kappler have no children.

#### PATRICK DRAY.

Patrick Dray, an old resident of Linoleumville, Staten Island, may well be proud of the Irish stock from which he is descended. His father, Edward Dray, was born and spent his entire life in Ireland. He was a carpenter by trade. He married Mary Ryan, born in Ireland.

Patrick Dray, son of Edward and Mary (Ryan) Dray, was born in Kilkenny county, Ireland, March 17, 1840. After leaving school he worked for some years in Ireland, and then decided to come to America, where he landed in 1862, and settled in New York city. He became one of the great laboring class of the United States, and it has been his pride and boast that he never neglected his work in the smallest particular, however trifling that might have appeared at the time. He is one of that great body of men who form the backbone of our country.

Mr. Dray married, 1863, Margaret Kelley, born at county

Tyrone, Ireland, daughter of Hugh and Ellen (Hamell) Kelley. Mrs. Dray's father, Hugh Kelley, was born in 1796, in the county of Tyrone, Ireland, and was a carpenter by trade. He married Ellen Hamell, born in Ireland, who was fifty years of age when she undertook the voyage to America. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kelley had five children, all but one of whom live in America: Mary; Patrick, married Catharine Wright, and resides in New York; Margaret, married Patrick Dray; Catharine; Michael, married Anna Donnelly, and also resides in New York. Mrs. Patrick Dray's paternal grandfather was James Kelley, born in Ireland. He was a farmer and a noted horseman there, being the owner of the entire town of Mulligahbaugh. He married Catharine Martin, also a native of Ireland, and they had five children: Hugh, Bernard Alias, James, John and Susan. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dray are the parents of five children: Ellen, born October 8, 1866, Margaret, born June 17, 1868; Edward, born January 23, 1872; Catharine, born August 22, 1874; Mary, born August 4, 1879.

#### JOHN W. DEPUY.

Many years have elapsed since the Depuy family made its first settlement on Staten Island. Enos Depuy, father of John W. Depuy, was born at Tottenville, Staten Island, 1819. He received his education there and then entered into the butcher business. He married Ellen Woglem, born at Tottenville. They had twelve children: Minard W., William H., Abraham E., John W., see forward; Hannah E., Elmira G., Mary E., Amy J., Peter, deceased; Anna, deceased; and two who died in infancy.

John W. Depuy, son of Enos and Ellen (Woglem) Depuy, was born at Butcherville, Staten Island, February 26, 1850. He received an excellent education in the public schools of Graniteville and New Springville, Staten Island. He was apt and

studious and made thoroughly good use of his time while attending these schools, a fact which was of the greatest benefit to him in later life in his business career. After leaving school he entered the business of his father, who was a butcher, and remained in his employ until he was twenty-one years of age. He then turned his attention to farming, for which he had always evinced a preference, and made a success of this work. In connection with this he has, for the past nineteen years, carried on a dairy business very successfully. He is a man of progressive ideas, and takes the liveliest interest in all matters of public welfare. He is a kind and helpful neighbor and is greatly respected by his fellow townsmen.

He married, December 21, 1870, Eugenia Depuy, born at New Springville, Staten Island, daughter of Abner and Julia (Liscomb) Depuy. Abner Depuy was born at New Springville, Staten Island, 1821, and followed a waterside calling. He married Julia Liscomb, born at Patchogue, Long Island, daughter of Uriah and Louisa Liscomb. Mr. and Mrs. Abner Depuy had four children: Theodore, Eugenia, married John W. Depuy; George, and Gertrude. Mrs. John W. Depuy's maternal grandfather, Uriah Liscomb, was captain of a large steamer. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Depuy have had five children: 1. Charles, born September 9, 1871, at Graniteville, married Ella Barnes, and resides at Port Richmond; he is a carpenter; they have two children: Harold and Clinton. 2. Fletcher, born at Graniteville, is a carpenter; married Belle Rutherford, and has two children: John and Anna. 3. Minnie, born at Graniteville, married George Gail, who is a machinist, and they reside in Graniteville; they have three children: Eugenia, Edith and Charles. 4. Mabel, born Graniteville, married Edward Gale, who is an electrician, and lives in Graniteville. They have one child, Gertrude. 5. Grace, born Graniteville, resides at home.

## LAURITZ ANDERSON.

Lauritz Anderson was born July 12, 1845, in Copenhagen, Denmark, and received the benefit of an excellent education there. After leaving school he was apprenticed to the trades of blacksmith and machinist. He received a thorough instruction in these and came to this country well equipped to make his way in the new world. He arrived in America, June 5, 1886, commenced business as a machinist, and has been successful from the very beginning of his business career. His untiring energy and faithful attention to all the many details of his calling have contributed not a little to his prosperity. He has made many friends in the land of his adoption, both among his countrymen and those who were born in this country.

He married, August 13, 1890, Anna M. Larison, born July 29, 1853, in Norway, came to this country in 1887, and settled in Brooklyn, New York. She is a daughter of Andrew and Anna D. (Hanson) Larison, the former a gardener by occupation, and they had the following children: Lawrence A., Peter, Mary, Anna M. Mrs. Anderson's maternal grandfather was Lars Nelson, who was a carpenter and builder by trade, and married Margaret Nelson. They had the following named children: Nelson, Larsen, Abraham, Anna, Laura, Mary A. (twin), Mellie (twin), Charles (twin), Carroll (twin), Lowery, Correan, Ludweck, John H., Abraham, Anna D.

## GRAHAM H. MUNROE.

Graham H. Munroe is a well known florist, residing on Staten Island, but is not a native of that place. His father, Richard T. Munroe, was born on the Bermuda Island, and lived there for many years. He followed the occupation of painting. He married Mary E. Meaney, and they had the following named children: Reginald, Graham H., Wellesley, Inez.

Graham H. Munroe, son of Richard T. and Mary E. (Meaney) Muuroe, was born on the Island of Bermuda, July 21, 1871. He received his education there, and in 1891 came to New York and settled there. In 1895 he removed to Staten Island, and in 1898 bought the C. B. Richard's residence and made it his home. He has been active in various ways since his residence on Staten Island, and always takes a prominent part in anything or any movement that promises to be for the public good.

He married Catharine May Simonson, born May 24, 1869, on Staten Island, daughter of William C. and Barbara A. (Reeder) Simonson. Mr. Simonson was born on Staten Island, 1835, and his business has been that of a general contractor and painter. He served for three years in the Civil war, and at the close was mustered out. He married Barbara A. Reeder, born in Albany, New York, April 15, 1833. Mr. and Mrs. Simonson had one child, Catharine May, who became the wife of Graham H. Munroe. Mrs. Munroe's grandfather was Benjamin Simonson, born on Staten Island. He was a farmer by occupation. He married Catharine Cary, who was also a native of Staten Island. They had the following children: Julia, Helen, Benjamin, William, Elizabeth, Isaac, Henry, and Samuel. Mr. and Mrs. Graham H. Munroe have five children: Ethelma, born September 19, 1897. Nevada M., born January 8, 1899. Arnold G., born June 11, 1900. Geneva B., born September 24, 1902. Florence E., born December 9, 1905.

#### JOSHUA D. CORSON.

The Corson family has been settled in America for many generations, but the earliest member of the family of whom we have any definite information is Richard Corson, born in the state of New Jersey, and followed the occupation of farming.



He married Elizabeth Egbert and they had the following named children: Gertrude, Eliza, Richard, Sarah, George, Katie, Abraham, Ann, Joseph, David, and Daniel.

Abraham Corson, third son and seventh child of Richard Corson, was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, November 20, 1803. He followed the sea for the greater part of his life, but some years before his death removed to Staten Island and commenced the business of a general contractor, in which he was very successful. He married Rebecca Drake, born at Mariner Harbor, Staten Island, February 11, 1806, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Van Name) Drake. Elizabeth (Van Name) Drake was a native of Staten Island and was the daughter of Moses Van Name. Mr. and Mrs. Drake had the following named children: Carron, Rebecca, Moses, John, Marie, Joshua. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Corson had eleven children, as follows: Hannah, Mary, John, Ann, who is the wife of John Bush; Margaret, Joshua D., Sarah, John, Moses, Katie, Deborah. Only Ann is living at present.

Joshua D. Corson, second son and sixth child of Abraham and Rebecca (Drake) Corson, was born at Mariner Harbor, Staten Island, April 16, 1837. He received his education in the public schools of that place, and at the early age of sixteen commenced a seafaring life. He had numerous adventures, among them being the experience of shipwreck in the West Indies when his ship capsized and he was forced to maintain a position on the bottom of the vessel for five days and nights, without food or drink, until picked up by the ship "May Queen," which was bound for Liverpool, England, and landed him in safety there. He was also shipwrecked on the Jersey coast and was picked up by the schooner "Belle." But all his sufferings on the ocean could not induce him to give up the life of a sailor.

Joshua D. Corson married, April 12, 1861, Eleanora E.

Gosline, born December 11, 1842, at New York city, daughter of William Lawrence and Eliza M. (Johnson) Gosline. Mr. Gosline was born in the city of New York, and was a carpenter by trade. He married Eliza M. Johnson, born on Staten Island, and they had four children: William, Jemima J., Tabitha M., and Eleanora E., who became the wife of Joshua D. Corson. Mr. and Mrs. Joshua D. Corson have had nine children, as follows: 1. Ellie, born May 11, 1862, married William Decker, now deceased. 2. Kohler, born April 18, 1865. 3. Edmond, born January 22, 1868. 4. William, born July 14, 1870, married Mary Robb, of West Brighton, Staten Island, and is in the employ of the city. 5. Abraham, born February 11, 1873, married Rose Smith. 6. Bertram, born August 24, 1875. 7. Joshua, born November 20, 1877, married Tillie Chaudler. 8. Carrie F., born December 7, 1880, married Wilbur Realin. 9. Melville, born February 20, 1884, married Mary Clark.

#### JACOB SMITH.

Jacob Smith, a patriotic and enterprising German-American citizen of City Island, borough of the Bronx, where he has become well and favorably known as the preserver of the old frigate sloop "Macedonia," which has become a matter of considerable local historic interest. The English frigate "Macedonia," captured on Friday, October 25, 1812, by the United States frigate, "United States," was commanded by Captain Stephen Decatur. The action was fought in latitude 24 north and longitude 29° 30' west; that is about six hundred miles northwest of the Cape De Verde Islands, on west coast of Africa; was towed into Cow Bay, 1874.

Jacob Smith was born at Kaisers Lantern, in the Rhine Pfalz district, kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, February 11, 1841, son of Frederick William and Rosanna (Wail) Schmitt,



Jacob Smith, Wife, Children and Grandchildren



and was one of a family of eight children, six of whom emigrated to the United States and took up their residence in New York city, and two of whom died in the Fatherland. The six children who emigrated to the United States were as follows: 1. Wilhelmina, married William Seltzer. 2. William, died in New York city at the age of sixteen years. 3. Jacob, of this review. 4. Annie, who married Charles Steger. 5. Nicholas, married Sarah Frank. 6. Peter, married Margaret ———. The mother of the aforementioned children came to the United States in 1850 and died in New Rochelle, Westchester county, New York, in 1868. Her husband, Frederick William Schmitt, passed away in the Fatherland in 1847.

Jacob Smith, of this review, came to the United States in 1850 and with the family took up his abode in New York city, where he received his elementary training. Upon attaining to manhood years he learned the machinist trade, which line of occupation he followed for some time. In 1872 he came to City Island and there continued to follow his trade until 1888. That year, after having received permission from the United States government to undertake the task of restoring the old frigate sloop "Macedonia," he did so and added an annex to the same, using it for living purposes and also as a family and picnic resort, which has become popularly known as the Macedonia Hotel. During his residence at City Island, Mr. Smith has at all times taken an active interest in the material welfare of the neighborhood. He is an active member of the Mt. Vernon Singing Verein and such other organizations as have for their object the advancement of the social interests of the community.

He married, in New York city, December 6, 1864, Sarah Ann Hyde, born May 28, 1840, daughter of James K. and Clara (Jennings) Hyde. Of this marriage were born the following children: 1. Jacob P., born March 14, 1866, married Louise

Lecky. 2. Sarah L., born November 5, 1868, married John P. Hawkins, Jr., of City Island. 3. Phoebe E., born November 19, 1870, married Captain John Crawford. 4. Elizabeth J., born November 17, 1872, married John Stradinger, of Van Ness, borough of the Bronx. 5. Joseph, born December 12, 1874, married Decie Mayer. 6. Mary H., born September 26, 1876, married Thomas Coltart, of City Island. 7. Isaac, died at the age of five years. 8. Frank Harrison, who lost his life by drowning at the age of nineteen. 9. Martha, died at the early age of one year. The mother of the aforementioned children died December 2, 1894; she was a consistent christian lady and a member of the Episcopal church.

#### WILLIAM HENRY SCOFIELD.

William Henry Scofield was a useful and highly respected citizen for many years of City Island, borough of Bronx, where he was born December 28, 1828. His parents were William and Maria (Bishop) Scofield, who were among the first land owners of City Island, where they were engaged in farming throughout the active years of their life. They were the parents of five children: 1. William Henry, see forward. 2. Mary Ann, born January 15, 1829, married Elisha Booth, September 3, 1848, and has children: Isabella, born September 3, 1849, married David Craft, December 31, 1869, and has one child, Agnes Craft, born July 28, 1875, died February 7, 1876. Spencer S., born July 18, 1865, married Carrie Magnus, August 27, 1891; she was born September 11, 1869, and has children: Frank L., born July, 1893; Florence, born February 1, 1895. Maria S., born April 17, 1869, died April 16, 1889. 3. Elizabeth, married Samuel Pell, of City Island. 4. Sarah, married Ezra Waterhouse, of City Island. 5. Daniel, died aged about nineteen years.



Macedonia Hotel, City Island, New York, Jacob Smith, Proprietor





William H. Scofield received his educational training in the schools of City Island, and was reared to manhood years under the parental roof. Upon taking up the practical duties of life, he engaged in the oyster planting and shipping business, in which line of pursuit he was successfully engaged for many years. In addition to his commercial interests, he took an active part in all social and church enterprises of City Island, and frequently gave of his time and substance for charitable purposes. In all his affairs he became known as a just and upright man. He passed away February 19, 1902.

Mr. Scofield married, January, 1867, Sarah Fritts, born August 6, 1829, in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (McKinney) Fritts. Of this marriage were born two children, both of whom died in early life. The faithful wife survives her husband and resides on the homestead at City Island.

#### ARCHIBALD ROBERTSON.

Archibald Robertson, a progressive and enterprising citizen of City Island, where he is engaged in the ship, yacht and launch building trade, is a grandson of Nicholas F. Robertson, who was a native of Scotland, came to America in 1812 and settled in one of the Canadian provinces. His son, Henry R., father of Archibald Robertson, was born at Prince Edward Island, 1815, and he married Martha Mum, who was born at Pictou, Canada, 1817.

Archibald Robertson was born at Charlottetown, province of Nova Scotia, Canada, May 24, 1842, and was there educated in the schools of his native town and at Calais, Maine. Upon attaining to manhood years he learned the ship carpenter's trade at Calais, where he followed the trade for a number of years and later removed to Hartford, Connecticut, where he

again took up his profession, continuing there until 1877, when he came to City Island and here purchased lands, formerly a part of the Fordham estate, and shorerights, upon which he established his ship building plant, and by his industry and enterprise built up a successful trade in building yachts and pleasure craft. Among his patrons were some of New York's leading representative men. In addition to his commercial interests, Mr. Robertson takes an active interest in all enterprises that have for their objects the material good and welfare of the community in which he resides. He is an active member of Pelham Lodge, No. 712, F. and A. M., and also Huguenot Council, and New Rochelle Lodge. Royal Arcanum. Mr. Robertson is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church at City Island and has served as a member of the board of trustees of the same for over fifteen years. He retired from active business pursuits in 1906, and resides in a pleasant cottage on King avenue, overlooking Long Island sound.

Archibald Robertson married, at Calais, Maine, October 4, 1870. Mary Agnes Martin, born May 4, 1851, daughter of Alexander and Jane (Wilson) Martin, both natives of Calais, Maine. Of this marriage Mr. Robertson had born to him the following children: 1. Jessie May, born July 19, 1872, married John Spencer, and has one son, Archibald Spencer. 2. Florence, died in infancy. 3. Lawrence. 4. Annie Grace, born at Hartford, Connecticut, July 20, 1875. 5. Jennie Bell, died aged nine years. 6. Archibald, Jr., died in his second year. 7. Edith Louise, born August 24, 1882. 8. Alice Martin, born March 4, 1884. 9. Martha, born February 6, 1888, died September 26, 1904. 10. Alexander, born February 5, 1891, died in his second year. The faithful wife and mother of the aforementioned children passed away March 8, 1905. She was a consistent Christian





*William Walsh*

lady, possessed of many excellencies of character and contributed much of her time in assisting those in want, in time of sickness, and in many other ways.

#### WILLIAM HENRY WALSH.

William Henry Walsh was a highly respected and useful citizen of Throggs Neck, borough of Bronx, where he was born April 19, 1843, and was of the third generation in line of descent of William and Margaret (McMurray) Walsh.

William Walsh, the first ancestor and founder of this family in America, was a native of Ireland. He married Margaret McMurray, and of this marriage were born two children—William and Mary Ann Walsh, who married Patrick Doherty, who was a native of Ireland, and for many years a highly respected citizen of New York city. William Walsh, the father of the aforementioned children, after a long and useful life, passed away in New York city, and his son William upon attaining to manhood years took up his residence at Throggs Neck, in 1832. He purchased what was known as the old Hawthorn farm at Schuylerville, where he engaged in farming and spent the remaining years of his life. He passed away at the family homestead in 1878. He was a frugal and industrious man and was highly respected by all who knew him.

William Walsh, Jr., married Margaret Condon, who bore him a family of nine children, as follows: 1. Mary Ann, born December 1, 1834, died October 26, 1865. 2. Margaret, January 28, 1837. 3. Ellen, born April 18, 1838, died February 11, 1839. 4. William, born October 2, 1839, died December 19, 1841. 5. James, July 28, 1841, died August 5, 1861. 6. William, see forward. 7. John, February 7, 1845, married Anna McGroey. 8. Joseph, March 27, 1849, died December 8, 1894. 9. Charles Francis, March 6, 1853, married Mary Taylor. Both

the parents of the aforementioned children were faithful communicants of St. Raymond's Roman Catholic Church. Margaret (Condon) Walsh died July 17, 1879.

William Henry Walsh, third son and sixth child of William and Margaret (Condon) Walsh, was educated in the schools of Throggs Neck, and was reared to manhood under the parental roof. He followed in the footsteps of his father, and for a number of years was engaged at farming and other occupations. In 1884 he was appointed superintendent of St. Raymond's cemetery at Schuylerville, and for a period of twenty-one years faithfully discharged the duties pertaining to that position. Mr. Walsh was well known for his punctuality and fidelity to duty, and was everywhere regarded as a reliable and conscientious man in all his affairs of life. He was an active member of the Holy Name Society of St. Raymond's parish, and at the time of his death, which occurred January 7, 1905, the community lost a good and useful citizen.

William Henry Walsh married, February 5, 1873, Martha J. Waters, born April 1, 1844, daughter of Bernard and Catherine (Searing) Waters, the former a native of the Emerald Isle and the latter of White Plains, Westchester county, New York. Of this marriage were born three children, as follows: 1. Mary A., November 21, 1873. 2. James J., May 12, 1876, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York city, and is now practicing medicine at No. 1043 Longwood avenue, borough of Bronx. 3. Catherine Margaret, November 4, 1886, died August 15, 1888.

#### JOHN BOLEN.

John Bolen, deceased, for many years a successful and enterprising citizen of the village of Schuylerville, Throggs Neck, was born in the town of Wexford, Ireland. He was reared to

manhood in his native land, educated in the common schools of his district, and upon emigrating to the United States at once took up his residence at Throggs Neck, and for a number of years thereafter worked at various occupations, succeeding by means of thrift and economy in accumulating sufficient capital to enable him to engage in the baking business, in which line he was eminently successful, building up a large and lucrative trade, the result of perseverance, diligence and honesty. Mr. Bolen purchased considerable real estate at Schuylerville, and was an active factor in advancing the material interests of the village. "Bolen Green," which was named in honor of Mr. Bolen, was a source of pleasure and recreation to the residents of the community. Mr. Bolen took an active interest in public affairs, serving for a number of years as road commissioner, and during his tenure of office aided materially in improving the roads on Throggs Neck and immediate neighborhood. He was a faithful communicant of St. Raymond's Roman Catholic Church, to the support of which he contributed liberally. After a long and useful life, Mr. Bolen died at his home in Schuylerville, 1865.

Mr. Bolen married (first) ————, who bore him one son, Edward, who served as a member of a cavalry company in the Union army during the Civil war. Mr. Bolen married (second) Catharine Burns, born in Ireland, died at the Bolen homestead, April 6, 1903. She was a daughter of Michael Burns, a native of Ireland. Two children were the issue of this marriage, namely: 1. John J., married Georgiana Flanigan. 2. Mary A., married, November 26, 1887, John Murphy, born October 29, 1863, at Pleasant Valley, Dutchess county, New York, son of Timothy and Margaret (Sherman) Murphy, natives of Ireland, the latter having been born in Tipperary county. John Murphy was reared and educated in his native town. In

1885 he came to Schuylerville and engaged in the mercantile trade, establishing himself in the premises formerly occupied by his father-in-law, John Bolen, and by his thrift and enterprise has done much in a material way for the good and welfare of the neighborhood in which he resides, and has won the respect and esteem of all who know him. He and his family are faithful communicants of St. Raymond's Roman Catholic Church, and he is associated with the Holy Name Society of the parish, also the Knights of Columbus. Seven children were born to John and Mary A. (Bolen) Murphy, as follows: John J., born March 19, 1888; William J., June 7, 1889; James Edward, March 28, 1894; Timothy Francis, June 30, 1896; Charles, February 3, 1899, died September 10, 1899; Raymond, February 28, 1900; Leo Aloysius, June 6, 1902; Vincent, July 11, 1906.

#### CHARLES FRANCIS WALSH.

Charles Francis Walsh, ninth and youngest child of William and Margaret (Condon) Walsh, was born at the family homestead at Schuylerville, borough of Bronx, March 6, 1853. He was educated in the schools of the neighborhood and was reared to manhood under the parental roof. Upon taking up the practical duties of life he learned the machinist's trade, and after faithfully serving a full apprenticeship became engaged at his trade, and finally entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company, No. 26 Broadway, New York city, where he held the position of chief engineer for a period of ten years. His death occurred at the family homestead at Schuylerville, December 10, 1888. Not unlike his worthy ancestors, he upheld the family traditions and became a good and useful citizen. He was a faithful communicant of St. Raymond's Roman Catholic Church, and gave liberally of his time and substance for



the social and moral welfare of the neighborhood in which he resided.

Charles Francis Walsh married, 1881-82, Mary Taylor, born 1855, daughter of Alexander and Marion Taylor, both natives of Glasgow, Scotland, and of this marriage were born four children, as follows: 1. Alexander Francis, born February 4, 1883. 2. William Henry, born May 17, 1884. 3. Joseph J., born February 28, 1886. 4. Charles Francis, born December 12, 1887. The faithful wife and mother of the aforementioned children died at the family homestead August 9, 1900. She was a lady of the old-school type and was possessed of many excellent qualities of mind and heart.

Alexander Francis Walsh, eldest child of Charles Francis and Mary (Taylor) Walsh, received his elementary educational training in the schools of Throggs Neck. This was supplemented by a course at the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie. Upon taking up the practical duties of life he became engaged with his uncle, William Henry Walsh, who was then superintendent of St. Raymond's cemetery, and by his fidelity to duty and punctuality in his work was appointed to the position of assistant superintendent and held that position up to the time of his uncle's death in 1905. Mr. Walsh succeeded to his uncle's position in 1906, and has since faithfully discharged the duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

#### WILLIAM VICKERY.

William Vickery, deceased, for many years a useful and highly respected citizen of City Island, where he was for many years engaged in garden farming, which line of pursuit was his chief employment, was born in the parish of Withel Flory, in Somersetshire, England, in May, 1824.

He was there educated and reared to manhood and trained

to the routine of farm life. In 1854 he decided to come to the United States, hoping to find a broader field for his skill and labor, and upon arriving in New York city settled at City Island, where he entered the employ of Bruce Hunter, and then came to Pelham, where he found employment with Joshua Leviness, at garden farming. After working two years and saving his capital, Mr. Vickery purchased land from Joshua Leviness, upon which he erected the house where the family now resides on Maine street, City Island. Soon after locating there Mrs. Vickery engaged in storekeeping, and two years later purchased the lot and store adjacent to the old house and has since conducted the mercantile business on these premises. In addition to the storekeeping business Mr. and Mrs. Vickery had leased over sixty acres on City Island, where they conducted a successful garden farm, shipping nearly all their products to the markets of New York city. They both continued in this line of work until the death of Mr. Vickery, which occurred October 27, 1871, and for nine years after her husband's death Mrs. Vickery conducted the garden farm in connection with the store. William Vickery was a consistent member of the Episcopal church at City Island, and during the many years of his active and busy life became well and favorably known and was highly respected.

William Vickery married, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Bristol, England, 1854, Jane Vickery, born September 1, 1821, daughter of John and Sarah (Redler) Vickery, she being of no kin or relationship. Of this marriage were born the following children: 1. Ellen, born 1854, died August 25, 1870, aged sixteen years. 2. Robert J., born March 13, 1856, died June 7, 1902; he married Mary L. Prout, born December 14, 1861, died December 22, 1881; she was of Newark, New Jersey; they had one daughter, Ellen Jane Vickery. Robert J. Vickery married (second), January 6, 1886, Marian Horton, born January 27, 1856, daughter of

Captain Benjamin Franklin and Delia (Abbott) Horton, and three children were born of this union, namely: Jane Roseland, born October 13, 1886, died January 7, 1888; William F., born April 25, 1888; Marian Horton, born November 8, 1890. 3. William Frederick, born December 17, 1859, died November 25, 1885; he married Emma A. McClennon, born September 8, 1858, died August 13, 1889, daughter of Charles and Amelia McClennon, and had children: Robert William, born July 5, 1878; Annette, born November 12, 1880, married Edward Williams and has children: Robert Lewis and Roland Vickery Williams. Charles Evison, born September 26, 1883.

#### FREDERICK WILLIAM KOCH.

Frederick William Koch, a highly respected German-American citizen of Throggs Neck, borough of the Bronx, where he has been a resident for many years, was born in the village of Haberstedt, court district of Minden, province of Westphalia, Germany, February 2, 1827. His parents were Ernest and Christina (Lubking) Koch, both of whom were natives of Haberstedt, and of their marriage had born three sons and one daughter, all of whom, except Frederick W., spent their lives in the fatherland.

Frederick William Koch, of this review, was educated in the schools of the fatherland, and in 1849, being exempt from military duty, decided to come to the United States, hoping there to find a broader field for his skill and labor. Upon arriving in New York city, May 8, 1849, he at once found employment as a gardener, and in 1851 began business on his own account, having leased land from the Astor estate, and located at Forty-fourth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, where he remained for four years in this pursuit, and in 1855 removed to One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street between Seventh and Eighth avenues, New York city. In 1867, having by his industry, thrift and

economy accumulated sufficient capital, he purchased the old Ferris homestead property, consisting of twenty acres at Throggs Neck, and has since resided there.

Mr. Koch married, July 16, 1851, Louisa Heitkam, born 1823, a native of Blasheim province, of Westphalia, kingdom of Prussia, Germany, and of this marriage had born to him the following children: 1. Frederick William, Jr., born June 5, 1852, married Wilhelmina Lappe, born March 6, 1871, daughter of William and Wilhelmina (Schwarz) Lappe, both of whom were natives of the province of Hanover, Germany, and they have children: William, born September 29, 1894; Wilhelmina, born September 24, 1899. 2. Margaretta, born March 15, 1854, married Samuel Berrian, of New York city, and has children: Margaret, Samuel, Adolph, Susan, Lilly, Carrie, and Bella, who are yet living, and four who are dead, viz.: Annie, died aged twenty years; Mamie, died aged fourteen; Ephraim, died aged eighteen years; and William, died aged eighteen months. 3. Mary, married John Schmh, of Westchester, and her children are William and Margaret Schmh. Louise (Heitkam) Koch died July 16, 1879. Mr. Koch and his family are faithful attendants of the German Lutheran church.

#### ISAAC BUTLER.

Isaac Butler, a highly respected and well known citizen of Westchester, sexton of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, borough of Bronx, a position which he has held for many years, is descended from English ancestors.

Joseph Butler, the great-grandfather of Isaac Butler, was a resident of Somersetshire, England, and was a farmer by occupation.

William Butler, son of Joseph Butler, was born in Somersetshire, where he spent most of the active years of his life,



*Isaac Butler*



occupied with the cultivation of a farm. He married Martha Palmer.

William Butler, son of William and Martha (Palmer) Butler, was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1800, spent all his life there, and died in that place in April, 1836. He was a silk worker by occupation and followed that line of work throughout the active years of his life. He operated an extensive factory giving employment to as many as one hundred operatives. He married Ann Hill, who was also a native of Somersetshire, and who survived him many years, dying at the mature age of eighty-three years. William and Ann (Hill) Butler had a number of children, of whom the following named came to America: Isaac, of this review. Stephen, see forward. Martha Ann Palmer, married George Griswold and settled at Meriden, Connecticut.

Isaac Butler, eldest son of William and Ann (Hill) Butler, was born in the village of Everreech, Somersetshire, England, May 30, 1825. He was educated in the schools of his native town, Everreech, and at the age of fourteen was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade. He served an apprenticeship of seven years and then worked as a journeyman up to 1849, when he decided to come to the United States. He was betrothed at the time of his decision, and he thought it advisable to marry before setting out for the new world. He sailed the day after his marriage and, after a tedious voyage of eight weeks, landed at New York city. Upon his arrival he at once settled at West Farms, where he commenced working at his trade of carpenter and followed that for a period of about four years. In 1853 he removed to Unionport, where he built a house for himself in which he continued to reside until July, 1856, when he removed to Westchester and pursued his trade there for some time. In the same year he became connected and identified with St.

Peter's Episcopal Church and was made sexton thereof, a position he still holds at the present time (1906). Mr. Butler finally relinquished his trade as carpenter and became engaged in the undertaking business, which line of enterprise he has conducted in connection with his official duties at St. Peter's Church. Among his patrons are many of the leading citizens of the borough of the Bronx.

Isaac Butler is a careful and painstaking man in all his undertakings and scrupulously just in all his business transactions, and it may be correctly stated that he has served as sexton of St. Peter's Church at Westchester for fifty years and has always made punctuality and fidelity to duty his chief object. He has proven himself to be a progressive and enterprising citizen, and has, during these many years, contributed much to the growth and advancement of the community wherein he resides. He has always taken an active interest in such enterprises as had for their object the good and welfare of the neighborhood. He has served for over fifteen years on the school board and has done much for the furtherance of educational interests. He is an active member of Wyoming Lodge, No. 492, Free and Accepted Masons, and was the first member initiated into this lodge, of which he is a past master.

Isaac Butler married, April 9, 1849, Anna Cox, born February 22, 1825, daughter of Richard and Patience (Read) Cox, both natives of Somersetshire, England. Mrs. Butler died October 1, 1889. She was a most estimable woman of the old school type and possessed many excellent attributes of character. Isaac Butler and his wife were the parents of the following named children: 1. Martha Annie, born September 25, 1852, married Henry V. Arnow, June 20, 1875, and had one son: Isaac Reed Butler Arnow, born August 1, 1876, who married, December 28, 1897, Louise Julia Diehl, born July 30, 1877, and



had the following children: Annie Mildred, born January 12, 1899; Ruth Louise, born June 16, 1900; Marie Julia, born October 23, 1901; Isaac Butler, born September 8, 1904. 2. William Richard, born May 16, 1854, married Florence Thwaites, born July 26, 1856, and had the following children: Florence Taylor, born March 5, 1883, married Robert Crooker and has one child, born November 24, 1904; Frank Richard, born September 13, 1886; Roy Elwood, born October 1, 1890. The two latter children are students in the public schools.

Stephen Butler, second son of William and Ann (Hill) Butler, born at Evercreech, Somersetshire, England, April 9, 1830, received his educational training in his native country. He also learned the trade of indoor blacksmith, serving an apprenticeship of five years, his mother paying to the master for his tuition the sum of sixteen pounds sterling. Upon completing his apprenticeship the young mechanic received from his master twenty-five cents in payment for special work done on a holiday. Shortly afterwards Mr. Butler decided to come to the United States, his object being to join his brother Isaac who had previously emigrated to this country. He accordingly set sail, landed in New York city, and immediately began work at his trade, but later took up carpentering, which line of work he soon mastered in all its various details, and continued at this business for a number of years. In 1859 he met with a serious and painful accident, having been impaled on a picket fence caused by a fall while at his work. Upon recovering his former health and strength he pursued his trade up to October, 1903, when he retired from active business pursuits. Mr. Butler lost his life by accident on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, near West Farms, January 6, 1906.

Mr. Butler married, January 1, 1856, Anna Card, born June 6, 1830, daughter of Clark and Mary Card, of Bruton,

Somersetshire, England. Of this marriage there were four children: William C., born November 23, 1856, married Sarah Robinson, and has children: Eugene, Sarah, William and Lillie. Eugene Francis, born July 5, 1858, married Mary Duffy, and has children: Arthur, Mabel, Lucy, Stephen, Miriam, Vincent and Clark. Arthur K., born February 9, 1863. Katie Louise, born November 15, 1865. Mrs. Butler, who was a dutiful wife and loving mother, passed away April 9, 1902. She was a most estimable lady of the old school type, was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew her, and was a member of the Baptist church.

#### JACOB CROPSY SWAIM.

Jacob Cropsy Swaim, for many years a venerable and well known citizen of New Dorp, where he was in the government employ for a period of over thirty-five years, was born at the village of Amadale, town of Westfield, borough of Richmond, December 18, 1827, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Taylor) Swaim, both of whom were natives of the same town.

Benjamin Swaim was a farmer by occupation, was regarded as a highly respected citizen, and spent the whole of his life's career in his native town, where he died in 1828. He was a son of Benjamin and Martha Swaim, also of the town of Westfield. The Swaim family have been for many years identified with the affairs of Staten Island, their first ancestors having been among the early colonial settlers. Benjamin Swaim, Jr., married Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Abner and Martha Taylor, both natives of the town of Westfield. The latter lived to the mature age of ninety-seven years, and her husband, Abner Taylor, passed away aged eighty-seven years. Benjamin and Elizabeth (Taylor) Swaim had a family of five children: 1. Martha, married Joseph Y. Williams, of West-

field. 2. Benjamin, did not marry, died at the age of twenty-three years. 3. Elizabeth, married William Lewis, of Westfield. 4. Dina, married Thomas Canary, and after his death married James Foster, of the town of Westfield. 5. Jacob Cropsy, whose name introduces this review.

Jacob C. Swaim was educated and reared to manhood in his native town, and upon taking up the practical duties of life became engaged in the oyster planting business. In 1857 he became employed in the New York City Police Department, where he remained for a period of nine years, after which he became employed in the Quarantine Department of a Port of New York city. In 1872 he was transferred to the Light House Department at Tompkinsville, where he continued until 1876, which year he was transferred to the Elm Tree light house at New Dorp Beach, borough of Richmond, where he was actively engaged up to his death, February 13, 1906. Mr. Swaim was highly appreciated by the government authorities for his reliability and fidelity to duty.

Jacob Cropsy Swaim was married in the town of Westfield, borough of Richmond, May 16, 1848, to Ann Winant, daughter of Daniel and Ann Winant, and of this marriage had born a family of seven children, as follows: 1. Jacob, married Rosie ———; he died aged twenty-three years, leaving one child, Catherine Swaim. 2. Benjamin, who died in infancy. 3. Lanah, married George Cornell, and has children, John, Mary, Jennie, and Jessie Cornell. 4. Elizabeth, died aged two years. 5. Elizabeth 2d, married Augustus Divina, and has four children. 6. Matilda, married John Amos, of Rosebank, and has nine children, Jacob, Edward, John, Catherine, Robert, Bell, Winford, Theodore and ———. 7. A child who died in infancy. The mother of the aforementioned children, Ann (Winant) Swaim, died December 2, 1875. Mr. Swaim married (second) Bertha

Gillette; she died without issue. Mr. Swaim married (third) Bell Wood, who died July, 1898, without issue. Mr. Swaim married (fourth) Sarah Dunning, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Heffern) Hartley, and widow of Barney Dunning, deceased. Of this marriage were children as follows: 1. Jacob C., Jr., born July 22, 1899. 2. Anna Norman, born August 11, 1900. 3. Amanda Johnson, born February 12, 1903.

#### PATRICK SEAVER.

Patrick Seaver was for many years a useful and highly respected citizen of the borough of Richmond, where he was engaged in the milling business and agricultural pursuits in the town of Southfield. Mr. Seaver was a native of the Emerald Isle, where he was born December 26, 1813, son of Patrick and Julia (McGlynn) Seaver. His father was a shoe manufacturer and retail dealer in the city of Dublin, where he was well known and highly respected by all who knew him. He came to the United States and took up his abode in Richmond county, where he died July 31, 1855.

Patrick Seaver married Julia McGlynn, and of this marriage were born the following children: 1. James, born in 1811, came to the United States and settled in New York city. 2. Patrick, see forward. 3. Anna, married Samuel Allen; she came to the United States and settled in Richmond county. 4. Margaret, died in her native country; she had married but left no issue. 5. Thomas, born in 1819, came to the United States in 1848, settled in Richmond county, married Bridget Gaffney. 6. Mary, died in the early years of womanhood in her native land. 7. Jane, died in the early years of womanhood in her native land. 8. Bridget, came to the United States in 1848, settled in Richmond county; married John McLee, and removed to Rockford, Illinois. 9. Lawrence, see forward, born October

9, 1830, married Julia Burk; he settled in Richmond county, where he was for a number of years engaged in the milling business.

Patrick Seaver, whose name introduces this sketch, received his educational training in his native land and there learned the milling trade. In 1846, he came to the United States, taking up his abode in New York city, where he found employment for a short time. He next located near the village of Richmond, where he engaged in the milling business on his own account, having operated the old Crocheron tide water mill for a period of over fourteen years. In 1862 Mr. Seaver purchased a tract of land from Gilpin and Merritt in the town of Southfield, and later purchased additional land which was added to his original purchase, making in all about one hundred and eleven acres. These lands Mr. Seaver successfully cultivated during the active years of his life. He passed away at his home, May 2, 1877, leaving to his family not only an ample competence but the priceless heritage of an honorable name. Mr. Seaver was a faithful communicant of the Roman Catholic church of Richmond, having been one of the organizers of the same.

Patrick Seaver was married at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church at West New Brighton, borough of Richmond, by the Rev. Father Murphy, March 31, 1851, to Maria Naughton, born at Queens county, Ireland, March 26, 1826, daughter of John and Kate (Delaney) Naughton, and of this marriage Mr. Seaver had born to him a family of nine children: 1. John, who died in infancy. 2. Richard, who died aged twenty-one years. 3. Edward, who died aged twenty. 4. James, who died at the age of twenty-six years. 5. Stephen P., who died aged eighteen years. 6. John, who died aged twenty-one years. 7. Mary Katherine. 8. Julia. 9. Lawrence A., married Mary Delaney, of Grant City, borough of Richmond, and has children: Naugh-

ton R., Cletus Augusta, Helen Maria, and Mildred Seaver. The faithful wife and mother of the aforementioned children, Maria (Naughton) Seaver, survives her worthy husband and resides with her children at the family homestead. Mrs. Seaver and her family are faithful communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at Clifton. The Seaver homestead is situated on a tract of land comprising one hundred and eleven acres at Dougan Hills, which is leased by the Richmond County Agricultural Society and thereon the interborough fair and exhibition are annually held.

Lawrence Seaver, born October 9, 1830, received his educational training in the schools of the parish, in Balbriggan, Ireland. In 1846 he came to the United States and took up his abode in Richmond county, near the village of Richmond, where he learned the milling trade with his brother Patrick, continuing in his employ up to 1862, when he became associated with William H. Geib, under the firm name of Geib & Seaver. This arrangement was successfully continued up to 1865, when Mr. Seaver purchased his partner's interests and continued the business alone up to 1880, when, owing to the changed condition of the business, Mr. Seaver sold his interests and retired to his farm which he had purchased in 1872 and where he has since resided with his family up to the present time. During these many years of his residence at Richmond Mr. Seaver has done much by his progress and enterprise for the material good and welfare of the neighborhood. He has at all times taken an active interest in public and social affairs, and has given of his time and substance for charitable and other purposes. Mr. Seaver has served for eighteen years on the board of assessors for the town of Southfield. Politically he is an ardent supporter of the principles of Democracy.

Lawrence Seaver married, January 1, 1862, at St. Patrick's

Roman Catholic Church, by Rev. Father Curran, Julia Burk, born in 1832, a native of county Cork, Ireland, daughter of John and Mary (Hurley) Burk. Of this marriage were born the following children: Ella; Anna, died aged eight years; Margaret, died aged three years; Julia and Lawrence (twins); Lawrence, died aged two years. Mr. Seaver and his family are faithful communicants of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church of Richmond.

#### AXEL THOMSON.

Axel Thomson, for over thirty-five years a citizen of Graniteville, town of Northfield, borough of Richmond, where he was well known and highly respected by all who knew him, was born in the city of Stockholm, Sweden, February 7, 1852, and was an only child of his parents. He received his educational training in the schools of his native city, where he was prepared for the practical duties of life. Having acquired a thorough knowledge as a florist he decided in 1868 to come to the United States, hoping here to find a broader field for his skill and knowledge. Upon arriving here September 30, 1868, he took up his abode in New York city, where he found employment with a Mr. Gabrielson on Twelfth street; he remained for some time and later came with Mr. Gabrielson to New Dorp, borough of Richmond, where he continued in his employ for a number of years. During this time Mr. Thomson by his industry and economy accumulated sufficient capital to begin business on his own account and took up his location near Graniteville, where he engaged in the florist business. In this undertaking he met with a well merited degree of success as the result of his industry and economy. In 1889 he purchased land upon which he at once made considerable improvements and established business in the cultivation of flowers and plants, continuing in this line of pursuit up until

his death, which occurred February 18, 1902. Mr. Thomson took an active interest in the affairs of the community wherein he resided, and for a number of years was an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Axel Thomson married, in New York city, April 1, 1875, Augusta Sanquist, born at the town of Olritzheim, Sweden, August 28, 1850, daughter of Johan and Maria (Lude) Sanquist. Mrs. Thomson came to America in 1874. She is one of a family of three daughters of her parents. Of this marriage Mr. Thomson had born to him a family of three children: 1. Annie, died aged five months. 2. Lena, born February 5, 1878, married Lars Neilsen, October 1, 1905, and has one child, Lawrence Robert Neilsen. 3. Robert, born August 26, 1879.

#### GEORGE BARNES.

George Barnes was a venerable and highly respected citizen of Midland Beach, town of Southfield, borough of Richmond, where he was born at the family homestead and resided throughout the whole period of his life.

The first ancestor of this family was George Barnes, who came from Salisbury, England, some time prior to the Revolutionary war. He took up his abode on Staten Island, and was married there. In 1793 he purchased a large tract of land bordering on the shore of the South Bay, situated in what is now the town of Southfield, borough of Richmond, and here he erected the house which has since been occupied by his descendants. Mr. Barnes spent the remaining years of his life at the homestead, and passed away there, aged ninety years. He had born of his union in marriage, family tradition states, two sons, one of whom was George Barnes, who was born at the family homestead and reared to manhood. Not unlike his worthy an-



cestor, he took up the tilling of the soil, which line of work he pursued throughout the active years of his life.

George Barnes (2) married Sarah Holmes, daughter of Samuel Holmes, of Staten Island, and of this marriage were born three sons and two daughters, namely: 1. George (3), see forward. 2. John, married Rebecca Egbert, and spent the active years of his life in the town of Southfield. 3. Samuel, married and settled in New York city. 4. Sarah, married Alexander Hornby, of New York city. 5. Elizabeth, married Russell Johnson, of Monroe, Connecticut. George Barnes, father of the aforementioned children, died at the family homestead aged forty-two years. His widow survived him for many years, dying when nearly three score years of age.

George Barnes, son of George and Sarah (Holmes) Barnes, was educated in the schools of the neighborhood and reared to manhood under the parental roof. He was a useful and highly respected citizen, and died at the family homestead, August 1, 1871. He married, November 28, 1831, Elizabeth Hornby, daughter of John and Mary Hornby, both of London, England. Of this marriage were born the following children: 1. Robert, born February 7, 1833. 2. Louisa Hornby, married Jacob R. Tysen, of New Dorp, borough of Richmond. 3. Sarah Holmes, unmarried. 4. Charlotte Hornby, unmarried. 5. Mary Elizabeth, married Robert Miller. 6. Emily. The mother of the aforementioned children, Elizabeth (Hornby) Barnes, died November 15, 1879.

Robert Barnes, eldest son of George and Elizabeth (Hornby) Barnes, received his educational training in the schools of the neighborhood of his home. He was reared to manhood under the parental roof, and upon taking up the practical duties of life followed in the footsteps of his forefathers. He became engaged in farming and the shad fishing business, which occupa-

tions he has followed to the present period. Mr. Barnes has worthily conserved the traditions of his ancestors, and is regarded as a useful and highly respected citizen.

Robert Barnes married, December 15, 1853, Mary Louisa Keteltas, born August 17, 1832, daughter of John S. and Lydia (White) Keteltas, of Staten Island. Of this marriage were born the following children: 1. George, born April 1, 1857, died June 24, 1875. 2. Sarah Louisa, born April 8, 1859, married John Butler, of Plainfield, New Jersey, and has one son, Robert Barnes Butler, born June 27, 1894. 3. Robert White, born August 25, 1863, married Isabella Carkuff; resides at Plainfield, New Jersey; no issue. 4. Norman Keteltas, born December 17, 1865, married Helen Vroom, and has two children: Norman Robert, born May 19, 1888, and Mildred Barnes, born February 22, 1893. 5. Lydia Evelyn, born January 11, 1868, married Harry W. Putnam, of New Dorp, borough of Richmond; no issue.

#### MORRIS NUGENT.

Morris Nugent, for many years a highly respected and representative citizen of Egbertville, town of Southfield, borough of Richmond, was born at Clonmell, county Tipperary, Ireland, May 20, 1831, son of Thomas and Mary (Sullivan) Nugent. Thomas Nugent had for many years been employed in the capacity of steward with one of the leading families of the English nobility. He was regarded as a trustworthy and reliable man in all his duties. He died in his native country and after his death his widow, Mary (Sullivan) Nugent, came to America with her family of six children, two of her children having died in Ireland. The family arrived in New York city in 1852, where they at once took up their abode. The son Morris remained in his native country in order to look after the family interests and close out his father's estate. Two years later he set sail

for New York and upon his arrival here joined the family, and one year later he took up his abode at Rossville, borough of Richmond, where he entered the employ of the Bennett family, with whom he remained for a number of years. In 1863 Mr. Nugent came to Egbertville, where he resided the remaining years of his life and passed away here February 19, 1894. He became a useful and highly respected citizen, and took an active interest in the social and public affairs of the community wherein he resided. He was a faithful communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Richmond.

Morris Nugent was married in New York city by Rev. Father Curran in the old Duane Street Roman Catholic Church, May 26, 1862, to Bridget Finley, and of this marriage had born seven children. 1. Mary Ellen, born May 25, 1863, died in infancy. 2. Thomas, born June 26, 1864, died in early life. 3. William, born September 15, 1865, married Anna Westfall, and has one son, William Morris Nugent, born October 29, 1903. 4. James, born October 7, 1867. 5. Morris, born May 26, 1869, died January 20, 1904. 6. John, born April 20, 1874. 7. George, born June 20, 1876, died in infancy. The father of the aforementioned children died February 19, 1894.

The first member of the Finley family to come to the United States was Patrick Finley, who upon his arrival here took up his abode in Richmond county, where he found employment with the family of Dr. Clarke at Oakwood, town of Southfield, with whom he remained for about one year, during which time he carefully husbanded his earnings and succeeded in accumulating sufficient funds to send to his native country for his wife and family, who at once set sail for New York city, and during their voyage the son William, born March 26, 1846, died at sea and his remains were buried at sea. The mother and two children safely landed at New York city, where they joined the

husband and father and at once took up their abode at Egbertville, town of Southfield, borough of Richmond, where the parents spent the remaining years of their life. The faithful wife and mother died October 14, 1880. Patrick Finley died at Egbertville, October 7, 1890. Both parents were faithful communicants of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Richmond.

Patrick Finley and his wife, Bridget (Welsh) Finley, had by their marriage the following named children: 1. James, see forward. 2. Bridget, born April 15, 1844, married Morris Nugent, of Egbertville. 3. William, born March 26, 1846, died at sea while the family were emigrating to America. 4. Margaret, born May 12, 1848, died at Clifton, Staten Island, aged three and one-half years. 5. John, born April 15, 1851, married (first) Nora Sullivan, who bore him three children: Lilly, born May 21, 1876, died August 3, 1893; Margaret, born December 19, 1878; and Nora, deceased. Nora Sullivan Finley, mother of the last named children, died November 24, 1890, and John Finley married (second) Nora Guinan, who bore him three children: May, John and Nora Finley. The last named is an adopted daughter of her uncle and aunt, Lawrence and Catherine Williamson, of Egbertville. 6. Catherine, born January 31, 1856, married Lawrence Williamson; of this union there was no issue.

James Finley, the eldest child of Patrick and Bridget (Welsh) Finley, was born at Freshford, county Kilkenny, Ireland, March 4, 1840. He received but limited educational advantages in the schools of his native country, and was reared to manhood under the parental roof, having assisted his father at farm work, and upon attaining to manhood took up the practical duties of life on his own account. He first engaged at farming at New Springville, town of Northfield, borough of Richmond. In this undertaking he met with success, and by his econ-

omy and practical management of affairs succeeded in accumulating sufficient capital to purchase land. In 1878 he inherited the Kreuser farm at Egbertville, where he engaged at farming, continuing thus employed up until 1883, in which year he also engaged in the dairy business, and in this line of enterprise has met with a marked degree of success, this being the logical result of his straightforward and honorable methods in conducting all his business affairs.

James Finley was married by the Rev. Father Berry at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Rossville, May 4, 1862, to Catherine Fagan, born in 1838, daughter of Joseph and Rose (Jones) Fagan, both of whom were natives of county Meath, Ireland. Their children are as follows: 1. Joseph Patrick, born March 4, 1863. 2. James, Jr., born September 4, 1866. 3. Mary Ellen, born September 4, 1868. 4. John, born December, 1870, married Margaret Crooks, no issue. 5. Mortimer Benedict, born July 12, 1872. 6. William, born June 9, 1877. 7. Edward Ambrose, born December 10, 1881, married, January 28, 1903, Margaret Tynan, born November 12, 1882, daughter of John and Mary Veronica (Mullen) Tynan, and has one son Raymond Aloysius Finley, born October 30, 1903. Mr. Finley and his family are faithful communicants of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, at Richmond.

#### JASPER M. ODELL.

Jasper M. Odell is a worthy and highly respected citizen of Williamsbridge, borough of the Bronx, where he has resided for a number of years. He is a son of Jasper and Lydia (Camp) Odell, and was born September 18, 1840.

Jasper Odell (father) was for a number of years a resident of Fort Moutgomery, near Highland Falls, Orange county, New York, having resided there at the Odell homestead until about

1845, when he removed to New York city, and here engaged in the hauling and transportation business. He became well and favorably known here by his honorable and straightforward methods in business transactions. Jasper Odell died in New York city, in May, 1849, and his remains were interred in the old Fort Montgomery burying ground. He married, in 1836-37, Lydia Ann Camp, widow of David B. Havens, and a daughter of William Camp, who built the first house at what is now known as Camptown, at West Point on the Hudson. Of this marriage were born to Mr. and Mrs. Odell three children: 1. Hiram Franklin, born 1838, married Mary Post, and had children as follows: Emma Elwood, Charles, Claude, Pearl, Lillian, Everett, Ira and Irvin (twins). 2. Jasper Mandeville, see forward. 3. Lydia Ann, born 1842, died in infancy. The mother of the aforementioned children, Lydia Ann (Camp) Odell, died April 21, 1879. After the death of her husband, Jasper Odell, she married (third) Augustus Hustace, an old and highly respected citizen of Williamsbridge. Of this union there was no issue.

Jasper M. Odell received his educational training in the schools of New York city, and upon taking up the practical duties of life learned the carpenter trade, which line of occupation he pursued throughout the active years of his life until about 1900. He was for a number of years actively engaged in the building trade at Williamsbridge, where he aided by his progress and enterprise in advancing the material growth and development of the neighborhood. In addition to his building interests, Mr. Odell has taken an active interest in all such enterprises as have had for their object the social good and welfare of the neighborhood wherein he resided. Mr. Odell has been active in the advancement of the educational interests of the village, and for some time served as a member of the school

board. He was also one of the incorporators of the borough of Williamsbridge. Politically, Mr. Odell has always been an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

Jasper M. Odell married, October 12, 1869, Emily C. Labussiere, born December 9, 1842, daughter of Ettiene and Cecile (Chevallier) Labussiere, widow of Jacques Haag. Both of these parents were natives of the city of Paris, France. They came to the United States and took up their residence in New York city. By this marriage Mr. and Mrs. Odell became the parents of three children: 1. Harriet A., born August 7, 1870. 2. Jasper Felix, born July 11, 1872. 3. Florence Mandeville, born June 19, 1874, married, May 20, 1896, Walter J. Rose. Mr. Odell and his wife are both consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Williamsbridge.

#### CHARLES N. SOLHEIM.

Charles N. Solheim is a progressive and enterprising yacht and boat builder at Great Kills, town of Southfield, borough of Richmond, where his establishment has contributed much to the welfare of the community. He was born in the city of Bergen, on the west coast of Norway, January 28, 1858.

He was educated in the schools of his native city, and as is the custom in the fatherland when he was sixteen years of age took up the practical duties of life on his own account, he first having entered upon a seafaring life, which he pursued for a number of years. In 1882 he decided to come to the United States, hoping here to find better opportunities for his skill and labor. Upon his arrival here he took up his abode in the seventeenth ward of the borough of Brooklyn, where he became engaged at learning the trade of a shipwright, and upon acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various details pertaining to boat and yacht building, he

entered the employ of Cornelius and Richard Pollion, as a journeyman, they having their establishment at the foot of Bridge street, borough of Brooklyn, where he remained thus employed up to 1891, in which year he began business on his own account, establishing himself at the foot of Twenty-sixth street, South Brooklyn, and there engaged in the boat and yacht building business. Having associated with himself Andrew Abramson under the firm name of Solheim and Abramson, this arrangement was successfully continued up to 1896, when the firm dissolved their interests and Mr. Solheim established business for himself at Bath Beach, borough of Brooklyn, where he was successfully engaged at yacht and boat building up to 1899, in which year he purchased shore-rights and lands at Great Kills, in the town of Southfield, borough of Richmond, where he established his present boat and yacht building plant, giving employment to a number of skilled mechanics and laborers.

Charles N. Solheim was married in Brooklyn, December 15, 1882, to Mary A. Cooper, daughter of Philip and Hannah Cooper. Of this marriage was born one daughter Eva Solheim, who died aged four years.

#### WILLIAM CAMP HAVENS.

William Camp Havens, deceased, for many years a resident of Williamsbridge, Westchester county, New York, where by his progress and enterprise he contributed materially toward the advancement and interest of the neighborhood wherein he resided, was a native of West Point, Orange county, New York, born April 23, 1825.

David Havens, father of William Camp Havens, was for many years engaged in the carpentering and building trade throughout Orange county and the Hudson River Valley. By his straightforward actions in all business transactions he be-





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came well and favorably known among the members of his calling, and was also held in respect by his many customers and patrons. He married Lydia Camp, who bore him the following children: William Camp, referred to hereinafter; Mary Ann, who became the wife of Samuel G. Sheldon, of New York city; Agnes Amelia, who became the wife of Solomon Scott, of New Jersey. Mr. Havens lost his life by accidentally falling from a building. There is a family tradition that his remains were interred in the old Bedford street churchyard in New York city. His widow subsequently became the wife of Jasper Odell.

William Camp Havens, of this review, was educated in the schools of his native town, acquiring such knowledge as qualified him for the duties and responsibilities of life. While yet in his teens he took up the practical affairs of life on his own account, and thereafter earned a livelihood for himself. Shortly after his marriage he settled at Williamsbridge, Westchester county, New York, on a part of the Augustus Hustace homestead which was located on the Albany post road. At the corner of Eighth and White Plains road he erected a house at a cost of \$1,100, and resided there up to the time of his death, the residence since then being occupied by his family. Soon after his location at Williamsbridge he entered the employ of the New York police department and continued until the disbanding of the old police organization. He was a brave and very daring officer all through the draft riot (July, 1863), and at the time of his death the New York papers credited it to his memory. He then went west, settling in California, but after a short residence in that state returned to his former home in the east. Shortly after his return he called upon Mr. Fernando Wood, the then acting mayor, who placed him upon the city detective force, in which department he rendered efficient and valuable service and became well known to many of the leading and re-

spected families of New York. In 1863 Mr. Havens resigned his position, and his resignation was finally granted by the department, who were very loth to dispense with his valuable services. He then accepted the position of first superintendent of Woodlawn cemetery, in which capacity he assisted in the burial of the first body in that now celebrated burying ground. During his active years Mr. Havens took a keen interest in the educational affairs of Williamsbridge, acting as first president of the first board of education in what was then known as the village of Williamsbridge, and was among the first to advocate the establishment of a school in that village. He also was foremost among the advocates for the building of the first church erected at Williamsbridge, and to him is given the credit of laying the corner stone. Mr. Havens for a number of years took an active interest in fraternal and other organizations that had for their object the good and welfare of the neighborhood wherein he resided. He was an active member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Knights Templar. Mr. Havens was a nephew of the well known and celebrated Bennie Havens, of Highland Falls, New York. Mr. Havens was a man of affable manners, pleasing disposition, charitable in a marked degree, but without ostentation, and was well known as a generous friend and neighbor. He died October 11, 1896, leaving to his family an unsullied and exceptional record for strictest integrity and uprightness.

Mr. Havens married, May 7, 1850, in New York city, Martha Clinton McTurek, born August 11, 1825, daughter of Robert and Rose (Canfield) McTurek. At the age of seven Martha Clinton McTurek became the adopted daughter of Hon. James Clinton, of Newburgh, Orange county, New York, who was a son of General James Clinton, who was a brother of Sir Henry Clinton, both of the latter named having won fame and distine-

tion during the Revolutionary war. Three children were the issue of this marriage, as follows: David B.; Agnes Amelia; Mary A., married George Caterson. Mrs. Caterson died February 28, 1901, leaving no issue.

#### JOSEPH C. MERRELL.

For several generations the Merrell family have been domiciled on Staten Island. Abraham Merrell, the father of Joseph C. Merrell, was born on Staten Island, in 1794. He pursued the occupation of farming and, in addition to this, was a well known dealer in oysters. He married Elizabeth Lee, born in Newburg, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Merrell were the parents of five children: Ann Elizabeth, Charlotte, Abraham, Lavinia, Joseph C., see forward; Leonard, Mary Eliza, and John.

Joseph C. Merrell, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Lee) Merrell, was born at Bloomfield, Staten Island, October 7, 1835. He was educated at the public schools on Staten Island, passing through them with credit to himself and his instructors. He followed in the footsteps of his father as an oysterman, and finding himself making a success of this business, continued at it all his life. He was quiet and retired in his manner, but his ready sympathy with any one in need of assistance that he was able to give, made for him many friends.

He married, January 4, 1863, Sarah J. Decker, born December 4, 1841, at Chelsea Heights, Staten Island, daughter of Moses J. and Priscilla (Jones) Decker. Moses J. Decker was born in New Springville, Staten Island, in 1813, and his wife was born at Mariner Harbor, Staten Island, in 1814. Mrs. Joseph C. Merrell's paternal grandfather was John Decker, and her maternal grandfather was Abraham Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Moses J. Decker had seven children: Edward, Ann

Eliza, Rebecca, Sarah J., Lafayette, Priscilla, Moses. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Merrell were the parents of seven children: Lafayette, born March 17, 1864, died August 9, 1865. Emma Jane, born October 13, 1865, married Robert Ball. Ulysses (twin), born August 5, 1868, died August 25, 1868. Orville (twin), born August 5, 1868. Frederick W., born January 20, 1871. Olin B., born October 4, 1873. John H., born January 11, 1881. James C. Merrell died February 1, 1887, and was buried in New Springville cemetery.

#### FERDINAND A. DUESER.

Ferdinand A. Dueser is the first member of his family to have settled in America. His father, Franz Anton Dueser, is a native of Germany. He was a man of great learning and was the editor of a paper called the *City Paper*. He married Elizabeth Scheele. Mr. and Mrs. Franz Anton Dueser had children as follows: Edmund, Amelia, Emma, Sophia, Anna, Ferdinand A., of whom later, Marie, Elsa, Charles, Josephine, Clara C., and Wilhelmine.

Ferdinand A. Dueser, son of Franz Anton and Elizabeth (Scheele) Dueser, was born in Ansberg, Westphalia, Germany, October 30, 1859. He received an excellent education, attending college and graduating therefrom. America seemed to afford better chances for advancement than were to be found in Germany, so he concluded to come here. He arrived in America in 1882, and settled in Brooklyn, New York, and entered upon a life of trade, commencing a butcher business. His energy, perseverance and methodical business habits soon bore fruit, and before long he was the possessor of an exceedingly profitable business. He continued this until 1902, when an outdoor life seemed to him to be a more desirable undertaking. He thereupon purchased a farm and cultivated it as a farm and

garden with a marked degree of success. Mr. Dueser is a man who is well informed on the political conditions of his adopted country, and takes the most lively interest in all concerning its welfare. He is public-spirited, and popular among his fellow townsmen, and always ready to forward any movement for the general well-being of the community.

Mr. Dueser married, September 10, 1892, Frederica M. Meyer, born December 2, 1859, in New York, daughter of George H. and Wilhelmine Meyer. Mr. George H. Meyer was born in Bremen, Germany, in 1816, and came to America in 1846. He concluded to remain in New York city, and commenced as a tailor, opening a shop for that purpose. He lived in New York until 1895, and then removed to Brooklyn, New York, and retired from business. He married Wilhelmine Momma, who was born in Stolzenheim, Germany. Mr. Meyer was a very successful business man and amassed a considerable fortune, being the owner of a large amount of real estate. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Meyer have had six children: John H., George H., Wilhelmine, Anna C., Frederica, Alonzo P. Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand A. Dueser are the parents of one child, Elsie, born in Brooklyn, New York, September 5, 1896.

#### WILLIAM MACREA.

William Macrea, a well known dairyman of Brooklyn, New York, is of Scotch descent. James Macrea, father of William Macrea, was born in Scotland in 1807. He was a farmer and dealt in meats in Scotland; he thought that better fortune awaited him in the new world than in the old, so he emigrated to America in 1833 with his wife and an infant daughter. He pursued the occupation of farming here, and also entered the butcher business, with greater success than he had gained in Scotland. He had married, in Scotland, a Miss Richey, who was

born in Scotland, in 1815, and who shared his views about emigration. They were blessed with six children: Mary, William, see forward; Susan, Charles, who lives in Brooklyn, New York; Isabella, James H.

William Macrea, eldest son and second child of James and ————— (Richey) Macrea, was born in Brooklyn, New York, November 5, 1839. He received an excellent education in Cape Vincent Seminary, Jefferson, New York, and after leaving school turned his attention to farming. He continued this occupation for several years, and then accepted a position on the New York Central railroad. He held this for about three years, and then entered upon the dairy business, in which he has been very successful, and in which he is still engaged. Mr. Macrea is a man of cheerful disposition, inclined to make the best of everything, and agrees readily to any proposition of friendship, believing all men as honest in their sentiments as he himself is. He has a host of friends and is very popular with them.

He married (first) Mary Wylie, born in 1840, and by whom he had one child, Mary N. Mrs. Macrea died in 1887. Mr. Macrea married (second), in 1890, Charlotte Smith, who died in 1898.

#### DANIEL L. CROCHERON.

Daniel L. Crocheron is a representative in the present generation of the Crocheron family which has made Staten Island its home for many years. Stephen Crocheron, father of Daniel L. Crocheron, was born on Staten Island and lived there all his life.

Daniel L. Crocheron, son of Stephen and Anna Eliza (Decker) Crocheron, was born at Chelsea, Staten Island, and received his education at New Springville, Staten Island. After leaving school he learned the trade of carpentering with his father, and continued at that occupation until 1900. He is a



very capable man in his trade, and has met with undoubted success. He married Almira Adison, daughter of John and Catharine Adison.

#### JOSEPH DONGAN.

Joseph Dongan, a well known citizen of Staten Island, was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, December 24, 1835. He received his education in the common schools of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and after leaving school worked in Perth Amboy until 1859, when he moved to Mariner Harbor, commenced an oyster business, and continued in this until 1862. He was then offered a government position on a sailing vessel called the "Sally Magee," commanded by Captain Platt. He also served on the steamer "Martha Spring," which was named after its owner. Both of these vessels were in the merchant line, and Mr. Dongan crossed the ocean in them several times. Mr. Dongan was industrious and capable and was liked by his employers and his associates.

He married, November 10, 1864, Margaret Duran, who was born in Ireland, but came to America when a child, and they have had four children: Joseph, Christopher, Mary, and Catharine.

#### ADAM SHARP.

The first representative of the Sharp family of whom we have any definite information is Jacob Sharp, father of Adam Sharp. Jacob Sharp was born in Germany, in 1800, and was a blacksmith by trade. He followed this line of work all his life. He married Elizabeth, born in Germany, in 1801, and they had three children: John, Sophie, and Adam.

Adam Sharp, second son and youngest child of Jacob and Elizabeth Sharp, was born in Germany, March 24, 1843, and arrived in America, March 12, 1858, when he at once proceeded

to Staten Island and settled there. He received his education at the schools in Germany, and after leaving them he accepted work with a farmer, and was paid the munificent salary of six dollars a month. He remained with this man but one month, and then took a position as a gardener with a salary four times as large as his previous one. Since that time his earnings have been steadily increasing. Mr. Sharp understands his business thoroughly, and there is no reason why he should not in the near future be the possessor of a flourishing business of his own.

He married Albertine Battick, born in Germany, in 1852, and came to this country with her sister. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were married in 1873 and they have three children: John, Louise, and George.

#### LAWRENCE W. DARCEY.

Lawrence W. Darcey was the first of this family to come to the United States. He was born in county Wexford, Ireland, and was a son of Simon Darcey, and one of a family of five children. Upon his arrival here in 1851, Mr. Darcey at once took up his abode in Richmond county, where he found employment with the firm of Barrett Nephews Company at West New Brighton, where he remained for a period of seventeen years. By his industry, thrift and economy Mr. Darcey, with the assistance of his dutiful wife, in 1861 established the dairy and milk business at Port Richmond. In this line of enterprise they met with immediate success, being the logical result of their straightforward and honorable methods in conducting their business. In 1871 Mr. Darcey purchased about fifty acres of land at Willow Brook in the town of Northfield, where he took up his residence and continued the dairy business up to 1890, when he relinquished his business, having sold his interest to his son, John W.

Mr. Darcy died at Port Richmond, March 8, 1892. He was a faithful communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at Port Richmond.

Lawrence Darcy married Mary Dorey, and of this marriage had born the following children: James, died in 1892; he was twice married but had no issue. John W., born at Kingstown, a suburb of the city of Dublin, December 31, 1849, see forward. Mary, married Patrick Durkin, and resides at Danbury, Connecticut. Dennis J., see forward. Mary Darcy, mother of the aforementioned children, died June 15, 1878. Lawrence Darcy, the father, married (second) Margaret MeVey.

John W. Darcy, second child of Lawrence and Mary Darcy, came to America with his parents at the age of ten years, and with them took up his abode at Port Richmond. He learned the baking trade, and after serving an apprenticeship for three years worked for some time as a journeyman in various cities in this country. In 1867 Mr. Darcy enlisted in Company I, Twenty-fifth Infantry, United States Regulars, at Columbus, Kentucky, which same regiment was later consolidated at Atlanta, Georgia, with the Eighteenth Regiment, United States Regulars. After serving dutifully for three years Mr. Darcy returned home, in 1870, since which time he has been engaged at farming and the dairy business. In 1901 Mr. Darcy purchased fifty acres of land from Henry Vroom's estate, and has since made considerable improvements to facilitate the dairy business, which he has since conducted.

John W. Darcy married, December 8, 1881, Catherine M. Rogers, daughter of John and Catherine (McVeoy) Rogers, and of this marriage has born to him a family of ten children: Mary Josephine, born June 5, 1883; Lawrence, born February 18, 1884, lost his life by accidental drowning, September 3, 1886;

Agnes, born September 20, 1886; John J., born August 31, 1889; Gertrude, born October 12, 1891; Joseph Eugene, born August 7, 1893; Louise, born July 27, 1895; Catherine, born January 19, 1897, died aged six months; Edith Helen, born February 19, 1899; Gerald Sylvester, born December 29, 1900. Mr. Darcy and his family are faithful communicants of St. Mary's of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church at Port Richmond.

Dennis J. Darcy, a representative citizen of the town of Northfield, borough of Richmond, where he has been engaged in farming and contracting for a number of years, was born October 29, 1852, at Port Richmond. His educational training was obtained in the schools of Port Richmond, public and private. He remained under the parental roof, assisting his father up to manhood years. In 1882 he became engaged with his brothers in contract work, continuing in the same up to 1886, in which year he and his brother James purchased a farm comprising the lands now occupied by Prohibition Park. The two brothers continued their interests up to 1891, when Dennis J. disposed of his interest and purchased the homestead where he now resides, comprising about forty-eight and a half acres of rich and arable land. Mr. Darcy has since added twenty-five acres by additional purchase, and now successfully operates his farm and dairy interests himself. In 1893 he became engaged in contract work in addition to his farming interest, and continued the same successfully up to 1898, having during this time entered into large contracts for the building of bridges and highways in the borough of Richmond. Politically Mr. Darcy, upon attaining his majority, gave his support to the Democratic party, but since 1892 has cast his allegiance with the supporters of Republicanism.

Dennis J. Darcy married, February 14, 1890, Mary Louise Powers, daughter of John Powers. Of this marriage has been born one daughter, Margaret, July 27, 1891.

## GEORGE W. BYLES.

George W. Byles, a successful and enterprising yacht and boat builder of City Island, borough of the Bronx, where he has been engaged in ship building for a number of years, was born in the seventeenth ward, borough of Brooklyn, September 16, 1848, son of William H. and Eliza (Barker) Byles. His father, William H. Byles, was a native of England, and his mother was a native of Eastchester, Westchester county, New York. William H. Byles was for many years engaged at the trade of ship carpenter in Brooklyn, where he was employed with the celebrated ship builder, George Steers, who designed and built the yacht "America," that won the English cup, a trophy much prized by American yachtsmen.

Mr. Byles died May 4, 1876, and the faithful wife and mother of his children died in May, 1885. They had by their union in marriage a family of seven children, of whom George W. and William H., of New York city, are the only surviving ones.

George W. Byles was reared and educated in his native city, and upon attaining to manhood years learned the yacht and boat building trade. On June 1, 1869, Mr. Byles came to City Island, where he became engaged in the ship building trade, which line of enterprise he has successfully followed up to the present period. Among his patrons are many well known New York families. By his skill and enterprise Mr. Byles has done much to improve and design various classes of pleasure craft and has become recognized as one of the leading yacht and boat builders of City Island. Mr. Byles is a member of City Island Council, Royal Arcanum. He was married at City Island, August 17, 1872, to Mary A. Pease, born July, 1848, daughter of Elias and Mary H. (Fowler) Pease.

## DECKER FAMILY.

The family bearing this name is not only one of the most ancient, but one of the most numerous on Staten Island. The ancestor was Johannes De Decker (a name which indicates a French origin), who came to this country as early as 1655. He was a prominent man and filled many important offices. He finally settled on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on Staten Island. The prefix De, although honorable, was discontinued by later generations, and the name for the last century has appeared in its present form. The following fragments of genealogy may serve to connect some of the present branches with the past. Johannes De Decker appears to have had three sons: Mattheus, Pieter and Charles.

Mattheus De Decker had a son John, baptized September 7, 169—; Abraham, baptized October 21, 1707; Elizabeth, April 17, 1711; Mattheus, ————, 1715.

Pieter De Decker married Susannah Hetfield. Their children are: Maria, baptized September 21, 1718; Johannes, July 24, 1720; Susanah, May 24, 1724; Sara, October 23, 1726; Mattheus, June 10, 1728; Eva, March 26, 1732; Abraham, April 7, 1735.

John De Decker, son of Mattheus, married Maria Swain and had a daughter, baptized July 3, 1726.

John De Decker, son of Pieter, married Nanny Merrall, and had son Johannes, April 19, 1743, and Richard, baptized April 26, 1748.

Richard Decker, known as Colonel Richard, was born May 15, 1747, died May 26, 1817. He married Wyntie Merrill, and had a son Richard, baptized October 26, 1788.

Charles De Decker, son of Johannes, married Lena Swain and had a son Mattheus, March 16, 1733, who had wife Miriam and a son Israel, August 28, 1763.

John Decker, son of John, had wife Elizabeth and a son Renben, August 6, 1766, who married Mary Swaim, July 25, 1790.

Abraham Decker had wife Phebe and son Noah, March 26, 1773, and Charles.

Mattheus Decker made his will April 26, 1787, proved September 15, 1787, and mentions wife Catharine and children: Matthew, Margaret, Elsie, Elizabeth Ann and Catharine.

Hon. John Decker, of Port Richmond, represents one of these branches. They are descended from Benjamin De Decker, who was probably son of Mattheus, son of Pieter. Benjamin had sons: Benjamin, Abraham and David. Of these David married Catharine Decker, and had children: Matthias, Benjamin, David and John Decker.

#### DAVID D. DECKER.

The Decker family is represented in the present generation on Staten Island by David D. Decker, born on Staten Island, March 13, 1826.

He received his early education in the public schools there, but later went to the schools in Rahway, New Jersey, and New York city, completing his education there. After leaving school he commenced business as a dealer in oysters and sea food of all kinds. He has continued in this business all his life with the exception of two years, which he spent in California. He was quite a young man when he undertook this trip, and made it in a sailing vessel. He returned to Staten Island in 1851, having been very successful during his stay in California, and concluded to settle down in Staten Island. He is one of the most prominent men in his line of business in Staten Island, and is considered very prosperous. He still takes an active interest in all that concerns the town in which he lives.

He married, June 7, 1854, Mary A. Christopher, born on Staten Island, July 23, 1838, daughter of John and Maria (Cannon) Christopher. Mr. Christopher was born in New Springville, Staten Island, 1805, and married Maria Cannon, who was also born on Staten Island. He followed the occupation of a waterman all his life. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher were the parents of three children: Andrew, John W., and Mary Ann, who married David D. Decker. Mr. and Mrs. David D. Decker were blessed with three children, as follows: 1. Christopher, born March 17, 1855, married Jane Eliza Merrill, and has children: Fred, Wilber, Janette and Mildred. 2. David W., born June 2, 1862, married Agnes Decker, and they were the parents of two children: Marian and Hilda. 3. Charles M., born September 20, 1875, married Flora McLarty. David D. Decker and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

#### RAYMOND DECKER.

The family of Decker has for some generations been settled on Staten Island. Richard Decker, the grandfather of Raymond Decker, was born in 1777, died December 8, 1848. He was a farmer. He married Mary Dupuy, who was born in 1772. They had six children: Margaret, Eliza, Content, John R., Jacob, Daniel R.

John R. Decker, eldest son and child of Richard and Mary (Dupuy) Decker, was born in 1805, in the town of Northfield, Staten Island. He followed the occupation of a hatter. He married Tabitha J. Christopher, born in 1805, and they had four children: Raymond, of whom later; Mary E., deceased; Catharine, married Martin Zehuff; and Margaret L., also deceased.

Raymond Decker, only son and oldest child of John R. and Tabitha J. (Christopher) Decker, was born April 20, 1828, at



Bulls Head, Staten Island. He received his education in the public schools of Staten Island, and showed remarkable aptitude as a scholar, being of a bright and inquiring turn of mind. When almost twenty-one years of age, he embarked on a sailing vessel bound for California, and celebrated his coming of age on the ocean. Upon reaching California, he set out for the gold mines, and being blessed with health, ambition and a spirit of enterprise, he spent a year and a half there very profitably. He then returned to Staten Island, having been away from his home two years. Then for a time he lived with his father. Mr. Decker married, January 22, 1851, Elizabeth A. Wood, born September 1, 1832, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth A. (Cox) Wood; Mr. Wood was born on Staten Island and was in the oyster business. He and his wife had five children: Abraham, Freman, Sarah, Elizabeth and Euphemia. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Decker had four children: 1. Sarah E., born January 22, 1852, died March 20, 1882; she married Peter D. Post, and had two children: Edmond, born September 2, 1871; and Geneva, born October 8, 1875. 2. Emma J., born November 10, 1856, died at the age of four months. 3. Willard, born June 2, 1858, is a carpenter by trade, and married Maggie Decker, born in 1858. 4. Emma J., born July 30, 1871, married John W. Decker, and they have two children: Mildred, born July 19, 1899; and Hazel, born July 17, 1901.

#### JOHN L. DECKER.

The Decker family is to be counted among the early settlers of Staten Island, having lived there for many generations. Abraham Decker, grandfather of John L. Decker, was born on Staten Island. He had learned the trade of shoemaking and followed that occupation throughout his life. He married Mary Ostien, who was also a native of Staten Island.

David A. Decker, son of Abraham Decker, was born on Staten Island, 1793, died there August 4, 1864. He learned the trade of shoemaking with his father and, like him, followed this occupation all his life. He married Ruth Leonard, born in 1787, granddaughter of John and Jennie (Morgan) Leonard. John Leonard was blind and was engaged in the profession of music.

John L. Decker, son of David A. and Ruth (Leonard) Decker, was born March 27, 1837, in the city of New York. When he was about eighteen years of age, his father moved to Staten Island, and it was there that John L. completed his education. He entered business as a dealer in timber, and installed the first telephone on Staten Island. Mr. Decker is an enterprising, ambitious man, always ready to lend his assistance to further the interests of the town in which he lives, and is popular, both in the commercial and social world in his vicinity. He married, May 8, 1859, Sarah Jane Daniels, born October 18, 1835, in New York city, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Butts) Daniels, both natives of England, where they were married. Mr. Daniels was a young man when he came to America, and was an expert tailor. He and his wife settled in New York, where his diligence and thrift soon made a comfortable living for them, and it was there that their only child, Sarah Jane, was born. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Decker have two children: 1. Sarah E., born January 20, 1861, married Joseph Conley, born August 28, 1852, died November 1, 1889. Mr. Conley worked in Linoleumville. 2. Clara B., born December 5, 1869, married William A. Morgan, born May 2, 1873, on Staten Island. He is a carpenter and joiner and lives in his father's house.

#### SYLVANUS S. DECKER.

The Decker family settled on Staten Island a number of years ago, and one of their descendants was Moses S. Decker,

who was born on Staten Island, in 1803. He followed the oyster business, in which he was successful. He married Susan A. Decker, born in 1815. There were five children born to them: Amanda, Emily, Sylvanus S., see forward, Theodore, William R.

Sylvanus S. Decker, third child and eldest son of Moses S. and Susan A. (Decker) Decker, was born on Staten Island, August 8, 1839. He received his education in the public schools of Staten Island, where he was an attentive and industrious scholar. He followed in the footsteps of his father as a dealer in oysters and sea food of all kinds, and has amassed a comfortable fortune in this business. He is a man of well known probity and integrity, and is prominent in his social circle. His demeanor is affable and he has a host of friends.

Sylvanus S. Decker married, on Staten Island, Hannah A. Decker, born on Staten Island, January 25, 1842, daughter of Moses H. and Eliza (Egbert) Decker. Moses H. Decker was born on Staten Island, 1824, and was engaged in waterside trade; his wife, Eliza, was also born in 1824. Mr. and Mrs. Moses H. Decker had three children: Adeline, Edmund, Hannah A. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus D. Decker were the parents of one child, Lillian M., born May 6, 1868, on Staten Island, and is the wife of Claude Van Pelt, and they are the parents of four children: Claude V., born July 17, 1891. Florence, born July 13, 1895. Gordon, born December 10, 1897. Cornelia, born October 8, 1903. Mr. Van Pelt, born December 22, 1868, has a very desirable position in a factory.

#### SAMUEL DECKER.

The Decker family is represented in many branches on Staten Island, among them being Sylvanus Decker, who was born on Staten Island and received his education there. Upon

attaining the age of manhood, he engaged in the oyster business, which he has since then followed with considerable profit and success. In addition to this he opened a hotel, which has become a very popular resort, and aids materially in building up a snug fortune. Mr. Decker married Abby J. Decker, and they had nine children: Richard, Rebecca, Catharine, Eliza, John, Enoch, Abraham, David, Samuel.

Samuel Decker, sixth son and youngest child of Sylvanus and Abby J. (Decker) Decker, was born on Staten Island, 1836, and there he received his education, attending the public schools. Upon leaving school he followed the occupation of farming for several years, and then gave that up in order to establish himself in the butcher business, in which he has been very successful. He is very methodical in his business habits, pleasant and obliging to his customers, and always retains those whom he has once acquired. He has a large number of friends, as his manner is always genial, and he has a hearty welcome for all who come to him. He takes an active interest in all matters of public welfare.

He married Mary Eliza Decker, born June 25, 1842, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Julia, born December 8, 1863, married Daniel Daniels and has five children living: Harry, Lillian, Sadie, William and Dorothy. 2. Emma, born November 20, 1864, married John Lisk, and has one daughter, Florence. 3. Mary L., born August 1, 1869, married John W. Decker, and has three children: Grace, Sadie and William. 4. Hattie, born March 23, 1872, married Theodore Decker, and has one child, Roy D. 5. Frederick M., born November 18, 1874, married Carrie Egbert, born November 7, 1877, and they have one child, David, born January 6, 1901. Mrs. Samuel Decker's father was David Decker, born on Staten Island, 1823, and he married Catharine Taylor, born on Staten Island, 1822; they had two children: Hiram, born May 20, 1846; and Mary Eliza.

## SHERMAN DECKER.

The Decker family has been well represented on Staten Island for a number of generations. Jacob R. Decker, father of Sherman Decker, was born on Staten Island, 1833, was educated in the public schools there, and lived there all his life. After leaving school he entered into business. Many members of his family had been engaged in the oyster trade, and he thought he could not do better than follow their example, being possessed of a fair knowledge of the business to start with. He was not disappointed in his expectations, as he was successful in the occupation he had chosen to follow. He married Jane Robieny and they were the parents of the following named children: Dayton, Mary, Alvina, Sherman, see forward; Charity, wife of Moses Decker, who was also born on Staten Island, and engaged in the same line of business as Jacob R. Decker, his father-in-law.

Sherman Decker, fourth child and second son of Jacob R. and Jane (Robieny) Decker, was born in Deckertown, Staten Island, January 1, 1842, in the house in which he still resides. He was educated in the public schools of Staten Island, and upon leaving them took a business course at Paine's Commercial Academy, in New York city. This proved of great advantage to him when he entered business life. He commenced the business of oyster planting and has continued that up to the present time. In addition to attending to his oyster business, Mr. Decker fills a position as inspector of roads. He is a man of great energy and force of character, which he clearly shows in the manner of performing the duties which his work entails. He is active in forwarding every movement which will be for the benefit of the town in which he resides, is methodical and systematic, and has great business capacity.

Sherman Decker married Adeline Decker, born at Long

Neck, Staten Island, and they have had eleven children: Viola, Lyman, Estella, Elroy, Bertha, Nelson, Grace, Rosalie, Caroline, Harrison, Malvina.

#### JAMES H. DECKER.

The Decker family has been settled on Staten Island for many years. Thomas Decker father of James H. Decker, was born on Staten Island in 1811. He was an oysterman and a boatman by occupation. He married Susan Wood, born on Staten Island in 1816, and they had six children: Gilbert S., Sarah E., Adrienne, Sylvanus D., James H., and Abraham.

James H. Decker, third son and fifth child of Thomas and Susan (Wood) Decker, was born at Travisville, Staten Island, September 16, 1843. He received his education in the public schools on Staten Island, and was a bright and promising scholar. Upon leaving school he entered the oyster business and engaged in waterside trade, in which he was very successful, and remained thus employed until 1885, when he obtained employment in the linoleum factory and has held the position of watchman for fourteen consecutive years. He is highly regarded by his employers as a model of integrity and faithful attention to his duties, and is greatly respected by his fellow townsmen.

James H. Decker married (first), December 31, 1870, Harriet Elizabeth Leonard, born August 13, 1852, on Staten Island, daughter of John and Ann (Van Pelt) Leonard, and they had the following children: 1. Anna A., born July 4, 1871, married Harry E. Doyle, who is a salesman. 2. Isaac S., born October 17, 1876. Mrs. Harriet E. Decker died February 17, 1880. Mr. Decker married, April 15, 1885, Mary E. Austin, born February 12, 1865, in Wakeman, Ohio. They have had three children. 3. Howard D., born June 8, 1886. 4. Percival

A., born August 4, 1890. 5. Ernest E., born July 3, 1893. Mrs. James H. Decker's father was Julius Austin, born in 1828, in Norwalk, Connecticut. He was a cooper by trade. He married Agnes Roland, born in New York, February 28, 1835, and they had seven children: Julius, Lillian, Edward R., Mary E., Jennie, Susan, Charles.

#### EPHRAIM P. DECKER.

For many generations the Decker family has been well represented on Staten Island among the farmers and oystermen. Matthew Decker, father of Ephraim P. Decker, is well known in business as an oysterman; and he was formerly a successful farmer, thus carrying out the habits of his family. His wife was Mary Decker.

Ephraim P. Decker, son of Matthew and Mary (Decker) Decker, was born on Staten Island, September 28, 1844. He was educated in the public schools on Staten Island, and after leaving them he accepted a position as clerk in Washington Market, New York city. When but seventeen years of age he joined the army during the Civil war, at the first call for volunteers, and served with bravery and honor until the close of the war. He was acknowledged to be a soldier who never shirked any duty that fell to his lot, however unpleasant it might be. This devotion to duty has characterized him throughout his life, and has made of him the successful business man that he has become. Mr. Decker has numerous friends and his cheery, genial manner has endeared him to all who know him. His tales of his experiences during active service in the war are always listened to with the greatest interest by his audience.

Mr. Decker married, November 5, 1867, Eleanor E. Birdsall, born April 16, 1845, daughter of William H. and Helen

(Moran) Birdsall. William H. Birdsall was born in 1823, in Brooklyn, and was connected with the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. He married (first) Helen Moran, born in New Jersey, in 1825. They had two children: Eleanor E., married Ephraim P. Decker; William. Mr. Birdsall married (second) Frances Snedecor, born in 1828, in Brooklyn, New York, and she bore him seven children: Leonora, Arabella, George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Jordan, Hudson, Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim P. Decker are the parents of eight children: Frank P., born February 17, 1868. Jessie, born May 6, 1870, died the same year. Grace M., born August 26, 1872, married George B. Decker. George W., born December 2, 1875. William H., born February 7, 1877. Florence E., born August 15, 1879. Libbie V., born September 12, 1883. Walter E., born February 19, 1887.

#### OSCAR L. DECKER.

The Decker family have for many generations been residents of Staten Island. Samuel Decker, the grandfather of Oscar L. Decker, was born on Staten Island, and was a successful farmer and boat builder there.

Elias Decker, son of Sannel Decker, was born on Staten Island, 1809. He was educated there in the public schools of that time, and after leaving school engaged in business along the waterside, conducting a flourishing business. He married Louisa Decker, born in 1814, on Staten Island, daughter of John M. Decker, born on Staten Island, pursued the occupation of farming. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Decker were the parents of four children: Araminta, born March 7, 1840, died March, 1891; she married William H. Lyons. Elias, born March 27, 1843. Oscar L., born March 18, 1845. Alida, born January 8, 1854, married Peter L. Cannon.

Oscar L. Decker, third child and second son of Elias and



Louisa (Decker) Decker, was born March 18, 1845, in the town of Northfield, now third ward, borough of Richmond, Staten Island. He received a good education in the public schools of that town, and after leaving school turned his attention to the oyster trade and continued in that with a great deal of success until about 1900. He desired then to engage in a business that would not require so much outdoor work, and finally decided upon the coal business as meeting his requirements. In this he has been very fortunate, and has continued thus engaged until the present time (1906). Mr. Decker is a man of great firmness of character and decided views. He is deliberate in making up his mind, but when he has once decided he holds to his opinion in spite of all opposition. He is pleasant in his demeanor and this has conduced greatly to his success.

Mr. Decker married, April 18, 1869, Phoebe E. Price, born at Tottenville, Staten Island, January 8, 1850, daughter of Elias and Catherine (Van Allen) Price. Elias Price was born August 31, 1809, on Staten Island, and married Catharine Van Allen, born on Long Island, May 12, 1805. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Price had five children: Ellen M., Catharine J., Harriet L., Elias and Phoebe E., wife of Oscar L. Decker. Mrs. Decker's grandfather was David Price, born on Staten Island and followed the occupation of a waterman. His wife was Nellie E. Decker. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Decker are the parents of one child, Sarah Du Bois, born July 18, 1870, wife of William E. Decker, born December 18, 1866, and whose occupation is that of farmer and gardener. Mr. and Mrs. William E. Decker have one child, William O. Decker, born December 15, 1891.

#### ROBERT DECKER.

Robert Decker represents in the present generation one branch of the Decker family that settled on Staten Island many

years ago. It is such sturdy stock as this which makes us look forward hopefully to the future of our country.

He was born at New Brighton, Staten Island, March 20, 1861. He attended the public schools of Staten Island, and though but nine years of age when compelled by circumstances to leave school, his industry in those few years had laid a solid foundation which has proved of the greatest value to him in later life. His first work was in a printing house and he retained this position for eight years, and then accepted work in a planing mill. He followed this occupation for several years, giving it up to accept a position with the Staten Island Water Supply Company, in whose employ he has been ever since, now holding the position of engineer. He is well liked by his employers and fellow workmen for accuracy in his work and for his cheerful and helpful disposition. He married Carrie Lawless, born at New Brighton, daughter of John and Catherine Lawless. Mr. and Mrs. Decker are the parents of six children: Edward, Robert, Mildred, John, Caroline and Ruth.

#### JOSEPH L. VANDERBILT.

Among the names of Dutch who emigrated to America many years ago, we find that of Vanderbilt. They settled in New York and its vicinity. Oliver Vanderbilt, father of Joseph L. Vanderbilt, was born in New York, and was a carpenter by trade. He married Sarah Levinless, and they had three children: Sarah, Oliver and Joseph L., see forward.

Joseph L. Vanderbilt, son of Oliver and Sarah (Levinless) Vanderbilt, was born in New York city, September 19, 1821. He attended the public schools of New York city, where he received an excellent education for those days. After leaving school he entered into business with his stepfather, as an

exchange broker. He continued in this for about twenty years and then entered the ship building of his brother-in-law, Charles M. Simonson. Here he was bookkeeper and general clerk until 1858, when he left him and entered into a business partnership with Mr. Ingleson, under the firm name of Ingelson & Vanderbilt Ship Building Company. This business was in existence for about five years, when the plant was destroyed by fire, and as the insurance company refused to pay the investment was a total loss. Mr. Vanderbilt then sold his half-interest, and accepted a position with the National Bank of Commerce, a position which he held for thirty-nine consecutive years, and then, in accordance with a clause in the by-laws of the bank, was retired on half-pay. Mr. Vanderbilt's energy, integrity and faithful attention to his duties, however trivial they might appear, earned for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he had business dealings. In the course of his long life he has made many friends, and is proud of the esteem of his townsmen, which is justly his due. In 1862 Mr. Vanderbilt moved to Brooklyn, New York, and lived in that city until 1875, when he removed to Clove Road, Richmond Turnpike, West New Brighton, Staten Island.

He married (first), October 6, 1849, Mary S. Cole, born December 20, 1826, Richmond, Staten Island, daughter of Abraham Cole. By this marriage Mr. Vanderbilt had two children: Louisa, born November 6, 1850; and Oliver, born January 10, 1853. Mr. Vanderbilt's first wife died January 1, 1857, and he married (second), May 6, 1860, Cornelia S. Vredenburg, born June 20, 1830, at Close Road, Staten Island, on her father's old homestead. She was the daughter of Abraham and Maria (Flake) Vredenburg. By his second marriage Mr. Vanderbilt had one child, Joseph M., born March 20, 1867.

## ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The first application of the Dutch Lutherans of New Amsterdam for permission to build a church and hold services is found in 1653. This petition was addressed to Governor Stuyvesant. The first Lutheran minister, John Ernst Goetwater, from Holland, arrived in New York in 1654, and preached under severe trials. In 1666 Rev. Arnold Lenderyk was called, and in 1667 the privilege of the church was confirmed by the governor. Rev. Jacob Fabricius was appointed pastor in 1668. In 1672 Rev. Benardus Arenzius became pastor. Two years later the colony reverted to the Dutch, and in that year the church was sold to the colony and a new house of worship erected. In 1703, Justus Faulkner became pastor, remaining until 1723, and was succeeded by Bernard Van Dieren, who was not an ordained minister but by trade a tailor, yet served the church. September 25, 1725, Rev. William Christopher Berekenmeyer became the regular pastor and founded the first Lutheran Synod in the United States. He was pastor from 1725 to 1731 and was succeeded by Rev. Christian Knoll, who officiated from 1732 to 1749. The next two years the church had no pastor, but in 1751 Rev. Muhlenberg took charge and he was followed, in 1753, by Rev. John A. Weygand, who remained until 1770 and was followed by Rev. Benard Michael Hawsihl. The last Dutch sermon was preached in November, 1771, and ever thereafter the sermons were in German.

The present pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of New York city, Rev. Otto Sieker, son of Rev. John Henry and Julia (Streisguth) Sieker, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, May 7, 1871, and came to New York with his parents when five years of age. His primary education was obtained in the St. Matthew's Academy and at the New York Progymnasium. Subsequently he entered the Northwestern University of Wis-

consin, from which he was graduated in 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and then pursued his theological studies in the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri. He was ordained to the ministry at St. Matthew's Church, New York, July 8, 1894, after which he became assistant to his father in that church, performing the duties devolving upon him up to the death of the latter, after which he was acting pastor until April 2, 1905, when he was appointed to the pastorate made vacant by his father's death. In addition to his duties as pastor he devotes much time to missionary work on the west side in New York city, in Newark, New Jersey, and eastern Long Island. In addition to his clerical duties he is the secretary for the New York German Missionary Board; member of board of the Lutheran Hospital, East New York, and is an active member of the Alumni Association of the Northwestern University, and president of the Alumni Society of Concordia Progymnasium. He married in New York, July 7, 1896, Adelheid Wiechmann.

#### BETHANY ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Bethany English Evangelical Lutheran Church, situated at No. 14 Teasdale Place, was founded December 5, 1895, by Rev. J. Frederick W. Kitzmeyer, services being held at No. 3225 Third avenue. The cornerstone of the present church was laid November 8, 1896, and the church was dedicated February 28, 1897. The founder of the church served as its pastor until April 17, 1904, and was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. William Freas, Jr., March 22, 1905. The building is a frame structure and has a seating capacity of about two hundred. The societies connected with this church are: The Ladies' Aid Society with thirty members; Lather League, with

seventy-five members. The membership of the church is two hundred and seventeen; average attendance of Sunday school, two hundred and twenty-five.

Rev. William Freas, Jr., was born in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1880, son of Rev. William S. Freas, D. D., a minister of the Lutheran church, now pastor of the Grace Evangelical Church of Baltimore, Maryland, and Ella Streeper, his wife. Rev. William, Jr., was educated at the public schools of York, Pennsylvania, supplemented by a course in York academy, being graduated in 1897. He was graduated from Gettysburg College in the spring of 1901, and from the Gettysburg Theological Seminary in 1904. He was ordained in St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church of New York city, October 14, 1904, and was first licensed to preach October 25, 1903, at Williamsport, Maryland, by the Maryland Synod.

#### CHARLES L. HOWELL.

Charles L. Howell, a well known business man of New York city, with offices at No. 37 Wall street, who has been engaged in the brokerage business for upward of thirty years, is a representative of a family which was prominent among the early settlers of Long Island.

Daniel Howell, son of Joseph Howell, was born in Baysport, Long Island, and was a resident of Long Island during his entire life. He was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits during the active years of his life. He married Lydia N. Raynor, a native of New York, who survived him, and resides with her son, Charles L. Their children were: William H., married Addie Perry, of Long Island, and resides in Brooklyn, New York; Charles L., see forward; and Emery D., who married Ida Wicks.

Charles L. Howell, second son and child of Daniel and Lydia

N. (Raynor) Howell, was born in Baysport, Long Island, November 27, 1859. His education was acquired in the schools of his native town, and his early life was spent in assisting his father in the cultivation of the homestead farm. He then engaged in business in the city of New York, establishing offices for the carrying on of brokerage. In this line he has been engaged for the past thirty years, as previously stated, and his honest, practical business methods have commended him to all with whom he has been brought in contact. He is enterprising and progressive and has been very successful. He married, June 4, 1879, at Blue Point, Long Island, Julia E. Hallock, and they have had three children born to them.

#### COURTLAND READING HOWELL.

Courtland Reading Howell, stock broker, with offices at No. 60 Broadway, New York, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1851, a son of Courtland David and Lavina Emerson (Williamson) Howell, and grandson of Courtland and Eliza (Macrnen) Howell.

Courtland David Howell was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and spent his entire life in that city. After completing his literary education he studied civil engineering and for a number of years served as civil engineer with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company under George B. Roberts, late president of the road. About the year 1839 he was appointed receiving teller of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Philadelphia, and for the long period of forty-five years served in that capacity, faithfully discharging the duties assigned him. He died in Philadelphia, August 24, 1884. His wife, Lavina E. (Williamson) Howell, survived him and is now (1907) a resident of New York. Their children are: Eugene N., married Josephine Whitehouse, resides in Philadelphia; Courtland Reading, men-

tioned hereafter; Williamson, married Lilian Kerns, resides in Philadelphia; Charles L.; John M., died 1900.

Courtland Reading Howell was educated under private tuition in his native city, Philadelphia, and after completing his education was engaged in various positions in the Philadelphia banks for a period of ten years. He then became a member of the stock exchange, and since 1885 has been a continuous resident of New York. He is a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange.

#### JAMES OSWIN SHULTES.

James Oswin Shultes, whose life has been devoted to newspaper work, and who is now connected with a newspaper in the Bronx, was born in Buffalo, New York, October 19, 1850, son of George W. and Mary Adelia (Billings) Shultes.

The Shultes family is of Holland extraction, and some of its members were mayors of the city of Dresden, Saxony, under appointment by the crown. The American branch of the family was planted by a Shultes who emigrated about 1652, locating in New Amsterdam (New York), and taking grants of land at Bergen Point and on Staten Island. The family is mentioned in the State Archives and in the "History of Kingston, New York," and variously appears in the forms of Shultes, Shultates, and also Van Sholin. David Shultes, and at least one other brother, as is supposed, settled at Esopus, New York, early in the seventeenth century, and the members of the family (fourteen in number) who are mentioned in connection with the Revolutionary war, are supposed to have been direct descendants of this David.

David, great-grandfather of James O. Shultes, was a resident of Esopus, and died there in 1789. He was a farmer by



occupation, and served as a private soldier in the patriot army during the Revolution.

David, his son, was born at Esopus, on the day of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776. He was a farmer, and served in the war with Great Britain in 1812. He was very popular in the neighborhood in which he resided, and was affectionately called "Uncle David" by all his friends and acquaintances. He married Lucy Walker, at Brookline, Vermont, and ten children were born to them, among them being: 1. Eliza, married one Reynolds, and attained the age of ninety years. 2. Eveline, married Jacob Seybold, and died at the age of eighty two years. 3. Emily, died in early womanhood. 4. Jane, died young. 5. George W., of whom later. 6. Wellington, who saw service during the Civil war, and was taken prisoner and confined at Salisbury, North Carolina, and died soon after his return home. 7. Charles, died at sea, in young manhood. Another son was killed by Indians.

George W. Shultes, son of David and Lucy (Walker) Shultes, was born in Springfield, Erie county, New York, June 13, 1811. He spent his early life on the homestead farm, and was a soldier in the Black Hawk war, 1835-36. He subsequently took up the study of medicine, but abandoned it on account of failing eyesight, and devoted himself to architecture, in which he became proficient and highly successful, following his profession in Buffalo, New York, until 1876, since which time he has resided in California. He was three times married. His first wife, Johanna Rosina Stoehrer, bore him three children: Ellen, married Philip P. Bock, deceased; Cecelia, wife of William W. Winchester, residing in Saratoga, New York; and David a farmer and miner, who died in Arizona, at the age of thirty-six years. Mr. Shultes married (second) Mary Adelia Billings, and their children were: Ada, widow of Robert Rossboro;

Jennie May, wife of R. T. Lampert, of Brooklyn, New York; and James Oswin, to be further referred to. Mr. Shultes married (third) Miranda Van Rausalaer, who bore him one child, Ida.

James Oswin Shultes, only son of George W. and Mary Adelia (Billings) Shultes, received his preliminary education in the public schools, and completed his studies in Griswold College, Davenport, Iowa. He then learned the printing trade, and has devoted himself constantly to newspaper work. He was editor of the *Johnstown (New York) Journal* for two years; was connected for a time with the *St. Augustine Press*; was reporter for the *Commercial Pathfinder*; reporter and proofreader on the *New York Daily Advocate*; served in like capacities on other important newspapers; and is now connected with a newspaper in the Bronx.

Mr. Shultes married, at Richmond, Staten Island, February 15, 1885, Miss Mary A. Moss, of Newdorp, Staten Island, and their children are: Hannah Beatrice, born February 25, 1886; Geraldine Grace, born April 8, 1888; Harold Oswin, born January 4, 1891, died in infancy; Gladys Marguerite, born September 15, 1892; Gerald Moss, born June 14, 1894, died January 29, 1896.

#### OUR SAVIOUR'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (NORWEGIAN).

This church (*Vor Freisers Norsk Lutherske Kirke*), located at 237 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street, Manhattan, has developed from a mission begun in the interest of Norwegian families in 1866, by the Rev. C. S. Everson, who is now pastor of the Church of Our Saviour, 630 Henry street. Services were held in St. John's Lutheran Church, One Hundred and Nineteenth street, until the beginning of the year 1901,

when the congregation removed to the edifice which it now occupies, and which it had purchased the previous year. The church membership is about two hundred, and the average Sunday school attendance is about seventy-five. The services are conducted entirely in the Norwegian language, and the music led by a mixed choir of males and females, is almost entirely restricted to the ancient tunes brought from the Fatherland. Useful adjuncts to the pastor in his work are a Ladies' Aid Society and a Young People' Society which meet twice each month. In 1896 Mr. Everson was succeeded in the pastorate by the Rev. Christian Hoode, who ministered until January, 1897, and his successors were the Rev. P. A. Dietrichson, from January, 1897, to August 15, same year; the Rev. J. G. Nelson from September 15, 1897, until June, 1899; and the present incumbent of the sacred office, who was inducted July 16, same year.

The present pastor, the Rev. Kristen Kvamme, was born in Gudbrånsdalen, Norway, February 17, 1866. He acquired his elementary education in his native land, and in 1882, at the age of sixteen years, came to the United States. He completed a classical course in the Lutheran College at Decorah, Iowa, from which he graduated in 1894, and then entered upon a theological course in the Lutheran Seminary at Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1896 he returned to the Lutheran College at Decorah, Iowa, where he taught classes in the Norwegian language, Latin and religion until the autumn of 1898, then resuming his theological studies in the Lutheran Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which he completed in June, 1899, the date of his graduation. Coming to New York city, he was ordained to the ministry by the Rev. C. S. Everson, July 16, 1899, and at once entered upon his ministerial work with Our Saviour's Church, also having charge of the Scandinavian mission at Greenpoint, Long Island, until March, 1891, when it became a

separate parish. Mr. Kvamme is a man deeply devoted to his church and people, untiringly industrious, and his influence is potent not only in his own congregation, but in the neighborhood, which has had ample knowledge of the sterling qualities of his little flock, qualities which, aside from the religious life, mark them as excellent representatives of a race alien by birth, but in spirit thorough Americans and irreproachable citizens.

#### THE SECOND ST. PETER'S GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The Second St. Peter's German Evangelical Lutheran Church of New York city, whose edifice is at No. 628 East Fourteenth street, was organized by the present pastor, Rev. Hugo Richter, in 1898. At first services were held in a small hall in One Hundred and Forty-second street, the present premises being purchased for seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, and a chapel was built in the rear of the lot. The congregation removed in 1893 to their new place of worship, and services have been held regularly there ever since. The seating capacity of this chapel is two hundred. The Sunday school attendance is now five hundred; it is held mornings and afternoons. Connected with this parish, in which there are one hundred and fifty families, are Ladies Aid Societies and a Young Ladies Society. A school for general instruction is held on Saturdays. Confirmation classes are held every year from October to Palm Sunday. In view of the growing demands of the congregation for more space in which to worship, another plot of ground has been purchased in One Hundred and Fortieth street, between Willis and Brook avenues, where it is designed to erect a spacious church, also a parsonage.

Rev. Hugo Richter was born in Brandenburg, Germany, 1850, and acquired his primary course of study in his native

land. He served one year during the Franco-Prussian war, coming to America in 1874. He at once began to study for the ministry under the auspices of the Buffalo Synod, and was ordained in Zion's Church, Brooklyn, by Rev. C. Gram, president of the Buffalo Synod, in 1881. Previous to his ordination, however, he was assistant to Rev. Christian Hennireka. He organized St. Paul's Congregation in 1882, in the Bronz borough, and ministered to that people for nine years, during which time he purchased land and erected the present church edifice and brought the congregation into a flourishing condition. In April, 1891, he resigned the pastorate of St. Pauls and since that time has ministered to his present parish, which is a part of the New York Synod.

#### FRANKLIN M. VAN HORN.

Franklin M. Van Horn, well and favorably known in the theatrical world as the proprietor of one of the pioneer and also of the best conducted places of business for theatrical costuming in New York city, is very popular in his particular line of work.

Alfred Van Horn, father of Franklin M. Van Horn, passed his early life in Philadelphia where, for some time, he was engaged in the theatrical profession with a considerable amount of success. He abandoned this, however, to establish himself in the theatrical costuming business, and his intimate knowledge of stage business and its necessities, was of great service to him. He established the present business in 1850, and was one of the first to engage in this line. He was a member of the American Legion of Honor, and of the Weekly Dramatic Association. His death occurred July 31, 1891. He married (first) Eliza Jane Hamilton, and had children: 1. Kate S., deceased, November 27, 1904, married William Magee, who died in 1886; they had two children: Franklin M. and William. 2. Addie,

married Harry B. Fairchild, and has one living child: Edith. 3. Franklin M., see forward. 4. Emma, married Charles Messenger, and had two children who died in childhood. Alfred Van Horn married (second) Jennie Sophia Miller, and four children of this marriage are now living: Florence May, married Robert Patrick; Rollin Weber, married Helen Wilson; Alfred R. and Horace.

Franklin M. Van Horn, third child and only son of Alfred and Eliza Jane (Hamilton) Van Horn, had the advantage of an excellent education which was acquired in the public and private schools. While still quite young he commenced his business career as assistant to his father in the theatrical costuming business, and is at present in sole charge and proprietor of the theatrical costuming business established by his father in 1850. This is at present conducted at No. 30 East Twenty-fifth street. He is an energetic, enterprising man of business, possessed of those characteristics which tend toward success. His personality is pleasing, his manners courteous, and he has a host of friends among those connected with his line of business, as well as in social circles. He married, May 15, 1891, at Denver, Colorado, Minerva Lemon.

#### EDWARD H. HALL.

Edward H. Hall, a prominent and well known resident of the city of New York, secretary and treasurer of the Greater New York Conference and Tract Society of the Seventh Day Adventists, was born in this city November 1, 1851. He is the son of Wilbur T. and Caroline (Wallace) Hall, both deceased. He filled the responsible position of cashier with the firm of Arnold, Constable & Company very acceptably for a period of twenty-five years, but was obliged to resign this because of failing health. For more than four years he was unable to under-

take any active business occupation, and then from 1900 to 1903 was engaged in mercantile pursuits. In the latter year he entered upon the duties of his present office, and the efficiency of his management and his executive ability became immediately apparent. His business methods are admirable and the system which he introduces into every detail of his work is conducive to the best results. He married, August 5, 1874, at Stamford, Connecticut, Ida A. Ketchum, daughter of Captain Oliver and Jane Ketchum, and their children are: Harrison E., married Ella MacDonald, and has one child; Edward H.; Gordon V., married Elizabeth Sherewood, and has one child; Gordon Wallace; Warren Birch; and Oliver Wilbur.

#### JOHN RODENBURG, SR.

John Rodenburg, Sr., a prosperous and retired business man, for many years a resident of the city of New York, was born in the province of Hanover, Germany, March 6, 1823. He is a son of Henry and Hebbel (Webel) Rodenburg, both natives of Hanover, Germany, where their entire lives were spent. He had the advantage of a good education in the schools of his native province, and his early years were occupied with agricultural pursuits. He emigrated to the United States in 1845, settling in the city of New York, where he has since resided. His first business occupation in this country was that of clerk in a grocery store, a position which he held for four years, and then established himself in the grocery business at the corner of Howard and Crosby streets. In this venture he was very successful, carrying on the business on a sound financial basis until 1858, when he sold out and went to his native country, remaining there for more than a year. At the end of this period he returned to New York, re-engaged in the grocery business, at Ninth avenue and Forty-ninth street, and his experi-

ence and excellent business methods made this also an immediate success. He sold this business in 1863 in order to give his entire attention to the coal and wood business, in which he established himself, first at Forty-third street and Eleventh avenue, later in Forty-second street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, where it is now carried on by his son, John, Jr., under the firm name of John Rodenburg & Son, although Mr. Rodenburg, Sr., has not been actively engaged in the business for the past ten years. He is living in retirement at No. 428 West Forty-fourth street, enjoying the fruits of a well spent and well employed life. In all his business transactions he has been just and upright, and enjoys an enviable reputation for reliability and probity. He was one of the organizers of St. John's Evangelical Church in Christopher street, of which a sketch appears in another part of this work, and is the only charter member now living. He is still in active membership and now (1907) holds the office of treasurer and is a teacher in the Sunday school. During thirty years he has not failed in his attendance at the church services more than five times. He has led a most exemplary, consistent Christian life, and is justly respected by all whom know him. He married, December 23, 1853, in New York city, Rev. Hearst officiating, Meta Koster, also a native of Hanover, Germany, who died March 4, 1905. Their children were: Meta, married Emerson Schlater; John, Jr.; Doris; Charles, a civil engineer; and one child, who died in early youth.

#### JOSEPH HANNA.

Joseph Hanna, deceased, a worthy representative of an honored family of Ireland, was born in the county of Donegal in that country, August 3, 1832. He was the son of Robert and Susan Hanna, both natives of Ireland, and whose entire lives



were spent in that country. At the age of seventeen years young Joseph emigrated to the United States, arriving in 1849 and locating in New York city. He was variously occupied for a short time and then found employment with the well known undertaking firm of Edward Senior, in whose employ he remained until 1858, during which time he mastered all the details of this line of business. In that year he established himself in the undertaking business at No. 7 Seventh avenue, conducting it successfully in that location for a period of twelve years. He then removed to No. 79 Greenwich avenue, where he continued in business up to the time of his death, May 30, 1893. He was one of the pioneer undertakers as far as making improvements in this line of business was concerned, and upon his death the business was carried on by his widow. At her demise his daughter, Mary J., took charge, and later, another daughter, Mrs. Susan Hopper, undertook the management, and has continued it up to the present (1907) time. Mr. Hanna held the position of sexton of the Thirteen Street Presbyterian Church for forty-two years, to the entire satisfaction of the members of the congregation and all concerned. He was a member of various organizations, among them being: Excelsior Volunteer Hose Company No. 14, for many years; Veteran Firemen; Tough Club; and the Algonquin Gun Club. He was also a member of Acacia Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He was an honest, upright citizen, respected and esteemed by all who came in contact with him, a loving husband and a devoted father. He was ever ready to assist those less fortunate than himself and was the center of a circle of loving friends. He married, in New York, January 13, 1859, Sarah A. Malloy, daughter of John and Mary (Mackelise) Malloy, and their children were: 1. Mary J., who died July 30, 1903. 2. Susan, who married, in St. Joseph's Church, New York, John Hopper, who

is engaged successfully in the restaurant business. Their children are: Mary Agnes; Gertrude; Joseph, deceased; and Robert John. Mrs. Joseph Hanna died October 29, 1900.

#### HON. ABRAHAM BENJAMIN TAPPEN.

In the death of Judge Abraham B. Tappen, which occurred at his late home in Fordham, New York city, after a long life of usefulness and honor, June 1, 1896, the community lost a man of strong individuality and marked personality, who was a potent factor in all enterprises with which he was connected, and who wielded a powerful influence for good during his incumbency of high political offices. He was born at New Hamburg, Dutchess county, New York, January 31, 1823. His parents were Archibald and Margaret (Bogardus) Tappen, whose family consisted of three children, namely: Abraham Benjamin, Susan Ann (Mrs. John V. Briggs), and Emily Coit, unmarried. Archibald Tappen (father) was a mason and builder by occupation. He spent the latter years of his life in New York city, where he became well and favorably known for uprightness in business transactions and probity of character.

Abraham Benjamin Tappen was admitted to the bar, of which he was during his long life an honored member, and was elected a member of the legislature in 1851. In 1867 he was a member of the Constitutional Convention with Samuel J. Tilden and William M. Evarts, and previous to this was appointed inspector of prisons, also holding many local offices in Westchester county. He was elected a Supreme Court judge to the Second Judicial district, November 5, 1867, and served up to December 31, 1875. Although this was the time when the "Tweed ring" was in the height of its power, not the slightest shadow of corruption was ever connected with his name. Dur-

ing his judicial career he displayed a high and clear appreciation of the principles of jurisprudence and the law, and his decisions were marked with equity and fairness to all concerned. In 1891, after his retirement from the bench, Judge Tappen was appointed park commissioner by Mayor Grant, rendering therein valuable and efficient service. He was a Democrat in politics, exercised a potent influence in behalf of the party whose principles he advocated, and was chosen grand sachem of Tammany Hall. He was one of the directors of the Mechanics' and Traders' Bank of New York city, being associated with Mr. William Floyd in the same capacity.

Hon. Abraham B. Tappen was married at the Staten Island Dutch Reformed Church at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, January 30, 1851, to Susan S. Butler, born at Elmira, New York, August 25, 1830, daughter of Lewis and Lovicy R. (Wood) Butler, and their children were as follows: 1. Lewis Butler, born January 12, 1852, died December 18, 1852. 2. Emily J., born October 29, 1853, married, October 17, 1877, Samuel W. Fairchild, and has children as follows: Edith E., born November 19, 1878, married William Kirkland; Grace Elise, born October 11, 1880, married Harry W. Butler and has one child, Jonathan Butler, born January 26, 1903; Benjamin Tappen, born January 26, 1886, a graduate of Yale College, and associated with the firm of Fairchild Brothers & Foster, of New York city; Emily Constance, born August 4, 1885; and Samuel William, born March 6, 1892. 3. Marian, born October 25, 1856, married, December 7, 1881, Benjamin F. Mills, and has the following children: Florence Tappen, born August 23, 1885, and Samuel Fairchild Mills, born January 31, 1887, died June 25, 1900. 4. Florence Vanderbilt, born September 9, 1860, died March 21, 1889. 5. Benjamin, born June 23, 1868, died December 8, 1868.

## OSCAR WINANT.

Oscar Winant is the popular and well known manager of a hotel at Linolemville, Staten Island. He is of German parentage, his father, Bernhard Winant, being a native of Germany and still living there.

Bernhard Winant married Elizabeth Hamier, and they have had twelve children, all of whom are living in Germany except the subject of this sketch, Oscar Winant.

Oscar Winant, son of Bernhard and Elizabeth (Hamier) Winant, was born in Germany, February 2, 1863. He received a part of his education in Germany, but when still quite a boy he came to America, and completed his education in the public schools of New York city. After leaving school he learned the trade of harness making and soon started in that business, which he continued for about five years. He then went into the printing business and remained in that for twenty years with a very fair amount of success. At the end of this period of time he decided to move to Staten Island and make his permanent home there. He carried out this idea and is now settled at Linolemville, Staten Island, and is the manager of Relcie Hiets Hotel. His genial, open-hearted manner has won him many friends, and has made the hotel a place of popular resort. His opinion in matters concerning the public interests of the town in which he lives is highly valued by his fellow townsmen. Mr. Winant married, October 22, 1890, Harriet Taylor.

## WILLIAM A. SMITH.

William A. Smith, one of the most prominent real estate dealers on Staten Island, is of English descent.

James W. Smith, father of William A. Smith, was born in London, England, where he was educated and entered into business. He turned his attention to real estate speculations

and followed that line of business all his life. He emigrated to America and lived in Newark, New Jersey. He married Charlotte Amelia Gilchrist, and they had two children: James J. and William A.

William A. Smith, second and youngest son of James W. and Charlotte Amelia (Gilchrist) Smith, was born in Newark, New Jersey, January 17, 1860. He received his education in New York city and at Mount Washington College. After his graduation from college he learned the manufacture of art metal goods and followed this trade until 1898, at which time he commenced real estate operations and speculated largely in that direction with much success. He has continued in this business up to the present time. Mr. Smith is a man of great determination and force of character, is very methodical in his business transactions, and is possessed of much foresight, and these qualities have no doubt tended to make him the prosperous man he is at the present day. He married (first), October 24, 1900, Mary T. McDonnell, born 1872, daughter of John and Mary McDonnell. Mr. McDonnell was a native of Ireland and was engaged in business as a tea merchant. Mr. and Mrs. McDonnell had four children: Mary, Josephine, Simon and Thomas. William A. and Mary (McDonnell) Smith were the parents of three children: Edward A. William J. and Walter A. After the death of his first wife, William A. Smith married Martha M. Merrill, and they have one child: Jeannette.

#### HENRY S. LA VAUD.

Henry S. La Vaud, a progressive, enterprising citizen of New Dorp, borough of Richmond, was born at Rossville, July 16, 1853, and is a son of Camile and Clarissa (Moore) La Vaud, both of whom were natives of New York city. The father of Camile La Vaud was a native of France, and was the first of

the family to come to the United States. He took up his abode in New York city with his wife and two children, Camile and John La Vaud. The latter married and spent the whole of his life's career in New York city, where he passed away, leaving no issue.

Camile La Vaud, father of Henry S. La Vaud, was educated in the schools of New York city, and there reared to manhood years. Upon taking up the practical duties of life he became engaged in a seafaring life, and was for many years well known as a successful Sandy Hook pilot. He passed away at his home at Rossville, borough of Richmond. Mr. La Vaud was married in Richmond county, where he finally removed and for some years resided at Huguenot. The latter years of his life were spent at Rossville, where he conducted the Rossville Hotel, and became well known as a genial and hospitable host. During his professional career Captain La Vaud rendered to the merchant marine of New York city much valuable service, and during the long period of his career as pilot had not encountered any serious accident.

Captain La Vaud married Clarissa Moore, who was born in New York city, daughter of Richard Moore, of New York city. Of this marriage were born the following children: 1. Arnaud J., married Annie Jones, and has two children: Arnaud J., Jr., and Estelle La Vaud. 2. Francis E., deceased. 3. Ida, married George Bloodgood, of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and has one son, William Bloodgood. 4. Henry S., born July 16, 1853. The mother of the aforementioned children, Clarissa (Moore) La Vaud, died at Tottenville, borough of Richmond.

Henry S. La Vaud, youngest child of the above mentioned family, received his educational training in the schools of Rossville, where he was reared to the age of eighteen, and upon

taking up the practical duties of life became employed in his father's store at New Dorp, and later with his brother, Arnaud J., remaining thus employed up to 1879, when he purchased his brother's interests and has since successfully conducted the business on his own account, meeting with a well merited degree of success, which has been the logical result of his straightforward and honorable methods of transacting his business.

Henry S. La Vaud married, at Rossville, Imogene Hodge, daughter of Alexander and Susan Hodge, both of Connecticut. Of this marriage were born the following children: Camile, Clarissa May, Henry Stephen, Edward Camile. Mr. and Mrs. La Vaud are both consistent members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Rossville, of which organization his venerable mother was for many years an active member.

#### JOHN ELMORE DU BOIS.

John Elmore Du Bois was born at Greensboro, Alabama, October 8, 1842, and is a son of John and Louisa (Williams) Du Bois. His mother's ancestors, the Williams family, were natives of the state of Virginia.

John Du Bois, father of John E. Du Bois, was a native of Charleston, South Carolina. He was educated and reared to manhood in Charleston, and in 1833 removed to Greensboro, Alabama, where he became engaged in cotton planting and growing, later engaging in the manufacture of cotton gins, in which line of enterprise he became well and favorably known to the cotton dealers of this country. He was the inventor of the Du Bois flanged ribbed cotton gin, had this process patented and used the same method until a few years prior to his death. He was in many ways a remarkable man, taking an active interest in educational as well as religious affairs in the community where he resided, and for some time was engaged as a

local preacher during the later years of his life. He was united in marriage to Louisa Williams and had born to him the following children: 1. William W., who died in infancy. 2. Samuel Peter, who studied medicine at Charleston, South Carolina, and took up the practice of his profession at Mansfield, Louisiana, and later in the state of Texas. He married and had born to him a number of children who are now resident in the southern states. 3. Rufus A., who was a graduate of a dental college, Baltimore, Maryland, and took up the practice of his profession at Greensboro, Alabama. He married and had born to him several sons and daughters who are now residents of the southern states. 4. Joseph Cornelius, who was graduated from a college in Baltimore, Maryland, and now resides near Tuscaloosa, Alabama, unmarried. 5. Judith Ann, who married J. J. Grace and now resides at Russellville, Arkansas. 6. Martha Louisa, who married Rev. Thomas Armstrong, D. D., and now resides in Alabama. 7. Sarah Jane, who married W. O. Monroe, editor of the *Utah Whig and Observer*, of Utah, Alabama.

John Elmore Du Bois, the subject of this review, was educated in the schools of his native town and in the private school of Professor Henry Tutwiler, near Greensboro, Greene county, Alabama. At the age of nineteen years he volunteered in the service of the Confederate army and served throughout the entire period of the Civil war, participating in seventeen battles and numerous skirmishes, and was slightly wounded at the battle of Missionary Ridge by a spent ball. At the close of the war he returned to his home in Greensboro, Alabama, where he later became engaged in the mercantile market and livery business. Mr. Du Bois engaged in cotton planting and farming in 1867, and later was associated with his father in the manufacture of cotton gins. He engaged in building and con-



tracting at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in 1876, where he was also for some time identified with the milling business. He removed to Blount Springs, Alabama, 1886, where he engaged in the manufacture of lime, and later in the development of Wills Coal and Iron Company at Warrior, Alabama. Mr. Du Bois was elected president of the Birmingham Ensley Land and Improvement Company, serving for some time in this office and finally, owing to the impaired condition of his health, was compelled to relinquish his business cares. He came to New York city in 1893, where he has since been engaged in experimental and scientific work. He married, November, 1873, at Mobile, Alabama, Jane Rebecca Webster, daughter of John R. Webster, of Alabama, and had children: Clara, deceased; Samuel Webster, resides in New York city, where he is engaged in the advertising business; Julia Wynne, married H. H. Leeland, assistant cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and has one daughter, Julia Du Bois Leeland; John Elmore, Jr., who died at the age of eighteen months.

#### THE FAMILY OF WEEKS.

This family, whose name is spelled by some branches Wickes, is descended from Thomas Weeks, who came to America in 1638 and settled at Wethersfield, Connecticut. He removed to Oyster Bay, Long Island, before 1654. In 1666 he was one of the patentees of the town of Huntington, where the remainder of his life was spent. He married Isabel, daughter of Richard Harent, of Oyster Bay, and died at an advanced age in 1691. They were the parents of seven children: Thomas, born 1651; John, Rebecca, Martha, Elizabeth, Mary and Sarah.

Thomas Weeks, son of Thomas Weeks, left four sons, Philip, Samuel, Joseph and Thomas, and these are the ancestors of all the families of the name.

Thomas Weeks, son of Thomas Weeks, had a son Eliphalet, born 1718.

Eliphalet Weeks, son of Thomas Weeks, married (first) Hannah Platt; (second) Jemima, daughter of Jonathan Scudder. Children of Eliphalet Weeks were: Margaret, wife of Dr. Samuel Allen. Hannah, wife of John Brush. Mary, wife of Rev. John Close. Thomas, known as Captain Thomas Wickes.

Captain Thomas Wickes was very prominent in the Revolution. He was chairman of the Committee of Safety for Suffolk county, captain of one of the companies in Colonel Josiah Smith's regiment and took part in the battle of Long Island, after which he went to Fishkill and served in the quartermaster's department till the end of the war, and was the agent of Washington and Clinton. From 1776 till the end of the war he was a member of the legislature. During the war his property in Huntington was appropriated by a relative, who was a Tory, but was afterwards restored, though in a wasted condition. He then removed to Babylon, and was high sheriff of the county. In 1795 he went to Flushing, and from there to Jamaica in 1813, and died there November 30, 1819, leaving the reputation of an ardent patriot and a useful and honored citizen. He left four children: Van Wyck, Hannah, Eliphalet and Harriet.

The other branches of this numerous family, and who all descended from the sons of Thomas Weeks 2d, will be taken up in due order.

John Weeks, a venerable and highly respected citizen of Bronxdale, borough of the Bronx, where he was born in 1820, is a son of Stephen and Lydia (Archer) Weeks, grandson of Stephen Weeks, and great-grandson of Abel and Rachel Weeks. He married and had a family of two sons and five daughters;

one of the sons, Smith Weeks, became a minister of the gospel and preached in the Methodist church. He went west during the early pioneer days, but was never again heard from by the family.

Stephen Weeks, father of John Weeks, was born at Fordham, Westchester county, New York; he was for a number of years a resident of New York city, from whence he came to Bronxdale, where he acquired a small tract of land, upon which he resided the remaining years of his life, passing away December 25, 1849. Stephen Weeks married Lydia Archer, daughter of Anthony Archer, of Fordham, and of this marriage had born the following children: 1. Benjamin, married Ellen Hunt, and removed to Patchogue, Suffolk county, Long Island. 2. Polly, married Brewster Tucker, and removed to Michigan, where she spent the remaining years of her life. 3. Hettie, married William Sweezy. 4. Smith, married Polly Luierre, and removed to Patchogue, Long Island. 5. Stephen, married and removed to Brooklyn, New York. 6. Levi, married Mary Rymiersen, and removed to St. James, Suffolk county, Long Island. 7. Willit, married Mary Platt, and removed to Frankfort, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 8. John, see forward. 9. Phebe, married Merritt Willis, December 24, 1849, and has children: Frank A., married Josephine Van Courtlandt, no issue; Lydia A.; Harvey Platt, died in 1876, aged twenty-one years; Clarence Anderson, died young; Merritt Travers, married Minerva Hyat, and has children: Merritt T., Jr., Minerva and Clarence Willis. The father of the last mentioned children, Merritt Travers Willis, died January 21, 1894.

John Weeks was educated in the schools of Bronxdale, and was reared to manhood there. Upon taking up the practical duties of life he engaged at farming and various other occupations, which he pursued during his active years. Mr.

Weeks has been an industrious and energetic man, striving at all times to render competent and dutiful services to his employers, and has at all times been straightforward and honorable in his business transactions.

John Weeks married Juliet E. Sherman, who was a descendant of an old Connecticut family, and of this marriage were born two children, both of whom died young. The dutiful and faithful wife died August 2, 1899.

#### TIFFANY FAMILY.

The name of Tiffany, according to the best authority, appears to have originated in Italy about the time of the first crusade, and some member of the house returned in safety and settled in Brittany, France. Following the conquest of England by the Normans some families of this name appear to have left that region and found their way to England. An ancient English rhyme tells us that

William de Coningsby  
Came out of Brittany  
With his wife Tiffany  
And his maid Manfrass  
And his dogge Hardigrass.

This shows the antiquity of the name, whatever may have been its origin. The representatives of this race who went to England seem to have remained there for several generations, for the first settlers of the name who came to America were as thoroughly English as any of the Puritans who sought and found here a home. The ancestor of this family in America was Squire Humphrey Tiffany, who appears at Rehoboth, Massachusetts, as early as January 22, 1663. He had wife, Elizabeth, and for a few years before his death he resided in Swansea. While riding on horseback with Frances Low, a daughter of a neighbor, from Swansea to Boston, on Wednesday after-

noon, July 15, 1685, a thunder storm arose and he and his companion were both killed by lightning, and in accordance with the views of that period it was called "the solemn judgment of God." We may add here that the title of "Squire," an abbreviation of Esquire, was the popular title of a man who held the office of justice of the peace, and is continued down to the present day in rural districts. The widow, Elizabeth Tiffany, was appointed administratrix of her husband's estate by the court, October 27, of the same year. Their children were: James, see forward; Thomas; Ebenezer; Consider; Sarah, born July 6, 1683; and Hezekiah, who was drowned December 4, 1685.

James, eldest son of Squire Humphrey and Elizabeth Tiffany, went to Attleboro, Massachusetts. He had wife, Bethiah, who died February 27, 1711. His second wife, Elizabeth, survived him and married Andrew Grover, of Norton. He moved to Attleboro about 1690 and purchased a farm upon which he built a house, which was standing until the last few years, and in which many generations of the name were born and died. He died in July, 1732, and left a large family. Among the children by his first wife was a son.

James, born 1697, married, November 11, 1725, Elizabeth Allen, who was born in 1704, died August 1, 1796; they were the parents of seven children.

James the third child, was born January 24, 1732, and married, November 15, 1753, his cousin Keziah Tiffany, and had five children.

James, the fourth child, was born November 10, 1760, died at South Brimfield, Massachusetts, March 25, 1823. He married Mary Howe, and went to New Hampshire, but finally settled at South Brimfield, now called Wales. They were the parents of six children.

Lyman, the second child, was born in Attleboro, September

17, 1782, and died in Cambridge, July 8, 1873. He married, in Providence, Rhode Island, July 27, 1806, Sabra, daughter of Stephen Jenks and Mary Arnold, his wife. The greater part of his life was passed in Boston, where he was a very prominent dry goods commission merchant, and closely identified with the textile manufacturing interests of the country. He founded the firm of Tiffany, Sayles & Hitchcock, and was for many years the senior partner. He was one of the five who organized the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, with mills at Manchester, New Hampshire, which is one of the most prosperous manufacturing corporations in the United States. After a very successful mercantile career, Mr. Tiffany retired from active business at the age of fifty-five, and lived to the advanced age of ninety.

Francis Alfonzo Tiffany, second child of Lyman and Sabra (Jenks) Tiffany, was born at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, December 24, 1809, died at Saratoga Springs, New York, June 20, 1873. He married, in New York, June 6, 1836, Mary Lydia, daughter of William W. Fox and his wife, Charlotte Leggett. Mr. Tiffany was educated at the Boston Latin School, and had a special fondness for languages and literature. He went to New York in 1835 and entered mercantile life under the firm name of Hutchinson & Tiffany, at No. 50 Exchange Place. The firm failed during the panic of 1857, and his business career was continued in Wall street. He was highly esteemed by his associates and was possessed of a well cultivated mind and polished manners. His children were: 1. George Fox, born April 5, 1837, died at West Farms, Westchester county, February 12, 1868. 2. Lyman, *see forward*. 3. Francis Howe, born November 25, 1839, died March 19, 1868. 4. Henry Dyer, *see forward*. 5. Charlotte Fox, born September 1, 1843. 6. Mary Pearsall, born May 9, 1847, died September 27, 1885. 7. Isabel. 8. Ida, born November 17, 1857, died the same day. Of the

daughters, Charlotte Fox married Miner Trowbridge, October 27, 1863, and has a family of nine children. Mary Pearsall Tiffany married George Fox Tucker, April 6, 1878, and has one child. Isabel Fox Tiffany married, April 8, 1874, Charles Benjamin Perry, and has seven children.

Lyman Tiffany, second son and child of Francis Alfonzo and Mary Lydia (Fox) Tiffany, was born May 21, 1838. He first entered business life as a member of his father's firm, and then on his own account in the firm of Deming & Tiffany. He removed to Washington in 1889, where he has an elegant home and a large collection of curios and works of art. He has been an officer in the militia, and at the outbreak of the Civil war was a member of the Seventh Regiment and marched to the protection of the national capitol. He served the full time of three enlistments, and on retirement was elected captain of Company G, Seventh Regiment.

Henry Dyer Tiffany, fourth son and child of Francis Alfonzo and Mary Lydia (Fox) Tiffany, was born on the Fox homestead, New York, December 13, 1841, and has passed the greater part of his life on this homestead which is a part of the tract known as "The West Farms of the Borough Town of Westchester." He is the ninth in descent from one of the original patentees to whom it was granted in 1661. He entered Yale College, and while a student there the Civil war broke out and he was among the first to volunteer in the service of his country. He enlisted in the Seventh Regiment and hastened to the defense of Washington. Twice afterward he left college to go with his regiment, and served the full period of enlistment, and, notwithstanding this, he was graduated in his class of 1864. He studied for the profession of civil engineering but never followed it, as most of his life has been devoted to the development of the large landed estate which has descended

to him from his honored ancestors and which has been changed from a farming district to a part, and a growing part, of the great city. His principal amusement has been the study of marine architecture, and his peculiar theories have been applied to the building of a yacht "Ventura," which he built in 1890; his principles have been adopted in the building of most successful yachts.

Mr. Tiffany married in Washington county, New York, October 11, 1864, Caroline, daughter of Josiah Dow Chase and Mary Chase Breed, his wife. Their children are: 1. William W. Fox, born September 13, 1865, died February 23, 1867. 2. George Fox, see forward. 3. Edith, born June 26, 1873, married Frederick R. Lord. 4. Marie, born August 6, 1875, died April 3, 1877. 5. Isabel Terry, born May 18, 1878, married John Morris Butler, Jr., of Ogontz, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1903. 6. Harry, born January 20, 1881, died the same day. Mrs. Caroline Chase Tiffany died in 1906.

George Fox Tiffany, son of Henry D. Tiffany, born June 10, 1867, on the original homestead, is the tenth in line of descent from John Richardson, one of the patentees of West Farms, whose daughter Elizabeth married Gabriel Leggett and inherited a large part of her father's estate. The ancestral homestead is situated at the Junction of West Farms Road and the "Old Westchester Turnpike," now known as Westchester avenue. Mr. Tiffany is therefore fully identified with the borough of the Bronx, both by ancestry and inherited estate. He received his early education at the Harrington School, Westchester, and at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire. His intimate acquaintance with the entire region renders him extremely fitted for his business as real estate broker and appraiser, in which he has had an extended experience, has been largely connected with the development of the Bronx, and es-



pecially the region surrounding the Fox estate. He is connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church. In politics he is non-partisan. He is a member, and an active and influential one, of the North Side Board of Trade and the Bronx Board of Real Estate Brokers. He was the originator of the Westchester Golf Club, and is a member of the Transit Rod and Gun Club.

#### DURYEA FAMILY.

We learn from the oldest records that this family was originally from the old province of Burgundy in France. The name has been spelled in various ways, as Durie, Duryee and Duryea. The original form is probably Du Ryer, and a person acquainted with French pronunciation can readily understand the reason for the various forms in spelling. Some of the members of the family lived at an early date in the town of Marcigny, and were in prominent positions. The religious wars and persecution in France compelled a vast number of Protestant families to seek refuge in Holland, and one branch went to Scotland, about the year 1500.

Among the most eminent members of the Scottish branch of the family were Andrew Durie, who died in 1558, and who was bishop of Galloway and abbot of Melrose. George Durie (1496-1561), abbot of Melrose. Sir Alexander Gibson, Lord Durie, a Scottish judge, who died in 1644. John Durie, a Scottish Jesuit, died in 1587. John Durie (1537-1600), a Presbyterian minister of prominence. Robert Durie (1555-1616), also a minister of the same denomination. Sir Robert Bruce, of Clackmore, who had the honor of knighthood conferred upon him by King James VI of Scotland, married for his second wife Helen, daughter of Robert Durie, by whom he had one daughter, who became the wife of Alexander Shaw, of Sautrie. Andrew Boswell, seventh son of Sir John Boswell, of Bal-

nuto, had a daughter Janet, who became the wife of her cousin, John Durie, of Grange. Andrew, the fourth Earl of Rothes, married for his third wife Janet, daughter of David Durie. The mother of this Janet Durie was Catharine Ramsey, the daughter of George, Lord Ramsey of Dalhousie, and his wife Margaret, only child and heiress of Sir George Douglass, of Melinhill. Members of the various branches of the Scotch family of Durie have, it is seen, allied themselves in marriage to some of the most prominent noble families of that kingdom. The identification of this branch of the family with that of the French line is complete and unmistakable through the records of ancient chronicles and documents and the blazons of heraldry.

Andre Duryer, or Du Ryer, who was born in Marcigny, Burgundy, lived in the first half of the seventeenth century, and was a Gentleman of the King's Bed Chamber, the French diplomatic agent at Constantinople, and the consul for France at Alexandria, Egypt. He lived many years in the east, was one of the most accomplished Oriental scholars of his time, and published a translation of the "Gulistan of Saadi" in 1634, and one of the Koran in 1647.

Pierre Duryer, born in Paris, France, 1605, was a French dramatist and a man of letters, and a competitor of the celebrated Corneille when the latter was admitted to the French Academy in 1646. From him was probably descended Charles Henry Duryer, born in Paris, France, 1830, chief of the Ministry of Justice and Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

Joost (George) Durie, the ancestor of the family in the New Netherlands, was a French Huguenot, who after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, sought a refuge at Manheim, of the Rhenish Palatinate, and came to America about 1675, being among the first of the Huguenot emigration. He settled at

New Utrecht, Long Island, where he purchased a farm, which he sold, October 5, 1681, for thirty-two hundred guilders (or \$1,200) "and a wagon." From the price we conclude that it was an estate of considerable value for those days. He left New Utrecht and settled in the disputed lands between Newtown and Bushwick; he was living in Bushwick in 1683 took the oath of allegiance there in 1687, and died there about 1727, at an advanced age. He married, 1660, Magdalena LeFevre, whose name, like that of her husband, shows that she was of French origin. They were the parents of eleven children: Joost, Peter, Jacob, Abraham, Cornelius, Simon, Jaquez, Antoinette, Charles, Magdalena and Phillip. From these are descended a very large number of descendants whose names are inseparably connected with the history of Kings county and the various branches of the family are to be found in many of the states of the Union. The arms of this family are, Azure, a chevron between three crescents argent.

Abraham Durije, born 1685, died 1753, son of Joost and Magdalena (LeFevre) Durie, married Elizabeth, daughter of Theodoris and Aertje (Bogart) Polhemius, the former a son of the Rev. Johannes Polhemius, and the latter the daughter of Teunis Gysbertsen Bogart.

Daniel Durije, son of Abraham and Aertje (Bogart) Durije, married a descendant of Laurens Cornelisen Koeck, who came over to the New Netherlands in 1661, and Gabriel Durije, his grandson, married Femetije (or Phoebe) Hoogland, daughter of Cornelius and Sarah (Woertman) Hoogland. Cornelius Hoogland was a descendant of Direk Jansen Hoogland, who came from Naerseveen, Utrecht, 1657. Sarah (Woertman) Hoogland was descended from Direk Jansen Woertman, who came from Amsterdam in 1647.

Cornelius Duryea, son of Gabriel and Femetije (or Phoebe)

(Hoogland) Durije, was born in 1776. Beginning at that period the family name was generally spelled in its present form, Duryea. He married Jemima Van Hansen Van Nostrand, daughter of John and Hannah (Bedell) Van Nostrand, and a descendant of Hans Hansen Van Nostrand, who came from Noorstrand, Holstein, 1739, and from Robert or Daniel Beedle or Beadell, early settlers of Hempstead, Long Island.

George Van Nostrand Duryea, son of Cornelius and Jemima (Van Nostrand) Duryea, was born at the family homestead near Oyster Bay, Long Island, January 29, 1815. The following year his parents removed to Brooklyn, and he was educated and reared to manhood in that city. Upon taking up the practical duties of life he learned the trade of ship-joiner, but did not, however, continue long in this line of work, turning his attention to house carpentering, which occupation he continued for a number of years at Flushing, Long Island, where he was highly respected, being an energetic and persevering man, scrupulously just in all his affairs. His death occurred in Brooklyn, December 6, 1886. He married, December 30, 1840, Elizabeth Ann Post, born January 29, 1824, at Flushing, Long Island, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Morrell) Post, both members of old Long Island families. Their children were:

1. Charles, see forward. 2. Henry F., born January 17, 1843, died November 4, 1843. 3. Evadna Post, born September 29, 1844, married, August 4, 1864, Russell A. Green, and their children are: Lizzie W., born March 9, 1866, married Edwin M. Griffen, September 21, 1887; he died March 8, 1892. She married John Rofkar, April 11, 1894; he died August 8, 1895. She married William H. Clark, June 4, 1902; no issue. Dora A., born October 27, 1870, married Clarence L. Horning, and has children: C. Leslie, born March 1, 1896, and Marjorie

A., born July 5, 1900. Frederick F., born January 30, 1873, married Ida Lane and has children: Dora Alice, born September 21, 1892, and Warren, born August 4, 1894. Russell, born September 18, 1884, married Myrtle Phillips, no issue. 4. Elmira B., born March 15, 1847, married, January 29, 1865, Daniel Parrish and has children: Fanny, married Andrew McCullough, and their children are: Blake, Clarence, Elmira, Andrew, William, Drusilla and Minnie McCullough. William, born April, 1873. Allen Parish, born July 4, 1890. 5. Samuel, born July 4, 1849, died July 29, 1849. 6. George F., born October 5, 1850, died December 31, 1852. 7. Augustus S., born June 17, 1853, married August 31, 1876, Ellen Welch, and has children: Raymond, born June 28, 1877, married Elizabeth Sellers, no issue. May, born June 9, 1880, married Lester Smith, no issue. Robert T., born June, 1887. 8. Alexander P., born December 29, 1856, died December 8, 1857. 9. Annie E., born June 13, 1861, married June 14, 1888, Robert J. Gough, no issue.

Charles Duryea, eldest child of George Van Nostrand and Elizabeth (Post) Duryea, born June 13, 1841, was educated in the schools of Flushing, Long Island, and at the age of fourteen began to take up the practical duties of life. His first business undertaking was the manufacture of drums for the government. In 1888 he served in a clerical capacity as deputy clerk in the city of New York. In 1861 he removed with his family to West Farms, where he has resided up to the present time (1907). He married, May 8, 1867, Susan Ryer, born July 7, 1843, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Bussing) Ryer, and their children are: 1. Albert, born June 17, 1868, a leading and progressive citizen of Westchester, borough of the Bronx, married Norma Arnow, daughter of Richard N. and Helen (Secor) Arnow. 2. Maria L., born November 19, 1872.

## CHARLES F. NEWMAN.

Charles F. Newman is a progressive and enterprising German-American citizen, of Huguenot Park, borough of Richmond, where he has resided for nearly twenty years. Mr. Newman was born in the city of Berlin, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, July 8, 1853, a son of August and Fredericka (Neumann) Newman. Both his parents came to the United States in 1880, and took up their abode in New York city, where they spent the remaining years of their life.

Charles F. Newman was educated in the schools of the city of Berlin, where he also graduated from the high school. Upon taking up the practical duties of life he learned the upholstering trade, which line of pursuit he followed up to the time he was drafted into military service. Mr. Newman, upon entering into military service, was mustered into one of the regiments of the sharpshooters of the Prussian army, and accompanied his regiment to the Franco-Prussian war, having taken part in several severe engagements, and at the close of that memorable campaign returned home. After serving a period of four years in active military duty, he returned to his father's home in the city of Berlin, where he resided up to 1877, in which year he concluded to come to the United States, hoping here to find more favorable conditions and better employment for his skill and labor. In 1878 Mr. Newman went west and took up his location in Kansas, where he spent some time in Kansas City. In 1884, upon the arrival of his father to this country, Mr. Newman returned to New York city, but later again returned to Kansas, where he engaged at farming, in Lyon county, continuing thus engaged until 1887, when he again returned east and took up his abode at Richmond Beach, borough of Richmond, where he engaged in the baking and restaurant business, which he successfully conducted up to 1890, in which year he became extensively engaged in the poultry breeding business, and in this line of



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undertaking he soon became known as one of the leading and successful poultry raisers of the east. Mr. Newman successfully continued the poultry raising business for a number of years, and by his careful study and close attention to his work, did very much towards producing some of the finest specimens of geese and ducks in this country. Many of his fowls were shipped to nearly all of the states in the Union.

During the period of fourteen years that Mr. Newman was actively engaged in the poultry raising business, he was awarded numerous prizes for the finest specimens of chickens, ducks and geese at the various exhibitions, namely: 1893—Madison Square Garden, New York First, second and third prizes on Pekin Ducks. First on White Wyandotte Cockerel—Selling Class, 1894, Madison Square Garden, New York. In three classes; two first and one second on Pekin Ducks. First on Breeding Pen White Plymouth Rocks. 1894 (fall)—Ridgewood Park, Long Island Industrial Exhibition and Farm Stock Show. Diploma for best exhibit in poultry. 1894—Mid-Continental Poultry Show Kansas City, Missouri. All first and second prizes on Pekin Ducks. First prize on Toulouse Geese. First prize on Breeding Pen White Wyandottes. 1895—Madison Square Garden, New York. Two first, one second and special prizes in three classes Pekin Ducks. Second and fourth on White Holland Turkeys. First and second on Toulouse Geese. First on Silver Grey Dorking Cockerel. Second on Silver Grey Dorking Pullet. Second on Breeding Pen of Pit Games. 1895—Mid-Continental, Kansas City, Missouri. All firsts and seconds on Pekin Ducks. All firsts and seconds on Toulouse Geese. First and third on White Guinea Fowls. First and third on Pit Game Cock. First on Hen. First on Cockerel. Third and fourth on Pullet. Silver Cup for best exhibit in Pit Game Fowls. First special for best exhibit in Water Fowls. 1896—Madison Square Garden, New York. First, second and third on Pekin Ducks.

First and second on White Holland Turkeys. 1896—National Show, Washington, D. C. One first, two seconds and one third on Pekin Ducks. First and second on Toulouse Ganders. First and third on Toulouse Geese. First and second on White Holland Turkeys. First on Pit Game Cockerel. Third on Cock. First and second on Hen. Second on Breeding Yard. 1896-97—Madison Square Garden, New York. First on Old Drake. First on Young Drake. First on Old Duck. Second on Young Duck. First on Breeding Pen. Special on Pekin Ducks. Second on White Turkey Tom. Fourth on White Turkey Hen. First and second on Toulouse Geese. 1897—National Show, Washington, D. C. First and third on Old Drake. First and second on Young Drake. First and second on Old Ducks. First and second on Young Ducks. First on Breeding Pen. Special on Pekin Ducks. First and second on Toulouse Geese. First and second on Toulouse Ganders. Special on Geese. First on White Holland Turkeys. All firsts and seconds on Cock, Cockerel, Hen and Pullet Pit Games, and first on Breeding Pen. 1897—New Jersey State Fair, Waverly, New Jersey. All firsts and seconds on Pekin Ducks, young and old. All firsts and seconds on Toulouse Geese, young and old. 1897—Interstate Fair, Trenton, New Jersey. All firsts and seconds on Young and Old Pekin Ducks. All firsts and seconds on Young and Old Toulouse Geese. Mr. Newman is an active member of Tottenville Lodge, No. 385, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Charles F. Newman married, June 11, 1880, in Osage county, Kansas, Harriet M. Bothstedt, a native of Brooklyn, New York, where she was born September 5, 1858, daughter of John and Mary (Yung) Bothstedt. The latter were natives of Moellen, Province of Lauenberg, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany. Mrs. Newman is one of a family of four children. Of this marriage there is no issue. Mr. and Mrs. Newman have an adopted daughter, Elizabeth, born June 10, 1885.

## CHRISTOPHER F. TIETJEN.

Christopher F. Tietjen, a progressive and enterprising German-American citizen, was born in the village of Rhade, located in the court district of Blumenthal, province of Hanover, Germany, July 28, 1851, the fifth and youngest child of Christopher and Adelheit (Hahn) Tietjen.

Christopher Tietjen (father) was born March 9, 1809, in the Blumenthal district, province of Hanover, Germany, and there spent his entire life, highly respected by all who had the honor of his acquaintance. He was united in marriage to Adelheit Hahn, who was born in the Blumenthal district, June 8, 1815, and their children were as follows: Meta, born September 26, 1839, married Fritz Werner. Henry, born October 4, 1842. Diederick, born September, 1845, died aged eleven years. Gerhard, born September 21, 1848, came to America in 1868, settled in New York city and married Mary Nober, by whom he had three children, namely: George, Adelaide, who became the wife of Arthur Lyons, and Virlette Tietjen. Gerhard Tietjen, the father of these children, died December 6, 1904. Christopher F., born July 28, 1851, mentioned hereinafter. Christopher Tietjen (father) died January 1, 1883, and his faithful wife died May, 1901.

Christopher F. Tietjen obtained his elementary education in the schools of the Fatherland, and at the age of fourteen years, shortly after completing his studies, took up a seafaring life. In 1867, upon one of his trips across the Atlantic Ocean, his ship landed at New York city and he visited some of his father's family, who persuaded him to remain in this country. The young mariner decided to remain and was not long in securing employment, accepting a position in a grocery store and there remaining for some time. His next employment was

in the confectionery trade, and after a number of years in this line of work he learned the various details of the business, and in 1881 engaged in that trade on his own account, locating his store on First avenue. In 1886 he removed to larger quarters on Second avenue in order to facilitate the increasing demands of his trade, and in 1898 Mr. Tietjen removed his establishment to Eighty-sixth street and Second avenue. Mr. Tietjen is strictly a self-made man; having begun business dependent entirely upon his own efforts, he has by his indefatigable perseverance succeeded in building up a successful and profitable trade, which is the logical result of his straightforward and honorable business methods. Mr. Tietjen is a valued and useful citizen to the community in which he resides. Fraternally he is a member of the United Brethren Lodge, No. 356, Free and Accepted Masons.

Christopher F. Tietjen married, October 26, 1881, Rose B. Nober, born May 30, 1859, daughter of Charles and Dorothea (Rich) Nober. Mrs. Tietjen is an active member of the order of the Eastern Star, and also the order of the Emerald Auxiliary. One son was the issue of this marriage: Harry C., born June 4, 1885. Charles Nober, father of Mrs. Tietjen, was born in the town of Hennegen, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany. He came to America in 1857 and settled in New York city. He enlisted in the Union army, served during the Civil war, and was honorably discharged at the end of his term of service.





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